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Men Be Men

The role and responsibility of men and women continues to change in today's world. Because the media promotes blending and blurring of those roles, clearly defined gender roles seem to have all but disappeared.

The decline of traditional family values can be traced to this changing view of gender roles championed by many in our society. The violence that characterizes the entertainment industry contributes to the dissipation of moral values. Moral absolutes are rejected and every one seems to do that which is right in his own eyes.

Where can we find a balanced view of the role and responsibility of men? The Bible issues a clear challenge for men to be men.

Individual Responsibility

Christian men need to acknowledge the role and responsibility given them by the Lord. When men reject scriptural mandates, it has far-reaching consequences.

For example, when Adam deliberately disobeyed the direct command of the Lord, it affected the individual, family and the whole world. Adam's disobedience plunged the entire human race into sin.

Christian men need to accept their role and responsibility. David encouraged Solomon to "show himself a man." Our world desperately needs strong, solid, stable men who accept their roles from God and impact society.

Christian men need to give allegiance to the Lord. They must do this in spite of fuzzy-minded philosophical, psychological and political trends which bombard them on every

hand. The Bible's timeless truths provide firm direction to Christian men.

Institutional Responsibility

Christian men who are married have an institutional role with a myriad of responsibilities. Christian husbands are exhorted to love their wives as Christ loved the church. This love should be unselfish, untiring and understanding.

Christian husbands are exhorted to live with their wives, "according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that their prayers be not hindered."

Christian husbands are expected to lead their wives. Paul declares, "For the husband is the head of the church . . ." (Eph. 5:23). Husbands are not dictators but leaders. The Bible never justifies abrasive, abusive or autocratic husbands. The headship role of the husband, rather than producing haughtiness, calls

for humility, holiness and honesty.

Christian husbands need to cultivate the art of listening to the advice of their wives. Much marital discord could be averted if husbands took time to listen to their spouses. While there may come a time for toughness, there must be a time for talking, tenderness and for thoughtful reflection.

Christian husbands need to take seriously their responsibility to labor in order to provide for the needs of their families. How tragic to see Christian husbands who will not keep a job and expect their wives to support them.

Involvement Responsibility

Christian men can make a difference by giving themselves to prayer. The Bible admonishes us to pray without ceasing, to pray for all those in authority and to pray with all supplication.

Christian men can make a difference by living a life characterized by purity. God sought for a man to speak for Him in Ezekiel 22, one who would stand in the gap and make up the hedge. He still seeks men to do His bidding.

Christian men can make a difference by maintaining a biblical perspective regarding their role and responsibility. Rather than catch the spirit of the age, men need to seek to change it.

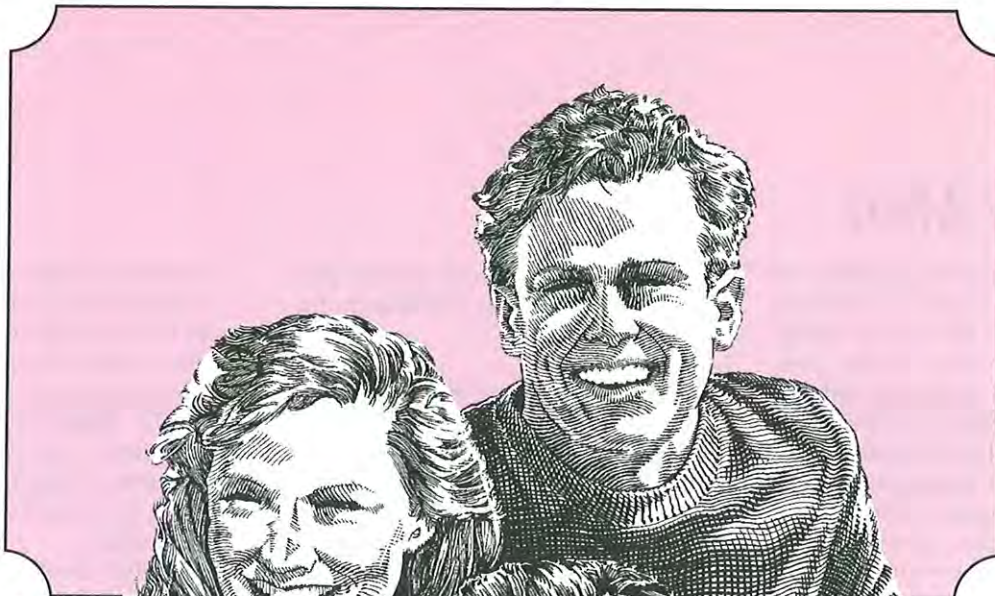
Christian men can make a difference when they participate in church and community events. Taking time to get personally involved provides the opportunity to make a difference. Christian men are unique. They change everything and everyone they touch. ■

The Secretary's Schedule

June 5-6	North Carolina State Association
June 5-8	Missouri State Association
June 7-9	Texas State Association
June 9-10	West Virginia State Association
June 15-16	Virginia State Association
June 16-17	Kentucky State Association
June 22-24	Maryland State Association
June 23-24	Ohio State Association
June 25	Harvest Time FWB Church Sunbury, Ohio
June 25	Urbana FWB Church Urbana, Ohio
June 29- July 2	Atlantic Canada District Association

What God Requires of Fathers

By David Aycock



As I drove my wife, Annette, and our newborn home from the hospital a new world opened to me. It had snowed the night before and the roads demanded cautious driving. I felt a deep sense of responsibility that I had not felt before. The need to drive them safely home coincided with the reality of added responsibility.

After three more children, I am now learning what parenting is all about. The ability to be a father does not come through an earned degree in fatherhood. It is a gift from God. If God allows a man to father a child, He can also enable him to be a good father. Fatherhood is learned by example from our own fathers, from other fathers we respect, trial and error and, most of all, by instructions in the Word of God.

More fathers are taking a greater interest in fatherhood. They are involved in the lives of their children.

They know that they are needed. There are empty spots in the lives of children that only fathers can fill. Proper development of a child calls for a father who invests time in the life of his child.

Qualities God Requires of Fathers

Christian fathers can be grateful that God did not leave us in the dark. There are Bible principles that provide direction. Consider the principles in I Thessalonians 2:10-11 where Paul reminds the Thessalonian believers of his fatherly com-

portment among them (. . . as a father doth his children, v. 11).

The Father's Character

God expects fathers to have character (v. 10). First, we are to live holy lives. Fathers are to be devout, loyal and faithful to God.

Second, we are to be just.

This refers to honest and honorable behavior before our children. One of the most important places to shine for the Lord is in our home behind closed doors.

Third, God expects us to be blameless. The challenge is to live such a life before others that our children will not be ashamed.

The Father's Compassion

The next verse (v. 11) addresses the manner a father relates to his children. A father relates through exhortation. Exhortation deals with our perspective of what is ahead. It is important that a father come alongside his children and encourage them as they approach life's crossroads and decisions.

Fathers also relate through comfort. Our own childhood reminds us of the need to comfort our children.

They need the comforting touch of fathers to reassure them that all is well.

Last, a father relates to his children through charging them. At times fathers must intervene in the lives of their children by making solemn appeals, urging them to take certain actions that are best for them.

Application of Those Qualities

The Word of God provides principles that when properly applied produce lasting results. There are practical ways that the above principles on fatherhood can strengthen the father's relationship with his children.

Affirmation

We can provide affirmation for our children. They need to know that they are important and have great value. I was watching the news one evening with one of my daughters. A commercial advertised a large jackpot for the winning number at a local grocery store. My daughter said, "It would be great if we could win!"

I told her, "We already won!"

She looked at me, puzzled, and asked, "When?"

I responded, "The day you were born!"

She smiled. Then she gave me a hug and cuddled in my arms. Affirming words and actions mean the world to our children. They want to know they are loved and that they hold a special place in our hearts.

Affection

We must provide affection. Everybody wants to be loved. If we do not provide affection to our children, someone else will. We often tell our children, "Don't ever get too big for hugs and kisses!" When a family member needs extra attention, we call "group hugs!"

Spiritual Nutrition

We must provide spiritual nutrition for our children. The most effective way to provide nutrition is through our example. This includes personal life, family life, church life

and outreach life. Values such as a personal relationship with God, purity, marital permanency, worship and involvement in church, and sharing the gospel are crucial.

Lack of correction and discipline in our homes cripples society. Correction is a sign of love (Proverbs 3:12; Hebrews 12:9). If we balance our correction with affirmations of love, there is less danger of exasperating our children (see Ephesians 6:4). It is important to choose words and actions that appeal to their sense of right and wrong.

A few months ago, I tried to correct one of my children

with a smart remark. I told her, "Act like an Aycock!"

"I am," she replied.

Protection

We need to provide protection for children. Our complicated society with its diminishing moral values causes much concern.

Children need to know there are dangers they must avoid. Younger children do not need detailed explanations. Offer precautions that can avert harm. For example, our children are not allowed to open the door to our home when someone is knocking.

Education

One crucial decision a father will make, along with his wife, is the kind of education the children will receive. This is a serious issue. There is a battle for the minds of our children. We can no longer sit idly by and let others make critical educational decisions for them.

I place high value in making sure

our children receive godly education. Among the options available, my wife and I chose to home school our children.

Vocation

The choice of a vocation is a difficult decision for children. They need our support. We can instill in their hearts that the will of God is the most important thing in the world to accomplish.

One day as my son played with a doctor's play kit, my wife asked him what he wanted to be when he got bigger.

He said, "A doctor."

Then she asked him how many children he was going to have.

He said, "Twelve."

Conclusion

Ultimately, our children must decide whether to practice or reject all that we have instilled in their lives. It is not a simple input/output proposition.

Real success as a father is looking back over the years with assurance that you did what you could to lead them into a positive relationship with the Lord.

If the outcome for your child is what you hoped and prayed for, get on your knees and thank God for His grace! ■



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Reaching *Generation*

X

By Michael Wade



Much has been written about reaching the Baby Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1965) with the gospel of Christ, but those belonging to what is now popularly called Generation X (those born from the mid-sixties to mid-eighties) have some characteristics all their own.

It should not be surprising in lieu of the legacy left them by the Baby Boomers that Generation X is largely void of moral absolutes. A generation has been indoctrinated with the idea that humankind are the result of the godless process of evolution rather than the image of the Creator God.

Because of this indoctrination, value for human life has been greatly diminished and value for animal life has been greatly enhanced. In the United States of America, a person can be

sent to prison for destroying the egg of a bald eagle, but can become wealthy for destroying human infants in the wombs of their mothers.

It, therefore, should not be surprising that many of Generation X have little regard for human life. We can read daily in our newspapers of murders and rapes committed by teenagers and even pre-teens.

To many of them, questions of right and wrong are largely dictated by circumstance or situation. Surveys indicate that cheating in high schools and college is commonplace. While drinking, drugs and sexual promiscuity are not new problems, they continue at an alarming rate among the young.

Generation X is in position to reap the consequences of the ill-fated philosophies of their predecessors. The sexual revolution of the sixties and seventies has left its hideous results for the X-es to contend with. Venereal disease is not only rampant but new diseases increasingly worse are appearing which are not only frightening but deadly.

