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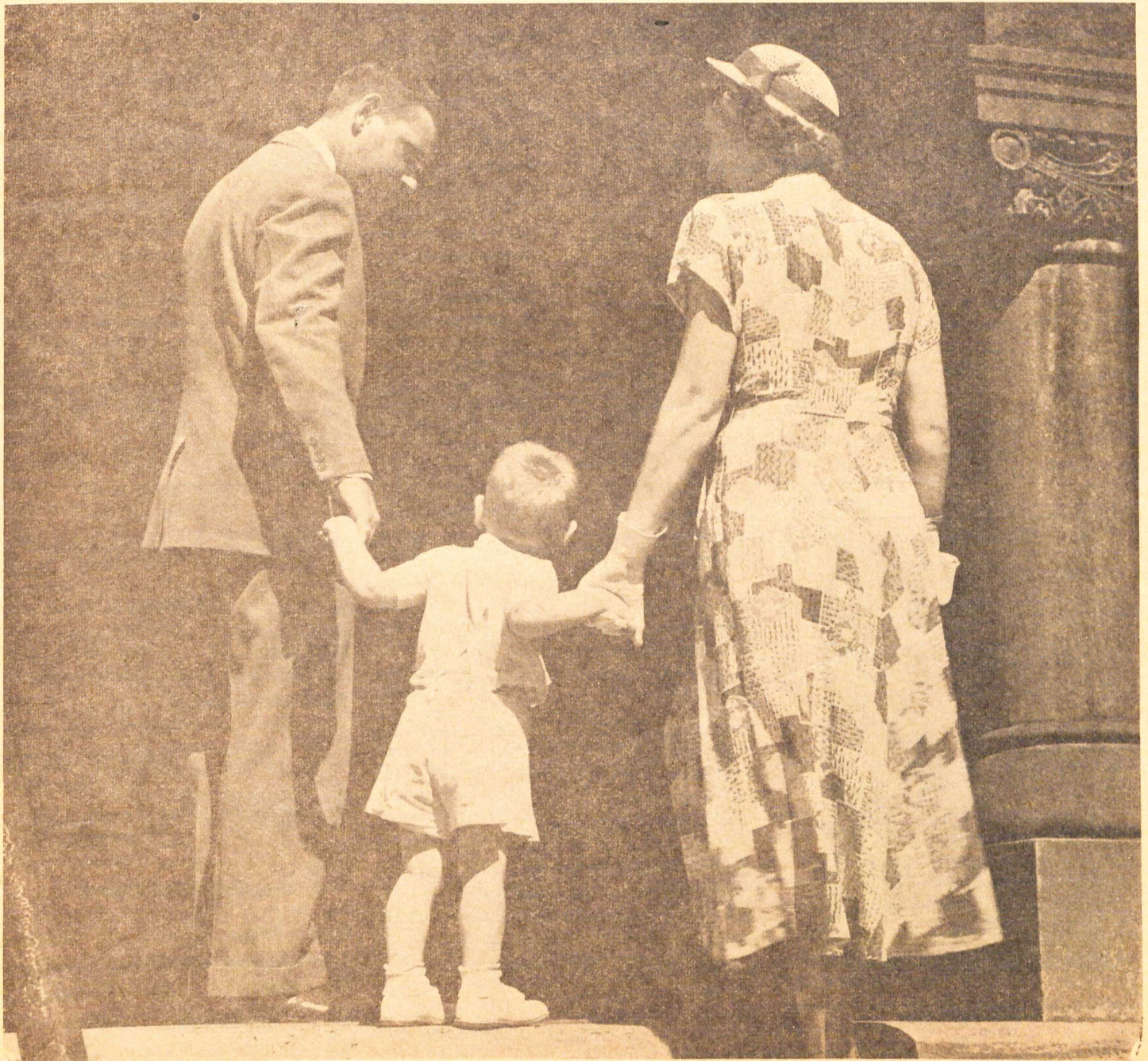
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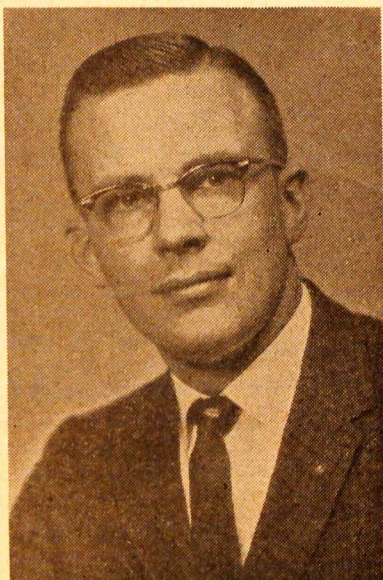
# EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

## OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Every Church Family Plan is the best plan ever used by Free Will Baptists to keep their membership informed. It is currently being used by the Gem and our national magazine Contact. The plan is simple. The church clerk makes out a list of the names and addresses of all the families in the church. (Be sure each home is represented on the list.) This is sent to the Gem editor and he adds the names to the mailing list of the Gem. As the Gems are sent out the editor bills the church for the amount of copies sent out to their members. Names may be added or dropped at any time. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued. It does not expire. By using this plan every family in every church that subscribes to the plan will be informed of denominational activities. This is the best plan for your church. Why not use it? Here is a list of the churches who are currently active in the Every Church Family Plan:

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# Mt. Olive College President Attacks Bible College

## An Editorial . . .

In a recent news release the president of Mt. Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper attacked Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee and blamed the denominationally owned school for all of the troubles in the state of North Carolina. Mt. Olive College is owned by the North Carolina State Association and receives its name from the town it occupies and not from the Biblical location.

As Editor of the Gem, I have remained silent on many of these issues in North Carolina and had not intended to publish any of their troubles for Missourians to read. Over a year ago I ceased to publish any news releases from Mt. Olive College because I did not approve of it personally and because I had received several letters of criticism for doing so. But Dr. Raper has attacked something I love dearly and I feel that I can no longer keep silent. He can call me all the names he wants to, but when he attacks a member of my family then I'm ready to retaliate. Attacking Free Will Baptist Bible College is the same as attacking one of my family.

I attended Free Will Baptist Bible College for one year in 1948-49 and then returned to complete my education there in the period from 1952 to 1955. I consider it one of the greatest honors in my life that I received my B. A. Degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College. A lot of folks have made a fuss over the fact that the College has not been accredited until its recent accreditation by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, but I am convinced that Free Will Baptist Bible College has been accredited by God since the day its doors were opened in 1942. From its buildings have come many of the leaders of our denomination today. Most of our Missionaries received their training there. The major emphasis at the Bible College is on consecration. The Person honored is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is small wonder that God has blessed

our school as He has. It is small wonder that Satan will use his forces to attack this school if he can.

The troubles in the state of North Carolina began many years ago. They are just coming to light now. I pastored in that state for two years after my graduation from the Bible College. I know from personal experience that the Conferences in the eastern part of the state have controlled the churches instead of the churches controlling the Conferences. On one occasion the moderator of the Eastern Conference told me that they had to be careful lest some of these churches got out from under their control. And that is exactly what is happening in that section now. Some of the pastors and their congregations are sick and tired of being told what to do. In one instance the moderator of the Western Conference came into the pulpit of a church and conducted a business meeting of the church and had the pastor "voted out." He tried to do the same thing with another pastor and this young man rebelled and went to a court of law. The Conference has countered with their own law-suit and came to court armed with affidavits from some fifty preachers of that area who swore that Free Will Baptists did not believe in congregational church government but in connectional church government. Free Will Baptists in that area like to call themselves "original" and, brother, I must admit that they came up with something original with their claim to connectional church government.

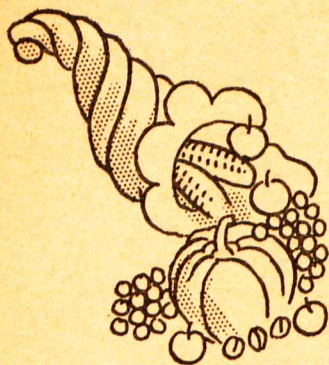
Praise the Lord for the fact that Free Will Baptists at their recent National Association in Norfolk, Va., reaffirmed their historic belief in congregational church government. Furthermore, any minister holding any office in the National Association who had signed one of these affidavits was relieved from that office. Could this be the reason for Dr. Raper's article? He was relieved from his position on the National League Board and is more

than likely embarrassed by this action of the National Association. The news of the action came out on the wires of the Associated Press and was carried in front page articles in some North Carolina newspapers. Small wonder that Dr. Raper might be embarrassed.

