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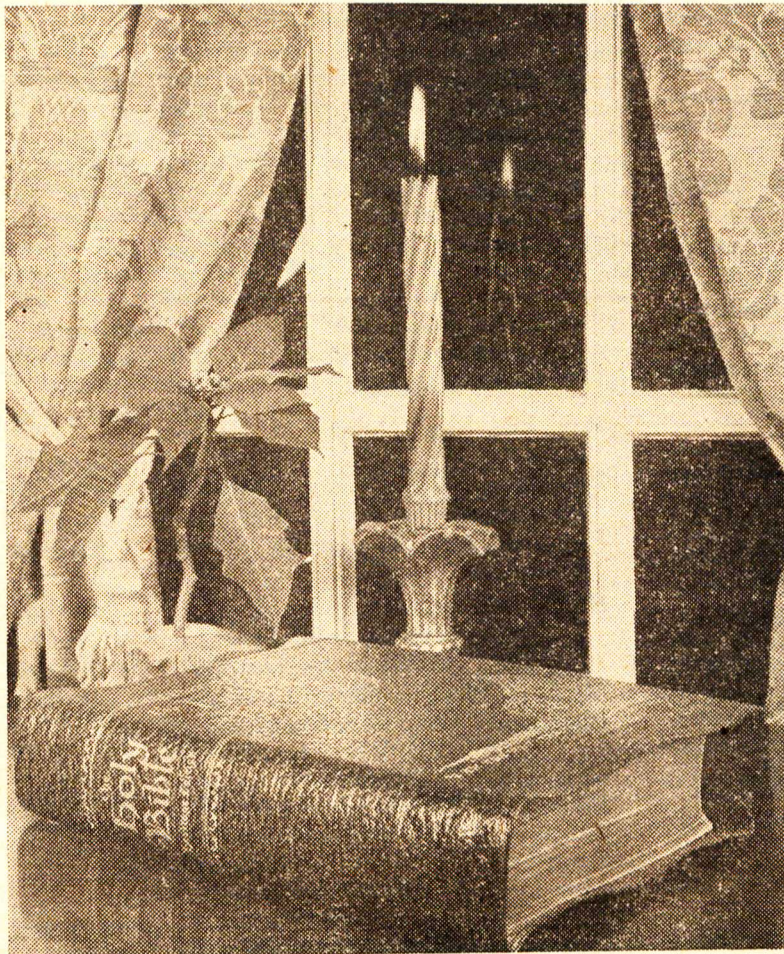
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Do Your Christmas Thinking Early

By Dr. Francis Carr Stifler
Secretary, American Bible Society,
Retired

First Woman Shopper:

Did you ever see such a jam in your life. Seems to me these stores get more crowded every year just before Christmas.

Second Woman Shopper:

You know, my brother and my husband are both so hard to satisfy that I've been putting off getting something for them till now—the day before Christmas! I'll just have to get them something today—neckties I guess. Where are the neckties?

First Woman Shopper:

Well, that little scene is going to be enacted over and over again a couple of weeks from now, in spite of all the pleas to "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early." It is one of the most pathetic symptoms of our hectic American life. Everybody with plenty of money, the stores full of plenty of things and twenty-four hours in every day which from the beginning of the world has been plenty of time—but still anxious customers go hunting for gifts and tired sales people keep trying to help them at the last moment.

It would be hard enough at any time of the year, but how infinitely sad it is as we approach the day when the world is supposed to remember Him who said "Peace I give unto you. . . . let not your heart be troubled. . . . If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this, thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace."

May I suggest a remedy for this spiritual disease, which becomes epidemic among the American people every December? It is a far more potent medicine than "Do your Christmas shopping early." It is "Do your Christmas thinking early."

It is not too late, even now, to get your Christmas thinking straightened out.

Every thought you give to Christmas ought to be surcharged with the remembrance of the origin of Christmas. Most of the people in the United States do not go to Church regularly and millions of them have never read for themselves, if, indeed, they ever heard them read, the stories in the Bible about the birth of the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. So, I suggest that the first thing every one of us should do should be to read the second chapter of Matthew's Gospel and

the first and second chapters of Luke's Gospel.

The next thought might be tied to these stories—why do we give gifts at Christmas time? Is it not in remembrance of the gift God made to his children in sending one who should save them from their sins?

And now the thoughts begin to come trooping in fast. Do the gifts I give really reflect the gift of Christ to the World? Do I give them in the spirit in which Christ was given? Do I give them to the people Christ would have me remember?

Well, let's consider these questions a moment. Do my gifts reflect the gift of Christ to the world? After all, most of the Christmas wishes we extend are found on the greeting cards we mail out and the gift cards we wrap in with our packages. What is on these cards? Scotty dogs, or hunting scenes or a coach and four, or is there a picture of a manger or a star in the sky over a little city set on a hillside. And what are the words that appear on our cards? Are they just the stale, trite "Merry Christmas" or still worse "Season's Greetings" or is there a quotation from great Christmas hymns like "O Come, all Ye Faithful" or "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" or a strain or two of the most beloved hymn of them all "Silent Night, Holy Night."

One of the most effective Christmas greetings cards I ever saw bore only the eight lines of the last stanza of Phillips Brooks' "O Little Town of Bethlehem" which carry a prayer. Do you remember them?

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend on us, we pray
Cast out our sin, and enter in
Be born in us this day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel."

There is only one greeting that surpasses these quotations from the Scriptures themselves.

Once again this year the American Bible Society has prepared a special addition of the Gospel of Luke with a beautiful Christmas cover, entitled, "Unto You A Saviour." There is no finer Christmas card than the Christmas story as recorded for us by Luke, the physician, and companion of Paul.

Our next question is, "Do I give at Christmas time to the people Christ would have me remember?" Well, He would, of course, have me remember those I love, the members of my family and my true friends, but how about the people who have no families and few, if any, friends? How about the

people in the wards of the big city hospitals, the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, the Veterans Hospitals, the men and women in Prisons and Penitentiaries—old folks in Alms Houses and people whose luck has gone against them that are not in any of these institutions, but whose Christmas is going to be a cheerless one unless you or some other neighbor thinks of them?

Here's a suggestion that any church group can carry out with lots of fun for themselves and immeasurable joy to the people they remember. Arrange with the Superintendent of your local hospital to have little copies of the Book of Luke delivered on the Christmas morning breakfast trays of every patient in the wards. Let your group meet at the church some night before Christmas to wrap the little Gospels in bright Holiday paper and ribbon with maybe a sprig of holly or other decoration on it. You will have an evening of the happiest fellowship because you will be giving the time for people that are so easily forgotten. And the hospital patients? They will be overjoyed just to be remembered. And here's another thought. Remember that Christmas is not an American holiday. It is a holy day the world around.

Now, all these things I have suggested are things that cannot be done the night before Christmas. It is even now later than you think. It may be too late to carry out some of the suggestions, but if what I have said appeals to you, there are other Christmases coming. In the months that lie ahead, you can find out about some people to whom you would like to give a Bible next year. The Bible Society gets letters continually from older people asking for Bibles with large bold print. The Bible they have is too hard to read, for their eyesight is not what it once was. There are other plans you can begin to make now for Christmases ahead for growing sons and daughters.

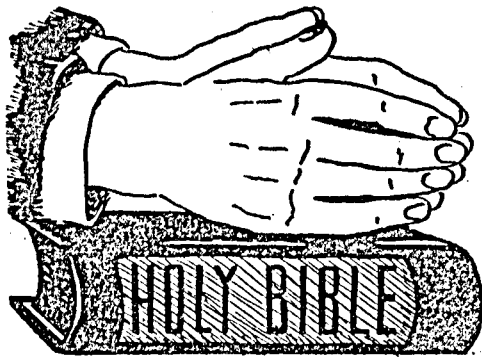
The opportunities of Christmas are limitless, if you approach them in the spirit of Christ, God's great gift, and leave time to give your plans plenty of thought.

Do your Christmas Thinking Early!

When Robert Louis Stevenson, as a youth, took his first book of poems to the publisher, the book was refused. The publisher said that those poems were written by one who knew only the sunny side of life, and not reality. The poems did not reveal that the author was bedfast, and a sufferer all the while he was writing them. Stevenson had so triumphed over his pain that the readers of his poems could see only beauty.

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The Family Altar



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the Bible Institute to begin in St. Louis in January. II Timothy 2:15.

Pray for the success of the Victory Celebration of the F. W. B. Bible College December 17-18. II Timothy 3:16-17.

Pray for the officers of our Youth Camp as they plan for the future. I Thess. 5:12-13.

Pray for the many pastors of Missouri as they lead their flocks. I Peter 4:1-4.

Pray for young converts that they will "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18.

Pray for our home and foreign missionaries as they labor for Christ in their respective fields. Mt. 28:19-20.

Pray for all believing Christians everywhere that they will live consecrated lives. Romans 12:1-2.

PREPARE TO PRAY—THEN PRAY

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

Perhaps your group cannot come together for your week of prayer observances because of other duties that are pressing and this may be true especially of the pre-Christmas season of prayer. However, just because you cannot meet together at one place at one time, please don't fail to pray. Here are a few suggestions for such a situation:

Give each member a list of the prayer requests for each day. Set a time for private Bible reading and prayer. (When she can read the suggested Bible reading and program from the Year Book and remember the prayer requests.) Then plan for a united service for one day or night (Preferably the closing day or night of the week of prayer) and the offering for that particular weeks' object be received.

