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Missionary's Parents Renew

Dear Editor:

Please find \$1 enclosed to renew our subscription for a year. We are the thankful parents of Aileen Calvery (missionary to Japan) and wish to keep up with all the reports they send to CONTACT.

Rev. and Mrs. Austin Mullen
Batesville, Arkansas

Commends Article

Dear Editor:

I thank God for the article last month on "The Death of Modesty." For several years I have preached against scanty dress on the part of men and women, and some of my preacher brethren have criticized me for it. They have said that I was too old-fashioned, out-of-date, narrow-minded, and too negative in my preaching. My answer has always been that it takes both a negative and a positive wire to make the electric current flow into a light. A well-rounded college education demands minor and major subjects for a degree. We are not to major in the minors, but neither are we to forget that the minors are necessary for a well-balanced education—and a well-balanced ministry.

Rev. Wade Jernigan
Lexington, Okla.

Preachers Invited

Dear Editor:

We Free Will Baptists in New Mexico are certainly proud of our new association. We regret that our state is so far away from the rest of Free Will Baptists, but we extend an invitation for our denominational leaders to visit the "mission" fields in New Mexico. I wish we knew what to do to encourage more preachers to come to this part of the country.

Enclosed is a renewal to CONTACT. Since we are so far away, it is our only contact with our beloved denomination.

Mrs. Roy Thomas
Artesia, New Mexico

Comments On Editorial

Dear Editor:

The editorial in the June issue of CONTACT was one of the best yet. We were wondering who would have the nerve to come out and expose the religionists who profess to be independents. We are very proud that CONTACT was the first to write an editorial against such. You can be sure

Personally...

A "Rock and Roll" God?

How good a guy is God?

Modern songwriters are running over each other on the way down to the publishers in an attempt to let the world know. The most current blasphemy to hit the air waves is the treacly title song of a motion picture which professes to tell the life story of ex-Middleweight Champion Rocky Graziano called "Somebody Up There Likes Me."

Pop singer Perry Como hands God this latest bouquet in these words: "Yes! Somebody up there likes me; Whatever betide me, he'll comfort and guide me, And stand beside me right or wrong..." And so God's name as a "good Joe" is supposed to have been cleared again.

Now these words may lend themselves to popular music and rhythm, and they may well fit into the Norman Vincent Peale-type of philosophy which is the current craze, but they reflect a drought of Biblical theology! When did God ever say he'd stand by anybody, "right or wrong"? Jesus said "Repent or perish." God warned, "And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against... those... that fear not me" (Malachi 3:5).

But then, of course, the Bible doesn't fit in with the "God-is-a-good-guy" idea, so men substitute the sloppy sentiment of songwriters for God's declared Word. We cannot help but feel this must be a part of the strategy of Satan.

The tendency all around is to humanize God. Back about three years ago a rock-and-roller jangled our christian nerves with the question, "Have you talked with the Man upstairs?" and then a popular trio put God out of the judgment business by de-

that there are thousands of Free Will Baptists everywhere who share your views in the matter.

Rev. O. H. Doss
Modesto, Calif.

Secretary Commended

Dear Editor:

Rev. William Mishler of the national Sunday school department has just finished a very successful itinerary in the state of California. He was a real blessing to every church he visited and we are thankful to have such men as he in our Sunday school department.

I certainly enjoyed the editorial in the June issue. No doubt you will be criticized, possibly by some of our own brethren, but those are some of the things that hinder our progress today.

Rev. Winston Lawless
Selma, California

claring, "Though it makes Him sad to see the way we live, He'll always say 'I forgive.'" God will forgive, but only if men confess and forsake sin! But this latter half of the gospel message tends to cast reflections on the "good guy" idea, so it is omitted.

And we have had it from reliable sources that some of this subtle blasphemy and watered-down gospel has actually been sung in some Free Will Baptist churches in the name of "gospel music." This tendency toward a "humanized God" may even be seen in some modern so-called "gospel" songs. Not long ago we heard a very popular quartet harmonize on the fact that "the Lord is a busy man." And to prove their point, they told how he had to roll out the moon, hang up the stars, and do a thousand and one other things. Then just as you were wondering how in the world God could ever do all this in just twenty-four hours, they fixed everything up in the climax by declaring that "He still has time to look out for you and me."

Now we can't help it if the songwriters and music publishers reduce God to the two monotonous beats of "rock and roll." But we can—and should—be careful that this kind of sacrilegious trash never contaminates a worship service in our churches. Any kind of song, in order to be rightly classed as a "gospel" song and claim a place in our worship, must be theologically sound and present the Biblical concept of God.

We like to think of God as being sympathetic and understanding, too, but this is only one part of his nature. And all the songs in Tin Pan Alley will not deny God the right to sit on His judgment throne.

Advice for Living

"Little vicious minds abound with anger and revenge, and are incapable of feeling the pleasure of forgiving their enemies."—*Lord Chesterfield.*

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The Church Can Do Something About Delinquency

Olav Eikland

For three centuries church steeples have dominated the skyline of our American cities, their bells calling young and old to divine worship. Between them homes were built in which God's law was honored, life, property, and virtues respected in the fear of God.

Now, in the shadow of these old landmarks of our Christian heritage, a growing army of teen-agers is on the move looking with disrespect on those sacred edifices and what they stand for. Youthful gangs opposed to one another in armed conflict remind us of bygone days when wild Indians roamed around on their tribal war-path.

Recently, in New York City, three hundred members of the Hornets, Saxons and the Dukes gangs merged into one big mob to battle older gangs—the Navajos and the Gold Guineas. In one encounter an innocent student, William Blankenship, Jr., 15, was killed. These gangs not only defy, but often insult and attack the police.

Officials of the law in our great cities are harassed by these youth-mobs while police chiefs and judges discuss what to do with the arrested teen-agers overflowing our prisons. So serious has the situation become

that New York's Police Commissioner Francis Adams, recently took to the radio asking the public to cooperate to stem the rising tide of delinquency inundating the world's greatest city.

Revealed Dark Picture

It was indeed a dark picture the Commissioner presented in that radio broadcast as he revealed the harvest of iniquity his police force gathers in a twenty-four hour period. I quote from the New York paper reporting his speech: "Before this hot August Sunday is over one of us will die as the result of criminal negligency. Twenty-seven of our people will have been feloniously assaulted. Three women will have been raped. One hundred and forty of our homes and businesses will have been burglarized. Forty of us will have our cars stolen. Thirty-one of us will have been held up and robbed on the streets of the city. Sixty-nine larcenies will have been committed and fifteen other miscellaneous felonies." Most of these crimes are perpetrated by teen-agers.

What are the underlying causes of juvenile delinquency and the increase of crime in our country? Evidently it is the eruption into our civilized land of that "heathen rage" foreseen by the Psalmist in prophetic vision and now beginning to be fulfilled in all parts of the world, even in countries hitherto ruled by laws of a Christian civilization.

God's Bands Broken

It is a demonstration of the Satan-inspired mobilization of unregenerate men raising themselves against the Lord and His anointed saying: "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast their cords from us" (Psalm 2:3).

If we carefully study the present day phenomenon of juvenile delinquents bent on deeds of evil, we shall find that the motive of their criminal deeds is a desire to extricate themselves from those "bands" and "cords" which have kept our American people together in a so-called Christian civilization, recognizing the Mosaic decalogue as the fundamental moral law of our land.