It appears that Dr. Raper is now trying to shift the blame of the difficulties on someone else rather than shoulder it himself. Here are some quotations from his press release, "We believe that the issue of church government was only a pretense for our impeachment from offices. (Here, Dr. Raper is acting as spokesman for the group of men who were terminated by the National Association.) We believe the basic issue is the educational philosophy of Mount Olive College." He goes on to accuse Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist College as being opposed to Mount Olive College. He attacks Dean Charles A. Thigpen of the Bible College for making the motion on the floor of the National Association that the "connectional church government men" be impeached from their offices. He points out that all of these offices were filled by someone either connected with the Bible College or who is a graduate of the school. **I believe this is to the credit of our denomination.** I am thrilled that many of these offices are being filled by consecrated young men, who do not use tobacco, and who have other strong convictions that were instilled in them at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Let's not kid ourselves. Our denomination has made great strides forward ever since the establishment of our Bible College. God's hand has been upon us for our foresight in providing such a place to train our young people. This school was brought into being because a young lady appeared before the National Association years ago and pleaded with the denomination to provide a place of training for its young people.

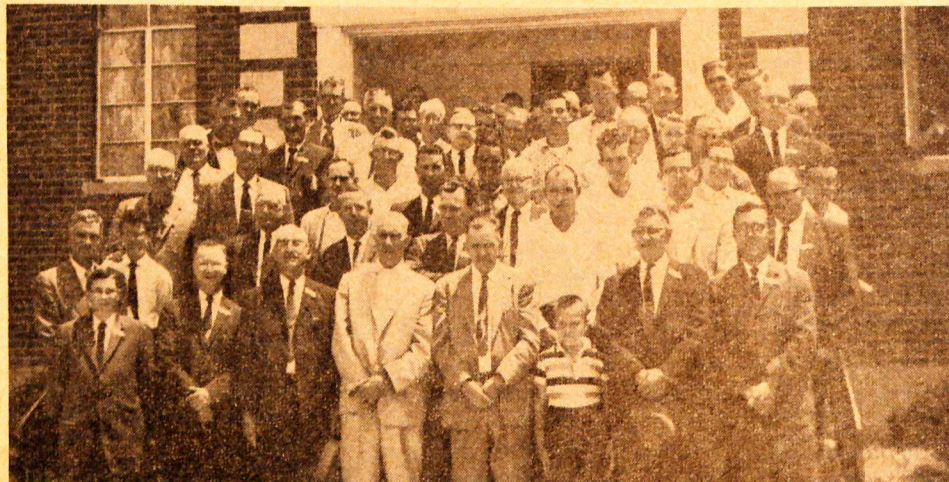
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# CLEANINGS

## FROM THE FIELD



**THE KENTUCKY STATE ASSOCIATION**

June 17th marked the opening of the Kentucky State Association at Morehead, Kentucky. Presided over by our very capable young minister, Rev. Robert Shockey, pastor of the Ashland, Kentucky Second Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Shockey moderated very creditably with great patience and with humble sensitiveness for the feelings of all, and with unbiased attention to each problem which is a good recommendation to his responsible office.

As visitors, we were deeply impressed with the very fine type of leadership. There was a warm spiritual note, shouting and weeping turning into an old-time camp meeting. One could not help feeling that we had come up to the very gates of Glory.

The town of Morehead offers a great challenge in that it is a University town and offers a real opportunity to our church. The Rev. Ted Green, pastor, has been trying to meet this great responsibility, they have a very fine church building.

The ladies of the local congregation entertained this representative body with typical Kentucky hospitality.

(Note: In the picture of the group of men are the Moderator, ministers and delegates attending the Kentucky State meeting.) —Rev. T. H. Willey

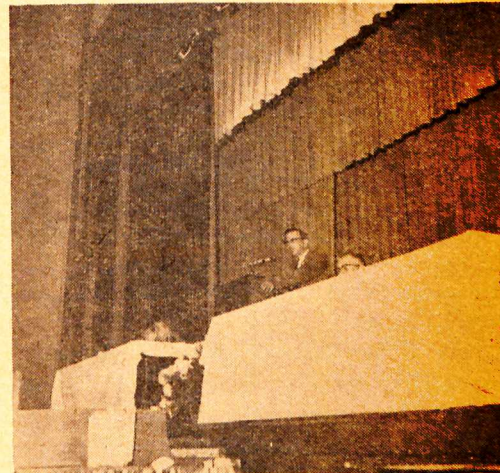
### MT. OLIVE COLLEGE PRESIDENT ATTACKS BIBLE COLLEGE

An Editorial . . .

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I want to go on record as being a critic of Mount Olive College. Not necessarily because of its "educational philosophy" but because of its low standards. In its current issue of *Olive Leaves*, the school's yearbook, some of the young ladies appear wearing shorts and low-cut evening gowns. As a Christian, I disapprove of this type of indecent dress and as a minister, I preach against it. If Dr. Raper wants to blame my stand on the Bible College I guess he can, because Free Will Baptist College helped me to set high standards many years ago and I praise the Lord for it.

Let me say that I believe there is a need for state-operated schools in our denomination. Mount Olive College could have been used of the Lord but I'm afraid that its usefulness has been greatly deterred. Perhaps some day we can have our own school here in Missouri but God forbid that it should ever be started as an anti-Free Will Baptist Bible College movement. Instead it ought to compliment our National Institution. Again may I say, Praise the Lord for Free Will Baptist Bible College.



Rev. Roger Reeds of Missouri makes the report of the Sunday School Board to the National Association. He reported that the indebtedness of the Board had been reduced to just \$500.00

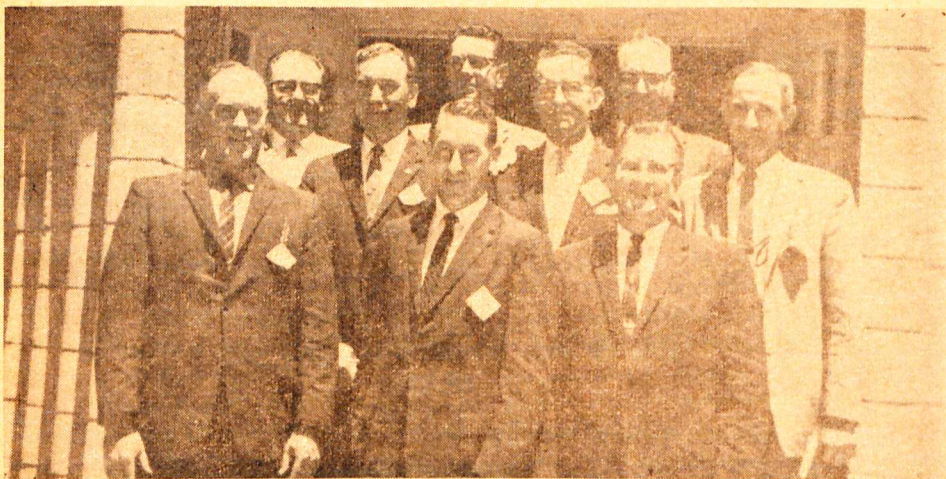
### New Book— 'Evangelism-In-Depth'

Chicago, Ill. (MNS)—Under the title of *Evangelism-in-Depth*, an account of the recent evangelism program in Nicaragua and Costa Rica has been written. The book just released by Moody Press gives a step by step account of the development of the *Evangelism-In-Depth* program with the view of encouraging Christians in other places to undertake similar endeavors.

After relating the story of the eventful months of the campaign, a chapter is dedicated to an appraisal of the whole program. It is an objective look at the shortcomings of the program as well as its accomplishments—a refreshing report of a united spiritual effort against a common foe. It pictures national churches and foreign missionaries (denominational and non-denominational) all working together for six months to achieve one common goal of reaching the nation for Christ.

(*Evangelism-in-Depth*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1961. 126 pp. Price \$2.25)





The first meeting of the State Association of Illinois convened at the Free Will Baptist Camp meeting grounds in Benton, Illinois, June 25th with a very large representation of the majority of the churches related to the Yearly Meeting.

