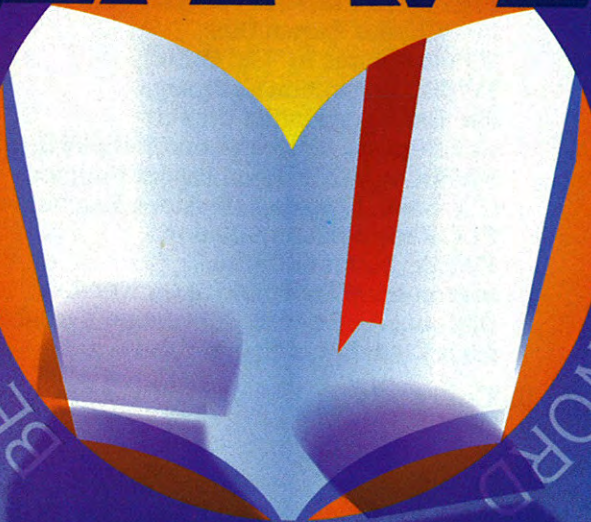


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The Spectrum of Stewardship (VI)



Melvin Worthington

This sixth stewardship study addresses the *stewardship of talents*. All Christians have a responsibility to use their natural abilities and spiritual gifts for the glory of God. Stewardship of one's talent holds the key to holy, honest and honorable service.

The Origin

The source of all gifts, natural and spiritual, is the sovereign God. Paul reminds us in Romans 12 and I Corinthians 12 that there is one human body with many members. All members of the human body do not have the same function. Each member of the body—hand, foot, eye, nose or brain—has a unique function. When the members function properly, the body does well. When one member is sick or injured, the entire body suffers.

Paul uses the human body to illustrate the nature of the Church—the body of Christ. There is one body of Christ with many members. Each member has natural abilities and spiritual gifts, but all originate with the sovereign God. Just as God put the human body together, so He has fitted the Church—the body of Christ.

Paul declares, "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we being many, are one body in Christ" (Rom. 12:4-5).

Paul also declares, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him" . . . "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues" (I Cor. 12:18, 28).

The Observation

Consider the *distribution of gifts*.

God distributes the gifts.

"For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues" (I Cor. 12:8-10).

Consider the *diversity of gifts*. God gives a diversity of abilities and gifts. There is one body with many members fitted together by God himself. There are diversities of gifts, differences in operation and diversities of operation, but the same God works in all.

Paul reminds us of this, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all" (I Cor. 12:4-6).

Each individual has been uniquely gifted by the Lord for a particular purpose. I am not responsible for the way others use their natural abilities and spiritual gifts. I am responsible and accountable for the stewardship of those natural abilities and spiritual gifts God has given me.

Consider the *design of gifts*. God has put many members in the human body and the body of God. No member of the body can declare that it does not need the other members.

Paul addresses this, "And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

"And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked:

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care for one another" (I Cor. 12:21-25).

The Beacon Bible Commentary suggests, "The gifts, services, and results produced all work toward a single purpose—to benefit the entire Church and to glorify God. Thus the gifts should not foster rivalry or generate jealousy. The spiritual gifts do profit withal, that is, to benefit others. They are for the common good."

The Obligation

Stewardship of talents *requires an understanding* of the distribution, diversity and design of gifts and natural abilities. It also *requires the proper use* of those abilities and spiritual gifts. All Christians are responsible for the way they use their gifts/talents. Stewardship of talents *reflects the unity* of the Church—the body of Christ.

This responsibility must not be taken lightly. We all are accountable and will answer to God in these matters. ■

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- 8-9 North Carolina State Association
- 9-11 Missouri State Association
- 11-12 Texas State Association
- 19-20 Indiana State Association
- 19-20 Kentucky State Association
- 25-28 Atlantic Canada District Association

The National Association of Free Will Baptists

62nd Annual Session/July 12-16, 1998

Tulsa Convention Center Tulsa, Oklahoma



Loyd Locklear
Michigan



Randy Wilson
Oklahoma



David Taylor
Arizona



Edwin Hayes
Ohio



R. Eugene Waddell
Tennessee

Theme: "Belief Behaves"

Moderator: Carl Cheshier
Music Coordinator: Randy Sawyer
Organist: Carol Reid
Pianist: Jerry Carraway
Keyboardist: Matt Schinske
Orchestra Conductor: Chris Truett
Registration Coordinator: George Harvey, Jr.
Headquarters Hotel: Doubletree Hotel Downtown
Convention Office: Arena Boardroom and Show Office

SUNDAY MORNING / July 12

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Adults)	Convention Center Arena
	Presiding: Millard Sasser Song Service: Lange Patrick Music: The Calvaryman Quartet Adult Teacher: Garry B. Richey	
10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Youth) (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
10:45	Intermission	
11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Adults)	Convention Center Arena
	Presiding: Millard Sasser Song Service: Lange Patrick Offertory: The Calvaryman Quartet Message: Loyd Locklear	
11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP (Youth) (See NYC Program)	Convention Center

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 12

12:30-1:15	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon (See WNAC Program)	Doubletree Hotel
1:00	Early Registration (Pre-registered only)	Convention Center Main Gallery
1:30	Registration Orientation	Convention Center Conference Hall-B
1:30-4:30	WNAC Executive Committee Meeting (See WNAC Program)	Doubletree Hotel
3:00	REGISTRATION for National Convention, WNAC and NYC	Convention Center Main Gallery
5:00	Usher Orientation	Convention Center Locker Room #179
5:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena

SUNDAY EVENING / July 12

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Arena
	Presiding: David Shores Song Service: Doug Little/Scott Bullman Music: Mass Choir Offering: David Shores Offertory: Instrumentalists Solo: Lisa McGee MESSAGE: Randy Wilson	

7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
8:30	Mass Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Gallery
9:00-10:00	NYC Judges' Reception (See NYC Program)	Doubletree Hotel
9:00-11:00	NYC Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
9:15	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena

MONDAY MORNING / July 13

7:00-7:45	General Board Breakfast	Doubletree Hotel Woodward Room
7:00-9:00	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena
8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Gallery
8:00-12:00	GENERAL BOARD CONVENES	Doubletree Hotel International Ballroom
8:30	NYC Assemblies (See NYC Program)	Adam's Mark Hotel
9:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES (See NYC Program)	Adam's Mark Hotel
9:00-10:30	Foreign Missionary Orientation (For Exhibit Schedule)	Convention Center Conference Hall-B
9:00-11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee (See WNAC Program)	Doubletree Hotel
10:00-12:00	NYC Seminars (See NYC Program)	Adam's Mark Hotel

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 13

1:00	NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program)	Adam's Mark Hotel
1:00	General Board Reconvenes	Doubletree Hotel International Ballroom
1:30-2:30	WNAC Seminars (See WNAC Program)	Convention Center
3:00	Exhibit Area Opens	Convention Center Exhibit Hall - A
3:00-4:00	WNAC State Leaders Meeting (See WNAC Program)	Convention Center
3:00-5:00	Home Missions Rally Speaker: Paul Park	Convention Center Arena
3:30-4:30	Fellowship of Encouragement Meeting/Speaker: Bruce Wilkinson	Convention Center Assembly Hall
4:45-6:30	Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner/Speaker: Bruce Wilkinson	Convention Center Exhibit Hall-B
5:00-6:30	Children's Banquet (See NYC Program)	Doubletree Hotel

5:00-6:30	Tweeners' Banquet (See NYC Program)	Doubletree Hotel
5:15-6:30	Benjamin Randall Appreciation Dinner (<i>by invitation only</i>)	Doubletree Hotel Council Oak Ballroom
6:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena

MONDAY EVENING / July 13

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Arena
Presiding: Nuel Brown Song Service: Doug Little/Scott Bullman Session Called to Order and Moderator Introduced: Waldo Young, Clerk Appointment of Committee on Committees: Carl Cheshier, Moderator Welcome to Tulsa: Jack Richey Executive Secretary, Oklahoma State Association Music: Mass Choir Offering: Nuel Brown Offertory: Mass Choir Music: Praise Team MESSAGE: David Taylor		
7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
8:30	Mass Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena
8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall - A
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Gallery
9:00-10:00	Board of Retirement Information Meeting	Doubletree Hotel Russell Room
9:00-10:30	NYC Activities (See NYC Program)	
9:00-10:30	Youth Workers Reception (See NYC Program)	Doubletree Hotel
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	

TUESDAY MORNING / July 14

7:00-7:45	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena
7:30-8:15	State Promotional Personnel Breakfast	Doubletree Hotel Gilcrease Room
7:30-9:00	Home Missions Board Breakfast	Doubletree Hotel Keystone Room
8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Gallery
8:15	NYC Seminars/Activities (See NYC Program)	Adam's Mark Hotel
8:30-12:00	Bible Conference Presiding: William Smith 8:30 Speaker: George Lynn 9:30 Speaker: J. L. Gore 10:30 Speaker: Thurmon Murphy	Convention Center Assembly Hall

9:00	WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST (See WNAC Program)	Convention Center Arena
10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall - A
11:00	WNAC Special Service Honoring Mary R. Wisheart	Convention Center Arena

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 14

12:00-1:30	Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon	Doubletree Hotel Buckingham/Windsor
1:00	NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center Adam's Mark Hotel
1:30	WNAC Reconvenes (See WNAC Program)	Convention Center Arena
1:30-3:00	Theological Trends Seminar Presiding: Leroy Forlines Subject: "Dealing with the Influence of Postmodernism" Panel Members: Steve Ashby Matt Pinson Randy Sawyer	Convention Center Assembly Hall
1:30-3:00	Sunday School Workshop Speaker: Alton Loveless Subject: "Newer Faces in Sunday School"	Adam's Mark Hotel Directors 3
1:30-3:30	Foreign Missions Seminar Speakers: Nickolay Sobolev and others Subject: "Ministry Opportunities in Russia and Other New Fields"	Convention Center Conference Hall-D
5:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena
5:00-6:45	WNAC Fellowship Dinner (See WNAC Program)	Doubletree Hotel
5:00-11:00	Youth Banquet/Teen Worship	Discoveryland
5:30	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena

TUESDAY EVENING / July 14

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE Presiding: Jim Marcum Song Service: Doug Little/Scott Bullman Music: Mass Choir Offering: David Joslin Offertory: The Stanley Jones Singers Music: The Stanley Jones Singers MESSAGE: Edwin Hayes	Convention Center Arena
7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
8:30	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena
8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall - A
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Gallery
9:00-10:00	NYC Activities (See NYC Program)	Convention Center
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed	