The "Me First" philosophy of the Baby Boomers has also impacted Generation X and left them deeply wounded. Divorce has been common among the parents of Generation X as many parents left their homes to "find themselves" or to

"do what was best for them."

According to the 1993 *Information Almanac*, in 1990, some 16 million young people lived in single parent households. This figure rose 39 percent in just one decade. The vast majority of these single adult households are headed by women, indicating that more young people are growing up without close contact with their fathers.

Many will quickly come to the defense of Generation X by pointing to young people they personally know who do not fit the descriptions given above. This writer is most certainly aware of the fact that there are many fine Christian young people in our churches whose lives have been influenced for good by the preaching of the gospel of Christ.

Since Christ Himself stated that He came not to call the righteous but the unrighteous to repentance, and since it is the sick that need a physician and not those who are well, the remainder of this article addresses taking the gospel message to the unchurched.

The problem we face is to take the unchanging truth to a rapidly changing society. If at this point you are hoping to hear some wonderful new approach that will cause your church to be flooded with new converts from Generation X, you can be excused from reading the remainder of the article.

The following suggestions are not new but have been available and successful in reaching people in every generation from the time of Christ.

The Preaching of the Cross I Corinthians 1:18, 21

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

God-anointed preaching is needed if today's church is to reach this generation. Powerful, soul-saving preaching has always relied on what God has said, not what man thinks. Far too many preachers use the pulpit as a

soapbox to declare their personal opinions and pet peeves.

If Generation X is to be convinced to adopt moral absolutes regarding right and wrong, preachers must stand in the pulpit and proclaim God's truth without apology. Pulpit preaching, however, will only impact and convict those of the younger generation who will enter the doors of the church.

The Witness of Believers Acts 1:8

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

Jesus did not indicate that the world would come to the church, but did command that the church go into the world (Matt. 28:19-20).

With so many false witnesses in the world, how will Generation X know who are Christ's?

"By this shall all men [including Generation X] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

Today's youth, like generations before them, are turned off by hypocrisy in the church. Churches whose congregations and denominations whose pastors cannot overcome trivial bickering and backbiting should not be surprised when their evangelistic efforts bear little fruit.

The X-ers will respond to those who are doers of the Word and not hearers only.

The Message John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

For many in Generation X, the concept of a loving concerned father is foreign, but for that very reason it is also appealing. The message that God loves them and wishes to have a personal relationship with them through His Son is a message that today's youth desperately need to hear and to which many will respond.

They must also be warned of the eternal consequences of sin. Recent polls indicate that very few of today's

younger generation believe in eternal Hell fire. With conviction and concern, they must be convinced that Hell is real, more horrible than they can imagine and that without Christ they will spend eternity there.

The gospel provides answers for a generation to which the foundational questions of life: Who am I? Why am I here? and Where am I going? either go unanswered or are given such shallow answers as: I am a process of evolution, I am here to gain wealth and fame, and I will go to a grave, nothing more.

The gospel provides answers of substance: I am God's creation, made in His image; I am here to glorify and serve a Holy God, and I can receive Christ and spend eternity in Heaven with God.

The bleak condition of society today must not cause the church to lock herself in her buildings and wait for the Savior's return. The church must run with boldness and last minute urgency into the highways and byways and compel Generation X to come in! ■

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Directory Update

GEORGIA

Fred Lockwood to First Church, Jesup

Philip Jones to Piney Grove Church, Bristol

Larry Powell to Ebenezer Church, Glennville from Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville, TN

ILLINOIS

Bill Crank to Bethel Church, South Roxana

OHIO

Les Dean to First Church, Clyde

Tim Simpson to Oak Hill Church, Oak Hill from Coalton Church, Wellston

TENNESSEE

Taylor Scarborough to West Greene Church, Mosheim from East Sweetwater Church, Sweetwater

OTHER PERSONNEL

Brian Tippet to Peace Church, Wilson, NC, as youth director from Great Bridge Church, Chesapeake, VA, as youth director

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Roger Harwell
Missouri



Jim Turnbough
North Carolina



Keith Burden
Oklahoma



William Evans
Tennessee



James Munsey
Mexico

Theme: *Revive the Redeemed*

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Music Coordinator: Randy Sawyer
Organist: Jerry Carraway
Pianist: Terri Siebert
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SUNDAY MORNING / July 16

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Adults)	Convention Center Hall-C
	Presiding: Thurmon Murphy Song Service: Richard Davis Music: The Sadler Family Adult Teacher: Wendell Leckbee	
10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Youth)	Convention Center
	Children's Class (Grades 1-3)	Room 213 A/B
	Tweener's Class (Grades 4-6)	Room 213 C/D
	Teen Class	Ballroom C/D
10:45	Intermission	
11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Adults)	Convention Center Hall-C
	Presiding: Thurmon Murphy Song Service: Richard Davis Music: The Sadler Family Offertory: The Sadler Family MESSAGE: Roger Harwell	

11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Youth)	Convention Center
	Children's Church	Room 213 A/B
	Tweener Church	Room 213 C/D
	Teen Church	Ballroom C/D

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 16

1:00	Early Registration (Pre-registered only)	Convention Center College Street Concourse
1:30	Registration Orientation	Convention Center Room 101
3:00	REGISTRATION for National Convention, WNAC and NYC	Convention Center College Street Concourse
5:00	Usher Orientation	Convention Center Room 104
5:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C

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7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: Nuel Brown Song Service: Dick Martin Music: Gospeliers Quartet Offertory: Florida Ministers Quartet Solo: Lawrence Taylor MESSAGE: Jim Turnbough	Convention Center Hall-C
7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES (See NYC Program)	Convention Center

8:30	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center College Street Concourse
9:00-10:00	NYC Judges' Reception	Convention Center Room 211
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities	Convention Center Room 207 A/B
9:00-10:00	Tweener Activities	Convention Center Room 207 C/D
9:00-11:00	Hall of Adventure (Open to Youth)	Convention Center 2nd Floor Registration Concourse

MONDAY MORNING / July 17

7:30	General Board Breakfast	Radisson Plaza Hotel Poplar/Magnolia Rooms
8:00-8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Omni Hotel Ardrey Room
8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center College Street Concourse
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 104
9:00-11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Omni Hotel Caldwell Room
9:00-11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Omni Hotel Morehead Executive Boardroom
9:00-12:00	GENERAL BOARD CONVENES	Radisson Plaza Hotel Birch / Willow Rooms

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 17

12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Omni Hotel Ardrey Room
1:00	NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
1:30	General Board Reconvenes	Radisson Plaza Hotel Birch/Willow Rooms
1:30-2:30	WNAC Seminar (See WNAC Program)	Omni Hotel Charlotte/Mecklenburg Rooms
2:00	Children's Activities	Convention Center Room 207
3:00	Exhibit Area Opens	Convention Center Hall-B
3:00-4:00	WNAC State Officers Meeting (See WNAC Program)	Omni Hotel Charlotte/Mecklenburg
3:00-5:00	Free Will Baptist Camp Meeting Speaker: Roy Thomas	Convention Center Hall-C
5:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C

5:00-6:30	Children's Banquet	Convention Center Ballroom-B
6:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C

MONDAY EVENING / July 17

6:55	Special Music: Called to Praise	
7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Hall-C
	Presiding: Tom Lilly Song Service: Bill Gardner Session Called to Order and Moderator Introduced: Waldo Young, Clerk Appointment of Committee on Committees: Ralph Hampton, Moderator Welcome to Charlotte: Tom Lilly Promotional Director, North Carolina Association Mass Adult Choir: Doug Little, Director Offertory: Men's Trio Special Music: Men's Trio MESSAGE: Keith Burden	
7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
8:30	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C
8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall-B
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center College Street Concourse
9:00-10:00	Board of Retirement Information Meeting	Omni Hotel Walker Room
9:00-10:30	NYC Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
9:00-10:30	Youth Workers' Reception	Convention Center Rooms 211/212
9:00-10:30	Hall of Adventure (Open to Children)	Convention Center 2nd Floor Registration Concourse
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	

TUESDAY MORNING / July 18

7:30-8:30	State Promotional Personnel Breakfast	Omni Hotel Ardrey Room
8:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center College Street Concourse
9:00	WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST (See WNAC Program) Presiding: Mary Neal	Convention Center Hall-C
9:00-11:00	Pastors' Conference	Radisson Plaza Hotel Grand Ballroom
9:00	Presiding: Charles Thigpen Speaker: Norman Geisler	
10:00	Presiding: Charles Thigpen Speaker: Norman Geisler	

9:00	Master's Men Board Meeting Morehead Executive Boardroom	Omni Hotel
10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall-B
11:10	WNAC Missionary Service Speaker: Steve Lytle	Convention Center Hall-C

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

12:00-1:30	Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon	Omni Hotel Charlotte Hall
1:00	NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
1:30	WNAC Reconvenes (See WNAC Program)	Convention Center Hall-C
1:30-3:00	Theological Trends Seminar Speaker: Robert Picirilli Subject: "Are Modern Translations the Word of God?"	Omni Hotel Carolina Hall
1:30-3:00	Music Commission Seminar	Omni Hotel Mecklenburg Room
2:00-4:00	Master's Men Congress Presiding: James Vallance	Radisson Plaza Hotel Poplar Room
4:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C
5:00	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C
5:00-6:45	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Speaker: Mabel Willey	Convention Center Ballroom-C

TUESDAY EVENING / July 18

6:55	Special Music: Combined College Groups	Convention Center Hall-C
7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: Jeff Crabtree Song Service: Randy Sawyer Music: Mini-concert with Combined College Groups Offertory: Combined College Groups Solo: Susan Hiltibital MESSAGE: William Evans	Convention Center Hall-C
7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
8:30	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C
8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall-B
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center College Street Concourse
9:00-11:00	NYC Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
9:00-11:00	Youth Banquet	Convention Center Ballroom A/B
9:00-11:00	Hall of Adventure (Open to Youth Workers and Adults)	Convention Center 2nd Floor Reg. Concourse
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 19

7:00-8:30	Music Ministries Breakfast	Convention Center Room 210 A/B
7:30	State Leaders Breakfast	Omni Hotel Carolina South Room
8:00-12:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center College Street Concourse
8:15-10:15	NYC Competitive Finals (Bible Competition)	Convention Center Ballroom C/D
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	Convention Center Hall-C
	REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (Board members elected at conclusion of each report.) Executive Office: Melvin Worthington Free Will Baptist Bible College: Tom Malone Foreign Missions: Eugene Waddell Sunday School and Church Training: Alton Loveless Free Will Baptist Foundation: William Evans	
10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall-B
11:30-12:30	NYC Awards Ceremony (See NYC Program)	Convention Center Ballroom C/D
12:00 Noon	REGISTRATION CLOSES	

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

12:00-1:15	Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon	Convention Center Ballroom-B
1:00	NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
1:30	CONVENTION BUSINESS RECONVENES Scripture Reading and Prayer Assistant Moderator: Carl Cheshier	Convention Center Hall-C
1:35	REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued) Home Missions: Roy Thomas Master's Men: James Vallance Board of Retirement: William Evans Commission for Theological Integrity: Leroy Forlines Radio-Television Commission: Steve Faison Music Commission: Vernon Whaley Historical Commission: Mary Wisehart	
3:30	General Board Final Report Partial Report of Nominating Committee Election of General Board Members	Convention Center Hall-C
4:00	Business Session Recessed	
4:00	Men's Chorale Rehearsal (Or immediately following business session)	Convention Center Hall-C
4:30	Southeastern FWB College Dinner	Convention Center Ballroom-C
4:45	Master's Men Dinner Speaker: Cliff Donoho	Convention Center Ballroom-B