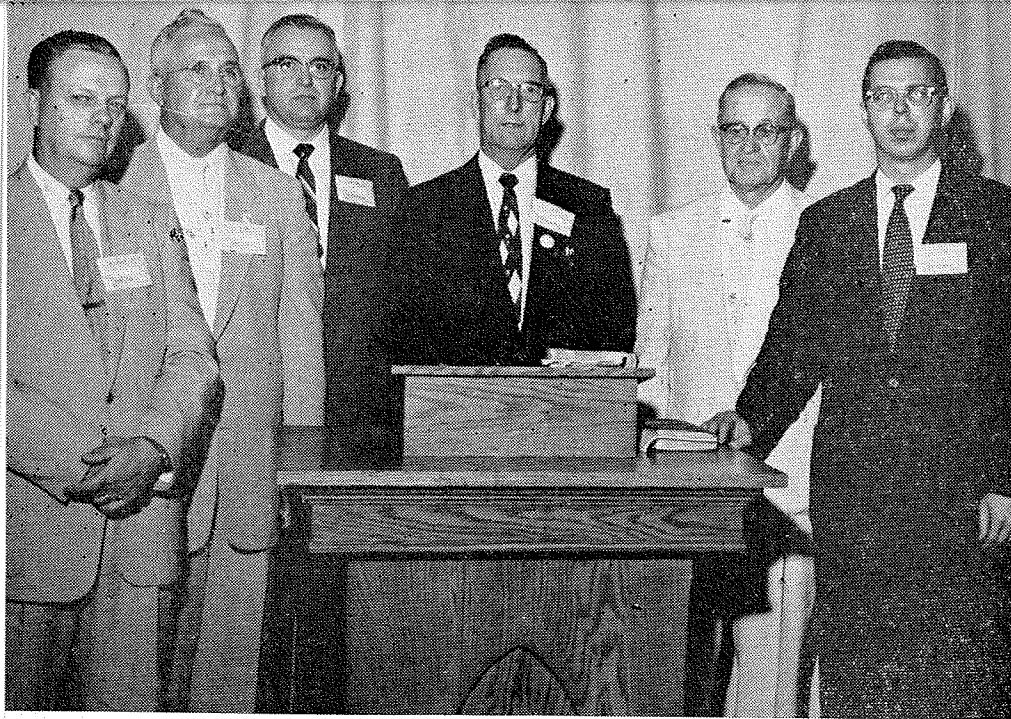
The tenfold band of God's commandments, knotted into the one great commandment: "Love thy God . . . and they neighbor!" has been scrapped for a devilish code with the "nots" left out and with the brutal force of hate as the governing law of life.

False Gods Crept In

What aglomeration of gods have crept into this new decalogue of perversion worshipped by the great hosts of Americans, young and old—the gods of brute force, pride, vanity and greed. And let us not forget to mention that powerful goddess called Sex, exhibited on screen and billboard, in books and magazines, in sport and art.

Another band which has been broken by
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Five of the seven former moderators of the National Association were present and honored at the 20th annual session which met July 10-12 at Huntington, W. Va. Rev. Charles A. Thigpen (right), present moderator, presented a "Citation for Services" to each of them. They are, left to right, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Lucama, N. C.; Rev. Edward E. Morris, Richmond, Calif.; Dr. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. James F. Miller, Kinston, N. C., and Rev. John L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn.

Spiritual Emphasis Was Highlight of 20th Session of National Association

From the very first note of the convention hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," it was evident that this 20th annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was going to be different.

And it was. Not only in the sense that the convention was being held in a different section of the country than any previous session, although that may have been a contributing factor. The city of Huntington, W. Va., and the Free Will Baptist pastors and people in Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia proved to be among the finest hosts the convention has ever had.

So for one thing, the location was different. But this was not the difference which the more than 1,000 delegates felt as they sang, "Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all."

Presence of God

The difference was in the manifested presence of God which gave new life to the opening service. The Woman's Auxiliary convention had come to a close on Tuesday afternoon after a very good session and the delegates seemed anxious for the National Association to begin. So it was in the spirit of prayer and with anticipation that they began to file into the large convention auditorium an hour before the service was scheduled to begin.

No hymn could have expressed their feelings as well as the convention hymn which they sang with the music director, Mr. I. L. Stanley, and Mrs. Raymond Riggs and Rev. Herman Hersey at the Hammond organ and the grand piano. It was a great hour!

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Albany, Ga., led the congregation in devotions and prayer, after which Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, clerk, called the association into session.

Welcome by Mayor

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, presiding officer for the service, introduced Rev. Carl Vallance, chairman of the local committee, who presented the Honorable George Theurer, mayor of Huntington, for the welcome address. After a warm welcome, Mayor Theurer gave a key to the city to the moderator.

The moderator, Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, was then presented as the keynote speaker. His subject, in keeping with the convention theme "Christ Shall Be Magnified" was "The Preeminent Christ."

"The age-long cry of the human race has been for the revelation of a personal God, able and willing to forgive sin and give rest to the conscience," Mr. Thigpen declared. "The gospel accounts of the New Testament reveal that a Messiah came, able and willing to meet man's deepest need: Christ,

preeminent in his glorious person and in his matchless work, the one perfect, ideal, complete man. The only rational solution of his humanity is his deity.

Involved In Contradictions

"For men to laud Jesus as a great and good man while they repudiate his deity is to involve themselves in logical contradictions and moral inconsistencies. This preeminent Christ is the one we have met to magnify."

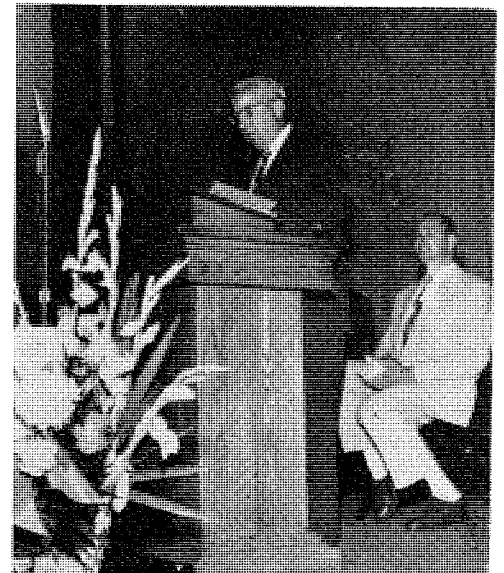
The service closed on a high spiritual note as the delegates looked forward to a continuation of the blessings in the all-night prayer vigil which was scheduled to begin at 10:30 p.m. When that time came, the Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist church, where the prayer service was being held, was filled as between 150 and 200 people joined in the first part of that service led by Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, Columbus, Miss.

The Lord's presence was felt in a wonderful way from the beginning and His presence continued through the night as 16 different ministers from 15 states each led a half-hour portion of the service. At no time during the night were there less than 30-35 at the church in prayer. The church was again well filled for the closing service at 6:30 a.m. led by Rev. Thomas H. Willey. This was the crowning service of a wonderful night and there was great rejoicing in prayer.

Set Pace for Convention

It was unanimously agreed that this prayer service had set the pace for the entire convention.

The business session began Wednesday morning with a total registration of 1,066. While this registration was some 300 below



The Honorable George Theurer, mayor of Huntington, welcomed the delegates and presented a key to the city to the convention moderator. Seated in the background is Rev. Carl Vallance, Huntington pastor and chairman of the arrangements committee.