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 15

7:00	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena
7:30-8:15	State Leaders Breakfast	Doubletree Hotel Remington Room
8:00-12:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Main Gallery
8:15-11:00	NYC Competitive Finals (See NYC Program)	Adam's Mark Hotel
9:00-11:45	CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION Moderator's Message: Carl Cheshier 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 Master's Men: Waymon Ray Home Missions: Trymon Messer	
10:00	NYC Seminars (See NYC Program)	Adam's Mark Hotel
10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall - A
12:00 Noon	REGISTRATION CLOSSES	

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 15

12:00-1:15	Free Will Baptist Bible College Alumni Luncheon	Doubletree Hotel Buckingham/Windsor
12:30-1:00	NYC Awards Ceremony (See NYC Program)	Adam's Mark Hotel
1:00	NYC Seminars / Activities (See NYC Program)	Adam's Mark Hotel
1:30-3:00	Music Commission Seminar	Doubletree Hotel Council Oak Ballroom
1:30-4:00	CONVENTION BUSINESS RECONVENES Scripture Reading and Prayer Assistant Moderator: Tim York	Convention Center Arena
1:35	REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued) Sunday School and Church Training: Alton Loveless Foreign Missions: Eugene Waddell Free Will Baptist Bible College: Tom Malone Commission for Theological Integrity: Leroy Forlines Media Commission: Steve Faison Music Commission: Randy Sawyer Historical Commission: Mary R. Wisheart	
3:30	General Board Final Report Partial Report of Nominating Committee Election of General Board Members	Convention Center Arena
4:00	Business Session Recessed	
5:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena

6:00	Music Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena	7:00-9:00	Foreign Missions Board Breakfast	Doubletree Hotel Gilcrease Room
WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 15					
7:00-9:00	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Arena	7:30-9:00	Sunday School Board Breakfast	Doubletree Hotel Philbrook Room
	Presiding: Ron Moore		9:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall - A
	Music: Mass Choir		9:00	CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION	Convention Center Arena
	Song Service: Doug Little / Scott Bullman			Scripture Reading and Prayer	
	Music: Kid's Choir			Assistant Clerk: Keith Burden	
	Recognition of Missionaries: Trymon Messer/Eugene Waddell			NYC Report: Dean Jones	
	Missions Offering: Ron Moore			WNAC Report: Mary R. Wisehart	
	Music: Mass Choir			Report of Committees:	
	Music: John Gibbs			— Registration Committee	
	MESSAGE: Eugene Waddell			— Budget Committee	
8:30-10:00	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall - A		— Obituary Committee	
9:00-11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony	Convention Center Arena		— Resolutions Committee	
10:00	Exhibit Area Closed			Nominating Committee Final Report	
THURSDAY MORNING / July 16				Election of General Officers	
7:00-8:00	Presidents Breakfast	Doubletree Hotel Keystone Room	11:45	Adjournment	
			12:15	Exhibits Closed (30 minutes after convention adjournment)	



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from _____ FWB Church.

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voting privileges.

National Youth Conference

31st Annual Conference / July 12-16, 1998

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Theme: "Faith Works"

Conference Director: Dean Jones

Conference Coordinator: Eric Thomsen

Children's Coordinator: Lisa Jones

Conference Office Manager: Renee Pointer

Conference Registration Coordinator: Jill Pointer

Youth Service Music Coordinator: Donald Myers

NYC Headquarters Hotel: Adam's Mark Hotel

NYC Office: Adam's Mark Hotel / Oklahoma Room

Practice Room: Adam's Mark Hotel / Room 304

NYC Storage: Adam's Mark Hotel / Oklahoma Room

NYC Prayer Room: Adam's Mark Hotel / Room 302

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



Dean Jones



Eric Thomsen

SUNDAY MORNING / July 12

10:00-10:45 **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Preschool Class Convention Center
(Ages 3-5) Conference Hall-B
Teachers: Darryn and Lisa McGee

Children and Tweeners' Class Convention Center
(Grades 1-6) Conference Hall-C/D
Teacher: Bob Tuell

Teen Class Convention Center
Teacher: Brenda Harrison Assembly Hall

10:45 Intermission

11:00-12:00 **MORNING WORSHIP**

Preschool Worship Convention Center
(Ages 3-5) Conference Hall-B
Speakers: Darryn and Lisa McGee

Children and Tweeners' Worship Convention Center
(Grades 1-6) Conference Hall-C/D
Speaker: Bob Tuell

Teen Worship Convention Center
(Speaker to be announced) Assembly Hall

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 12

12:15 NYC Personnel Luncheon Doubletree Hotel
Council Oak Room

3:00 NYC Registration Convention Center

4:00 Turning Point/Horizon Adam's Mark Hotel
Pre-test Session #1 Directors 1

4:00 TEENS TOUCHING TULSA WITH LOVE Adam's Mark Hotel
Orientation Executive Room

5:00 YET Showcase Convention Center
Assembly Hall

SUNDAY EVENING / July 12

7:00-8:30 **NYC WORSHIP SERVICES**

Preschool Worship Convention Center
(Ages 3-5) Conference Hall-B
Speakers: Darryn and Lisa McGee

Children and Tweeners' Worship Convention Center
(Grades 1-6) Conference Hall-C/D
Speaker: Bob Tuell

Teen Worship Convention Center
Speaker: Raymond Riggs Assembly Hall

8:30-10:00 Registration Continues Convention Center

9:00-10:00 NYC Judges Reception Doubletree Hotel
Woodward Room

9:00-10:00 Children's Activities Convention Center
Conference Hall-C

9:00-10:00 Tweener Activities Convention Center
Conference Hall-D

9:00-11:00 Tulsa Twister Corral Convention Center
(Open for grades 7-12) Conference Hall-A

MONDAY MORNING / July 13

8:00 Registration Continues Convention Center

8:00-5:00 Art Gallery Open Adam's Mark Hotel
Diplomat Room

8:00-6:30 NYC Exhibit Area Open Adam's Mark Hotel
2nd Level Concourse

8:30 NYC Assemblies
(Required of **ALL** Competitors and Coaches)

Music and Arts Assembly Adam's Mark Hotel
Tulsa South

Bible Bowl Adam's Mark Hotel
Promenade-B

	Bible Tic-Tac-Toe	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-C
	Sword Drill/Memorization	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-D
9:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	
	Music and Arts Section 1 (Keyboard Solo)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa South
	Music and Arts Section 2 (Ensemble Division One)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa North
	Music and Arts Section 3 (Interp. Reading of Scripture, Readers' Theater Group Drama A,B)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa Central
	Music and Arts Section 4 (Speech, Individual Drama)	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-A
	Bible Bowl	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-B
	Bible Tic-Tac-Toe	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-C
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 4	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-D
9:00	TEENS TOUCHING TULSA WITH LOVE Orientation	Adam's Mark Hotel Executive Room
10:00	Bible Memorization Grade 1	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-D
10:00-12:00	Faith Builders Seminars	Adam's Mark Hotel

MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 13

1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	
	Music and Arts Section 5 (Vocal Solo B & Male C, D)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa South
	Music and Arts Section 6 (Vocal Ensemble Division 2)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa North
	Music and Arts Section 7 (Vocal Ensemble Division 3)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa Central
	Music and Arts Section 8 (Mime, Group Mime, Group Drama C, D)	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-A
	Bible Bowl	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-B
	Bible Tic-Tac-Toe	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-C
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 5	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-D
1:00-4:00	Faith Builders Seminars	Adam's Mark Hotel
1:00-3:00	Tulsa Twister Corral	Convention Center Conference Hall-A
2:00	Bible Memorization Grade 2	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-D
2:00-5:00	TEENS TOUCHING TULSA WITH LOVE	Adam's Mark Hotel Executive Room
3:30-4:30	Turning Point/Horizon Pre-Test Session #2	Adam's Mark Hotel Directors 1
5:00-6:30	Children's Banquet	Doubletree Hotel Manchester/Geneva

5:00-6:30	Tweeners' Banquet	Doubletree Hotel Buckingham/Windsor
5:00	YET Showcase National Youth Evangelistic Team	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa South

MONDAY EVENING / July 13

7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES	
	Preschool Worship (Ages 3-5) Speakers: Darryn and Lisa McGee	Convention Center Conference Hall-B
	Children and Tweeners' Worship (Grades 1-6) Speaker: Bob Tuell	Convention Center Conference Hall-C/D
	Teen Worship Speaker: Larry Jones	Convention Center Assembly Hall
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center
8:30-10:00	NYC Exhibit Area Open	Adam's Mark Hotel 2nd Level Concourse
9:00-10:30	Faith Builders Concert	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-D
9:00-10:30	Youth Workers Reception	Doubletree Hotel Woodward Room
9:00-10:30	Tulsa Twister Corral (Open for grades 1-6)	Convention Center Conference Hall-A

TUESDAY MORNING / July 14

8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center
8:00-5:00	Art Gallery Open	Adam's Mark Hotel Diplomat Room
8:00-6:30	NYC Exhibit Area Open	Adam's Mark Hotel 2nd Level Concourse
8:15	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	
	Music and Arts Section 9 (Vocal Solo A and Female C, D)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa South
	Music and Arts Section 10 (Instrumental Solo - Divisions 1-3)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa North
	Music and Arts Section 11 (Instrumental Ensembles Divisions 1, 2 and Keyboard Ensemble)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa Central
	Music and Arts Section 12 (Puppetry - Live)	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-A
	Bible Sword Drill Grade 6	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-D
	Bible Tic-Tac-Toe	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-C
9:00-12:00	Turning Point/Horizon Playoff Rounds	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-B
9:30	Bible Memorization Grade 3	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-D
10:00-12:00	Faith Builders Seminars	Adam's Mark Hotel
10:00-12:00	TEENS TOUCHING TULSA WITH LOVE	Adam's Mark Hotel Executive Room

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 14

1:00	NYC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES	
	Music and Arts Section 13 (Puppetry - Recorded)	Adam's Mark Hotel Promenade-A
	Music and Arts Section 14 (Interp. Reading of Scripture, Readers' Theatre Group Drama A, B)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa North
	Music and Arts Section 15	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa South
1:00-3:00	Faith Builders Seminars	Adam's Mark Hotel
1:00-4:00	Tulsa Twister Corral	Convention Center Conference Hall-A
2:00-4:00	TEENS TOUCHING TULSA WITH LOVE	Adam's Mark Hotel Executive Room
5:00-11:00	Youth Banquet/Teen Worship (Speaker to be announced)	Discoveryland

TUESDAY EVENING / July 14

7:00-8:30	NYC WORSHIP SERVICES	
	Preschool Worship (Ages 3-5) Speakers: Darryn and Lisa McGee	Convention Center Conference Hall-B
	Children and Tweeners' Worship (Grades 1-6) Speaker: Bob Tuell	Convention Center Conference Hall-C/D
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center
8:30-10:00	NYC Exhibit Area Open	Adam's Mark Hotel 2nd Level Concourse
9:00-10:00	Children's Activities	Convention Center Conference Hall-C
9:00-10:00	Tweener Activities	Convention Center Conference Hall-D

WEDNESDAY MORNING / July 15

8:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center
8:00-12:00	Art Gallery Open	Adam's Mark Hotel Diplomat Room
8:00-5:00	NYC Exhibit Area Open	Adam's Mark Hotel 2nd Level Concourse
8:15-12:00	FINAL BIBLE COMPETITION (In Chronological Order) Bible Tic-Tac-Toe Bible Bowl Bible Sword Drill Turning Point/Horizon	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa South
10:00-12:00	Faith Builders Seminars	Adam's Mark Hotel
10:00-12:00	TEENS TOUCHING TULSA WITH LOVE	Adam's Mark Hotel Executive Room

12:30-1:00	NYC Awards Ceremony (Creative Arts/Creative Writing)	Adam's Mark Hotel Tulsa South
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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / July 15

1:00-3:00	Faith Builders Seminars	Adam's Mark Hotel
2:00-5:00	TEENS TOUCHING TULSA WITH LOVE	Adam's Mark Hotel Executive Room

WEDNESDAY EVENING / July 15

7:00-8:30	Combined Evening Worship	Convention Center Arena
8:50-9:00	Children's Choir Presentation	Convention Center Arena
9:00-11:00	NYC Awards Ceremony (Bible/Music/Oral Communications)	Convention Center Arena

This program is subject to change!



