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Free Will Baptist Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the Will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholiness conforming to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak.

We encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Applauds Polity Committee

"While reading my August issue of CONTACT I was pleased to see that the convention elected a Polity Committee to study questions of organization and policy. It seems imperative that we adopt a standard for uniformity among us on the national, state, district and local levels in church government and policy.

"I think our greatest need at present is a standard for the licensing and ordaining of ministers. I am sure that due to the fact we have no set standard of qualifications for the ministry we have been led to the reception of too large a portion of such as offered themselves, and there is no doubt that in some instances we have been betrayed into an unwise course."—Rev. W. A. Carnett, National City, Calif.

Answer to Problem

"Enclosed is our first contribution (\$30.00) to the national association. We will send a like amount monthly. I am glad that Free Will Baptists are getting their program geared to meet the demands of this modern day. I believe the Cooperative Plan of Support is the answer to our problem.

"Ours is a new church and, of course, small; but each of our members is gratified to know that through this program they can have a small part in the work of each department of our denomination."—Rev. Dale Munkus, Tulsa, Okla.

Florida Revival

"Rev. and Mrs. James Earl Raper conducted the greatest revival known in recent years in this section at Panther Creek church. One of the converts was an old man 85 years old. Revival fires are still blazing. Prayer meeting nights are like camp meeting time."—Rev. Rufus Hyman, Solcomb, Ala.

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Personally . . .

A spiritual atomic bomb exploded in Nashville this month, and while the destruction of sin was by no means complete there was little doubt in anybody's mind that the Gospel explosion had made a tremendous impact on this religious, cultural, and educational center.

The trigger man for all of this was Billy Graham, America's number one evangelist, who was rested and fresh after his strenuous months in Britain. The response to the man of God and his message ranged all the way from antagonism shown by some Church of Christ groups to enthusiastic reception in Baptist circles. In whichever extreme people found themselves, however, few could remain indifferent. The claims of Christ were driven to the hearts of Nashvillians by radio, television, newspapers, and personal testimony.

Local Free Will Baptist churches cooperated in the campaign and many members and Bible college students assisted in the work (see story on page 5). It was my privilege to attend a number of the services, which were held in Vanderbilt stadium, and I would like to share with CONTACT readers some of my impressions of the man, the methods, and the message.

I was impressed, first of all, by the cooperation of local churches. Mr. Graham does not accept an invitation to come to a city unless a majority of the churches will cooperate. Practically every major religious group in the city, except the Churches of Christ and Roman Catholics, gave official endorsement to the campaign. Even modernistic groups, which certainly have had very little of his type of preaching, joined in the campaign enthusiastically.

The advertising was impressive. Every medium of advertising was used effectively. There were the usual advertising pieces on billboards and in store windows, but the daily newspaper coverage was a major factor in the success of the campaign. Every day both Nashville papers carried complete accounts of the services with pictures and sidelight stories. The *Nashville Banner* carried the complete text of each message and numbers living outside the city of Nashville accepted Christ by reading the sermons. One of the reporters attending the services for a story was convicted and saved and wrote the story of his own conversion. There can be no doubt that religion is still news!

One could not help but be impressed by

the reverence of the tremendous crowds. You would think that bedlam would be the result of an average nightly attendance of 20,25,000 in a football stadium, but the congregation was as still and quiet as if they had been in a carpeted sanctuary. During the invitation you could have heard the proverbial pin drop as the Holy Spirit solemnized the entire atmosphere of that huge outdoor theater. And during the entire service there were fewer people who left the stands for a drink of water or other reasons than in one of our average congregations.

The imposing figure of the evangelist preaching as a dying man to dying men was an impressive scene. I had heard it said many times that Billy Graham is not a great preacher. It all depends on what you mean by "great." It is true that he has no spectacular message. He has no "circus" demonstrations. He hangs no flowers on his sermons. BUT HE DOES PREACH CHRIST, and the Bible is emphatic that this alone is the power of God unto salvation! He strides across the platform and gestures vigorously as he lays bare his heart in the message of repentance of sin and faith in Christ. Certainly he is not "great" in himself. But he is great, and his greatness comes from the fact that God has chosen to use the weak things of the earth to confound the mighty.

What Mr. Graham preached was impressive. Truly, it was the same message that Free Will Baptists have been preaching for generations. He preached on none of the so-called "popular" subjects. His sermons dealt with adultery, lying, cheating, unholy living, the judgment of God, hell, etc., and yet what he preached became "popular" in that hundreds of people streamed down from the stands nightly onto the playing field of the stadium repenting of sin and receiving Christ. And the very fact that thousands packed the stadium every night is proof that the people don't want to be told how good they are, but how bad sin is and how good a man can become through Christ Jesus.

One other impressive thing was the absence of coercion during the invitation. Some have apparently believed that the way to get people is to beg, plead, tug, threaten, wheedle, and coerce. When Mr. Graham had finished his sermon he stood quietly on the platform as the 1,500 voice choir sang "Just As I Am" and watched the hundreds make their way out of the stands. Some came crying, others were calm; some walked across the turf at a fast pace, others came slowly; but they all came because the Holy Spirit had spoken to their hearts and not because of a human emotional appeal.

Why write all of this? Re-read it with our own evangelistic methods and messages in mind. Do we need to make some changes?

The Church vs. Satan

That we live in the last days few people would dispute. All signs positively point to it, including a sign which may not be readily observed. These last days are marked with new manifestations of Satanic power. This should come as no surprise to the Christian, for Paul predicted it centuries ago.

He wrote: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God . . . Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (II Thessalonians 2:3-4, 9).

The Bible warns that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Satan's Kingdom

The enemy has not only his kingdom, but also his organized government. We read of "Satan's throne" where he dwells, of his "ministers", of his "principalities and powers", and of his hosts or "spirits of evil" in the heavens. It appears, therefore, that Satan reigns over an aerial kingdom of hierarchies and spiritual powers and a kingdom on earth in the world of men which he governs by means of organization.

The Church is a fighting force against Satan and his evil cohorts. From the beginning the followers of Christ, and even the Lord himself, have had a battle on their hands. We are not to minimize the strength of the foe. Satan has his angels, demons, and wicked spirits. These chose to follow him when he rebelled against God. Satan is strong—he is mighty, but he is not Almighty!

The Church needs to become aggressive against him in the name and power of the Almighty. Jesus is not a weakling! Many seem to think of the Master as effeminate and mild. He is meek, but not weak! Perhaps we need to read again of how he appeared when Isaiah saw him in the temple or when the Apostle John saw him on a Mediterranean island. Never has there been one with equal courage of the Son of God.

Our Weapons Are Mighty

We have a commander, we have weapons, and we have armor. God has given us the weapons and they are mighty, not carnal—mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds.

The armor, which is catalogued in Ephe-

Mrs. Emma Moore

Springfield, Illinois

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sians 6, is all spiritual. It consists of truth in the mind, righteousness in the heart, steadfastness of purpose, the helmet of salvation—all for protection

The Church has too long been on the defensive, offering only passive resistance. This lack of aggressiveness has sapped our needed power as a fighting force. We need to go out in spiritual conquest for God and take the offensive for we have consistently lost ground before the onslaughts of the enemy by our defensive tactics.

## Gain the Offensive

There are three scriptural ways of taking the offensive away from the devil. The first of these is prayer to God for the dislodging of evil spirits. When the disciples had failed to heal a possessed man, Jesus assured them that "this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (Matthew 17:21). We need prayer for the utterance of the truth and prayer for the liberty of the messenger of

God. Any child of God can use this mighty weapon. How we need to take it out of mothballs and press the attack.

Secondly, we can take the offensive by continuing in the Word of God. John said, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (I John 2:14b). The Word is the sword of the Spirit and is powerful and sharp, cutting two ways—to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and the joints and marrow. The Bible says that the Word is also a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

## Satan Is Hindered

Thirdly, we need to take the shield of faith in this conflict to keep back the fiery darts of the wicked ones.

But the use of these weapons is never easy for the devil tries all his tricks to keep us from them. There is a hinderer to prayer. An illustration of this is seen from Daniel 10 where the answer to the prophet's prayer is delayed when the prince of Persia withstood the angel of God (angels are sent to minister to those who are the heirs of salvation) for twenty-one days.

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# The Church vs. Satan

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There are also hinderers to the Word of God. Jesus said: "When anyone heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart" (Matthew 13:19). Sometimes Satan hinders the messengers of God. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "I would have come to you once and again, but Satan hindered us."

## Bible Tells of Conflict

In each case the hindered is to be met, resisted, and conquered. Our weapons, remember, are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Some of these strongholds are in the minds of men for the Scriptures say that the minds and understanding of men have been darkened and deluded by Satan, the god of this world.

But the prayer of faith can bind the "strong man" as well as loose the ensnared believer. By correcting in the spirit of meekness, instead of quarreling, many may be recovered from the snare of the devil, Paul wrote to the young minister in II Timothy 2:24-26.

There are many words in the Bible that speak of conflict. A few among them are "wrestle," "strive," "contend," "fight," "resist," and "stand against." Jesus said, "I come to destroy the works of the devil," and the Church is to be co-laborers together with him.

## Press the Attack!

He promised, "Greater works than these shall ye do because I go to my Father." Why should we fear to press the attack when the Bible declares, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world"? The Spirit of our God is greater than any power the world knows, and he is ready to fill us, revive us, quicken us, and send us forth aflame in power.

