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Fathers in Focus

One of the institutions which contributes most to the well-being of society is marriage. Half of each marriage is a man. Which brings us to husbands and fathers, since this is the month that we celebrate Father's Day.

Men have a unique role and responsibility in marriage. Biblical family values have been the cry and challenge of many in our country. Much of society's ills can be traced to the refusal of men to fulfill their roles in their families.

Men who do not fulfill the role designated to them by God will face divine judgment and accountability in light of their responsibility. What role and responsibility do men have in marriage and family?

Love His Family

The husband's affection should be unselfish, unending and untiring. The husband is admonished to love his wife as Christ loved the Church. Listen to the words of scripture, "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it . . . So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself," (Ephesians 5:22, 28). Men who ignore this admonition will suffer the consequences in their families.

Lead His Family

Fathers should set the spiritual and social tone for the family. The Bible declares, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church . . ." (Eph.5:23).

The leadership role of the man can not be refused, rejected or relegated without some serious consequences. Teaching, training, nurturing, modeling and directing the family remains the major role of the husband. Honor-

able husbands take their leadership role seriously. When men assume their leadership role, it changes the direction of families in society.

Listen to His Family

Peter admonishes, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered," (I Peter 3:7).

Taking time for family discussions enhances family life. Frank talks with family members provide opportunity for the husband to be a good listener. Husbands must listen to the perspectives, problems and plans of family members. Being a good listener requires concentration and commitment. Husbands have a duty to listen to the concerns of their families. However, listening may not mean that the husband allows the family to do as it pleases.

Paul reminds husbands (I Cor. 7:33) of the danger of trying to accommodate the wishes of their families to the point of forsaking their leadership roles. Albert Barnes notes, "The apostle here plainly intimates that there would be danger that the



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man would be so anxious to gratify his wife, as to interfere with his direct religious duties."

While husbands have an obligation to listen to their spouses and children, they have a higher obligation to obey the Lord. When it becomes a matter of pleasing the family or pleasing the Lord, the husband must please the Lord in spite of family wishes.

Labor for His Family

Husbands have the responsibility to adequately provide for the needs of their families. Paul declared, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel," (I Timothy 5:8).

The clear implication of scripture is that the husband is to provide for the physical needs of the family. Perhaps we will never know the devastating consequences of husbands who shirk this responsibility. Children are fathered by men who never assume responsibility for them. Single-parent families struggle to survive in this great nation. What a sad commentary this is for men in our society.

Lecture His Family

Paul states this solemn duty clearly when he says, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," (Ephesians 6:4), and "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged," (Colossians 3:21).

Society offers substitutes for responsible husbands, but there are no substitutes. When husbands fulfill their God-ordained role, it results in happy families and a healthy society. There is nothing wrong with family life in our nation that holy husbands could not remedy. ■

The Secretary's Schedule

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| June 3-4 | North Carolina State Assoc. |
| June 3-6 | Missouri State Association |
| June 5-7 | Texas State Association |
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| June 23-26 | Urbana FWB Church Urbana, Ohio |
| June 27-30 | Atlantic Canada District Assoc. |



Survival advice for youth workers.

Help! I'm a Youth Worker!

By Brad Williams

The year is 1996. It is a clear, cold evening. The time is 6:55 p.m. and tensions are high. I repeat, tensions are high. From the southeast corner comes murmuring of a frightening nature. Its fury extends to the southwest corner doubling in intensity with each passing minute.

The temperature is rising; the commander in charge begins to sweat. He nervously checks his watch until it's finally 7:00 p.m. Suddenly, the battle begins! The com-

mander barks orders above the roar of the chaos. In frustration, he sprays his troops with a barrage of H₂O, shouting, "Help! I'm a youth worker!"

The scene: the weekly youth group meeting. The result: one slightly disturbed youth worker mumbling something about early retirement.

This is a familiar scene to youth workers. In fact, some will probably accuse me of portraying it much too nicely. Teenagers live life in the fast lane and always will. You can, however, learn to love their energy and

channel it into productive ministries in the church. But you must be prepared before venturing onto their turf. Here are a few, but necessary, survival tools:

Vision

Every ministry requires a vision. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish. . . ." You must obtain an idea of your destination before departing on the journey.

I once worked for a rental agency

that required delivering products to homes of customers. Locating the target street and then mapping the journey was essential. Getting lost angered both the customer and my superiors.

Your ministry should be handled in the same manner. Determine the goal, and then map out your journey. Your goals will determine the particular programs you need for your ministry.

Commitment

A youth worker must be 100% committed to the Lord. Many of us recite Joshua 24:15, “. . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,” while neglecting our own spirituality.

You cannot be fully committed to your ministry if you are not submitting yourself to God first. The apostle Paul did not give up after being stoned and left for dead. Why? Because he had settled the big issues before reaching that point.

Team

One of the most effective tools in your kit is the use of a team to help you. We commonly refer to this team as the Youth Committee. I, however, prefer to think of them as the “Bomb Squad.” You see, they are always willing to work on projects that can explode in their faces. Nevertheless, they are the essential elements with which to build an effective youth ministry.

A good team’s membership is well-rounded and full of vibrancy. An example of that is my *Red Bay Bomb Squad*. Its membership includes teachers from the college and career class, the high school boys class and the high school girls class. We also have a church trustee and several parents of teenagers and small children. They are self-motivated and eager to see our youth grow in the Lord. With this team in place, we accomplish more in less time.

Inventory

Take time to periodically evaluate your ministry. That is, take inventory. Find out what works and what won’t. Do you need more resources? Should you scrap some programs? Yes, this may sound like a tax audit to many, but it is necessary.



Football teams watch films of previous games to spot mistakes and weaknesses. Our programs also benefit from careful evaluations.

Develop surveys and use them on the youth themselves about the programs you run. Don’t be bashful. If there’s a problem, it’s better to hear about it from an insider first. There are surveys available from different sources if you don’t want to create one yourself.

Be prepared. Wear your flak jacket. Teenagers are painfully honest when it comes to evaluations. No matter what method you use for taking your inventory, you will discover flaws. That’s the whole idea.

Don’t be discouraged because this is the process that turns mediocrity into greatness. Adapt your programs based on evaluation results. Scout the teen terrain. Probe where it hurts. Get it done. Remember, you want to eliminate dead-end programs that wander aimlessly for months without ever getting out of the underbrush.

Rest

Vince Lombardi once said, “Fatigue makes cowards of us all.” Too many youth workers end up burned out, as it is commonly called. A good way to avoid this syndrome is to prioritize your life, including rest in the equation. The best candle in the world will last



only half its useful life if it is burned at both ends.

Thunder

Put some “thunder” into your steps. I do not know who decreed that youth ministers should be timid and unable to hold opinions, but it certainly does not work in the real world.

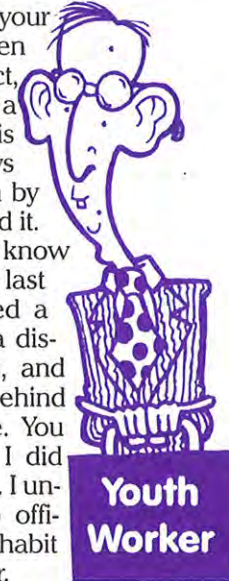
Meet David, not your average soft-spoken young man. In fact, David carried quite a bit of thunder in his steps. The Bible says that he took a lion by the beard and killed it.

Now, I do not know about you, but the last time I encountered a lion, it was from a distance of 20 yards, and his highness was behind a protective fence. You can be sure that I did not yank his beard. I understand that zoo officials don’t make a habit of doing that either.

But David did (at least once). He killed it with his bare hands. David was confident. David was bold, and no beast or overgrown Philistine was able to prevent him from serving the Lord. Can you boast of that kind of relationship with the Lord? Make that your goal in life and put some thunder in your steps.

Then you will no longer yell, “Help! I’m a youth worker!”

Instead, you’ll hear the demons of hell screeching, “Help! It’s that youth worker!” ■



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What's So Special About the Small-Town Church?

By Ron Klassen and John Koessler



Have you ever thought about why pictures of little country churches often grace Christmas cards, but megachurch facilities never do? Or why is it such a high compliment for a visitor to a big suburban church to say, "This feels like a small church!"? Yes, there is something special about the small-town church.

Why then do so many small-town churches feel inferior to larger churches in cities and suburbs? That's easy to answer. It's because big churches can do so much more.

After all, what small church can put together a mass choir? How many small churches can hire a youth pastor, a children's director, a director of senior adult ministries or a full-time minister of music?

Both of us, as pastors of small-town churches, have at times tried to imitate larger suburban churches. The result? Our churches didn't feel like big churches, and in the process of imitating someone else, we lost some of what makes the small-town church so special.

We discovered that there are some things big churches can do best and some things small churches can do best. For any church to be all it can be, it has to make the most of its strengths.

Big Tractor, Little Tractor

Most farmers have at least two tractors, one large, one small. The big tractor is better for some jobs, the little tractor for others. Trying to mow a ditch with a big tractor is an exercise in frustration, but a small tractor does the job handily. Plowing a large field with a small tractor would take forever, but a large tractor can make short work of it. The smart farmer uses each tractor for the jobs it does best.

Just as it is foolish to use a small tractor to do a big tractor's job, it is counterproductive to imitate large-church programs in small churches. The small church that tries to become a scaled-down version of a big church will become a pale imitation of a big church.

The small church is at its best

when it makes the most of those qualities that make the small church special—intimacy and involvement.

The First I—Intimacy

While the large church scrambles to find ways to encourage warmth and personal relationships, the small church, if it is healthy, naturally has a family atmosphere. Large churches work to create small-group ministries; in the small church, many small-group dynamics occur spontaneously.

In the large church, many faces are unfamiliar; in the small church, everyone knows everyone else. In a large church, an usher passes a note to the pastor who then announces, "A brown Ford, license TM3527, has its lights on." The pastor of a small church looks out the window and says, "Jim, you left your lights on."

Anyone who has belonged to a healthy small church has many memories of warmth and intimacy. One of our favorites is of the holiday we (Ron

and Roxy) awoke to find ourselves snowed in with no electricity or phones. Church friends had invited us to spend the day at their home, but with the road buried under knee-deep snow, we resigned ourselves to spending a lonely day at home.

We were feeling depressed and disappointed when, about noon, we heard a knock at our back door. There stood the 21-year-old son of our friends. He and his dad had spent the last four hours on two tractors, clearing the way from their ranch to the main road so they could get to our house.

This warm friendliness is a big part of what large churches are hoping to recreate when they try to cultivate a small-church atmosphere.

The Second I—Involvement

As an organization gets larger, the level of participation usually goes down. Eighty percent or more of the members of a small church often have designated ministry responsibilities while most larger churches feel fortunate if 30 to 40 percent of their members accept specific assignments.