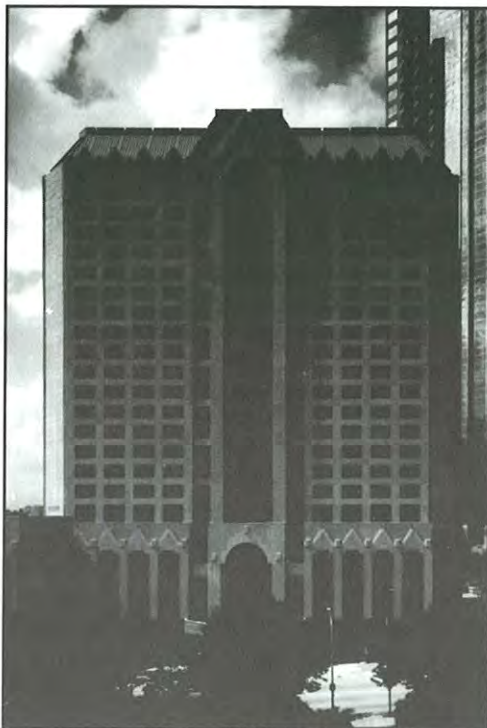
5:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C
6:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Hall-C

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 19

6:55	Special Music: First FWB Church Quartet (Gastonia, NC)	Convention Center Hall-C
7:00-9:00	WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: Melvin Worthington Song Service: Danny Baer Recognition of Missionaries: Roy Thomas/Eugene Waddell Special Music: The Sadler Family Missions Offering: Melvin Worthington Offertory: Instrumental Ensemble Special Music: Men's Chorale Solo: Bill Gardner MESSAGE: James Munsey	Convention Center Hall-C
8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall-B
9:00-11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony (Bible/Music/Oral Communications)	Convention Center Hall-C
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	

THURSDAY MORNING / July 20

7:30-9:00	Sunday School Board Breakfast	Omni Hotel Ardrey Room
9:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Hall-B
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 Committee - Budget Committee - Ministerial Family Life Committee: Leroy Forlines - Addiction Recovery Committee: LaVerne Miley - Cross-Cultural Ministries Committee: Melvin Worthington - Obituary Committee - Resolutions Committee Nominating Committee Final Report Election of General Officers	Convention Center Hall-C
11:45	Adjournment	
12:15	Exhibits Closed (30 minutes after convention adjournment)	



**Omni Charlotte
Headquarters Hotel**



**LOCAL CHURCH DELEGATE CREDENTIALS
—1995—**

THIS CERTIFIES THAT _____
is a duly authorized delegate to the National Association of Free Will
Baptists from _____ FWB Church.
_____ of _____, _____
(District Association) (City) (State)
_____ OR _____
(Pastor) (Church Clerk)

IMPORTANT: This form properly signed and accompanied by a \$25 registration fee entitles a local church delegate to register for voting privileges.

National Youth Conference

28th Annual Conference / July 16-20, 1995

New Charlotte Convention Center / Charlotte, North Carolina

Theme: "We Can Make a World of Difference"

Conference Director: Dean Jones

Conference Coordinator: Donald Myers

Children's Coordinator: Lisa Jones

Conference Office Manager: June McVay

Conference Registration Coordinator: Jill Pointer

Youth Service Music Coordinator: Mark Stripling

Tweener Service Music Coordinator: David Huett

Children's Service Coordinators: Darryn and Lisa McGee

NYC Office: New Charlotte Convention Center / 215

Practice Room: New Charlotte Convention Center / 201-A

Prayer Room: New Charlotte Convention Center / 204

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



Dean Jones



Don Myers

All NYC activities will take place in the New Charlotte Convention Center. Therefore, only room identifications are listed in the NYC program.

SUNDAY MORNING / July 16

9:30-9:45	Morning Devotion	
10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	Children's Class (Grades 1-3) Teacher: Brad Hanna	213 A/B
	Tweener's Class (Grades 4-6) Teacher: Bruce Bennett	213 C/D
	Teen Class Making a Difference at School Teacher: Mike Trimble	Ballroom C/D
10:45	Intermission	
11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP	
	Children's Worship Speaker: Joey Wilson	213 A/B
	Tweener Worship Speaker: Greg Cleveland	213 C/D
	Teen Worship Making a Difference at Home Speaker: Christian Powell	Ballroom C/D

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 16

12:15	NYC Personnel Luncheon	211/212
3:00	Registration	College Street Concourse
4:00	Turning Point / Horizon Pre-test Session #1	209/210

SUNDAY EVENING / July 16

7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES	
	Children's Worship Speaker: Bruce Bennett	213 A/B
	Tweener Worship Speaker: Joey Wilson	213 C/D
	Teen Worship Making a Difference at Church Speaker: Toby Youngblood	Ballroom C/D
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	College Street Concourse
9:00-10:00	NYC Judges' Reception	211
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities	207 A/B
9:00-10:00	Tweener Activities	207 C/D
9:00-11:00	Hall of Adventure (Open to Youth)	2nd Floor Registration Concourse

MONDAY MORNING / July 17

8:00	Registration Continues	College Street Concourse
8:00-5:00	Art Gallery Open	216
8:00-6:30	NYC Exhibit Area Open	218/219
8:15	Morning Devotion	Ballroom C/D
8:30	NYC Assemblies (Required of ALL Competitors- Entries and Coaches)	
	Music and Arts Assembly	Ballroom C/D
	Bible Bowl	217-D

	Bible Tic-Tac-Toe	217 B/C
	Sword Drill/Memorization	217-A
9:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	
	Music and Arts Section 1 Keyboard	Ballroom C/D
	Music and Arts Section 2 Vocal Ensembles	Ballroom A/B
	Music and Arts Section 3 Oral Communications Individual Entries	213 A/B
	Music and Arts Section 4 Oral Communications Poetry / Prose	213 C/D
	Bible Bowl	217-D
	Bible Tic-Tac-Toe	217 B/C
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 4	217-A
10:00	Bible Memorization Grade 1	217-A
10:00-11:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth</i>	Your Legal Rights on Your High School Campus / Speaker: Michael Hollifield	207 A/B
<i>Youth/ Adults</i>	Introduction to Clowning Speaker: James Sadler	203
<i>Children</i>	How to Be a Missionary Without Leaving Home	202
<i>Youth Workers</i>	Counseling Young People Speaker: Eddie Moody	201-B
11:00-12:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth</i>	Peer Counseling Speaker: Neil Gilliland	207 A/B
<i>Children</i>	Basic First Aid	202

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 17

1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	
	Music and Arts Section 5 Vocal Solos - Male	Ballroom C/D
	Music and Arts Section 6 Vocal Trios	Ballroom A/B
	Music and Arts Section 7 Vocal Quintets	213 A/B
	Music and Arts Section 8 Duet Acting	213 C/D
	Bible Bowl	217-D
	Bible Tic-Tac-Toe	217 B/C
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 5	217-A
1:00-2:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth</i>	Science and the Bible Speaker: Ryan Long	207 A/B
<i>Children</i>	Children's Choir Workshop Speakers: Darryn and Lisa McGee	202
<i>Youth Workers</i>	Dealing with Problem Kids Speaker: Eddie Moody	201-B
1:00-5:00	Hall of Adventure	2nd Floor Registration Concourse

2:00-3:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth Workers</i>	Women in Youth Ministry Speaker: Pam Cariker	201-B
<i>Children</i>	Creative Bible Adventures Speaker: Jeff Nichols	202
2:00	Bible Memorization Grade 2	217-A
2:00-3:00	Children's Activities	207
2:00-5:00	Making a Difference in Charlotte	209/210
3:30-4:30	Turning Point/Horizon / Pre-Test Session #2	209/210
5:00-6:30	Children's Banquet	Ballroom B

MONDAY EVENING / July 17

7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES	
	Children's Worship Speaker: Bruce Bennett	213 A/B
	Tweener Worship Speaker: Brad Hanna	213 C/D
	Teen Church Making a Difference in Your Community Speaker: Terry VanWinkle	Ballroom C/D
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	College Street Concourse
8:30-10:00	NYC Exhibit Area Open	218/219
9:00-10:30	M.A.D. Concert	203
9:00-10:30	Youth Workers' Reception	211/212
9:00-10:30	Hall of Adventure (Open to Children)	2nd Floor Registration Concourse

TUESDAY MORNING / July 18

8:00	Morning Devotion	Ballroom C/D
8:00	Registration Continues	College Street Concourse
8:00-5:00	Art Gallery	216
8:00-6:30	NYC Exhibit Area Open	218/219
8:15	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	
	Music and Arts Section 9 Vocal Solo - Female	Ballroom C/D
	Music and Arts Section 10 Vocal Quartets	Ballroom A/B
	Music and Arts Section 11 Keyboard/Instrumental Solo	213 A/B
	Music and Arts Section 12 Oral Communications Skits (A - C)	208-A
	Music and Arts Section 13 Oral Communications Puppetry (Live) / Reader's Theater	208-B
	Bible Bowl	217-D
	Bible Tic-Tac-Toe	217 B/C
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 6	217-A
9:00-12:00	Turning Point / Horizon Play Off Rounds	209/210

9:30	Bible Memorization Grade 3	217-A
10:00-11:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth</i>	Learn to Discern Speaker: Ken Cash	207 A/B
<i>Youth/ Adults</i>	Intro. to Clowning / Part 2 Speaker: James Sadler	203
<i>Children</i>	How to Talk to God	202
<i>Youth Workers</i>	Counseling Young People / Part 2 Speaker: Eddie Moody	201
11:00-12:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth</i>	Peer Counseling / Part 2 Speaker: Neil Gilliland	207A/B
<i>Children</i>	Introduction to Photography Speaker: Bert Tippet	202

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	
	Music and Arts Section 14 Chorales	Ballroom C/D
	Music and Arts Section 15 Choirs	Ballroom A/B
	Music and Arts Section 16 Oral Communications Puppetry (Recorded)	208-B
	Music and Arts Section 17 Instrumental Ensembles Brass Solos	213 C/D
	Music and Arts Section 18 Oral Communications Skits (D - F)	208-A
1:00-2:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth</i>	Science and the Bible / Part 2 Speaker: Ryan Long	207 A/B
<i>Children</i>	Children's Choir Workshop Speakers: Darryn and Lisa McGee	202
<i>Youth Workers</i>	The Art of Storytelling Speaker: Frank Owens	201
1:00-5:00	Hall of Adventure	2nd Floor Registration Concourse
2:00-3:00	M.A.D. Session	
<i>Adults</i>	Basic Balloon Animals Speaker: James Sadler	203
2:00-5:00	Making a Difference in Charlotte	209/210
3:30	Truth & Peace Alumni Reunion	209