What are we waiting for? God is our commander-in-chief. He will have obedience, each one in his place. "Forward!" is his order. Go! The battle is won!

**TARRY** with the living  
Christ each day  
**TRUST** in the living  
Christ each minute  
**TEACH** for the living  
Christ continually  
**TITHE** your income for  
the living Christ each week



# The Prayer Fellowship

C. F. Bowen, Director

Our thanks to Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, the popular pastor of Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan, for writing last month's Prayer Fellowship. At the suggestion of Rev. George Waggoner, who has supplied us with our Bible readings for Prayer Fellowship, we are using the readings listed in the *Senior-Adult Free Will Baptist League Quarterly*. In this way you will be sure to read your Bible readings for league. We thank Brother Waggoner for his help in the Prayer Fellowship

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*Fri., Oct. 8*—(Luke 7:18-35)—Pray for even greater response to the Cooperative Plan of Support in our denomination.

*Sat., Oct. 9*—(Read Sunday School Lesson Passages)—Pray for your pastor as he plans for tomorrow's services.

*Sun., Oct. 10*—(Luke 7:36 to 8:3)—Pray for your Sunday school teachers.

*Mon., Oct. 11*—(Luke 8:4-25)—Pray for the Tennessee Home for Children as it takes over new responsibilities (see September CONTACT, p. 4).

*Tues., Oct. 12*—(Luke 8:26-40)—Pray for the coming meeting of our denominational leaders December 14.

*Wed., Oct. 13*—(Luke 8:41 to 9:9)—Pray for Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mt. Allen Junior College.

*Thurs., Oct. 14*—(Luke 9:10-26)—Pray for the revivals being held in our churches this month.

*Fri., Oct. 15*—(Luke 9:37-62)—Pray for our home mission teams as they start their work.

*Sat., Oct. 16*—(Read Sunday School lesson passages)—Pray for your pastor again.

*Sun., Oct. 17*—(Luke 10:1-22)—Pray for your league officers.

*Mon., Oct. 18*—(Luke 10:23-42)—Pray for Rev. Ben Barrus, pastor of East Nashville Church and newly appointed news editor of CONTACT.

*Tues., Oct. 19*—(Luke 11:1-28)—Pray for all the new pastors as they enter the new fields to which God has called them.

*Wed., Oct. 20*—(Luke 11:29-54)—Pray for Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of our Bible College in Nashville.

*Thurs., Oct. 21*—(Luke 12:1-21)—Pray for our missionaries in Cuba.

*Fri., Oct. 22*—(Luke 12:22-48)—Pray for a great response to the "Chapels for Cuba" drive sponsored by the National League Board.

*Sat., Oct. 23*—(Read Sunday school lesson passages)—Pray again for your pastor as he plans tomorrow's services.

*Sun., Oct. 24*—(Luke 12:49 to 13:10)—Pray for your pastor as he preaches today.

*Mon., Oct. 25*—(Luke 13:10-30)—Pray for the aged ministers of our denomination.

*Tues., Oct. 26*—(Luke 13:31 to 14:14)—Pray for the sick and shutins in your community.

*Wed., Oct. 27*—(Luke 14:15-35)—Pray for the Calverys as they leave for their missionary work in Japan.

*Thurs., Oct. 28*—(Luke 15:1-10)—Pray for the missionary work of our church in Africa.

*Fri., Oct. 29*—(Luke 15:11-31)—Pray for the many state associations which are meeting this month.

*Sat., Oct. 30*—(Read Sunday school lesson passages)—Pray for your Sunday school teacher as he puts the finishing touches on the lesson for tomorrow.

*Sun., Oct. 31*—(Luke 16:1-18)—Pray again for your pastor.

*Mon., Nov. 1*—(Luke 16:19 to 17:10)—Pray for the teachers of Mt. Allen Junior College.

*Tues., Nov. 2*—(Luke 17:11-37)—Pray for the supply house project sponsored by the executive department of our denomination.

*Wed., Nov. 3*—(Luke 18:1-17)—Pray for the prayer meetings everywhere tonight.

*Thurs., Nov. 4*—(Luke 18:18-43)—Pray for the work of the National Sunday School Board now that it has set up an office in headquarters building.

*Fri., Nov. 5*—(Luke 19:1-27)—Pray for a sweeping revival in our churches.

*Sat., Nov. 6*—(Read Sunday school lesson passages)—Pray for your league officers.

*Sun., Nov. 7*—(Luke 19:28-48)—Pray for your pastor.

## Church Courtesy

There is a certain fitness of things which regular attendants upon the worship of God's house should ever bear in mind. We will mention a few:

1. Be early. What a testimony it would be in favor of the courts of the Lord's house if His people should so adjust everything as to be assembled a little before the appointed hour, for quiet meditation and prayer. What a rest it would be to body and mind and heart, and what a preparation for worship.

2. Bring Bibles. The church service should not be a place where one goes to while away an hour nor to be entertained by organist, choir and preacher. It is a place for active thought and prayerful consideration concerning the one Book. Every child ought to be taught to carry his Bible and to follow the preacher in the reading of the lesson and in all the references he may give.

3. If late, remain standing until the Scripture lesson is finished. No one would think of taking a seat while the minister is leading the congregation in prayer, that is, while he is talking to God. Is it any less irreverent to do so while God is speaking through His Word?

4. Take front seats. This may be a cross to some, but it will bring its reward. It is the best place for listening, and it commits one to a definite testimony before men and devils. It helps to stimulate one to a bold and aggressive spiritual position, it encourages the leader, it makes room for late comers and timid people who are not accustomed to churchgoing. The back seat often means physical timidity, then spiritual cowardice, then a backslidden state and at last the withdrawing from the church entirely.

5. Fix the mind on Christ. Instead of curiously gazing around and admiring or criticizing the architecture and the people and their dress and the general management and conditions, let the eyes be turned within to ascertain by prayerful self-examination the personal needs and then "seeing no man save Jesus only" pray unto Him and draw down an abundant supply, that out from the life there will flow rivers of living water for the refreshment of others.

6. Allow no conversation which is not in harmony with the subject, or the worship of the hour or with the place of meeting. Often Satan snatches away that which has been sown before the worshipper has left the house of worship. "We are not ignorant of his devices." Cordial greetings, especially with strangers, are always appropriate and helpful.

If these and similar rules would be observed by all Christian people in the Lord's house, we believe that great blessings would follow, both to the individual and to the whole congregation. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."



Rev. Ben Barrus pastor at East Nashville Free Will Baptist church, points out a special verse of Scripture which counselors in the Billy Graham campaign gave new converts to memorize. Shown above are a few of those from Nashville Free Will Baptist churches who assisted in the crusade. Seated, left to right, are Mary Elizabeth Griffith, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, and Olena Filkins. Standing are John Oliver and Mr. Barrus. Represented in the group are advisors, counselors, choir members, and office workers.

## Free Will Baptist Churches Support Billy Graham Campaign In Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Free Will Baptist churches in Nashville and throughout the middle Tennessee area joined with hundreds of sister churches during August and September, in perhaps the greatest evangelistic campaign ever held in the area.

The campaign was officially called the Greater Nashville Evangelistic Crusade, but to all it became the "Billy Graham campaign." Conducted by Mr. Graham and his team, the month-long campaign, which closed September 19, is still the main topic of conversation in the shops and offices of this area.

Services were held six nights a week and the total attendance was well over 600,000. This is three times as many people as live in the Nashville area. Thousands came in special delegations from all over Tennessee, as well as Kentucky and Alabama.

Decisions for Christ, which included those coming for acceptance of Christ, assurance of salvation, reaffirmation of faith, and dedication of lives, numbered over 8,000.

Pastors testified that spiritual fervor and church attendance soared, while tavern and night club operators complained that their business took a decided drop. Rev. J. L. Welch, pastor of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist church, said the spiritual uplift at his church was easily noticeable from the very first Sunday.

About fifty volunteer workers from Free Will Baptist churches and the Bible College assisted in the crusade. They served as advisors, counsellors, ushers, choir members, and office workers.