This was a historic occasion as this fine assembly gathered in one of the most impressive denominational centers to be found within any State. It is a ten acre grove of stately oak trees covered with modern buildings. In the center is an imposing Tabernacle with a seating capacity of five hundred.

With the organization of the State Association the Free Will Baptists of Illinois becomes more related to the forces of the National Association and will become more effective.

This great State has reason to look back into its past history with pride. A stalwart group of noble men and women with fine churches made up the pioneer history of the Free Baptist in this State. Finally came the merger and the loss of entire congregations and imposing church edifices, some of these still bear the name, "Free Baptist Church," over their doors. Thank God, a few of the churches are saved to our denomination such as the Bear Point Church at Sasser, Illinois. This church has a history of over ninety years of continued activity.

As I write, visiting in the home of Rev. Jack Kettman and his wife, I have before me a world of historical data kept by the parents of the Kettman faithful Free Will Baptists who with a few, kept their identity. They have minutes of the Yearly Meetings, dating back to 1800. Even at that time as we read we can sense the trend toward the "sell out."

The two outstanding men who were strong opponents against the famous merger, stood against great opposition, are still with us, Rev. W. R. Burton,

now living in Whitting, Illinois and Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Illinois.

This State organization represents a progressive advance on all fronts of National endeavor. They are back of a strong Youth organization, also progressive up-to-date Sunday School program. It is interesting to note that the Sunday School Union bought the camp property. Plans were made and passed to place a full-time evangelist on the field to open new churches.

The camp has become the very center of the Free Will Baptist activity, related to all phases of the denomination. It is the official meeting place for the State meetings, youth camps, Sunday School Union and the Woman's Auxiliaries. Two summer camps will be held this summer. The Foreign Missionary Conference, with all the churches co-operating, just finished their annual conference at the camp.

Thirty-five or more churches have come together to form the State Association. Rev. Leon McBride moderated this historic association with great dignity, patience and courtesy to all. There was a sweet spirit of harmony, Christian love and fellowship. It was indeed refreshing to come to the end of a conference of this size and witness nothing but joyful unity.

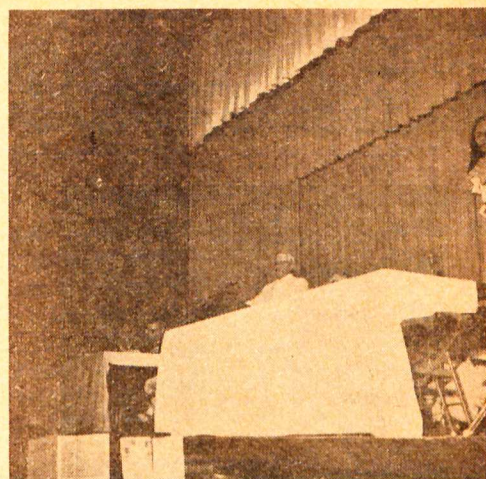
A very representative group of delegates will represent this new State Association at the coming National meeting.

Accompanying is a picture of the officials of the State Association.

—Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.

#### Mission Attacked In Jerusalem

Jerusalem (Israeli Sector)—MNS—A mission of the Church of Christ has been forced to cancel services because of the attacks of Jewish religious fanatics. Beginning in April the tiny stone church used by the Church of Christ



Rev. J. L. Welch, first moderator of the National Association and pastor of historic Cofer's Chapel Church of Nashville, Tennessee, delivered a message that is rated as a classic, to the Thursday morning crowd at the National Convention.

has regularly been molested during each worship service. Early in July the attacking crowds became so large and violent that services were called off pending protection from the authorities.

After the story received wide coverage in the United States, the Jerusalem police promised police protection each Sunday and Wednesday, so that services could be conducted.

Several stonings resulted in the smashing of virtually all the windows in the church. Leaders and members of the church have been threatened by the fanatics.

Other reports indicate that missionaries of various organizations are encountering difficulty in getting their visas renewed. It is felt that the Eichmann trial has contributed to the anti-Christian sentiment here.

#### National Association Votes To Sell Headquarters Property Norfolk, Va.—

At the recent session of the National Association the delegates voted overwhelmingly to sell the old Headquarters building at 3801 Richland Ave. and build a new \$100,000.00 building at a site that is yet to be selected. Plans for the new building were displayed by the Executive Department and will house the various Departments of the National Association. The building will not get under way until 20% of the funds are raised to pay for it. Other highlights of the Convention are pointed out in pictures elsewhere in the Gem.



# SERMON OF THE MONTH



Rev. William J. Hill, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Mich., and Wednesday morning speaker at the Convention.

## My Commitment to Christ

By Rev. William Hill

This message was delivered at the eleven o'clock hour on Wednesday at the National Association.

To Christ the cross meant one thing—the sacrificing of Himself to save others. And that is what it must mean to every disciple. Consecration means a cross. It means death to self and identification with Christ. We cannot skip from the wonderful doctrine of Justification in Romans 5 to Consecration in Romans 12 without identification in Romans 6 through 8.

Three things are necessary in consecration in order for our commitment to Christ to be of value. (1) Self-denial; (2) Separation; (3) Service.

When Christ came to this world, He found man all wrapped up in one thing—self. Jesus wanted more than just a following—more than just a crowd. He wanted men who would build and fight for His kingdom and die for this cause. The crowds followed Him as long as He healed their sick, fed their empty stomachs. They wanted to crown Him king. They laid their cloaks down on the streets when He rode in on His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. But when He gave these severe terms for discipleship, they left Him. When He talked of the keys to the kingdom, His disciples were all ears, but when He mentioned the cross and their cross they fell back. Don't criticize my brother, we are guilty of this so many times.

Jesus said in no uncertain terms, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Jesus realized that until self was put out of the way, His followers could never get the job done.

Selfish pride is a great destroyer of souls. We talk a lot about pride and selfishness but are we willing to deny self and turn completely to God?

Selfishness is a dreadful cancer that eats away at the soul of man, and if self is not crucified Christ will be. Self-centeredness produces a self that you

can't live with. Doctors say that the majority of people that come to their offices are suffering from selfishness.

A woman was going to a doctor many weeks and he couldn't seem to get her straightened out. One day she said to him, "You know doctor, I am very sensitive." "Yes," he replied, "I know you are very selfish." "Oh, but I didn't say I was selfish," she said. "I did," was his reply. She slammed the door as she rushed out of his office. But ten days later she came back to him in tears and confessed that he was right.

**Pride and selfish ambition have destroyed many a good preacher.** Oh, that God would help us to see ourselves as we are. Oh, that we could see ourselves as others see us.

"O wad somi power the giftie gie us,  
To see ourselves as ithers see us."

The incident that inspired Browning to write this couplet was an experience in church. A lady filled with pride came strutting down the aisle of the church dressed in the latest fashion. She felt that all the church should bow to her. She sat down right in front of him and as he was looking her over he saw something crawling up the side of her hat. On closer inspection he noticed that it was a louse. He then went home and wrote this couplet.

Pride is such a dangerous thing. It can breed jealousy among ministers. It can cause undermining and gossip. It can lead to splits in churches and denominations and life-long friendships. Oh, that God would break our pride and fill us with the Holy Spirit until we are able to learn what self-denial means. If we could see ourselves as others see us it might prove to be very humiliating.

The disciples were arguing one day over their positions in the kingdom of Christ. Some wanted the seats of honor

Romans 1:1; Matthew 16:24

In the Book of Exodus a very colorful service of the consecration of the priests is described. The priests laid aside their old garments and were washed in pure water. They were dressed in white linen clothing, with a needle-wrought girdle with flowers of purple, blue, scarlet mixed with white. They wore a cap of linen in the shape of a flower cup.

The blood of the consecration lamb was sprinkled on the lobe of the right ear (implying openness to hear God's voice), to the right hand (to dispense God's gifts), and to the right foot (always to walk in God's ways). A perfume of very precious oil was sprinkled upon their heads.

The priests remained in the Tabernacle for seven days separated from the people and unto God. After this their hands were filled with three kinds of bread: unleavened cakes, cakes of oil bread, and oiled wafers. They waved the whole mass to and fro expressing their praise and thanksgiving to God. After this the priests were ready for service to God and man.

