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THE SECRETARY SPEAKS



Melvin Worthington

Try Laboring Together

The Bible identifies those who belong to God's family as Christians, ambassadors, servants, witnesses, soldiers and epistles. These terms indicate that Christians hold a unique place and purpose in God's plan to communicate the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Christians stand in Christ's stead beseeching people to repent. Acts 1:8 identifies the task to be done, the power to accomplish the task and the area where that power is to be applied. The National Association of Free Will Baptists is a fellowship of believers who accept Christ's commission to preach the gospel to every creature.

As individuals we cooperate and labor together through local churches, district associations, state associations and the National Association to fulfill the Lord's commission to the Church. Individuals can only accomplish what one person can do, but our cooperative effort beginning with the individual through the local church and progressing to the National Association greatly multiplies our effectiveness and efficiency in worldwide outreach.

Laborers together involves a principle.

The Church is described as a building and body. There may be many rooms in one building. There are many members to the human body and yet one body. All Christians are members of the Church—the body of Christ. Spiritual gifts have been given to each member of the body of Christ for a particular ministry. So in the Lord's work, some

plant and others water but God gives the increase.

The Church is God's building, and He is the supreme agent in founding and establishing it in all its gifts and graces. Laboring together undergirds and unifies the missionary program outlined by our risen Lord. Laborers together denotes the scriptural precept which unites Free Will Baptists in worldwide outreach.

Laborers together includes participation.

Every Christian is a witness, ambassador, servant, epistle and steward. It is required of stewards that they be found faithful. Working together brings balance and breadth to the National Association ministries beginning with the individual Christian.

We are joint-laborers with each other in God's service, united in the work of the Lord. We are all servants employed in the service of the Lord.

Toiling together requires individual participation. Each uniquely-gifted Christian makes a contribution to the Lord's work that no other

can make. Individual responsibility and accountability are clearly taught in the scriptures. There are no exemptions, excuses or exceptions. All will individually stand before God and give an account regarding their faithfulness in fulfilling their ministry.

Laborers together implies a process.

It takes time to accomplish God's purposes. God planned, pictured and presented redemption in the fullness of time. The Old Testament record presents a historical perspective on the process which brought Christ into the world. The New Testament reminds us that some plant and others water but God gives the increase.

Christians should not be discouraged when they do not see immediate results. God often works in ways we do not understand. Faithfulness is required of each Christian. We must do what we can. God will give the increase in His own time. Some sow and others reap but both rejoice in the harvest.

Laborers together involves a principle, includes a participation and implies a process. We Free Will Baptists labor together because of a common history, a common hope and a common heritage. ■

The Secretary's Schedule

- June 7-8 North Carolina State Assoc.
- June 7-10 Missouri State Assoc.
- June 9-11 Texas State Assoc.
- June 11-12 West Virginia State Assoc.
- June 18-19 Kentucky State Assoc.
- June 24-26 Maryland State Assoc.
- June 25-26 Ohio State Assoc.
- June 24-27 Atlantic Canada Distr. Assoc.

My Father, My Teacher

By J. Reford Wilson



My father was one of my best teachers. Born in 1884, he received his education in White County, Texas. Since there was no community college, he did not get a teacher's certificate. He could not even hang a high school diploma on his wall. When he was 16, he made a cattle drive up the Chisholm Trail from Texas to Dodge City, Kansas. About the turn of the century his family moved to Indian Territory, Oklahoma.

Dad met flaxen-haired Fay, one of six daughters of a Free Will Baptist lay preacher, Joe Ballard. They married in 1910, and I became their sixth child in 1924. By that time my dad had acquired considerable experience as a teacher. My first of three impressionable lessons happened at the breakfast table when I was five.

The Breakfast Strop

Our family ate breakfast together. My brothers and I sat on a bench that stretched along the wall behind the kitchen table. My father and mother sat at opposite ends of the table with my sisters seated across the table from the boys. I was seated at the far end of the bench from my dad.

Mother set my plate of eggs, biscuit and gravy before me. I didn't like the way she'd fixed my egg and was telling her so. Dad rose from his chair, took the razor strop (a length of leather about two feet long and three inches wide) off the nail at the washstand, and came around the table toward me.

By this time, I had slid under the bench and crawled to the other end. My brothers slid off the bench so Dad could move it. I ran and crawled under the bed, to the far side.

He moved the bed away from the wall and I knew I was caught. He stood me up and helped me bend so that my "seat of learning" could absorb a corporal and moral lesson. After the strop had been properly applied, he spoke in a gentle but firm voice, "Reford, whatever food your mother puts on the table, you are to eat it without complaining and be thankful for whatever it is."

I realized some years later how valuable that lesson was when I went with missionaries to a remote Ivory Coast village and ate gritty yams and monkey stew. When in a rural North India village, I drank tea from a cup which had been scoured with cow dung. And when in Uruguay, missionaries treated me to an exotic dinner of cow udder.

"Yes, Lord, I am thankful for what is set before me. And please, Lord,

please sanctify this food." Thank you, Dad!

The High Barn

My second lesson came three years later when at age eight I was challenged to climb Mt. Everest. Well, not really the mountain, but it was the highest pinnacle for miles around. Dad had warned me never to climb to the peak of the barn roof. I could only climb to the roof of the cow shed attached to the hay barn.

One day I could not resist the challenge. Dad was plowing in a field out of sight of the barn. Up, up, up I climbed. The higher I climbed the farther I could see. New horizons! What a view! I looked toward the east and saw Dad just over a ridge in a distant field. I knew he was too far away to see little "ole" me straddling the roof ridge.

I was at the barn lot at noon when Dad brought the team in for watering and to eat his dinner. He watered the team as I sat atop the plank fence. He looked at me and asked a very pointed question. "Reford, did I see you sitting on the ridge roof waving at the sky?"

I knew that to lie would increase my punishment and probably the consequences of my crime. Dad reinforced the lesson of obedience with some folded strands of baling

wire conveniently hanging on the fence. He taught me that the "all-seeing-eye" of the heavenly Father was even more watchful than his eye from over the hill. Thank you, Dad, for another valuable lesson.

The Church Bully

My third lesson from my teaching father came shortly after that. Dad was a deacon in our Free Will Baptist church, the only church in our community. In the early '20s the church building had burned and for several years the church worshipped in the schoolhouse. In community activities, the church and school were almost one and the same.

A schoolhouse where kids study five days a week does not lend itself to the awesome reverence of a sanctuary on Sundays. Although we had Sunday School every Sunday, the pastor only came once a month for preaching on Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

A group of rowdy boys sometimes competed with the pastor during Sunday night preaching. They would sit or stand around the back wall, tell jokes and laugh out loud to the point of disturbing people listening to the preacher. Pastor E. E. Morris decided one of the jobs of the deacons was to keep order during the preaching. He told them they would have to keep the "big-bad-boys" quiet.

During a boisterous time at the back of the church, my dad (5' 2" and 135 pounds) went back and in an authoritative manner ordered them to be quiet or leave the building. One set of brothers, known for their daring arrogance, let it be known that old man Wilson would not tell them what and what not to do.

A farmer's ritual each Saturday afternoon was to go to town and exchange farm produce for a week's supply of necessary staples. One Saturday afternoon we parked in our usual place in front of the grocery store. As we were getting out of the car, Mother saw one of those big six-foot boys and his dad standing across the street looking our way.

Mother warned Dad they were across the street and up to no good.

Dad had no enemies and he told Mother she was worrying without cause. Mother took me and my younger brother into the grocery store while Dad went down the street.

Another ritual while in town was Mother giving my brother and me our nickel for an ice cream cone. When I asked Mother if she had our nickels, she sent me to my father to get them from him. I ran out the door, and as I neared the barber shop I saw this big bad boy strike Dad on the side of the head. Blood gushed and Dad fell to the sidewalk.

Frightened, I ran back into the store screaming to Mother that he had "killed" Dad. Mother fainted. Dad's wound was not fatal but he was stunned and bleeding. Others had seen what happened in front of the barber shop. They took Dad into the shop and washed the wound. The doctor stitched it closed.

The sheriff came and wanted to make an arrest. He asked Dad to file charges. My father explained that the attack was caused by some problems in our church and he did not want it to bring reproach on the church. The church would handle its own problems, and he only asked that the doctor bill and price of his new Stetson be paid. The instrument had cut through the brim of the new hat which had probably kept the blow from being fatal.

The Forgiving Heart

Later, father and son apologized and asked forgiveness in a church service. Dad accepted the apology and forgave them. The real test came about 10 weeks later when our family was invited to their house for Sunday dinner.

Mother was justifiably reluctant to accept the invitation. She thought it was another trap. After all, this was the man who had tried to kill her husband, the father of her children. Dad insisted that God would take care of us and that we had to make the visit to give genuine evidence of our spirit of forgiveness.

The lesson of forgiveness made a lasting impression on my young mind and became a valuable example in my experiences with people who at times have tried to do

me harm. He taught me to genuinely pray, "Our Father . . . forgive me my trespasses, as I forgive those who trespass against me."

A sequel to this lesson came almost 10 years later when my younger brother and I had an altercation (fist fight) in the barn lot. Dad made his appearance as we were fighting. He marched us into the harness shed and removed a rein from the harness. Then two teenage young men were reminded that Dad was the figure of authority who could apply learning in an appropriate manner.

At 17 years of age and a professing Christian, it was an embarrassing lesson to me. Three days later, Dad told me he wanted to talk with me. He had learned the cause of the fight and that I had been provoked into defending myself. My brother, convicted of the wrong, wanted to set the record straight. Dad apologized for punishing me and asked my forgiveness.

He taught me that a man could never be so right but that he could also be wrong. A man desiring to do right would also be willing to admit his wrong, apologize for it and ask forgiveness. This, too, became a valuable lesson. As a husband/father/pastor/administrator/teacher, I have had the humbling experience of admitting wrong and asking forgiveness.

Thanks, Dad, for being a great teacher! ■

My dad: Burley Carroll Wilson, 1884-1959, one time clerk of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists and long time deacon and song leader in Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Lexington, Oklahoma.