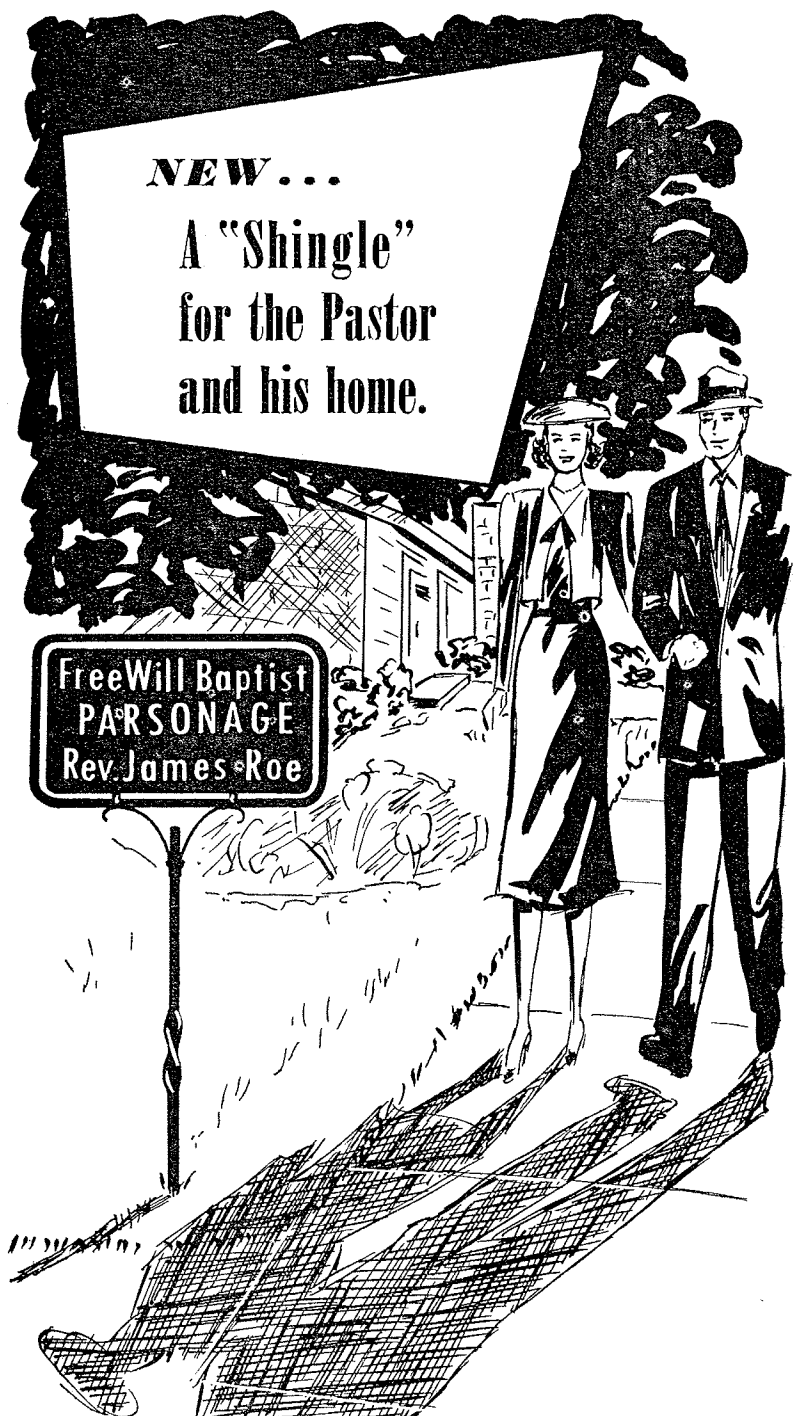
Rev. Ben Barrus, East Nashville pastor, served on a pastor's committee which selected the 500 counsellors who dealt with those coming forward each night. He also appeared on the platform and led prayer in one of the services, conducted a radio devotional program for the cottage prayer meetings, and led a thirty-minute portion of an all-night prayer meeting held at the First Presbyterian church during the last week of the crusade.

Free Will Baptist churches throughout the area reported additions and rededications as a result of the campaign. The last Sunday was designated by Mr. Graham as "Join the Church" Sunday, and new converts were urged to join and become active in a church of their choice.

Twice during the crusade the Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist church at Columbia, 40 miles away, chartered a special train coach and brought a large number of the congregation to the services.

As thousands of people came to know Christ all of the workers agreed that the results were worth every effort and sacrifice made to help bring to Nashville and middle Tennessee what Billy Graham calls "revival in our time."





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## Attendance Reported By Nineteen Churches

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Reports of Sunday school averages have begun a slow climb back to normal after a sharp drop during the summer months. From twelve churches last month, the reports have increased to nineteen for August. The editor confesses, however, that it will be a long climb to the goal of 100 churches reporting their monthly averages regularly.

The average attendance in Leagues will also be listed when reported, he said. Put both figures on a postcard along with the name of the church and send to CONTACT, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

August reports were as follows:

|                                   | S. S. | League |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|
| <b>ARKANSAS</b>                   |       |        |
| Phillips Chapel, Springdale ..... | 160   |        |
| Mt. Harmony, Saffell .....        | 75    | 35     |
| Greenbrier .....                  | 66    |        |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b>                 |       |        |
| First Church, Kerman .....        | 116   |        |
| <b>MISSISSIPPI</b>                |       |        |
| First Church, Columbus .....      | 131   |        |
| <b>MISSOURI</b>                   |       |        |
| Fredericktown .....               | 160   |        |
| Leadington .....                  | 106   |        |
| First Church, Monett .....        | 105   | 38     |
| Richwood .....                    | 82    | 33     |
| <b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>             |       |        |
| Hickory Chapel, Ahoskie .....     | 128   | 38     |
| <b>OKLAHOMA</b>                   |       |        |
| Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City ..... | 213   |        |
| Lawnwood, Tulsa .....             | 180   |        |
| Lewis Avenue, Tulsa .....         | 157   |        |
| Okmulgee .....                    | 48    | 19     |
| <b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>             |       |        |
| Lockhart .....                    | 157   | 14     |
| <b>TENNESSEE</b>                  |       |        |
| First Church, Elizabethton .....  | 199   |        |
| East Nashville, Nashville .....   | 148   | 53     |
| Bethlehem, Ashland City .....     | 126   |        |
| Oaklawn, Pleasant View .....      | 104   |        |



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## Quit!

Gossiping.  
Fidgeting.  
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Hairsplitting.  
Saying that fate is against you.  
Finding fault with the weather.  
Anticipating evils in the future.  
Pretending, and be your real self.  
Going around with a gloomy face.  
Faultfinding, nagging, and worrying.  
Taking offense where none is intended.  
Dwelling on fancied slights and wrongs.  
Talking big things and doing small ones.  
Scolding and flying into a passion over trifles.  
Boasting of what you can do instead of doing it.  
Thinking that life is a grind, and not worth living.  
Talking continually about yourself and your affairs.  
Depreciating yourself and making light of your abilities.  
Saying unkind things about acquaintances and friends.  
Exaggerating, and making mountains out of molehills.  
Lamenting the past, holding on to disagreeable experiences.  
Pitying yourself and bemoaning your lack of opportunities.  
Comparing yourself with others to your own disadvantage.  
Work once in a while, and take time to renew your energies.  
Waiting round for chance to turn up. Go and turn them up.  
Writing letters, when the blood is hot, which you may regret later.  
Thinking that all the good chances and opportunities are gone by.  
Thinking of yourself, to the exclusion of everything else and everyone else.  
Carping and criticizing. See the best rather than the worst in others.  
Dreaming that you would be happier in some other place or circumstances.  
Belittling those whom you envy because you feel that they are superior to yourself.  
Dilating on your pains and aches and misfortunes to everyone who will listen to you.  
Speculating as to what you would do in some one else's place, and do your best in your own.  
Gazing idly into the future, and dreaming about it instead of making the most of the present.  
Looking for opportunities hundreds or thousands of miles away, instead of right where you are.  
Longing for the good things that others have, instead of going to work and earning them for yourself. —*The Life-Line.*

## Receiving Christ as Saviour

What a deep satisfaction comes to those who take Christ as their Saviour! What peace of heart and joy of soul is theirs! Many who see the blessed Christian experience in the lives of others long to have it, but they do not know how to accept Christ.

To accept Christ is to receive him by faith for John wrote of his coming, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as *received* him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:11, 12). The Bible emphasizes the importance of taking hold of salvation. The psalmist says, "I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord . . ."

You cannot accept him until you believe that he is the Christ. We often read John 14 to revitalize our faith or to comfort the low in spirit, but hidden in these wonderful verses is a great evangelistic imperative: "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." All of the Jews believed in God, but many did not believe in His Son so he said, "Believe also in me."

Liberals today speak and write of Jesus as a "good man", but not as Saviour. Such logic is unreasonable and it is doubtful if they believe their own words. If the things which Christ said about his saving power

is not true, how can he be a good man? A good man doesn't lie. Intellectual honesty demands that if we believe he is a good man, we also believe that he is the Saviour of the world.

A Christian who was getting ready to attend a Bible conference asked an unsaved friend to go with him. As they started toward the conference grounds, the Christian began to speak to his friend about Christ. Soon the Holy Spirit put the man under conviction, and he expressed his desire to become a Christian.

"I know that I am lost and I believe the Bible, but still I don't have peace," he confessed to his Christian friend. At this point a bus drew up to the grounds.

"That bus is intended to carry everyone into the city, isn't it?" his friend asked, and followed with this question, "But does it carry everyone?" "No, only those who get into it," the convicted man answered. Scarcely had he said the words when the light came from heaven! "Now I see," he said. "Christ died to save all, but only those who accept him can be saved."

Dear sinner, accept Christ now! Take him as your Saviour! Receive him as your Lord! Else his death for sin is meaningless to you.  
—*Willard C. Day.*



## A Voice in the Wilderness

*Editor's note:* With Part Seven of "The Free Will Baptist Story," Mr. Dodd gave a brief biography of the man who blazed the trail for Free Will Baptists in the new country. His previous articles have shown the background events which led to the preaching of the distinctive message of free will, free grace, free salvation. CONTACT plans to issue the entire series of articles in book form when they have been concluded.

**Damon C. Dodd**

*Promotional Secretary*

*Home Mission Board*

Having come now in our Free Will Baptist story to the man who is regarded as the organizer of the first Free Will Baptist church, let us turn aside from history and regard this great man of God, Paul Palmer.