Before Scott and Lyn began worshipping at Valley Chapel where I (John) was pastoring, they attended a larger congregation of about 300. Though they had grown up in that church, neither had been very involved in its ministries. When I asked why, they said they hadn't felt needed.

They both quickly got involved in Valley Chapel. Lyn worked with several of our children's ministries and later volunteered to type the church bulletin. Scott became a leader in our mid-week children's program and used his mechanical skills to keep the church's lawn mower in shape.

To some extent, intimacy and involvement happen spontaneously in the small church, but a church can also intentionally build on these qualities.

Using Your Two I's

We have often heard pastors of small churches complain about what their churches cannot do in their worship services because of their size. But the small church makes a mistake if it tries to copy a large-church worship style. Rather, the small church needs to shape its worship to capitalize on what the small church does best.

In no other area is the small church more tempted to feel inferior to the large church than in the area of music. We look at the megachurches' big choirs, keyboard artists and great talent, and think, "If only we had just a little bit of that in our church."

True worship, though, is not a performance. A friend of ours who has served as the minister of music in several large churches points out that some large churches fall into a trap of approaching their music with a performance mentality that hinders worship.

Good worship is not a fancy sound system or talented soloists or professional instrumentalists. The best worship takes place simply when all the people participate in ascribing worth to God. How can a small church encourage everyone to participate in worship?

Special vocal music. The big church only lets people on the platform if they can sing well. The small church that follows that policy will seldom have special music. Plus, this flies in the face of maximizing involvement. Warren Wiersbe describes the attitude called for in the small church in his book *Real Worship*:

If the players and singers are doing their best, and seeking to do better, then God accepts their "sacrifices of praise" and so should we. . . . Whenever I am listening to a below-average presentation, I imagine my Lord receiving it and presenting it to the Father; and that changes my attitude completely.

Special music by children. The small church should invite children to play instruments or sing, even though their music is less than perfect. Everyone forgives children when they make mistakes. Plus, parents will think, "If our family was in a large church, they would not let my daughter play a piano solo."

Special music by families. Both of us have heard family music presentations that, though full of imperfections, connected powerfully with the audience. To the small church's credit, the congregation is more interested in giving people opportunities to

participate than it is in judging those who participate.

Congregational singing. The small church cannot have a mass choir, but neither can the large church sing around the piano. The informality of the small church can make congregational singing something truly special.

Instead of always announcing a hymn then asking everyone to stand to sing it, sing several songs or choruses in a row. Choose the most singable songs, whatever your congregation sings best.

Leading worship. Consider forming a worship team to share in leading worship. Encourage broad participation in all parts of the worship service such as scripture reading, praying and taking the offering. Young people especially should be encouraged to take part. This is excellent training for future ministry.

Sharing time. Small churches can easily include testimonies and sharing times in their services. In our impersonal world, people feel a deep need to have a place to share their experiences, yet such sharing is almost impossible in a large-church worship service. In the small church, personal sharing in the service can lead to powerful ministry.

What's special about the small-town church is its two I's—intimacy and involvement. In a world where most people feel like faces in the crowd, they are longing for intimacy more than polished performance, for involvement more than spectator status, for small rather than big. By focusing on what it does best, the small church can be there for people who are hungering for a personal touch in an impersonal age. ■

Adapted with permission from *No Little Places: The Untapped Potential of the Small-Town Church* by Ron Klassen and John Koessler (Baker 1996).



Tradition, Time and Truth

By Wade Jernigan

For years I avoided indoor baptistries and refused to baptize converts anywhere except outside, the way God intended and Free Will Baptists in my neck of the woods practiced it. That was my tradition, and I came by it honestly.

I'm from North Carolina originally where our tradition was deeply rooted and our doctrine firm. No one dared to differ with either, especially not a novice like me. We did what had always been done in order to be accepted by the brethren and have opportunity to serve.

Public Baptisms

Naturally, when converts were made, membership was urged and baptism followed. Favorite baptismal waters were visited such as rivers, creeks, mill races, swamps and mill ponds. Occasionally, a candidate would express, "I want to be baptized in running water." The minister always obliged, for that was his preference also.

Expressions like "to be baptized like Jesus" were not uncommon. If questioned about what they meant by the statement, converts would reply, "in running water."

Preferences were formed, practice framed, position finalized. We held so tenaciously until it became difficult to separate what was a preference from what was a conviction.

Following the traditional became so entrenched until any consideration of change seemed like compromise. Compromise was evil. Tradition hung on. Under no circumstances would we give thought to baptizing in a baptistry, though bodies of still water had become acceptable in time.

Holding absolutely to the doctrine of immersion, it was thought that any body of water would be sufficient if it was deep enough to completely cover the candidate. However, that water had to be very public because it had been stated time and again that baptism was an "outward expression

to the world of an inward work of grace." Thus this ordinance had to be practiced outside in the open.

Indoor Baptisms

This held sway until a brother proposed this question, "Wade, which looks more like a grave, this baptistry or a stream out yonder?" He followed the question with the comment, "We are buried with Him by baptism." His lesson struck home. From then on baptistries were acceptable to me.

Other changes followed. Some practices, however, never did become a part of my personal acceptance. When some brethren began wearing waders into the water, I balked. Though we never offered sharp criticism toward those who baptized in waders, we did laugh a lot.

Justification for not following after this new trend had root in the fact that the Bible states in the case of Deacon Philip baptizing the eunuch, "... they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch ... and when they were come up out of the water the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip," (Acts 8:38-39). Philip was in the water with the eunuch.

This scripture presented itself in a more forceful way later. I visited a fellow in Veteran's Hospital in Fresno, California, and he got converted. Though his physical condition was serious, he requested baptism. Those in attendance courteously made arrangements to baptize him in a whirlpool. He was lifted by a mechanical lift (chair and all) up and into the tub.

Where was I? Standing on the outside of the whirlpool saying to myself while waiting until he was solidly in the water, "Surely God understands that both of us cannot get into this water." My preference was still intact, but not my practice.

Portable Baptisms

Fifty years after having baptized for the first time, my preference crumbled, but not without much ef-

fort to retain it. It happened at Spring Hill FWB Church in Lexington, Oklahoma. I faced another hard decision: Will I baptize in that portable baptistry? There's no way the baptizer can get in the water with those to be baptized.

This question and statement had to be addressed. It was and a decision made. Baptisms at Spring Hill FWB Church would be conducted where the preacher and the candidate could *both* go into the water. That offended some members of the congregation.

Soon, however, my decision was challenged. God sent us 11 conversions. They all requested baptism and joined the church. What now? At this juncture God began to speak to a pastor's heart.

He seemed to be saying, "The scriptures do not say that you *must* be in the water. What they do state is that the believer must be buried in water."

Upon the heels of that came these words, "You and pallbearers have buried many in their graves but never have you gotten in the grave with them." Relief came. Along with resolve and rejoicing.

God gave His approval to the service by bringing in over 125 people to witness the full meaning of, "Therefore, we are buried with Him by baptism into death that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so, we, also, should walk in the newness of life," (Romans 6:4).

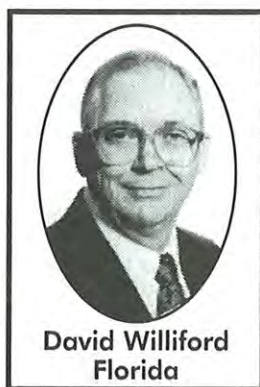
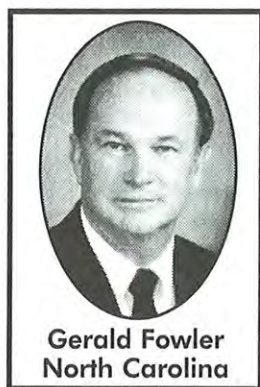
So what is the concluding thought? As long as the believer is immersed in the name of the Trinity, no matter what the container, he is scripturally baptized. To come to this conclusion took me 50 years. "Is this position right?" one may ask. Yes. It can be defended. ■

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| 10:00-10:45 | SUNDAY SCHOOL (Adults) | Convention Center Arena |
| | Presiding: Gene Norris Song Service: Mike Lewis Adult Teacher: Ron Barber | |
| 10:00-10:45 | SUNDAY SCHOOL (Youth) | Convention Center |
| | Children's Class (Grades 1-3) | Room E-102 |
| | Tweener's Class (Grades 4-6) | Room E-103 |
| | Teen Class | JFK Theater |
| 10:45 | Intermission | |
| 11:00-12:00 | MORNING WORSHIP (Adults) | Convention Center Arena |
| | Presiding: Gene Norris Song Service: Mike Lewis Music: Music Commission Offertory: Instrumentalists Music: Jerry Pilgrim Message: Gerald Fowler | |

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| | Children's Church | Room E-102 |
| | Tweener Church | Room E-103 |
| | Teen Church | JFK Theater |

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 21

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| 1:00 | Early Registration (Pre-registered only) | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 1:30 | Registration Orientation | Convention Center Room W-101 |
| 3:00 | REGISTRATION for National Convention, WNAC and NYC | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 5:00 | Usher Orientation | Convention Center Room W-107 |
| 5:00 | Music Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |

SUNDAY EVENING / July 21

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| 6:55 | Special Music: Meadow Brook Quartet | Convention Center Arena |
| 7:00-8:30 | WORSHIP SERVICE | Convention Center Arena |
| | Presiding: Charles Thigpen | |

Song Service: Scott Bullman
 Music: Meadow Brook Quartet
 Offertory: Billy Fields
 Solo: Billy Fields
 MESSAGE: David Williford

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| 7:00-8:30 | NYC WORSHIP SERVICES (See NYC Program) | Convention Center |
| 8:30 | Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
| 8:30-10:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 9:00-10:00 | NYC Judges' Reception | Convention Center Room E-107 |
| 9:00-11:00 | NYC Activities (See NYC Program) | Convention Center |
| 9:15 | Combined College Choir Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |

MONDAY MORNING / July 22

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| 7:00 | Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
| 7:30 | General Board Breakfast | Radisson Plaza Citizens Room-B |
| 8:00-8:45 | WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast | Radisson Plaza Citizens Room-A |
| 8:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 8:30 | NYC Assemblies (See NYC Program) | Convention Center |
| 9:00 | NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES (See NYC Program) | Convention Center Ramada Downtown |
| 9:00-10:30 | Foreign Missionary Orientation (For Exhibit Schedule) | Convention Center Room W-109 |
| 9:00-11:00 | WNAC Nominating Committee | Radisson Plaza Citizens Room-C |
| 9:00-11:45 | WNAC Executive Committee | Radisson Plaza General Worth Boardroom |
| 9:00-12:00 | GENERAL BOARD CONVENES | Radisson Plaza Grand Crystal Ballroom C-D |