NYC Headquarters — Adam's Mark Hotel

Women Nationally Active for Christ

63rd Annual Session / July 13-14, 1998 Tulsa Convention Center Tulsa, Oklahoma

Theme: "Stewardship of Life—Living Sacrifices"

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Music Coordinator: Marian Pilgrim

Organist: Sharon Beam

Planist: Rita Wilson



Mary R. Wisehart
Tennessee



Everyl Getz
Texas

SUNDAY AFTERNOON / July 12

12:30-1:15	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Doubletree Hotel Keystone Room
1:30	Registration Orientation	Convention Center Conference Hall-B
1:30-4:30	WNAC Executive Committee Meeting	Doubletree Hotel Philbrook Room
3:00	Registration	Convention Center Main Gallery

MONDAY MORNING / July 13

9:00-11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Doubletree Hotel Gilcrease Room
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MONDAY AFTERNOON / July 13

1:30-2:30	WNAC Seminar	Convention Center Conference Hall-C
	Theme: <i>Stewardship of Life—Living Sacrifices</i> Presiding: Debbie Burden Speaker: Erma Williams	
1:30-2:30	WNAC Ministers' Wives Seminar	Convention Center Conference Hall-D
	Theme: <i>Stewardship of Life—Living Sacrifices</i> Presiding: Joanne King Speaker: Pam Flannagin	
3:00-4:00	WNAC State Leaders Meeting	Convention Center Conference Hall-C
	Presiding: Mary R. Wisehart	

Tuesday Morning / July 14

9:00	WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST	Convention Center Arena
	Presiding: Everyl Getz Congregational Singing Devotion: Jean Deeds Special Music: Rose Family Welcome: Jean Marie Rogers Creative Arts Awards: Suzanne Franks Credentials Committee Report / Seating of Delegates Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Mary R. Wisehart Election of Executive Secretary/Treasurer Resolutions Committee Report Appreciation Committee Report	
11:00	HONORING MARY R. WISEHART (Special program will be distributed by ushers.)	Convention Center Arena

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / July 14

1:30	WNAC Reconvenes	Convention Center Arena
	Congregational Singing Music: Jan Clay, Tracy Payne, Sherri Sloan Registration Committee Report WNAC Special Feature: Julisa Rowe <i>Gathering Lotus Buds</i>	
3:00	Adjournment	
5:00	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Invocation: David Taylor Speaker: Julisa Rowe Benediction: Keith Burden	Doubletree Hotel International Ballroom

The Counterfeit Jesus of The New Age Movement

By Tom Forehand, Jr.



Several years ago in East Tennessee, we had set up a book and tract table on the main street during an annual town celebration. An unshaven man, wearing overalls and a red bandanna approached our booth. I first thought he was a hillbilly. I soon learned he was a "Hill William" or an *educated hillbilly*.

As he examined our book about reincarnation, I asked him, "What do you think about that subject?"

He shot back: "We're all gods! I know I've lived before!"

If the essential doctrines of the New Age Movement (NAM) can roll from the lips of an "East Tennessee Hill William," you can surely find them anywhere in America. And along with

NAM comes another counterfeit Jesus.

A religious first cousin of NAM describes the movement like this:

The term "New Age" refers to a nonhomogeneous mixture of attitudes, beliefs, concerns, fads, and theories that . . . [include] a new interest in ancient Eastern religions, yoga, and meditation . . . a revival of interest in spiritualism, but with the new name of channeling; and the practice of astrology, graphology, phrenology, palmistry, and numerology. For those who believe in reincarnation, the New Age includes . . . exploration of . . . past-life readings. Some New Age thinkers also study . . . automatic writing, healing with crystals, and much more.

All these . . . have [come] indiscriminately grouped under the heading "New Age" . . . a kaleidoscope of interests . . . in spite of the ancient practice of some, . . . called New Age.¹

NAM—"Old Age" Recycled

The New Age Movement revamps Satan's lies told in the garden of Eden.

Lie Number One: "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4).

Concerning death, NAM has its own lie called *reincarnation*, a "belief that the soul or some power passes after death into another body."² A 1982 Gallup poll revealed that "almost one in every four [Americans] believes in reincarnation."³

According to Norman Geisler, some reincarnationists are: Loretta Lynn, Shirley MacLaine, Peter Sellers, Paddy Chayevsky, Sylvester "Rocky" Stallone, Glenn Ford, Glenn Scarpelli (*One Day at a Time*), Lee Cureri (*Fame*), Audrey Landers (*Dallas*), and Anne Francis (*Funny Girl*), General George S. Patton, Henry Ford, Salvador Dali, and Mark Twain.⁴

The biblical antidote for reincarnation is *resurrection*. Jesus' resurrected body is *the* prototype for the

believer's resurrection body (Phil. 3:21; 1 Jn. 3:2). Jesus lived, died and was resurrected in the *same* body. He will return one day in that *same* body, marred during His crucifixion experience (Heb. 10:5; Lk. 2:11; 1 Jn. 1:1-2; Rev. 1:7; Acts 1:11; Jn. 20:24ff.). Thus, each Christian should expect to live, die and be resurrected in only one body (Heb. 9:27-28; Dan. 12:2).

Lie Number Two: "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:5).

Human beings are gods according to NAM. New Agers herald the Eastern world view called *pantheism*, a belief that "everyone and everything" in this material world "is part of the Divine" or "one with the universe."⁵

The Bible rejects these twin errors of pantheism and human deity. Though God is vitally *involved* in His creation, He remains *distinct* from His creation (Ps. 102:25-27; Col. 1:16-17; Jn. 1:1-3). Except for Jesus Christ, no human being is divine by nature. Christians, however, are so intimately linked to God by the indwelling presence of the Lord, that they are said to be *fellowshipping* with or "*partakers* of the divine nature" (II Pet. 2:4; Col. 1:27).

Former guru, now Christian, Rabi R. Maharaj recalls how he used to worship himself sitting in front of a mirror, "... It wasn't a question of becoming God but of simply realizing who I really was and had been all the time."⁶

How far have such Eastern ideas influenced Americans? Popular songster John Denver, who died recently, was reported to have said, "One of these days I'll be so complete I won't be human. I'll be a god."⁷

Cure For What Ails Ya!

Those on the New Age fringe may not outwardly worship themselves. Yet, NAM pushes its devotees to strive for a so-called "higher consciousness" or "god consciousness."⁸ Why? New Age therapy reasons: "If we can be convinced that we are ultimately perfect and 'one with the universe,' then physical (and other) healing will take place."⁹

As researcher Pat Means puts it, "in eastern thought . . . ignorance . . . lies at the heart of the human dilemma."¹⁰

Generally, New Agers begin their quest for this cosmic healing by traveling one of two paths. Some New Agers, like Shirley MacLaine, use a medium or *channeler*.¹¹ Others try to tap the subconscious mind by using hypnosis, autosuggestion, guided imagery, biofeedback, Yoga, meditation (often called "centering"), sensory deprivation and visualization.¹²

"Similar techniques can be found in A Course in Miracles, Theosophy, Science of Mind, Arica, Life-spring, Silva mind control and *est*."¹³

The use of a medium is condemned in the Bible (Deut. 18:9-12; Isa. 8:19-20). Also, Christians are commanded to use the conscious, not subconscious, mind during meditation (Mk. 12:30). Sin or disobedience, not ignorance, is at the heart of man's ills; and the *only cure for sin* is trusting in Jesus Christ and what He has done to save sinners (Rom. 6:23; Jn. 3:16; 10:10; Rom. 8:28).

It's Everywhere!

Why has NAM spread so rapidly within a Christianized America? The Christian church needs to examine itself for the answer. Nearly one-fourth of all Americans accept reincarnation "... though *nine out of every ten Americans* claim Christianity as their religious preference."¹⁴

How many Christians have studied and accepted "A Course In Miracles"?¹⁵ How many church libraries offer a copy of Peck's *The Road Less Traveled*,¹⁶ yet give no warning to the unsuspecting Christian reader of its Eastern philosophy? With NAM's influences being overlooked by so many Christians, it's little wonder that NAM is spreading unchecked throughout our society.

"Another Jesus"

NAM "patronizes Christ with faint praise, hailing him as a great Master or Teacher or Adept or Guru."¹⁷ New Agers agree that Jesus is God but no more so than any other person.¹⁸

According to the Bible, Jesus Christ is not another Buddha. Instead, Jesus is the unique God-Man

who created all things and holds all things together (Col. 1:16-18). Buddha is dead and decayed. Jesus, Buddha's creator, is alive and interceding for all who trust in the Christ of Bethlehem (Heb. 7:25). ■

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Endnotes

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God Likes Them a Lot!

Numbers and Horses

By Doug Lance

Roll Call Sunday was special at Goshen Free Will Baptist Church this year! I've given a lot of thought to this, and I believe that God likes numbers and horses. I believe He likes them a lot!

We have numerous "special days" and campaigns at our church, and we go all out for them. But none compares to the effort we put into Roll Call Sunday.

This year Pastor Harold Blankenship began preparing us for Roll Call Sunday in January. He preached a number of evangelistic messages and challenged the entire church to "go where we've never been before."

The preacher told our church that numbers are important to God. He said that 120 men gathered on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down (and someone had to count them!). He said that 3,000 people were saved when Peter stood up and gave the first salvation message (and someone had to count them!).