REV. H. A. PITTS
Assistant Moderator

the figure for last year, the drop was accounted for in the fact that less visitors were present. There was also a slight drop in ministerial registration from 323 in 1955 to 289 this year. Delegate registration rose, however, from 139 to 215.

This gave a voting delegation of 504. Twenty-one states were represented on the official roster. In this number were three new ones—Washington, New Mexico, and Maine. No delegates were present from New Mexico and Maine, but the organizations were received by letter.

Former Moderators Honored

In the Wednesday morning worship serv-

ice the former moderators of the National Association were honored. Five of the seven were present and to each was given a specially prepared "Citation for Services" which showed his name, office, and years of service.

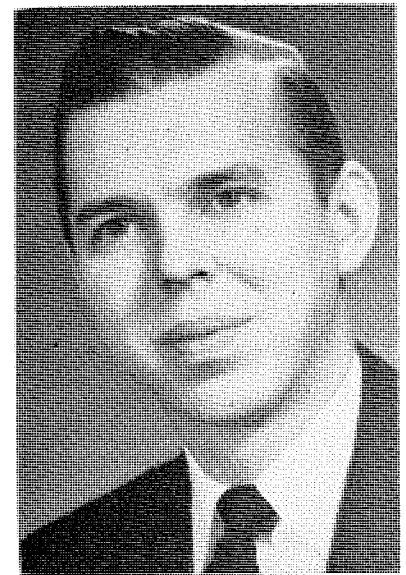
Rev. John L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn., who was the first moderator of the association, brought the morning message on "One in Hope and Doctrine." In his sermon, Mr. Welch pointed out some of the denominational differences which seemed to make his subject paradoxical, but then showed how the basic purpose of the national association united all of the constituent churches and organizations into one body. He called for closer ties that would make for denominational strength and power.

Home Missionaries Present

Messages such as this one characterized the entire convention. Other speakers included Dr. Ivan L. Bennett, former Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.; Estenio Garcia, Free Will Baptist pastor from Jibocoa, Cuba; and Rev. Willard C. Day, Tulsa, Okla.

The missionary service on Wednesday night was a high point for the entire convention. It was preceded by a missionary prayer service at the Thomas Memorial church led by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

Representing the home mission department in the regular service were Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, Tampa, Fla., and Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, Cashmere, Wash., all serving as home missionaries. From Cuba came Rev. Thomas H. Willey and three Cuban pastors. One of these pastors, Estenia Garcia, was the speaker for the service. He spoke in Spanish and Mr. Willey served as interpreter.



REV. C. A. THIGPEN
Moderator

Cuban Pastor Speaks

His message was an outstanding one as he told of being saved from a life of great sin in Havana and of how through the Free Will Baptist seminary in Pinar del Rio he had been able to train for the ministry. Much praise was given to the Lord from the hearts of the delegates for these men

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Report of Resolutions Committee

1. Whereas the work of the two mission departments are very similar in scope, and whereas we believe it worthy at least to look into the possibility of combining these two departments for the solving of many problems and of cutting quite a bit of overhead expense. Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the General Board investigate and study the possibilities, advantages, and disadvantages of such a move. This committee shall be expected to report their findings and opinions to this convention at its next session.
2. Be it resolved that we offer prayer for Rev. J. R. Davidson, a former moderator of this association, and that a telegram be sent giving notice that he is being remembered in prayer.
3. Be it resolved that the National Association extend a rising vote of thanks to the state associations of Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia, to Rev. Carl Vallance and all the committees who served and to all other agencies and individuals which have made contributions in the entertainment of this convention. Be it further resolved that letters of appreciation be sent to the mayor, the city clerk, the Chamber of Commerce and its secretary, Mr. C. Z. Johnston, the Hotel Prichard, and Mrs. Doris Miller and the *Huntington Advertiser*.



One of the highlights of the entire convention was the message brought by Estenio Garcia, Cuban pastor, interpreting for him is Rev. Thomas H. Willey, director of the Cuban work. Seated (left to right) are two other Cuban pastors, Benito Rodriguez and Melitino Martinez.

At the close of Estenio's message, 16 came forward and dedicated themselves to missionary service. The Cuban pastors attended the convention as a part of a month-and-a-half tour of Free Will Baptist churches in the states.

"Building with the Bible" Is S.S. Convention Theme

CHICAGO, Ill.—"Building with the Bible through the Sunday School" will be the theme proclaimed throughout the forthcoming national Sunday school convention. The convention is scheduled to meet here October 10-12. All of the sessions will be held in historic Moody Memorial Church.

The Greater Illinois Sunday School Convention committee, host to the convention, is planning to conduct a large Sunday school parade in downtown Chicago on Saturday, October 6.

The North Park Hotel has been chosen as the convention hotel and homes will be provided for those requesting them. (See registration blank on page 16.) As in previous years, thousands of pastors, superintendents and Sunday school workers will be attending from every state of the nation and Canada. They will hear leaders from across the nation in over 65 workshops as well as key speakers in eight major sessions.

Scientist Says Cobalt Bomb "Warning from God"

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(ERA)—A nuclear scientist told the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference here that the cobalt bomb may be "God's judgment on the world."

Dr. George K. Schweitzer, associate professor of nuclear chemistry at the University of Tennessee and a research chemist for the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, said: "I believe God is saying some-

thing to us in this day. I believe he is either giving us a warning, is preparing a judgment on this country or is preparing a judgment on the world. One thing scientists can't control is man himself," he went on. "He can only be controlled by some higher power which we know and recognize as God."

Japanese Proselytes Will Live in Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel—(MNS)—Seven thousand Japanese converts to Judaism wish to come and live in Israel. The Ministry of Religions has given permission for their entrance either this year or next year. The leader of the unique group has translated the Hebrew Bible into Japanese. He claims that the Japanese nation is directly descended from the tribe of Dan. Some members of the Danite tribe, he believes, reached Japan about 2,000 years ago.

Israel is ready to welcome these proselytes, saying that they are extremely devoted to their adopted religion and have the added asset of being largely in the professional class. A group of proselytes from Italy settled in Israel some time ago and have become well adjusted there.

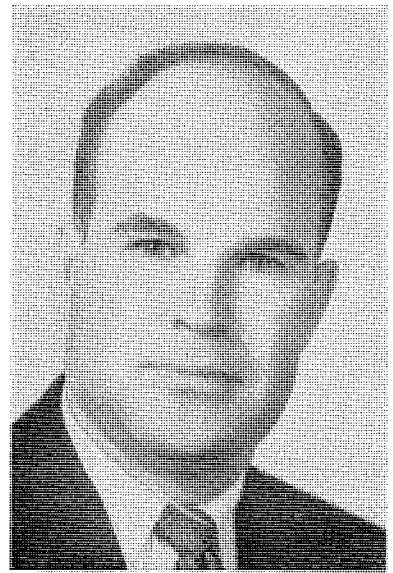
Layman's Organization Named 'The Master's Men'

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Proposals for a uniform layman's organization within the Free Will Baptist denomination were made by a special committee at the National Association in July. These proposals were adopted and the organization was named "The Master's Men."

Rev. Robert Hill, committee chairman, said, "In order that our organizations in the local churches may be uniform, the committee is preparing charters to be issued to local chapters which can qualify. These charters will be suitable for framing and the name of the local chapter will be registered with the national office of The Master's Men."

The national office will also supply individual membership cards and a quarterly magazine. None of these materials are ready yet, Mr. Hill said, but are being prepared. Also in the process of preparation are folders describing the duties of local and district officers.