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 22

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| 12:00-12:45 | WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon | Radisson Plaza Citizens Room-A |
| 1:00 | NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program) | Convention Center Ramada Downtown |
| 1:30 | General Board Reconvenes | Radisson Plaza Grand Crystal Ballroom C-D |
| 1:30-2:30 | WNAC Seminars (See WNAC Program) | Radisson Plaza Grand Crystal Ballroom A-B |
| 3:00 | Exhibit Area Opens | Convention Center West Hall - Bay 5 |

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| 3:00-5:00 | Free Will Baptist Camp Meeting Speaker: David Crowe | Convention Center Arena |
| 3:30-6:30 | Fellowship of Encouragement Meeting/Dinner Speaker: Erwin Lutzer | Convention Center East Hall - Bay 3 |
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MONDAY EVENING / July 22

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| 6:55 | Special Music: The Durbins | |
| 7:00-8:30 | WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: Thurmon Murphy Song Service: David Bates Welcome to Fort Worth: Thurmon Murphy Executive Secretary, Texas State Association Mass Adult Choir: Doug Little, Director Offertory: The Durbins Special Music: The Durbins Solo: Leanne Ledbetter MESSAGE: Tim Hall Session Called to Order and Moderator Introduced: Waldo Young, Clerk Appointment of Committee on Committees: Ralph Hampton, Moderator | Convention Center Arena |
| 7:00-8:30 | NYC WORSHIP SERVICES (See NYC Program) | Convention Center |
| 8:30 | Men's Chorale Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
| 8:30-10:00 | Exhibit Area Open | Convention Center West Hall - Bay 5 |
| 8:30-10:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 9:00-10:00 | Board of Retirement Information Meeting | Radisson Plaza Continental Room |
| 9:00-10:30 | NYC Activities (See NYC Program) | Convention Center |
| 9:00-10:30 | Youth Workers' Reception | Ramada Downtown Trinity Room - A |
| 9:15 | Combined College Groups Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
| 10:00 | Exhibit Area Closed | |

TUESDAY MORNING / July 23

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| 7:30 | Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
| 7:30-8:30 | State Promotional Personnel Breakfast | Radisson Plaza Metropolitan Room |
| 8:00 | NYC Competitive Activities (See NYC Program) | Convention Center Ramada Downtown |

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| 8:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 8:30-12:00 | Free Will Baptist Leadership Forum | Radisson Plaza Grand Crystal Ballroom |
| 8:30 | Presiding: Melvin Worthington Speaker: Bob Shockey | |
| 9:15 | Presiding: Melvin Worthington (Denominational Issues Discussion) | |
| 9:00 | WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST (See WNAC Program) Presiding: Everyl Getz | Convention Center Arena |
| 9:00 | Master's Men Board Meeting | Radisson Plaza Citizens Room - A |
| 10:00 | Exhibit Area Open | Convention Center West Hall - Bay 5 |
| 11:10 | WNAC Missionary Service Speaker: Carlisle Hanna | Convention Center Arena |

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 23

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| 12:00-1:30 | Hillsdale FWB College Reception | Radisson Plaza Texas Ballroom |
| 1:00 | NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program) | Convention Center Ramada Downtown |
| 1:30 | WNAC Reconvenes (See WNAC Program) | Convention Center Arena |
| 1:30-3:00 | Theological Trends Seminar Speaker: Robert Picirilli Subject: "The King James Version: The Manuscript Side" | Radisson Plaza Grand Crystal Ballroom - D |
| 1:30-3:00 | Music Commission Seminar | Convention Center Room W-104 |
| 2:00-4:00 | Master's Men Congress Presiding: James Vallance | Radisson Plaza Citizens Room B-C |
| 4:00 | Music Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
| 5:00 | Men's Chorale Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
| 5:00-6:45 | WNAC Fellowship Dinner Speaker: Marcia Ellison | Convention Center West Hall - Bay 4 |
| 5:30 | Combined College Groups Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |

TUESDAY EVENING / July 23

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| 6:55 | Special Music: Combined College Groups | Convention Center Arena |
| 7:00-8:30 | WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: James Vallance Song Service: Jay Baines Master's Men Celebration Music: Combined College Groups Offertory: Combined College Groups MESSAGE: Trymon Messer | Convention Center Arena |

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| 7:00-8:30 | NYC WORSHIP SERVICES (See NYC Program) | Convention Center |
| 8:30 | Men's Chorale Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
| 8:30-10:00 | Exhibit Area Open | Convention Center West Hall - Bay 5 |
| 8:30-10:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 9:00-11:00 | NYC Activities (See NYC Program) | Convention Center |
| 9:00-11:00 | Youth Banquet | Texas Lil's Ranch |
| 10:00 | Exhibit Area Closed | |

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 24

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| 7:00-8:30 | Music Fellowship Breakfast | Radisson Plaza Texas Ballroom A-B |
| 7:30 | Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
| 7:30 | State Leaders Breakfast | Radisson Plaza Citizens Room - B |
| 8:00-12:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 8:15-11:00 | NYC Competitive Finals (Bible Competition) | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| 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 Arena |
| | REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (Board members elected at conclusion of each report.) Executive Office: Melvin Worthington Board of Retirement: William Evans Free Will Baptist Foundation: William Evans Home Missions: Trymon Messer Master's Men: James Vallance | |
| 10:00 | Exhibit Area Open | Convention Center West Hall - Bay 5 |
| 12:00-1:00 | NYC Awards Ceremony (See NYC Program) | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| 12:00 Noon | REGISTRATION CLOSSES | |

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 24

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| 12:00-1:15 | Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon | Convention Center East Hall - Bay 3 |
| 1:00 | NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program) | Convention Center Ramada Downtown |
| 1:30 | CONVENTION BUSINESS RECONVENES Scripture Reading and Prayer Assistant Moderator: Carl Cheshier | Convention Center Arena |

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| 1:35 | REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued) Free Will Baptist Bible College: Tom Malone Foreign Missions: Eugene Waddell Sunday School and Church Training: Alton Loveless Commission for Theological Integrity: Leroy Forlines Radio-Television Commission: Steve Faison Music Commission: Randy Sawyer Historical Commission: Mary Wisehart | |
| 3:30 | General Board Final Report Partial Report of Nominating Committee Election of General Board Members | Convention Center Arena |
| 4:00 | Business Session Recessed | |
| 4:00 | Men's Chorale Rehearsal (Or immediately following business session) | Convention Center Arena |
| 4:45 | Master's Men Dinner | Radisson Plaza Grand Crystal Ballroom - D |
| 5:00 | Music Rehearsal | Convention Center Arena |
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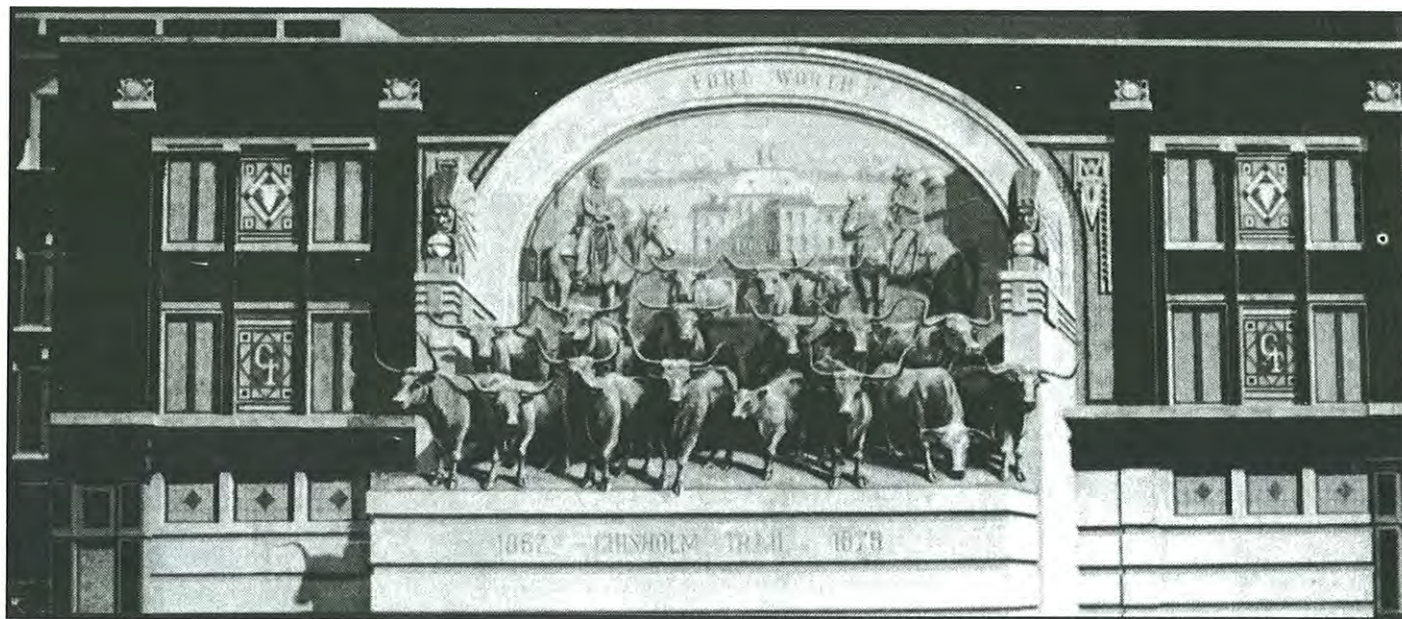
WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 24

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| 6:55 | Special Music: Adoration | |
| 7:00-9:00 | WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: Carl Cheshier Song Service: Randy Riggs Recognition of Missionaries: Trymon Messer/Eugene Waddell Special Music: Men's Chorale Missions Offering: Carl Cheshier Offertory: Adoration Solo: Nancy Copeland MESSAGE: Will Harmon | Convention Center Arena |

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| 8:30-10:00 | Exhibit Area Open | Convention Center West Hall - Bay 5 |
| 9:00-11:00 | NYC Awards Ceremony | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| 10:00 | Exhibit Area Closed | |

THURSDAY MORNING / July 25

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| 7:00-9:00 | Foreign Missions Board Breakfast | Radisson Plaza Metropolitan Room |
| 7:30-9:00 | Sunday School Board Breakfast | Radisson Plaza Tarrant Room |
| 9:00 | Exhibit Area Open | Convention Center West Hall - Bay 5 |
| 9:00 | CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION Scripture Reading and Prayer Assistant Clerk: Keith Burden NYC Report: Dean Jones WNAC Report: Mary R. Wisehart Report of Committees: — Registration Committee — Budget Committee — Cross-Cultural Ministries Committee: Melvin Worthington — Obituary Committee — Resolutions Committee Nominating Committee Final Report Election of General Officers | Convention Center Arena |
| 11:45 | Adjournment | |
| 12:15 | Exhibits Closed (30 minutes after convention adjournment) | |



The Chisholm Trail mural in Sundance Square.