Benedict, the Baptist historian, states that Palmer was a native of Maryland but does not give a birthdate. He was baptized at Welsh Tract by Owen Thomas, the pastor of the church there, although he did not take membership there. His reason was that he was of the Arminian persuasion and the Welsh Tract church was Calvinistic, as is seen from the original records of the church which begin, "Welsh Tract Baptist meeting, professing believer's baptism, laying on of hands, election and *final perseverance in grace.*"

Edwards states that Palmer went to Connecticut for ordination and afterwards carried on a fruitful ministry in New Jersey and Maryland, eventually going to North Carolina where he started the Free Will Baptist movement.

### **Moves to Carolina**

In 1720 Palmer settled in Perquimans Precinct where by 1729 he had an estate of 964 acres. He married Johanna Laker Peterson, the widow of Thomas Peterson who at his death had left his wife and an infant daughter, Anne, and 400 acres of land, which was later sold for a goodly sum. Two children were born to Paul Palmer and his wife, a daughter named Martha and a son, Samuel.

The Palmers came into the public eye shortly after coming to Perquimans when they were brought into court on the charge of aiding and abetting in the stealing of a Negro from Thomas Crisp.

It seemed that the whole thing came above when Cush, a Negro belonging to

the Palmers, went to Mr. Crisp's plantation and brought away a negro named Sambo, along with all his equipment including a new bed spread, a coat, shirt, one pair of new leather breeches, new shoes, and one hat. It is said that the whole thing was carried out in broad daylight, that Cush drove a two-horse wagon, and that no effort at concealment was made.

### **Preaching Catches On**

In the trial that followed, one delay after another was had. Finally in March of 1722 the case was dismissed against Mr. and Mrs. Palmer because no witnesses appeared against them.

Neither of them lost anything by way of popular favor or reputation as a result of this incident. A year later Mr. Palmer was named on the permanent jury in Edenton in the same court that had exonerated him three years before.

It was several years before Palmer attracted any serious attention by his preaching. In 1726 he was already engaged in evangelistic efforts and his first field was in Chowan County, north of what is now Poplar Run, and extending to Warwick Swamp on the present boundary of Gates County.

### **Writes to Historian**

Reference to Mr. Palmer is made by Rev. John Comer, a graduate of both Harvard and Yale who wrote much on Baptist history. In getting this information he had correspondence with Palmer and the North Carolina Baptists. In his *Diary*, under date of September 27, 1729, this entry appears: "This day I received a letter from ye Baptist church in North Carolina, settled about two years (in ye year 1727) since, by Mr. Paul Palmer, signed by Paul Palmer, John Parker, John Jordan, Benjamin Evans, John Parker, John Brinkley, Michael Brinkley,

Thomas Darker, James Copeland, John Welch, Joseph Parke, William Copeland, Joseph Parker.

"This church consists of 32 members, it meets at Chowan."

This fixes the date of the date of the establishment of the first Free Will Baptist church in 1727 and the place in Chowan County, North Carolina. The location in Chowan County is well corroborated by a summary of the place of residence of the members. John Parker whose name heads the list, was probably the same John Parker who at that time was justice of the peace of Chowan County. Both John Jordan and John Parker were appointed "Appraisers of the Land" at Edenton in May 1727. The names of John Parker, Wm. Copeland, John Welch, John Brinkley, and Michael Brinkley are found on the Chowan jury lists of that period. Four of the signers of the letter were neighbors, living on adjoining farms, and more than half of the signers were connected by family ties.

### **Palmer Not Pastor**

From the foregoing, along with other available historical evidence, it is fairly certain that the first Free Will Baptist church established by Palmer was located near the present town of Cisco in the neighborhood of Fallard's Bridge Baptist Church.

Mr. Palmer was also instrumental in the organization of a church which exists today as Shiloh Baptist Church in Camden County, North Carolina. This church was set up as a Free Will Baptist church but later was taken over by the Missionary Baptists. The original record lists Palmer and seven others as the petitioners for the recording of this organization which met for "religious worship in ye house of Wm. Burgess, on the north side of Pascquotank, on the head of Raymond's Creek. . . ."

So far as we are able to determine, Palmer was not pastor of either of these early churches, but was the evangelist and organizer. Joseph Parker was pastor of the Chowan Church and Wm. Burgess was the first pastor of the Pascquotank Church. From all the information available Palmer did not make it his business to pastor, but seemed to be an evangelist, traveling extensively and gathering the people together wherever he went to preach to them. Comer's



Diary again is our source and from it we glean the following:

### Visits New England

December 1, 1729: On this date he notes that he wrote a letter to Mr. Palmer, "minister at North Carolina." On the 14th of the same month he has an entry showing that he had received a letter from Palmer with a "Small token of love." From this *Diary* we learn that in the fall of 1730 Mr. Palmer went to New England to visit some of the churches. After spending some time with the churches in Massachusetts he started the return to North Carolina intending to visit the churches in Newport, Rhode Island. However, a smallpox epidemic had imposed a quarantine and he could not go into Rhode Island.

He went from Rhode Island to New Jersey where he stopped with Rev. John Drake and assisted in the ordination of Henry Loveall, who was later discovered to be an escaped convict from Long Island. Back in North Carolina Palmer established a church on New River in what is now Onslow County.

In the year 1730 or 1731 a great revival broke out among the Baptists in North Carolina and the leading spirit in the movement was Paul Palmer. In a few short months he had brought about a religious transformation which Governor Everard regarded as a wonder. He was holding daily meetings and getting converts (and proselytes) in every part of North Carolina. His converts numbered into the hundreds and Free Will Baptists were flourishing.

### New Bern Church Organized

Palmer was an evangelist rather than a pastor, but as he went preaching he baptised those who were converted under his ministry. While Palmer did not hold to the idea of baptismal regeneration he considered willingness to be baptised a sufficient evidence of conversion. On this principle, Palmer soon had hundreds of followers in the province. Being widely scattered and having no pastors or teachers, they had to depend on Palmer's rare visits for their religious instruction. Many of them fell by the way while very few of them made any appreciable progress in the Christian life.

It is highly probable that Palmer was instrumental in gathering congregations other than Chowan, Camden, and Onslow. Wherever the number of converts were sufficient and a local pastor could be secured, a church was organized. Among them was the church in New Bern, set up in 1740, in Beaufort on Bay and Neuse rivers in 1742, Swift Creek in Craven County, a church on Pungo in Beaufort County and a church at Mattamuskeet in Hyde County. While Palmer himself did not organize all these churches his immediate converts did, so in reality it was his influence that brought them into existence.

### Licensed to Preach

Historical records give no account of the length of Mr. Palmer's ministry. Burkitt and

Read state that he was dead when Gano visited the state in 1754. In 1738 a paper was entered for Paul Palmer in Edenton as follows:

"North Carolina.

"Permission is hereby granted to Paul Palmer of Edenton, a Protestant minister to teach or preach the Word of God in any part of the said province (he having qualified himself as such) pursuant to an Act of Parliament made in the first year of King William and Queen Mary intitled an "Act of Tolerating Protestant Dissenters."

"Given under my hand at Edenton for the 4th day of October Anno Dom., 1738."

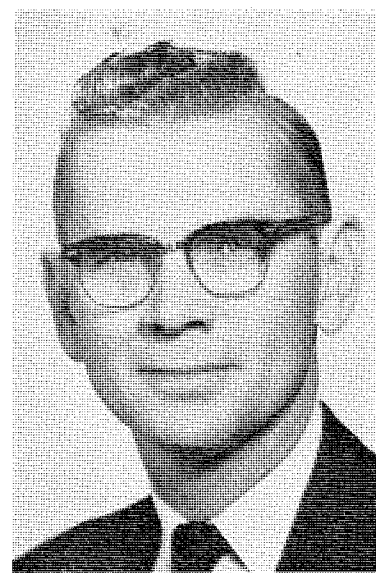
### God's Man in God's Place

That Palmer preached under this license for ten or twelve years is pretty well established but the circumstances surrounding his death nor the exact date have not been found. We can only surmise that his illustrious career was brought to an end by old-age and the infirmities attending thereon. It seems evident that he left a substantial estate, having been well-blessed with earthly goods. But greater than those things was his record of accomplishments for the Lord Jesus Christ. He took a stand as an Ana-Baptist when such a position was highly unpopular and there he remained, regardless of the pressure brought to bear on him from many sources.

He planted the first Free Will Baptist churches as well as the first Missionary Baptist churches in North Carolina. His preaching provided a "light in a dark place" and led thousands to take Christ as Savior. He attracted men from every walk of life with the thunder of his Gospel and advised all alike to accept salvation.

In short, he was God's man in God's place at God's time. Our Free Will Baptist heritage is the richer for the leading role which he had in it and we are happy to acknowledge our gratitude to God for providing Paul Palmer with grace to preach free will, free grace, and free salvation.

(Continued next month)



Rev. William Mishler

## Mishler Takes Over Sunday School Office

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rev. William Mishler HAS moved to Nashville to become the fourth full-time promotional secretary at the denominational headquarters building. On September 1, he became promotional secretary for the Sunday School Board. Other departments which have full-time promotional secretaries are the Executive Department, Foreign Mission Board, and Home Mission Board.

Mr. Mishler comes equipped for his job, having been on the national Sunday School Board for five years and serving as its chairman for the past three years.