A copy of the suggested constitution and by-laws for both a local and district organization of The Master's Men may be obtained free by writing 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn. Requests will also be taken now for the other material as it becomes available.



DAMON C. DODD

Dodd Resigns As Home Missions Secretary

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretary for the Board of Home Missions for three years, resigned July 9. His resignation will become effective in 90 days, according to Rev. Harry Staires, chairman of the board.

Mr. Dodd said that his future plans are indefinite. Before taking over the position with the Home Mission Board in 1953, he served four years as denominational executive secretary. He was the first full-time home missions secretary, and under his leadership scores of new churches were established, a home mission field was opened in Mexico, and four home missions teams were sent out.

His successor has not yet been named, Mr. Staires said.

Protestants in Italy Get Freedom of Worship

ROME, Italy—(ERA)—After three years, punctuated by a running battle with Italian police American missionaries have finally been granted a degree of freedom.

Last month Italy's new constitutional court ruled that the Mussolini-regime law requiring police permission before hanging up a sign or poster is unconstitutional. A second ruling of the court held that Protestant services could not be considered "dangerous to public order and security or public morals."

It freed the Rev. Giuseppe Pizzo, an Assemblies of God minister, who had been arrested when he defied a police order to leave the town of Alcamo, Sicily, where he had been holding religious services. As an Italian citizen. Mr. Pizzo had the right to go anywhere in Italy as long as he did not menace public health or security, the court ruled.



Thailand Newspapers Advertise Gospel

BANGKOK, Thailand—(MNS)—Ads being placed in various newspapers of Thailand are resulting in hundreds of applications for gospels and "Light of Life" lessons.

The Thai edition of the correspondence course based on the Gospel of John was first offered for distribution in October 1955. In three months approximately 1,500 had finished the first lesson. Many are responding to the newspaper ads and announcements made over the radio. There are students in every one of the 71 provinces of Thailand.

Mission Schools in Egypt Required to Teach Islam

CAIRO, Egypt—(EPS)—In Egypt the Ministry of Education sent a solemn warning to all Protestant and Roman Catholic missionary schools that they must obey a new law requiring them to teach the Islamic religion to their Moslem students, or face confiscation.

The warning was headlined by the government newspaper, *Al Gamhouriya*, which also published an editorial branding Christian missionaries as "spearheads of imperialism bent on exploitation, domination and slavery."

Under the new law, which becomes effective next year, all schools in Egypt, including those run by the Christian missionaries, are obliged to construct mosques on their premises to enable Moslem students to perform their prayers. In additions, the schools must close on Friday, which is the Moslem Sabbath.

A spokesman for the Education Ministry said that defiance of the new law would mean confiscation of the offending schools.

Second Honor Roll "Every Church Family" Plan

Salem church, Missouri
Hurryville church, Farmington, Mo.

With these two Missouri churches, we begin the second honor roll of fifty churches. The first honor roll closed last month with only two or three cancellations out of the first fifty churches to adopt the "Family Plan."

It took about 20 months to get the first fifty names. Surely we can do better than that on the second honor roll. Will you help us by recommending the plan to your church?

Rules for Honor Roll

1. Send names and addresses of all families in the church. *Do not send any money.*
2. Your list will be checked against our circulation. Refunds on any subscriptions in effect will be credited to the church account.
3. The church will receive a bill quarterly and a form on which to list new families or drop any who have died or changed membership.
4. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued.

The Story of Rochunga

ROY WOLFE

From the Hmar tribe in the province of Assam, far in the jungles of northeastern India comes 28-year-old Rochunga Pudaite. Bob Pierce first met him in 1949 and through his efforts World Vision brought him to America and is supporting him at Wheaton College. Rochunga's mission? Translating the scriptures into the dialect of Hmar—language of 60,000 Indians, from which it is to be translated into 35 neighboring tribes!

Here is the unusual story of Rochunga Pudaite!

"We had to put Rochunga to bed to build him up . . . he's been overdoing a bit lately." It was the nurse in the Wheaton College infirmary speaking.

But Rochunga from his hospital bed flashed his broad smile. He was happy. Had not his father written that his own church was experiencing revival? Had they not three times extended the church to contain the crowds? It was the scriptures translated on records that Rochunga had helped prepare that was bringing in the neighboring tribes said his father.

"Even as my people have become the leaders in spreading the gospel in my land, I believe the Auca Indians of Ecuador can become the leaders in evangelizing their country," said Rochunga. "It is easy for me to understand their reaction when they murdered the five white missionaries. The same thing happened in my tribe.

"My people were gripped with fear when they first heard the British were coming in 1871. In the ensuing struggle a Britisher, Winchester, was beheaded and his six-year-old daughter captured. The tribe was labeled "head-hunters" and missionaries were afraid to venture into the dark jungle land."

In 1906 Watkin Roberts, now of Canada, caught a missionary vision to go to India. He arrived in 1909 and sent gospel tracts into the area of Rochunga's homeland.

One tract fell into the hands of the chief of the village and he sent word out to Roberts. "Can you come and interpret this paper for us?"

"Don't go . . . you will lose your head," pleaded friends.

"I gave out my tracts," replied Roberts. "Now I must follow up. If I lose my head, lose my head!"

From that brave beginning the gospel spread. Forty-seven years ago there were only five or six Christians in southwest Manipur. Today 82% are converted.

"I was converted when I was ten years old by my father," said Rochunga.

"He walked thousands of miles on foot to preach the gospel as there are no roads into the district. As my father did not have a copy of the scriptures he determined to

walk 129 miles to read a portion of the Bible.

"What a great joy it was when he returned with a few portions of the Bible in his heart! It is wonderful to have the Bible in our hearts and not just in our hands.

"My father translated these portions for his people but they continued for 39 years without a Bible. In 1920 the Welch Missionary Society took a census in Cachar district and discovered my people were in majority in the hill area. They sent Rev. Sandy to do a translation for the people, but because of lack of knowledge of the language no one could read or understand it.

"In 1925 they had another conference but returned home disappointed. In 1928, the year I was born, they had another conference. They thought this would be final. I was born the last day of the conference and many prayed that I might help in the translation of the Bible.

"In 1940 I started working with Dr. Thanglung who had just finished his medical studies and helped him translate the New Testament. In 1947 we received the first shipment of 50 copies of this translation."

Rochunga and his father went with a man who carried the 50 copies of the Bible 50 miles on his back to the village of Parbung. There was a great celebration! Over 2000 people came, each determined to get a copy of the Word.

Some wept, others fought to get possession of the precious book! There were shouts. "I can read better than you . . . my church must have a copy . . . I need one for my children!"

Then, before Rochunga's eyes enfolded a scene he will never forget! "My father said, 'You can not all hold a Bible in your hands. But you can all memorize the Word of God in your heart.' He had them all sit down in a circle on the grass and he taught them many scriptures. I thought of Jesus feeding the multitude with only five loaves and two fishes."

Today, half-way around the world, Rochunga continues his mission. He is revising his New Testament translation and translating the Old Testament into the dialect of Hmar. This he does working with his uncle still in India. They each translate a book, exchanging and correcting the other's manuscript.

"My country," said Rochunga, "is a country without a jail because there are so many Christians. The reason there are so many Christians is because when a man accepts Christ he immediately goes and tells his neighbor.

"My people were head-hunters, but now they are heart-hunters!"