This ceremony signified that their whole being was dedicated to God. It symbolized Calvary. It symbolized identification with the crucified One.



and power. They had given up everything to follow Jesus—their homes, families, occupations—everything that is, but themselves.

Jesus knew that these men needed to learn a lesson so He took them to the upper room, girded Himself with a towel and began to wash their feet. Here was their Master taking the place of a servant. Jesus, by this simple action had turned these angry, selfish men into humble servants of mankind that would turn the world upside down. It was not enough for Jesus to command that they be humble, He must show them what humility is by taking the place of a servant. I am glad that on our 25th Anniversary we still cling to the beautiful doctrine of the Washing of the Saints Feet. If our people are taught what this beautiful ordinance means and then will go out and put it into daily practice, it will be the most beautiful service rendered in your church.

One of the great needs in the church and among the ministers is humility. John Branscomb said, "Humility is such a tender quality and turns on such a fine hair, that if one becomes conscious of his humility, he loses it."

To deny self is not necessarily giving up some pet sin—sacrificing something we like—practicing self-denial in the Lenten season. A man may do good deeds for selfish glory. It is possible for a man to go to the mission field and not deny self. It is possible for a young man to spend sacrificial years in preparation for the ministry and fail to deny self.

To deny self is utter abandonment of self. Paul expressed it in Romans 1:1. A bond-slave in Paul's day had no mind of his own—owned nothing—was nothing. Plutarch tells how Flaminius put a slave to death for a guest who had never seen anyone die.

We are to be bondslaves of Jesus. Saul "the big one" was the greatest threat to Christianity but on the Damascus Road he met Jesus and his life was changed. He was saved and changed to Paul "the little one." It is the service of perfect freedom that Paul describes in Romans 1:1. This phrase goes back to a ceremony in Exodus 21. A man who was in debt became the property of his creditor. He had to serve this man as master for seven years. After this time he could go free. Many of these slaves did not wish to go free. They loved their masters. When this was the case the priest would lead the man to the door of the

Tabernacle and bore a hole in the lobe of his ear. This signified that the slave was a free slave. He was known as a bondslave—a man who could have been free, but chose to remain a slave. Perhaps this is what Frances Havergal had in mind when he wrote:

I love, I love my Master,  
I will not go out free,  
For He is my Redeemer;  
He paid the price for me.  
I would not leave His service  
It is so sweet and blest;  
And in the weariest moments,  
He gives the truest rest.

To deny self is to dethrone self, and put Christ on the throne. I deny self when I hand over the keys of my heart to Christ and let Him rule.

To deny self is to ignore self. One of the most insulting things in life is to be ignored. We must, in reality, insult self by ignoring self. L. E. Maxwell said, "It is taking a blank sheet of paper and, breathing my last breath, as it were, signing on the dotted line at the bottom of the page."

#### **The Second Step in My Commitment Is Full Surrender, or Submission**

When Jesus came to Peter to wash his feet, Peter said, "Lord dost Thou wash my feet?" Jesus said, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." Peter said, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus said, "If I wash thee not thou hast no part with me." Then note how Peter answered Jesus. "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." This is full surrender. Perhaps Peter did not know until after Pentecost what full surrender would mean, but he was sincere and for that at least he gave his all to Jesus.

This is the great need among Christians and among ministers. We need to fully surrender our lives to Jesus. We need to take hands off of self and give our all to Him.

Fifteen years ago I said the marriage vows to a beautiful young lady. I was saying in reality, "I am no longer my own. What I have I give to you. My life is yours. My love is yours. I am yours as long as we both live. I belong to you and to no other woman on earth."

In surrender to Christ we say the same. Paul expressed it when he said, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own." We are not our own. Jesus has every right to expect the full surrender of our lives to Him.

This means that we are separated

unto the Gospel. Full surrender means full separation. I believe in Separation from the world to be sure. We too often quote Romans 12:1 and forget the separation in Romans 12:2. But I believe it includes separation to the Gospel. The man who tries to separate himself from the world without being separated unto Christ becomes confused. So many times we meet self-righteous people who are narrow and even cantankerous in spirit because all their lives they go around boasting of giving up this thing and of the things they don't do—yet never do anything for Jesus.

If you come to Jesus and surrender your all to Him you won't have to give up the world, the world will give you up.

#### **The Third Essential Step in My Commitment to Christ is Service**

After the crucifixion and resurrection Christ appeared to His disciples after they had been fishing all night. At the fire where they were cooking the fish Jesus asked Peter three important questions. He said, "Peter lovest thou Me more than these?" Three times He asked the same question. Peter being a little grieved the third time answered, "Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee." In these three questions we note the service Peter is to render—feeding the lambs and the sheep. But we also notice something else of very great importance—the motive for service, which is love. Jesus demands first and foremost, our love.

It is possible to serve without love—but it is impossible to love without serving, and Jesus knew that to get Peter's service He would need His love.

We cannot measure love by service because we may serve and not love. We get so busy serving many times that we fail to take time out to love Jesus. I may sing, serve, and even suffer without love. Thousands of people are doing things—anything but what God wants them to do.

We ministers must evaluate our service in terms of our love for Christ. You work many hours—long hours—that your congregation knows nothing about. Many demands are placed upon you. You rush about for ten to twelve hours each day and come home exhausted but with a feeling of satisfaction. During the day you have counseled with a husband and wife and perhaps they are reconciled together instead of entering the divorce court.

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# THE MISSION FIELD

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

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Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirkville .....	6.45
New Harmony F. W. B. Church, Greentop .....	8.45
Marturstrum Church, Worthington .....	12.00
Mendota F. W. B. Church Greentop .....	14.00
Missouri State Association, St. Louis .....	38.30
South Side F. W. B. Church, St. Louis .....	268.40
F. W. B. Church of Berkeley ..	75.00
Anonymous .....	5.00
Kirkville F. W. B. Church, Kirkville .....	11.25
Union F. W. B. League, Success .....	46.14
F. W. B. Sunday School, Buffalo .....	14.00
Zelien Altis, Mountain Grove	2.00
Marvin A. Mills, Winigan .....	7.00
F. W. B. Church, Frederick- town .....	75.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church, Flat River .....	135.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church, Bonne Terre .....	45.00
Macedonia Sunday School, Niangua .....	10.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Church, Myrtle .....	16.64
Grant Avenue F. W. B. League, Springfield .....	10.00
Sue Hosiner, Seymour .....	9.16
First F. W. B. Church, Mountain Grove .....	34.36
Willow Springs Church, Mountain Grove .....	11.73
Larry Maxwell, Cabool .....	2.00
Intermediate and Beginners S. S. Department, Monett ..	8.50
Mendota F. W. B. Mission, Greentop .....	36.08
Missouri State Woman's Aux. Convention, Independence	120.06
L. Campbell, Stella .....	2.00
Oma Scott, Mountain Grove ..	3.00
Wolf Creek Church, Mansfield	5.00
Happy Ridge Church, Hartville .....	19.00
Ruth Alene Dodson, Spring- field .....	3.00
Beulah Midyeth, St. Louis ....	6.00
Clifford and Rutha Altis, Kansas City .....	30.00
Master's Men, Aurora .....	5.00
Sr. Adult League, Mountain Grove .....	8.00
Garfield F. W. B. Church, Couch .....	33.60
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirkville .....	90.51
F. W. B. Church, Desloge .....	12.00
W. N. A. C. .....	57.88
Cooperative Plan of Support ..	365.41
Myrtle F. W. B. Church, Myrtle .....	8.12
Total .....	\$1712.89

## HOME MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

June, 1961

Co-op, Headquarters .....	\$167.41
Farmington F. W. B. Church, Farmington .....	45.15
Missouri State Association, St. Louis .....	94.43
First F. W. B. Church, Berkeley .....	12.67
South Side F. W. B. Church, St. Louis .....	41.15
Rev. H. S. Vandivort, Cabool	100.00
Fourth F. W. B. Church, Maplewood .....	12.00
Rev. Harry Asher, St. Louis ..	10.11
F. W. B. Church, Berkeley ....	60.00
Willow Springs Church, Mountain Grove .....	18.32
Glenn Robertson, Cabool ....	5.00
Rev. Clarence N. Burton, Fredericktown .....	60.99
Leadington F. W. B. Church, Leadington .....	30.00
Finis E. Sorrell, Myrtle .....	1.00
Missouri State Woman's Aux. Convention, Independence	2.50