Included in his work as promotional secretary will be Sunday school revivals, speaking at rallies, organizing district and state conventions, and increasing the effectiveness of existing conventions. He expects to spend as much as half to three fourths of his time on the field.

He is the Free Will Baptist representative on the general council of the National Sunday School Association and will attend the NSSA convention October 13-15 at Indianapolis, Indiana. He also plans to be in North Carolina, Arkansas, Missouri, and Michigan during the next few weeks in behalf of Sunday school work.

A minister for 19 years, Mr. Mishler comes to his new position from the pastorate at Philadelphia church, Detroit, Mich., where he served for three years. During his ministry he has also pastored in Missouri and Tennessee. He graduated from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1948. His family consists of his wife and 13-year-old daughter, Bonnie.

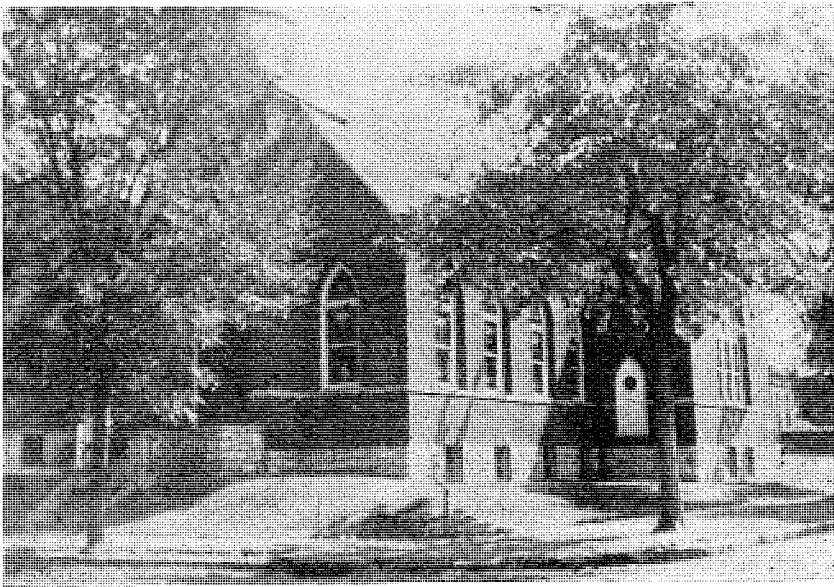
His services are available for any special Sunday school work by writing him at Free Will Baptist headquarters.

"The measure of a Christian is not in the height of his grasp, but in the depth of his love."—Clarence Jordan.



"Apparently the horses can read here in Texas."

## Tennessee Association Will Meet October 19-20



Organized nearly 11 years ago with 22 charter members, the Southside church at St. Louis, Mo., now has a membership of 210. From a rented building in 1944, the property has increased to the \$70,000 church plant, which includes a parsonage next door, shown above. Most of this material growth took place under the leadership of Rev. Harvey Hill, who served the church as pastor from its organization until June, 1953.

At that time the church called Rev. James Franklin of Drumright, Okla. During his ministry the church has increased its membership to 210 and the Sunday school average was 170 for the past year.

(Editor's note: We are dropping the "New" part of this regular feature of CONTACT in order to be able to present pictures and brief stories about other outstanding Free Will Baptist Churches which may not be new. From now on we will salute both new and old churches.)

SPARTA, Tenn.—The seventeenth annual session of the Tennessee state association will meet October 20-21 at the Free Will Baptist church here. The state Woman's Auxiliary convention will meet at 7 p.m., October 19, and will hold sessions through the following morning.

The state association officially opens at 1:15 p.m., Wednesday afternoon. The program theme is "Bear Witness." Rev. Horace Teague, Knoxville, will open the session with a devotional, "Bear Witness in the Community." Rev. C. F. Bowen, Nashville, will bring the moderator's message on "Bear Witness through Our Denominational Life" at 2:05 p.m.

Standing boards will report during the afternoon and the annual report of the Home for Children will be given by Superintendent I. L. Stanley.

Rev. Ben Barrus, East Nashville pastor, will deliver the keynote message on Wednesday evening. He will speak on "Bearing Witness Evangelistically." Rev. Lonnie Davoult will bring the devotional.

The Thursday morning session, which begins at 9 a.m., will be devoted to a business session and committee reports. Rev. E. A. Craft will give the devotional on "Let Us Bear Witness Together." Rev. W. C. Clearman, Erwin, is scheduled to preach the sermon at the closing morning worship service. His subject will be "We Finish To Begin Bearing Witness." Final adjournment is set for noon.

Other officers of the association besides Mr. Bowen are Mrs. L. W. Vinson, Newport, clerk; Mrs. J. C. Howington, Elizabethton, treasurer, and I. L. Stanley, music director. The program committee consists of Mrs. J. E. Frazier, J. B. Reding, and Mrs. J. B. Parsons.

## Missouri Association Holds Annual Session

MONETT, Mo.—The Missouri state association met August 16-19 at Jones' Chapel church near here in what was described as a "very harmonious session" with not a single negative vote cast on any issue.

In a major item of business, delegates altered the present financial system of the state association to include the Cooperative Plan of Support adopted by the national association. Under the revised plan the state convention will keep thirty per cent of all funds coming through the state treasury, with seventy per cent of the funds being sent directly to the national cooperative fund for allocation.

It was also decided to reopen the state youth camp next year. The move last year to close the camp met with a good bit of opposition. The decision to reopen the camp in 1955 was unanimous, however. Plans were drawn up for improvement and modernization of the campsite.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, was renamed to the office of moderator. He will also continue to serve as promotional secretary. Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, was named as assistant moderator to succeed Rev. Willard C. Day, who was moving from the state. Mrs. Lorene Williford, Freeman, was re-elected as clerk-treasurer.

## New Church Organized at Andrews, Texas, September 1

ANDREWS, Texas — Another new church has been organized in what is probably the fastest-growing district association in Texas. The new church is at Andrews, which is within the bounds of Northwest Brazos association.

The church was organized September 1 with fifteen charter members. Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, Midland pastor, set the church in order. Those on the organizational council were Rev. L. C. Pinson, Hobbs, New Mexico; Rev. Alford Savage, Andrews, and Roy M. Cox, a deacon from Midland.

Mr. Savage was called by the congregation to serve as pastor.

### Need Programs?

Program folders for local imprinting or mimeographing for conventions or special services are now available from denominational headquarters, according to Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary. The covers are beautifully lithographed in color and the inside pages are blank. They come postpaid for \$1.25 a hundred.

When ordering, state for what purpose the programs will be used and appropriate folders will be sent. Address all orders to Free Will Baptist Headquarters, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

## Texas District Names Thompson Moderator

WICHITA FALLS, Texas—The annual session of West Fork association met at the Free Will Baptist church here during the week of September 6. Rev. C. B. Thompson, pastor of First church, Fort Worth, was elected moderator. Other officers include Rev. M. L. Sutton, Fort Worth, assistant moderator; Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Denison, clerk; W. D. Phillips, treasurer, and Rev. C. J. Hearron, Weatherford, parliamentarian.

The association authorized the district Sunday School Board to secure a promotional secretary and set up an encampment board to make plans for a district youth camp to be held in 1955. Mr. Sutton was made chairman of the board.

The next session of the association will be held August 30-September 1, 1955 at Trinity church, Fort Worth,

# Students Pay Visit To Mission Field In Summer Months

PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba—Nine students at the Free Will Baptist Bible College had a small taste this summer of missionary life on this island. Two groups of the students—nine in all—spent a total of five and one-half weeks on the field here. Six of the group are mission volunteers in training. This part of their practical training was supervised by Rev. T. H. Willey, director of the Free Will Baptist work in Cuba.

Students who went were June Rivenbark, Norfolk, Va.; Mary Frances Hess, Mt. Hope, W. Va.; Ken Eagleton, Ft. Worth, Texas; Dave Franks, Guin, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wood, Nashville, Tenn.; Bobby Jackson, Eureka, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Waddell, Kenly, N. C.

Concerning their visit to the field, Mr. Willey writes:

"The days of these two summer months on the Cuban mission fields have been without a dull or idle moment. Two groups of young people from our Bible College have had a realistic glimpse through the eyes of active missionaries. Naturally, it is very easy to imagine the conditions under which an underprivileged, underfed, uninformed people live, and their reaction to the Gospel when they hear it for the first time. This is just an effort to tell you, who might have had a part in making it possible for them to come, some of the things which they really saw and experienced.

"We cannot express our gratitude to the sons of a Free Will Baptist family, the Taylors of Sea Level, North Carolina, who could not have treated royalty better; making it possible for those students to travel on their ships. It is with pride that we Free Will Baptist missionaries in Cuba watch their great ships come in majestically by the famous lighthouse, Moro Castle in Havana harbor. We like to say they are *our* people.

"Every week large groups were assembled in different fields as we went there. The first was in Jaruco in the Province of Havana. Melitino, who many saw in the film, "A Letter to Melitino," is pastor. This was the first young people's conference that has been had by Free Will Baptists in Cuba. Our hearts thrilled as we saw our wonderful young people assembled from all that district.

"We wish it were possible for our brother Dick Norwood of Sulphur, Oklahoma, and our dear friends of the Blue Bird Body Company to appraise the immeasurable value of the bus as we loaded and went into the fields, sometimes trips taking three or four days the boys sleeping in the bus, preparing our meals in the open. Many places

# Florida State Meeting Set for November 5-6

COTTONDALE, Fla.—The tenth annual session of the Florida state association will convene at the state campgrounds near here November 5-6, according to an announcement by Rev. Rufus Hyman, clerk.