National Youth Conference

29th Annual Conference / July 21-25, 1996

Tarrant County Convention Center

Fort Worth, Texas

Theme: "Takin' It to the Streets"
Conference Director: Dean Jones
Conference Coordinator: Eric Thomsen
Children's Coordinator: Lisa Jones
Conference Office Manager: June McVay
Conference Registration Coordinator: Jill Pointer
NYC Headquarters Hotel: Ramada Downtown
NYC Office: Ramada Downtown / Pioneer Room
Practice Room: Ramada Downtown / Mardi Gras Room
NYC Storage: Ramada Downtown / Barclay Room
 (NYC operates under the auspices of the Sunday School and Church Training Department.)



Dean Jones



Eric Thomsen

SUNDAY MORNING / July 21

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| 10:00-10:45 | SUNDAY SCHOOL | |
| | Children's Class (Grades 1-3) | Convention Center East - 102 |
| | Tweener Class (Grades 4-6) | Convention Center East - 103 |
| | Teen Class Teacher: Keith Fletcher | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| 10:45 | Intermission | |
| 11:00-12:00 | MORNING WORSHIP | Convention Center |
| | Children's Worship | East - 102 |
| | Tweener Worship | East - 103 |
| | Teen Worship Speaker: Mike Garner | JFK Theater |

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 21

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| 12:15 | NYC Personnel Luncheon | Ramada Downtown Longhorn Room |
| 3:00 | Registration | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 4:00 | Turning Point / Horizon Pre-test Session #1 | Ramada Downtown Pioneer Room |

SUNDAY EVENING / July 21

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| 7:00-8:30 | NYC WORSHIP SERVICES | Convention Center |
| | Children's Worship | East - 102 |
| | Tweener Worship | East - 103 |

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| | Teen Church Speaker: Ken Cash | JFK Theater |
| 8:30-10:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 9:00-10:00 | NYC Judges' Reception | Convention Center East - 107 |
| 9:00-10:00 | Children's Activities | Convention Center East - 102 |
| 9:00-10:00 | Tweener Activities | Convention Center East - 103 |
| 9:00-11:00 | Back Alley Adventure | Convention Center East Bay |

MONDAY MORNING / July 22

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| 8:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 8:00-5:00 | Art Gallery Open | Ramada Downtown Columbus Room |
| 8:00-6:30 | NYC Exhibit Area Open | Ramada Downtown 2nd Level Concourse |
| 8:30 | NYC Assemblies (Required of ALL Competitors and Coaches) | Convention Center |
| | Music and Arts Assembly | JFK Theater |
| | Bible Bowl | East - 103 |
| | Bible Tic-Tac-Toe | East - 102 |
| | Sword Drill/Memorization | East - 104 |
| 9:00 | NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES | Convention Center |
| | Music and Arts Section 1 | JFK Theater |
| | Music and Arts Section 2 | East - 101 |

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| | Music and Arts Section 3 Oral Communications Individual Entries | Ramada Downtown Times Square East |
| | Music and Arts Section 4 Oral Communications Poetry / Prose | Ramada Downtown Times Square West |
| | Bible Bowl | Convention Center East - 103 |
| | Bible Tic-Tac-Toe | East - 102 |
| | Bible Memorization | East - 104 |
| 10:00-11:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth</i> | Ministering to Your Troubled Friends | Mustang - A |
| <i>Youth/Adults</i> | Puppetry Basics, Part One | Mustang - B |
| <i>Children</i> | Biblical Hide and Seek | Trinity - A/B |
| <i>Youth Workers</i> | Leading Your Teens in Outreach | Longhorn Room |
| 11:00-12:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth</i> | Starting a Bible Club — How? Why? Why Me? | Mustang - A |
| <i>Children</i> | 21 Things You Can Do for God Right Now | Mustang - B |

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 22

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| 1:00 | NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES | |
| | Music and Arts Section 5 Vocal Solos - Male | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| | Music and Arts Section 6 Vocal Trios | Convention Center East - 101 |
| | Music and Arts Section 7 Vocal Quintets | Ramada Downtown Times Square West |
| | Music and Arts Section 8 Duet Acting | Ramada Downtown Times Square East |
| | Bible Bowl | Convention Center East - 103 |
| | Bible Tic-Tac-Toe | East - 102 |
| | Bible Sword Drill Grade 5 | East - 104 |
| 1:00-2:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth</i> | Your Legal Rights on Your Campus | Mustang - A |
| <i>Children</i> | Children's Choir Workshop | Mustang - B |
| <i>Youth Workers</i> | Making Missionaries | Longhorn Room |
| 1:00-5:00 | Back Alley Adventure | Convention Center East Bay |
| 2:00-3:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth Workers</i> | Creative Teaching | Longhorn Room |
| <i>Children</i> | Stop, Drop, and Roll! | Trinity - A/B |
| 2:00 | NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES Bible Memorization Grade 2 | Convention Center East - 104 |
| 2:00-3:00 | Children's Activities | Ramada Downtown Times Square West |
| 2:00-5:00 | Stormin' the Streets | Ramada Downtown Frontier Room |
| 3:30-4:30 | Turning Point/Horizon Pre-Test Session #2 | Ramada Downtown Pioneer Room |

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| 5:00-6:30 | Children's Banquet | Convention Center East Hall |
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MONDAY EVENING / July 22

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| 7:00-8:30 | NYC WORSHIP SERVICES Children's Worship Tweeners Worship Teen Church Speaker: Jim Harris | Convention Center East - 102 East - 103 JFK Theater |
| 8:30-10:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 8:30-10:00 | NYC Exhibit Area Open | Ramada Downtown 2nd Level Concourse |
| 9:00-10:30 | Street Talk Concert | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| 9:00-10:30 | Youth Workers Reception | Ramada Downtown Trinity - A |
| 9:00-10:30 | Back Alley Adventure | Convention Center East Bay |

TUESDAY MORNING / July 23

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| 8:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Concourse |
| 8:00-5:00 | Art Gallery | Ramada Downtown Columbus Room |
| 8:00-6:30 | NYC Exhibit Area Open | Ramada Downtown 2nd Level Concourse |
| 8:15 | NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES Music and Arts Section 9 Vocal Solo - Female Music and Arts Section 10 Vocal Quartets Music and Arts Section 11 Keyboard/Instrumental Solo Music and Arts Section 12 Oral Communications Skits (A - C) Music and Arts Section 13 Oral Communications Puppetry/Live, Reader's Theater | Convention Center JFK Theater Convention Center East - 101 Ramada Downtown Times Square West Ramada Downtown Times Square East Convention Center East - 103 |
| | Bible Sword Drill Grade 6 Bible Tic Tac Toe | Convention Center East - 104 East - 102 |
| 9:00-12:00 | Turning Point / Horizon Playoff Rounds | Ramada Downtown Pioneer Room |
| 9:30 | Bible Memorization Grade 3 | Convention Center East - 104 |
| 10:00-11:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth</i> | Do You Know What You Believe? | Mustang - A |
| <i>Youth/Adults</i> | Puppetry Basics, Part Two | Mustang - B |
| <i>Children</i> | How to Talk to God | Trinity - A/B |
| <i>Youth Workers</i> | Classroom Management | Longhorn Room |

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| 11:00-12:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth</i> | The Answer to Life's Toughest Question | Mustang - A |
| <i>Children</i> | Becoming a Krafty Kid | Trinity - A/B |

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 23

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| 1:00 | NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES | |
| | Music and Arts Section 14 Chorales | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| | Music and Arts Section 15 Choirs | Convention Center East - 101 |
| | Music and Arts Section 16 Oral Communications Puppetry/Recorded | Convention Center East - 103 |
| | Music and Arts Section 17 Instrumental Ensembles Brass Solos | Ramada Downtown Times Square West |
| | Music and Arts Section 18 Oral Communications Skits (D - F) | Ramada Downtown Times Square East |
| 1:00-2:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth</i> | How to Take It To The Streets, Part One | Mustang - A |
| <i>Children</i> | Children's Choir Workshop | Trinity - A/B |
| <i>Youth Workers</i> | Redirecting Your Kids' Potential | Longhorn Room |
| 1:00-5:00 | Back Alley Adventure | Convention Center East Bay |
| 2:00-3:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Adults</i> | Super Trips and Activities for Your Youth Group | Mustang - B |
| 2:00-5:00 | Stormin' the Streets | Ramada Downtown Frontier Room |
| 3:30 | Truth & Peace Alumni Reunion | Ramada Downtown Longhorn Room |
| 4:30-5:30 | Youth Departure for Texas Lil's Ranch | Convention Center Houston Street Entrance |
| 5:30-11:30 | Youth Banquet | Texas Lil's Ranch |

TUESDAY EVENING / July 23

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| 7:00-8:30 | NYC WORSHIP SERVICES | Convention Center |
| | Children's Worship | East - 102 |
| | Tweener Worship | East - 103 |
| | Teen Worship | Texas Lil's Ranch |
| | Speaker: James Forlines | |
| 8:30-10:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 8:30-10:00 | NYC Exhibit Area Open | Ramada Downtown 2nd Level Concourse |
| 9:00-10:00 | Children's Activities | Convention Center East - 101 |
| 9:00-10:00 | Tweener Activities | East - 102 |
| 9:00-11:00 | Youth Banquet | Ballroom A/B |
| 9:00-11:00 | Back Alley Adventure | Convention Center East Bay |

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 24

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| 8:00 | Registration Continues | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |
| 8:00-12:00 | Art Gallery | Ramada Downtown Columbus Room |
| 8:00-5:00 | NYC Exhibit Area Open | Ramada Downtown 2nd Level Concourse |
| 8:15-11:00 | Final Bible Competition <i>(In Chronological Order)</i> Bible Tic Tac Toe Bible Memorization Bible Sword Drill Bible Bowl | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| 10:00-11:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth</i> | How to Take It To The Streets, Part Two | Mustang - A |
| <i>Youth/Adults</i> | Sharing the Gospel with Young Children | Mustang - B |
| <i>Children</i> | Children's Choir Workshop | Trinity - A/B |
| <i>Youth Workers</i> | Learning Characteristics of Children | Longhorn Room |
| 11:00-12:00 | Turning Point / Horizon Final Competition | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| 11:00-12:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth/Adults</i> | Defining Dynamic Drama, Part One | Mustang - A |
| <i>Youth Workers</i> | Cutting Edge Children's Church Ministry | Longhorn Room |
| 12:00-1:00 | NYC Awards Ceremony (Creative Arts & Creative Writing) | Convention Center JFK Theater |

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 24

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| 1:00-2:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth/Adults</i> | Defining Dynamic Drama, Part Two | Mustang - A |
| <i>Children</i> | Children's Choir Workshop | Trinity - A/B |
| <i>Youth Workers</i> | Developing a Youth Music Program | Longhorn Room |
| 2:00-3:00 | Street Talk | Ramada Downtown |
| <i>Youth Workers</i> | Explaining the New Guidelines | Longhorn Room |
| 2:00-5:00 | Stormin' the Streets | Ramada Downtown Pioneer Room |

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 24

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| 7:00-8:30 | Combined Evening Worship | Convention Center Arena |
| 8:50-9:00 | Children's Choir Presentation | Convention Center JFK Theater |
| 9:00-11:00 | NYC Awards Ceremony | Convention Center JFK Theater |

This program is subject to change!