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The 10-Speed Knight

By Patti Richards

One of the most wonderful yet difficult to understand characteristics of our heavenly Father is His great unselfishness. Our society is so overwhelmed by the concept of personal gain and status that it's difficult to comprehend such unconditional love. We can, however, see glimpses of unselfishness through the deeds of loving, God-fearing parents.

One of those moments, not so rare in my own father's life, comes back to me often when I remember my sweet growing up years. It was a hot Michigan summer. I was home from college and, like most struggling college students, I needed a summer job.

Hot Job

Unconcerned with glamour, I found a job washing dishes for a local rental company. It was hot, dirty work but that didn't matter. My father had taught me that no job was disgraceful if you did your best.

My family and I were by no means wealthy, but Dad always made sure we had what we needed. I was concerned about transportation to work because I knew our family could not afford a second car. Dad, as usual, had a solution. We would borrow an old, rebuilt Vega from my grandfather.

Now you must understand that even though that rebuilt car looked 100 years old with its red side panel and sheet metal hood, it was my first car. I couldn't have been more proud of it if it had been a Cadillac. My

faithful little car, black smoke streaming from the tail pipe, carried me to work each day. Until the inevitable happened.

I was driving down Michigan Avenue when a man in a much nicer car hit me from behind. My tried and true little car was ruined. No more bumpy rides to work. No more looking out the window to see that silver hood shining in the summer sun. I was devastated.

Cold Rain

My dilemma came the next day when I had to go to work, but had no transportation. The only answer was to ride my bicycle. Now I am a true fan of bicycle riding, and had I been a teenager I probably would've jumped at the chance. But I was a college student and too old to be riding a bicycle to work. Or so I thought.

That morning I did a pretty good job making my father regret that we couldn't afford two cars. He had worked hard all his life and probably felt much worse than I could imagine. So having no alternative, I took my brown paper sack with my lunch, mounted my trusty 10-speed and was off.

At this point in time I was certain that things couldn't get any worse. Wrong! Five minutes later my bad luck turned rotten. It began pouring rain.

By the time I got to work, I looked like a drowned puppy without a friend in the world. My legs ached and my pride was bruised. Somehow, I managed to make it through the day, dreading the humiliating



ride home on my two-wheeled chariot.

Dad's Love

When the clock struck four, I hung up my apron, punched my time card and headed for the door. I secretly wished that some magic spell would transform my bicycle into something, anything with four wheels and a hood. I opened the door and what met my eyes was more beautiful than any car in the whole world.

There was Dad perched on my bicycle, holding out the keys to our family car with a most understanding smile on his face. He had left his job early and driven 40 minutes to my workplace just to bring me the car! And he was going to ride my bicycle home for me.

I suggested that we tie the 10-

speed down in the trunk and ride home together, but he would not hear of it. Dad knew me and had clearly seen my embarrassment at not having a car to drive.

He wanted me to know that he would never ask me to do anything he wasn't prepared to do himself. He was willing to take my humiliation and make it his own. Before I could protest a second time, he was off, leaving me standing there in the shadow of his great love.

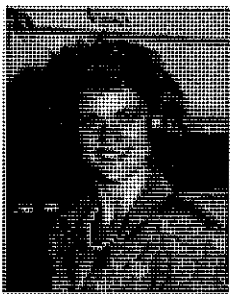
If you've never had a lesson in true selflessness, picture your father pedaling down a major thoroughfare after a long day at a construction site, on a bicycle made for a teenager just so you could drive next to him in the only car your family owned. And on top of everything else, smiling as the sweat poured from his face.

I'll never forget that day as long as I live, or the days after. It's amazing how something can be a problem one day and a privilege the next. I did not complain again about not having a car. I rode my bicycle with pride.

I cannot imagine now how I could have been so silly. I changed that day; maybe I grew up a little. Not physically but spiritually, for I finally understood how unselfish our heavenly Father was when He sent His Son.

I saw how utterly unselfish Jesus was when He gave His life. I felt that God would never ask me to do anything that He would not do Himself.

Amazing isn't it? All those valuable lessons that others struggle a lifetime to learn came to me so simply from an old car, a 10-speed and a man I'm proud to call Dad! ■



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Radio & TV Commission	88.87	60.31	149.18	85.74	493.88
Hillsdale FWB College	1,455.75	.00	1,455.75	1,134.52	6,666.37
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Hero of Slocum Station

By Neil Gilliland

Slocum Station, the little Ohio community that wraps itself around the bends of Ward's Run, seems a rather unlikely place for the making of heroes. But real heroes aren't made; somehow, they just become. Unless you have been dubbed with some extraordinary ability in athletics or the arts, or single-handedly won a great battle, the odds of attaining hero status are, at best, slim.

To be quite honest, my hero is not and never was any of those things. By age four, he and his sister were orphaned. He lived the next 80 years in Slocum Station, not the sort of place one goes in search of adventures that produce bona fide heroes.

But maybe, just maybe, true heroes are more than what they do; it's what they are. You see, my hero does not wear armor that shines with brilliance; he never accomplished daring feats in some distant land. He is just a dad . . . my dad.

As the dogwoods begin to bloom each spring around my Tennessee home, I know what is taking place in Slocum. The robins will be following close behind Dad as they gather earth worms while he turns the soil

in his garden for another season of planting.

I often wonder why the president doesn't put Dad in charge of the task force to combat world hunger. By summer's end he is up half the night worried about who could come and carry away the baskets full of excess vegetables. And the president would be quite pleased at the economical way he would go about it.

For example, consider Dad's hoe standing in the corner of the shed. The metal blade is half gone now. Dad bought that hoe the first year he and Mom married, and weeds have unsuccessfully ducked that same hoe for 60 years.

Not only has he provided fresh vegetables, he has worked. For 45 years he made the trip from Slocum to the steel mill. In the early years he made the trip on foot. Why? Because he had a wife and family.

The point is this: Dad provided by hard work and frugality. I suppose it would be too much to ask everyone to be that way. But then again, not everyone can be a hero, and that's the sort of thing heroes do.

On misty summer mornings, I can still smell the sweet outdoor fragrance he used to leave in the house after a night of fox hunting. It was a

sport he loved. I must admit I've never understood the attraction of sitting up all night listening to dogs bark, and arguing with fellow hunters about which hound was leading the pack. No gun was ever fired, the hunters only listened to old Dixie or Pretty Boy howl at some fox scampering about the hills, laughing at his pursuers.

However, my understanding of the philosophical significance of fox hunting shrinks in light of the life principle those expeditions taught me. The smell that hovers in my memory, along with thoughts of little boys waiting to see if Dad had eaten all the sweet rolls Mom had sent with his Vienna sausages to get him through the long night of rigorous listening and talking, all serve to remind me of this lesson.

You see, there were always sweet rolls left. The principle is not complicated: others come first. Dad is just that way, he always thinks of others before himself. He would never eat the last bite of anything for fear another member of his family or a guest might want it. Quite simply, my dad clothed himself in the cloak of selflessness. I suppose it would be too much to ask everyone to be that way. But then again,

not everyone can be a hero, and that's the sort of thing heroes do.

The hills of southern Ohio evoke a feeling of warmth each fall when the trees produce a cacophony of color and a feeling that all is well in the world. Each time I return to the little gray-shingled house in the heart of Slocum, there is that same sense of warmth and security.

It wasn't one of those houses where room and rooms were plentiful. You could put a key in our front door and nearly knock out a back window. Yet, despite the lack of space our home was filled with an overwhelming love. Dad loved us. It didn't matter if we accomplished something wonderful that made him swell with pride or if we disappointed him, he still loved us.

Most important, Dad loved Mom. I never worried about whether their marriage would last. I have never seen them argue. Wouldn't our world be a marvelous place if everyone loved their children and their wives the way Dad does? But then again, not everyone can be a hero, and that's the sort of things heroes do.

I don't like winter. Apart from a few days when the world dresses itself in bridal white, it's a rather bleak time. I think it's an all-too-clear reminder of the bleakness of life. Life, far too frequently, seems like a string of one sadness followed by another.

My dad's faith in God provided a constant source of strength when the winds of life blew harder than I thought I could stand. Locked in my memory is the look of sadness I saw on Mom's and Dad's faces as my young bride and I returned to Slocum to say goodbye just before leaving to become missionaries in Africa.

I knew what he was thinking: "I'll never see my baby boy again." But his faith in the Lord penetrated his tear-filled eyes and I knew all would be well. I wonder what life would be like if everyone had Dad's faith and strength? But then again, not everyone can be a hero, and that's the sort of thing heroes do.

The seasons of life have taken their toll on my hero, Ora Gilliland. His once strong body has been spent. It has been a simple, yet profound

life. Oh, I know he's not perfect and his armor has at times needed polishing and a dab of oil, but his heart hasn't.

And I know that he could not have done it without Mom. I just wish I could repay him, but I can't. I owe too much. The only thing I can do is be like him, so that, one day my little girl can lean over to her playmates, point at me and say, "That's my daddy; he's my hero."

I love you, Dad. ■



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A letter to a pastor from his son.

Dear Dad . . .

Happy Father's Day! I know that a card would have been sufficient, but I thought I'd write you a letter and tell you why I'm thankful for you. There are so many reasons.

First, I'm thankful that you're my father because you've been a wonderful Christian example over the years. It's not every child who has Christian parents, especially a Christian father.

Over the years, I have seen God use you to produce many fruitful ministries. There have been good times and bad times, but you've remained faithful. If I can be half the man you've been, I'll be happy. Thanks for being my Christian father.

Second, thank you for loving me. I know you've loved me since I was born. It's not every child, either, who has parents who love him.

Thank you for loving me enough to play ball with me, to give me piggyback rides, to take me to ball games, to take me fishing, and to be there for me when I was at the hospital with stomach cramps at 2:00 in the morning. I'm a man now, but you still love me and always will.

Third, thanks for wanting me. It feels so good to know you're wanted. Just the little hugs you used to give me after those spankings let me know I was loved and wanted. Even when I disobeyed and did things I shouldn't have, you still wanted me. Thanks, Dad, for sticking by my side through the years.