Another suggestion for the climactic service in your week of prayer: Prepare a place at your church for prayer all day on Friday. Give pub-

licity to this time of prayer. Display a map or globe of the world (near the center of worship) with an open Bible before it. Have your special prayer requests listed on a blackboard where they can be seen upon entering, or have them listed in a prayer folder that you have made and placed where they will be convenient to pick up. Have an offering plate placed nearby where they may leave their offerings.

Assign fifteen-minute periods of prayer to members of your auxiliary. There will be no music—this is a "Quiet Time". People may come and go as they choose, or is convenient to them. Perhaps some will want to stop for prayer on their way to or from work or school. Besides those of your own membership, seek to enlist as many of the church members as possible to join you in this effort and be sure to include the youth auxiliaries.

However you choose to carry it out, don't forget the important thing about our weeks of prayer is to pray!

DISSOLVING OF DOUBT

It is comforting to know that amid all the uncertainties and chaotic conditions of life we have a Dissolver of all doubts, the Lord Jesus Christ. Our all-sufficient Saviour can make all doubts disintegrate. We can know beyond the shadow of a doubt that God's plan of salvation from sin is real. All doubts quickly flee as the Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17).

In Daniel 5:12 we read an account of some of the attributes of Daniel. He had "an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts." Daniel not only was possessed with the ability to dissolve doubts but also was well acquainted with the Dissolver of all doubts. He had learned to take God at His Word without doubting. In the many conflicting circumstances of life all doubts were removed as Daniel implicitly trusted in God. He unflinchingly and without flinching faced the hardest tests and trials of his faith in God. His unquestioning and undaunted faith should be a real challenge to us today. Just reading the account of his life in the Word of God is an inspiration to press on with renewed faith.

There is a great need of the dissolving of all doubts in our lives. Jesus said, to the doubting Thomas, "Because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have

not seen, and yet have believed." We are blessed, or, in other words, happy when we trust in the Lord Jesus without doubting. All doubts of our salvation are erased when we have the abiding presence of the Lord Jesus in our life.

We may never acknowledge the doubts in our life. We may never name it as such. But let us be honest with ourselves and God. Do we doubt the Word of God and thereby limit His power? The enemy of our soul grins proudly when he succeeds in causing a person to doubt the Word of God. We may believe the Bible to be true and yet fall far short of accepting the promises provided for us.

May we be challenged to accept every Word of God without doubtful disputings. Why not take all of your doubts to the Dissolver of all doubts?

—Contributed by Mrs. Menge

FACTS AND FIGURES

South Korea:

Protestants in South Korea now number 1,323,091. The breakdown of the larger groups is as follows: 864,262 Presbyterians; 345,685 Methodists; 45,500 Seventh-Day Adventists; 27,076 Salvation Army; 17,116 Baptists.

Africa:

One out of every three Africans is Moslem. This makes a total for the continent of about 65 to 70 million. There are possibly 30 million Christians, counting all groups that profess any relationship to Christianity. There are about 12 million included in the Protestant Christian community.

Indonesia:

The Indonesian Ministry of Religious Affairs recently reported that the number of Christians in the island nation has increased from 4 and one half million in 1950 to 6 million at the present time.

Uruguay:

Uruguay has at present 100 Mormon missionaries, a number which almost equals the evangelical staff of foreign and national workers.

Hong Kong:

The Crown Colony of Hong Kong has an area of 391 square miles and a population of over 3 million. Of the population, between 700,000 and 800,000 are Chinese refugees. About 65,000 squatters live on rooftops of apartment buildings and homes. A number of missions are working to meet this great challenge. The Oriental Missionary Society has undertaken the unique ministry of having children's meetings on the rooftops.

O Send Out Thy Light to Africa

By Rev. Raymond Riggs

(Continued from Last Month)

There are eight territories in French West Africa and our assignment is in the Ivory Coast in an area known as the Bondoukou Circle. Our assigned area consists of approximately 30,000 sq. miles, and one of the French Commanders told us the population would exceed 200,000. We have gone over this land with our Junior Missionaries, Rev. Lonnie Sparks and Rev. Dan Merkh. We were accompanied by Pasteur Gordon Timyan, veteran missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

We have talked to the Government Commanders and to the Village Chiefs. We have seen the multitudes of benighted souls waiting for someone to show them the light. We have actually heard the appeals of both government officials and village chiefs to stay with them and help their people. We have had land-grants offered to us for buildings, but more than all of these we have keenly felt the power of the Holy Spirit challenging us to occupy this needy area.

I would like to take the time here to share with you the experiences of only two of the many incidents in our extensive survey of the Bondoukou Circle. Perhaps they will help you to more fully realize the challenge and the wonderful opportunities. First we shall go to Bouna. Bouna is located in the northern part of the circle, and is the government center for the Bouna subdivision. It is also near a very large Wild Game Reservation. Mr. Merkh, Sparks, Timyan and I arrived here late at night. We had bounced over many miles of rough road in the Volkswagon, and when we arrived in Bouna, all was dark and still. We found lodging in the government rest house, and as soon as we had eaten some food we went to bed. After an early breakfast the next morning, cooked on a little kerosene lamp stove, we went to see the French Commander. He was very friendly, and invited us into his home. There we had tea, and discussed with him the needs of his subdivision. He told us there were 40,000 people in the Bouna subdivision alone. To use his words, "This is a God forsaken place". We hastened to respond that even though he might think it was "God forsaken" we were sure it was not "God forsaken." He pointed out the large centers in his subdivision, and made some recommendations to us relative to setting up a mission station

with medical facilities. Our opportunities in this field are unlimited and if personnel can be secured, the government will subsidize in the erection and maintenance of the hospital.

We also visited the village chief in Bouna, and he was very friendly and insisted that we stay and work among his people. Even though in many villages and centers the Catholic Church is quite strong, here in Bouna they have made no headway whatever. The Catholic Priest visits about every six months, but an African man told us that he had no "Clientele", so he seldom returns.

From Bouna we drove across country through jungle road and thick forest to a cross road center known as Doropo. It so happened that it was market day, and there were hundreds and hundreds of people consisting of at least four different tribes, gathered in the market place. As soon as we drove the volkswagon on to the grounds literally hundreds of people gathered around. It presented a wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel but none of us were able to speak their language. Many of the people understood French, but none in our party could speak in the local vernacular, so we wondered just how we could reach this large crowd with a Gospel Message. Well, the Lord always provides—so very soon, Bro. Merkh came up with the chief of the Lobi tribe who had been a soldier and understood French, yet could speak Lobi fluently. He agreed to interpret for Bro. Timyan—so, Bro. Timyan began preaching in French and this young African Chief began to interpret so that all in the huge crowd could understand. The interpreter seemed to catch the spirit of the message and he even put the same emphasis and expression as Bro. Timyan. It was a real thrill to observe this service and to study the faces in the large audience as the most of these people were hearing a Gospel Message for the very first time.

As soon as Bro. Timyan ended his sermon the chief of the local village (Doropo) came to us and insisted that we stay. He offered to give us land for a mission station and promised full cooperation if we would only send a resident missionary to live among and teach his people. He told us that several years ago the Catholics had promised to send them a missionary, but as yet they had not arrived. We went with this chief and his secretary to a lovely spot just outside the village, and the chief pointed out the land which would be given us. The land is waiting—and so are the people! Forty thousand of them in the Bouna subdivision alone.

The second incident I wish to share with you occurred when Lonnie Sparks and I made a first time trip into an area of the circle that had not been visited before. The area lies north and West of Bondoukou and stretches about 75 miles north and approximately 100 West. The only road we had to follow was a very dim trail—used mainly during the dry season and already the rains had begun to fall. We made the trip in the Volkswagon, and was very glad to take an African Christian along with us, who is a member of our church in Goumère. Several times we had to guide the driver of the car to make sure he kept the wheels on the logs which were thrown lengthwise across the streams for bridges.

After passing through several villages we suddenly came to a large clearing and almost as far as we could see, there were African huts. It was the largest village I saw while in Africa. The trail led us around the outer edge of the village, thus giving an opportunity to see the size of the community. Finally we came to a stop, and very soon we were surrounded by dozens of nude African children who looked us over carefully. We asked one of the larger boys to take us to see the chief. He immediately led us through the village, passing hut after hut and as we went, we observed the many strange ways of life among these people.

Finally, we arrived at a place near the center of the village, where an elevated platform had been built of mud, over which was a thatched roof. They invited us to sit in the skin bottom chairs and off went a runner to bring the chief. As soon as the chief arrived and took his place in the center, he motioned for one of the boys to beat the drum.

The little boy seemed delighted, as he beat the well worn drum. (An animal skin stretched over a hollow log). Very soon there were approximately three hundred black faces gathered around us anxiously waiting to hear what the white man might have to say. After the formal greetings with the chief were over Bro. Lonnie Sparks began to preach. Our African Christian interpreted for Lonnie, thus the people understood clearly. Once again the simple Gospel message was given to a people for the first time. It was a thrill to watch their faces as the truths of God's Word were driven into their hearts. After the message the Chief told us that no one had ever told them before, this message. He said, "The elders of the village are out in the fields at work. Will you

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From the Editor's Desk

SEASONS GREETINGS

Once again we greet each of our Gem readers with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are praying that the Christ of Christmas may be the paramount thought of your meditations and activities during this busy season, and that the New Year will find you walking closer to Him.

We are sure that your prayers, your givings, and your labors for Christ have not been in vain during the past year, and we sincerely hope that you may abound more and more during this coming year.