Women Nationally Active for Christ

61st Annual Session / July 21-25, 1996

Tarrant County Convention Center

Fort Worth, Texas

Theme: "Hold the Light High"
Scripture: Acts 13:47
Hymn: "Let My Life Be a Light"
Music Coordinator: Debbie Burden
Organist: Sharon Beam
Pianist: Marian Pilgrim
Registration Chairman: Bettie Ferguson



Mary R. Wisheart



Carlisle Hanna



Marcia Ellison

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 21

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| 1:30 | Registration Orientation | Convention Center Room W-101 |
| 3:00 | Registration | Convention Center Houston Street Lobby |

MONDAY MORNING / July 22

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| 8:00-8:45 | WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast | Radisson Plaza Citizens - A |
| 9:00-11:00 | WNAC Nominating Committee | Radisson Plaza Citizens - C |
| 9:00-11:45 | WNAC Executive Committee | Radisson Plaza General Worth Boardroom |

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 22

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| 12:00-12:45 | WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon | Radisson Plaza Citizens - A |
| 1:30-2:30 | WNAC Seminar Theme: <i>How Can I Help My Pastor's Wife?</i> Presiding: Annette Aycock Speakers: Sue Aycock Ruth Mullen Christine Roysden Edra Saverance | Radisson Plaza Grand Crystal Ballroom - A |
| 1:30-2:30 | WNAC Ministers' Wives Seminar Theme: "Privileges and Responsibilities of Holding the Light in the Parsonage" Speaker: Everyl Getz | Radisson Plaza Grand Crystal Ballroom - B |
| 3:00-4:00 | WNAC State Officers Meeting Presiding: Mary R. Wisheart "Introducing the New Manual" | Radisson Plaza Grand Crystal Ballroom - A |

Tuesday Morning / July 23

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| 9:00 | WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST | Convention Center Arena |
| | Presiding: Everyl Getz Congregational Singing Devotion: Marie Hanna Special Music: Nancy Copeland Welcome: Brenda Doffing 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 | |
| 11:10 | WNAC MISSIONARY SERVICE | Convention Center Arena |
| | Congregational Singing Offering Special Music: Elaine Holland Message: Carlisle Hanna | |

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 23

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| 1:30 | Congregational Singing Music: Terry and Ramona VanWinkle Registration Committee Report WNAC Special Feature: Marjorie Workman and Susan Turnbough | Convention Center Arena |
| 3:00 | Adjournment | |
| 5:00 | WNAC Fellowship Dinner Invocation: David Aycock Speaker: Marcia Ellison Benediction: Randy Bryant | Convention Center West Hall - Bay 4 |

Hotel Reservation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Fort Worth, Texas

National Convention

July 21-25, 1996

1. Applications must be received no later than **June 21, 1996**. Reservations will **Not** be accepted by the FWCVB/Free Will Baptists Central Housing after the cut-off date. You may contact the hotel directly after the cut-off date and make your own reservation. The hotel is **Not** required to honor the Free Will Baptist rate after the cut-off date.
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. Acknowledgements will be mailed from the FWCVB/Free Will Baptists Housing Bureau to the person who sends in the reservation request.
4. Reservations are handled on a **first-come, first-served** basis. The FWCVB/Free Will Baptists Central Housing will attempt to assign participants based on their listed preferences. If your preferences are not available, you will be assigned to other participating hotels.
5. **Deposit:** All housing applications must be accompanied by one night's deposit for **each** room requested or credit card number and expiration date. Make checks payable to "Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau." Send with remittance to: **FWCVB/Free Will Baptists, 415 Throckmorton, Fort Worth, TX 76102.** You may FAX your form only if you are guaranteeing with a credit card to **817/336-3282**. Please note: We do not FAX back 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.
6. You will receive **acknowledgement** from the FWCVB/Free Will Baptists Central Housing followed by a **confirmation** from the hotel.
7. **Cancellations** must be made 72 hours prior to arrival date; otherwise your deposit is non-refundable. All changes and cancellations prior to the cut-off date must be in writing to the FWCVB/Free Will Baptists Central Housing. After the cut-off date, changes and cancellations may be made directly with the hotel.
8. **Changes** are to be made directly with the Central Housing via mail or FAX up until the cut-off date. At that point you must make any changes or cancellations directly with the hotel assigned.
9. **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 <u>Not</u> include 13% sales tax. | | ■ ■ | ■ ■ ■ | ■ ■ ■ ■ | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | Per Day Parking |
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| HOTELS | Choice | Single | Double | Triple | Quad | |
| Radisson Plaza (HeadquartersHotel) | | \$95 | \$95 | \$95 | \$95 | \$6 self/\$8 valet |
| Worthington Hotel | | \$105 | \$105 | \$105 | \$105 | \$6 self/\$7 valet |
| Ramada Downtown (NYC Headquarters Hotel) | | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | Free |
| Remington Hotel | | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | *Free |
| Park Central Hotel | | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | Free |

*Limited parking. Alternative parking available.

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
 Crib
 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



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
Fort Worth, Texas / July 21 - 25, 1996**

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: _____

Mail completed form(s) and fees to
**Convention Registration
 P. O. Box 5002
 Antioch, TN 37011-5002.**
 Must be postmarked on or before **June 21, 1996.**

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
 National Officer
 National Board Member
 Local Church (\$25.00)
VISITOR: [Visitors can not vote]

| Meal Tickets: | Quantity | |
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| Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner | _____ x | \$20.00 = \$_____ |
| Youth Workers Reception | _____ x | \$7.50 = \$_____ |
| Music Fellowship Breakfast | _____ x | \$9.00 = \$_____ |
| Hillsdale FWB College Reception | _____ x | \$15.00 = \$_____ |
| FWBBC Alumni Luncheon | _____ x | \$15.00 = \$_____ |
| Master's Men Dinner (before conv.) (\$20 at convention) | _____ x | \$18.00 = \$_____ |
| If Local Church Delegate _____ | → | \$25.00 = \$_____ |
| Signed credentials card enclosed Yes! | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 1996: _____ Age: _____
 Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____
 Parent's (or Guardian's) name: _____
 Youth Leader's name: _____

| | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| Registration Fee | | |
| Pre-Registration Fee | | \$17.00 = \$_____ |
| On-site registration fee is \$20.00. | | |
| 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 | \$25.00 = \$_____ |
| SUBTOTAL | | \$_____ |

For Office Use Only
 Rec _____ / _____
 Ck _____ / _____
 Amt \$ _____

Make ALL checks payable to FWB Convention.
No refunds mailed after June 21, 1996.
GRAND TOTAL \$_____
 Check/Money Order **Must** accompany this form.
 Enclose **ONE** check to pay all fees and tickets.

Pre-Register by June 21 and Pick up Your Convention Packet on Saturday!

Early Pick-up available at
Tarrant County Convention Center
for those who pre-register:

Saturday, July 20
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 21
1:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration ends June 21, 1996

Meal Information

Fellowship of Encouragement

Meeting / Dinner \$20.00
Monday, July 22 / 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Convention Center / East Hall, Bay 3

Children's Banquet \$7.50
Monday, July 22 / 5:00 p.m.
Convention Center / East Hall, Bays 1-2

Hillsdale FWB College Reception . . . \$15.00
Tuesday, July 23 / 12:00 noon
Radisson Plaza / Texas Ballroom

Youth Banquet \$25.00
Tuesday, July 23 / 4:30 - 11:00 p.m.
Texas Lil's Western Ranch

Ticket purchase includes transportation,
western activities, all-you-can-eat buffet,
evening worship service, and a real Texas-
size Rodeo!

Music Fellowship Breakfast \$9.00
Wednesday, July 24 / 7:00 a.m.
Radisson Plaza / Texas Ballroom A-B

Youth Workers Reception \$7.50
Monday, July 22 / 9:00 p.m.
Ramada Downtown / Trinity-A

WNAC Fellowship Dinner \$15.00
Tuesday, July 23 / 5:00 p.m.
Convention Center / West Hall, Bay 4

FWBBC Luncheon \$15.00
Wednesday, July 24 / 12:00 Noon
Convention Center / East Hall, Bay 3

Master's Men Dinner \$18.00
(S20 at convention)

Wednesday, July 24 / 4:45 p.m.
Radisson Plaza / Grand Crystal Ballroom D

FREE WILL BAPTIST NEWSFRONT

Arizona Re-Elects Harvey Moderator

PHOENIX, AZ—Delegates to Arizona's District Association elected Phoenix pastor George Harvey to his second term as moderator during their March 9 meeting. Some 60 people gathered at North Valley FWB Church in Phoenix for the 44th annual session, according to clerk Pat Atchley.

Eight ordained ministers and 21 lay delegates registered for the one-day business meeting that assembled under the theme, "Accepting the Challenge to Reach the Lost."

Two laymen gave devotionals

explaining the theme—Joe Bilbrey from Grace FWB Church in Chandler and Don Davis from First FWB Church in Tucson. Free Will Baptist executive secretary Melvin Worthington preached the morning sermon from Matthew 4.

Delegates passed resolutions congratulating the North Valley FWB Church for completing their new building, and encouraging members to vote in the 1996 presidential election.

The 1997 session will meet March 8 at First FWB Church in Tucson.

Illinois Adopts \$190,000 Budget

WALNUT HILL, IL—After two days of preaching and business, the 170 attendees at Illinois' 36th annual state association adopted a \$190,000 budget, according to clerk Larry Cook. The association met March 15-16 at Pleasant View FWB Church in Walnut Hill.

Delegates instructed that Cooperative Plan receipts be disbursed as follows: National Association (28%), State Missions (24%), Promotional Fund (12%), Camp Board (16%), General Fund (9%), Sunday School and Christian Education Board (5%), CTS Board (4%), Ministerial Scholarship Fund (1%), Layman's Board (1%).

"The preaching was great and the fellowship uplifting," said Reverend Larry Cook. Three ministers preached under the general theme, "Preach the Word." Illi-

nois pastors James Boggs (Oak Valley FWB Church, Geff) and Jason Jean (Freedom FWB Church, Marion) shared the pulpit with Alton Loveless, director of the Sunday School and Church Training Department.

Delegates passed two resolutions. The first resolution urged support of K-Mart stores for dropping Waldenbooks. The second voted support of the decision reached at the 1995 Leadership Conference and the material subsequently printed in *Contact*.