TUESDAY EVENING / July 18

7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES	
	Children's Worship Speaker: Greg Cleveland	213 A/B
	Tweener Worship Speaker: Bruce Bennett	213 C/D
	Teen Worship Making a Difference in Your World Speaker: Rick Amato	Ballroom C/D
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	College Street Concourse

8:30-10:00	NYC Exhibit Area Open	218/219
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities	207 A/B
9:00-10:00	Tweener Activities	207 C/D
9:00-11:00	Youth Banquet	Ballroom A/B
9:00-11:00	Hall of Adventure (Open to Youth Workers and Adults)	2nd Floor Registration Concourse

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 19

8:00	Morning Devotion	Ballroom C/D
8:00-12:00	Art Gallery	216
8:00-5:00	NYC Exhibit Area Open	218/219
8:00	Registration Continues	College Street Concourse
8:15-10:15	Final Bible Competition	Ballroom C/D
10:00-11:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth</i>	But I Don't Want to Be a Missionary	207 A/B
<i>Youth/ Adults</i>	Intro. to Clowning / Part 3 Speaker: James Sadler	203
<i>Children</i>	How to Invite Your Friends to Church Speaker: Jeff Nichols	202
<i>Youth Workers</i>	Counseling Young People / Part 3 Speaker: Eddie Moody	201
10:30-11:30	Turning Point / Horizon Final Competition	Ballroom C/D
11:00-12:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth</i>	Peer Counseling / Part 3 Speaker: Neil Gilliland	207 A/B
<i>Youth Workers</i>	How to Start a Campus Ministry Speaker: Michael Hollifield	201-B
11:30-12:30	NYC Awards Ceremony (Creative Arts & Creative Writing)	Ballroom C/D

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 19

1:00-2:00	M.A.D. Sessions	
<i>Youth</i>	Science and the Bible / Part 3 Speaker: Ryan Long	207 A/B
<i>Youth Workers</i>	Teaching a Bible Study Your Kids Won't Forget Speaker: Ken Cash	201-A
2:00-3:00	M.A.D. Session	
<i>Youth Workers</i>	Simple Gospel Illusions Speaker: James Sadler	203
2:00-5:00	Making a Difference in Charlotte	209/210

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 19

7:00-8:30	COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE	Exhibit Hall-C
8:50-9:00	Children's Choir Presentation	Exhibit Hall-C
9:00-11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony (Bible/Music/Oral Communications)	Exhibit Hall-C

Women Nationally Active for Christ

60th Annual Session / July 16-18, 1995
 New Charlotte Convention Center
 Charlotte, North Carolina

Theme: "Great and Mighty Things Through Prayer"
Scripture: Jeremiah 33:3
Hymn: "Call on Me"
Music Coordinator: Pat Carpenter Zeigler
Organist: Susan Ervin
Pianist: Carolyn Riddick
Registration Chairman: Betty Hill



Steve Lytle



Mary Wisheart



Mabel Willey

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 16

1:30 Registration Orientation Convention Center Room 101
 3:00 Registration Convention Center College Street Concourse

MONDAY MORNING / July 17

8:00-8:45 WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast Omni Hotel Ardrey Room
 9:00-11:00 WNAC Nominating Committee Omni Hotel Caldwell Room
 9:00-11:45 WNAC Executive Committee Morehead Executive Boardroom Omni Hotel

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 17

12:00-12:45 WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon Omni Hotel Ardrey Room
 1:30-2:30 WNAC Seminar Theme: *Great and Mighty Things Through Prayer* Charlotte/Mecklenburg Rooms Presiding: Mary Neal Speaker: Pam Wood
 3:00-4:00 WNAC State Officers Meeting Presiding: Mary R. Wisheart Charlotte/Mecklenburg Rooms Omni Hotel

Tuesday Morning / July 18

9:00 **WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST** Convention Center Hall-C

Presiding: Mary Neal
 Congregational Singing
 Devotion: Tanya Hart
 Special Music: Jamie and Lange Patrick
 Welcome: Joanne King
 Creative Arts Awards: Suzanne Franks
 Credentials Committee Report / Seating of Delegates
 Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Mary R. Wisheart
 Resolutions Committee Report
 Appreciation Committee Report
 Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers

11:10 **WNAC MISSIONARY SERVICE** Convention Center Hall-C
 Congregational Singing
 Offering
 Offertory: Cramerton Ladies Handbell Choir
 Special Music: Patricia Zeigler
 Message: Steve Lytle

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 18

1:30 Congregational Singing Convention Center Hall-C
 Music: Cramerton Christian Academy Girls Quartet
 Registration Committee Report
 WNAC Special Feature: "Incense on the Altar" Lorene Miley and Laura Thigpen with Missionaries
 3:00 Adjournment
 5:00 WNAC Fellowship Dinner Convention Center Ballroom-C
 Invocation: Dwight Fletcher
 Speaker: Mabel Willey
 Benediction: Mabel Willey

CURRENTLY...

Pastor **Curtis Booth** welcomed 19 new members at **Gahanna FWB Church, Gahanna, OH**. He also baptized three converts and hopes to lead the congregation to become debt-free in 1995.

After 10 Spanish-speaking converts joined **Santa Paula FWB Church in Santa Paula, CA**, members began a \$1,200 project to purchase headphones for translation purposes. The project was so well-received that the group raised \$1,450. **Francis Boyle** serves as interim pastor.

Pastor **Brian Phillips** reports six conversions, six baptisms, two rededications and five new members at **Wyandotte FWB Church in Mansfield, OH**.

When **Trinity FWB Church** near **Hamburg, AR**, called **Mike Hutsell** as pastor, Sunday School attendance was less than 30. Nine months later, the church reports 51 baptisms and 79 new members. Pastor Hutsell baptized 33 converts in a two-week period in December 1994. Sunday School attendance surged to 108 and worship attendance to 180. The church started a Christian school with 39 students last fall and expect to double that this year.

Pleasant Hill FWB Church in Delaware, OH, added six new members and reported 11 conversions. **Lucian Baker** pastors.

Retired **Arkansas** FWB minister **Lawnie Coffman** attended the 43rd annual national prayer breakfast hosted by President and Mrs. Bill Clinton. Some 4,000 people from all 50 states and 170 nations participated in the February 2 event at Washington's Hilton Hotel.

Ohio evangelist **Clovis Vanover** conducted 34 revivals in 1994. He reports 317 professions of faith.

Arkansas' Northwest Association is underwriting the building lease, utilities and related expenses for a new mission work in **Shell Knob, MO**. **Charlie Jamison** serves as missionary pastor. The mission leased a three-acre site with four buildings.

Pastor **Mike Mounts** issued 18 certificates to individuals completing a teacher training course. He leads **Westerville FWB Church in Westerville, OH**.

Hendersonville FWB Church sponsored a one-day Bible conference on March 28. Father and son preachers, **Raymond** and **Ken Riggs**, preached. **Eddie Hodges** pastors the **Tennessee** church.

Construction began in April on a new educational wing, gymnasium, office and prophet's closet at **Newark FWB Church in Newark, OH**. **Robert Bryant** pastors. The church also reports four conversions, four baptisms and 19 new members.

They're debt-free at **First FWB Church in Pontiac, MI**. Pastor **David McGowan** and congregation surpassed their \$8,500 goal on March 5, with more funds still coming in.

Oklahoma's Greater Tulsa Association honored retiring pastor **J. C. Morgan** in January. In Brother Morgan's final pastorate, he led the **Lawnwood FWB Church in Tulsa** for 23 years. He retired to Bixby.

Former **Oklahoma** executive secretary **Lonnie DeVault** was honored January 15 for 45 years of service. **Charity FWB Church in Choctaw** where DeVault pastors, dedicated The DeVault Education Building on January 29 in honor of the DeVaults.

Some 235 **Oklahoma** teens and youth workers met at Fountainhead Resort on Lake Eufala for a two-day conference featuring fellowship and Christian living.

Pastor **Henry Van Kluyve** reports a record attendance at the missionary conference sponsored by **First FWB Church in Beaufort, NC**. The group also agreed to record faith-promise giving for 1995 of \$20,197. The church adopted and regularly supports 10 foreign and six home missionaries.

Members of **Philadelphia FWB Church in Clinton Township, MI**, sponsored a Pastor Appreciation Day for Pastor and Mrs. **Gene Norris**. In addition to a generous love offering, the church arranged for the Norrises to spend a week in a Florida condo.

Pastor **Stuart Snow** reports seven conversions, four new members and a new converts class with 13 in attendance at **High Point FWB Church in**

Lancaster, SC. The church also raised \$8,100 to install new carpet.

They do things right at **Kirby FWB Church in Taylor, MI**. Just ask Pastor **Mike Trimble**. More than 280 people showed up for Pastor Appreciation Day to honor Pastor Trimble. Members roasted him good-naturedly, performed a skit and then gave him a set of golf clubs, bag and accessories. Other gifts enabled the Trimbles to purchase an oak dining room table. Later, the church sponsored Snowblast '95, a retreat for Michigan youth. Seventy-five people attended.

North Carolina FWB Youth Board formulated a plan to raise \$100,000 for the state and national mission projects. **Ken Cash**, board chairman, said the effort is in response to the challenge presented by Arkansas youth at the 1994 national convention. The target completion date to raise the \$100,000 is the July national convention.

Here's another \$100,000 project. Members of **Townsend FWB Church in Townsend, DE**, plan to raise \$100,000 over the next year for their building fund. Pastor **Richard Atwood** said that half the amount has already been committed.

Things changed at **Warner Robbins FWB Church in Warner Robbins, GA**, after the church called **Forrest McCard** as pastor. Nine new members joined. The group organized a Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary and a youth program.

For more than 40 years **E. A. "Junior"** and **Josephine Welch** kept the financial books straight at **Trinity FWB Church in Mauk, GA**. Junior, a deacon, also served in district and state association roles. That's why the church sponsored a "Brother and Sister Welch Day." Pastor **Warren Wyatt** said, "He has filled every job in the church from lay preacher to janitor. He has done whatever needed to be done. I have never known him to refuse a job." ■

Hotel Reservation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Charlotte, North Carolina

National Convention

July 16-20, 1995

1. Applications must be received no later than **June 16, 1995**.
2. **NO TELEPHONE CALLS:** Reservations **will not** be taken over the phone.
3. **IF SHARING A ROOM WITH OTHERS,** please send in only **one** application per room. Confirmations will be mailed from the hotel to the person who sends in the reservation request
4. **Deposit:** All housing applications must be accompanied by a deposit of one night's room rate for **each** room requested or credit card number and expiration date. Make checks payable to "Charlotte Housing Bureau." Send with remittance to: **Housing Bureau, Charlotte Convention & Visitors Bureau, 122 East Stonewall Street, Charlotte, NC 28202-1838.** You may FAX your form only if you are guaranteeing with a credit card to **704/347-1158**. Please note: We do not FAX back our acknowledgement to you. These are sent to you through the mail. Also, when FAXing, please do not send a hard copy through the mail because this will cause us to duplicate your reservation.
5. **Cancellations** with the hotel will be taken up to 72 hours prior to arrival date.
6. **Changes** are to be made directly with the Convention Housing Bureau via mail or FAX up until one week prior to your arrival date. At that point you must make any changes or cancellations directly with the hotel assigned.
7. **Check-in** time: 3:00 p.m. **Check-out** time: 12:00 p.m.