National Association

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and their sacrificial work among their own people.

The Holy Spirit moved in many hearts and sixteen came forward and dedicated their lives for missionary service.

In business action, the body voted a constitutional amendment extending the term of office of the executive secretary to two years, but declined to act on a proposed amendment which would not have permitted the convention officers and chairmen of the standing boards to serve on the General Board. After lengthy discussion, a motion to postpone was carried.

Authorized Theology Book

In other action, delegates referred to a study committee (see **Association Personnel**) a proposal for establishing an Education Commission. The special committee will report next year. On motion from the floor,



A matter of denominational business is being discussed by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary, while the moderator and Rev. Robert Hill, Joelton, Tenn., stand by. The business sessions were very harmonious.

the General Board was instructed to provide for the preparation of material to be included in a book of theology.

They heard in the report of the executive secretary that receipts through the Cooperative Plan of Support were 94% above a year ago. The secretary's report also revealed that 16½ per cent of denominational giving for the last half of 1955 came through the Cooperative Plan. He called on them "to lead your churches into this broad vision of total, regular support of the denomination rather than the uncertain and inadequate way of limited, sporadic giving."

Birmingham, in 1957

Invitations for the 1957 session were received from Birmingham, Ala.; Savannah, Ga., and Tulare, Calif. Delegates voted to accept the Birmingham invitation which was sponsored by the Alabama state association. The placement committee announced that the 1958 session will be held in St. Louis, Mo. The convention is getting so large that

it was deemed necessary to begin setting the place two years in advance in order to be able to secure proper facilities.

Below are some of the highlights from the reports of the various boards:

Foreign Missions—Announced a total of 20 missionaries under active appointment and presented a record budget of \$103,215. Revealed that Miss Laura Belle Barnard, who has served 21 years in India except for the war years, has asked to be relieved from appointment when she returns in late 1957 or 1958. Presented Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, the newest appointees, who will open a new field on the African Ivory Coast.

Voted \$200,000 Expansion

Bible College—Presented an expansion program which was unanimously approved. Estimated cost will be \$200,000. Two new units are proposed. One will be a wing addition to the Memorial Auditorium which will be used for a dining hall, kitchen, and student lounge. Other will be erected at 3613 Richland Ave. and will house library, reading rooms, business offices, classrooms, and teacher's offices. Nashville architect has already submitted preliminary plans. Announced that when expansion program is completed, present facilities will be approximately doubled.

Publications—Announced that plans are underway to bring out the Free Will Baptist history which Rev. G. W. Million, Pochontas, Ark., has been many years in compiling. The work may go to two volumes—one dealing with denominational background and history and the other presenting the history of the work in the states.

Plan to Retire Debt

Home Missions—Reported a decline in giving. Said that "we now have Free Will Baptist churches and/or missions in 42 of the 48 states and we can be safe in saying that our total membership, including those unaffiliated with the National Association, is one-half million."

Executive—Asked for and got permission to raise \$5,000 by October 15 to clear the headquarters building of debt and announced plans to publish a denominational yearbook by March 15, 1957. Reported **Contact** circulation at 4,600, a climb of nearly 2,000 since last year, but said that 97 per cent of the reported membership still does not get the paper. Announced that the bulletin service now circulates about three-quarters of a million a year.



L. L. Stanley, convention music director, leads the great congregation in the convention hymn, "All Hail the Power." Standing behind him is Mr. Vallance. Seated are the moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Albany, Ga., and Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, association clerk, Glennville, Ga.

Committees Appointed

Committee on Committees: Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Okla.; Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Savannah, Ga.; Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Hazelhurst, Ga.; Rev. M. L. Johnson, Mt. Olive, N. C.; Rev. Lester Jones, Kirksville, Mo.

Nominating: Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Luccama, N. C.; Rev. Mark M. Lewis, Hazel Park, Mich.; Rev. Luther Gibson, Tupelo, Miss.; Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.; Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Resolutions: Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, N. C.; Rev. Billy Melvin, Richmond, Va.; Rev. Paul J. Ketteman, Columbus, Miss.; Rev. H. L. Knighton, Albany, Ga.; Rev. George McLain, Campbell, Calif.

Temperance: Rev. Charles Sapp, Bryan, Texas; Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, Cashmere, Wash.; Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Norfolk, Va.; Rev. Dale Munkus, Russellville, Ark.; Mr. G. W. Cloud, Jacksonville, Fla.

Placement for 1958 session: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Greenville, N. C.; Rev. H. E. Staires, Tulsa, Okla.; Rev. W. A. Hales, Nashville, Tenn.

Program: The Executive Secretary, general officers, and chairman of each standing board.



Association Personnel

One star indicates elected at this session; two stars means re-elected.

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 Rev. Raymond Riggs, Tenn. 1959
 Rev. Mark M. Lewis, Mich. 1960
 **Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Ark. 1961

Home Mission Board

Rev. H. E. Staires, Okla. 1957
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 Rev. Willard C. Day, Okla. 1959
 Rev. Homer E. Willis, N. C. 1960
 *Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Mo. 1961

Bible College Trustees

Rev. Luther Gibson, Miss.; Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, N. C.; Rev. J. L. Welch, Tenn. 1958
 Rev. K. V. Shutes, Tenn.; Rev. Paul Ketteman, Miss.; Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Ga. 1960
 **Rev. Melvin Bingham, Okla.; Rev. James F. Miller, N. C.; Rev. J. R. Davidson, N. C. 1962

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Report of the Temperance Committee

(1) Whereas the liquor industry no longer confines its activities in marketing alcoholic beverages to taverns, dives, road houses, etc., but have invaded our grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants, and service stations, and other consumer establishments, we recommend that we continually remind ourselves of the covenant we made with our church in which we agreed to abstain from the sale of, sanction of, and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

(2) Whereas the liquor industry has stated that its goal is to have liquor in every home in America, and

Whereas their advertising never reveals the end result of the consumption of their products, but glamorizes drink as being healthful, wholesale, and socially acceptable, and

Whereas it is scientifically affirmed to be harmful, degrading, and debauching, we recommend that the National Association direct the clerk to write broadcasting company officials voicing our strong protest against commercial advertising of liquor by means of radio and television.

(3) We further recommend that our pastors encourage their churches to cooperate with any of the organizations which oppose the liquor traffic in their locality.

(4) Whereas there can be no reasonable justification for the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial airlines in view of the potential safety hazards, and

Whereas a number of airlines have engaged in this affront to Christian decency by exposing all passengers, including children, in these "flying taverns" to liquor service by providing cocktails to those desiring them while the plane is in flight, and

Whereas spokesmen for the airline pilots and stewardesses have consistently condemned this practice as being both hazardous and a public nuisance, and

Whereas committees in both the House of Representatives and United States Senate are considering measures which would prohibit this dangerous and senseless practice,

Therefore, be it resolved:

(1) That this National Association of Free Will Baptists register its strong disapproval of the practice described above and call upon the offending airlines to discontinue it in the interest of safety and public decency.

(2) That this National Association of Free Will Baptists give its fullest endorsement to those measures now before congressional committees which would prohibit the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial airlines.

(3) That copies of this resolution be sent to all of the offending airlines and to the Honorable Percy Priest, chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and the Honorable Senators Warren Magnuson and Mike Monroney, chairmen of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and subcommittee, respectively.