The convention will open at 9:30 Friday morning with a devotional by Rev. Wayne Hicks, Panama City. Rev. Daniel F. Pelt, moderator, will bring the morning sermon.

The morning business session will be devoted to organizing the convention. In the afternoon, reports will be given by Rev. D. W. Poole, promotional secretary, and W. W. Eiland, treasurer.

Friday night will feature a missionary service with Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, as principal speaker.

Saturday morning will be taken up with reports from the various state agencies. Rev. W. H. Ryland, superintendent of the Alabama Children's Home will also give a report. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, national executive secretary, will bring the morning sermon.

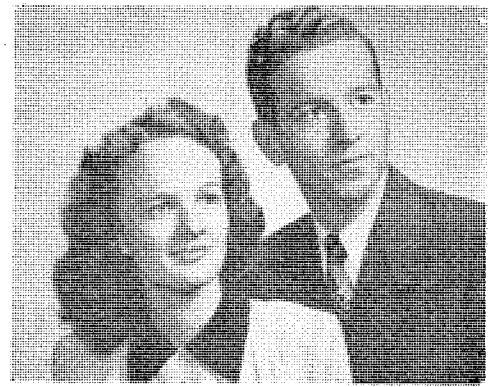
Devotionals during the day will be brought by Rev. I. O. Cook and Rev. L. V. Pinson. The convention will adjourn at 3 p.m., Saturday after a business session and election of officers.

The camp where the convention will meet is four miles south of here on the Panama City highway.

to reach our people we had to drive through open fields. Everywhere we went great crowds turned out.

"The second group coming down in August consisted of ten in our company. To get back into one of our fields in the mountains, eight of our boys had to help pull the truck by a heavy rope. Every night we were in a different field with great groups of people inadequately seated. One place has just had the gospel for three months. They sat on palm plank and listened enthralled with the gospel message. Tommy served as interpreter with excellent results. Our young preachers Bobby Jackson and Eugene Waddell, did some fine preaching, and they all left friends among our Cuban people.

"We reach the end of this new venture partly tired in our task but never tired of our task. We immediately begin our plans for the new group of young Cubans called to consecrated service to train in the school here. The year ahead seems very bright and we have every reason to feel greatly encouraged by the support, prayers and loyal cooperation of you, our people."



Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery

# Calverys Will Sail for Japan on October 29

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—When the S.S. *Philippine Bear* sails under Golden Gate bridge and out of San Francisco bay on October 29, there will be aboard the first Free Will Baptist missionaries ever to go to Japan.

After having been twice refused visas to enter India, Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery have accepted an appointment by the Foreign Mission Board to work in Japan. They have waited several years while taking advanced training, hoping the Indian government would allow them to enter that country as missionaries.

Passports, inoculations, visas, passage, foreign contacts and all other formalities have been taken care of and the Calverys are visiting relatives and making last-minute preparations to sail.

They are scheduled to dock at Yokohama, but the steamship line gave no date of arrival. The trip is expected to take between two and three weeks, however. Upon arriving in Japan they will be met by Mr. John L. McPhail, a missionary with the New Tribes Mission. He has served as the Japanese contact and the Calverys will live with them until they have secured a house.

They expect to enroll in language school when they are settled and will probably spend the first two years learning the language. It is not definite whether they will settle in Tokyo or Yokohama, but Tokyo seems to be the preferred place. There is a possibility that both of them can teach in the Japan Evangelical Christian School in Tokyo while they are studying the language. A letter from Mr. V. Newbrander, headmaster, said they needed teachers in the school which has some 40 Japanese Christian students enrolled.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvery are both graduates of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and have done advanced work at Peabody College in Nashville. Mrs. Calvery holds a practical nurse's certificate which she received after recently completing special work in Nashville. Mr. Calvery is from Waco, Texas, and Mrs. Calvery is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Austin Mullen, Strawberry, Arkansas.

Prior to sailing their address will be 1800 South 11th St., Waco, Texas.



# Woman's Auxiliary

## "His Command — Our Task"

MRS. H. B. SLOAN, Executive Secretary

## Program Announced for 4th Quarter Workshop

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A suggested program outline for district workshops scheduled for the fourth quarter of the year has been prepared by Mrs. Luther Gibson, study course chairman of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. The program theme is "Know God's Workers."

Workshops have also been scheduled for 1955, Mrs. Gibson said. "Now" has been chosen as the yearly theme with the quarterly themes to be developed as follows: "Now Is the Hour to Evangelize," "Now Is the Hour to Worship," "Now Is the Hour to Teach," and "Now Is the Hour to Train."

The suggested program for the fourth quarter is:

- 10:15 a.m.—Devotional and welcome by vice-president of host Auxiliary
- 10:30 —President's message
- 10:40 —Roll call of Auxiliaries  
—Seating of delegates  
—Welcoming of new members, ministers, and visitors  
—Reading of minutes of previous meeting  
—Appointing of committees
- 11:00 —Special music
- 11:05 —"What Have We, As Workers, Done in 1954?" Informative and inspirational reports by each chairman using material compiled from local Auxiliary reports
- 11:30 —Song by choir, "Co-Laborers"
- 11:35 —Message, "Workers Together with God"
- 12:00 —Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.—Devotional
- 1:15 —"Future Workers in Our Auxiliaries at Work Now," special program by GTA or YPA
- 1:25 —"Requirements of a Good Worker"
- 1:35 —"Getting To Know Our National and State Officers and Their Responsibilities"
- 2:00 —Treasurer's report  
—Securing delegates to national convention  
—Where do we go?  
—Rising vote of thanks to host church  
—Election of officers
- 2:30 —Everybody sings
- 2:40 —Testimony time and consecration service
- 3:00 —Adjourn

Two thirds of all co-laborer offerings are given to denominational agencies, she said, with one third remaining in the WNAC office for promotional work. Of the two thirds which goes to denominational agencies, foreign missions gets 50 per cent, home missions gets 20 per cent, and Free Will Baptist Bible College gets 30 per cent. Co-laborer offerings should be sent directly to the WNAC office.

## Reports from the Field

KERMIT, Texas—A Woman's Auxiliary was organized at the new Free Will Baptist church here August 13. Sixteen people, including the pastor, were present for the organization. Eleven members joined the group. In the election of officers Mrs. Nolen Robinson was named president; Mrs. W. O. Place, vice-president; Mrs. Earnie Fielding, treasurer; Mrs. L. S. Bankhead, recording secretary, and Mrs. Buck Thompson, corresponding secretary.

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LOUISA, Ky. — The newly-organized Eastern Kentucky district Woman's Auxiliary convention met here August 9 with approximately fifty attending. This was the first district meeting to be held since the organization on June 9. Four local Auxiliaries—Myrtle Chapel, Thealka, Southside of Paintsville, and Louisa—were represented.

Mrs. Homer Willis, president, conducted the day's activities and gave a report on the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. Reports were given by the following officers: Mrs. Edith Dobbins, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. James Cox, and Mrs. Whetsel Compton. The next session of the convention will meet in November at the Southside church in Paintsville. An executive committee meeting will be held there in October to plan the work of the convention.

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DRUMRIGHT, Okla.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary convention of First Mission association met August 17 at the district campgrounds near here. Registration figures showed 183 who attended the convention. Mrs. Leona Mayfield was the speaker. Mrs. Cherry Fipps had charge of the installation service for new officers which featured a missionary playlet.

New officers are Bertha Mae Kiefer, president; Verdun Bingham, vice-president; Lela Dipboye, youth chairman; Gladys Elliston, study course chairman; Virginia Johns, program chairman; Nell Cox, benevolence chairman; Helen Seaton, secretary; Lena Oliver, assistant secretary, and Gladys Cut-singer, treasurer.

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ODESSA, Texas — Auxiliary members from four churches met here August 26 and organized a district convention of the Northwest Brazos association. The convention was organized with 46 active members. Churches which were represented include Amarillo,

Kermit, Hobbs, New Mexico, and the host church.

The following officers were elected: Reba Minor, president, Odessa; Rebecca Robinson, vice-president, Kermit; Katie Pinson, secretary-treasurer, Hobbs; Wanda Stephens, assistant secretary, Odessa; Bernice Huc-keba, youth chairman, Odessa; Opal Mc-Phail, study course chairman, Amarillo; Eunice King, stewardship-prayer, Hobbs; Marie Smart, personal service, Odessa; Bettye Hobbs, corresponding secretary, Odessa; Rebecca Robinson, field secretary, Kermit; Hazel Bigham, pianist, Odessa, and Mrs. Moore, chorister, Kermit.

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SHAWNEE, Okla.—A state workshop for Auxiliary members was held September 7 at the Free Will Baptist church here with an attendance of 106. Rev. Elvis Priest, Holdenville, was the principal speaker.

Theme for the workshop was "Thoroughly Furnished." Mrs. Cleo Purcell, state president was in charge of the day's activities. Discussion periods were under the direction of Mrs. Cherry Fipps, Mrs. Opal O'Donnell, Mrs. Harry Staires, and Mrs. Lela Crow.