He said that over 5,000 were added to the church in Acts 5 (and someone had to count them too!). He said that multitudes were saved later on (so many that whoever was counting said, "Just forget it; we can't count that high").

Then the preacher got serious and said, "If that isn't enough proof for you, look in the Old Testament. Numbers are so important that God named the fourth book of the Bible 'Numbers!'"

The pastor made it clear that within every number is a soul who needs Jesus Christ. Our goal was to get as many numbers as we could to church for Roll Call Sunday in March. But our purpose was to win the souls for the Lord Jesus.

We planned many activities for the day. Something for everybody. There was preaching, music and

good food. God rewarded our efforts with numbers. It was a great day.

Did I forget to mention the horses? Horses are important to God, too. Revelation 19:11 says that Jesus will return on a white horse to defeat the armies of Satan.

After the gospel message was delivered that Sunday morning, we brought four beautiful horses to the church ball field and broke out the saddles. We "rodeoed" over 400 children all afternoon. Every one of those children came to church to ride one of those beautiful horses. And every one of them heard the gospel of Jesus Christ *before* they rode the horses.

I was taking my turn leading horses around the ball field. My feet hurt. I couldn't imagine how the horse felt. Her name was Patience. That afternoon, Patience and I walked around the ball field about 40 times with a different child on her back each time. I met at least 15 children who had never come to our church.

I think mostly about Eddie, the eight-year-old dynamo who sat on Patience like a rodeo star. After I introduced myself and Patience, I asked him his name. "Ed-deeee" he replied, his voice a drawn out southern accent so that the emphasis was on the last syllable of everything he said.

As we walked I asked, "Is this your first time visiting Goshen?"

He replied, "This is the first time I've ever been to *any* church."

There was silence for a few moments. "Is this the first time you've ever ridden a horse, Eddie?" I asked.

"Yes," he said.

A few moments later, Eddie said, "You know what, Mister? If I had known you could ride a horse at church, I'da been here a lot sooner!"

I chuckled as we pulled to a stop. I helped Eddie down; he patted Patience on the side and ran toward the other kids. I let him get out of sight

before I laughed and told the other workers what Eddie said.

There is no argument from either Eddie or me that we both got what we wanted on Roll Call Sunday. Eddie came for the horses and he got to ride them. I got to deliver the gospel of Jesus Christ to him, (probably the first time in his life he has heard it.) We also got his name and address, so he'll be back to Goshen on the bus again.

Eddie was excited about what was going on at our church. You know what? That's the way Christians ought to be too! Not just on Roll Call Sunday or for special events days, but every Sunday.

These are desperate times. War is being waged for the souls of men. If times are extreme, I believe we should use extreme measures to get the gospel to the lost.

We didn't reach our attendance goal, but God honored our efforts and gave us over 980 people. Many were first-time visitors. Many were families from our bus routes that we have been witnessing to for years.

The best thing about Roll Call Sunday was that 43 of those people who came to our services got saved! The pastor was right. God does like numbers . . . and a horse named Patience.



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Housing Form

National Association of Free Will Baptists / National Convention

Tulsa, Oklahoma • July 12-16, 1998

Print or type all information requested and mail or fax form to NAFWB Housing Bureau by **June 12, 1998**. If form is faxed, do not call Bureau to check on receipt of fax. Keep your transaction report as proof of transmittal. You will receive acknowledgment by mail of your hotel assignment within two weeks of the time the form is received by the Housing Bureau. **NO TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE BUREAU OR THE HOTEL.** Do not contact hotel directly before June 12. All reservations, changes and cancellations should be made with the NAFWB Housing Bureau prior to June 12.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED: An advance deposit of **\$100** is required for each room. Your deposit will be charged to your credit card by providing the information requested below. Deposits being made by check should be for **\$100 per room** payable to the NAFWB Housing Bureau and mailed to the address below. Forms received without credit card information or a check for the deposit will be returned and reservations will not be processed. Hotel refund policies vary. The NAFWB Housing Bureau *prefers* credit cards rather than checks.

Changes or cancellations should be made in writing to the Housing Bureau by June 12, 1998. You may fax changes to 918/599-6154 or mail to address below. After June 12, you must contact the hotel directly to make changes or cancellations. Check your hotel confirmation for instructions regarding cancellation policies and check-in times.

Number **all** hotels in numerical order of preference. If all hotels are not "numbered," and your preferred hotel/motels are sold out, the NAFWB Housing Bureau will choose a hotel/motel for you.

◆ ◆ CIRCLE ROOM TYPE REQUESTED BELOW ◆ ◆

(Rooms with two beds are limited. Please utilize rooms with one bed whenever possible.)

Number Hotel choices in order of preference ↓	HOTELS	SINGLE 1 bed / 1 person	DOUBLE 1 bed / 2 persons	DBL/DBL 2 beds / 2 persons	TRIPLE 2 beds / 3 persons	QUAD 2 beds / 4 persons
	Doubletree Downtown (Headquarters)	\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79
	Adam's Mark (NYC Headquarters)	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$82
	Downtown Plaza	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
	Holiday Inn Select	\$68	\$68	\$68	\$68	\$68
	Trade Winds East (Best Western)	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
	Trade Winds Central (Best Western)	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53
	Holiday Inn Express	\$69	\$69	\$69	\$69	\$69

Rates do not include **tax** which is currently 13% in Oklahoma.

Free Parking at all hotels (\$9 valet parking at Adam's Mark; satellite parking free).

Indicate Special Requests:

- ☐ Wheel chair Accessible ☐ Non-Smoking ☐ Crib Other _____
☐ Rollaway (Upon availability at an additional charge.)
 [By Fire Marshall Law, a rollaway cannot be placed in a room with 2 beds.]

ARRIVAL DATE	/	/	TIME	DEPARTURE DATE	/	/
APPLY DEPOSIT TO: MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> DINERS CLUB <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER <input type="checkbox"/> AMEx <input type="checkbox"/>						
CARD NUMBER _____				EXP. DATE _____		
NAME ON CARD: _____				SIGNATURE _____		

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED. CHECK # _____

ROOMMATES: (LIST ALL OCCUPANTS OF ROOM)

(1) _____	(3) _____
(2) _____	(4) _____

PERSON TO WHOM CONFIRMATION SHOULD BE MAILED. (Please Print or Type Clearly.)

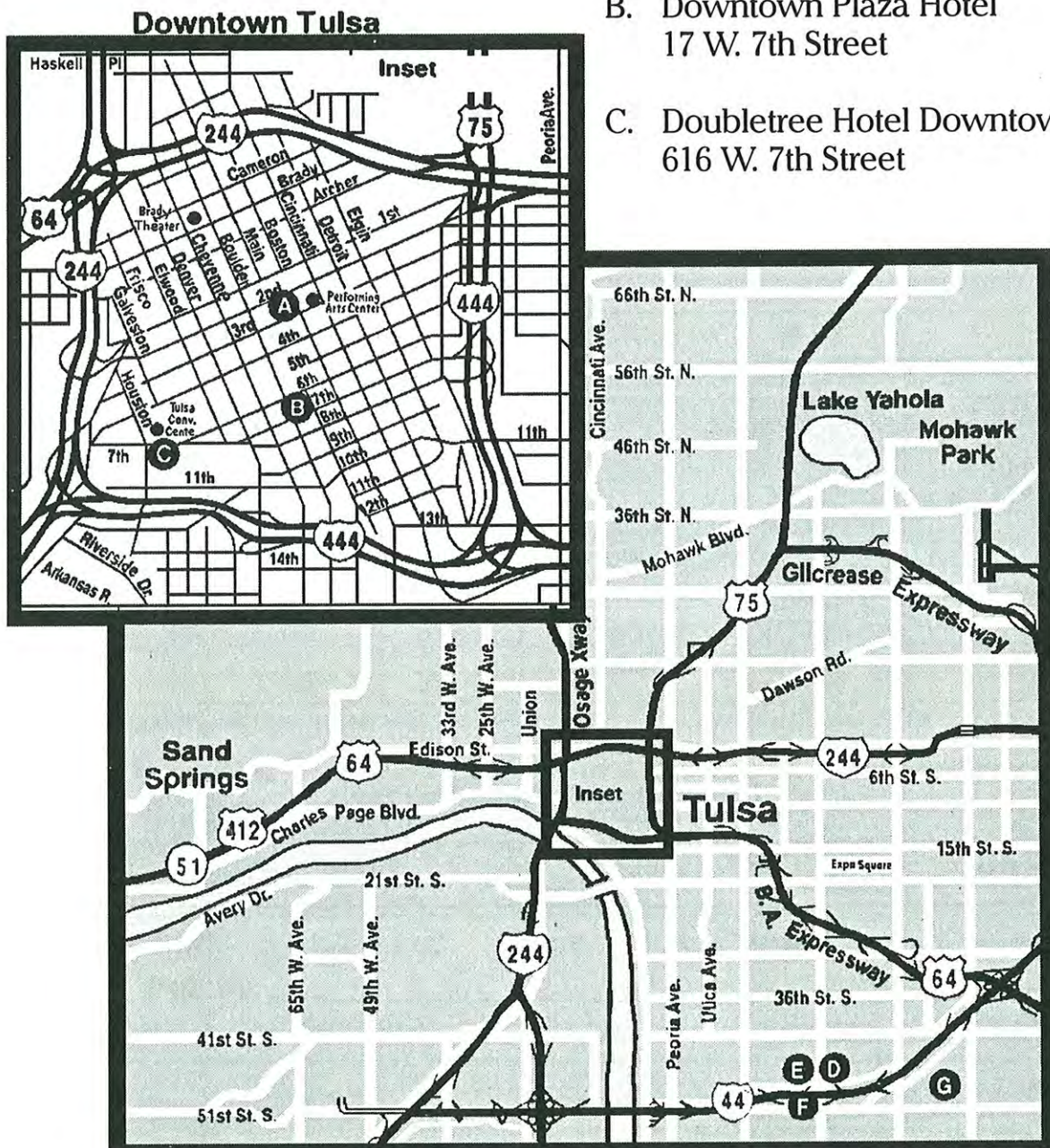
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MAIL OR FAX
 By June 12, 1998 — To:
NAFWB
Housing Bureau
616 S. Boston, Suite 100
Tulsa, OK 74119-1298
FAX — 918/599-6154



Accommodations

- A. Adam's Mark Hotel
100 E. 2nd Street
- B. Downtown Plaza Hotel
17 W. 7th Street
- C. Doubletree Hotel Downtown
616 W. 7th Street



- D. Best Western Trade Winds East
3337 E. Skelly Drive
- E. Best Western Trade Winds Central
3141 E. Skelly Drive
- F. Holiday Inn Express
3131 E. 51st Street
- G. Holiday Inn Select
5000 E. Skelly Drive

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
Tulsa, Oklahoma / July 12 - 16, 1998

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: _____ Phone #: (____) ____ - ____
First or Name Desired on Badge Last Area Code
City and State desired on badge: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
Home Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip
Church: _____
Church Name Church City Church Zip
Pastor's Name: _____
Hotel (if known): _____

You may register for all three conventions on this form.