Last, thanks for praying for me and believing in me when I didn't believe in myself. Thanks for the encouragement. I'm going to make you the proudest father in the world. I'm growing up and one day I'll be out on my own. I'll always remember the qualities you've taught me and the love you've given me.

I'm going to make my dreams come true. I've always dreamed of being a missionary to the hungry people of the world. I couldn't have made it this far without your love, encouragement and prayers.

Dad, thanks for being all I've wanted you to be—a Christian, a father and a friend. You're the best!

Your son,

Jason

ABOUT THE WRITER: Jason Turner is the son of Reverend J. Bennie Turner who pastors Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Manning, South Carolina.

The Loving Husband

1. Find special ways to treat your wife in public. Walk proudly when you are with her. Take her arm when you enter a room. Say something nice and genuine about her when you introduce her. Seat her at dinner. Smile at her. Hold her coat when you are ready to go. Tell her how much you appreciate being together.
2. Keep yourself personally attractive and healthy. Your appearance does matter to her, and you pay her a special compliment by doing what is necessary to avoid deserting her through an early death or disability.
3. Read some books related to family matters and child rearing. Read some on spiritual growth and creativity. All will make you more interesting, caring and responsive to your wife.
4. Discover and practice the practical ways which best communicate love to your wife. Is it little things like flowers, small gifts, remembered anniversaries, etc.? Is it keeping her up-to-date with any changes in expectations ("I'll be a half-hour late getting home tonight.")? Maybe it is regular words of endearment? Whatever it is, keep pursuing her even though you won her years ago.
5. Call her during the day to tell her you can hardly wait to see her. Be willing to talk about your intimate times together. Ask her what you can do to make them better.
6. Volunteer to help in the work around the house. Try surprise jobs—doing things for her that she usually expects to do.
7. Never criticize her in public, point out something she cannot change or compare her unfavorably with other women.
8. Never abuse her in any way. Remember that abuse covers much more than the physical.
9. Genuinely appreciate your wife for who she is. Don't expect or try to change her. Instead, give praise and express appreciation.
10. Make sacrifices necessary which will allow time for you and your wife to be together. Love takes time. ■

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Directory Update

CALIFORNIA

Merle Guess to Taft Church, Taft
Paul Webb to Madera Church, Madera

KENTUCKY

Tim York to Heritage Temple Church,
Ashland

MISSOURI

Bruce Moore to First Church, Houston
from Seymour Church, Seymour
Jim Ragsdale to Seymour Church,
Seymour
Milan Ruble to Verdella Church, Liberal

OKLAHOMA

Jack Richey to First Church, Duncan from
Hillsdale College, Moore

SOUTH CAROLINA

Joe McKnight to FWB Bible Church,
Darlington from Beulah Church, Pamplico
Frank Watford to Pine Grove Church,
Jefferson
Bruce Barnes to Whitney Church, Spar-
tanburg

LOCAL CHURCH DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

THIS CERTIFIES THAT _____
is a duly authorized delegate to the National Association of Free Will
Baptists _____

(Name of Church)

_____ of _____,
(District Association) (City) (State)

(Pastor) (Clerk or Secretary)

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

FREE WILL BAPTIST NEWSFRONT

419 Attend Bible College Welcome Days

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College hosted a record 419 prospective students and their sponsors who attended the school's spring Welcome Days, April 1-3, according to Neil Gilliland, recruitment director.

Visitors from 118 churches in 20 states registered for the event. The previous attendance record of 389 was set last year. The 118 churches represented were 22 more than the previous record.

The largest state representations were 74 from Illinois, 40 from Alabama and 37 from North Carolina. Nineteen came from Colorado, four from Nebraska and another four from South Dakota.

"It was a marvelous time on our campus," says Mr. Gilliland. "God is moving in a mighty way at FWBBC."

Special activities included a service by the College Choir and Evangel Players on Tuesday night. A number of decisions capped off this service. A North vs. South basketball game and closing time of testimony and rededication were held Friday night.

By states, the following numbers registered:

Alabama	40
Arkansas	4
Colorado	19
Florida	2
Georgia	33
Illinois	74

Indiana	20
Kentucky	30
Michigan	24
Mississippi	14
Missouri	4
North Carolina	37
Nebraska	4
Ohio	16
Oklahoma	4
South Carolina	28
South Dakota	4
Tennessee	30
Texas	6
Virginia	26

Two Welcome Days will be held during the 1993-94 school year: November 18-20, 1993, and March 31 - April 2, 1994. Plan to bring a group from your church or church school.



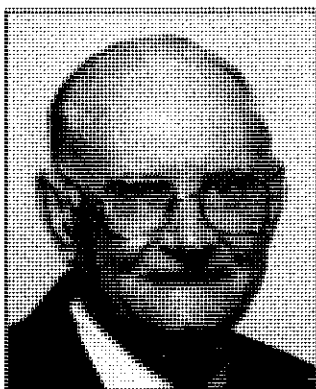
Spring Welcome Days Activities

Rev. Merlin Teets, Ohio Leader, Dies

COLUMBUS, OH—The Reverend Merlin Teets, 73, died March 6 in Columbus. His ministry spanned 44 years as pastor, revivalist, journalist and executive.

In 1962 Brother Teets was elected as the first promotional secretary for the Ohio State Association. He served as State Evangelist 1962-64. He was also the third editor of *The Ambassador* magazine.

Dr. Alton Loveless, Ohio's promotional secretary, said, "Brother Teets always believed that God's Word held the answer to life's problems and was able to communicate God's love



in a very effective manner."

Rev. Teets was born January 25, 1920, in Strange Creek, West

Virginia. After serving in the U.S. Army in World War II, he was called to preach at age 29. One of his early ministry efforts resulted in the re-opening of a Free Will Baptist church that had been closed seven years—Union FWB Church.

Funeral services were conducted March 9 in Wellston, Ohio, with burial in Reynoldsburg. Reverends James Eberts and Philip Wiley officiated.

Rev. Teets is survived by his wife Ida; two daughters, Mrs. Brenda Collins and Mrs. Reta Tharp, both of Ohio; four grandchildren and three sisters.

Preaching Lifts Illinois Meeting

DECATUR, IL—Delegates left the 33rd annual Illinois State Association "rejoicing in the Lord," according to Clerk Larry Cook. Illinois pastors David Malone (Peace FWB Church) and Kent Dunford (Rescue FWB Church) joined FWBBC professor Ken Riggs to preach three sermons on the association theme, "Rejoice in the Lord."

Moderator Larry Clyatt was elected to his fifth term. One hundred eight people registered for the March 19-20 session which met at First FWB Church in Decatur. Delegates recommended Pastor Ernie Lewis (Blue Point FWB Church in Cisne) as their General Board member to the National Association; he will succeed Reverend Wallace Malone.

In other action, delegates passed five resolutions. They resolved to oppose lifting the ban on homosexuals in the mili-

tary, to oppose passage of the Freedom of Choice Act, to continue the boycott against K-Mart and Waldenbooks, to join the CLear-TV boycott against S. C. Johnson Wax, and to urge women to join the "Enough is Enough Campaign."

Delegates adopted a \$164,000 state budget. Twenty-six percent of state Cooperative Plan funds were designated to national outreach. The remaining 74 percent will fund state ministries, most of that allocated to the Missions Board (26%) Promotional Fund (12%) and the Camp Fund (17%).

Home missionaries Ken and Bonnie Doggett were commissioned to Springfield during the Friday evening service. Saturday morning Kent Waller spoke at the Layman's Breakfast.

The 1994 state association will meet March 18-19 at a site yet to be determined.

Capital Stewardship Campaign

March 1993

Update

State	Goal	Gifts
Alabama	\$ 97,290.00	\$ 1,000.00
Arizona	1,565.00	1,800.00
Arkansas	97,880.00	20,816.52
Atlantic Canada	2,000.00	.00
California	21,925.00	.00
Colorado	1,005.00	1,005.00
Florida	26,365.00	336.55
Georgia	48,620.00	8,888.03
Hawaii	235.00	.00
Idaho	450.00	.00
Illinois	20,600.00	100.00
Indiana	10,020.00	1,000.00
Iowa	340.00	.00
Kansas	1,640.00	.00
Kentucky	45,150.00	923.27
Louisiana	120.00	1,020.00
Maryland	8,675.00	150.00
Michigan	19,250.00	1,553.00
Mississippi	19,815.00	358.00
Missouri	77,025.00	18,854.75
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	2,424.17
Oklahoma	117,505.00	909.50
South Carolina	23,350.00	100.00
Tennessee	100,040.00	20,348.43
Texas	14,705.00	4,230.00
Virginia	30,975.00	405.00
West Virginia	58,840.00	320.00
Other	23,780.00	2,098.85
Totals	\$1,000,000.00	\$89,941.07

CURRENTLY...

New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico, SC, honored their pastor, **Joe Cagle**, on his 25th anniversary with the church. The special day included a plaque presentation to Pastor Cagle as well as a basket filled with cards containing financial gifts. He also serves as administrator of the church's Christian school.

It's a record! Pastor **Jerry Norris** said **Calvary Fellowship FWB Church** in **Fenton, MO**, averaged 356 in Sunday School and 408 in morning worship services during March. This eclipsed the old mark set in 1988 when the church averaged 321. One reason for the steady growth is the church's bus ministry under the direction of **Dr. Paul Ambro**. Bus routes found 36 new riders the first quarter.

Pastor **Gene Cross** reports 13 conversions at **Lower Corinth FWB Church** in **Oak Park, GA**. Cross said attendance has almost tripled at the church. That's why ground breaking services for a new educational wing was timely. The \$90,000 addition will house Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall. The Master's Men of the church expect to do most of the work.

Pastor **Robert Travis** led a mortgage-burning service at **Crossroads FWB Church** in **Cochran, GA**. The note-burning service celebrated paying off funds which had been borrowed to construct a fellowship hall.

The first item of business when **Carthage FWB Church** in **Carthage, MO**, organized involved receiving 63 charter members. The church then elected **Jim Williams** as pastor. Following a Stewardship Banquet, Carthage mayor, **Herbert Casteel**, welcomed the church to the community. Home Missions director **Roy Thomas** preached the dedication message.