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HOUSTON, Texas—Mrs. Lizzie Mc-Adams, promoter and worker in the Woman's Auxiliary for many years, was principal speaker at the Central Texas district Woman's Auxiliary convention which met September 14 at the First church here. Mrs. A. F. Halbrook is president of the convention.

Those who were scheduled on the program included Mrs. Bob Trant, Mrs. T.V. Hanky, Mrs. Charles Moehlman, Mrs. A. J. Akin, Mrs. J. Sherrouse, Mrs. Ava Hellard, Mrs. Agnes Fulton, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, and Mrs. Charles Sapp. Theme for the convention was "His Command—My Task."

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CONCORD, Calif.—The Golden Gate district Woman's Auxiliary convention was organized here August 20. Three of the four churches in the district which have Woman's Auxiliaries were represented. Rev. O. H. Doss, Modesto pastor, brought the devotional.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Since the Woman's Auxiliary has no special projects this year, local Auxiliaries are urged to support the Auxiliary Co-Laborer Fund, Mrs. H. B. Sloan, executive secretary, has announced.

## State Secretary Names Georgia Meeting Dates

TIFTON, Ga.—October and November are associational meeting times for Free Will Baptists in Georgia, and Rev. E. C. Morris, state promotional secretary, has listed all of the associations and their meeting times, along with the places for the annual meetings.

The district meetings are led off by the Chattahoochee association, which meets October 1-2 at Taylor Mills church, near Reynolds in Taylor County. This is followed by the Georgia Union association which meets October 7-18 at Pine Level church, near Chester in Dodge County.

Little River association meets October 14-15 at the Pine Level church between Norman Park and Ty Ty in Worth County, Mr. Morris announced. Greenwood church, eight miles south of Camilla, in Mitchell county will be host to the Union association which meets October 20-21.

Martin association convenes October 22-23 with the Pilgrim's Home church, about ten miles west of Newton in Baker County. South Georgia association meets at the same time at Spring Grove church, near Jesup in Wayne County. The last district association to meet is Midway, which will hold sessions November 3-4 at two churches. The first session will be on Wednesday at Mt. Zion church in Rowena, and then they will go to Blakely church for the Thursday session.

The state association will meet November 16-18 at the Midway church, three miles from Moultrie, the secretary announced.

### Don't Miss Next Month

The November issue of CONTACT, which will be the anniversary edition, will be dedicated to the Christian home. Don't miss the many helpful things it will contain. If your subscription expires this month, renew today!



"What courses to take?" is always a problem with college freshmen. Here a group of new students at Free Will Baptist Bible College look over the catalog. Seated left to right, are Nellie Richards, Greeneville, Tenn., and Barbara Rentz, Baxley, Ga. Standing, left to right, are Daniel Gaskins, New Bern, N. C.; Sam McClintock, Detroit, Mich., and Gerald Mangham, Oklahoma City.

## Bible College Opens 13th Year with Record Enrolment of New Students

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Classes began September 10 at the Free Will Baptist Bible College with the largest number of new students ever enrolled. The announcement was made by Rev. LaVerne Miley, dean, who said that 71 new students had registered as the school opened its thirteenth year of consecutive operation.

Early registration figures showed a total enrollment of 164 but late enrollees and second semester students are expected to push this year's student body beyond the previous record of 169.

Included in the student body are a retired army captain from Virginia, a blind girl from Michigan, two students from Cuba, and 28 veterans who are in training under the G.I. Bill of Rights. Only fifteen seniors are registered, officials said, which is a drop from last year's record class of 25. Other figures released showed 18 juniors, 51 sophomores, and 79 freshmen.

College officials also commented that quite a number of students who had dropped out in previous years for various reasons have returned this year.

In addition to the new students, the institution also has three new faculty members. They include Rev. C. F. Bowen, history instructor; Miss Naomi Brant, speech instructor, and Miss Marna Graves, Spanish

instructor. Mr. Bowen taught one or two courses last year, but now is a regular member of the faculty.

A highlight for the students in the opening weeks of school was the Greater Nashville Evangelistic Crusade being conducted by Evangelist Billy Graham just a few blocks from the Bible College. Many of the students attended the services and some assisted in the campaign.

Represented in the student body this year are eighteen states and one foreign country. Registration by states is as follows:

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Alabama        | 5  |
| Arkansas       | 5  |
| California     | 5  |
| Cuba           | 2  |
| Florida        | 3  |
| Georgia        | 8  |
| Illinois       | 2  |
| Maine          | 2  |
| Michigan       | 11 |
| Mississippi    | 2  |
| Missouri       | 11 |
| North Carolina | 48 |
| Ohio           | 3  |
| Oklahoma       | 12 |
| South Carolina | 3  |
| Tennessee      | 15 |
| Texas          | 9  |
| Virginia       | 6  |
| West Virginia  | 5  |



# Glancing Around the States . . .

BEN BARRUS, News Editor

## **Luther Sanders Goes to Cordova**

CORDOVA, Ala.—Rev. Luther Sanders has accepted the pastorate of the Cordova Free Will Baptist church. Mr. Sanders was formerly pastor of the Haven church in Florence, S. C.

## **Tecumseh Church Increases Leagues**

TECUMSEH, Okla.—The Tecumseh Free Will Baptist church has recently added three more leagues—the story hour, a junior, and young adult league. Officers include Melba Duvall, superintendent of the story hour, Elizabeth Isaacs, superintendent of the juniors, and Waldo Young, president of the young adults. Rev. Delbert Akin pastors the church.

## **Calvary Church Has Stevens for Rally**

DURHAM, N. C.—Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens, missionaries on furlough from Africa, recently were guest speakers at a missionary rally at the Calvary Free Will Baptist church. The all-day service was under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Adam Scott.

## **Oklahoma Association Holds 57th Session**

SHAWNEE, Okla.—The First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists held its 57th annual session at the associational campgrounds west of Tecumseh, August 9-11. Newly elected officers included Rev. Bob Duncan, moderator; Rev. Paul Pursell, clerk; and Mrs. Cleo Purcell, president of the Woman's Auxiliary. Next year's plans include a youth encampment for one week followed by a camp meeting for another week.

## **Oklahoma City Church Has Outstanding Year**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—The Central Avenue Free Will Baptist church of Oklahoma City reports an outstanding year. During the past year, they have air-conditioned the church auditorium and have purchased a new organ. The leagues bought a 16 mm. movie projector and screen. Rev. Jack Dodson is pastor of the church.

## **Midway Church Has First DVBS**

MOULTRIE, Ga.—The Midway Free Will Baptist church recently conducted its first vacation Bible school. The school was sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs.

Ida Price, director, reported an average attendance of 104. The children gave \$10.00 to missions. Rev. Mance Cason pastors the church.

## **Day Resigns Duties At Mountain Grove**

MOUNTAIN GROVE, Mo.—Rev. Willard Day has resigned from the Mountain Grove church to enter into full-time evangelistic work. Mr. Day's new address is 712 East 13th, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

## **Florida Leaguers Meet at Cottondale**

COTTONDALE, Fla.—The Florida state league convention met on September 4 at the youth camp near Cottondale. Rev. D. W. Poole, the guest speaker, spoke on the subject of "Young People." During the meeting state officers were elected and committees were appointed.

## **Kirby Called To Mountain Grove**

MOUNTAIN GROVE, Mo.—Rev. Fred Kirby of Flat River, Missouri, has been called to pastor the Free Will Baptist church at Mountain Grove. He succeeds Rev. Willard C. Day.

## **Crusader's Church Calls New Pastor**

DETROIT, Mich.—Rev. Thurman Pate has accepted a call to pastor the Crusader's Free Will Baptist church in Detroit. Mr. Pate was formerly pastor of the Holston Hills church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

## **Brazos District League Conducts Rally at Odessa**

ODESSA, Texas.—The first annual meeting of the district league rally of the north-west Brazos association convened at Odessa, August 28. Three of the seven churches represented, presented plays. The Kermit, Texas, group won the program banner. Officers elected included Weldon Huston, president; R. E. Ziegler, vice-president; Rebecca Robinson, secretary and treasurer; Imogene Gilchrest, song leader; Bettye Hobbs, pianist.

## **Homecoming Planned For Ahoskie Church**

AHOSKIE, N. C.—On October 3, the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist church of Ahoskie will sponsor its annual homecoming day. Rev. Walter Reynolds, pastor, announces that a "basket dinner" will be featured after the morning worship services

followed by a singspiration in the afternoon. Rev. Wayne Smith will be the visiting speaker.

## **Rivenbark Begins Norfolk Pastorate**

NORFOLK, Va.—Rev. Fred Rivenbark has assumed duties as the new pastor of the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist church in Norfolk. Mr. Rivenbark was formerly pastor of the Sherron Acres church in Durham, N. C.

## **Haven Church Calls Hales**

FLORENCE, S. C.—The Haven Free Will Baptist church at Florence has called Rev. W. A. Hales as their new pastor. Mr. Hales assumed his duties on September 6 and reports that his new address is 158 Queens Road, Florence, S. C.

## **Richwoods Church Has All-day Meeting**

RICHWOODS, Mo.—An all-day service was conducted by Richwoods Free Will Baptist church on August 22. Rev. Lesley Logsdon, pastor, stated that nine persons were baptized during the afternoon.

## **Successful Youth Camp Reported in Oklahoma**

WETUMKA, Okla.—Ninety-one were enrolled in the Progressive Association youth encampment held at Camp Wetumka, August 15-20. The camp was highlighted by 38 persons coming to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.