Great progress has been made in the different phases of our denomination, and it has been because our people of Missouri and the Free Will Baptists of other states have made it so. However, while we rejoice over past accomplishments, let us say as Paul, "reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Again we say, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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VICTORY CELEBRATION FOR F. W. B. BIBLE COLLEGE

Free Will Baptist over the denomination are invited to bring an offering from their church to the Bible College December 17-18 for a "Victory Celebration" in paying off the \$60,000 indebtedness on the new student lounge-dinning hall building.

President L. C. Johnson has announced that a barbecue supper will be served free to all guests on December 17 and the College will furnish sleeping accommodations overnight and breakfast on December 18. On the morning of December 18 everybody will gather in Memorial Auditorium for a service of praise and thanksgiving at which time all gifts made on the Improvement Program since July 1956 will be recognized. Also representatives from various churches with gifts for this service will present their gifts.

Many churches have written that they will have a gift for this service and a representative from their church. Dr. Johnson has urged each pastor to bring a carload of people from his church to join the Victory Celebration.

In addition to cash gifts, churches are encouraged to make a pledge to be paid within one year. The pledge will count toward the \$60,000 goal to be raised December 18. Churches are challenged to give as much as \$1

per member or more than this if possible.

The student lounge-dinning hall building, erected last year and opened for use last March, cost \$70,000 and furnishings cost approximately \$10,000. During the past year \$20,000 was raised on this amount, leaving \$60,000 to go.

Free Will Baptist are asked to unite in one concerted effort to pay for this building. Individuals are asked to send a personal gift during December on the drive. All gifts are deductible on income tax returns.

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BIBLE COLLEGE GRANTED ACCREDITATION

Free Will Baptist Bible College was accepted into the membership of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges at the annual meeting of the association in Chicago October 30-31, according to an announcement by President L. C. Johnson.

The action by the association followed a self-evaluative study by the college begun in the spring of 1957 and an inspection by the association in May of 1958.

The Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges is made up of more than thirty Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges which have as a requirement in their curriculum a major in Bible and theology. The association bears its authority from the U. S. Office of Education in Washington.

Dr. Johnson stated that the College has been thinking in terms of applying for accreditation since 1949 when the Board of Trustees approved such a recommendation by the president. One of the largest problems in seeking accreditation, the College official explained, has been a larger portion of non-high school students in the student body than the accrediting association permits. This problem was solved last year by forming an Institute for these students separate from the Bible College operation, thus continuing the training of many worthy students in this classification and at the same time being able to meet standards for the entrance requirements of students in the regular college course.

Accreditation means that the Bible College will maintain standards set by the association in the school's operation both as to its teaching program and its business operation. On the student level, accreditation means that students from the Bible College will be accepted by member schools in the

association upon transferring. Schools outside the association will consider a transfer student from the Bible College on the basis of its own policies.

A particular help will be among Veterans training under the G. I. bill. Previously they have had to meet a minimum of 25 clock hours each week for classes or school supervision.

Various recommendations by the association will be put into effect during this school year.

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MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE GRANTED ACCREDITATION

The four-year-old Mount Olive Junior College has been formally recognized by the North Carolina College Conference as a standard junior college.

Formal accreditation was given the school this week at the Conference's annual convention in Durham. The College was recognized last year as having met the standards required for accreditation, but formal recognition was withheld one year to make sure the school would continue to maintain these standards.

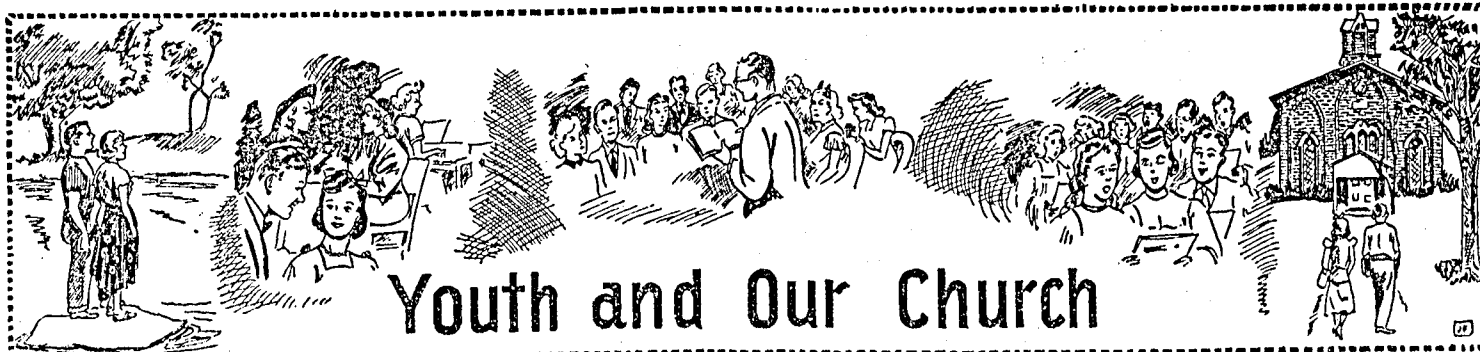
The College was chartered in 1951 at Black Mountain by the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State Convention, but did not begin operations as a liberal arts junior college until it moved to Mount Olive.

It is the only liberal arts college in the United States sponsored by the Free Will Baptists and draws students and support from the denomination in other southern states, as well as from those of other church affiliations.

When the College first opened here in the fall of 1954, only 22 students were enrolled, the income was about \$20,000, and there were only 4 faculty members. This year there are 143 students enrolled, the income has grown to nearly \$200,000, and the faculty has increased to 13.

Two men were walking along a crowded sidewalk in a downtown business area. Suddenly one of the men exclaimed, "Listen to the lovely sound of that cricket!" But the other could not hear. He asked his companion how he could detect the sound of a cricket amid the din of people and traffic. The first man, who was a zoologist, had trained himself to hear the marvelous voices of nature. But he didn't explain. He simply took a coin from his pocket and dropped it to the sidewalk, whereupon a dozen people began to look about them. "We hear," he said, "what we listen for."

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Sweet Potatoes for Thanksgiving

The November air was filled with talk of Thanksgiving—turkey, cranberry sauce, mincemeat, and pumpkin pie.

At the mission, we were busy helping the children with the last minute preparations for the Thanksgiving day program. Their parents would come and hear them recite the story of the coming of the Pilgrim fathers, the dangers they encountered, and the first Thanksgiving.

A newspaper boy came to the mission door, clutching in his hands three sweet potatoes.

"I just love baked potatoes," he said, "and since tomorrow is Thanksgiving I bought these three for my brother and me, but we don't have a stove at home and I was wondering if you would bake these potatoes for me here at the mission."

My heart rejoiced at the privilege of obliging this young friend, whom I knew only vaguely. As the potatoes baked, we became better acquainted. Never before had I known the burden on his shoulders. He came from a broken home. It was his responsibility to make a living for himself and his younger brother. Their mother was so engrossed in sinful living that she had no time for her home and two children. The children saw her only when she came home late at night, and when she left early in the morning.

The newsboy had gone through much hardship in his 12 years of life—polio, poverty, insecurity, financial responsibility of buying clothes and a little food for himself and his brother, and paying his own school expenses.

"I have to stay in school," he said. "I want an education more than anything else."

Out of baking three sweet potatoes for this boy, a glorious story began. He enrolled in the boys' Bible Class at the mission, where he was saved. Immediately he began to grow in his Christian witness as he stood before the boys to tell them of his new-found joy in Jesus. He grasped the teachings

so rapidly that soon he could challenge others with his Bible knowledge.

The boy was burdened to see his mother saved from her wicked ways. On Sunday mornings he read the Sunday school lesson to her before he left for Sunday School. At church he performed many small tasks others failed to do. His spirituality was deep. His favorite hymn, "Bring Ye All the Tithes into the Store House," was one he practiced in his own life.

God did not let the faithful witness of this determined youth go unblessed. In time, his mother was saved. She secured a respectable job, and now is Sunday School teacher herself. The younger brother is also a Christian—the home is united in the Lord.

The newsboy who clutched his Thanksgiving dinner of three sweet potatoes is now a senior in high school. He is eagerly looking forward to attending a college on a scholarship which he won.

For what shall we give thanks at this Thanksgiving season? Surely for the freedom-founding fathers who weathered the stormy seas and perils on the shores of this unsettled land. But most of all, let us give thanks for a Saviour who suffered the sins of all the world, and died, that whosoever would come unto Him might have freedom and power.

—Home Missions, November, 1958

HELP WANTED

The call is still going out to you of the Missouri State Association for more finances for Missouri State Youth Camp. God has blessed us in many wonderful ways during this past year in helping us to meet our financial obligations, and a special thanks goes to each of you who have contributed to this cause. Remember, in our last CRIER to you we mentioned that \$1,000 was due on our \$3,000 indebtedness in October, and that we were approximately short \$200. We did not receive enough funds to make this payment, and a personal note had to be made for the balance in order to pay this \$1,000 on due date. We do not feel that this should have been necessary, but perhaps many of you

just neglected in sending us an offering. Please put forth an added effort and send us your offering for Missouri State Youth Camp before the first of January and help us pay this personal note off before that date. Tell your church and various auxiliaries of our need and put the Missouri State Youth Camp on your Christmas gift list. Remember it may be your boy or girl who is saved at next year's session.

UPS AND DOWNS

If you think that you are having your ups and downs, think on this: He failed in business at the age of 22, defeated for Legislature at 23, again failed in business at 24, elected to Legislature at 25, his sweetheart died when he was 26 (when most young people think they have to be married at 16, 17 or 18), had a nervous breakdown at 28, defeated for Speaker, Elector, Land Officer, Congress at ages of 30, 32, 34, 35 respectively, elected to congress at 38, defeated for Congress at 40, defeated for Senate at 47, defeated for Vice-President at 48, BUT elected President of U. S. at the age of 52 years. This, believe it or not, is the record of Abraham Lincoln.