The third annual **Oklahoma Senior Adult Retreat** met March 22-24 in **Oklahoma City**. **Paul Allen**, promotional secretary for the state Christian Education Board said 60 senior adults attended the retreat. The **Oklahoma Ministers Quartet** preached and sang during the meeting.

What an offering! Pastor **Phil**

Kimbrough said that the 25th anniversary offering at **Hamilton FWB Church** in **Hamilton, AL**, was a time of glory. Members gave in order to retire the church's indebtedness. They needed just over \$72,000. The morning offering totaled \$63,000. Not to worry—the remaining \$9,500 was raised by members giving in memory of their loved ones and from the estate of a charter member. Founding pastor **Bill Smith** preached the morning message.

Chairman **Howard Gage** said Oklahoma's South Grand River Association sponsored a missions conference in March that raised more than \$5,700 for foreign missionary **Steve Reeves** and home missionary **Terry VanWinkle**. The district's 28 churches arranged services so that the missionaries spoke in two churches instead of all 28. The combined missions services met in **Haskell and Pryor, OK**.

Members of **First FWB Church** in **Bakersfield, CA**, paid off a \$192,000 indebtedness to finish up their building program, according to Pastor **Claudie Hames**. The property is now appraised at more than \$1.4 million. The church auditorium will seat 814 and has 50 classrooms. California's Southern Association met with the church on February 6 in a combined dedication service for the new facility.

Pastor **Wylie Perkins** reports 17 baptisms and four new members at **Samantha FWB Church** in **Leesburg, OH**.

Pastor **Curtis Booth** reports 22 conversions, eight baptisms and 10 new members at **Gahanna FWB Church** in **Gahanna, OH**.

Congratulations to **Irene Durham** for 13 years of perfect attendance at **Revival FWB Church** in **Tulsa, OK**. **James Timbrook** pastors.

Pastor **Dan Farmer** has a point when he says that members of **First FWB Church** in **Moore, OK**, are generous. The church gave \$34,000 in 1992 to outside causes, which is remarkable since the total church income was \$87,000. Congratulations to a church with financial vision.

Pastor **Larry Tuttle** reports that Sun-

day School attendance climbed 38% at **Pretty Water FWB Church** in **Sapulpa, OK**. Members also put a new roof on the church and renovated the educational wing.

The **Jenks Road Christian Academy** now operates in a 25,000-square-foot debt-free building, according to school superintendent **Bill Wade**. The academy enrolled 66 students in K-3 through 5th grade and plans to add high school. The academy is sponsored by **Jenks FWB Church** in **Jenks, OK**. **Tom Ballard** pastors.

It's a good thing that Pastor **Kevin Johnson** led members at **Mineral Springs FWB Church** in **Muldrow, OK**, to purchase a 15-passenger van. After setting an attendance goal of 150, Johnson reports 202 people in services. The church installed a new roof and a new air conditioning system.

Here's a church with a big vision. Members of **Fulton FWB Church** in **Fulton, MS**, wanted to purchase a four-acre tract west of the church. They did. But in order to get that four acres they had to purchase a 51-acre tract which included the four they wanted. Pastor **Bill VanWinkle** leads the happy congregation.

Burglars ransacked **Covington Hall** at **West Fork Youth Camp** in January. Officials said the burglars took all the camp's food from the kitchen and pantry. The thieves were driven off by a rifle shot fired by the caretaker's wife. The youth camp is sponsored by the West Fork District in **Texas**. Be sure to act friendly if you go near the camp at night unannounced.

There's a new Free Will Baptist church in West Virginia. It's the **Charity FWB Church** in **Hurricane, WV**. Pastor **Roger Ross** said the group averages 40 in Sunday services and recently had 11 conversions.

The annual **Arkansas Ministers Retreat**, sponsored by the Christian Education Board, met February 8-10 near **Arkadelphia**. North Carolina pastor **Archie Ratliff** and FWBBC professor **LaVerne Miley** were featured speakers. ■

Hotel Reservation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Louisville, Kentucky

National Convention

July 18-22, 1993

- Requests for reservations made after 6/18 will be returned to you with a list of availabilities.
- 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 18, 1993. 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 Louisville.
- 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.

Cutoff Date:

Received by
June 18, 1993

MAIL TO:

NAFWB Housing Bureau
400 South First Street
Louisville, KY 40202
or FAX to
502/584-6697

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (WK) _____ (HM) _____

CREDIT CARD TYPE _____ CC# _____ EXP. _____

By signing below, I authorize the hotel confirmed to charge my credit card for one night's deposit, which is non-refundable 48 hours prior to arrival.

NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____ SIGNATURE _____

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

HOTELS	Choice	 Single	 Double	 Triple	 Quad
Hyatt Regency—Headquarters Hotel		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79
Galt House East—NYC Headquarters (All-Suites Tower)		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79
Galt House		\$69	\$69	\$69	\$69

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

TYPE OF ROOM REQUESTED:

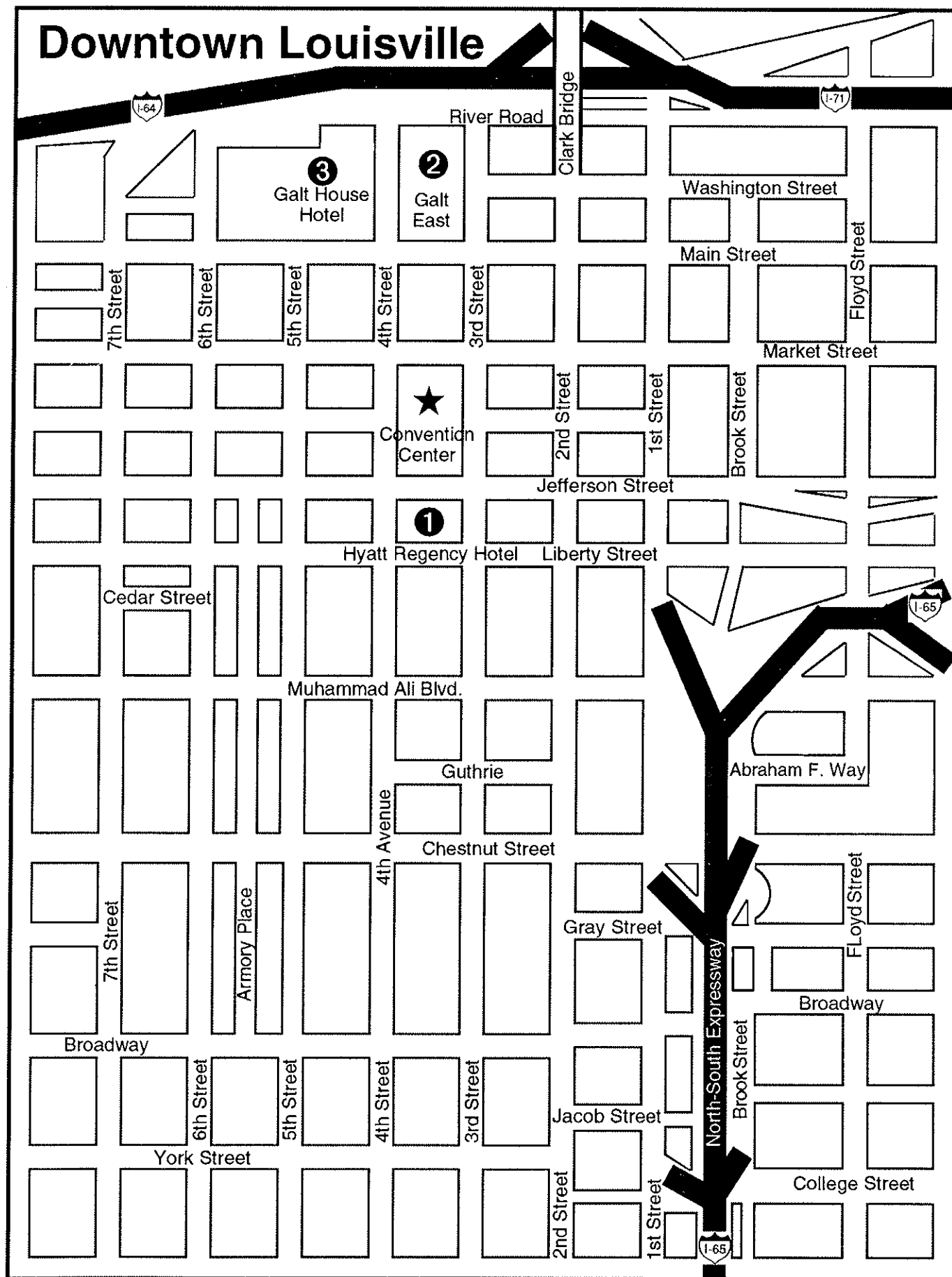
SINGLE / 1 PERSON _____ DOUBLE / 2 PEOPLE _____

TRIPLE / 3 PEOPLE _____ QUAD / 4 PEOPLE _____

NUMBER OF BEDS IN ROOM _____

PLEASE LIST ROOM OCCUPANTS:

Downtown Louisville



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 meal 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 meal 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**. *Only those in first grade up to age 24 need to complete this section!* The fees are:

\$11.00 per person, or

\$12.00 if registering on-site.

Adults over 24 do not pay NYC fees.

Indicate the number of meal tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check for registration and tickets payable to **FWB Convention**). **NOTE:** Before July 19, 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 18, 1993**.
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. No refunds mailed after **June 18, 1993**.

Children's Banquet/\$7.00

Monday, July 19/5:00 PM

Convention Center/Room 117

Music Ministries Breakfast/\$9.50

Tuesday, July 20/7:00 AM

Convention Center/Room 208

WNAC Fellowship Dinner/\$15.00

Tuesday, July 20/5:00 PM

Hyatt Regency/Regency Ballroom

FWBBC Luncheon/\$13.00

Wednesday, July 21/12:00 Noon

Galt House East/Weatherby Room

Youth Workers Reception/\$5.00

Monday, July 19/9:00 PM

Convention Center/Room 116

Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon/\$12.00

Tuesday, July 20/12:00 Noon

Convention Center/Rooms 207-208

Youth Banquet/\$12.50

Tuesday, July 20/9:00 PM

Galt House East/Grand Ballroom

Master's Men Dinner/\$18.00 (\$20.00 on-site)

Wednesday, July 21/4:45 PM

Hyatt Regency/Regency Ballroom

Pre-Registration Form

for
National Association of Free Will Baptists
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
National Youth Conference
Louisville, KY / July 18 - 22, 1993

Only one person per form.