## **First Church of Tucson Purchases New Property**

TUCSON, Ariz.—The First Free Will Baptist church of Tucson has recently acquired new property including an equipped brick church. The site was formerly used by Grace Baptist church. The Tucson church is a recent organization.

## **Hopewell Association Purchases Camp Site**

ARDMORE, Okla.—The Hopewell No. 2 association has voted to purchase a new youth camp site. At their annual meeting in Ardmore, it was decided to purchase this property which they had been leasing. The property is north of Healdton, Okla.

## **Dothan Church Calls Craddock**

DOTHAN, Ala.—Rev. Charles B. Craddock announces that he has accepted a

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to the First Free Will Baptist church at Dothan, Alabama as its first resident pastor. Mr. Craddock's new address is 805 East Lafayette Street, Dothan, Alabama.

## Youth Camp Sponsored By Wolverine Association

CHELSEA, Mich.—The Great Lakes youth camp, sponsored by the Wolverine association, was held July 26-31 at Mill Lake near Chelsea. Rev. Mark Lewis was director. Ninety-two were enrolled plus 32 staff members and helpers. The camp resulted in there being 11 saved and many reaffirmations. Seven gave their lives to be missionaries and four more gave their lives for the ministry. Speakers for the camp included Rev. Don Lee, Rev. Garner, and Rev. William Mishler.

## Hilltop Has New Pastor

WEWOKA, Okla.—Rev. Sherman Webb has accepted the pastorate at the Hilltop Free Will Baptist church near Wewoka, Okla. Mr. Webb was formerly with the Lindsay, Oklahoma, church.

## Blackwelder Goes To Ayden Church

AYDEN, N. C.—The Ayden Free Will Baptist church has elected Rev. I. J. Blackwelder as their new pastor. Mr. Blackwelder succeeds Rev. Charles B. Craddock and comes to North Carolina from Alma, Ga.

## Wolf Creek Church Plans S.S. Revival

MANSFIELD, Mo.—The Wolf Creek Free Will Baptist church in Mansfield will hold a Sunday School revival October 7-26. Rev. William Mishler, promotional secretary for the national Sunday School department, will conduct the services. Rev. Charles Finney is pastor of the church.

## Shawnee Church Ordains Womack

SHAWNEE, Okla.—Gene Womack, pastor of the Seminole Free Will Baptist church, was ordained at the First Free Will Baptist church in Shawnee. Mr. Womack was a member of the Shawnee church before he began pastoral duties.

## New Church Begun In California

UPLAND, Calif.—A new Free Will Baptist church was organized here in August by Rev. Francis W. Boyle, formerly of Bell Gardens. The membership had increased to 30 after a month of regular services. Mr. Boyle is serving the church as pastor.

## Lawnie Coffman Moves To Searcy Pastorate

SEARCY, Ark.—Rev. Lawnie Coffman, formerly pastor of a church near Rosebud, Ark., has taken up his work at the Free Will Baptist church here. Mr. Coffman is pastoring the church which he organized earlier in the year. The organization began with 62 members and has now increased to 71.

## California Church Starts New Addition

CONCORD, Calif. — Ground - breaking ceremonies were held August 23 at the Free Will Baptist church here for a new addition to the present structure. Construction is underway and plans are to have it completed soon. The church was host to the quarterly meeting of Golden Gate association during the month. Fourteen churches were represented at the meeting.

## Illinois Church Reports Progress

MT. VERNON, Ill.—Bakerville Free Will Baptist church, located three miles south of here, is rapidly becoming one of the leading churches in this section of the state. In recent months the church has adopted the Cooperative Plan for supporting denominational agencies and began publishing a church bulletin. Rev. Gene Norris, a licensed minister, spoke at an all-day service recently honoring the pupils and staff of the summer camp. Rev. George Waggoner is pastor.

## Twenty-four Churches Report Revivals

| Church                                 | Evangelist       | Pastor          | Date            | Dec. | Add. |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|------|
| First church,<br>Johnston City, Tenn.  | Thurman Pate     | Carl Osborne    | June 21-July 3  | 41   |      |
| Panther Creek church,<br>Slocomb, Ala. | James Raper      | Rev. Henderson  | July            |      | 21   |
| Good Hope church,<br>Henderson, Texas  | C. B. Thompson   | Gaston Clary    | Sept. 6-        |      |      |
| Wewoka, Okla.                          | M. L. Hollis     | Ralph Staten    | Sept. 20-       |      |      |
| Bethel church,<br>Sparta, Tenn.        | J. T. Holman     |                 |                 | 17   | 15   |
| Highland Park, Mich.                   | Charles Thigpen  | Charles Thigpen | Aug. 29-Sept. 5 |      |      |
| Hookerton, N. C.                       | Charles Craddock |                 | Aug. 30-Sept. 4 |      |      |
| Edgemont church,<br>Durham, N. C.      | Howard Chipchase | Joe Ange        | Oct. 3-17       |      |      |
| Tecumseh, Okla.                        | Lonnie DeVault   | Delbert Akin    | Sept. 19-       |      |      |
| Mt. Joy church,<br>Daisy, Ark.         | J. B. Ewing      |                 |                 | 14   | 17   |
| Southside church,<br>St. Louis, Mo.    | Raymond Riggs    | J. A. Franklin  | Sept. 22-Oct. 3 |      |      |
| Farmington, Mo.                        | Damon C. Dodd    |                 | Sept. 13-       |      |      |
| Fellowship church,<br>Flat River, Mo.  | W. S. Mooneyham  | Rolla Smith     | Oct. 6-17       |      |      |
| Ashland City, Tenn.                    | Bob King         | Wesley Calvery  | Aug. 15-22      | 10   | 8    |
| Edgemont church,<br>Durham, N. C.      | Rolla Smith      | Joe Ange        | July            | 31   |      |
| Leadington, Mo.                        | J. B. Bloss      | Eunice Edwards  | Oct. 18-        |      |      |
| Unity church,<br>Jacksonville, Fla.    | Raymond Riggs    | C. J. Pitts     | Sept. 5-12      |      |      |
| Cordova, Ala.                          | Raymond Riggs    | Luther Sanders  | Sept. 13-19     |      |      |
| College City, Ark.                     | Ralph Staten     |                 | Aug.            | 1    | 5    |
| Airport church,<br>Tulsa, Okla.        | O. T. Dixon      | Dale Munkus     | Oct. 4-         |      |      |
| Hobbs, N. Mex.                         | Gilbert Pixley   | L. C. Pinson    | Sept.           |      |      |
| Odessa, Texas                          | James F. Minor   | Weldon Woods    | Sept.           |      |      |
| Midland, Texas                         | Lizzie McAdams   |                 | Sept.           |      |      |
| Kermit, Texas                          | L. C. Pinson     | Nolen Robinson  | Sept.           |      |      |

### About the Cover

The Free Will Baptist Church Covenant is a document with which every church member should be intimately acquainted for in it are the solemn vows he took upon joining the church. A large majority of members, however, have never even seen a copy of the Covenant.

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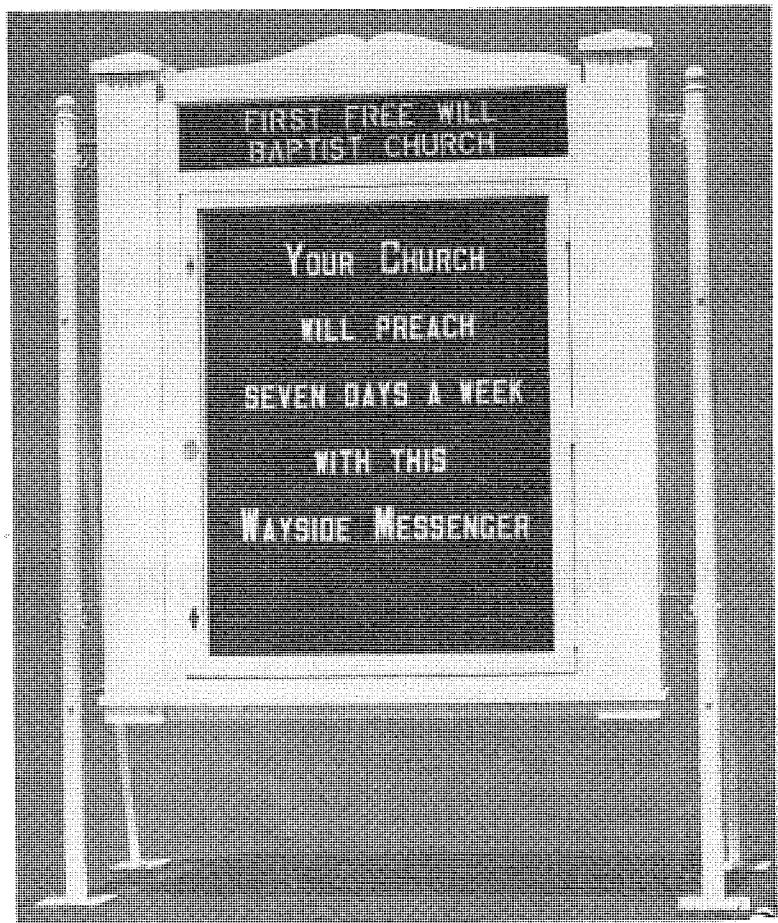
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