Send Confirmation to:

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number at work: (____) _____ at home: (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____

I wish to guarantee my room on my credit card: _____ or . . . Check enclosed. Check # _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

MasterCard American Express Visa Diners Club Discover Card

Hotel Requested (Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.):

*Rates do NOT include 12% sales tax.		Single	Double	Triple	Quad	
HOTELS	Choice					Parking
Omni Charlotte Hotel (Headquarters Hotel)		\$89	\$89	\$89	\$89	\$6/day
Marriott City Center		\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$5/day
Radisson Plaza Hotel		\$84	\$84	\$84	\$84	\$4/day
Adam's Mark Hotel		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79	Free
Holiday Inn Center City		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	Free
Government House Hotel		\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	Free

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 _____

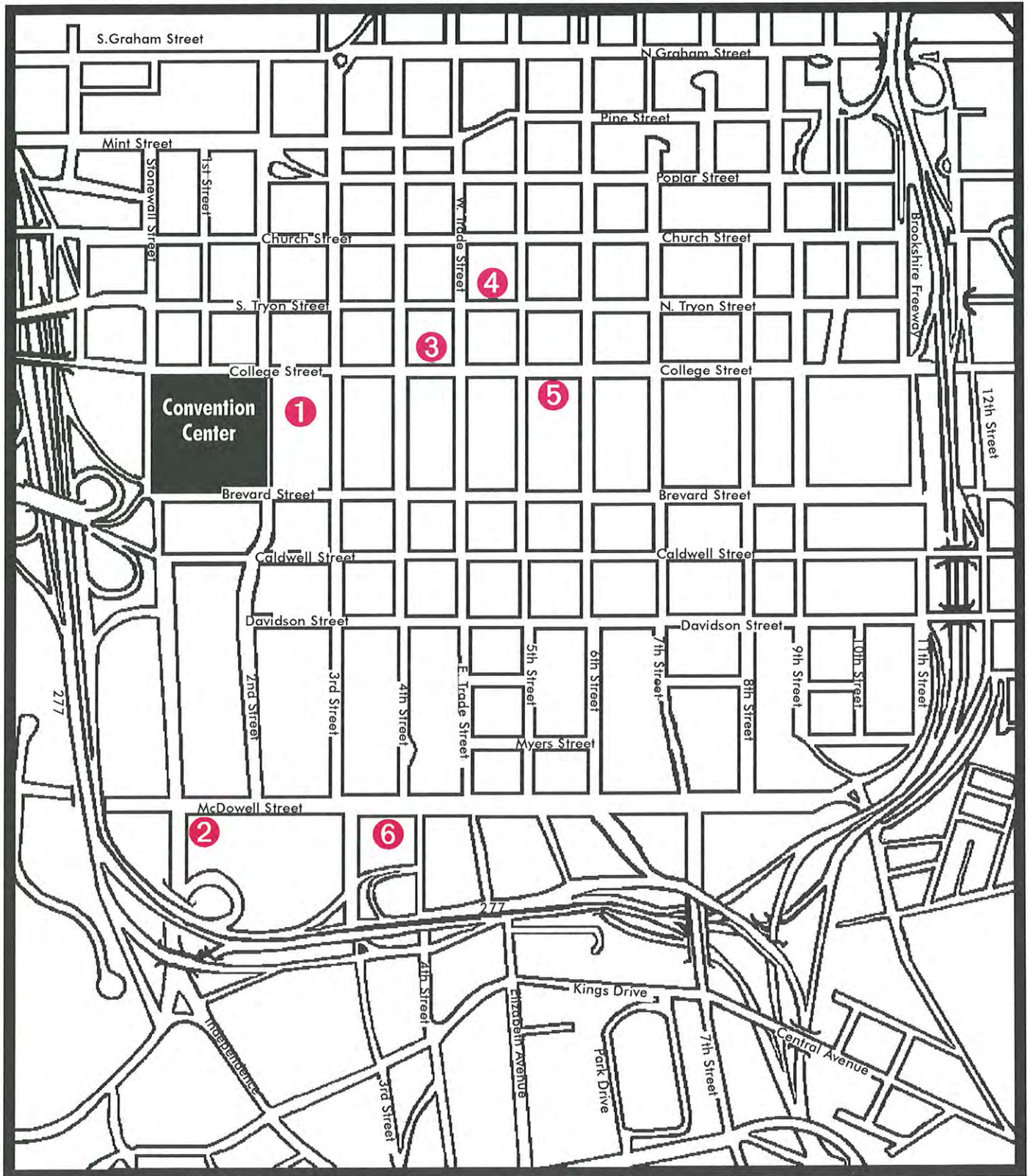
Please List Room Occupants

Special Requests (please check):

- Non-Smoking
 Disabled
 Rollaway
 Other _____

Note: Special requests are not guaranteed—They are given on a first come, first served basis. There is an additional charge for rollaway beds.

Welcome National Association of Free Will Baptists



- 1** Omni Charlotte Hotel (Headquarters)
- 2** Adam's Mark Hotel
- 3** Radisson Plaza Hotel

- 4** Marriott City Center Hotel
- 5** Holiday Inn Center City Hotel
- 6** Government House Hotel

Only one person per form.
Make additional copies if needed.

Pre-Registration Form

for
**National Association of Free Will Baptists
Women Nationally Active for Christ
National Youth Conference
Charlotte, NC / July 16 - 20, 1995**

By completing the Pre-Registration Form, you will save **valuable** time at the convention. If you pre-register, proceed to a special registration area where you will receive a packet containing your pre-printed name tag, tickets and materials.

Please Print

Name: _____
First or Name Desired on Badge Last
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Church: _____
 Pastor's Name: _____
 Hotel (if known): _____

Phone #: (____) _____ - _____
Area Code
 Male Female
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____

Completed form(s) and fees must be mailed to
Convention Registration
P. O. Box 5002
Antioch, TN 37011-5002
 and received on or before **June 23, 1995.**

You may register for all three conventions on this form.

I If you want to register for the *National Association*, complete Section I.

District Association: _____
 Minister: Ordained Licensed Pastor
 (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 (Country) _____
 Home
Delegate: Ordained Deacon
 State
 Local Church (\$25.00)
 National Board Member
 National Officer
Visitor: [Visitors can not vote]

Meal Tickets:	Quantity	
Youth Workers Reception	_____ x \$6.00	= \$_____
Music Ministries Breakfast	_____ x \$9.50	= \$_____
Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon	_____ x \$15.00	= \$_____
FWBBC Alumni Luncheon	_____ x \$11.50	= \$_____
Master's Men Dinner (before conv.)	_____ x \$18.00	= \$_____
<small>(\$20 at convention)</small>		
If Local Church Delegate	_____ >	\$25.00 = \$_____
<small>(Must enclose signed credentials card.)</small>		
	SUBTOTAL	\$_____

II If you want to register for *WNAC*, complete Section II.

(Check only one of the following:)
 DELEGATE: Local (\$5.00)
 State
 State President or Field Worker
 National Officer
 VISITOR: [Visitors can not vote]

Meal Tickets:	Quantity	
WNAC Fellowship Dinner	_____ x \$15.00	= \$_____
If Local WNAC Delegate	_____ >	\$5.00 = \$_____
	SUBTOTAL	\$_____

III If you want to register for the *National Youth Conference*, complete Section III.

(ALL those in 1st grade through age 24 must register to attend NYC.)
 Are you a youth worker? Yes No
 Grade completed Spring 1995: _____ Age: _____
 Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____
 Parent's (or Guardian's) name: _____
 Youth Leader's name: _____

Registration Fee
 Pre-Registration Fee \$15.00 = \$_____
 On-site registration fee is \$18.00
 Adults over 24 do not pay NYC fees. Competitors pay separate entry fees.
You MUST register for NYC to purchase meal tickets/attend banquets (unless age 25 and up).
Meal Tickets: **Quantity**
 Children's Banquet (grades 1-6) _____ x \$7.50 = \$_____
 Youth Banquet (must be in grade 7 to age 24 or an accompanying youth worker) _____ x \$15.00 = \$_____
(limited - 1 ticket per form)
SUBTOTAL \$_____

For Office Use Only
 Rec _____ Ck/MO # _____ AMT \$ _____
 CK _____

Make ALL checks payable to FWB Convention.
No refunds mailed after June 23, 1995.
GRAND TOTAL \$ _____
 Check/Money Order MUST accompany this form.
 Enclose ONE check to pay all fees and tickets.

Pre-Register by June 23 and Pick up Your Convention Packet on Saturday!

Early pick-up available at
Charlotte Convention Center
for those who pre-register:

Saturday, July 15
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 16
1:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration ends June 23, 1995

Coordinator Explains Pre-Registration Error

ANTIOCH, TN—National Convention pre-registration forms which were mailed to state editors on March 1 contained four errors in the National Youth Conference section, according to convention coordinator, Jack Williams. "The forms listed 1994 prices for NYC events instead of 1995 prices," he said.

Corrected pre-registration forms were shipped to state editors on April 6, along with a memo explaining the problem. However, many NYC participants had already pre-registered using the incorrect form and paid fees based on the 1994 prices.

Williams said, "We will contact all NYC participants who have pre-registered using the incorrect form, explain our error and request that they forward the additional funds needed."

Williams was asked to explain why pre-registration forms printed in April, May and June issues of *Contact* were correct while those mailed to state editors were incorrect. He said that a staffer discovered the error before forms were mailed and correct forms were then printed.

"As dumb as it sounds," Williams said, "Apparently, I then stuffed the wrong material in envelopes to state editors and threw the corrected forms in the trash. This is

going to inconvenience a lot of good people. I apologize to them for this confusion."

The price errors on the pre-registration form could be devastating to the National Youth Conference if not corrected, Williams said. "We're looking at potentially several thousands of dollars in uncollected fees and ticket prices."

Description of Fee/Price	Wrong Price	Right Price
NYC Pre-Registration Fee	\$13.00	\$15.00
NYC On-Site Registration	\$15.00	\$18.00
Children's Banquet Tickets	\$7.00	\$7.50
Youth Banquet Tickets	\$12.50	\$15.00

The one bright spot is that everything else on the pre-registration form was correct. Only NYC registrants will be affected by the form errors. Data for the National Convention and Women Nationally Active for Christ was right the first time.

FREE WILL BAPTIST NEWSFRONT

Reverend Malone Cobb With the Lord



FAYETTE, AL—The Reverend J. Malone Cobb, 72, died March 1 at Fayette County Hospital. His 48-year ministry included 29 pastorates. He was converted at age

15, licensed to preach in 1947 and ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in 1949.

Brother Cobb attended Free Will Baptist Bible college two years, 1949-1951. He pastored full time for 43 years. His first full-time congregation was at the New Mission Church (now First FWB Church) in Fayette. His funeral was conducted at that same church 43 years later.

A World War II veteran, he entered the U.S. Army in 1942, fought in the invasion of France and was wounded June 16, 1944. He met and married Clara Smith in 1946.

Born May 7, 1922, Cobb's ministry was marked by personal soul winning, a fiery love for

Christ and an eagerness to witness to others. He had the heart of a home missionary, several pastorates resulting from his own soul-winning efforts.