(4) We recommend that our members, and particularly the pastors and church leaders, keep abreast of the subtle tactics of the liquor industry and of proposed legislation which would affect it. Two publications which would help in this are *The Union Signal*, a monthly magazine issued by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and *Clipsheet*, a bi-weekly newsletter issued by the Methodist Board of Temperance, and any publication issued by the United dry forces in each state in which we have churches.

Under a limited special arrangement, *The Union Signal* may be ordered for \$1.50 a year from 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. *Clipsheet* is \$2 per year from 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

Radio-TV Board

Rev. John Oliver, Tenn. 1957
 Rev. Harry Beatty, Mo. 1958
 Rev. Ralph Staten, N. C. 1959
 Rev. Jerry Dudley, Calif. 1960
 *Rev. Walter Carter, N. C. 1961

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Special Education Committee

Rev. George Waggoner, Ill.; Rev. T. M. Pate, Mich.; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Tenn.; Rev. Rufus Coffey, S. C.; Rev. Joe Ange, N. C.



Rev. K. V. Shutes, promotional secretary for the Superannuation Board, is available for a pastorate in connection with his work. Can give every Sunday or part-time. Would prefer something near center of denominational work, but this is not necessary. Write him at headquarters, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.



REV. AND MRS. LONNIE SPARKS

Sparks Get Missionary Appointment to Africa

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks have been recently appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions as missionaries to Africa. They are expected to leave in the late fall or early winter for the field. They will eventually open a mission station in the Ivory Coast, but they will have to spend some time in language study before going to the African field. This will probably be done in Paris, France, according to an announcement by Rev. Raymond Riggs, missions secretary.

Mr. Sparks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sparks, Sulphur, Okla. He has attended Murray State College, Oklahoma Baptist University, and the University of Oklahoma. After graduating from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, he did some work at Winona Lake School of Theology in Indiana, and this year received an M.A. degree from Columbia Bible College, South Carolina. He has held pastorates in Oklahoma and Georgia.

Mrs. Sparks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kaminsky of Edwardsburg, Mich. She has attended South Bend College of Commerce, Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Columbia Bible College.

The foreign missions office announced that they are available for speaking engagements in behalf of their support.

TABLE PLACE MATS

Greater missionary emphasis can be given to family meals or church dinners through use of the new attractive missionary place mats. They are printed in two colors on linen-finish paper and show map of world with pictures of Free Will Baptist missionaries and the areas where they serve. Price is 5¢ each, with lower prices for 100 or more. Order from foreign missions department at headquarters.

Conference Date Changed

Because of a conflict in dates, the annual missionary conference will be held October 9-10 instead of October 16-17, as previously announced. The original date conflicted with the meeting of the Cumberland association, which includes churches in the Nashville area.

The place is still on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Japanese Woman Gives Testimony of Conversion

TOKYO, Japan—The testimony given below is that of Mrs. Haseys Harii, a Japanese woman who was won to Christ through the efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, Free Will Baptist missionaries, while they were in language school. She is 36 years old, and after her conversion she invited the missionaries to conduct Sunday night services in her home, which they did.

Her testimony is as follows:

"One night after supper I heard the beautiful melody of a hymn through the window when I was washing dishes in the kitchen. At that time my heart was stirred and filled with a certain inspiration. I thought I could not stand still so I stopped washing dishes, notwithstanding there were some dishes which I had to do. Then I went to the meeting place close to my house without even taking my apron off. This is the meeting that Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery began in May of last year.

"I had been troubled with many problems, and yet I had been unable to solve them before I knew of the meeting. There was neither true peace nor satisfaction in my heart. My life was really miserable. However, God did not forsake me, who was a sinner and against his will, but led me to Him.

"When I began to attend the meetings, I liked to sing songs rather than to study the Bible because it made me so happy to sing. But it was only while I was singing in the meeting with other people that I felt happiness. Therefore, I was still troubled and unhappy.

"My heart was full of misery and desires of the flesh. I continued to live in the same way even after I began going to the meeting. Oh, but praise the Lord, he talked to me and touched my heart by his word, love, and power through the person who was the leader of the meeting.

"I recognized that I was a sinner to be judged and so I had to confess that I needed a Savior. Over six months have passed since I was saved. I have learned to understand God's love increasingly. I have been upheld by God since I was saved. I was so weak and feeble that I could not but stumble if there was not God's help. Day by day I'm studying the Scriptures with victory. May God give me strong faith and guide me every moment. I give all thanks to God and have great joy in him."

Cooperative Receipts Show Slight Decline

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Although cooperative receipts for July were somewhat below the month of June, the drop was accounted for because of the fifth Sunday in July coming right at the end of the month. Thus the receipts for many churches will be shown on the August report. Total receipts for the month were \$3,073.

RECEIPTS

<i>ALABAMA</i>		
First church, Dothan	46.09	
<i>CALIFORNIA</i>		
Churches of California	225.52	
<i>FLORIDA</i>		
Central church, Tampa	11.72	
Florida State Association	143.89	155.61
<i>ILLINOIS</i>		
Eakin Grove church, Benton.....	8.00	
Waltonville church, Waltonville	26.72	
Johnsonville church, Cisne	3.00	
Pleasant View church, Dix.....	23.10	
Webb's Prairie church, Ewing	13.46	
Bethel church, S. Roxana	30.22	
Oak Grove church, Sesser	7.78	
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon	32.20	144.48
<i>KENTUCKY</i>		
Southside church, Paintsville	25.00	
<i>MISSISSIPPI</i>		
Northeast Mississippi Association	116.00	
<i>MISSOURI</i>		
State Association	640.54	
<i>NEW MEXICO</i>		
First Association	50.51	
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>		
Swannanoa church, Swannanoa	75.73	
Goshen church, Belmont	66.00	
Hickory Chapel church, Ahsokie	32.77	174.50
<i>OKLAHOMA</i>		
State Association	263.83	
<i>TENNESSEE</i>		
Head's church, Chapmansboro	71.96	
Palmer Memorial church, Nashville	33.42	
Mt. Zion church, Ashland City	51.08	
Ashland City church, Ashland City	65.58	
East Nashville church, Nashville	120.00	342.04
<i>VIRGINIA</i>		
Fairmount Park church, Norfolk	276.15	
First church, Richmond	388.37	664.52
		2,848.64
<i>DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</i>		
Florida	105.59	
Virginia	118.78	224.37
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,073.01	
<i>DISBURSEMENTS</i>		
Executive Department	1,300.15	
Foreign Missions	660.34	
Bible College	454.69	
Home Missions	336.38	
Superannuation	123.10	
Sunday School Department	94.60	
League Board	66.12	
Radio-TV Board	37.63	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,073.01	

Every Church Needs These Supplies

More than a dozen new items have been added to our line of church supplies that will help make the work of the church more efficient and easier. Order today from your denominational supply house.

Sunday School Register Board

Made of fine-quality, light or dark oak-finished wood (Specify which). Has a metal bronze-finished emblem of a Bible and cross. Raised wood strips accommodate seven slides and numerals. Overall size, 18 x 28½ inches. Furnished complete with removable slides and numerals. **\$10.50**

League Register Board

Same as above except seven slides conform to the seven-point League record system. **\$10.50**

Communion Service

Beautiful anodized aluminum resists scratches, mars and stains. A durable set that will give a lifetime of service to any church.