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patton, Springfield .....	10.00
Low Ground Church, Greentop .....	10.00
New Harmony S. S., Greentop	40.00
D. V. B. S., Victory F. W. B. Church, Avondale .....	15.00
Rev. and Mrs. Lester Lawler, Hartville .....	10.00
Rutha Altis, Kansas City .....	21.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Church, Myrtle .....	5.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Junior S. S., Myrtle .....	10.00
D. V. B. S., Desloge F. W. B. Church, Desloge .....	55.24
V. B. S., Leadington Church, Leadington .....	31.38
D. V. B. S., Merl's Chapel Church, Cassville .....	5.00
W. N. A. C., Headquarters ..	11.00
Total .....	\$716.94

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SAVE TIME! SEND YOUR GIFTS  
DIRECT TO EACH DEPARTMENT:

**Home Missions Department**  
3801 Richland Ave.,  
Nashville 5, Tenn.

**Foreign Missions Department**  
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**Vietnamese Church  
Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary**  
Saigon, Viet Nam (MNS)—Cele-  
brating fifty years of the Gospel in Viet  
Nam, the Evangelical Church of Viet  
Nam (Christian and Missionary Alli-  
ance) held anniversary services here  
June 11-14. Fifteen hundred persons,  
including many government officials,  
attended the Sunday services at the  
Hoi Tin Lanh Church, and hundreds  
of others standing outside heard the  
message over a public address system.  
During the week young people from  
the Saigon Vietnamese churches con-  
ducted an exposition in a building  
directly opposite the National Assem-  
bly building. The exposition, which  
showed the progress of the church, was  
viewed by some 15,000 people. Twelve



of these accepted Christ after personal counseling.

The C&MA opened Viet Nam to the Gospel in 1911 and has seen the work grow until the baptized church members number 25,000 and there is a Christian community of other thousands.

The Evangelical Church of Viet Nam was organized in 1927. There are now 250 organized churches and 315 national workers carrying on all the ministries of the church.

### Church Closed In Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal (MNS) — Portuguese authorities have closed an Assemblies of God church near Lisbon on grounds that the church held its services in a building which was not licensed for that purpose. The church, which served some 2,000 people, was the second Protestant organization adversely affected by a government ruling in a week.

Observers attributed these actions to the accusations that Protestant missionaries in Angola were aiding native insurgents against Portuguese authorities there.

### Growth of Catholic Power Noted In Mexico

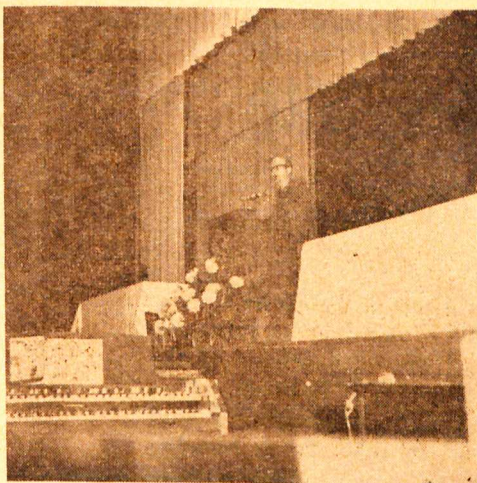
Puebla, Mexico (MNS)—The government university here has become infiltrated with a group of Catholic professors who also teach at the Colegio Jacinto Benavente. The activities of these men in forcing students of this government institution to attend mass, under threat of expulsion, have raised serious questions, but the central government has refused to intervene. Student reaction against the intolerance was so violent that it required the passive intervention of the army.

This maneuver to get control in the university is believed to be part of an experiment designed to feel out the federal government to see how far it will allow the Roman Catholic Church to infringe upon the Constitution's provisions for religious freedom.

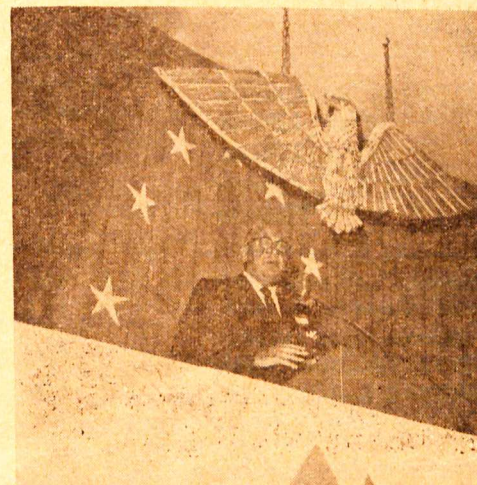
From the capital city the Secretary of Government expressed the opinion that the problem was exclusively within the jurisdiction of the university and refused to intervene. The governor of the State of Puebla accepted the position of the central government and refused to take action. Apparently unable to cope with the situation, the rector of the university resigned.



Rev. Benito Rodriguez addresses the Laymen's Breakfast crowd. He came from Cuba to attend the National Convention.



Rev. Fred Hersey, on furlough from Japan speaks at the W. N. A. C.



Mr. T. L. McCully who is the father of martyred missionary Ed McCully was the main speaker at the Laymen's Breakfast. Ed McCully was one of the five men who were murdered by the Auca Indian tribe as they attempted to reach the unreached with the gospel.



Rev. D. L. Whaley

### LEE WHALEY WRITES . . .

Box 277  
Anchorage, Alaska  
July 12, 1961

Dear Christian Friends:

It is always such a blessing to receive a report from the Home Mission office of who have stood behind the Alaska Mission effort for the previous month. Truly we are grateful to God and you for making our ministry possible, for as you fulfill your part in "sending," then we are able to do our part in "going." Thank you so very much and may the Lord bless your gift abundantly.

We feel encouraged in the work and the Lord continues to bless. We are now planning our Vacation Bible School for the first week in August, followed by a revival effort with Bro. Wade Jernigan, a member of our Mission Board doing the preaching. We covet your prayers for these undertakings that God might work in a wonderful way.

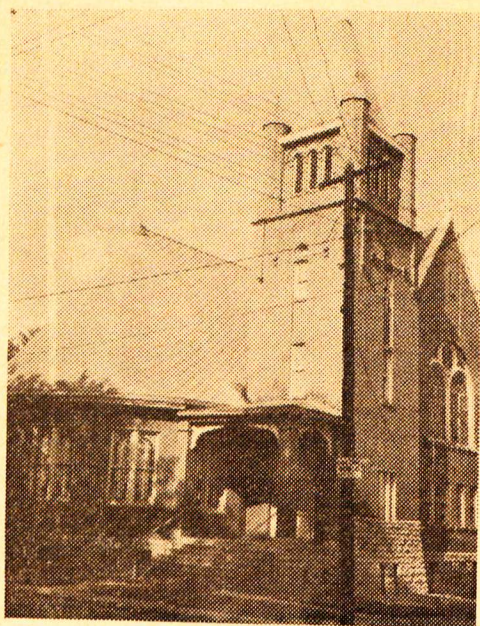
Remember, we are always happy to hear from you and we count on your consistent prayers for our labor.

Yours in the bonds of  
Alaskan Missions,  
D. L. Whaley

### Navigators Make Follow-Up Material Available

Colorado Springs (MNS) — The Navigators have released a price list of Scripture memorization aids and other follow-up materials which are now available to Christian workers. Requests for the price list may be sent to The Navigators, Colorado Springs, Colorado.





## Convention Site

August 21-24

Pictured above is the First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri, 305 W. Columbia St., Farmington, Missouri. This is the site of the 48th session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. (See last month's issue of the **Gem** for the program.) Listed below are some restaurants and motels. Some housing will be provided in private homes. Each person will be responsible for their own meals.