Brother Cobb participated in a wide range of Free Will Baptist activities. He was elected to district home missions boards in both Alabama and Georgia. During the mid-1950's, he served as superintendent at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Alabama.

He was pastor of Union Chapel FWB Church in Crossville at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife Clara Cobb, Crossville; two sons, Al Cobb, Pensacola, Florida, and Chad Cobb, Vernon, Alabama;

Illinois Encourages Retirement Funding

JOLIET, IL—Delegates to the 35th Annual Illinois State Association adopted a proposal encouraging churches to provide some type of retirement funding for their pastors. The vote suggested that churches designate five percent of their cooperative giving to this plan.

Meeting under the general theme of "The High Calling of God," some 123 people gathered at Immanuel FWB Church in Joliet for the March 17-18 session. Moderator Larry Clyatt was elected to his seventh term.

Thirty-six ministers and 31 lay delegates were among the attendees who heard three ministers develop the association theme. Speakers included Illinois pastors Sam Williams (Immanuel FWB

Church) and Daryl Ellis (Butterfield FWB Church) along with Free Will Baptist Bible College academic dean, Robert Picirilli.

Missionary to France, Dennis Teague, and Chicago-area home missionary David Potete spoke at the Missions Banquet.

In other business, delegates adopted a \$132,000 Together Way Plan state budget. The funds will be allocated: National Ministries (28%), State Missions (26%), Promotional Fund (11%), Camp (16%), General Fund (8%), Sunday School and Christian Education (5%), Church Training Service (4%), Layman's Outreach (1%), Ministerial Scholarship (1%).

The 1996 state association will meet March 15-16 at a site to be determined.

Corrections

The April 1995 issue (p. 18) indicated that retiring Free Will Baptist minister Harvey Hill served as pastor, associate pastor, youth director and senior servants pastor at First FWB Church in Auburndale, Florida. The news item should have said that Reverend Hill served in these positions at First FWB Church in Winter Haven, Florida.

The May 1995 issue (p.23) identified the late Cossie Meade as a Free Will Baptist minister. Brother Meade was an ordained deacon, *not* a minister.

We are happy to correct these errors.

Hersey Presents Piano Workshops

NASHVILLE, TN—A three-hour workshop for pianists who want to improve their hymn playing is now available, according to Herman Hersey, former general director of the Board of Retirement. "Techniques of Hymn Arrangements" is designed for pianists who read music, but those who play by ear will also benefit.

The workshop is presented by Herman L. Hersey Ministries. "Participants will learn 21 basic techniques to make hymns come alive with your own arrangements," Hersey said. A special feature will be playing authentic-sounding chimes.

Each registrant will receive a manual fully describing the 21 Basic Techniques.

Music teachers will benefit by learning how to get students off to the right start. Teachers who attend the workshop may purchase copies of the manual for use with their students.

The workshop fee is \$69 for each participant. A limited number of 25-minute private ses-



sions will be available in most locations. (Most workshops will be scheduled for Saturday morning and the private sessions that afternoon.)

In these private sessions students will receive hands-on help in whatever area they may choose. The fee for a private session is \$19. If two or three want a session together, the fee is \$10 for each additional person.

Note to pastors: Your church ought to consider paying the fee

for your church musicians. It is an excellent way to show appreciation for their faithful service.

Saturday sessions will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and continue to noon with a 20-minute break. Private sessions will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Herman Hersey was born in Chicago and started to play the piano at age 10. He preached his first sermon at age 13 and has preached continually since then—1939.

Mr. Hersey studied at Harris School of Music in Chicago, Chicago Musical College, St. Louis Institute of Music at George Washington University where he earned three teaching certificates, and Bob Jones University. He has recorded two albums (now available on cassette) and presents sacred piano concerts.

For further information write or call:

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Nashville, TN 37217

Phone: 615/361-6959

Deel Named Coach of the Year

NASHVILLE, TN—This has been a banner year for the Free Will Baptist Bible College Flames basketball team.

Not only did the team go to the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) national tournament in Cincinnati in February, but Coach Byron Deel was chosen NCCAA "Coach of the Year."

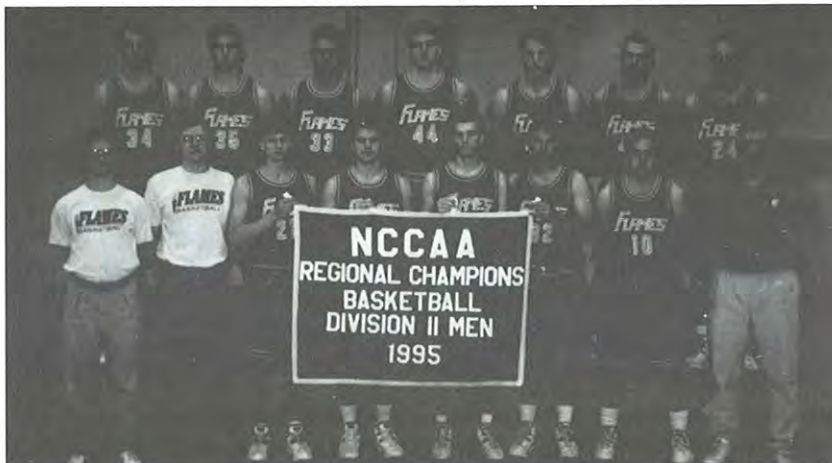
Coach Deel currently serves as NCCAA vice-chairman for men's basketball. He is due to become chairman after another year.

After finishing first in their district, the Flames made it to the semi-final round at the national tournament where they finished in fourth place. Freshman Travis Kring was picked for the All-Tournament team. The Flames also finished in first place in the South-

ern Christian Conference. The team closed the season with 27 wins and 10 losses, setting a new team record.

The coach stressed that the

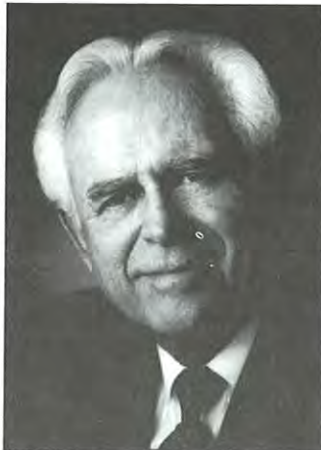
team conducted 21 services and youth rallies as part of its activities this year. He and the players are especially pleased about this part of their ministry.



Coach Byron Deel (First row, right) leads FWBBC Flames.

Olfords to Speak at FWBBC Pastors' Conference

NASHVILLE, TN—Dr. Stephen Olford and his son, Dr. David Olford, will speak at Free Will Baptist Bible College's 1995 Pastors' Conference September 25-27. The conference will focus on the importance of preaching and personal spiritual renewal as essential elements in building strong churches.



Stephen Olford



David Olford

Robert Woodard, conference director, says, "We know of no person who has a greater burden for preaching and spiritual renewal than Dr. Olford. He is truly a 'teacher of preachers.' He is, without doubt, one of the most powerful preachers you will ever hear." He adds that Dr. David Olford has also been greatly used in the area of evangelistic preaching.

Dr. Stephen Olford is founder

and board chairman of Encounter Ministries, based in Memphis, Tennessee. He has pastored in England and New York City. He has written 21 books and seven volumes of resources for expository preaching.

Dr. David Olford is president of Encounter Ministries and director of studies at the Stephen Olford Center for Biblical Preaching. He is editor of *The Preacher* and com-

pleted the book, *A Passion for Preaching*. He preaches and teaches regularly at preaching workshops.

The conference will begin Monday night, September 25, and will run through Wednesday evening, September 27. Rather than taking offerings, the college will charge a conference fee of \$30 per person (\$20 per person for couples; \$20 per person for four attendees or more from the same church).

Both men will lecture on expository preaching and demonstrate its effectiveness. Dr. Stephen Olford will preach in the evenings on personal commitment to Christ.

All Free Will Baptist preachers are urged to make this conference part of their fall calendars.

Two Faculty Positions Available at FWBBC

NASHVILLE TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College needs to fill two faculty openings this fall, according to Robert Picirilli, academic dean. The openings are in the music and English departments.

The college is looking for someone to serve as chairman of the Music Department. The ideal candidate should have ex-

perience directing collegiate level choral groups and teaching vocal performance. A doctorate is required, and candidates should have some background in biblical education.

The second opening is for a full-time English teacher. Applicants should have a master's degree (a doctorate is preferred). The college hopes to

find someone with experience teaching literature at the collegiate level and with some background in biblical education.

Interested persons should send resumes to:

Dr. Robert Picirilli
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205

Indiana Church Burns Mortgage

WABASH, IN—After 29 years, Emmanuel FWB Church in Wabash became debt-free, according to Pastor Doug Phillips. The Indiana congregation paid off a \$139,000 note on March 12.

Pastor Phillips said, "The church sponsored a two-year 'Burn the Mortgage' campaign. That, along with the savings the church put aside for a building fund, enabled us to put this debt



Charlie O'Dell, trustee, burns mortgage as Pastor Doug Phillips reads from Psalms.

behind us."

During the mortgage-burning ceremony, the congregation laughed, cried and praised God for His blessings. Pastor Doug Phillips read Psalm 150 while Trustee Charlie O'Dell burned the mortgage note.

The Emmanuel Church is a member of Indiana's White River Association.

**Capital Stewardship/Victory Campaign
March 1995
Update**

State	Goal	Gifts	Balance
Alabama	\$76,397.63	\$4,981.15	\$71,416.48
Arizona	1,228.93	2,883.71	(1,654.78)
Arkansas	76,860.94	41,122.13	35,738.81
Atlantic Canada	1,570.51	897.00	673.51
California	17,216.76	1,444.20	15,772.56
Colorado	789.18	1,165.00	(375.82)
Florida	20,703.30	5,927.42	14,775.88
Georgia	38,179.19	28,308.88	9,870.31
Hawaii	184.54	727.26	(542.72)
Idaho	353.37	25.00	328.37
Illinois	16,176.29	4,949.47	11,226.82
Indiana	7,868.27	1,846.75	6,021.52
Iowa	266.99	.00	266.99
Kansas	1,287.82	280.00	1,007.82
Kentucky	35,454.34	5,409.29	30,045.05
Louisiana	94.23	1,925.00	(1,830.77)
Maryland	6,812.10	1,539.38	5,272.72
Michigan	15,116.19	16,004.22	(888.03)
Mississippi	15,559.86	3,818.23	11,741.63
Missouri	60,484.40	33,789.91	26,694.49
Montana	27.48	100.00	(72.52)
Nebraska	102.08	119.00	(16.92)
New Mexico	596.80	630.55	(33.75)
North Carolina	59,118.06	7,131.40	51,986.66
Northeast Assoc.	883.41	270.00	613.41
Northwest Assoc.	1,087.58	201.00	886.58
Ohio	40,923.66	19,538.10	21,385.56
Oklahoma	92,271.60	10,259.08	82,012.52
South Carolina	18,335.75	2,102.00	16,233.75
South Dakota		175.00	(175.00)
Tennessee	78,557.09	53,162.90	25,394.19
Texas	11,547.20	6,823.52	4,723.68
Virginia	24,323.33	2,027.93	22,295.40
Virgin Islands		200.00	(200.00)
West Virginia	46,204.51	998.00	45,206.51
Wisconsin		61.00	(61.00)
Other		2,978.85	(2,978.85)
Totals	\$766,583.39	\$263,822.33	\$502,761.06