Please Print

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

Address: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Church: _____ City: _____

Hotel (if known): _____ Completed form(s) must be mailed to

Convention Registration

P.O. Box 5002

Antioch, TN 37011-5002

and received on or before **June 18, 1993.**

You may register for all three conventions on this form.
Check the appropriate boxes.

☐ **Register me for the *National Association*. I have completed the following information.**

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: _____

(Check only one of the following:)

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

MISSIONARY: ☐ Foreign(MIF) (Country) _____

☐ Home(MIH)

DELEGATE: ☐ Ordained Deacon(ORD)

☐ State(STD)

☐ Local Church (\$10.00)(LCD)

☐ National Board Member(NBM)

☐ National Officer(NTO)

VISITOR: ☐ (VIS)

Meal Tickets:

Quantity

Youth Workers Reception _____ x \$5.00 = _____

Music Ministries Breakfast _____ x \$9.50 = _____

Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon _____ x \$12.00 = _____

FWBBC Alumni Luncheon _____ x \$13.00 = _____

Master's Men Dinner _____ x \$18.00 = _____

Delegate Fee

Local Church Delegate 1 x \$10.00 = _____

SUBTOTAL _____

☐ **Register me for *WNAC*. I have completed the following information.**

(Check only one of the following:)

DELEGATE: ☐ Local (\$3.00)(WLD)

☐ State(WSD)

☐ State President or Field Worker(WPF)

☐ National Officer(WNO)

VISITOR: ☐ (WVI)

Meal Tickets:

Quantity

WNAC Fellowship Dinner _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Delegate Fee

Local Delegate 1 x \$3.00 = _____

SUBTOTAL _____

☐ **Register me for the *National Youth Conference*. I have completed the following information.**

(Only those in 1st grade to age 24 need to register for NYC.)

Grade just completed: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____

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

Youth Leader's name: _____

Are you a youthworker? ☐ yes ☐ no

Registration Fee

Pre-Registration Fee 1 x \$11.00 = _____

On-site registration fee is \$12.00.

Adults over 24 do not pay NYC fees.

You must register for NYC to purchase meal tickets (unless age 25 and up).

Meal Tickets:

Quantity

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

Youth Banquet (must be in grade 7 to age 24 or an accompanying youthworker) _____ x \$12.50 = _____

SUBTOTAL _____

For Office Use Only		
Date	CK/MO #	AMT \$
Rec'd _____	_____	_____
CK _____		

Make Checks payable to
FWB Convention.
**No refunds mailed after
June 18, 1993.**

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____
Check/Money Order MUST accompany this form.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists



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Theme: Laborers Together 57th Annual Session / July 18 - 22, 1993 Commonwealth Convention Center Louisville, Kentucky

Theme: "Laborers Together"

Moderator: Ralph Hampton

Music Coordinator: Vernon Whaley

Organist: Richard McDonald

Pianist: Jerry Carraway

Registration Coordinator: George Harvey, Jr.

Headquarters Hotel: Hyatt Regency Louisville

Convention Office: Commonwealth Convention Center / VIP Suite

SUNDAY MORNING / July 18

10:00-10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL (Adults) Convention Center
Halls A - B

Presiding: Jack Richey
Song Service: Trent Walley
Solo: Jerry Carraway
Adult Teacher: Thomas Marberry

10:00-10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL (Spanish) Hyatt Regency
Belmont Room

10:00-10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL (Youth) Galt House Hotels
Children's Class Weatherby Room
Teen Class Archibald Room

10:45 Intermission

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP (Adults) Convention Center
Halls A - B

Presiding: Jack Richey
Song Service: Daron Dwyer
Music: New Life Singers
The Edgmon Family
Offertory: The Edgmon Family
Message: Nathan Ruble

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP (Youth)
Children's Church
Teen Church

Galt House Hotels
Weatherby Room
Archibald Room

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

1:30 Registration Orientation

Convention Center
VIP Suite Conf. Rm.

2:00-5:00 WNAC Study Committee

Galt House East

3:00 REGISTRATION for National
Convention, WNAC and NYC

Convention Center
Main Lobby

5:00 Usher Orientation

Convention Center
Str. Level Show Off.

5:00 Music Rehearsal

Convention Center
Halls A - B

SUNDAY EVENING / July 18

7:00-8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Convention Center
Halls A - B

Presiding: Tim York
Song Service: Phil Cooper
Offertory: David Messer, Clarinet
Music: Rejoice Ministry Team
Solo: Brenda Webb
MESSAGE: Clifford Austin

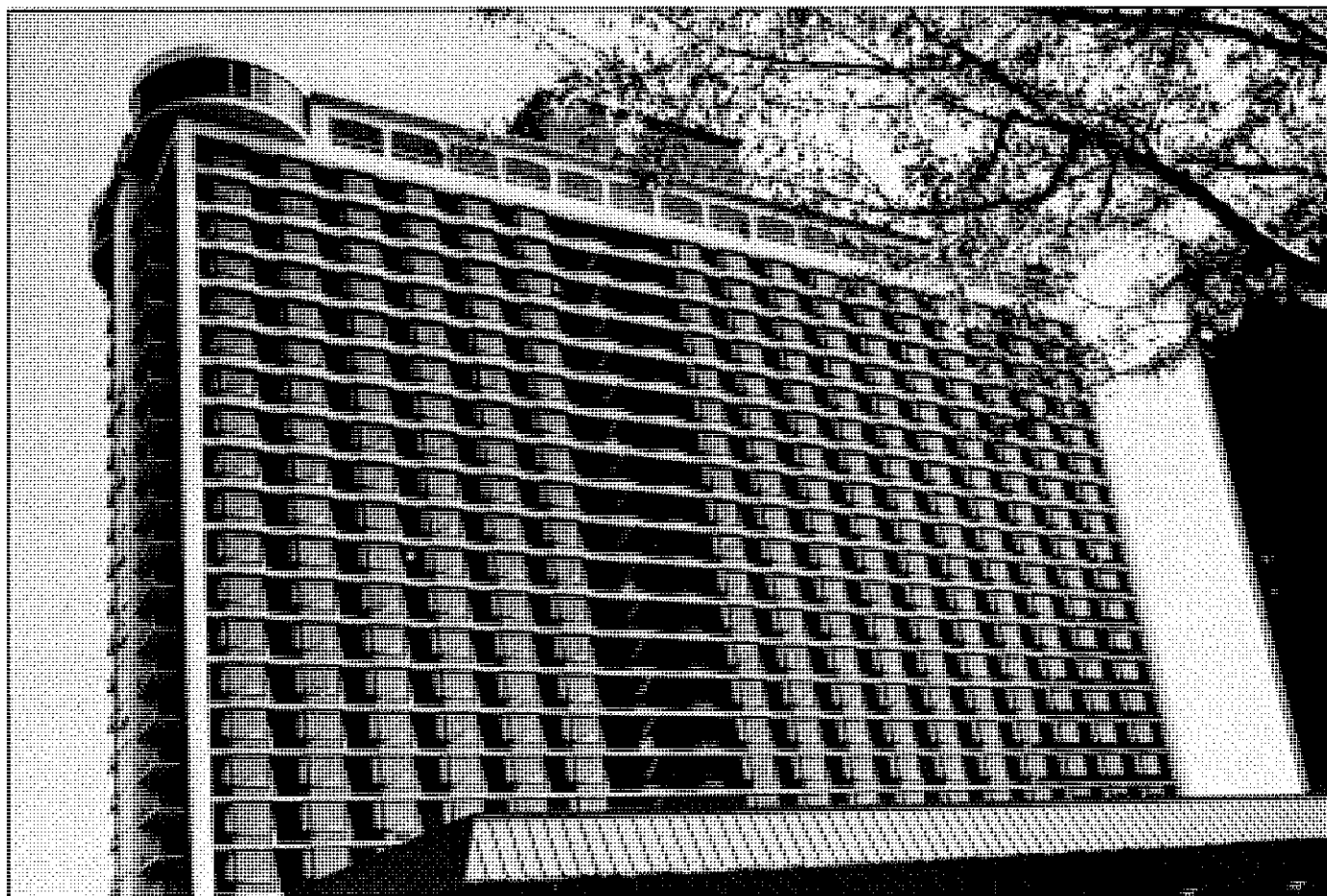
7:00-8:30 NYC Worship Services

Galt House Hotels

8:30 Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal

Convention Center
Halls A - B

8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby	9:00-11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Hyatt Regency Keeneland Suite
9:00-10:00	NYC Judges' Reception	Convention Center Room 116	9:00-11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Hyatt Regency Cherokee Room
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels	9:00-12:00	GENERAL BOARD Convenes	Hyatt Regency Regency No./Cntr.
9:00-10:30	Youth Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels	MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 19		
MONDAY MORNING / July 19			12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Hyatt Regency Shawnee Room
7:00	General Board Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Churchill Downs	1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels
8:00-8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Shawnee Room	1:30	General Board Reconvenes	Hyatt Regency Regency No./Cntr.
8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby	1:30-2:30	WNAC Seminar (See WNAC Program)	Hyatt Regency Regency South
8:30	NYC Assemblies (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels	2:00-3:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels
9:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels	3:00	Exhibit Area Opens	Convention Center Hall - C
9:00-10:30	Foreign Missionary Orientation (For Exhibit Schedule)	Convention Center VIP Suite Cnf. Rm.	3:00-4:00	WNAC State Officers Meeting (See WNAC Program)	Hyatt Regency Regency South



Galt House Hotel

3:00-5:00	Free Will Baptist Camp Meeting Speaker: Trymon Messer	Convention Center Halls A - B
5:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls A - B
5:00-6:30	Children's Banquet	Convention Center Room 117
6:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls A - B