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### LIST OF CAFES AND MOTELS

#### Cafes

L. C.'s Grill .....	205 W. Liberty
Donahue's Cafe .....	9 W. Liberty
Rustic Rock Cafe .....	210 E. Liberty
Home Cafeteria .....	24 E. Columbia
White Way Cafe .....	3. S. Jackson
City Cafe .....	8 S. Jackson
Coffee Shop .....	127 N. Washington
Wanda's Drive-Inn .....	St. Genevieve Ave.
	Across from Airport
Ozark Village .....	67-32 Junction South
Chuck Wagon .....	67-32 Junction South
Johnny's Cafe .....	67 By-Pass
Shell Chateau .....	67 By-Pass

#### Motels

Ozark Village	
Friendly Motel .....	Highway 67, South
67 Motel	
Junction City Motel .....	Highway 67, North,
	8 miles at Leadington
Roseners Motel	

### MY COMMITMENT TO CHRIST (Continued from Page 7)

You have given words of comfort to a bereaved family. You have visited the hospitals and after reading the Scriptures and having prayer, left the sick person with a smile of hope and faith in God for a speedy recovery. You helped a teen-ager get on the right track and all in all it has been a full but successful day.

But why did you do it? Why did you put in all those hours rushing from one appointment to another? Why did you knock on doors? Was it out of love for Jesus or for self praise and glory? Why do you want your Sunday School to grow? To glorify God and win souls or to keep up with the brother minister and his church? We must be honest with ourselves and with God. We must be able to say with John the Baptist, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

John explained to his disciples that He was not the Christ but only sent to prepare the way for the Christ. He used as illustration the wedding ceremony where the friend of the bridegroom hands the bride over to the groom and when the voice of the groom is heard the friend steps out of the spotlight and rejoices. John was not striking a note of defeat but of victory that his task had been accomplished. The service to God had been rendered and now he is stepping off the scene and giving place to Jesus.

Our task is not to win men to ourselves but to Jesus, not to our church but to Jesus. We are to exalt Him in our preaching. Men must not see the preacher but Jesus. Many preachers are building empires in their glory as did the builders of Babel and making Jesus sit on the back pew.

I believe that if we had the proper love for Jesus we would have the proper love for each other. If we get our motive for service in its proper place, I do believe we could settle many local church differences and many denominational differences. If we love Jesus we would not be jealous of a brother pastor whose church is growing faster than our own.

The results of my full commitment to Christ is that the Father will love me and will make His abode with me. Isn't this a wonderful thought that the Father will make His abode with us in time of trials, temptations, testings? If He is on our side how can we be defeated? Christ loves us more than  
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# Missouri State Sunday School and League Conference August 21, 22 Farmington, Mo.

Fellow Free Will Baptists,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. As secretary-treasurer of the State Sunday School and League Board it is my happy privilege to invite you to one of the finest Sunday School and League Conferences that Missouri has ever had. Fine preaching and down-to-earth workshops will be the highlights of this space age year of 1961.

Blast off time for this Conference is 7:45 p. m., August 21, with an evangelistic rally at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington. A message from outer space direct from the throne of God with Rev. Joe Ange, pastor of Central Free Will Baptist, Detroit, Michigan; as the messenger will highlight Monday evening's activities. Rev. Ange is one of the finest preachers in our denomination; you will regret it if you miss hearing this man of God.

Tuesday morning, 9:40 a. m., is set as re-entry time when we shall face squarely the problems of your Sunday School and League with nine wonderful workshops designed to meet the needs of your group. Make plans now to attend this year's conference.

In His Service,

R. B. Spurgeon, Sec. -Treas.

## PROGRAM OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONFERENCE

August 21, 1961

7:45 P. M.—Congregational Singing with Rev. Burton and Mrs. Denton.

Welcome—Paul Clay.

Response—Albert Halbrook.

Special Music—Choir of Fellowship Church.

Announcements—R. B. Spurgeon.

Solo—Mrs. Fred Huett.

Introduction of speaker by James E. Rapier.

Message—Rev. Joe Ange.

Benediction.

August 22, 1961

9:40 A. M.—Congregational Singing with Rev. Burton and Mrs. Denton.

Devotional—Glen Rehkop.

Special Music.

Workshops:

1. "Techniques for Building League Attendance"—Joe Ange.

2. "Social Activities in the League"—R. B. Spurgeon.

3. "Organization of the League and Hints for League Officers"—O. T. Dixon.

10:50 A. M.—Recess.

11:00 A. M.—Workshops:

1. "Sunday School Lesson Preparation"—James E. Rapier.

2. "Visitation by the Sunday School"—Joe Ange.

3. "Evangelism in the Sunday School."—Mrs. Lester Jones.

11:50 A. M.—Dismiss for Lunch.

1:15 P. M.—Congregational Singing with Rev. Burton and Mrs. Denton.

Devotional—Keith Johnson.

Special Music.

1:30 P. M. Workshops:

1. "Promotion and Development of the Sunday School"—Roger Reeds.

2. "Sunday School Worker's Council"—Joe Ange.

3. "The General Assembly of the Sunday School"—Clarence Burton.

2:20 P. M.—Recess.

2:30 P. M.—Intermediate Sword Drill Contest.

3:00 P. M.—Benediction.

We sincerely hope you will enjoy this conference and that you will be inspired to go back to your Sunday School and League and do great things for the Lord Jesus. God bless you.

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## PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

Rev. Joe Ange—Pastor, Central Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. Clarence Burton—Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Fredericktown, Missouri.

Mrs. Denton—Musician at Farmington Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. O. T. Dixon—Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Rev. Albert Halbrook—Pastor, Mine La Motte Free Will Baptist Church, Mine La Motte.

Mrs. Fred Huett—Renders special music at the Third Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. Keith Johnson—Student at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Mrs. Lester Jones—Former study course chairman of National Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Rev. James E. Rapier—Pastor, Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo.

Rev. Glen Rehkop—Pastor, Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon—Pastor, Third Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Rev. Roger Reeds—Pastor, South Side Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Paul Clay—Member, Farmington Free Will Baptist Church.

## MY COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

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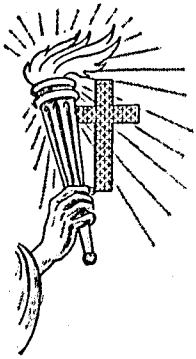
anything else of His creation. He loved us when we were sinners, without strength, even when we were enemies. Even when we hurt Him with our unconcern He loved us.

Brethren, if we will learn self-denial, surrender and serve Christ with love, we shall see a difference in our local church, our state associations, our National Association and our fellowship with each other. God can and will work miracles in us and through us if we will get in a position where He can use us. The glorious privilege is ours to take the Gospel to a lost world. Will we be faithful in our commitment to Christ? How can we give anything less to Him than our all?

(The following is the Methodist Covenant of Consecration:) "I am no longer my own, but Thine. Put me to what Thou wilt; rank me with whom Thou wilt; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for Thee or laid aside for Thee, exalted for Thee or brought low for Thee; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy disposal and pleasure."

Commitment to Christ is costly and even a bit frightening, but it is necessary if we are to be where God can use us. Are we willing to say to Christ, "My all for Thee"?





# Woman's Auxiliary

## FROM LEADINGTON:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church met June 29, 1961 for the last study in the Co-Laborer for the quarter. Our meeting was later in the month on account of Vacation Bible School being held at the church. Our meeting was opened by prayer. The theme for our study was "What Does the Book Say?" Topics were as follows: Topic I, "Bible Teachings on Missions." We know the Bible is a Book of Missions from first to last. It has always been God's will and desire that all people hear of His plan of salvation and accept Jesus as their Saviour. He gave this message to the people, through Noah, through the Israelites, to the Egyptians, through Daniel, and the three Hebrew children and many other instances in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, the four Gospel writers were missionaries, for they were led of the Holy Spirit as they wrote. We haven't space to tell of all of them, but I am sure we all remember the greatest missionary, other than Jesus Himself, who was Paul the great messenger to the Gentiles. The Bible and Missions surely go together. Topic II. "The Bible Teaches that Missions is the One Business of the Church." Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He uttered the words in Acts 1:7-9, His last command. Topic III. "The Bible Teaches What I Can Do—Praying." There is no doubt that we women of the Auxiliary can take on the responsibility of evangelizing the world by faithful prayer. Topic IV. "The Bible Teaches What I Can Do—Giving." A true Christian desires to see souls saved and therefore they are willing to give to that end. Read Mark 8:36. Topic V. "The Bible Teaches What I Can Do—Going." Let us pray that some young, dedicated couple in our own church will hear the call to become missionaries. We who are too old to go, can work faithfully, and pray others into the harvest fields. All these topics were discussed in our last meeting by the members who were

present and I am sure as we left the meeting, we felt a deeper purpose in our hearts to pray, give and help send others to the Lord's harvest fields. Our project for this year is helping in the work in Africa. Pray for us.