Moderator Larry Clyatt was elected to his eighth term. Byford Campbell was elected as the new clerk succeeding Larry Cook.

The 1997 session will meet March 21-22 at Bakerville FWB Church in Bonnie.

Historical Collection Seeks Minutes

NASHVILLE, TN—The Free Will Baptist Historical Commission plans to publish an updated inventory of minutes in the Historical Collection in time for the 1997 national convention in Cincinnati. This will mark the third update in 20 years. Inventories were previously published in 1978 and 1989.

Clerks, moderators and other interested persons are urged to make sure that minutes of their association for every year are sent to the Historical Collection.

No state or district association should be left out or just have part of its minutes presented. Every clerk should take the responsibility to send minutes every year to keep records up to date.

Minutes of associations provide one of the most important sources of historical information. One of the Historical Commission's goals is to collect complete sets of minutes for every association of churches that has the Free Will Baptist name.

Duplicate copies of minutes are welcomed. Over the years, some copies have deteriorated. Others can be used as back-ups or to exchange with other collections.

Send minutes to:
Historical Collection
c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205

Faculty Positions Available at FWBBC

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College needs to fill several faculty positions this fall, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, academic dean. The positions open are in the areas of missions, youth ministry, psychology, mu-

sic, science and business.

"Candidates should have at least a master's degree in the teaching area, and the further along toward a doctorate the better," Picirilli stated.

Prospective candidates are

urged to send a resume, accompanied by a written testimony to:

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

Bible College Completes Land Drive

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College completed its "Claim The Land" drive ahead of schedule, according to Roy Harris, stewardship director.

The drive to raise \$3,400 per acre for the 123 acres to which the college plans to relocate was scheduled to conclude May 31. Harris announced to the college's Bible Conference attendees on March 13 that the campaign had been successfully completed.

The drive was completed in just 14 months and raised a total of \$408,000. Over \$250,000 has been received, with the remainder to be given during the

next two years.

The first and last acres were purchased by Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Malone, parents of FWBBC president Tom Malone. Other purchases included the Alumni Association, 1995-96 student body, and donors from 18 states from Hawaii to North Carolina.

"There are still many things that must happen if we are to move our campus," notes Mr. Harris, "but we have the assurance that the God 'who hath begun a good work' will see it through to completion."

Oklahoma Authorizes Loan for Hillsdale

MOORE, OK—Some 200 Free Will Baptists gathered on the Hillsdale FWB College campus March 16 in a called meeting of the Oklahoma State Association to hear reports on the status of the college, according to president Jim Shepherd. Delegates authorized the Oklahoma Executive Board to borrow up to \$300,000 with proceeds going to the college's operating fund.

This action will enable Hillsdale to end its fiscal year with a

balanced budget, Shepherd said. It also strengthens the college's application for accreditation by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Delegates ended the meeting by making personal and church pledges in response to Hillsdale's need. Over \$100,000 was pledged in the meeting.

Hillsdale is applying for full accreditation by the Oklahoma Regents, and it underwent an evaluation visit April 8-10. The college

has been provisionally accredited by the Regents since 1970. If their application is successful, Hillsdale will immediately proceed to apply for candidacy with the North Central Association.

Although this was a called Oklahoma state meeting, Free Will Baptists came from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Texas to hear of the college's financial condition and accreditation status.

Discount Air Fares to Convention Available

NASHVILLE, TN—The National Association of Free Will Baptists has made special travel arrangements for attendees and their families who will be flying to the National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, July 21-25, according to Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington.

Artists Travel Corp. in Nashville has been selected as the agency of record to provide members attending the convention with discount travel services.

Discounts for air travel to Fort Worth have been secured on two

airlines: American and USAir. Each airline offers a 5% discount on excursion rates and 10% discount on full coach fares. These fares cannot be purchased through another travel agency or directly with the airlines. These are contracted group airfares. First class tickets may also be booked if desired.

Artists Travel Corp. has contracted for travel dates July 16 through July 27 for the convention.

To book airspace at the offered discounted rates, call Artists Travel Corp. toll free at 1-800/489-

2009. Ask for **Janice Jakobik** and identify yourself with the Free Will Baptist National Convention. The agent will need the following:

- ◆ your name
- ◆ correct mailing address
- ◆ number of passengers
- ◆ city of flight origin
- ◆ home phone number
- ◆ business phone number

For easy billing, have a **current credit card** ready at the time of booking. Artists Travel will process and mail the tickets to you.

Members of **Liberty FWB Church in Gatewood, GA**, hope this one does not burn. Twice before (1940, 1995), the church was destroyed by fire. Six months after the last fire, members dedicated their third new church building with 100 in attendance. Pastor **J. W. King** spearheaded the rebuilding drive.

The Reverend **H. T. Dann**, a Free Will Baptist minister for 35 years in **Missouri**, died December 25, 1995, at age 66. He was associate pastor at Faith FWB Church in St. Louis. He pastored three churches before muscular dystrophy restricted his activities in 1982.

Florida minister **Arnold Woodlief** was one of the nominees for 1995 citizen of the year sponsored by the Marianna Chamber of Commerce.

Fifteen members of **Ina FWB Church in Ina, IL**, participated in a county-wide *Jesus Video* campaign, according to Pastor **David Shores**. They visited 96 homes and distributed 87 videos. Thirty-eight people who saw the video confessed Christ as Savior.

Twenty-five people came forward to join **Newcastle FWB Church in Newcastle, OK**, on a recent Sunday morning. Pastor **Frank Giles** is completing 20 years at the church. The congregation just built a 15,000-square-foot multi-purpose building. The two-story structure houses day care and Sunday School classes, and includes a full-size gymnasium.

The Antlers Nursing Home in **Antlers, OK**, honored a Free Will Baptist woman for 30 years of weekly visits to residents. Sister **Novaline Burgess** completed reading the Bible through to the nursing home residents in January and began again. She has taught standing, on crutches and in a wheel chair. Officials gave her a floral arrangement and certificate of appreciation.

Pastor **Curtis Booth** reports 17 conversions and 14 baptisms at **Gahanna FWB Church in Gahanna, OH**. Members plan to pay off the church mortgage this year.

Some 234 people attended dedication services at **First FWB Church in Austintown, OH**. The 6,070-square-foot building holds 200 in the sanctuary, so Pastor **Bruce Beal** said it was standing room only.

Pastor **Larry Sparks** presented a plaque to Deacon **Woodrow Hayes** in honor of his 48 years of service to **First FWB Church in Columbus, OH**. Brother Hayes, the oldest deacon and member in the church, served 18 of the 48 years while his father (Elder **Dave Al Hayes**) pastored the church.

Pastor **Jerry Newman** shared his home for a month with two Russian men who spoke little English. The two Russians were from Siberia, 12 time zones away. One is a physics professor, the other a welding student. Both attended a Free Will Baptist church for the first time, **West Jefferson FWB Church in West Jefferson, OH**, where Newman pastors.

The annual **Ohio Men's Retreat** registered 138 at Big Prairie, OH, according to executive secretary **Edwin Hayes**. **Trymon Messer** and **Calvin Ray Evans** preached to the attendees.

The Reverend **F. M. Wood**, a Free Will Baptist minister for 66 years, died in February at age 86. He pastored 13 churches in **Oklahoma**. He served for many years as moderator of Center Association. He died loved and respected by his brethren.

Contact welcomes **FYI**, publication of **Beulah FWB Church in Pensacola, FL**. The six-page monthly includes an editorial by Pastor **Len Scott** as well as general church news.

They chased Pastor **Danny Slater** to the top of the church roof where a deacon took pity on the poor man, climbed up and joined him for Sunday lunch. That event occurred when 275 people attended **River Rouge FWB Church in River Rouge, MI**, during an enlargement campaign.

Something's stirring at **Spring Hill FWB Church in Lexington, OK**. Evan-

gelist **Wade Jernigan** reports 12 conversions, 11 baptisms and 16 new members this spring. Attendance has surged from 15 to the mid-60's.

Members of **Faith FWB Church in Wichita Falls, TX**, have been busy with hammers, saws and vinyl siding, according to Pastor **Richard Rust**. The group refurbished classrooms and fellowship hall, added kitchen equipment, public address system and accepted the gift of an eight-passenger van.

Fifty-nine people attended the two-day **Texas State Youth Retreat**, sponsored by the state Christian Education Board at T-Bar-M Ranch near New Braunfels. Chairman **David Ferguson** coordinated the worship, teaching and recreational activities.

The **Oklahoma Ministers Retreat** met March 4-6 in Wagoner. **Kenneth Hemphill** (president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas) and **Charles Shepson** (director of Fairhaven Ministries in Tennessee) spoke four times each and fielded questions during one open session.

Members of **First FWB Church in Glasgow, KY**, celebrated their 27th anniversary this spring. Former pastor **Robert Stiles** preached the anniversary message. **Joe Roysden** pastors.

One member sold her blueberry harvest and gave the money. Children collected funds in model church banks. When it was all done and counted, some \$7,500 went to mission work in India. Pastor **W. D. Jones** leads the generous congregation at **Little Star FWB Church in Lake City, SC**.

Members of **Little Bethel FWB Church in Johnsonville, SC**, honored **Herman Tanner** with a plaque for 42 years of service to the church. He was church clerk 40 years, Sunday School superintendent and teacher. He drew the plans for the church construction and supervised the project. **Dale Yarborough** pastors. ■



WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Woman's Window on the World

By Mary R. Wisheart

From My Window

Seen any lions lately? Proverbs 22:13 and Proverbs 26:13 both mention the lion "in the streets." The lazy man says he cannot go out and do any work because he might be gobbled up by a lion in the street!

Now we may not think of an actual wild beast in our way, but many things keep us from doing the things we ought to do in the Lord's service.

The lion of fear of failure. "I can't do that! What if I fail and people laugh at me."

The lion of discouragement. "I've tried it before and it didn't work."

The lion of good intentions. "I intend to do it, but I haven't got around to it yet."

The lion of busyness. "I don't have time; I've got things to do, places to go."

The lion of shifting responsibility. "Let somebody else do it."

The lion of desire for praise. "Nobody will appreciate it anyway."

The lion of expense. "It costs too much."

The lion of laziness. "It's just too much trouble."

We sit back and wait for someone else to do it, for a convenient time, until we feel like it. And time passes us by while we wait.

The time to work for the Lord is now. The world keeps on turning. The fields are white. God is at work in our world. We can either be a part of His work or sit on the sidelines and let the work go on without us. "The night cometh, when no man can work."

What excuse am I using? Is it as foolish as saying there is a lion in the street?

What can we do about the lions that would devour us? Remember. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. Refuse to let the lions control you!

Prepare for the WNAC Convention

Many delegates and visitors preregister for the convention in July. WNAC needs to know early how many guests will enjoy the Fellowship Din-

ner, July 23. Tickets are available and guests may be counted up to 72 hours before the event.