I am afraid of any religious movement that does not arouse the bitter opposition of entrenched evil. You will remember that our Lord once cast the demons out of a man and the demons entered the hogs. The hogs committed suicide and the hog-owners asked Jesus to leave the country. When the power of God casts out the devil, all hog-owners whose business is affected will raise a protest. A real revival today would cause a commotion in the traffic of evil.

Vance Havner in REPENT OR ELSE!
(Fleming H. Revell Company).

The soul that goes wrong six days in the week won't be able to lead you to Christ on the seventh.

What are we doing with the "LIFE" that GOD has blessed us with?

News From The Mission Field

NEWS FROM AUCA LAND

Latest report from Auca land in Ecuadoris that two missionaries have gone into the tribe. Dayuma, Mankamu and Mintaka, the three Auca women who returned to their people after accepting Christianity, came back out to Arajuno with an invitation for the missionaries to accompany them into their homes. They said their people wanted to be friends.

Betty Elliott and Rachel Saint left with the Aucas on October 6, taking Mrs. Elliott's young daughter Valerie with them. Mrs. Elliott's husband and Miss Saint's brother were two of the five missionaries who were martyred in an attempt to take the gospel to the Auca tribe in 1956.

It was arranged that a Missionary Aviation Fellowship plane would make periodic flights to check on the whereabouts of the missionaries. On October 9 the pilot reported they were safe at the house the Aucas had built for them. M. N. S.

NEW MISSIONARIES

Mrs. Jacquelyn Georgia Owens, age 22, native of Littleton, New Hampshire has been appointed a missionary to New England and Canada. Mrs. Owens graduated from Littleton High School and continued her education in Nashville, Tennessee. She has two years nurses training from Keene Community Hospital. In school, her major was in science. Mrs. Owens is the mother of one child, Rebecca Diane, age 3 months.

The National Home Missions Board is sending Mrs. Owens and her husband to this great field with the prayer that many souls will be saved, and Free Will Baptist churches organized.

The Director of Home Missions visited this area last year and found a great need for gospel preaching, and what appears to be much interest in our denomination.

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Rev. Mack C. Owens, age 27, a native of North Carolina will begin his work as missionary to New England-Canada on December 15th. He will reside at Littleton, New Hampshire and pastor the small Free Will Baptist Church there. Mr. Owens is a 1958 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College. At the present time,

he is employed at the Nashville Rescue Mission and is pastor of the Lewisburg, Tennessee Free Will Baptist Church. He is a member of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee.

Support for this couple is needed and should be sent to the office marked, "New England-Canada Missions." These workers are going out with faith that their needs will be supplied, as do all our workers. We give God the praise that so far all needs have been supplied.

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Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows were commissioned at the recent Missionary Conference as missionaries to Mexico. They will be stationed on the field by the time you read this article. Please pray for them, and our several other workers to the Spanish speaking people. We wish to thank all our pastors and churches for the manner in which they have assisted the Billows with their support.

As our work continues to increase we must have more support. We are counting on you to remember us with a good offering this month.

YOUR MISSIONARY GIVING

With only two months left in the current year, perhaps we ought to really take a look at our Foreign Mission Giving. If your state is behind on her quota please do something extra for Foreign Missions, and for once, lets put every state over the top. Remember, if your state has a Mission Board, or a Mission Director or Treasurer, it would be better for records sake, for you to channel your Foreign Mission Gifts through your state office. However, make sure you designate your money to foreign missions, for in some states, the only foreign mission money given is that which is designated.

NEW CHURCH SIGNS

We have all new, longlasting 20 gauge steel, baked on enamel, signs. These are lettered in dark blue over a white background. These will not rust. Every church should have several of these signs on the highways, streets, and roads leading to your meeting place.

Signs are shipped by parcel post from the Nashville office. The price is \$6.00 plus postage.

Orders are shipped the same day received.

If you have the sunshine of God's love and grace within, you have that which makes your face shine during the cloudy, gloomy day.

STATE	QUOTA	AMOUNT GIVEN	BALANCE
Alabama	\$1,500.00	\$ 910.25	\$ 589.75
Arizona	300.00	202.60	97.40
Arkansas	2,000.00	1,033.57	966.43
California	2,500.00	413.26	2,086.74
Florida	1,500.00	706.87	793.13
Georgia	2,000.00	7.55	1,061.73
Idaho	300.00	1,144.61	292.45
Illinois	2,500.00	50.50	1,355.39
Kansas	300.00	628.66	249.50
Kentucky	1,500.00	1,548.89	871.34
Michigan	4,000.00	396.24	2,451.11
Mississippi	1,500.00	938.27	1,103.76
Missouri	3,500.00	3,291.20	208.80
New Mexico	200.00	234.40	
North Carolina	4,500.00	8,198.49	
Ohio	2,500.00	743.26	1,756.74
Oklahoma	3,500.00	2,489.78	1,010.22
Oregon	200.00	224.15	
South Carolina	2,000.00	789.31	1,210.69
Tennessee	3,500.00	5,619.73	
Texas	2,500.00	1,505.01	994.99
Virginia	2,000.00	1,402.98	597.02
Washington	500.00	227.39	272.61
West Virginia	2,000.00	42.15	1,957.85
Other Income	6,300.00	2,735.00	3,565.00
Total	\$53,100.00	\$35,569.78	

Bill Jones Approved for Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Bryan, Texas has been approved by the Foreign Mission Board to go to Africa as missionaries. Herewith is a brief testimony of Bill and his comments to some of the questions asked by the Board. They hope to leave the latter part of 1959. Send funds to their account to —Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

I was saved in May of 1951 at a Youth Crusade. However, my Christian life in High School was not what it should have been. I still was not right with God when I graduated. I was president of our Y. P. A. and after one of our meetings, a Bible College student, who was visiting with us, spoke to me concerning my future plans and whether they included the Lord. The next Sunday night I gave my life completely to the Lord knowing He wanted me to preach His Gospel. It didn't matter where. I attended Free Will Baptist Bible College for three years, graduating last May with the B. A. Degree, and am now pastoring in Denison, Texas.

Gal. 2:20 means to me that my life is lived only as I trust Christ for when He died on Calvary, I was crucified also. When I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour, I identified myself with Him and His history became my history, therefore I am literally crucified with Him and because He lives again, I live the resurrected life in Him. This can be only by faith.

Eph 5:18b means to me that my life should be completely yielded to the Holy Spirit at all times that He might fill me. It is not just one time that I yield, but rather a continuous process. I should always be filled with the Spirit for only then can I know his leadership in my life.

Rom. 6:11 has much the same meaning as Gal 2:20. I am dead to sin through Christ and am living for Him and Him alone. I have a new nature in Christ that shuns sin and lives unto righteousness. It doesn't mean that I won't sin anymore, but it does mean that I don't have to (and shouldn't) anymore.

The Holy Scripture is the infallible Word of God. I believe in the plenary verbal inspiration of the Scriptures (II Tim. 3:16, II Pet. 1:21). I believe that what they say about all phases of life is the truth. In the inspiring of His Word, the Lord "breathed-out" through His holy prophets and they put it down in man's language. I

believe every word of the original manuscript was exactly what God wanted it to be. I also believe the Bible, as we have it today, is essentially those same words.

I believe in the Divine Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is one God but three personalities or manifestations. A comparison of the events at the baptism of Christ (all three were manifested) and the command given in Matt. 28:19, 20, will show this to be true for we are to be true for we are to be baptized in the name (singular) of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. I believe that God has all the attributes that the Bible says He has; Omnipotence, etc. He is also Personal in that He deals with individuals.

Man, apart from God, is totally depraved. On reaching the age of accountability, he is guilty before God. He has no power within himself which he can draw on to help himself. He is completely separated from God (Eph. 2:1) and has to be drawn by the Holy Spirit before He can accept Christ. Man is a free moral agent and chooses to accept or reject of his own volition. God cannot force him to do anything.

Salvation is by grace and not by works (Eph. 2:8-9). It is a free gift of God given to every one who accepts Christ by faith. Actually, Jesus Christ is our Salvation. He gave Himself on Calvary for the sins of the world and it is He that we accept as Lord and Saviour to follow for the rest of our lives that we may be with Him in Glory for eternity.

The Holy Spirit has taken the place of Christ here on earth even as Christ said He would (John 14:16). He is the Third Person of the Trinity. His work is the convicting of the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement. He is the One who illuminates or makes understandable God's Word, guides, comforts, and intercedes for the Christian. He indwells each believer, the extent depending upon the consecration of the believer. The Holy Spirit began His indwelling presence of the believer on conversion and continues to sanctify him throughout his earthly life. At the return of Christ, separation will be made of all people according to those who have and those who have not the Holy Spirit.

The Church is composed of all who have been born again by faith in Christ. Some call it the Invisible Church. The Bible pictures two predominant portraits of the Church; the body of Christ and the Bride of Christ. He is the Head of either case. Both of these portraits reveal His great love for the Church. It is the Church and

only the Church that will live with Him throughout eternity.

Christ will return just as He said He would and I believe it will be soon. The question of when I have not fully come to a conclusion for myself. However, I do believe the church will go through the Tribulation period (Joy does not agree with this although she is not sure). The question of the thousand-year reign is what I have not been able to really pin down and say "this is it". But I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Christ is coming back in bodily form and sinners in the world at that time will not be able then nor at a later date to come to Him for forgiveness for the door of Salvation will be closed by Him at that time (the parable of the ten virgins) (Joy does agree with the rest of this writing).