Anna Lincoln, Cor. -Sec.

## FROM THAYER:

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met at the church on Tuesday evening June 27th at 7:30 for the regular meeting, with 13 members present. Opening song, "Revive Us Again." Prayer by Lorene Pohnert and Clara Allen. Scripture reading, John 4:34, Rev. 7:9-10. All officers gave good reports. A vote of thanks was extended to Bro. and Sis. Bostic for their planning and supervision of a successful Bible School. We also voted to pay \$10.00 on Sis. Bostic's expense to youth camp. New officers were elected for the coming year. They are: President, Lorene Pohnert; vice president, Helen Underwood; Youth chairman, Sis. Maxine Bostic; Study Course chairman, Gean Lau; Program Prayer chairman, Phyllis Miller; Personal Service chairman, Elsie Worel; recording secretary, Charlene Janes; corresponding secretary, Nettie Bennett; treasurer, Clara Allen; song leader, Ina Bennett. Business meeting closed with prayer by Helen Underwood. The program, "What Does the Bible Say?" was given by Charlene Janes, Dorlene Fields, Clara Allen, Lorene Pohnert and Elsie Worel. Closing prayer was offered by Ina Bennett. At the close of the meeting a fellowship and refreshments were had in the church dining room.

Helen Underwood, Cor. -Sec.

## FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church met July 11th for our regular meeting. We had 10 members and 2 visitors present. Opening song, "I Want to Be a Worker." Scripture reading by president,

Claudia Combs, reading from I Cor. 4 and I Peter 4. Prayer by Eudeen Adkisson. We had a very interesting lesson on the Stewardship of our Denomination. Topic I was given by Addie Adkisson, Hattie Sims, Ella James, Geneva Henry and Louise Lewis. Topic II by Claudia Combs and Rachel Murrey. Topic III by Effie Lou Moss. Each officer gave good reports. July 26th at 7:00 was set as Study Course date, studying on "Evangelism." Due to the ladies who were attending a singing school we postponed our election of officers until August. We did elect Ella James, Beulah Gilliam, and Ruby Blankenship for Nomination Committee. We gained one new member, Geneva Henry. Dismissed by Effie Lou Moss.

Hattie Sims, Cor. -Sec.

## FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church met at the church on July 6th with 14 members and 2 children present. Services were opened by song, "I Gave My Life for Thee." Prayer by Ruth Wilfong. Scripture was read by Edith Brooks, I Cor. 4:1-2 and I Peter 4:7-11. Our president then took charge of the business which was electing our officers for the coming year. They are as follows: President, Bernice Dodd; vice president, Ruth Wilfong; Study Course chairman, Doris Raper; Program Prayer chairman, Edith Brooks; Youth chairman, Wanda Ragsdale; Personal Service chairman, Zelma Barker; recording secretary, Katy LaBrot; corresponding secretary, Della Getz; assistant recording secretary, Minnie Burcham; Social Service, Josie Johnson, Ollie Smith and Anna Eden.

Service was turned over to Edith Brooks for our study in our Year Book which was, "Stewards for Denominational Loyalty." Dismissed by Della Getz.

Della Getz, Cor. -Sec.



## Statement Adopted by the National Association Relative to the Church Government Issue

One of the distinguishing characteristics of all Baptist groups has been their democratic form of government. Almost without exception, Baptist bodies have adhered to this form of church government. Free Will Baptists are no exception. However, in these days of changing outlooks and methods, it appears that in certain areas of the Free Will Baptist Church there is a definite deviation from congregational government. In the light of this fact, we recommend that the National Association of Free Will Baptists reaffirm its position relative to church government with the adoption of the following statement.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists believes now, as it has always believed, in the independence of the local church; holding that "the local church is an independent body, so far as it relates to its own government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members," and these rights cannot be denied the local church by any other organization within or without the denomination.

The local church has every right to hold and retain title to all property owned by it. A board of trustees, elected for this purpose shall be invested with authority from the church to make proper and legal transactions, subject to the will and order of the church, and they shall be the custodians of all such documents. Free Will Baptist churches are to be discouraged from surrendering any of these rights to any other organization under any circumstances.

Free Will Baptist churches have the right to employ any Free Will Baptist minister as pastor, who is in good standing with the denomination, regardless of his place of residence. It is understood that this right cannot properly be denied any local church by any subsequent action of a quarterly meeting, yearly meeting, district association, national association, or any other group. Free Will Baptist churches are to be discouraged from employing ministers who are not Free Will Baptists or Free Will Baptist ministers who are not in good standing with the association in which they have membership.

We recognize the value of Free Will Baptist churches coming together for the

purpose of mutual fellowship and endeavor and the establishment of proper organization for the unifying of our purposes and the accomplishment of our goals. However, we also recognize the dangers inherent in organizational machinery which is too cumbersome and complicated, or which tends to destroy congregational government, investing undue power in the hands of a few. Such organization makes subjects of those who come under it and consequently throttles the democratic processes of church government which we hold dear.

We are unalterably opposed to any organizational machinery within our denomination at any level that would bring pressure to bear on any group or individual who could not or would not conform to set patterns other than that prescribed in the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Therefore, we strongly urge each Free Will Baptist church within our denomination to steadfastly resist any effort on the part of a quarterly meeting, district association or conference, state association, national association, or any other body to take from the local church its inherent and Scriptural rights as an autonomous body.

It is granted that in instances where a church has violated its covenant, become heretical or corrupt in practice, the quarterly meeting may investigate the matter, and after suitable labor, withdraw fellowship if the situation cannot be resolved. It is understood that to withdraw fellowship is the only form of discipline which may be brought against a local church since the final disposition of any matter within a church must be decided by the majority.

That further from our own experience and observations as Original Free Will Baptist ministers, we know that it is generally accepted and understood not only by us as ministers but also by members of our congregations that the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina operate under a connectional form of church government not only by virtue of long established customs, practices, and usages, but also as a result of our Statement of Faith and Discipline 1955 revision, Sections entitled, "Church Covenant" page 42; "Organization of a Church" page 44; "Pastor" page 46; "The Ministry"

page 47 and 48; "Independence of Churches" page 52 and 53; "Constitution and By-Laws" pages 53, 54, 55, 56. (Orders 4736, 4737, 4738)

And, whereas, on the basis of the above claim, with others, His Honor Clawson L. Williams, Sr., Judge presiding at the Superior Court of Durham County, Durham, North Carolina, issued an order which reads in part as follows:

That the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina had their beginning in this State in the year 1727 with the establishment of a church of this denomination by Paul Palmer in Perquimans County, North Carolina. That there are three churches now in existence which were founded by Reverend Palmer. That the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina are the oldest and largest state group in the United States now numbering some 50,000. That this denomination has historically differed from other Baptist denominations in that they have been more connectional in their church government as will be hereinafter set forth in more detail.

That between the plaintiff and the defended there is a connectional form of church government based upon their printed Statement of Faith and Discipline and the customs, practices and usages of this denomination. (Order 4736)

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Association of Free Will Baptists request the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina to repudiate any and all forms of connectional church government and reaffirm its position in our historic and established form of congregational church government as set forth in the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists at its next regular session. It is to be understood that no state, district association, or other body affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists has the right to establish its own form of church government by virtue of the PROVISION AND CLAIM, page 39, section 1, of the National Treatise. This provision permits states, district associations, or other bodies to adhere to established usages and customs only in the election of representatives and delegates to said state or district body.



# LETTERS *to the Editor*

Richwoods, Mo.

July 5, 1961

Dear Co-Workers,

With joyful and thankful hearts we greet you in Jesus' name from the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church. The Lord is being so good to us we can't thank Him enough. On June 17 we held our annual Sunday School picnic at Washington State Park with about 50 attending. We arrived at the park about 10:00 a. m. to begin the activities of the day. Games were played and the women of the church brought well filled baskets of delicious food that was served at noon. Bro. and Sis. Don Woods and family of Desoto, Missouri, and Radella Roach of Desloge, Missouri were our guests and we were so happy to have them. The Assembly of God Sunday School was having their picnic also. They joined in the ball game with our boys and girls in the afternoon. All reported a wonderful time playing and fellowshiping together and felt it was good to be together this day.