MONDAY EVENING / July 19

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Halls A - B
	Presiding: Carl Cheshier Song Service: Thurman Lucas Session Called to Order and Moderator Introduced: Waldo Young, Clerk Appointment of Committee on Committees: Ralph Hampton, Moderator Welcome to Louisville: Tim York Promotional Director, Kentucky State Association Mass Adult Choir: Doug Little, Director Music: Stanley Jones Singers Offertory: Resounding Praise Handbell Choir Solo: Lawrence Taylor MESSAGE: Bailey Thompson	

7:00-8:30	NYC Worship Services	Galt House Hotels
8:30	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls A - B
8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - C
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby
9:00-10:00	Board of Retirement Information Meeting	Hyatt Regency Kentucky Suite
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels
9:00-10:30	TEAM Youth Congress (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels
9:00-10:30	Youth Workers' Reception	Convention Center Room 116
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	

TUESDAY MORNING / July 20

7:00-8:15	Music Ministries Breakfast Speaker: Joe Grizzle	Convention Center Room 208
8:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels
8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - C
9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION (See WNAC Program) Presiding: Mary Neal, President	Convention Center Halls A - B
9:00-11:00	BIBLE CONFERENCE	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom

Presiding: Charles Cooper
9:00
Song Service: David Rhodes
Music: California Christian College Ensemble
New Life Singers
Speaker: Curtis Lilly

10:00
Song Service: Leroy Scudder
Music: Southeastern FWB College
New Life Singers
Speaker: Wendell Walley

9:00-12:00	Master's Men Board Meeting	Hyatt Regency Saratoga Brdroom.
11:10	WNAC Missionary Service Message: Ron Moore	Convention Center Halls A - B

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 20

12:00-1:30	Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon Speaker: Randy Wilson	Convention Center Rooms 207-208
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels
1:30	WNAC Reconvenes (See WNAC Program)	Convention Center Halls A - B
1:30-3:00	Theological Trends Seminar Speaker: Robert Picirilli Subject: "Conditional vs. Unconditional Election"	Convention Center Rooms 105-106
1:30-3:00	Music Commission Seminar	Hyatt Regency Park Suite
1:30-3:00	"Double in a Decade" Seminar	Convention Center Rooms 107-108
1:30-4:30	Master's Men Congress Presiding: James Vallance	Convention Center Rooms 210-211
2:00-3:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels
4:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls A - B
5:00	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls A - B
5:00-6:45	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Speaker: Darlene Spangler	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom

TUESDAY EVENING / July 20

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Halls A - B
	Presiding: Thurmon Murphy Song Service: Vernon Whaley Music: Mini-Concert with Combined College Groups Offertory: Chris Truett, Trumpet Solos: Marty Funderburk Darryl Ferrington MESSAGE: Bobby Ferguson	
7:00-8:30	NYC Worship Services	Galt House Hotels
8:30	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls A - B
8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - C

8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby	3:30	General Board Final Report Partial Report of Nominating Committee Election of General Board Members	Convention Center Halls B - C
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels	4:00	Business Session Recessed	
9:00-11:00	Youth Banquet	Galt House East Grand Ballroom	4:00	Men's Chorale Rehearsal (or immediately following business session)	Convention Center Halls A - B
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed		4:45	Master's Men Dinner	Hyatt Regency Regency No./Cntr.
WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 21			5:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls A - B
7:00	State Leaders Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Churchill Downs	6:00	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Convention Center Halls A - B
8:00	NYC Competitive Finals (Bible Competition)	Galt House Hotels	WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 21		
8:00-12:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby	7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Halls A - B
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - C		Presiding: Jim Nason Song Service: Rusty Russell Men's Chorale: Jerry Carraway, Director	
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 Foreign Missions: R. Eugene Waddell Free Will Baptist Bible College: Tom Malone Sunday School and Church Training: Roger Reeds Home Missions: Roy Thomas Master's Men: James Vallance	Convention Center Halls A - B		Recognition of Missionaries: Roy Thomas Eugene Waddell Duet: Joe Jones and Ken Riggs Missions Offering: Jim Nason Offertory: Instrumental Ensemble Solo: Randy Sawyer MESSAGE: Doug Little	
11:30-12:30	NYC Awards Ceremony (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels	8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - C
12:00	REGISTRATION CLOSES		9:00	NYC Awards Ceremony	Convention Center Halls A - B
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 21			10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	
12:00-1:15	Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon	Galt House East Weatherby Room	THURSDAY MORNING / July 22		
1:00-4:00	NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels	7:30-9:00	Sunday School Board Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Saratoga Brdroom.
1:30	CONVENTION BUSINESS Reconvenes Scripture Reading and Prayer Assistant Moderator: Carl Cheshier	Convention Center Halls A - B	8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall - C
1:35	REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued) Board of Retirement: Herman Hersey Free Will Baptist Foundation: Herman Hersey Commission for Theological Integrity: Leroy Forlines Radio-Television Commission: Bob Shockey Music Commission: Vernon Whaley Historical Commission: Mary Wisheart		9:00	CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION Scripture Reading and Prayer Assistant Clerk: Keith Burden NYC Report: Dean Jones WNAC Report: Mary R. Wisheart Report of Committees: —Registration —Budget —Resolutions Nominating Committee Final Report Election of General Officers	Convention Center Halls A - B
2:00-3:00	Children's Activities (See NYC Program)	Galt House Hotels	11:45	Adjournment	
			12:15	Exhibits Closed (30 minutes after convention adjournment)	

National Youth Conference

26th Annual Conference / July 18 - 22, 1993

Galt House Hotels Louisville, Kentucky

Theme: "Take a Stand"

Conference Director: Dean Jones

Conference Coordinator: Michael Hollifield

Children's Coordinator: Lisa Jones

Office Manager: June McVay

Registration Coordinator: Deanna Hollifield

NYC Office: Convention Registration Area

Practice Room: Collins Room

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

SUNDAY MORNING / July 18

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Galt House Hotels
	Children's Class	Weatherby Room
	Teen Class	Archibald Room

10:45 Intermission

11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP	Galt House Hotels
	Children's Worship	Weatherby Room
	Teen Worship	Archibald Room

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

3:00	NYC Registration	Convention Center Main Lobby
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SUNDAY EVENING / July 18

7:00 - 8:30	NYC Worship Services	Galt House Hotels
	Children's Worship	Weatherby Room
	Teen Worship	Archibald Room

8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby
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9:00-10:00	NYC Judges' Reception	Convention Center Room 116
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9:00-10:00	Children's Activities	Weatherby Room
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9:00-10:30	Youth Activities	Archibald Room
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MONDAY MORNING / July 19

8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby
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8:00-5:00	Art Gallery Open	Willis Room
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8:00-6:30	NYC Exhibit Area Open	Johnson Room
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8:15	Morning Devotion	Archibald Room
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8:30	NYC ASSEMBLIES	Galt House Hotels
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	Music and Arts Assembly	Archibald Room
	All Entries and Coaches	

	Bible Bowl	Wilkinson Room
	All Teams and Coaches	



Dean Jones / Michael Hollifield

Bible Tic Tac Toe	Sampson Room
All Teams and Coaches	

Sword Drill/Memorization	Laffoon Room
All Entries and Coaches	

9:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Galt House Hotels
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Music and Arts Section 1	Archibald Room
Keyboard	

Music and Arts Section 2	Cochran Room
Vocal Ensembles	

Music and Arts Section 3	Weatherby Room
Oral Communications	
Individual Entries	

Bible Bowl	Wilkinson Room
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Bible Tic Tac Toe	Sampson Room
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Bible Sword Drill	Laffoon Room
Grade 4	

10:00	Bible Memorization	Laffoon Room
	Grade 1	

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Galt House Hotels
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Music and Arts Section 4	Archibald Room
Vocal Solos	

Music and Arts Section 5	Cochran Room
Vocal Ensembles	

Music and Arts Section 6	Carroll/Ford Rooms
Vocal Ensembles	

Music and Arts Section 7	Weatherby Room
Oral Communications	
Individual Entries	

Bible Bowl	Wilkinson Room
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	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Sampson Room	TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 20		
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 5	Laffoon Room	1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Galt House Hotels
2:00	Bible Memorization Grade 2	Laffoon Room		Music and Arts Section 13 Choirs / Chorales	Archibald Room
2:00-3:00	Children's Activities	Clements Room		Music and Arts Section 14 Oral Communications Puppetry	Weatherby Room
3:00-4:00	Turning Point / Horizon Pre-Test Session #1	Clements Room		Music and Arts Section 15 Oral Communications Group Entries	Nunn Room
5:00-6:30	Children's Banquet	Convention Center Room 117	2:00-3:00	Children's Activities	Clements Room
MONDAY EVENING / July 19			3:00	Truth & Peace Alumni Reunion	Laffoon Room
7:00-8:30	NYC Worship Services Children's Worship Teen Worship	Galt House Hotels Weatherby Room Archibald Room	TUESDAY EVENING / July 20		
8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby	7:00-8:30	NYC Worship Services Children's Worship Teen Worship	Galt House Hotels Weatherby Room Archibald Room
9:30-10:00	NYC Exhibit Area Open	Johnson Room	8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities	Weatherby Room	8:30-10:00	NYC Exhibit Area Open	Johnson Room
9:00-10:30	TEAM Youth Congress	Archibald Room	9:00-10:00	Children's Activities	Weatherby Room
9:00-10:30	Youth Workers' Reception	Convention Center Room 116	9:00-11:00	Youth Banquet	Grand Ballroom
TUESDAY MORNING / July 20			WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 21		
8:00	Morning Devotion	Archibald Room	8:00	Morning Devotion	Archibald Room
8:00	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby	8:00-12:00	Art Gallery	Willis Room
8:00-5:00	Art Gallery	Willis Room	8:00-5:00	NYC Exhibit Area Open	Johnson Room
8:00-6:30	NYC Exhibit Area Open	Johnson Room	8:15	NYC Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Lobby
8:15	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	Galt House Hotels	8:15-10:15	Final Bible Competition	Archibald Room
	Music and Arts Section 8 Instrumental	Archibald Room	10:30-11:30	Turning Point / Horizon Competition	Archibald Room
	Music and Arts Section 9 Vocal Ensembles	Cochran Room	11:30-12:30	NYC Awards Ceremony (Bible, Arts, Writing)	Archibald Room
	Music and Arts Section 10 Keyboard/Instrumental Ensembles	Carroll/Ford Rooms	WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 21		
	Music and Arts Section 11 Oral Communications Group Entries	Nunn Room	1:00-1:30	Involving Your Teens in Missions	Nunn Room
	Music and Arts Section 12 Oral Communications Puppetry	Weatherby Room	1:40-3:00	Youth Workers' Resource Review	Carroll/Ford Rooms
	Bible Bowl	Wilkinson Room	2:00-3:00	Youth Seminar	Wilkinson Room
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Sampson Room	2:00-3:00	Children's Activities	Clements Room
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 6	Laffoon Room	3:00-3:40	Youth Worker Seminars Youth-Based Youth Ministry Creative Children's Ministry	Nunn Room Carroll/Ford Rooms
9:00-10:00	Turning Point / Horizon Pre-Test Session #2	Clements Room	WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 21		
9:30	Bible Memorization Grade 3	Laffoon Room	7:00-8:30	Main Convention Service	Convention Center Halls A - B
			9:00-11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony	Convention Center Halls A - B