Marcia Ellison is the featured speaker at the Fellowship Dinner. Marcia can make you laugh, cry and motivate you to be witnesses for the Lord. You don't want to miss her.

Delegates meet Tuesday, July 23, at 9:00 a.m. to hear reports, approve a budget and take care of the annual business details.

Carlisle and Marie Hanna, veteran missionaries to India, will be speaking in the morning meetings.

The national office compiles reports from the state, district and local groups reporting to the national convention.

This year the new *Manual* is featured in the officers' meeting at 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 22.

The seminars concentrate on the pastors' wives among us.

The Texas women are making special preparations for women from across the nation. Be one of those in Fort Worth, Texas, July 22-23, 1996.

Yearbooks Go on Sale at Half Price

The 1996 *Yearbook* is now on sale at half price, \$2.50. If you failed to get one earlier, you may want to keep one for your files.

The *Yearbook* includes program suggestions, missionaries' birthdays, a directory of national officers and other helps.

The 1997 *Yearbook* will be available at the convention in July.

Read Any Good Articles Lately?

Are you missing out on *Co-Laborer* magazine? The magazine, a Free Will Baptist publication for women, is better than ever.

It contains articles especially for women, programs which may be used monthly, missions news from around the world, devotional thoughts and a page for young women.

The magazine is available from WNAC at \$6.75 for 6 issues, or \$6 each for bundles of 5 or more to the same address. ■



Keeping the Golden Years Golden

By Rita Mayer

Retirement. The word conjures up a myriad of images. The freedom to travel. Lazy days of fishing or playing golf. Time to explore new interests or rekindle old hobbies. But that's only part of the picture.

"Some would-be retirees are so excited by visions of the Golden Years that they forget to plan for the late Golden Years," says Kent Collins, Senior Forum columnist. "Some Americans will be retired for more years than they were employed. It's not good enough to plan what you're going to do for the first 10 years of your retirement. You have to plan your lifestyle and finances for the late years when living is a little harder and finances are squeezed by inflation."

Retirement includes three stages. During early retirement, you'll probably be in good health and remain involved in various interests, maybe even a second career or a part-time job. During middle retirement, you'll likely be living entirely on your retirement income. In late retirement years, physical and financial health become key issues. You need to plan for all three stages.

Start preparing for the first stage by contacting your personnel department at work. Ask for help estimating what your Social Security, pension and other income will be.

"A key issue is at what age and at what length of service you are eligible for a bigger pension check," says Collins. "Delaying retirement a year or two could significantly boost your income."

The columnist offered three suggestions for early retirement. "Have fun," he says. "The fun you have will be remembered through the rest of retirement." He recommends that first-stage retirees continue to generate savings

with growth investments and, perhaps, a part-time job.

That stage, he says, is also the time to begin to establish the lifestyle for your later years. Make adjustments in your home to accommodate future physical limitations. Consider continuing care retirement communities and long-term health care insurance.

The middle retirement years are the time to make any anticipated move to a different home or a different part of the country. Such moves become more difficult as you grow older.

At this point, says Collins, investments should be gradually allocated to income-producing vehicles. He recommends that couples hold onto life insurance to boost the surviving spouse's nest egg.

He also advocates planning for the spouse who will be widowed. "The spouse who's likely to live the longest needs to take significant responsibility for the family finances," he says. "She needs to produce her own projections for what it will cost to live in 10 years."

In the later years of retirement, you reap what you've sown financially. If you've planned ahead, most difficult decisions have been made, and this stage will be more pleasant.

"Retirement is a long time," says Collins. "The old theme of denying yourself a little bit now to reward yourself later plays well in retirement, as it has all your life." ■

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Answering God's Call

By Rolando Delgado Diaz as told to Genevieve Waddell

My mama says I was the most rebellious of all her children. Certainly nobody ever expected me to be here in Viñales, pastoring the second church to be established in the Cuban Free Will Baptist Convention. Now I am shepherding people who sit in wooden pews Señor Willey placed here in 1939! We're just over the mountain from Pinar del Rio.

Although I was saved at age 16, I didn't start thinking about my life until 1986 while I was in the Army. I was cutting cane in the fields for long hours. I'd sit down to rest and wonder, "What am I going to do when I get out of the Army?"

Later, when I did get out, I took a job in a factory in Jaruco. My training in energy control cost 2,000 pesos, so I had to stay there. I had no money to repay the owners. I was trapped. I told the Lord this, but more and more I knew He was speaking to my heart, saying, "Rolando, work for Me!"

It would have been hard to go to seminary because I had no money, not even to repay my bosses. One man asked to be let go, but the owners refused. Three days later, I asked to be released and was told, "We will think about it." They decided to give me my release and I didn't even have to repay the money!

God's Call to Preach

Still, I did not yet say "Yes" to the Lord. My novia (fiancé) Keila and I would exchange little Bible promise cards with each other as I left her home. Three times in three months, the promise I picked from her box was the same, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" How much clearer could God's plan be?

I went to our Cedars of Lebanon Seminary in Pinar del Rio in 1988 and was one of the first four to graduate after the re-opening of the seminary. As all the seminary students do, I was active in a church from the beginning and assumed this pastorate in 1991. I married Keila, a preacher's daughter and dentist, in 1992. Her



Rolando Delgado Diaz and Family

many talents and musical skills make her a precious pastor's wife. We're hoping she can stay home and tend to our one-year-old son, Abiezer, and work in the church. We need her, for the work here is increasing every day.

Cuban Works Growing

To the glory of God, the church has tripled in size since I came here. We also have five house churches, which are in homes of our members. We are praying that these will eventually be organized into churches.

In this church we have five professional artists and two dentists. We also have a trauma specialist physician whose brother, a professor of Marxism, has now come to the Lord. Challenging such a congregation as this is not an easy task! God has brought me a long way from being that rebellious boy in the cane fields. How small my world was then!

We have so much work to do! Now, here in the vineyard where God has placed me, I am working harder than ever before in my life. But this labor is one of love and joy and peace knowing that I answered the Lord's call for my life to preach His gospel. ■

Genevieve Waddell, wife of Foreign Missions General Director R. Eugene Waddell, is a member of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Handbook of Evangelical Theologians

By Walter A. Elwell, ed.

(Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1993, 465 pp., hardback, \$29.99)



Thomas Marberry

This volume is part of the Baker Reference Library series. This series includes commentaries, dictionaries and other reference works designed to acquaint the student or pastor with important developments in such fields as theology, biblical studies and church history.

This book is a collection of essays by different authors. The essays explore the lives and thought of important evangelical theologians of the 19th and 20th centuries.

These theologians include leading scholars from past years such as Augustus H. Strong, B. B. Warfield, Francis Pieper, E. Y. Mullins, Lewis Sperry Chafer, Louis Berkhof, H. Orton Wiley and J. Gresham Machen.

It also includes scholars such as John F. Walvoord, Bernard Ramm, Carl F. H. Henry, Charles C. Ryrie, J. I. Packer, Clark Pinnock and Alister E. McGrath who are helping to shape the direction of conservative theology today.

Each essay is written by a person who is well acquainted with the work of the theologian being studied. In several cases the essays are written by colleagues or former students. The work of each theologian is interpreted against the background of his denominational affiliation and theological orientation.

Some are Arminian; most are Calvinistic. Some are charismatic; most are not. All are committed to the inspiration and authority of scripture.

The information contained in these essays comes from a careful analysis of the published writings of each theologian. Summaries of each theologian's major writings are included. The major contributions of each theologian are carefully noted.

The book contains many interesting details about these men. Henry Orton Wiley, an outstanding Nazarene theologian, college president and teacher, was born in a sod house near Marquette, Nebraska.

Cornelius Van Til was born in the

Netherlands, but he spent most of his career in this country. The father of John R. W. Scott was a physician and a secularist.

Thomas Oden was born in Oklahoma and became quite liberal theologically during his years in college and seminary. As his teaching career has developed, he has moved away from liberalism and has become a strong defender of traditional Christianity.

This book is to be commended. In this one rather large volume, a student can find well-written summaries and careful analyses of the thought of the most outstanding evangelical theologians of the English-speaking world.

It is also an excellent survey of the current status of evangelical theology in the United States and Great Britain. It surveys the most important theological writings which have been produced by evangelical theologians of the last two centuries. It takes time and effort to read a book like this, but it is worth the effort. ■

Beyond Belief



YOUTH UPDATE

The 1996 National Youth Evangelistic Team



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NASHVILLE, TN



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The 1996 NATIONAL YOUTH EVANGELISTIC TEAM consists of winners and top-scorers from the 1995 National Youth Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. These twelve high-school students will be touring for ten days this summer in Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee and Texas. Their program, *Shine On!* is the story of one girl's influence in the lives of others. Please uphold them in your prayers and make plans to attend a service in your area. To inquire about the schedule of services, call the Youth Ministries Division at 1-800-877-7030.

**Capital Stewardship/Victory Campaign
March 1996
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 | 43,062.13 | 33,798.81 |
| 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 | 6,347.42 | 14,355.88 |
| Georgia | 38,179.19 | 28,693.88 | 9,485.31 |
| 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 | 5,674.29 | 29,780.05 |
| 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 | 3,843.23 | 11,716.63 |
| 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 Association | 883.41 | 270.00 | 613.41 |
| Northwest Association | 1,087.58 | 201.00 | 886.58 |
| Ohio | 40,923.66 | 19,588.10 | 21,335.56 |
| Oklahoma | 92,271.60 | 10,432.08 | 81,839.52 |
| South Carolina | 18,335.75 | 3,102.00 | 15,233.75 |
| South Dakota | | 175.00 | (175.00) |
| Tennessee | 78,557.09 | 58,098.92 | 20,458.17 |
| Texas | 11,547.20 | 7,166.52 | 4,380.68 |
| 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 | \$273,359.35 | \$493,224.04 |