Tray. Holds 40 glasses. Four dozen glasses included. **\$15.00**

Cover. With cross handle. **\$8.25**

Base. For the tray. **\$7.00**

Bread Plate. Diameter, 10 inches. Wide rim. **\$5.25**

Offering Plate. Diameter, 10 inches. Plush-lined pad in bottom in maroon or green—specify. **\$7.50**

Minister's Ordination Certificate

Parchment paper, with suitable wording and design. Very attractive for framing. Each, **10 cents; dozen, \$1.00**

Deacon's Ordination Certificate

Parchment paper. Framing style. Each, **10 cents; dozen, \$1.00**

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Bond paper. Place for record of extension. Each, **10 cents; dozen, \$1.00**

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An attractive four-page folder on heavy white stock with gold pattern on front cover. The two inside pages are printed in black. Envelopes. Each, **5 cents; dozen, 50 cents**

Letter of Recommendation

Post card form. Bound book of 50 perforated post cards. Blanks for names and clerk's signature. Space for stamp and address. Stub for church clerk. **\$1.00**

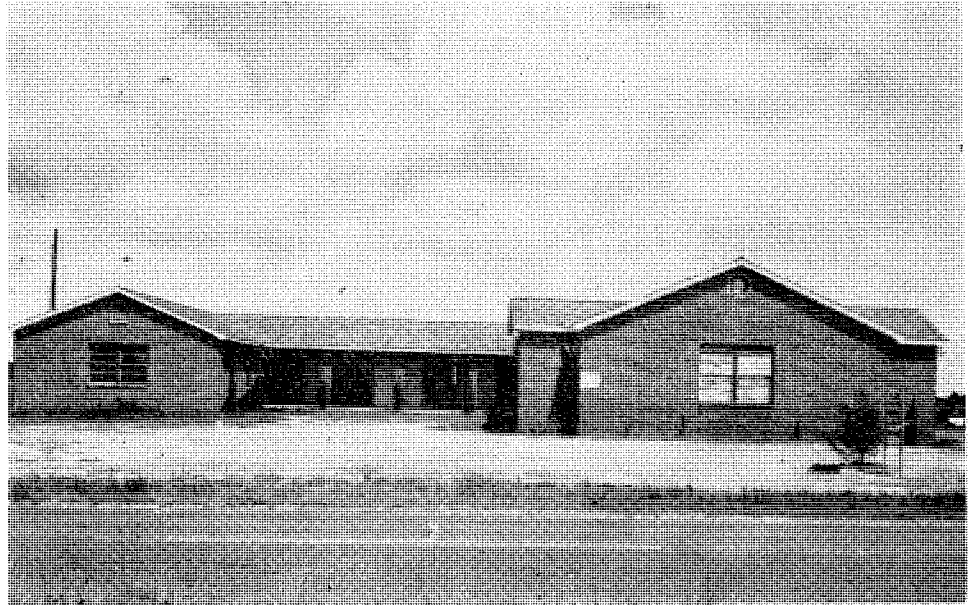
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CHURCH OF THE MONTH



Because of the kindness of friends and the devotion of the members, the \$40,000 church plant shown above was built at an actual cost of about \$15,000. It is the New Zion Free Will Baptist church located in the Tumbleton community at Headland, Alabama. It was started in January 1955 and completed in June of the same year under the leadership of Rev. Chester H. Pelt, pastor, and other church officials. Mr. Pelt served the church from July 1948 until September 1955.

The building consists of a worship auditorium, an education auditorium, 8 Sunday school rooms, rest rooms, a baptistry, kitchen, and a porch connecting the auditoriums. The future plan of the church is to build a parsonage and have their own pastor in the community.

Report of Special Committee On Laymen's Organizations

The committee appointed at the last convention to investigate the possibilities of setting up a uniform layman's organization within the Free Will Baptist Church, begs leave to submit the following report:

After much observation, consultation, and prayer, we have arrived at the following conclusions:

1. That within the ranks of the Free Will Baptist Church, there is a considerable number of laymen whose abilities should be enlisted in the program of the church.

2. That there is a definite need for the layman's organizations within the Free Will Baptist Church to be uniform.

3. That this organization, if properly carried out, would be large enough in its scope, to advance the cause of Christ and would lend continual promotion to various church and denominational-centered projects.

Recommendations

The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the proposed constitution and by-laws, prepared by this committee, be adopted for use within the Free Will Baptist layman's organizations.

2. That this committee be continued until the next National Association.

3. That this committee be given the authority to promote all phases of the proposed organization.

Robert Hill
Luther Gibson
O. T. Dixon

Report of Budget Committee

We recommend the adoption of a total denominational budget of \$371,845 for 1957 as proposed by the following departments:

Free Will Baptist Bible	
College	\$158,000
Foreign Missions	103,215
Home Missions	46,400
Executive Department	25,000
Superannuation	14,820
Sunday School Department....	12,750
Radio-TV	6,160
Free Will Baptist League	5,500

We further recommend the following percentage allocations of the cooperative funds until such time as the budget of the Executive Department has been met, at which time we recommend that the allocations be made according to the second column of figures:

Foreign Missions	27 %	39 %
Home Missions	12.5%	17.5%
Radio-TV	2 %	2.5%
Executive Department	31 %	
Bible College	19 %	28.5%
Superannuation	4 %	5.5%
F.W.B. League	1 %	2 %
Sunday School Department	3.5%	5 %



Women's Auxiliary
LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

WNAC Marked with Strong Missionary Spirit; 1,000 Attend

MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS

Following a most profitable executive committee meeting and with a strong missionary spirit prevailing, the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention opened in Huntington, W. Va., July 9 with Mrs. Laverne Miley, president, in charge. The keynote was "O, Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth" and it was well carried out throughout the convention.

The thought for the day, "The light of salvation must be real in our own lives before we can show or tell others," was brought to life in the testimonies of the Cuban pastors—Esenio, Melitino, and Benito—Rev. Thomas H. Willey, director of missionary work in Cuba, and Miss Lucy Wischart, missionary home on furlough from Cuba.

The Rev. Robert Wilfong challenged our hearts with an account of the blessings of the Lord they were enjoying in Tampa, Fla., where they recently began a new work. His message once more made real to us the promise of God, "Go, and I shall be with you." After several months of patient, untiring effort, God has blessed with the organization of a new church which is going forward, he reported.

Tuesday morning's thought brought home to each of us the fact that we are respon-

sible for carrying the light of salvation to those who have not heard.

The Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga., in the morning devotions gave us intimate glimpses of the needs, potentialities, and challenges of India gleaned from his visit there.

The response to the declamation contest this year was most gratifying. There were 16 contestants entered from the various states using the theme, "Missions." The YPA winners were Annette Cox, Missouri, first place, Gayla Faye Letchworth, North Carolina, second place. GTA winners were Robert Bryon, Virginia, first, and Barbara Allen, South Carolina, second.

Mrs. Luther Sanders, youth chairman from Cordova, Ala., was in the charge of the contest and announced that the same theme will be used next year.

For the first time an essay contest was conducted. The subject was "The Worth of a Family Altar." There were six entries and the winners were Larry Denham, South Carolina, and Carolyn Lee, North Carolina. This same theme will also be used for next year's contest.

The fruits of giving to missions were exemplified in the experiences of the three Cuban pastors present. While they were walking in darkness, they said, the light of



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the gospel was made known to them and now they are taking it to others. The Rev. Benito Rodriguez presented the desperate need for chapels in Cuba.