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

58th Annual Session / July 19-20, 1993
Commonwealth Convention Center
Louisville, Kentucky

Theme: "The Grace of Giving"
Scripture: Acts 20:35
Hymn: "Something for Thee"
Music Coordinator: Debbie Burden
Organist: Carol Reid
Pianist: Marian Pilgrim
Registration Chairman: Diana Patton

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

1:30	Registration Orientation	Convention Center VIP Suite Cnf. Room
2:00 - 5:00	WNAC Study Committee	Galt House East
3:00	REGISTRATION	Convention Center Main Lobby

MONDAY MORNING / July 19

8:00 - 8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Shawnee Room
9:00 - 11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Hyatt Regency Keeneland Suite
9:00 - 11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Hyatt Regency Cherokee Room

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Hyatt Regency Shawnee Room
1:30 - 2:30	WNAC Seminar Theme: "Giving Yourself" Presiding: Mary Neal Speakers: June Wilkinson Gladys Gragg	Hyatt Regency Regency South
3:00 - 4:00	WNAC State Officers Meeting Presiding: Mary Wisheart	Hyatt Regency Regency South

TUESDAY MORNING / July 20

9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION Presiding: Mary Neal Congregational Singing	Convention Center Halls A - B
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Wisheart



Neal



Spangler

Devotion: Susan Turnbough
Special Music: Terry and Ramona VanWinkle

Welcome: Phyllis York
Credentials Committee Report / Seating of Delegates
Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

Mary R. Wisheart
Creative Arts Awards: Melissa Riddle
Resolutions Committee Report
Study Committee Report
Appreciation Committee Report
Nominating Committee Report: June Rolan

11:10	WNAC MISSIONARY SERVICE	Convention Center Halls A - B
	Congregational Singing Offering Special Music: Donnell Wilson Message: Ron Moore	

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 20

1:30	Congregational Singing Music: Jerry and Marian Pilgrim Registration Committee Report WNAC Special Feature: "Celebrating the Grace of Giving"	Convention Center Halls A - B
3:00	Adjournment	
5:00	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Invocation: Raymond Getz Speaker: Darlene Spangler Benediction: Alton Loveless	Hyatt Regency Regency Ballroom



BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Thank You, Herman . . .

By William W. Evans

The first expression regarding the need for a retirement program for Free Will Baptist workers is lost in our early years of lightly-recorded history. However, references surfaced quickly following our 1935 establishment.

Beginning in 1944 the national Superannuation Board offered a commercial insurance annuity program. The Board managed the infant program with the individual paying half the premiums and the denomination paying half. Soon state and local districts established their own boards, some of which continue today.

On March 22, 1968, chairman of the North Carolina Superannuation Board, Rev. Herman L. Hersey, presented to that state association a new concept. Hersey formulated a plan that won enthusiastic support from other members of the board—Edwin L. Hill, J. R. Hailey, Jr., Jack Forlines and M. V. Avery. The state association adopted the proposal and just as Pharaoh of long ago appointed Joseph, gave Rev. Hersey the responsibility of directing the program.

By December 31, 1968, eleven pastors enrolled in the North Carolina State Retirement Plan. Four of the pastors were joined by their local churches in making regular contributions. When the books closed that year, assets totaled \$680.18.

Rev. Hersey was sharing a vision and visions are not confined by state lines or geographic obstacles. The National Association of Free Will Baptists requested that North

Carolina allow it to adopt the program in July 1969. Brother Hersey was asked to direct the national Retirement Plan.

The first year of the new national Retirement Plan received gifts from our people in 28 states. Twenty-four new participants representing eight states enrolled. Total assets increased to \$11,760.24.

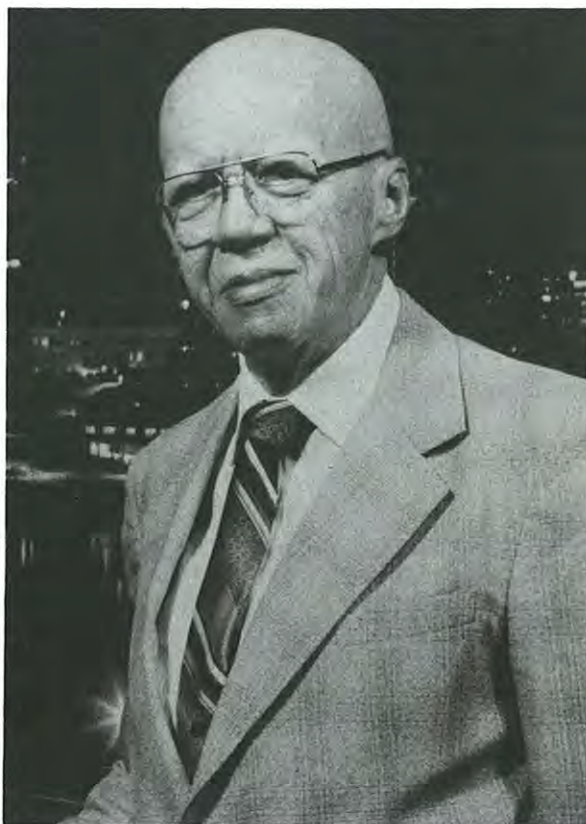
Twenty-three years later when the books closed December 31, 1992, assets surpassed \$10 million with a total of 1,134 participants having been part of the program. Since the plan's beginning, 110 participants have reached retirement age and received benefits.

The present program is the result of Herman L. Hersey's dream and his years of planning, preaching, promoting and pleading since then. During the early years of operation, his vision and reassurance kept the Board on track. Participants presently include foreign missionaries and office staff, Sunday School employees, senior pastors and

associates, church staff and Christian school teachers and evangelists.

On August 1, 1993, Rev. Herman L. Hersey will retire from his role as director at the Board of Retirement and Insurance. His dream has grown beyond many of those who first heard it but the dream goes on.

Thank you, Rev. Hersey, for sharing your dream and helping us provide a retirement program for those who serve us. ■





FOREIGN MISSIONS

If You Could Only Know...

By Mark Cowart

As the bonfire roared in the midst of the people, I felt the intense heat radiating from the flames. We were all singing in the chill of the night as the stars twinkled above us. A crisp, cool breeze caressed the crowd, so only the heat of the fire and the bodies of the huddled singers overcame the chill. But the warmth was not just physical; it was also spiritual.

All faces seemed to be gleaming with happiness and fervor. It appeared as if each person knew everyone. Emotions were running wild deep within me. And these were all about to be shattered by one single thought: Soon I would be leaving this wonderful place.

Logically one might conclude that repeating something for what seemed to be an infinite number of times would cause a person to get accustomed to that particular action. This might be true for most everything in the world, but I have found leaving to be the exception.

For a teenager, it's difficult to be without a place called "home." Oh, I had a home and a wonderful family! But I was not like the average kid, because I was not "from" just one place. So, when people asked, "Where are you from?" I didn't know what to say. Did they want to know where I was born? Where I was living then? Or where I was going to move? Little things like these made me feel as if I didn't have a definite place called home.

Painful Events of the Past

I woke up staring into the fire. This time it wasn't a bonfire at camp but the small fire in our fireplace. Then I realized I was in our living room at home. Well, in America anyway! I had been sitting there in the recliner with my feet propped up, cuddled in a blanket, enjoying the warmth of the fire, as it cast impressions and shadows upon the wall. I had dozed off gazing into the flames



as I pondered events to come. At the same time my mind dwelt on events of the past, events that had been extremely painful for me.

I often wondered why God would put a person through such pain. I know it wasn't the greatest pain felt by anyone, but at that point it surpassed all physical pain I had known. It was the pain and agony of making wonderful, trustworthy friendships—those that could last a thousand and one lifetimes—only to find out I would have to leave them all behind. It sometimes seemed as if the roaring flames of the fire were inside me, consuming my inner being.

Moving Again!

As I write this, it has been three years since the move from my previous "home." These feelings have lain dormant until lately. But a repeat of the same shocking news of three years earlier has rekindled anxieties. We're moving again!

It has taken the entire three years after moving here to get adjusted. You see, moving from place to place brought out the shyness in me. It took me that long to get over my shyness and make new friends. With more friends, just as close or closer than my old friends, I am faced again with the inevitable departure from what I have come to call home.

The only consolation to the dreadful emotions inside me is that I will be going somewhere new, to make more new friends. Then I expect to hear once more, "We have to leave."

But all of this, I'm told, will all work out for the best. It may take time, but surely it will.

I do believe it's true. But sometimes I would just like to tell people how I feel! If people could only know what it is like to be a missionary's kid! Maybe, just maybe, they could pray more effectively for me and other MKs.■

Mark Cowart, 18-year-old son of missionaries Jim and Karen Cowart in Brazil, wrote this article just prior to the Cowarts' return to Brazil in April of 1992.