Separation from the world is separation unto Christ. This should be the desire and goal of every Christian. Separation or sanctification is the will of God for every Christian (I Thess. 4:3). It does not mean to go off into a cave and hibernate, but rather to be separate in word, deed, and thought. Christ ate with publicans and sinners, but He was sinless. We are to be separate morally, not physically, that we might win them to Christ. Our separation should grow stronger even as we grow in Christ. I should have a more acute awareness of sin now than when I was first saved. Every day should find us closer to Christ, and farther from the things in the world.

It is a terrific temptation to perform socially approved acts for the sake of group commendation—that is, to be guided by human and cultural norms as well as to seek satisfaction of selfish motives. This is the chief indictment against "How to Win Friends and Influence People." Part of the damnable feature of the business is that it actually works in a rather significant fashion. Men who seek to impress others are likely to succeed, though not always in a degree sufficient to satisfy their own wants. But the process of winning success in this fashion inhibits a course of action that can lead to winning the rewards of heaven.

So the warning of Jesus involves not so much the operation of justice as of cause and effect. It is a basic law of God, at once hidden and clear, that "you get what you pay for."

Webb B. Garrison in SERMON
SEEDS FROM THE GOSPELS

(Fleming H. Revell Company).

Attend Church Sunday

The Challenge of Brazil

By Thomas H. Willey

(Continued from Last Month)

The city of Campinas is having an enormous growth. Numbers of large factories are moving in and it is also an educational center. One of the largest airfields in Brazil is being planned for that city. There is an urgent plea for a Free Will Baptist school to start in Campinas. This plea comes from numbers other than our own people. It can be started in a humble way as a night school until property can be acquired for a school similar to what we have in Cuba.

We are very fortunate in having a local national pastor in the person of Waldemar Doninillo. I have had occasion to examine him closely. I questioned him closely as to his faith and practice and found him acceptable. He left another Baptist group, not believing in their extreme Calvinistic views. While in Campinas and traveling with him constantly, he became a real inspiration to my own ministry. Rev. Dave Franks and I ordained him as the first Free Will Baptist minister in Brazil. He has a vision for opening new places as a full time evangelist which will be possible as soon as we have national pastors.

The next great challenge of the moment which will demand trained nurses is in the Evangelical hospital in Londrinas, the State of Parana. Rev. Dave Franks and I had a conference with the Director, one of the leading doctors and the head nurse. They begged us to appeal to the Board to send them at least three trained nurses to get set up a National school of nursing. They have the money, the property and the plans to build. This will be purely a Free Will Baptist project and recognized as such. These national nurses will be available to us as we move into the different states. The hospital has offered to be responsible for the language training of the nurses with no cost to our mission as they are anxious to have them at once. The doctors all speak English fluently. Another need is a laboratory technician—they have none at all.

The next place of great need and urgent invitation is into the States of Rio Grande do Sur. There is less evangelical advice there than in any other part—immense cities with no evangelical church at all and an immense city being constructed near Puerto Alegre with no church meeting the challenge. I visited four days with a Baptist pastor strongly Arminian in his convictions. We studied together, prayed and visited some of these new growing towns without a Gospel work.

Dr. Pedro Tarzier is a man who would be a great help if we could place a missionary couple under his counsel in this great state. This is the rich cattle country of Brazil, also the woolen textile and is settled by the better type of Europeans.

The next is the mining state of Minas Gerais where I have made the acquaintance of some very fine Christian government officials who will do everything possible to get us located as a denomination. The third largest city of Brazil in the mining capital, Belo Horizonte. Pathetically little is being done there. Our national pastor has a great burden to go into this city and should be encouraged. There is a possibility that a congregation without a pastor might unite with us near Belo Horizonte. Land has been offered us as a gift in one of the new rural programs being developed between Belloa and the new Federal Capital. I would suggest an aggressive missionary couple for Belo Horizonte.

An effort should be made to become established in or near this New Federal State of Brazil as all government business will be conducted from here and an entirely new territory will be opened by the State. A large population has already moved in.

Much will depend on the personnel we send and none other than the most highly qualified should be considered. This great responsibility rests upon you as a Mission Board and as missionaries we are praying daily that God shall give you great wisdom and discernment in the choice of the personnel for this great task—that men shall move as in Acts 13:1-4. I am convinced that the least of our problem is the open door for service. Every country I visited and in twelve major cities I met leaders begging us to come and help meet the challenge.

OUR MISSIONARY IN SPAIN WRITES

We are carrying on our spiritual work in "Somorostro", the seacoast we visited together, a place of wretchedness and immorality not to be compared even with Africa, although Spain is a "civilized" country. Our supreme interest is to make Jesus known to them in order that they may become new creatures in Him.

Concerning our missionary work here in Barcelona, I would say it appears to be more difficult now. Six churches have been closed down these days on the ground, they did not have a permit from the authorities and for proselytizing Catholics. It is a sore sight to make one despair.

Many thanks for the photographs you so kindly have sent to me.

We are in need of the prayers of all Christian people that all these difficulties may end in a true revival among us in Spain.

Please present my greetings to our brethren in Christ with whom we are strongly united in our Christian faith, in the same hope and wishes to glorify God in the salvation of many souls

Yours in Him
Mario Cignoni

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

Many people are asking, "What is the relationship between home and foreign missions? Is one more important than the other?" A foreign missionary gives us the answer.

Edward Judson, son of the famous missionary, Adoniram Judson, put it like this: "We must be sure that our foreign missionary spirit is genuine and not a mere fad. The sure test is whether we are interested in everything lying between the heathen and ourselves. To many of us, distance lends enchantment to the view. We burn with enthusiasm over the miseries of people far away, but are limp and nerveless in regard to suffering close by.

"We find ourselves greatly interested in foreigners when they reside in their own land, but when the Lord puts it in the heart of these foreigners to come to our shores we are sometimes inclined to turn away from them in despair and indifference. They do not look so picturesque nearby. This is only the semblance of the true missionary spirit—a counterfeit, not the real coin."

A Christianity that does not conquer at home will never be able to conquer abroad.

—Fellowship Bulletin

WATCH THAT CHURCH

The church that gives is the church that lives; The church that bestows is the church that grows; The church that releases is the church that increases; The church that sends is the church that wins; The church that keeps is the church that weeps; The church that holds is the church that molds; The church that squeezes is the church that wheezes; The church that grasps is the church that gasps.

Belmont, N. C., Bulletin

I have never seen anyone in a lifetime that regrets doing good, but I believe that everyone who does evil will regret it, sooner or later. Why live wrong and regret it—maybe forever?

PAPAGOES BEGIN TREK TO MAGDALENA

Fall has arrived in Nogales—traditionally, at least—when the first of thousands of Papago Indians were seen crossing the international boundary line enroute to Magdalena, Sonora, in one of the oldest and most colorful pilgrimages in North America.

The Indians from southern Arizona are traveling in everything from a broken down jalopy to a sleek auto, and some will even walk the 67 miles from the border to the small Sonora city, where they will pay homage to their patron saint, St. Francis Xavier, whose plaster image reclines on an old altar in the 255-year old mission de San Francisco Xavier.

Oddly and without available explanation, the annual pilgrimage comes to a climax on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis Assisi.

That is the day when the Indians will form a giant procession and file past the image in the Magdalena shrine.

Silently they will file by the altar on which the saint's image reposes, the women stopping briefly to kneel and kiss the image.

The men will make an effort to lift the image's head, for it is a long-standing belief that those who are able to do so are forthwith cleansed of all sin.

Into the alms box will be dropped coins and paper money, and other valuables.

The ceremony dates back to the founding of the mission by famed Padre Kino, a Jesuit priest from Spain in the 16th century.

ARIZONA-MEXICO MISSIONS

Dear Christian Friends:

The accompanying article is from our local newspaper, the *Nogales Herald*, dated Sept. 26, 1958, shows the need for a Christian witness in this pagan land, at that gateway into Catholic Mexico. Can you imagine anyone walking 67 miles to kiss an image! or thinking that if one possesses enough physical strength to lift the head of the image he will be cleansed of all sin!

You can readily see how strategic is the location of a witness here in Nogales. Nogales is the largest port of entry into Mexico in Arizona, and one of the largest in the United States. The September issue of *Arizona Highways* magazine states that "The Bureau of Business Research of the University of Arizona recently reported that 5,688,918 persons entered Nogales, Arizona from Mexico in the fiscal year 1956-1957." You

can easily see how important it is that we have powerful witness in this town.

Our main method of witnessing is through the Nogales Academy. This is a Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists have two missionaries here, in the person of Miss Bessie Yeley and Miss Molly Barker. In addition, the Elliston family work in the Academy and the other missionary activities. Rev. Elliston is the director of the work. Although Miss Yeley and Miss Barker receive salaries from the Home Mission Board, the Ellistons operate purely on faith.

In the Nogales Academy we have 54 promises for the future of the Gospel, as this is how many children we have enrolled in the school for the fall term. Miss Yeley has the 1st and 2nd grades with 17 children; Miss Barker has the 3rd and 4th grades with 9 children; Mrs. Elliston has 12 children in a special class to learn enough English to be placed in grade; Rev. Elliston has 13 children in a similar class, plus 3 in the 6th grade.

Besides the Academy, we have Sunday School and worship on Sunday mornings. Our record in attendance for this has been 63, with an average of about 40. On Sept. 28, we had 46. Miss Yeley teaches the Young People, Miss Barker teaches the Juniors, and Mary Bell Elliston teaches the Beginners. We also have Bible Club in Mexico on Wednesday night.