THE TOGETHER WAY

March 1996

Receipts:

| State | Designated | CO-OP | Total | March '95 | Year To Date |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Alabama | \$ 291.38 | \$.00 | \$ 291.38 | \$ 751.29 | \$ 1,597.54 |
| Arizona | 2236.44 | 95.80 | 2,332.24 | 1596.30 | 2,332.24 |
| Arkansas | 7,051.21 | 6,823.17 | 13,874.38 | 21,436.38 | 80,204.97 |
| California | .00 | 1,016.28 | 1,016.28 | .00 | 2,938.05 |
| Colorado | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Delaware | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Florida | .00 | 8,562.55 | 8,562.55 | 89.20 | 12,185.23 |
| Georgia | 9,222.76 | 1,749.99 | 10,972.75 | 12,987.68 | 50,147.38 |
| Hawaii | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Idaho | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Illinois | 9,324.07 | 2,569.93 | 11,894.00 | 9,175.67 | 34,698.11 |
| Indiana | 453.36 | 426.48 | 879.84 | 136.91 | 1,571.19 |
| Iowa | 90.00 | .00 | 90.00 | .00 | 180.00 |
| Kansas | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 200.00 |
| Kentucky | 332.70 | 904.41 | 1,237.11 | 465.88 | 2,094.63 |
| Louisiana | .00 | .00 | .00 | 20.00 | 30.00 |
| Maryland | .00 | 1,034.08 | 1,034.08 | 1,044.93 | 1,034.08 |
| Michigan | 25,214.06 | 7,030.99 | 32,245.05 | 26,478.31 | 59,925.81 |
| Mississippi | 165.50 | 522.27 | 687.77 | 570.03 | 1,564.34 |
| Missouri | 12,994.21 | .00 | 12,994.21 | 14,601.74 | 36,865.64 |
| Montana | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Nebraska | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| New Jersey | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| New Mexico | 289.98 | 110.00 | 399.98 | 323.96 | 2,124.30 |
| North Carolina | 479.93 | 1,018.57 | 1,498.50 | 1,373.07 | 4,234.66 |
| Ohio | 6,469.86 | 2,412.14 | 8,882.00 | 6,629.73 | 31,347.23 |
| Oklahoma | 53,609.46 | .00 | 53,609.46 | 59,899.96 | 168,415.43 |
| South Carolina | 22,702.25 | 147.75 | 22,850.00 | 22,664.32 | 60,286.70 |
| South Dakota | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Tennessee | 10,698.41 | 916.65 | 11,615.06 | 2,214.26 | 34,934.85 |
| Texas | 6,348.91 | 334.90 | 6,683.81 | 10,190.04 | 20,905.07 |
| Virginia | 1,956.54 | 25.00 | 1,981.54 | 1,447.68 | 5,254.73 |
| Virgin Islands | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| West Virginia | 14,009.18 | 239.33 | 14,248.51 | 4,445.44 | 19,770.82 |
| Wisconsin | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Canada | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Northwest Association | .00 | .00 | .00 | 66.00 | .00 |
| Northeast Association | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Other | .00 | .16 | .16 | (.03) | .16 |
| Totals | \$183,940.21 | \$35,940.45 | \$219,880.66 | \$198,608.75 | \$ 634,843.16 |

Disbursements:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Executive Office | \$ 8,822.29 | \$19,767.14 | \$ 28,589.43 | \$ 24,199.87 | \$ 85,366.03 |
| Foreign Missions | 95,353.69 | 3,719.84 | 99,073.53 | 109,004.49 | 297,484.57 |
| FWBBC | 11,350.67 | 3,719.84 | 15,070.51 | 16,245.48 | 51,880.22 |
| Home Missions | 60,266.37 | 2,911.18 | 63,177.55 | 38,441.93 | 162,100.70 |
| Retirement & Insurance | 895.55 | 2,264.26 | 3,159.81 | 2,008.24 | 8,897.23 |
| Master's Men | 1,536.70 | 2,264.26 | 3,800.96 | 2,807.19 | 10,879.15 |
| Commission for Theological Integrity | 124.22 | 80.88 | 205.10 | 134.71 | 529.26 |
| FWB Foundation | 848.15 | 970.41 | 1,818.56 | 1,176.43 | 5,223.94 |
| Historical Commission | 81.50 | 80.88 | 162.38 | 124.26 | 486.54 |
| Music Commission | 78.28 | 80.88 | 159.16 | 124.26 | 469.53 |
| Radio & TV Commission | 113.85 | 80.88 | 194.73 | 134.71 | 505.05 |
| Hillsdale FWB College | 1,615.26 | .00 | 1,615.26 | 1,307.04 | 4,268.02 |
| Other | 2,853.68 | .00 | 2,853.68 | 2,900.14 | 6,752.92 |
| Totals | \$183,940.21 | \$35,940.45 | \$219,880.66 | \$198,608.75 | \$ 634,843.16 |

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OUR READERS COMMENT

Church Cancels Subscriptions

It is with regret and sorrow that I feel the need to write to *Contact* about some of the recent articles that have been printed.

It seems that men like Robert Morgan can easily get published. His article wanting change by accepting things like so-called Christian Rock and a lower standard of holiness are unacceptable to most Free Will Baptists.

It seems that most articles being printed today are on a need for change. As a young Christian, I remember men like Bobby Jackson who stood and cried out for biblical standards and biblical holiness. We need this today.

Why not print more articles by men like Roy Thomas who have loved Free Will Baptists and have given their lives for our denomination? These are men who have worked to build up and not tear down. These are men who are proud of our name and our heritage and unashamed to say that they are Free Will Baptist.

I know that this letter will probably make no difference, but Free Will Baptist churches in northeast Tennessee are concerned about the present trend. Our church is now in the process of canceling our *Contact* subscriptions. We feel that we do not have a voice . . . we do not have a magazine that represents us. Men like Robert Morgan do not speak for us.

Robert Grindstaff, Member
First Free Will Baptist Church
Erwin, Tennessee

'Lagniappe' Confuses Reader

Where in the world did Stacey Crank come up with a word like "LAGNIAPPE," and why did she spring it on me? (February 1996 issue, p. 15)

I couldn't understand it until I opened my 3,216-page *Webster's New International Dictionary* and saw it there for myself.

Lagniappe (lan-yap) "In Louisiana, a trifling gift or present given to customers by tradesmen." It is a word, deeply hidden in the mind of our editor, Jack Williams, who has waited all these years to find a place to use it!

Reverend David Shores
Bonnie, Illinois

Sends Gift Subscription

Here is our \$12 check for a one-year gift subscription for (name deleted).

We've enjoyed *Contact* for many years. Thanks for a good job. I find it very informative and inspirational.

Mrs. James Owens
Raleigh, North Carolina

Reader Likes 'Dream'

I enjoyed Melvin Worthington's January editorial titled "The Denominational Dream." The considerate spirit and good works of believers can make a tremendous impact on others.

In our hard-driving and rights-centered world, kind consideration toward others is always appropriate for Christians. It can deliver a powerful witness.

Reverend Arnold Woodlief
Marianna, Florida

Subscribes for Pastor

I would like to renew my subscription for another year. I would also like to give a year's subscription to my pastor.

Thanks for the great reading!

Martha Harsar
Lorain, Ohio

Directory Update

FLORIDA

Randy Hill to Calvary Church, Hollywood from Piney Grove Church, Chipley

GEORGIA

Joe Louis Tyler to Bethany Church, Box Springs
Keith Lloyd to Zion Hill Church, Millwood
Leon Gibson to Spring Grove Church, Jesup
David Griffin to Surrency Church, Surrency
Al Sellers to Weems Road Church, Columbus
Jason Cable to Cross Roads Church, Cochran

SOUTH CAROLINA

Nathan Barrington to Mill Branch Church, Johnsonville
Terry Dennis to High Hill Church, Scranton

VIRGINIA

J. D. Norris to Virginia Beach Church, Virginia Beach from First Church, Florence, AL

OTHER PERSONNEL

Joel Greeson to Spring Hill Church, Lexington, OK, as pastoral assistant from First Church, Panama, OK, as pastor
Todd Parrish to Garner Church, Garner, NC, as associate pastor/music and youth from Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, SC, as minister of youth ■

LOCAL CHURCH DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

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The Best Church in Town

A friend moved south from a cold northern state and asked me to recommend *the best church in town* for his family to attend. That was easy. When he told me where he lived, I recommended a Free Will Baptist church less than five minutes from his house.

No, he didn't want to attend a Free Will Baptist church. He had already been there and done that. Said it left a bad taste, and he feared that most Free Will Baptist churches were probably like that one. He said he still believed the doctrine but wanted more programs for his family.

That sounded odd to me, since the church I recommended came with the standard features that families usually request—a good pastor, community evangelistic outreach, graded Sunday School classes, youth ministries, creative music options and a comfortable building in which to worship.

Still, he wanted more . . . said his family deserved the best, said he intended to see that they got it. He mentioned a gymnasium, weight loss programs, organized sports, special meetings for men and women. I suggested the Local Y, Weight Watchers, Little League, Master's Men and Women Active for Christ.

He suggested that I get real, said I was living in the 1950s, said there was more to church than doctrine and Sunday School, and mentioned twice that Free Will Baptists were 30 years behind the time. So, I helped him locate a non-Free Will Baptist church that was relevant, in step with the times and operated an extensive family recreation program.

I'd rather see his family attend a church heavy on sports and light on doctrine than not attend church at

all. Yep, it was hard to swallow and I had trouble keeping it down. I wondered how well a steady diet of "relevant" and "in step with the times" would substitute for sound doctrine and Bible-based Sunday School classes.

Several uneasy weeks passed before my disenchanted friend called again. It seemed that the relevant pastor "just didn't have anything to say in the pulpit." He was a nice enough fellow and sprinkled the latest buzz words in his sermons. My friend and his family left church on Sunday feeling warm and fuzzy, and strangely empty. They expected more.

He wanted another church recommendation. So we found him a congregation not quite so relevant and just a bit out of step with the times. Still not a Free Will Baptist church, but one with more doctrinal focus. Then I sat back and waited.

Three weeks later, he called again. This time the problem was doctrine. "That pastor acts like the only book in the Bible is Revelation and the only subject is prophecy," he grumbled.

The conversation drifted a few minutes before he said, "Look, I suppose I'll always be a Free Will Baptist. What's the name of that church you told me about when we first came to town? Might as well give it a try while we're looking."

He learned several important lessons last winter. Here are two of the most important.

Doctrine matters. Sound doctrine is to spiritual fitness what good food is to physical fitness. Junk food may give you a rush, but it lowers the body's defenses to disease. Unsound doctrine weakens us spiritually and makes us vulnerable to false teachings.

Just as it doesn't take much con-

taminated food to cause an upheaval in the body, contaminated doctrine (even in small dosages) erodes spiritual health. It's dangerous and can cause permanent damage.

Remember Paul's warning, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee," (I Timothy 4:16).

Preaching is primary. God honors the preaching of His Word in ways that defy explanation. Yes, writing is more precise. Yes, drama offers more flair. Yes, music involves more people. But the paramount moment of public worship occurs when God's man preaches God's Word to God's people.

Something wonderful, something beyond the grasp of this world happens when that redeemed man yields his mind, his all to the private study and public declaration of the Bible. Mysterious, but effective. That's God's way.

Foolish? Of course, it's foolish! At least, to those who do not believe. It's also powerful and life-changing. As Paul told the Corinthian Church, ". . . it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," (I Corinthians 1:21b).

A few days ago, my wandering friend dropped by the office. He smiled sheepishly when I asked if he had found *the best church in town* yet. He and his family now attend that Free Will Baptist church five minutes from their house.

He chuckled, "I still think Free Will Baptists are out of step with the times."

Then, as his eyes misted over, he said quietly, "But that might not be such a bad thing after all." ■



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