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Woman's Window on the World

By Mary R. Wisehart

From My Window

"And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor." As I was reading in Oswald Chambers recently, he quoted Isaiah 59:16. Then Chambers asked if we are interceding for anyone and if we talked with God long enough to find out what His heart wants for that one.

"I have you in my heart," Paul wrote to the Philippians in chapter one, verse seven. How warm and loving he felt toward those people, those who had bathed his wounds and taken him in after his jail experience. How Paul must have prayed for that beloved and longed for family in Christ.

Are we interceding for those dear to us? Is there room in our hearts for brothers and sisters in Christ?

Perhaps we should have in our hearts a friend. A relative. A child's teacher in the public school. Our pastor. A missionary.

Somewhere there is a child, an elderly person, a single parent, a teenager who cries out, "Doesn't anyone care?" God is seeking someone to care.

Must God say, "I looked for an intercessor, but I found none"? Or will we make room in our hearts?

Annual Reports Due

State secretaries should get reports to the WNAC office by July 1, 1993, for the annual report. Reports and dues must be in so that delegates may be seated at the convention.

Districts without state organizations and local Auxiliaries should also send reports and dues by July 1.

Treasurers and secretaries should make sure that their reports agree on the number of members and the national dues paid.

Reports should reflect the total number of Auxiliaries and members in Free Will Baptist churches.

Complimentary report forms are available from the WNAC office.

Co-Laborer Has a New Look

Desktop publishing equipment gives a new look to the *Co-Laborer* magazine.

Also the magazine includes some new features, such as the page especially for Actionettes.

If you are not currently a subscriber, check it out.

Write for a sample copy, or better still, send for a subscription. The price is right—\$5.75 for individual subscriptions and \$5 each for bundles of 5 or more to the same address.

The magazine is designed for women and any woman can enjoy and profit from the articles and helps in it.

Send requests for subscriptions to WNAC, P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

Emphasis Month for WNAC

August is emphasis month for WNAC.

Urgent need for funds in 1965 caused Mrs. Pursell to recommend and the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention to designate August as emphasis month. The need is just as urgent in 1993.

August should be marked by special prayer for the national work and a special offering to help with expenses. It should also include making the church aware of the ministry of Woman's Auxiliaries among Free Will Baptist churches.

In 1992 WNAC had to take \$35,000 from its contingency fund to continue operations. Although the budget called for \$20,000, the amount of the Emphasis Month offering was \$17,318.52. Not enough monies have come in to replenish the contingency fund.

The 1993 budget calls for \$24,000 in the Emphasis Offering.

WNAC prepares and mails to each Auxiliary on the mailing list materials for Emphasis Month. Packets include a program with suggestions for promoting, presenting and receiving the offering. ■

TEEN SCENE



The 1993 National Youth Evangelistic Team

This year's National Youth Evangelistic Team is made up of twelve high school students from seven states. These students earned their place on the team by being high scorers at the 1992 National Youth Conference. The team's program, **Take A Stand**, will present a powerful evangelistic message. By combining the music and drama talents of the team members, the presentation will portray what it is like to live a Christian life in high school, while being observed by skeptical onlookers!

This year's tour schedule will feature services in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Be sure to attend a service in your area!



Leslie Brown/TX



Farris Nix/GA



Leslie Raper/AL



John Kannady/OK



Tim Ferguson/IL



Gina Henry/OK



Adam Carnes/AL



Courtney Gray/TX



Monte McKenzie/SC



Lori McCraney/AL



Tyler Brown/IL



Nikki Ford/MS



Thomas Marberry

The Journal of Benjamin Randall

Roy Thomas, editor

(Nashville: Home Missions Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 1993, 183 pp., paperback, \$10.)

This book is a collection of information about the early history of the Randall movement which has been compiled by the staff of the Home Missions Department under the leadership of Dr. Roy Thomas. The material contained in the volume comes from two primary sources.

First, it contains extensive quotations from a journal kept by the First Free Will Baptist Church of New Durham, New Hampshire, the mother church of the Randall movement. The original copy of the journal is still the property of the church in New Durham; it has never been published. A number of the early entries are written in what seems to be Benjamin Randall's own handwriting.

Second, the book contains considerable information which is taken from *The Life of Elder Benjamin Randall* which was written by John Buzzell and published in 1827. Buzzell was Randall's close friend and traveling companion; he as-

sisted Randall in establishing churches in New Hampshire and surrounding states.

The Home Missions Department has done the denomination a great service in publishing this important historical information. The journal kept by the New Durham church is an invaluable source for the study of the early history of the Free Will Baptist movement. The publication of even a part of this journal is an important event. It makes this information available for the first time to people who have an interest in Free Will Baptist history.

The book by Buzzell has been around for many years, and those who have studied the history of our denomination are familiar with it. Copies of the book are, however, very scarce and expensive. Buzzell's biography of Elder Randall is clearly the most important source we have for the early days of our denomination in New England. The publication of this volume by our Home

Missions Department gives most Free Will Baptists their first access to this important early source of historical information.

The early Free Will Baptists were men and women of incredible dedication and commitment to Christ. Their evangelistic efforts won many to Christ and created a new denomination. This volume tells something of their successes and their failures, their strengths and their weaknesses. It helps us to see their lives as they experienced them. Benjamin Randall was certainly not the only one who labored to found our denomination, but he was clearly the most important leader of the infant movement. It would never have been born without him.

It is my hope that additional portions of the journal will be published in the future. In the meantime, get a copy of the *The Journal of Benjamin Randall*. It is available from our Home Missions Department for \$10 per copy postpaid. You will enjoy it. ■

OUR READERS COMMENT

Need More Lay Involvement

I would like to commend Robert J. Morgan on his article, "There's a Better Way," in the March issue. Having been in the Free Will Baptist denomination for 13 years, I have noticed a disturbing trend. At the local conference, state and national conventions all committees are controlled by pastors or ordained ministers.

There are many quality lay people who could help our denomination. Example—Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees is made up almost entirely of pastors. There are many excellent educators in our ranks who could provide input. Not all young people will be ministers or missionaries.

Look at our other boards—Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Board of Retirement. Who are the majority of people on these boards? Pastors.

The majority of the Free Will Baptist denomination are not pastors. Our system does not truly represent the body of believers in our denomination. We have many doctors, educators, accountants, lawyers, bankers and other business lay people.

If we are to succeed as a denomination, we must take another look at the way we are doing our business.

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The Problem With Fathering

The problem with fathering is that the only men with time to do it right are those who did it 25 years ago or those who've never done it but are sure they'd be great at it.

Here's the drill. Just ask any dad. Men who used to father hold all the answers. And what they don't know, men who never have fathered do. The poor schmoo currently fathering 24 hours a day gets lectured by grandmothers, snubbed by his fishing buddies and harrassed by the local PTA.

The current fathers do all they can with what they have under ridiculous circumstances. What they do not need is for some teary-eyed whiner to slip an arm around a shoulder and whisper, "You better enjoy these wonderful years while they last. If I could do it over again . . ."

Do it over again? You gotta be kidding!

That's how I felt when my friend, Axle, said to me, "Jack, I'll bet you wish you'd taken your son fishing more often now that he's married and gone from home."

I thought about it for three seconds and said, "Naw, I never liked drowning worms. You gotta get up too early, drive too far and then argue over who's gonna clean 'em."

Besides, I took him fishing in 1975 at one of those roadside catfish farms where they let you catch all you can pay for. He caught all I could afford after five minutes. I learned right off that fishing can get expensive even if you avoided roadside catfish farms.

There are poles to buy and lures and waders and sinkers and boats and mosquito repellent and nets and stringers. And then you gotta buy a license so the game warden will leave you alone.

If I had it to do over again, I'd tell the boy to run track. Of course, if he did I couldn't have caught him to whip him when he needed it. And he needed it a lot.

Maybe I'd advise him to take up wrestling. Naw, I reckon not, because if he knew more about choke holds than I did, if I had caught him I couldn't have handled him.

If I could do it again, I suppose I'd play more basketball with him. Why? Because the last time I saw him play, he looked like Tommy Lasorda shooting a 15-foot jumper.

The problem with fathering is that you can't do it over, so just do the best you can the first time around. Fathering is like driving a car. There's more to it than rules, speed limits and oil changes. Sooner or later, every father faces a situation he's never read about and has to make decisions by the seat of his pants.

If boys were like Chevrolets they'd come with an owner's manual that told how to stop the loud noises and what to do when they ran rough. Unfortunately, most kids are like VCR's. Even if they came with a manual, you don't know anybody who can program one.

There's more to fathering than reading good books and listening to your parents. The critical issue in fathering that most advice-givers ignore is that it involves a two-year-old who hasn't read the books, doesn't care about the rules and usually can't tell the difference between a good father and a total jerk.

My advice for fathers is to buy your son better toys. No more of those useless fire crackers and dump trucks. Buy the boy a shiny green WeedEater for his birthday. And a bright red lawn mower for Christ-

mas—one with a 4 h.p. Briggs and Stratton engine and a 22" blade.

Convince him it's more fun to wax the car than to wax skis. That the world looks better from atop a ladder with a paintbrush. And why it's more healthy to rise at 4 a.m. to run a paper route than lie around in bed until he smells bacon frying.

Explain why plain sneakers are better for the feet and the finances than \$160 Air Jordans that glow in the dark.

The problem with fathering is that those who worry the most about it aren't in the fathering business. By the time the average father earns his expert badge for fathering, his four-year-old turns six and starts to school, and Dad's behind the eight-ball again.

Fathers and generals have one thing in common—their tactics are flawless for the war and child just fought, but useless for the next one.

Oh, all right. I admit that if I faced the fathering years again there's one thing I'd do without fail. When my son turned 18, I'd take him to Paducah, Kentucky, and introduce him to that pretty, dark-eyed solution to fathering who did in 90 days what I couldn't do in 20 years—She turned a boy into a man.

Fathering. What wonderful agony. All fathers long for the day when they too can speak the words that launch sons into their life's mission, the words that came like thunder, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." ■

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