On June 18 the Lord sent Rev. Gaylord Huckaba, whom we elected pastor of our church. We feel God chose the right shepherd to lead His flock at Richwoods.

Sis. Betty Sohn and 4 of our Sunday School children attended the Youth Camp session and reported a wonderful time in the Lord. We are very thankful for our Youth Camp where our young people can go each year and receive Christian training. We thank God for all the faithful people who make it possible to have our youth camp. We are living in perilous times so it must needs be we Christians had better be about our Heavenly Father's business. We must work while it is day because the night will soon come when we can't work. We must do all we can to win souls for Christ.

We ask everyone to pray for the people at Richwoods. Pray for the Lord's work here.

In Christian Love,

Sophia Ackesson, Reporter

Desloge, Mo

July 24, 1961

Dear Bro. Reeds and Gem Readers,

Again we greet you from the Parkview F. W. B. Church with thankful

hearts for so many rich blessings from our wonderful Saviour. We are so happy to see our church growing and so filled with the Holy Spirit. We had our annual election of church, Sunday School, and League officers, Saturday, July 22. We thank God we can meet in groups such as this to transact His business in unity and love under the leadership of the Spirit. I'm sure we all agree that any church must be filled and led by the Holy Spirit or it would be as the fields without rain—slowly die. I can't say too often how proud we are of our church and its growth under the leadership of our good pastor, Rev. Elmer Turnbough.

Since our last writing we have had seven to unite with our church. On the first Sunday in August we will have an old fashioned baptizing at the river. There is nothing more joyful to a Christian than to stand on the river bank and see a fellow Christian follow our Lord in baptism.

We are sad to report one of our members, Mrs. Toney Buxton, passed away since our last writing. She had been a member for many years but due to a bad arthritic condition she had been unable to attend services for quite some time.

Pray for us here at Parkview. There are great numbers here in our community who need Christ so badly. Pray that we will have a greater vision for the lost. Man seems to have a vision in these days of reaching the moon. But thanks be to God the Christian is aiming much higher than the moon. Pray that our aim will grow brighter each day.

Blessings to All,

Hazel Morris, Reporter

Huntsville, Texas

July 21, 1961

Dear Bro. Reeds,

I am sending in my first report on "Prayer and Fast Moved" from our church and I hope to have more next month. I do pray that every pastor will put this before his church. The plan is to get as many as you can to do without breakfast every first Sunday in each month and send contributions to our National Treasurer. Send it like you do all your money. The treasurer can allocate it as they do other money,

or use it as they see fit. I feel that we have a good board and that they will use it to the very best of their ability and to the glory of God and if a person can't fast just give the price of your breakfast each time. This will be slow but don't get discouraged, it will eventually bring in thousands of dollars each month. Huntsville is no more than a mission point and we will get more next month. We sent in the amount of \$6.00, with 7 in number. May God bless all that reads this. Join me in prayer that it will be a great success.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams

Oak Hill Free Will

Baptist Church

July 27, 1961

Dear Rev. Reeds:

The Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church of the Saco, Missouri community is happy to report a two week revival, under the evangelistic ministry of Rev. Lloyd Durbin. Wonderful gospel music was also rendered by Rev. Durbin, his wife and members of their family. Our church will cherish these who gave so much of themselves in the labor of our Lord. God richly blessed our revival. We had the joy of seeing an entire family, father, mother, son, and daughter surrender their hearts and lives to Christ. In addition to this family we had one of our Juniors come for baptism and membership and 4 additions to the church by letter and statement. Our hearts have been humbled and uplifted as lives have made decisions for Christ and a new zeal for fruitful labor has been sparked in all.

A church choir is being organized with weekly practice sessions following our Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Plans are being made for the establishment of a League Program for the entire church. We ask your prayers for our endeavors. We are praising God for a Saviour who so abundantly blesses.

Following a fellowship dinner, baptismal services will be conducted by Rev. George Hibbitts, pastor of the church on Sunday, July 30th at 2:00 p. m.

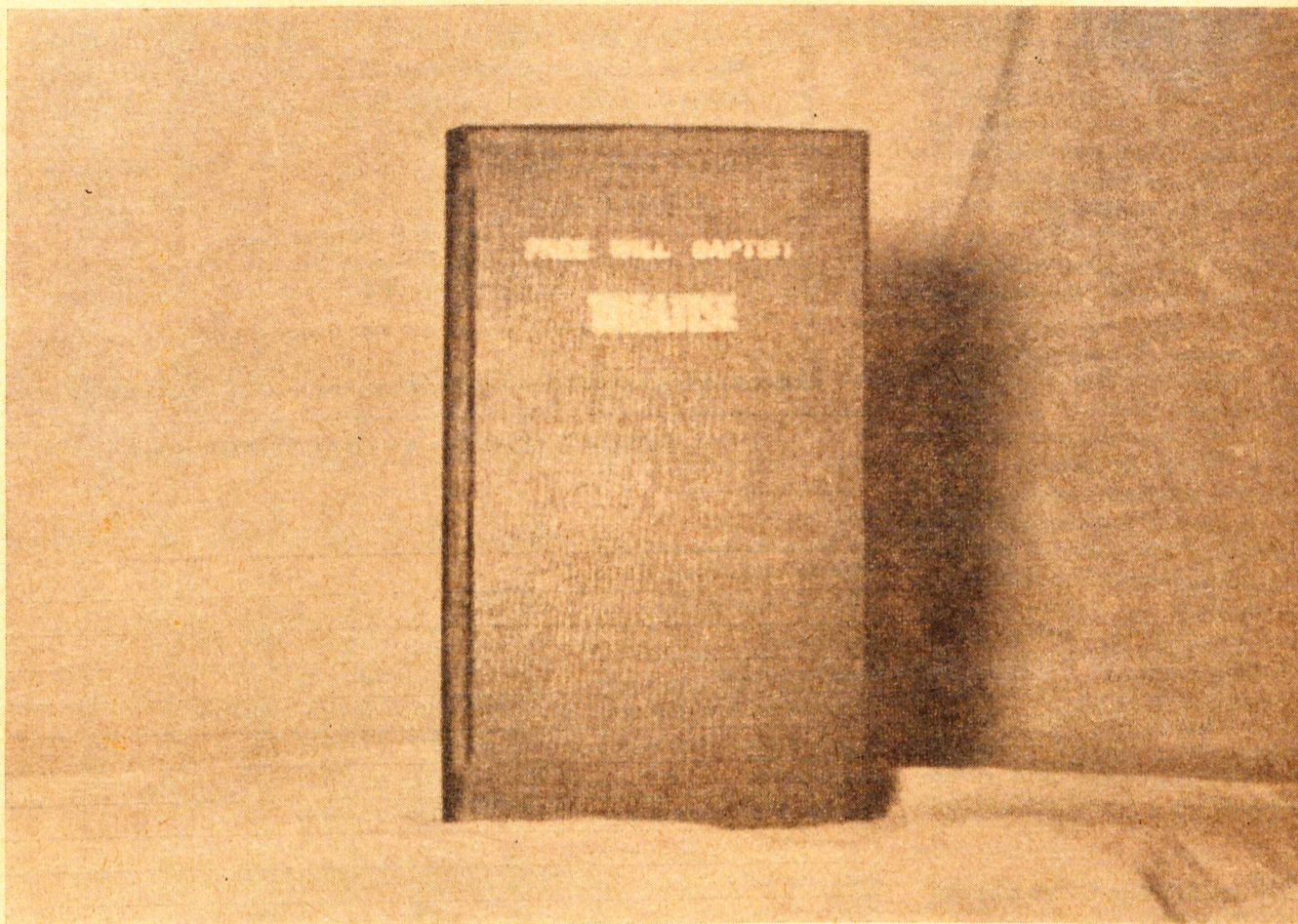
Donna Hale, Cor.



Havana, Cuba (MNS) — Twenty-two Methodist schools have been taken over by the Cuban government, according to a report reaching the Methodist Board of Missions. Among the schools affected was the new Chandler University here. Some 5,000 students were enrolled in the 22 schools which have been nationalized.

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