Mail completed form(s) and fees to:

Convention Registration
P. O. Box 5002
Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

Must be postmarked on or before **June 12, 1998.**

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 (State) _____

DELEGATE: ☐ Ordained Deacon
☐ State
☐ Local Church (\$25.00)
☐ National Board Member
☐ National Officer

VISITOR: ☐ [Visitors can not vote]

Meal Tickets:

Quantity

Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner	_____ x \$20.00 = \$_____
Youth Workers Reception	_____ x \$10.00 = \$_____
Hillsdale FWB College Lunch	_____ x \$15.00 = \$_____
FWBBC Alumni Luncheon	_____ x \$15.00 = \$_____

If Local Church Delegate _____ **\$25.00 = \$_____**
Signed credentials card enclosed **Yes!** ☐

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 = \$_____**
(with signed local delegate form)

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

(ALL those in 1st grade through age 24 **must** register to attend NYC.)

(Ages 3-5 **must** register if attending Preschool Worship.)

Are you a youth worker? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, are you over 24? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grade completed Spring 1997: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____

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

Youth Leader's name: _____

Registration Fee

Pre-Registration Fee **\$18.00 = \$_____**

On-site registration fee is \$20.

Adults over 24 do not pay NYC fees. Competitors **also** 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 1-3)	_____ x \$7.50 = \$_____
Tweeners' Banquet (grades 4-6)	_____ x \$7.50 = \$_____
Youth Banquet (must be in grade 7 to age 24 or an accompanying youth worker)	_____ x \$25.00 = \$_____

For Office Use Only

Rec. _____ CK/MO # _____ AMT \$ _____

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Make ALL checks payable
to FWB Convention.

**No refunds mailed after
June 12, 1998.**

TOTAL \$ _____

Check/Money Order **MUST** accompany this form.
Enclose **ONE** check to pay all fees and tickets.

Pre-Register by June 12 and Pick up Your Convention Packet on Saturday!

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

Saturday, July 11
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 12
1:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration ends June 12, 1998

Meal Information

Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner \$20.00
Monday, July 13 / 4:45 - 6:30 p.m.
Convention Center / Exhibit Hall - B

Children's Banquet \$7.50
Monday, July 13 / 5:00 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel / Manchester-Geneva Ballroom

Tweeners' Banquet \$7.50
Monday, July 13 / 5:00 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel / Buckingham-Windsor Ballroom

Hillsdale FWB College Lunch \$15.00
Tuesday, July 14 / 12:00 noon
Doubletree Hotel / Buckingham-Windsor Ballroom

Youth Banquet \$25.00
Tuesday, July 14 / 5:00 p.m.
Discoveryland

Youth Workers Reception \$10.00
Monday, July 13 / 9:00 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel / Woodward Room

WNAC Fellowship Dinner \$15.00
Tuesday, July 14 / 5:00 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel / International Ballroom

FWBBC Alumni Luncheon \$15.00
Wednesday, July 15 / 12:00 Noon
Doubletree Hotel / Buckingham-Windsor Ballroom

FREE WILL BAPTIST NEWSFRONT

Reverend Charles Brown with the Lord

GOLDSBORO, NC—Church planter Charles Brown died February 22 after pastoring Free Will Baptist churches 42 years. He was 75. Reverend Brown retired from a fruitful ministry in which he organized seven churches in three states.

His more than four-decades long career included pastorates in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

North Carolina promotional director Jim Marcum, Brown's son-



in-law, said, "His most noted work was the Collinswood FWB Church in Portsmouth, Virginia, where he pastored 13 years and then resigned to plant more churches.

"Brother Brown planted two other churches in the Tidewater area—

the Great Bridge FWB Church and Faith FWB Church (Carrollton). They were built between

1976 and 1981, and both became self-supporting within that time frame."

Funeral services were conducted February 25 at Faith FWB Church in Goldsboro where Rev. Brown was a member. Pastor Dann Patrick officiated along with Brown's sons-in-law, Kyle Brown and Jim Marcum. Two cousins, Harry Brown and A.B. Brown, conducted graveside services.

Rev. Brown is survived by his wife, Shirley Brown; two daughters, Karen Brown and Vicki Marcum; one sister, one brother and four granddaughters.

Illinois Returns to "Old Paths"

SESSER, IL—Four retired Free Will Baptist ministers preached during the 38th annual Illinois State Association which met March 20-21 at Bear Point FWB Church in Sesser. Illinois pastors Clifford Hicks, Byford Campbell and George Waggoner joined Herman Hersey, former director of the Board of Retirement, to develop the association theme, "Return Ye to the Old Paths."

Illinois promotional secretary David Shores said that 161 people attended the meeting, including 67 ordained ministers and deacons, and 28 lay dele-

gates. Moderator Larry Clyatt was elected to his 10th term.

Delegates accepted the newly-formed Quad Cities District Association into fellowship. The district is composed of five churches: Green Rock FWB Church (Green Rock), First FWB Church (Moline), Faith FWB Church (Milan), and two Iowa Churches—Heritage FWB Church (Davenport) and Riverview FWB Church (Bettendorf).

In other action, delegates authorized a constitutional change, renaming the Layman's Board the "State Master's Men Board."

Some 140 people attended a Friday evening banquet honoring retiring foreign missionaries to Japan Fred and June Hersey. Thursday evening, Board of Retirement Director William Evans presented a seminar on the subject, "Christian Family Finances."

Delegates adopted a \$176,000 state budget to be allocated among eight state outreach ministries and National Association outreach.

The 1999 state association will meet March 19-20 at Bethel FWB Church in South Roxana.

Bible College Launches Relocation Campaign

NASHVILLE, TN—Rev. Roy Harris, director of advancement for Free Will Baptist Bible College, officially launched a Campus Relocation Campaign on campus March 10, during the annual Bible Conference.

The Campaign will run from August 1998 through May 2001. The goal is to raise \$6 million in five years, according to Mr. Harris. This, with income from the present campus when it is sold will hopefully be sufficient to move the college and complete the first stage of construction.



Construction costs and real estate prices are constantly changing, making it impossible to determine exactly how much will be needed to complete the first stage. The location for the new campus is a 123-acre site fronting Interstate 24 northwest of Nashville.

Harris reported that an independent survey of Free Will Baptists, done by the Timothy Group, showed a 93% approval for the project. Three out of four surveyed said they would support the move financially, above current giving.

The service included a multi-media presentation and was concluded by giving attendees an opportunity to express their support for the campaign.

A report on the campaign will be made at the National Association this July in Tulsa.

Fire Damages Florida Church

SEFFNER, FL—A midnight electrical fire at First FWB Church in Seffner on January 16 left extensive smoke damage to the church sanctuary, according to church administrator, Roger Duncan II, son of Pastor Roger Duncan. The fire started in the air conditioning units but was confined to the sanctuary thanks to the swift response of the local fire department.

"The fire had apparently only burned for a few minutes before someone noticed smoke coming from the church and called the fire department," said 27-year-old Roger Duncan II.

"We were fortunate that the fire did not start ear-

lier when about 800 people were in Camp Meeting services," Duncan continued. "We did continue the Camp Meeting, moving services to the gymnasium."

Duncan said that no dollar value had been determined on the extent of the damage. However, the sanctuary carpet must be replaced. Pews and musical instruments may have to be replaced as well.

The congregation of about 600 people has been meeting in the church cafeteria since mid-January. Officials hoped to complete repairs to the sanctuary by mid-May. Negotiations with insurance carriers were under way at press time.

Hail Destroys Mexican Church Building

MEXICO—The Mahanaim FWB Church building was destroyed by golf ball size hail that fell for 20 minutes in the early morning hours of January 6, 1998, according to Ruth Bivens, FWB home missionary to Mexico. The church is located in the Santa Amalia community, north of Altamira, Tamps., Mexico.

The roof and waist high walls of the 12 x 30 building were destroyed. Hail and high winds also destroyed several homes in the area which were built with the same corrugated tar paper construction. Residents gathered their children in the corners of their homes and under tables. Some turned chairs up over their heads seeking protection from the hail stones. There was no one in the church at the time of the storm.

According to Pastor Inocente Pacheco, the congregation received immediate help when Lazaro de la Rosa, pastor of Eben—Ezer FWB Church in nearby Al-

tamira, and his congregation, donated enough corrugated tar paper to replace the roof. Brother Lazaro came with several church members to help in the reconstruction. The 40-member congregation was able to meet in their church building the following Sunday.

The members of Mahanaim FWB Church, founded April 10, 1994, plan to begin a building program as funds permit. That building will be of concrete block construction.

Hail during the storm accumulated to a depth of six inches. In spite of heavy rains that accompanied the hail, the temperature dropped so low that it was after noon before the hail melted. The noise of high seas and waves crashing on the shore could be heard throughout the day from over a mile away.

This is the first recorded hail in the tropical area on the east coast, seven hours south of Reynosa, Mexico. The bizarre weather is blamed on El Nino.

FWBBC Appoints Recruitment Director

NASHVILLE, TN—Mr. Jeff McMahan will become Free Will Baptist Bible College's assistant director of recruitment on June 1, according to President Tom Malone. McMahan, a 1997 graduate of the college, traveled with the college quartet, and has been serving as gym supervisor under FWBBC Coach Byron Deel.

Mr. McMahan replaces Kenny Simpson who has served in the college's department of recruitment since 1993. Simpson left the staff May 31, to pursue the ministry to which God has called him.

"Our sincere gratitude goes with Brother Kenny for a task well done," says Dr. Malone. "All the college family will miss him."

McMahan will work under James Cox, FWBBC's director of institutional effectiveness. Dr. Cox will assume responsibility for supervising and coordinating the college's recruitment efforts.

CCC Seeks Christian Ministries Teacher

FRESNO, CA—California Christian College is looking for an instructor in Christian ministries. Experience and appropriate education are required.

Qualifications include an accredited doctorate with preferred emphasis in communications, sociology or music.

Any person interested should send a resume and written testimony to:

Academic Dean Greg McAllister
California Christian College
4881 East University Avenue
Fresno, CA 93703-3599

209/251-4215 (phone)
209/251-4231 (FAX)
cccfresno@aol.com

California Christian College Receives Accreditation

FRESNO, CA—California Christian College was granted accreditation on February 27 at the Accrediting Commission meeting of Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), according to President James McAllister. The college is owned and operated by the California State Association of Free Will Baptists.