If you would like more information about the work here, drop us a line, and we will be glad to send you our monthly paper. Address: Arizona-Mexico Missions Box 550, Nogales, Arizona. For the Academy, Miss Yeley, Miss Barker, or the Ellistons use Box 550, also.

We need used clothing, especially shoes and coats: We would also like for some of the churches, or church groups, to gather and repair used toys for us to distribute for Christmas. Please repair them, however, as we simply do not have time to do any more. Mrs. Elliston and I work as long as our strength permits. You may be able to send stuff dead-head freight free. If you cannot, please prepay it as we don't have sufficient income to take care of our unavoidable expenses.

In October, we shall take pictures of our fall school group. If you are interested in receiving one of these pictures, please send an offering of fifty cents or more to the work here, and you will receive one of these pictures.

Our greatest need is prayer. Please put us on your prayer list, and pray

for our work here. We are in the heart of Satan's territory, and he won't permit us to operate without molestation. Pray that God may direct, and that we may overcome Satan by the Word of God.

Your fellow-laborers in the kingdom:

John B. Elliston
Box 550, Nogales, Arizona
Phone AT7-3224
Gladys (Campbell) Elliston
Mary Bell Elliston
Bessie Yeley
Molly Barker

LIQUOR

(a) One-third of the world's beer consumption is in the U. S. A. In 1955 Americans consumed 2,617,000,000 gallon of beer.

(b) 60% of all arrests in the first six months of 1956 were due to crimes directly related to alcohol. The total number of liquor-related arrests amounts to more than 10,000 per day.

(c) There are 137,000 more alcoholic beverage outlets in the U. S. than the combined number of churches, synagogues, and temples.

(d) 56% of the teenagers who drink in 90 different communities said they learned to drink at home.

(e) 70% of the liquor consumed in the U. S. is consumed at home.

(f) For every \$1.00 received from revenue from the liquor industry it takes \$6.00 to clean up the mess.

(g) Each year the money spent in the U. S. for liquor would: Build a city of one million people. Equip that city with adequate public buildings, schools, libraries, railroad and airport terminals and postoffices. Build 30 Banks, 40 office buildings, 10 department stores, adequate hotels, 400 churches, 250,000 homes, and have around 2 billion left over.

—Copper Mines Bulletin

We close our chapel prayer period in the Linner Chapel each night by asking all to be very still. A huge plate-glass window above the altar permits us to look out across the still lake to the spruce-spired hill beyond. As this period begins, I ask the children to form a mental image of Jesus. "Picture Him," I say, "as if He stood right there, as big as life, beckoning to you from over yonder on the hill." Again and again after this period they have come to me, saying, "Pastor, I really saw Jesus out there on the hill." I believe they truly did for I know that I could not endure a single day without the reality of His promise, "... lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

(Fleming H. Revell Company)

Woman's Auxiliary

MOUNTAIN GROVE AUXILIARY

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met in the basement of the church for meeting Nov. 11. The meeting was called to order by the president, Jewell Spurgeon, with opening prayer by Donna Faye Wade. The song director, Margaret Dixon, led the group in singing "O Happy Day."

The president welcomed the new members and guests; namely, Miss Barbara Raney, Mrs. Nate Middleton, Mrs. Curd, Mrs. Ben Jerigan, Mrs. Ted Maxwell, and Mrs. Jay Chaney. Scripture heading was by Hazel Elliott from Psalm 92, with Miss Barbara Raney singing the "Thanksgiving Hymn." Roll call was answered with a Bible verse by twenty-four members and six guests.

The minutes were read and approved. Also the treasurer's report was read and approved, reporting a \$5.04 balance, minus the \$30.00 check which is sent each month to the Hannas.

The business session was conducted. The new business was as follows: The president thanked the women for the nice job they had done at the Work Shop Day. Thanksgiving Week of Prayer was arranged. New auxiliary books were ordered. Y. P. A. quarterly report was given by the Y. P. A. director, Mrs. Velma Elliott. Three women volunteered for G. T. A. refreshments as follows: Donna Wade, Ruth Dously, and Hazel Elliott.

Old business—compliment of Mrs. Butley's grocery shower with Jewell Spurgeon, Martha McCarty, and Mrs. Chaney delivering the groceries. Prayer by Mrs. Farrer. Devotion was given by Velma Elliott with theme: "Things We Might Forget to be Thankful For." Benediction by Mrs. Foster Hutsell.

—Mrs. E. F. Spurgeon, Cor.

TAKE TIME FOR A STANDARD STUDY CLASS

"Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always, and FEED on his Word."

The words of this familiar hymn serves to remind us of our daily need to take time for the Lord. We are living in a busy age and I feel that very often in our auxiliary work we are running to and fro with little results for so much effort. We have forgotten that Bible study and prayer is vital to our spiritual growth and that God could use us in a much greater way if we will take time to learn of Him.

I'm especially concerned with our auxiliary study courses. How many times have our women gathered together around the Word of God with a study course book to guide their thinking, only to rush through the material, skimming the surface, never to experience the "Depth of the Riches" of God. Jesus is there in the person of the Holy Spirit to teach us and He isn't the one who is in a hurry to get home for lunch. He said on one occasion, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." He was always willing to lose a little sleep in order to spend time of God.

I believe that the new Standard for Study Classes as outlined in the Year Book is the answer to our study course needs. If your auxiliary will use this standard for at least some of your study classes I'm sure the results will be:

Consecrated members in place of unconcerned members

Informed members in place of uninformed members

Mission-minded members in place of self-centered members

Praying members in place of prayerless members

Auxiliaries with a purpose in place of aimless efforts

Cooperation and unity in place of bickering and strife

God is never in a hurry and the Holy Spirit never shouts at anyone so lets take time to have a Standard Study Class for the glory of God.

Mrs. Billy Melvin
Study Course Chairman
Y.N.A.C.

THE STATE WORK SHOP

The annual State Women's Auxiliary workshop was held Nov. 7th at the Mountain Grove, Mo. F. W. B. Church. The theme of the workshop was "The Demands of the Great Commission."

The service opened with the congregation singing, "Our Best" and the chorus "All There Is of Me" led by Mrs. Margaret Dixon. The scripture and prayer was given by Mrs. Jewell Spurgeon. The State study course chairman, Mrs. Agnes Smith, introduced the state officers and recognized the different auxiliaries. Mrs. Smith presented the Auxiliary's purpose and the workshop theme.

Mrs. Myrtle Jones, state president, gave the president's session. "The

Great Commission and Consecrated Leaders."

Mrs. Margaret Dixon, who is state vice-president, gave the second session "The Great Commission and Enlistment."

"The Commission and Records" was presented by Miss Leona Thompson, state assistant recording secretary.

Special music was rendered by young people of the Mountain Grove Church. At 11:30 the state officers presented a stewardship play entitled "No Longer I." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. R. Luther Sanders of Monett.

The afternoon session opened with congregation singing the chorus "All There Is of Me" and the scripture and prayer by Mrs. Neva Raney of Mountain Grove.

The first topic was by Mrs. Jo Ann Thomas state corresponding secretary "The Great Commission and Publicity." "The Great Commission and Faithful Stewards" was the session conducted by state secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Genelle Scott.

Mrs. Helen Sanders presented the youth chairman's session "The Great Commission and Christian Training."

"The Great Commission and Prayer" was the session which was conducted by the state program-prayer chairman, Mrs. Elaine Spurgeon.

"The Great Commission and Local Missions" was given by state personal service chairman, Mrs. Braxine Evans.

The last session was presented by Mrs. Agnes Smith. "The Great Commission and Preparation." Mrs. Smith conducted an open forum to answer any questions concerning local auxiliary work. The work shop was dismissed in prayer.

NEW HOPE AUXILIARY

The New Hope Auxiliary met Nov. 4, 1958. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Norma Ussery. After singing and prayers our scripture lesson was read from Acts 2:41-47. There were ten members and one visitor present. One joined our auxiliary.

Topics were discussed by Norma Ussery, Mary Lou Howard and Callie Bell. Next Month's topics were assigned. Plans were made for our Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer.

Hostess for the evening were Norma Ussery and Callie Bell.

We were dismissed in prayer by Florence Maxville.

—Helen McAllister, Cor.

THAYER AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Church met October 14th for an all day service with eight members present.

The business meeting in the morning was opened by our president, Clara Allen. Our opening song was "Send The Light." Prayer by Mirene Holman. Minutes were read by Jean Lau and reports from the officers were given. Treasurer's report was read by Lorene Pohnert and approved. Motion was made we have a bake sale for our November project. The business was dismissed and a covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour.

Our program in the afternoon was opened by singing and prayer by Mrs. Betty Jewell. The subject of our program was "Go Set A Watchman In Africa." Helen Underwood presided in the absence of our Program Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Lucille Beatty. Topics were given by Mirene Holman, Christene Case and Lorene Pohnert. A special song was sung by Jean Lau and Christene Case. The meeting was adjourned and we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

—Christene Case, Cor.

CENTRAL WESTERN Q. M. AUXILIARY MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary of Beacon Church, First Church, Victory Church, and New Hope Church of Kansas City met October 24, 1958 in joint service at the First Free Will Baptist Church. Mrs. Lester Jones presided over the meeting. The subject for the meeting was "The Word Beareth Fruit." Devotions by Alice Dickey. Song by Lil Cheatham. A play entitled "The Responsibility of Christians to Tithe" was presented by members of Beacon Auxiliary. The next meeting will be at the New Hope Church, April 1959.