THE TOGETHER WAY

March 1995

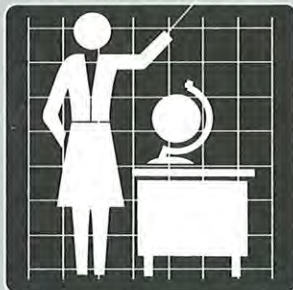
Receipts:

State	Design.	Co-op	Total	March '94	Yr. To Date
Alabama	\$ 751.29	\$.00	\$ 751.29	\$ 15,398.57	\$ 29,588.45
Arizona	1521.40	74.90	1,596.30	788.13	1,596.30
Arkansas	14,035.79	7,400.59	21,436.38	24,221.74	80,712.12
California	.00	.00	.00	983.58	1,468.75
Colorado	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Delaware	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
Florida	89.20	.00	89.20	682.82	5,492.84
Georgia	10,250.56	2,737.12	12,987.68	10,809.96	42,414.01
Hawaii	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Idaho	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Illinois	7,345.22	1,830.45	9,175.67	7,906.28	30,825.05
Indiana	4.05	132.86	136.91	1,892.13	1,843.96
Iowa	.00	.00	.00	90.00	.00
Kansas	.00	.00	.00	26.95	312.91
Kentucky	.00	465.88	465.88	262.93	2,324.85
Louisiana	10.00	10.00	20.00	80.00	40.00
Maryland	.00	1,044.93	1,044.93	75.00	1,119.93
Michigan	21,333.88	5,144.43	26,478.31	30,784.65	39,502.92
Mississippi	109.50	460.53	570.03	846.29	1,449.26
Missouri	14,549.74	52.00	14,601.74	11,101.18	38,305.89
Montana	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Nebraska	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Jersey	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Mexico	292.64	31.32	323.96	266.00	1,075.36
North Carolina	463.07	910.00	1,373.07	2,646.00	5,470.68
Ohio	4,281.37	2,348.36	6,629.73	9,815.95	26,621.47
Oklahoma	59,899.96	.00	59,899.96	36,345.65	153,846.21
South Carolina	22,559.73	104.59	22,664.32	18,956.98	77,659.24
South Dakota	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Tennessee	2,058.26	156.00	2,214.26	11,429.00	21,764.04
Texas	9,603.67	586.37	10,190.04	10,751.12	31,023.98
Virginia	1,447.68	.00	1,447.68	1,184.11	4,411.60
Virgin Islands	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
West Virginia	4,357.07	88.37	4,445.44	7,307.38	11,677.53
Wisconsin	.00	.00	.00	55.00	.00
Canada	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Northwest Assoc.	66.00	.00	66.00	100.00	66.00
Northeast Assoc.	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Other	.00	(.03)	(.03)	.01	(.08)
Totals	\$175,030.08	\$23,578.67	\$198,608.75	\$204,907.41	\$610,613.27

Disbursements:

Executive Office	\$ 10,052.65	\$14,147.22	\$ 24,199.87	\$ 27,201.73	\$ 81,605.95
Foreign Missions	106,835.25	2,169.24	109,004.49	101,701.41	315,527.90
FWBBC	14,076.24	2,169.24	16,245.48	13,985.12	49,013.66
Home Missions	36,744.28	1,697.65	38,441.93	36,191.64	130,458.29
Retirement & Insurance	687.82	1,320.42	2,008.24	2,001.30	7,277.48
Master's Men	1,486.77	1,320.42	2,807.19	3,066.53	9,584.17
Commission for Theological Integrity	87.56	47.15	134.71	141.86	483.96
FWB Foundation	610.55	565.88	1,176.43	1,747.64	4,354.94
Historical Commission	77.11	47.15	124.26	108.99	447.98
Music Commission	77.11	47.15	124.26	111.86	418.11
Radio & TV Commission	87.56	47.15	134.71	139.86	449.44
Hillsdale FWB College	1,307.04	.00	1,307.04	2,023.90	3,978.36
Other	2,900.14	.00	2,900.14	16,485.57	7,013.03
Totals	\$175,030.08	\$23,578.67	\$198,608.75	\$204,907.41	\$610,613.27

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Many lessons taught to children are forgotten or minimized by adults. For instance, the fable about the tortoise and the hare with its lesson of slow but steady wins the race. That principle is certainly true regarding retirement planning.

Take the example of Joe and Jim. They both graduate from college and take a church on their 22nd birthday.

Joe makes a \$100 deposit into his retirement account on his 22nd birthday. He adds another \$100 each month for the next 100 months. He will have contributed \$10,000 (\$100x100=\$10,000) into his account. Assuming his account earns 8% each year until his 65th birthday, his retirement account will have \$224,515.82. If he contributed monthly from age 22 to age 65, he would have \$447,398.06.

Jim, on the other hand, waits until he is 30 years and 4 months old to make a deposit. He then makes \$100 deposits faithfully each month until his 65th birthday, a total of 416 deposits or \$41,600. His account also earns an average of 8% annually. His account will be worth \$224,464.94.

Each of these men could have accumulated the same account value by making deposits of only \$50.18 each month from ages 22-65.

Note the different monthly deposit required to accumulate \$250,000 beginning at various ages. The following table assumes an earnings rate of 8% to age 65 with deposits made on the first of each month.

Age	Monthly Deposits	Number of Contributions	=	Your cost Total of all deposits	Value at age 65
25	71.62	480	=	34,377.60	250,025.98
35	167.75	360	=	60,390.00	250,007.80
45	424.44	240	=	101,865.60	250,003.82
55	1,366.52	120	=	163,982.40	249,999.42

Retirement planning should begin early. However, early years for Free Will Baptists generally involve low pay, marriage and children. What should our Christian worker do?

Ideally, each employer should set aside (dedicate) a percentage of salary for each employee's retirement. It is unwise to simply

say to the employee, "This is what we pay, allocate it however you want." If each of our Free Will Baptist churches and agencies practiced setting aside a portion of pay, the employee would have future needs provided. The deposit can be delivered directly from the church treasurer to the retirement account and be tax deferred.

Each employee must also face the personal responsibility of savings, or consuming less than he or she earns. This is one of the great benefits of tithing—not only do we honor God by our gifts, we operate on less than we make. A good general rule for a budget is the 70%-30% basis. Seventy percent (70%) for living expenses, 10% for tithes, 10% taxes and 10% for savings. Your individual situation may require some adjustments. Remember these two important principles:

1. Saving is a habit you must develop.
2. Financial goals are achieved over time.

Some jobs in our churches may not pay a full-time wage. When 70% of the income provided is less than the amount necessary for expenses, some additional outside income should be arranged.

Savings for retirement are not to free us from dependence on the Lord. It is consistent with scriptural principles of Genesis 41; Proverbs 6:6-11; Proverbs 13:22; and I Timothy 5:8.

Begin early (*today* is the day) with the amount you can and continue faithfully. You can increase your contributions as the Lord provides.

Harvesting and saving avoids famine in the future. *Remember the tortoise!* ■

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Smiling Folk

By Vicki Sturgill

"Lord, give us men willing to lead the church in Belo Horizonte."

Jim, my husband, has always prayed this prayer when we have assumed mission churches. The Lord has answered that prayer throughout the years with men ready to work for the Lord. They have had different talents, family and work situations. But all have contributed to the success of the work.

Two Young Men

God has not failed us in Belo Horizonte. In the first six months, He has given us two young men who have been a blessing to their pastor. Floyd Wolfenbarger once said that a pastor needs "Amen folk, faithful folk, praying folk, thoughtful folk and smiling folk." Jim would certainly say these two young men meet these needs of a pastor.

Estênio is "on loan" to us. He came from the Free Will Baptist church in Conselheiro Lafaiete pastored by Earnie Deeds. Estênio always arrives 30 minutes early, opens the doors and windows and makes sure everything is ready for services. When we arrive, he is praying or reading his Bible. He greets the people with a smile as they arrive. When he gives Bible studies or participates in open discussion time, he shows a broad biblical knowledge, bringing parallel passages to the attention of the group.

Encouragement

Estênio is not only faithful for services, but he is constantly inviting people to church and counseling those with problems. He also helps Jim in the administration of the church construction. He is a perfectionist and is always watching to be sure the construction is done well. One of his greatest contributions has been the encouragement he constantly gives to Jim.

A Faithful Servant

Juliano has been part of the Belo work since the late seventies when Dave and Pat Franks first opened a work in this city. He remained faithful to the Lord during the years Free Will Baptists did not have a missionary

to carry on a constant work here. About the time construction started on the new building, the Lord moved Juliano and his family nearer that location.

One service is held each week in Juliano's home. In February two preteen girls who attended those services were saved. Now they attend church here. Juliano and his wife, Silvana, are doing follow-up courses with the girls. One thing I had remembered about Juliano was his love for music. Since our arrival he has worked hard with the guitar. Our daughter, Vera, plays the keyboard for the choruses we sing. He accompanies her for many of them. He also directs the music for most services.

A Winsome Smile

Juliano is a military policeman with two preschool-age children, so sometimes he has to work during services. But his winsome smile, his knowledge of the city and his willingness to go with Jim to find and purchase materials has been a great help. He also leads the Bible study and directs the Saturday youth program. The youth have a variety of activities from ice cream socials to tract distribution.

Jim, Juliano and Estênio meet for breakfast every Saturday morning at the church. Coffee, Brazilian bread, strawberry preserves and prayer make a good combination for a time of sharing, fellowship and encouragement for the pastor.

In Exodus 17 the story is told of Hur and Aaron who held up the tired hands of Moses until the victory was won. Juliano and Estênio have served as Hur and Aaron for Jim during our first six months in Belo Horizonte.

"Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayers." ■

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Vicki Sturgill serves with her husband, Jim, as a missionary in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.



WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Woman's Window on the World

By Mary R. Wisheart

From My Window

"Your driver's license picture, a blind date, your annual raise—some things always disappoint you," the ad read. And, of course, it is true that some things do disappoint us in this life. You expect to be disappointed with that picture on the driver's license—catching you at your worst and concentrating on your weak points—and no retouching.

I remember when my nephew Jason saw his first hail storm. He had heard about it and eagerly wanted to see the real stuff.

One day when several of us were together at the nursing home with my dad, a storm came up. There was lightning and thunder, wind, rain and hail. Some hail piled up by the door of the nursing home. Jason's dad called him to come. "Now, you wanted to see hail, Jason," he said. "Well, that is hail."

For a long moment, Jason looked at the hail. Then he looked up with disbelief in his face and said, "Just plain ice." I'm not sure what he expected, but the "just plain ice" was a disappointment to him.

So, what is a disappointment to you today?

What about people? Disappointing sometimes, aren't they? That hurts, almost unbearably. But wait! Are you expecting too much of the people around you? Do you expect more of them than you do of yourself? Do you expect more of them than they can possibly give?

Amy Carmichael asks the question, "Do we expect sand to be steel?"

What do you expect of life? Do you think it owes you something? If so, then you are most likely going to be disappointed. Do you expect marriage, a good job, children, money to make you happy? Then your expectations will most likely be dashed.