In 1993, CCC was granted candidacy status. They then completed an institutional self-study and hosted a site review team in November 1997. The accreditation term is for five years.

The TRACS commission noted that the college had planning and organizational strengths, and had made excellent progress over the past years.

TRACS is a conservative Christian accrediting association which emphasizes biblical authority and Christian education.

Bible College to Host Summer Camp, 98

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College invites young people, grades 9-12, to attend Summer Camp, 98 on campus June 21-27. Campers may choose among four camps:

Drama Camp: performing, staging, make-up, lighting

Music Camp: vocal/instrumental performance, sight reading, conducting

Missions Camp: Bible strategy for evangelism, field experiences

Basketball Camp: individual skills, 3-on-3, shooting tournaments, all-stars game.

Each camp will be supervised by people qualified in their areas. Joint services and challenges will assure that Summer Camp, 98 is a rich spiritual event.

The cost is \$175. Campers must register by June 15. For a camp registration form, send requests to:

Free Will Baptist Bible College
Summer Camp, 98
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

1-800-76-FWBBC, Ext. 5222

e-mail: recruit@fwbbc.edu

Instrumental Ensemble to Perform at Convention

ANTIOCH, TN—The all-volunteer instrumental ensemble will perform in July at the 62nd annual Free Will Baptist National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, according to instrumental director Chris Truett.

The ensemble will accompany congregational singing each night (except Sunday) in the arena at Tulsa Convention Center, Mr. Truett said. Ensemble participants will practice Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. The rehearsals will be conducted in the convention center arena.

Truett said, "We are inviting anyone from ninth grade up to participate in the instrumental ensemble. We would like to have more adults in the group. Last year was a success, and we want to expand the

group this year."

Those who wish to participate in the ensemble must notify Mr. Truett by June 1. Musicians should send names, addresses, phone numbers, church names, types of instruments played and number of years' experience with the instruments to:

Bethel FWB Church
Attention: Chris Truett
1936 Banks School Road
Kinston, NC 28504
919/522-2451

Music will be mailed by Mr. Truett to each instrumentalist who responds by June 1.

Discount Air Fares to National Convention Available

ANTIOCH, 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 Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 12-16, according to Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington.

Artists Travel Corporation 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 Tulsa have been secured on Delta Air Lines. The 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 air fares. First class tickets may also be booked if desired.

Artists Travel Corporation has contracted for travel dates July 9 through July 18 for the convention.

To book airspace at the offered discounted rates, call Artists Travel Corporation 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
- ✧ number of passengers
- ✧ home phone number
- ✧ correct mailing address
- ✧ city of flight origin
- ✧ 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.

Mass Choir Recording Set for Tulsa

ANTIOCH, TN—The Free Will Baptist Music Commission plans a mass choir recording project in Tulsa, Oklahoma, according to chairman Randy Sawyer. The project is scheduled July 10-11, the Friday and Saturday preceding the national convention.

The recording session is set at Rejoice FWB Church in Owasso, just north of Tulsa. Recording begins Friday afternoon/evening and continues Saturday, followed by a fellowship supper for all participants.

"This will include songs that our people hold dear as part of our tradition, as well as new songs destined to become standards of the church," Sawyer said. "It's something no Free Will Baptist musician will want to miss."

Songs from the release will be used in worship by

the mass choir during services at the convention, and attendees can purchase the project that week at the Music Commission booth. Production plans include cassettes, CDs, choral books and orchestration tracks.

"We need participation from everywhere for this project to be a success," Sawyer continued.

Those who plan to attend and want the rehearsal music should send a request to:

Reasons To Rejoice
c/o Fellowship FWB Church
2518 Una-Antioch Pike
Antioch, TN 37013

or e-mail to: KJustMan@aol.com.

CURRENTLY . . .

Fred and June Hersey served as Missionaries in Residence at **Free Will Baptist Bible College** April 6-10. They mixed with students, spoke in chapel and conducted evening seminars, "Missions in Japan: A 30-Year Perspective." The Herses have experience in both Brazil and Japan.

Home Missionary **David Potete** said **Northwest FWB Church** in **Chicago, IL**, broke attendance records in February when the group averaged 35. Valentine's Outreach attracted more than 80 people.

Twenty people have been won to Christ since **Bill Phillips** moved to **Sandy, UT**, and started **Valley FWB Church**. The mission congregation made an offer for property that includes two acres and a building with a meeting hall and 14 classrooms.

After Pastor **Carlie Lloyd** began teaching English as a second language, the door to the Hmong community in **Madison, WI**, opened. More than 25 Hmong children attended one Wednesday evening service. Lloyd pastors **West Madison FWB Church**.

Members of **Eastside FWB Church** in **Petaluma, CA**, elected **Rev. Carl Young** to his 42nd consecutive term as their pastor. The church is located north of San Francisco.

Grace FWB Church in **Arnold, MO**, celebrated the 30th anniversary of Pastor **Glenn Rehkop's** ministry in their community. The Rehkops were given numerous gifts, cards of appreciation and a pictorial quilt depicting their years with the church.

A scholarship fund has been established for the two children of **Don Guthrie** who died of a heart attack in January. He was pastor of Lake Hills FWB Church near Hot Springs, AR. The Arkansas State Mission Board established the scholarship. Contributions may be sent to: **Guthrie Children Scholarship Fund/ Arkansas Free Will Baptists/ P.O. Box 1404/Conway, AR 72033**.

Some 79 people attended the first service at the new building for **Osseo FWB Mission** in **Osseo, MI**. Pastor **Ray**

Wilson said the group purchased 100 chairs, thanks to gifts from individuals and churches.

The annual World Missions Conference at **First FWB Church** in **Beaufort, NC**, resulted in faith promises of \$24,627 for 1998, according to Pastor **Henry Van Kluyve**. Last year, the church received 100 percent of faith promises made, some \$24,000. Van Kluyve is in his 13th year as pastor.

Pastor **Kevin Brice** reports 17 new members and eight conversions at **Community FWB Church** in **Silver Grove, KY**. The congregation started a building for a new church and put gravel in the parking lot.

Southwest FWB Church in **Columbus, OH**, reports that average attendance rose from 125 to 160. They are at capacity on Sunday mornings. Pastor **John Meade**, who has led the church 10 years, welcomed 12 new members.

Pastor **Robert Bryant** reports eight conversions and baptisms, and nine new members at **Newark FWB Church** in **Newark, OH**.

The youth group at **Samantha FWB Church** in **Leesburg, OH**, averages 60 each week. Pastor **Wiley Perkins** reports seven baptisms and five new members.

Westerville FWB Church in **Westerville, OH**, added nine new members, according to Pastor **Mike Mounts**.

Pastor **Cecil Farmer** reports 12 baptisms and 23 new members at **Liberty FWB Church** in **Monclava, OH**.

The **Ohio Men's Retreat** set attendance records for the second consecutive year when 230 registered for the preaching and teaching meeting. This year's speakers were North Carolina pastor **Dann Patrick** and Home Missions staffer **David Crowe**. Executive Secretary **Edwin Hayes** organizes the annual retreat.

Congratulations to Pastor **Kenneth Winningham** and members of **Faith FWB Church** in **Jonesboro, AR**, who burned the mortgage on the church. The congregation has served in the community for 21 years.

Daisy FWB Church in **Kirby, AR**, dedicated their new 280-seat sanctuary, according to Pastor **Kevin Jewell**. Construction took about 18 months with much donated labor by members. The old sanctuary was remodeled into a fellowship hall and a study for the pastor. The church organized in 1971.

Mt. Vernon FWB Church in **Russellville, AR**, recognized two deacons who gave 30 years of service each to the congregation. Pastor **Earl Stapleton** gave plaques of appreciation to Deacons **Bill Duvall** and **Dewayne Helton** who were ordained January 28, 1968. The church served a fellowship lunch to honor the men and their families.

They moved the mark higher at **Cavanaugh FWB Church** in **Fort Smith, AR**. Pastor **Will Harmon** and the congregation set a goal to add 100 new people each year. They hope to see attendance at 1,000 by the year 2002. Oh...the church just added 48 new parking spaces.

Pastor **Bill Adkisson** reports nine conversions and 21 baptisms at **Evergreen FWB Church** in **Iola, TX**. The rural church has seen attendance surge from 50 to 151 in less than 12 months.

Westfield FWB Church in **Katy, TX**, (suburb of Houston) began meeting in new facilities in late December 1997 with 47 in attendance. Pastor **David Ferguson** led a grand opening service for the community on February 8. Dedication for the new building was set for March 7.

Members of **First FWB Church** in **O'Fallon, MO**, burned the mortgage during an all-day celebration, according to Pastor **Rick Dement**. The church organized in 1967 with 23 charter members. Worship services moved from a local restaurant to the parsonage and through two building programs in 1970 and 1977.

Sunday School Superintendent **Nen Freeman** was recognized by members of **Blackland Chapel FWB Church** in **Oil Trough, AR**, for 20 years of leadership. He is 80 years old. **Orville Berg** pastors. ■

Directory Update

GEORGIA

Bobby Taylor, Jr., to Deep Creek Church, Midville

KANSAS

Clifford Ball to Bethel Church, Kansas City

OKLAHOMA

Troy Dobbs to Canadian Shores Church, Indianola
from Plainview Church, Plainview, AR



March 1998

Attention High Schoolers!

What? Stewardship Essay Contest

Sponsor? *The Together Way Plan*

Who? The contest is open to all Free Will Baptist students in grades 9 through 12.

Subject? The subject of the essay must be on some aspect of Christian stewardship.

Length? Must be 400-600 words.

Judged? Essays will be judged on the development of the theme and its practical application. Punctuation and grammar will also be considered.

Awards? 1st place \$100
2nd place 50
3rd place 25

The first place essay will be printed in *Contact*.

When? All entries must be post-marked *before* July 1, 1998.