—James W. McAllister, Cor.

SPRINGFIELD AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, met at the church, Tuesday evening, November 4 with the opening hymn "I Need The Prayers of Those I Love" led by Jessie Crowder. Georgia Glenn read for the scripture lesson, Acts 2:41-47. Prayer was offered by Ethel Latimer. Marie Braye introduced the lesson "Go Set A Watchman." The topics were given by Grace Guinn, Loletta Woods, and Myrtle Corbin. The business meeting was conducted following the lesson. Plans were made for a four day meeting preceeding Thanksgiving, and

also for a Christmas program. The dismissal prayer was offered at the altar led by Bertha Wolf.

Rev. Long has conducted two revivals in the past few weeks. A good revival was held at the Niangua Church where a number of souls were saved. Also a revival was conducted at the Lynn Street Free Will Baptist in Lebanon, where Rev. Laverne Jones is pastor. A number of souls were saved there, some around sixty years old. Three of the men saved were brothers.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

BEACON'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church, Raytown, Missouri, met October 28th at the home of Mrs. J. E. Williams with seven members present. The meeting was opened with singing "To The Work." The president, Mrs. D. Carter, read for a scripture lesson Ezekiel 44:23 and Romans 10. Prayer by Mrs. L. Jones.

Business completed was the October project of a food shower to be sent to our Missionaries in India.

The project to be undertaken for the coming month will be a Thanksgiving Love Offering for Home Missions.

Members were urged to observe Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer.

The program for the evening "Go Set A Watchman in Africa" was introduced by Mrs. M. Smith. Topics were given by Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. G. Postlewaite, and Mrs. D. Jones.

The meeting was dismissed by prayer and the hostess served refreshments to the group.

—Mrs. Donald Jones, Cor.

COPPER MINES AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church, November 11, 1958 for our program meeting.

The meeting was opened with singing followed in prayer by Ester Hovis. The scripture lesson was from Acts 2:41-47. Special number, "Higher Ground" by Madge Hovis. The theme was "Go Set A Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth in Our Denomination." Topics were given by Laura Underwood, Phyllis Hovis, and Lillian Hovis.

Benediction by Elma Henson.

—Phyllis Hovis, Cor.

MRS. BEATY ELECTED

Mrs. James Davis, who was elected state youth chairman at the last state auxiliary convention, had to resign that position as she is attending Free

Will Baptist Bible College to prepare for missionary service.

The State Woman's Auxiliary executive committee met and elected Mrs. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Missouri to serve in this position.

Please remember Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Beatty in your prayers.

WNAC PROJECT

Dear Co-laborers:

Just a reminder to you that the 1958-59 project for the WNAC is \$10,000 for three homes for our missionaries in Japan. Missionaries quota is \$1,000. Several months have passed and Mrs. Genelle Scott, who is secretary-treasurer, tells us that the money is coming in very slowly. Please get your money in as soon as possible, and if your auxiliary, as yet, has not made plans about helping in this much needed project, please make those plans immediately.

Remember this project much in prayer.

Sincerely

Jo Ann Thomas, Cor.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church for an all day Thanksgiving meeting with fourteen members and four visitors present. The morning program was taken from the Year Book. The theme dealt with the progress of the denomination that has been ours the past few years.

As we think of the work twenty years ago, and then look on the fields today, we can see how great God is. It is something to be thankful for. As we see our young people giving their all for the cause of Christ, and trying to win lost souls for him, it really does humble our hearts. We should look up and say, Thank you God!

We enjoyed the entire study and fellowship together. After the noon lunch, we were called together with song and prayer. Our afternoon study was "Japan Advances." Since we have missionaries in Japan, we were glad to learn more about the ways of the people. We want to pray for our missionaries everywhere.

At the close of the study, we felt the time was well spent. God blessed our hearts throughout the day, but when we can serve God we can expect a blessing, and He never fails. So let us pray together for the work everywhere, and pray for one another that God will lead us in the path we should go, and be a blessing to Him.

May God bless every one in my prayer.

—Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, Cor.

News From Our Churches

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

P. O. Box 534
Waynsville, Missouri

Dearly Beloved:

About a year ago a small group of Free Will Baptists here banded together and organized a church with nine members. Since that time the number has grown but we are still a small group banded together working for the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls.

At the beginning we leased a building with an option to buy. The lease has been renewed and now we have until December 31, 1958 to raise \$4,000.00 to buy the building. We have raised and spent around \$1200.00 remodeling the building, buying seats, song books, piano etc. We have about \$300.00 in our building fund, but as you can see this is a "widows mite" compared to the price of the building.

We are located at the gateway to Fort Leonard Wood Army Installation and there is a great opportunity here for winning souls. We are the only Free Will Baptist Church within 30 miles of this army post.

As the deadline appears we will be forced to buy or disband and vacate the building. This is the reason for this letter. We must have help if we are to keep the church open.

We are asking all the Free Will Baptist Churches to help us in this work here. Perhaps you have a fund set aside you use for this purpose and would like to help us. If not, perhaps your church would like to take a free will offering to help in this cause. Any amount you could send would be appreciated and I'm sure you would be blessed by doing so.

Also if you have a relative or a member of your church who is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, if you will send us their name and address some of our members will contact them and they will be welcome in this house of God.

Would you give this plea your prayerful consideration.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Cleo Covington, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church met October 30th for the all day meeting, with twelve members and one visitor present.

The subject for our lesson "Go

Set A Watchman In Africa." After the study of the lesson it made us feel more the responsibility of taking the gospel to those who are in darkness. God has placed a work in our hands to do, so let us not fail God. Let us pray together and work together that we may get the gospel to those who are in darkness. May God bless everyone will always be my prayer.

REVIVAL AT MINE LA MOTTE CHURCH

A successful revival was conducted at the Mine La Motte Church at Mine La Motte, Missouri. Rev. Curt Johnson of Fredericktown, pastor of the Union Light Church, was the evangelist. Rev. Albert Halbrook is the pastor. There were seven professions of faith, and following the revival eight united with the church.

EVANGELICAL LEADERS ATTEND ANTI-COMMUNIST MEETINGS

Wheaton, Ill.

The Communists do not need to win a shooting war—they are winning the political war.

The words were spoken by John Noble, an American who was a Russian slave for nine years, but they were echoed by a score of experts on communism who addressed the ninth annual All-American Conference to Combat Communism, November 14-15 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

In a summary statement of the conference, Herbert Philbrick, former FBI undercover agent and author of the best selling *I Led Three Lives*, said, "We are apparently losing the battle right now against the Communist criminal conspiracy. It is only a matter of time until this country becomes Communist unless we begin to throw some switches. This is a time for us to start fighting."

The National Association of Evangelicals was represented at the conference by Dr. George L. Ford, executive director; Rev. Wilmer Brown, director of the Northwest region, and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, an NAE constituent body.

Headlining the list of speakers was Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of the president of Free China, who told the conference that the very nature of communism fosters the seeds of its destruction, but the free world must be alert to exploit the weaknesses.

She told a cheering crowd at a banquet given in her honor that soon, very soon, the cries in China will reach their crescendo—then we of Free China will go to their succor."

Other speakers included Preston J. Moore, national commander of the American Legion; Denes Nagy, former "freedom fighter" and president of the Association of Hungarian Students in North America; Bishop Quentin K. Y. Huang, Chinese clergyman now of Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. Anthony Marcus, president of the Institute of Foreign Trade, and Dr. Fred Schwarz, executive director of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade.

Bishop Huang told the delegates from more than 50 national organizations representing 60 million Americans that he sees the same pattern developing in some of the churches in America that led to the church in China going under communist control. In answer to a question, he said that one reason why the Communists find sympathizers among some clergymen is that these ministers "become impatient in their efforts to establish the kingdom of God on earth and think they see an ally in the philosophy of communism."

While admitting to theological liberalism himself, the bishop said, "I have learned my lesson about communism. To protect our democracy and country against destruction by communism we must have a personal and social application of our holy faith."

The National Association of Evangelicals and the International Society of Christian Endeavor are the only two national Protestant organizations that are members of the conference.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Minister's of Southeast Missouri met Nov. 15th at the Fellowship Church at Flat River. Officers of the conference are Rev. Glenn Rehkop, president; Rev. Dean Burpo, vice-president; and Rev. Ben Scott, secretary-treasurer.

The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Rev. Roger Reeds, pastor of the South Side Church, St. Louis, Mo. Topics were given by Rev. Albert Halbrook and Rev. Harvey Hill, followed by an open forum on pastoral problems.

The next convention is to meet at the Overland Church, Overland, Mo., in May, 1959.