What in the world can we expect and hope for then? Not much in this world. Over and above the things we know here, there is One who is not a disappointment.

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever." Steady, secure, unchanging—something to cling to in a world of dis-

Going to Glorieta

October 20-22, 1995, women will meet at Glorieta Conference Center, Glorieta, New Mexico, for a retreat west of the Mississippi.

The theme for the retreat, based on Psalm 37:23 is

"On the Trail with Him."

The following speakers and topics appear on the program:

Ruth Bivens

"Walking with Him Through the Valleys"

"Victory with Him in the Valleys"

Louise Vandivort

"Deeper with Him in the Desert"

Debe Taylor

"Moments on the Mountain with Him"

Ministering Along the Trails will be treated by two speakers:

Janice Little

"Ministering to Wives and Children of Prisoners"

Joann Ross

"Ministering at Crisis Pregnancy Service Centers"

Debbie Burden from Oklahoma is arranging the music for the retreat.

Glorieta is located just minutes from Santa Fe and is blessed with the beauty of Northern New Mexico's mountains and scenery.

Registration forms are available from

WNAC

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Antioch, TN 37011-5002. ■

The Resurrection of Lazarus John 11

Our series on the signs in John comes to an appropriate close with the resurrection of Lazarus. Except for the resurrection of Jesus himself, this miracle was the most powerful of Jesus' signs: "From that day on, they [the Jewish leaders] plotted to put Him to death" (v. 53)—and Lazarus too (12:10).

Bethany was a village outside Jerusalem, across the Mount of Olives a couple of miles to the east. Mary, Martha and Lazarus (all apparently unmarried) were a family of siblings dear to Jesus (v. 5), with whom He often lodged.

Lazarus has fallen seriously ill (vv. 1-2). The sisters sent word to Jesus, but He has chosen to stay where He is two more days (v. 6). No doubt they are perturbed over His delay, even if He did send them the words of reassurance contained in verse 4.

Finally Jesus indicates that He will go back to Judea and invites His followers along, in spite of their protests about the danger (vv. 7-10). He responds that He must awaken Lazarus; they misunderstand and He has to tell them plainly that Lazarus has died (vv. 11-15).

Somewhat reluctantly, they accede (v. 16). The stage is set for a startling miracle.

When Jesus arrived near Bethany, He tarried outside (near the tomb?) and sent word to Mary and Martha—perhaps desiring to avoid the crowd of mourners. That Lazarus had been entombed four days means that he had died soon after the original messenger had left Bethany, and that Jesus was at some location two or three days' journey distant.

We get yet another glimpse of

the contrasting personalities of Mary and Martha. Martha, the activist, is quick to arise and go to Jesus; Mary tarries—although it is possible that she does not yet know that Jesus is near.

Though different, their feelings are similar; they probably had already said to each other what both now say to Jesus: "Had you been here, my brother would not have died" (vv. 21, 32). These words convey, at one and the same time, their confidence in Jesus and their pain and uncertainty that He did not intervene.

The conversation between Jesus and Martha is intentionally significant (vv. 21-27). Though Martha knows that a resurrection at this stage is altogether unlikely, she has not quite given up hope (v. 22). One thing is sure: she has confidence in Jesus' prayers!

Jesus tests her with His words (v. 23) and she responds with a measure of faith (v. 24). Jesus assures her that He *is* the resurrection and that those who have living faith in Him never really die (vv. 25-26). Martha responds even more strongly (v. 27) and proceeds to summon Mary (vv. 28-32), who is followed by the comforters.

The emotional response of Jesus (vv. 33-38) is likewise especially significant, expressed in three words. Twice repeated, (1) He "groaned" (vv. 33, 38). The Greek verb (*embri-maomai*, to snort, as with anger) is an uncommon one and apparently always indicates a deep agitation that results from displeasure (as in Mark 14:4).

Apparently Jesus is indignant at the presence of sin and death and the grief caused by these enemies of mankind, now manifested in the

sobs of Mary and her friends.

Closely related, (2) He "was troubled," literally "troubled (Greek *tarasso*, shake, stir) himself." As Bruce puts it, He "shook under the force of" His emotional reaction to the scene.

And so (3) He wept: the point-action of this verb (Greek aorist) focuses on the moment He burst into tears, His mixed emotions no doubt including what the observers sensed of His deep love for Lazarus and his sisters (v. 36).

Then comes the climactic resurrection event (vv. 38-44). Jesus asks that the stone be rolled back from the tomb's entrance. Martha raises an objection, but Jesus is not to be deterred.

The stone removed, Jesus prays aloud, addressing His Father with gratitude that His prayers are heard and for this opportunity to beget faith—always the purpose of His signs.

Then comes the loud command (no doubt similar to the "shout" in I Thess. 4:16) addressed to a dead man. And when God speaks to the dead, they live!

Lazarus came alive from the tomb, though with some difficulty because of the yards and yards of burial cloth wound around him. His freedom from the wrappings of death serve both to testify of Jesus' deity as "the Christ, the Son of God" (v. 27)—thus begetting faith (v. 45)—and to assure all who believe of their ultimate resurrection from death to eternal life by Jesus Christ.



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Children's Books from Thomas Nelson

In recent years a number of American publishers have turned their attention to producing Christian literature for children. This month's books are two examples of the quality work being done in this field today.

Now I Can Read Favorite Bible Stories by Rhonda Pipe, et. al. (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995, 176 pp., hardback, \$12.99) is a collection of eight different Bible stories that can be read by young children who are just learning to read.

It recounts important stories from the Bible in simple and clear language designed to appeal to children.

Stories of creation, Noah, Samson, David and Goliath, Daniel and the lion's den, the birth of Christ, Mary and Martha, and the resurrection are included.

Each page of text is accompanied by drawings illustrating the story. These drawings depict dress and lifestyle of people in biblical times.

Everyday Life in Bible Times by Margaret Embry (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1994, 48 pp., hardback, \$9.95) is designed for the child who is a little older and has developed better reading skills. It contains simple, well-written information about how Jewish people lived, worked and worshiped in Bible times.

It explains the law, the Tabernacle and Herod's Temple. It discusses the role of the priests and Levites in Jewish society. It talks about the foods people ate, the types of houses they lived in, how they made a living, how the sick and poor were cared for, and a variety of other subjects.

This book presents interesting information on how kings lived, what they did and how they fought with other kings.

Chapters 10 and 11 are two of the most important chapters. They discuss the religious situation in Palestine. They describe the work and ministry of the prophets and the messages which they preached.

They also outline the development of the synagogue and how it was a center of teaching in the first century.

It is very important that children be taught to love and respect the Bible at an early age. They need literature which is colorful, attractive and specifically designed for their levels of understanding.

These books and others which are available can help children appreciate and understand the message which God has given to His people in the Bible.

These books can be used effectively in Sunday School, CTS and in Christian families' homes.

I would encourage every church to develop a children's library that contains good materials that can be made available at little or no cost to families in the church and other families who need them.

A children's library will be expensive, but the money a church invests in its children is money well spent. ■

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The 1995 NYET consists of winners and top-scorers from the 1994 National Youth Conference in Little Rock Arkansas. These twelve high-school students will be touring for ten days this summer in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. Their program, **WAITERS**, is a youth musical about the importance of waiting on the Lord. Please uphold them in your prayers and make plans to attend a service in your area.

No Perfect Fathers

The world's first father clocked more than 900 years on-the-job experience. If practice makes perfect, then Adam wins the "Perfect Father" award. But as we all know, it doesn't and he didn't. While he started at the head of the class, the barefoot father from Eden is better known for getting kicked out of paradise than for his parenting skills.

So to every sad dad who thinks he flunked Basic Fathering, remember that Adam didn't get many Father's Day cards from Cain and Abel.

Those first two sons exploded in domestic violence. The older murdered the younger, and then spent the rest of his life in exile. Imagine Adam's pain as he buries one son and watches the other disappear into the darkness of time.

Two of Israel's most successful leaders didn't do well as fathers. Eli called the shots on priestly matters but lost control at home. His boys earned reputations as "sons of Belial" who did not know the Lord.

Then there was David, whose songs topped the believer's hit parade for 3,000 years and who scored *expert* in giant-killing, but was a no-show at fathering. Just ask Absalom.

No sir, fathering is not for the faint-hearted. Children always grouse when dad says, "No." And how many teens can you name who still think that father knows best?

Makes you wonder what God had in mind when He sent Moses down Mt. Sinai carrying stone tablets engraved with the words, "Honor thy father." Did He demand the impossible? Does any father deserve to be honored?

The penalty for cursing fathers was death by stoning. If Old Testament fathers weren't super dads, it's a miracle that any children survived to adult-

hood. Or did trash-talking kids just turn up in the 20th century? It appears that biblical fathers needed as much divine backup as we do. So why doesn't that make me feel better?

And there's no let-up in the New Testament which clearly echoes the Old Testament refrain to "honor thy father" (Eph. 6:1-2). So, it seems that even after 6,000 years of history, a world-wide flood and thunder on Sinai, honoring fathers is no picnic in the park for the kids.

It really bothers me that the most oft-quoted fathering text begins with Paul's irritating reminder, "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath" (Eph. 6:4). Do you suppose Paul knew something about this fathering business that's not covered by Dr. Spock?

What is it fathers say or do that so enrages children? Do fathers oversteer? Children usually grab the wheel of life and make their own mistakes. At least, I did and mine do.

Perhaps it's not so much what fathers say as how we say it. Or when we say it. Or what we leave unsaid. The best fathers get side-swiped because there's no speed limit on the fathering freeway. We frequently discover after it's too late that we're in the wrong lane when it's time to exit.

But for all the flaws that accompany fathering, when it's time to pray, we're taught to address God as "Our Father." Not "our mother, our cousin, our uncle or our neighbor." There's something theological about the prayer formula that requires "Our Father" to open Heaven's door.

That's "Our Father" who's somewhere else (in Heaven) with the resources we need to right the wrongs in life. Fathers know a lot about being somewhere else when children need them or want something. There will always be some



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unexplained distance between children and fathers.

Because of differences in ages, responsibilities and expectations, children and fathers aren't necessarily motivated by the same things. That's one key to understanding why fathers provoke children so easily. In childhood, sandbox playmates accept one another as equals, while fathers push us beyond sandbox boundaries. It's a tough call when Dad starts to box the toys.

On the other hand, some children never want to grow up and leave home. Who can blame them? It's cozy. The lights work. Somebody else pays the bills. Somebody else gets the blame. They smile, eat home cooking and dream dreams. That's the way it should be, of course.

A father's job is to insist that children try their wings. He sometimes makes the convenient inconvenient, turns out the light and demands that if you break it, you pay for it. And that's the way it should be, too.

The perfect father doesn't exist—at least, not in human form. But he might be the father who pays the mortgage each month, and the father who missed your baseball game because he worked late to pay the mortgage.

He could be the father who forgets to pick up your dry cleaning but remembers to get the lawn mower serviced.

The perfect father so irritated the prodigal son that the boy stormed out of the house and rode a fast horse to the far country. The perfect father let him leave and waited while the pig pen taught his son how to say, "I was wrong, Dad."

Hey, I think I know this guy. His name is . . . (I bet you know his name, too). ■

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