Address? Must be mailed to:

Essay Contest
The Together Way Plan
P. O. Box 5002
Antioch, TN 37011-5002

Receipts:

State	Designated	CO-OP	Total	Year To Date Designated	Year To Date CO-OP	Year To Date Total
Alabama	\$ 330.30	\$.00	\$ 330.30	\$ 1,267.38	\$.00	\$ 1,267.38
Arizona	1,268.12	144.50	1,412.62	1,468.12	144.50	1,612.62
Arkansas	9,576.10	8,701.71	18,277.81	43,618.68	40,956.28	84,574.96
California	.00	974.00	974.00	.00	3,016.55	3,016.55
Colorado	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Delaware	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Florida	81.78	.00	81.78	81.78	3,333.32	3,415.10
Georgia	17,228.10	1,764.04	18,992.14	53,937.71	4,668.44	58,606.15
Hawaii	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Idaho	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Illinois	9,307.52	2,189.80	11,497.32	28,554.43	6,879.62	35,434.05
Indiana	1,951.95	457.15	2,409.10	3,808.69	1,051.02	4,859.71
Iowa	90.00	186.00	276.00	180.00	449.25	629.25
Kansas	200.00	34.68	234.68	200.00	34.68	234.68
Kentucky	25.00	628.37	653.37	1,779.56	1,801.96	3,581.52
Louisiana	20.00	.00	20.00	30.00	.00	30.00
Maryland	.00	1,056.30	1,056.30	.00	1,599.80	1,599.80
Michigan	11,985.18	1,435.00	13,420.18	24,705.91	4,584.06	29,289.97
Mississippi	6,402.72	489.66	6,892.38	17,480.27	1,362.57	18,842.84
Missouri	50,787.45	.00	50,787.45	149,638.22	.00	149,638.22
Montana	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Nebraska	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Jersey	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Mexico	.00	.00	.00	1,649.12	131.56	1,780.68
North Carolina	350.00	1,657.64	2,007.64	5,390.92	4,072.90	9,463.82
Ohio	4,671.39	2,209.26	6,880.65	18,312.97	6,709.49	25,022.46
Oklahoma	57,342.57	9,824.56	67,167.13	123,904.56	27,708.01	151,612.57
South Carolina	35,245.06	155.61	35,400.67	109,049.85	388.28	109,438.13
South Dakota	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Tennessee	2,470.18	844.48	3,314.66	31,624.78	5,803.73	37,428.51
Texas	6,557.91	532.86	7,090.77	24,605.54	1,493.35	26,098.89
Virginia	612.97	25.00	637.97	2,168.85	100.00	2,268.85
Virgin Islands	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
West Virginia	5,757.09	95.77	5,852.86	10,120.46	196.66	10,317.12
Wisconsin	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Canada	285.21	14.72	299.93	531.12	24.14	555.26
Northwest Assoc.	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Northeast Assoc.	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Other	.00	.12	.12	.00	.10	.10
Totals	\$222,546.60	\$33,421.23	\$255,967.83	\$ 654,108.92	\$ 116,510.27	\$ 770,619.19

Disbursements:

Executive Office	\$ 6,402.55	\$15,039.53	\$ 21,442.08	\$ 20,891.05	\$ 52,429.60	\$ 73,320.65
Foreign Missions	135,060.74	4,227.78	139,288.52	387,623.38	14,738.55	402,361.93
FWBBC	14,521.10	4,227.78	18,748.88	48,134.86	14,738.55	62,873.41
Home Missions	57,668.16	3,308.70	60,976.86	169,824.60	11,534.52	181,359.12
Retirement & Insurance	1,017.81	2,573.40	3,591.21	3,246.66	8,971.25	12,217.91
Master's Men	1,365.38	2,573.40	3,938.78	3,971.93	8,971.25	12,943.18
Com. for Theo. Integrity	82.41	91.93	174.34	216.81	320.42	537.23
FWB Foundation	693.45	1,102.92	1,796.37	2,279.11	3,844.87	6,123.98
Historical Commission	62.87	91.93	154.80	158.30	320.42	478.72
Music Commission	55.65	91.93	147.58	176.21	320.42	496.63
Media Commission	58.09	91.93	150.02	2,765.71	320.42	3,086.13
Hillsdale FWB College	1,475.18	.00	1,475.18	4,084.08	.00	4,084.08
Other	4,083.21	.00	4,083.21	10,736.22	.00	10,736.22
Totals	\$222,546.60	\$33,421.23	\$255,967.83	\$ 654,108.92	\$ 116,510.27	\$ 770,619.19



WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Woman's Window on the World

By Mary R. Wisehart

From My Window

I was standing at the curb when a child darted into the street in front of me.

Immediately, I heard his mother scream his name. She ran up behind him, swatted him once or twice on his bottom and said, "Haven't I told you not to run into the street like that?"

Was that child abuse? Certainly not. Rather, a mother who lets her child run into danger without correction is a careless, uncaring mother.

And so it is with our heavenly Father. He will not let us run into paths of danger without giving us correction. "Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." How thankful we should be for His correcting rod.

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Heb. 12:6).

He blocks our way on a path. He closes a door we longed to enter. He withholds what we think would be a blessing, but it is all part of His loving care.

We cannot see what lies ahead, but our Father knows the end from the beginning. A line from a song says, "But God in love a veil has thrown across our way." His love protects us.

Our disappointments may be His way of keeping us from danger. His correction is always for our good.

Jeremiah 29:11 says it well. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

I noticed that the child nestled close to his mother, and with his hand in hers, they crossed the street together.

Pre-register and Get Tickets Early

Expect a special treat at the WNAC Fellowship Dinner.

Julisa Rowe from Artists in Christian Testimony will present a message on the 1998 theme: "Living Sacrifices: The Stewardship of Life."

Julisa grew up as an MK in Africa. She will present a dramatization of Amy Carmichael's life Tuesday afternoon at the close of the WNAC Convention.

Get your tickets to the dinner early. WNAC must guarantee tickets 72 hours in advance.

Ridgecrest Retreat 1998

The WNAC retreat at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center is scheduled for September 24-26.

Glenda Revell from Smithfield, Virginia, is the featured speaker. She comes to us recommended by Elisabeth Elliott.

Glenda has published one book, *Glenda's Story*, and plans to have another in print by September, *With Love From A Mother's Heart*.

Check *Co-Laborer* or your state paper for registration forms. Write to: WNAC, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002 for more information. ■



BOARD OF RETIREMENT

The Three-Legged Stool

By William Evans

Even though preachers say they will never retire/quit preaching, what they really mean is they never plan to stop serving the Lord. Retirement does not mean doing nothing. Some of the busiest people I know are retired.

How Should We Prepare to Retire?

The immediate answer is not how, but when—and the answer is now! The time to begin preparing for retirement is the first day on the job. See the chart below for the cost of delay as a monthly and total invested figure.

A three-legged stool pictures a reasonable approach to the retirement challenge. Three-legged stools were common items around old milk barns. They were ideal because no matter how rough the barn floor, they were always stable. Each leg is a means to that stability.

The First Leg—Social Security

The first leg of retirement planning must be Social Security. Unlike others, ordained ministers are given the choice to opt out of Social Security based on religious convictions.

If a person opts out of Social Security (not my recommendation), he should faithfully save and invest approximately 15% of his total pay package. That sum should be used to provide disability protection and future retirement.

The Second Leg—Employee Retirement Program

A second leg is a regular retirement program funded by the employing agency and employee. Contribution levels should range

between 5 to 12 percent of the pay package excluding housing. Due to budget restraints some employers start at a lower level.

Why is a traditional retirement program important? To provide balance and diversification of investment styles, income tax benefits and continuity from job to job. Also, it meets the employer's responsibility to share proportionally in retirement funding and assures that the funds are invested for retirement needs. Employees of any Free Will Baptist church or agency should consider the services of our Retirement Board.

The Third Leg—Personal Savings

A third leg is personal savings. This should involve several different areas: emergency funds, future purchases or needs, and accumulations for investing and long range investments.

The first savings should be for an emergency fund. This is not for future purchases but for emergencies. Most counselors suggest a minimum of three to six months of your regular income for this area of savings.

Emergency funds should be liquid (savings accounts, CDs, short term notes, Money Market accounts, etc.) and safe. After accumulating your emergency funds, additional savings should be invested to increase earnings potential.

A three-legged stool approach to retirement will help you stand an unstable and uncertain future. You are not depending on just one area.

One final rule, no matter how strong your retirement plan, your future still depends on the grace and goodness of God. Do what you can, but still trust Him. ■

Age	Monthly Contributions	Total Invested	Earnings Rate	Total
25-67	\$ 50.00	\$ 25,200.00	9%	\$283,509.28
30-67	79.35	35,231.40	9%	283,547.11
35-67	126.90	48,729.60	9%	283,512.18
40-67	205.62	66,620.88	9%	283,502.74
45-67	240.58	89,913.12	9%	283,506.40
50-67	586.35	119,615.40	9%	283,506.17
55-67	1087.70	156,628.86	9%	283,502.92



FOREIGN MISSIONS

A Child Shall Lead Them

By Mary Holland

After 30 hours of traveling, we stood in the airport in São Paulo, Brazil, the second largest city in the world. We were looking for our 19 suitcases, dreading the moment of reentry into Brazil through the Federal Police (customs officials). We knew we had electronic goodies we didn't want confiscated, and we didn't want to pay a fee to keep them either.

I looked over my shoulder and there he stood, the man that would decide the fate of our suitcases and their contents. It was very early in the morning, and he didn't look like a morning person (that made two of us). His face looked as if it were made of stone with sternness chiseled into it. My heart sank to my toes as I watched him command everyone who was exiting with suitcases to stop. The customs official was ordering everyone to have his or her suitcase opened and searched.

Calm and Collected

In my mind I was rehearsing the Portuguese words that I would say to him, "Hi, Sir! We are moving back to Brazil. This is the reason why we have all of these suitcases." I wanted to stay calm and collected. Part of me wanted just to fall down in front of him and cry, "Mr. Stoneface, please have mercy on us and let us go through." But I decided that the memory of that scene could warp my children forever and that my husband would leave me at the airport. So, I tried to maintain my composure, something I don't normally do.

Each of us, including the children, was in charge of his or her own cartload of suitcases. We had loaded the cart of Brooklin, our six-year-old daughter, with the electronic gadgets. As Brooklin pushed her cart, the mountain of suitcases hid her. Her cart appeared to be moving without a driver.



The Curt Holland family is serving in Campinas, Brazil.

The girls and I went on ahead, leaving my very American-looking husband to fend for himself.

With my heart beating like a time bomb, we moved toward Mr. Stoneface. As we drew near, he said to me in a thunderous voice, "How is that cart moving in front of you?" From his view, he could only see a cart full of

suitcases moving by itself. I said to Brooklin, "Walk around the cart so the nice man can see you."

Toothless First-grade Grin

Brooklin walked around and gave Mr. Stoneface the cutest and the most toothless first-grade grin that she had. Then, as if a miracle had taken place or a prayer had been answered, Mr. Stoneface smiled and said, "Que linda!" In Portuguese that means, "How cute!" Then, he looked at me and said, "You go on out with your girls." That meant our 14 suitcases weren't going to be opened by the Federal Police. I said, "Thank you, Sir! Have a nice morning."

You see, prayers *do* make a difference. They can even change a cold stone face into a smile through a small child. ■

**Stop by our booth at the
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ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PREACHERS



Dennis Wiggs

Participate in the National Association

The National Association of Free Will Baptists convenes annually at different locations. The young preacher is a standing delegate and has the right to register, be seated and vote during business sessions.

The annual meeting provides fellowship with believers of like faith. The preaching and special sessions challenge young preachers to go back home better equipped to conduct the ministry with more spiritual fruit. Business sessions provide information about the progress and plans of the departments.