HONOR ROLL

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Fellowship	Rev. Rolla Smith	163									
Amity	Rev. Ezra Vestal	56	50	54	63	54	56	64	59	54	65
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal	105	100	90	110	99	100	95	105	103	
New Lebanon	Rev. Laverne Jones	207	180	181	191	200	186	194	194	199	204
Leadington	Rev. James Davis	123	95	111	127	118	98	109	101		83
Coppermines	Rev. Glen Rehkop	70	49	59	77	73	65	70	70	55	50
Myrtle	Rev. Bud Hill	50	39	46	46	47	54	48	43	62	51
Kirksville ..	Rev. Woodrow Matthews				25	28	23	34	29	25	
Wellston	Rev. Harry Asher	192	154	151	211	187	156	153			
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill	54	48	58	65	66	69	54	55	55	70
First Church, Joplin	Rev. Paul Williams	44	47								
Farmington	Rev. James Barker	271									
Third Ch., St. Louis	Rev. John Rogers	86	67	66	89	79	69	60	60	68	68
Verdella	Rev. Archie Buress	100	90	117	126	108	109	96	107	109	
Richwoods	Rev. Bob Wright	68	59	64	71						
Old Bethel	Rev. George Hibbitts			47	40	40	40	50	49	44	44
Mt. Zion		55	42	68	65	54	55	66	63	66	
Southside	Rev. Roger Reeds	150	137	162	187	155					
Thayer	Rev. Harry Beatty	39	35	37	35	40					
Carterville	Rev. Kenneth Turner				175	160					
Fredricktown	Rev. Ben Scott	44	38	37	45	43	37	43	48	42	38
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Chas. Black	57	47	49	60	53	47	46	58	67	
Old Liberty	Rev. Wm. Reeves	75	65	75	75	69	66		66	71	60
Martinstown Church, Mrs. Alta Mikel		60	51	51	53	56					
Hannon Church	Rev. James McCully	75	75	89	99	84	88	78	76	95	84
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long	138	104	140	152	114	105	105	102		
Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook	39	34	54	52	58	55	53	60	58	
Blue Eye	Rev. Millard Davis										
Union Light	Rev. Curt Johnson										
Bethel Church ..	Rev. Keith Johnson										
Twin Oak	Rev. Truman Huffman										
Fourth Church, St. Louis	Rev. Elmer Turnbough										
Neosho	Rev. Lester Nutting										
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Ezra Butts										
Victory Church											
(K. C.)	Rev. B. Spurgeon										
Rock Chapel											
Mill Creek	Rev. O. D. Matthews										
Beacon Church											
(K. C.)	Rev. Lester Jones										
First Church (K. C.)	Rev. Alice Dickey										
Merls Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred										
New Hope Church (K. C.)											
.....	Rev. James McAllister										
Garfield Church	Rev. Davey Combs										
Faith Church	Rev. Loy Smith										
Greenridge	Rev. Len Gardner										
Oskaloosa	Rev. Roena Thomas										
Garden Church	Rev. Roy Jones										
Jones Chapel	Rev. Winford Davis										
Hartville	Rev. Charles Findley										
Walnut Ridge (Ark.)	Rev. Glen Campbell										
Grandby	Rev. R. C. Williams										
Pleasant Ridge											
New Harmony ..	Rev. Mildred Gilliam										
Grant Avenue	Rev. Grover Terry										

NAME AND ADDRESS	FIELD	BIRTHDAY
Miss Bessie Yeley P. O. Box 550 Nogales, Arizona	Old Mexico	November 26
Rev. & Mrs. Arthur Billows 3801 Rihland Avenue Nashville 5, Tennessee	Central Old Mexico	September 18 Mrs. Billows July 26 Rev. Billows
Miss Molly Barker P. O. Box 550 Nogales, Arizona	Old Mexico	December 19
Rev. & Mrs. Jaun Lopez Logo del Pasuario 1216 Oriente Col Independencia Monterrey, N. L., Mexico (five children)	Mexico	September 28 Mrs. Lopez June 24 Rev. Lopez
Rev. & Mrs. N. Melitino Martinez 447 S. W. 6th Street Miami, Florida (one child)	First Spanish F. W. B. Church	September 27 Mrs. Martinez September 15 Rev. Martinez
Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite 645 Highline Drive East Wenatchee, Washington (three children)	Northwest United States	October 25 Mrs. Postlewaite April 5 Rev. Postlewaite
Rev. & Mrs. Paul Inbody 27-A Summit Heights Clarksville, Tennessee (two children)	Central United States	June 10 Mrs. Inbody April 6 Rev. Inbody
Rev. & Mrs. D. Lee Whaley P. O. Box 277 Anchorage, Alaska (two children)	Alaska	January 8 Mrs. Whaley November 7 Rev. Whaley

HOW TO PLANT A CHURCH GARDEN

First, plant four rows of peas:
Presence, Promptness, Preparation
and Prayer.

Next to these plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip, squash indifference,
squash criticism.

Then plant five rows of lettuce:

Let us recognize God's presence at
all times.

Let us be true to our obligations.

Let us be faithful witnesses, winning
others to Jesus.

Let us be friendly.

Let us love one another.

No garden is complete with out
turnips:

Turn up for meetings. Turn up with
a smile.

Turn up with open minds and will-
ing hands.

Turn up with a prayer that this
meeting might be pleasing to God and
bring honor to His name.

The success of this garden depends
on You!

—From Monett Bulletin

THE REDEEMED

"These were redeemed from among
men, being the first fruits unto God
and to the Lamb." (Rev. 14:4b)

John heard a voice from heaven as
the Voice of a great thunder, and
harpers harping with their harps.
They, these people, sang a song before
four beasts, and the elders before the
throne. They sang a new song and no
man could learn that song, but these
redeemed ones, redeemed from among
men, and special people in whose
mouth no guile was found, people
who had spoken no untrue words
while on earth, people who were pure,
undefiled, not adulterers, without fault
before God's throne.

The redeemed, the resurrected peo-
ple, we see them in heaven before the
throne of God. They follow the Lamb
everywhere he goes. What a privilege!
What a reward! But how did they ob-
tain this rare reward? By being pure
in this life, without guile and no de-
ceit. These redeemed ones were sing-
ing a new song. These happy spirits
will sing his praise through all eternity,
but I can sing redeeming grace for
Jesus died for me. Angels can not
sing this song, no one, but the re-
deemed.

How did these people get to hea-
ven? We will let the scripture tell us.
When Jesus was resurrected many of
the graves of the saints were opened
and many bodies arose, and came out
of the graves and appeared unto
many in the holy city. (Matt. 28:52-

52) He led a multitude of captives.
(Eph. 4:8) The King James' transla-
tion reads: He led captivity captive;
the Greek: A multitude of captives.
But these are people who were per-
fect in their lives. King David was not
privileged to ascend with them. Peter
said he had not ascended. (Acts 2:
34) These happy people are the ful-
fillment of the types the Israelites
kept.

The first fruits were mentioned in
Ex. 22:29 and Ex. 23:15. The Jews
were required to give of their first
fruits, the best. We find Jesus taking
to heaven the first fruits unto God.
Luke tells us in Acts 1:8 that when he
ascended a cloud received him out of
their sight, and he will come again
with clouds. A vast cloud of redeemed
people received him, and in like man-
ner he will return. Oh, glorious first
fruits, a manifestation of the reward
of clean living!

—By Mrs. Essie Hearron

SUPPORT N. A. E.

Dear Pastor:

When most of us are called on to
do a little something extra, we gen-
erally ask the very human question,
"What is this going to mean to me?
What will I get out of it?"

At the convention of the National
Association of Evangelicals this year,
I heard a pastor make a statement that
really rang the bell with me. He said,
"I appreciate how NAE serves my
church, but if it never did anything
for my church I would still support it
for the simple reason that it exists."
Those of us who have worked closely
with this vital evangelical force know
that its influence in America today
makes its value inestimable.

NAE renders service to our de-
nomination and to your church that
you never hear about. But our sup-
port should not be on the basis of
"How much do I get out of this?" but
"How can we make this strong voice
for the evangelical cause even more
effective?"

We have a denominational represen-
tation, but what about your local
church? The forces of modernism and
Roman Catholicism threaten many of
our basic religious liberties. Your
church needs to cast its vote in this
struggle and a vote to do nothing is
a vote for the enemy. We urge you—
cast your strength and support with
NAE!

Your local church can be right on
th front lines with a full membership
in NAE for an annual contribution of
\$25.00. This will strengthen the arm
of your regional office which handles
evangelical affairs in your area and

the national cause which speaks for
us before government agencies and
foreign embassies in Washington.

Don't sit indifferently on the side-
lines while others fight these battles!
Free Will Baptists have always stood
up and been counted on the right side
of great issues. Let's not fail our heri-
tage.

—W. S. Mooneyham
Executive Secretary

EVANGELIST SAYS RELIGION ON WANE IN RUSSIA

"I'd like to challenge anyone who
says there's a religious revival going
on in Russia," says Texas-born Tom-
my Hicks, an evangelist who has just
returned from a 32-day preaching
tour of the Soviet Union.

The Rev. Hicks, who has spent
most of the past five years preaching
on foreign shores, described religion
outside the large Russian cities of
Leningrad and Moscow as decadent.

Back in 1955, he says, "the news-
paper Pravda announced that Christi-
anity would be dead in Russia within
10 years. From my latest observation,
I'd say they don't need that long.

During the tour Evangelist Hicks
held 23 services which were arranged
through local pastors. Hicks said he
does not know precisely how the pas-
tors were able to obtain permission
for the meetings.

"I'm an inspirational preacher," he
said, "and passing through an inter-
preter cramped my style. There was
very little response to my preaching."

O SEND OUT THY LIGHT TO AFRICA

(Continued from Page 5)

please stay and let me send for them
that they may hear also. I'm sure they
will want you to stay and teach us
more." Of course we could not stay
then, but had to move on. On that
day alone we passed through twenty-
six villages who are waiting for some-
one to bring them the light.

When we realize that we are the
only Protestant Voice in this whole
section, populated with over 200,000
people then we begin to feel our re-
sponsibility. Also, when we consider
that we are a new mission, and coming
in with inexperienced missionaries,
then again we realize just how much
we must depend upon the Lord. We
must trust HIM to direct us each step
of the way. This will not be an easy
task. Our people must pray more! We
certainly must give more.

(To be continued)

Let's remember to worship Christ
this Christmas.