Plan Ahead

Reservations should be made immediately when the information is printed in *Contact* magazine. Include your wife in those plans if at all possible. The decision must be made whether to take the children or allow them to stay with grandparents or friends. Your wife will probably benefit more from the meeting if the children stay with trusted relatives or friends.

Whether to fly or drive? Which hotel to make reservations? Expensive! Yes. Determine how much can be spent. Will the church pay any or all of the expenses? Weeks before reservations are made, count the cost and determine how expenses will be met. Lay the costs before the Lord and ask Him to meet the need.

Read the Material

A handful of information is placed in the hands of the delegates. It would be beneficial for the young preacher to lock himself in his hotel room for about two hours to read the packet's schedule, reports, plans, etc. Highlight the information with a pen. Underline interesting reports that may not be very clear.

The young preacher may not understand all the methods of transacting denominational business. A careful reading of printed materials will prepare the heart and mind for the preaching, special sessions and business.

Reap the Blessings

Get your money's worth! Attend every preaching service, seminar, exhibit and business session possible. Take notes. Prepare a report for your church congregation. Don't be guilty of neglecting the Lord's work by attending an entertainment, sleeping too late, or spending too much time talking to friends. Pray for the speakers. Keep your daily devotional time.

Collect Receipts

Account for every penny spent by placing all receipts in a special file. If the young preacher finds it necessary to pay expenses out of his own pocket, receipts should be kept for a possible tax deduction. If the church is paying for the denominational trip, receipts should be returned to the church treasurer for reimbursement.

Use Financial Wisdom

Because attending the National Association is expensive, the wise young preacher will cut costs and stretch dollars. First, eat just two meals a day. Purchase snacks at home and take them for the third meal and at bedtime. Take canned or bottled drinks since products in hotel vending machines are expensive.

If the hotel imposes a service charge for telephone calls, make calls from pay telephones in the lobby. Be careful about purchasing gifts for the children at the hotel and mall shops. (Buy those gifts before you leave

home at a discount store, hide them, and give them to the kids when you get home.)

Not "Heaven on Earth"

Denominational meetings are composed of people. People are not perfect. Different people see matters with different perspectives. Too many young preachers travel to the annual church meeting with the idea that everyone there is going to fit a certain mold.

The young preacher should make up his mind that he will listen carefully to what the other fellow has to say. Evaluate the discussion prayerfully. And, vote! Then, go home to pastor that local, autonomous church to the best of your ability, remembering that the National Association is a fellowship with no dictatorial power over the local pastorate.

Report to the Church

The young preacher can benefit the congregation by presenting an up-beat, optimistic report about the national meeting. How many missionaries are serving at home and abroad, the financial budgets, the goals set, the missions offering on Wednesday night would interest the average church member.

Refrain from sharing a bad, pessimistic, confusing report to the congregation. The summary of what happened at the National Association could be presented on a Sunday evening to an interested group of people who just may decide if the young preacher can attend the annual meeting next July. ■

YOUTH UPDATE

THE 1998 NATIONAL YOUTH EVANGELISTIC TEAM



The **1998 NATIONAL YOUTH EVANGELISTIC TEAM** consists of winners and top-scorers from the 1997 National Youth Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. These twelve high-school students will be touring for ten days this summer in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee. Their program, **The Message**, explores the difference between the messages conveyed by our culture and the one, true message of Scripture – Jesus Christ! 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.

"Matthew" in The IVP New Testament Commentary Series

By Craig S. Keener

(Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1997, 444 pp., hardback, \$19.99).

This is the latest volume in a new commentary series which combines serious interpretation of the biblical books with contemporary applications of scriptural truths. This work makes a significant contribution in both of these areas.

The author is an African-American who is an ordained minister of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. He has served as the pastor of inner-city churches and has been actively involved in urban ministry.

At one point he notes, "I have been beaten and threatened more than once for ministry on the streets." That is a statement not many authors of major commentaries can make.

Dr. Keener is, at the same time, an excellent scholar. He holds a Ph.D. from Duke University, is an active seminary professor, and has written a number of scholarly works. He is well qualified to bring together Christian scholarship and practical Christian service.

In some ways this is a very traditional commentary. Keener defends both the inspiration and authority of scripture and the historical accuracy of Matthew. He regards Christ as unique and the only way of salvation. He writes,

One cannot be content with calling Jesus a great teacher, for he taught that he was more than a mere teacher; one must either accept all his teachings, including those that demand we submit to his lordship, or reject him altogether. Jesus is not one way among many; he is the standard of judgement.

Keener's interpretation of the text of Matthew reflects a great deal of careful study and research. He summarizes the best research on Matthew. He also demonstrates an unusual understanding of early Jewish and Christian literature. He offers many helpful suggestions on how early Christians may have interpreted and used Matthew's gospel in their preaching and teaching.

This work devotes more attention to practical application than do most commentaries. The author explains how we can use this gospel in our preaching and teaching today. He notes, quite correctly, that Matthew addresses many problems such as materialism which modern Christians confront every day.

This work is, at some points, controversial. Many conservative commentators in recent years have dated Matthew prior to the fall of Jerusalem. Keener argues that it was written after the fall (sometime in the late 70s). In his view, the destruction of Jerusalem

was "... a vindication of Jesus' prophecy and an assurance that his other prophecies will also come to pass."

Keener's views on the authorship of the gospel are interesting. Many modern scholars (especially liberal ones) view this gospel as an anonymous work to which the apostle Matthew contributed little or nothing. Keener does not accept this interpretation.

While he does not regard Matthew as the sole author, he posits that Matthew was closely connected either with the gospel as a finished product or with the sources which lie behind it. Although he is somewhat uncertain about Matthew's precise role in writing the book, Keener specifically affirms the inspiration and authority of the gospel.

This is a thought-provoking commentary. The author is not afraid to interpret the gospel as he sees it. In a day when most conservative commentators view this gospel from Calvinistic and premillennial perspectives, Keener interprets it from an Arminian and amillennial perspective. While I don't agree with it all the time, I view this commentary as a most welcome addition to the literature on Matthew. ■



Thomas Marberry

BEYOND BELIEF



Legacy of the Twelfth Man

During the 1935 Ivy League championship football game between Dartmouth and Princeton, a unique incident occurred. When it appeared that Princeton would score on a crucial series of downs, an enthusiastic fan rushed on the field and actually participated in one play.

While controversy surrounds the story, this much has been verified: There was a 12th man on the field for a brief moment, and he came from the sideline to assist in the goal line stand.

Officials claimed it was snowing so hard that they had difficulty spotting the extra man.

That happens in life now and then. We've all been touched by the "12th man" at some point.

We put our shoulder against the immovable rock one last time, and suddenly, for some unexplainable reason, the rock moves, the door opens. The unsolvable financial problem whimpers and rolls over. The impossible task we've hammered against for days swings aside. It's as if another hand intervened.

And no one knows exactly what happened. In the heat of the struggle or the dark of the night, no one sees the hand that moves the rock. We scratch our heads and wonder why we can do this day what we've been unable to do all those other days.

That same pattern weaves a golden thread throughout scripture like some secret code between God and those who dare to buck the odds in His name.

For instance, Nebuchadnezzar's arrogant decree (Daniel 3) condemned three Hebrew boys to certain death in a furnace that had been heated to seven times its usual temperature. So intense was the flame that it killed the men who pushed Shadrach,

Meshach and Abednego into the fire.

The situation was beyond human control; the three courageous boys would be incinerated. Except that from some unseen sideline a fourth man appears in the fire.

The Babylonian king said in astonishment, "... the form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (v. 25).

While God did not keep the boys from their trial by fire, He did walk in the fire with them. That was enough.

When the giant Goliath cursed and ridiculed the army of Israel (I Samuel 17), it was typical of how sin bullies us in life. How terribly unfair for a 9'-tall professional soldier to humiliate farmers and shepherds, and goad them into a fight they could not win.

But sin never treats men fairly. It crowds us into a corner, then publicly harasses and threatens. Just like Goliath. Until the day a teenager with a sling showed up unannounced at an army camp. The teen was out of place, out of his league and out on a limb. He was also fearless.

The absurdity of the moment insulted Goliath (vv. 42-44). He hurled terrifying verbal threats at David. This was one of those times when evil was certain to carry the day. Even David's brothers and King Saul himself shuddered at the uneven match.

But unlikely as it seems, the shepherd boy triumphed with a rock, a sling and a righteous fire in his belly. A miracle took place that day in the Valley of Elah.

King Saul yelled, "Whose son is this youth?" (I Sam. 17:55). Saul got his answer, but he still did not have an explanation for what happened when the stone flew. It was as if God Himself directed the stone at the Philistine.

When a howling 14-day storm swept through the Mediterranean Sea pounding hardened soldiers and sailors to the point of despair (Acts

27:20), everybody on board the ship got a first-hand look at how God's agenda is never thwarted by circumstance.

"Be of good cheer!" the Apostle Paul told the weary sea-sick travelers (v. 22). Paul said those words because he knew something the rest of them did not know.

Somewhere in the thick darkness, the angel of God had boarded a ship miles at sea tossed by a storm so fierce they named it Euroclydon (v. 14). The angel came unseen and delivered a message unheard except by the one man for whom it was intended (v. 23). God always finds a way to communicate His message at life's flashpoints.

The man who is in the fire discovers One who can stand the heat with him. The teen who risks it all and confronts the giant in his life discovers that he didn't need Saul's armor after all. The preacher who rides out the storm of controversy discovers a peace deep enough to calm the highest winds.

For those brief times when everything is on the line and our backs are to the wall, the Spirit of God turns the tide for us and we move on when by all rights we should have been shattered by the pressure of the moment.

They still talk about the legacy of the 12th man at Dartmouth. It's the stuff of legends. Only one mysterious play on a cold snowy day in 1935, and yet it lives on in the lore of grid-iron history.

Look about you carefully today. You may spot a child of God backed into a corner with time running out and the odds stacked against him. Don't be surprised if a 12th Man steps from an unseen sideline for one play that changes everything. ■

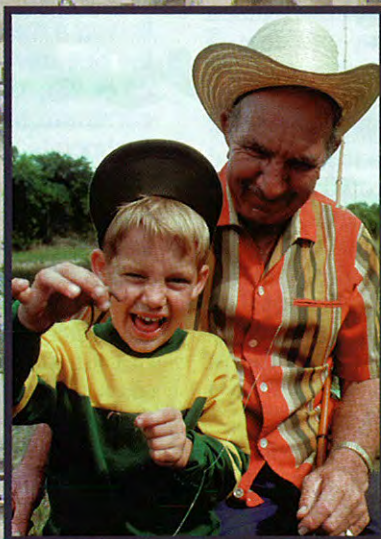


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