The registrar's records revealed 623 registering with an approximate attendance of 1,000. Statistical records showed a membership in Woman's Auxiliaries of 11,003 with 661 souls being won to Christ during the past year. Reports showed 67 YPA, 75 GTA, and 13 BA organizations. Twenty states reported at the convention and three new states were received into membership. Financial receipts showed a substantial increase over 1955.

Business highlights were:

1. The acceptance by the WNAC of a home mission project this year in the purchase of a tent for use in conducting revival campaigns for the organization of new churches. Each state's quota for this project will be double what it was last year on the visual aids project.

2. Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo., was elected executive secretary-treasurer and is expected to assume office in Nashville by the first of September. Mrs. Edwards will also serve as promotional and literature chairman.

3. The president of the WNAC is to be sent as an official delegate, with expenses paid, to the Women's Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals.

4. The executive secretary will be sent to the women's convention in Cuba in April.

Many of the women wondered if there could be any significance in the fact that after 16 contestants had given declamations on the subject of missions, 16 candidates pledged their lives as missionaries in the missionary service during the national association.

The coming year challenges each of us to a deepened prayer life, to more consecrated living, and to more sacrificial giving that we might, under God, accomplish more in his service for the salvation of souls. We are depending on you to assume your share of responsibility for these aims.



Mrs. Helen Sanders (left), WNAC youth chairman, presents awards to the winners in the missions declamation contest. They are (left to right) Robert Bryan, Va., first place GTA; Gayla Faye Letchworth, N. C., first place YPA; Annette Cox, Mo., second place YPA, and Barbara Allen, S. C., second place GTA.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

SAMMY WILKINSON, News Editor

California Church Breaks Ground for Educational Building

MODESTO, Calif.—The North Modesto church held a ground breaking service for its new educational building on June 25 at the church site, located at 225 Orangeburg Avenue. The occasion was opened with scripture reading by Rev. R. C. Hampton, pastor of the church. There was a united prayer led by the building committee, which consists of Edgar Floyd, Roy Kelton, and Lloyd Stancel. The ladies of the church served a dinner after the service.

North Carolina Pastor Resigns Pastorate

KINSTON, N. C.—Rev. James F. Miller, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church here, has resigned the church effective September 30. He tendered his resignation at the Sunday morning service several weeks ago. Since Mr. Miller came to the church September 27, 1952, it has shown a steady growth. The Sunday school has grown from a record attendance of 147 to a new peak of 336. The average Sunday attendance has grown from 118 to 225. 86 persons have been received into the church on profession of faith and baptism, and approximately 80 by transfer. A debt of \$7,000 has been liquidated and additional property has been purchased for \$10,000. All except \$2,000 has been paid. Mr. Miller hopes the balance will be erased before his current pastorate ends. Rev. and Mrs. Miller are former residents of Missouri, but he made no announcement about where they would be after leaving Kinston on October 1.

New Mission Begun In Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A new mission has been started in South Nashville and is under the leadership of Rev. Colonel Pendleton. The mission was started in June and is now located at 170 Wharf Ave. Full services are being held at the mission.

North Carolina Church Host to Association

NORTH BELMONT, N. C.—The Goshen Free Will Baptist Church here will be host to the 13th annual session of the Piedmont association of Free Will Baptists which meets August 2-4. The ministers' conference and woman's auxiliary conference will also meet. The theme of the association will be "Faithful Stewards." Several of the ministers will be bringing messages during the association.

College Student Elected Head of League Convention

DRUMRIGHT, Okla.—Lewis Allen Perry from Stratford, and student at Free Will Baptist Bible college, was elected the new president of the Oklahoma state League convention, which convened at the campground near here in June. At the convention, 11 districts were represented from over the state with a registration of 318.

Georgia Sunday School Convention Elects Officers

GLENNVILLE, Ga.—The Quarterly Sunday school convention of the South Georgia association, which convened with the Glennville church July 21, elected the following officers for the coming year: Rev. Louis H. Moulton, president; Mr. Nolan Purcell, vice-president; Mrs. Irvin Hyman, secretary and treasurer; Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, chorister; Mrs. Ralph Lightsey, pianist; and Rev. George Ludwig, publicity director. The next session will meet January 26, 1957, at Spring Grove church near Jesup, Georgia.

Missouri State To Meet in August

MONETT, Mo.—The 43rd annual session of Missouri state association of Free Will Baptists will convene at the youth camp grounds August 20-24. The annual session

of the Sunday school convention and the League convention will also meet. The speakers for the Sunday school and League convention will be Rev. Russell Spurgeon and Rev. John West.

New Church Building Dedicated in Alabama

SLOCOMB, Ala.—On June 17 the Slocomb church was dedicated to the Lord. Rev. W. B. Hughes of Chipley, Florida, brought the dedicational message at 2:30 p.m. The subject of his message was "Some Things a Church Needs." Rev. Paul Ketteman, Columbus, Mississippi, conducted a revival the following eight days and the people were blessed in a great way. Rev. Rufus Hyman is pastor of the church.

California Church Groups Have Projects

PORTERVILLE, Calif.—The Brotherhood and League of the Free Will Baptist church here have each adopted a project. The men are installing a baptistry and the young people are working on the grounds and curbing. Rev. Ray Letsinger is pastor.

Pastoral Changes

Jerry Rhoades to Tecumseh, Okla., from Lindsay, Okla.
 William Buster resigned East Side church, Florence, S. C., effective October 31. Plans indefinite.
 John Lindsley to Pine Hill church, Star City, Ark., from Grace church, Portland, Tenn.
 John B. Elliston to First church, Tucson, Ariz.
 W. A. Hales to Southside church, St. Louis, from Trinity church, Nashville, Tenn.
 Robert Hill to Trinity church, Nashville, Tenn., from New Hope church, Joelton, Tenn.
 A. J. Lambert leaving First church, Florence, Ala. Plans indefinite.

Revival Campaigns

CHURCH	PASTOR	EVANGELIST	DATES	DEC.	ADD
Aleo church, East Rockingham, N. C.	Walter Carter	Boyd L. Shook	8/5—		
Beaverdam church, Candler, N. C.	Ernest Strickland	Walter Carter	9/2—		
Slocomb, Ala.	Rufus Hyman	Paul Ketteman	6/17—24		
Pilgrim's Rest church, Abbeville, Ala.	M. H. Taylor	Charles Craddock	7/1—6		
New Zion church, Tumberton, Ala.	Paul Mallory	Charles Craddock	7/15—20	1	5
Union Hill church, Slocomb, Ala.	Trim Finch	Charles Craddock	7/22—27		
Princess Anne, Va.		E. H. Overman		20	
Evergreen church, Iola, Texas	Herbert Richards	W. S. Mooneyham	8/20—26		
Brightlight church, Bryan, Texas	A. F. Halbrook	W. S. Mooneyham	8/27—9/2		
First church, Bryan, Texas	Charles Sapp	Bob Jones	9/23—30		
First church, Amarillo, Texas	Edd Abbott	L. C. Pinson	6/10—20	15	

Delinquency

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revolutionary youth of that of parental authority. If the home ties of parental guidances be torn to pieces, what is to hinder slashing the cords which hold together our schools, our communities and other basic institutions of our society?

Respect for human life is an innate law closely associated with the God concept of a Creator to whom men belong as creature and in whose image they are created. When belief in God fades from man's heart the value estimate of his fellowman is depreciated. Homicide becomes rampant. Where the law of obedience to parents be broken, the law "thou shalt not kill" is easier to break resulting all too often in fratricide or matricide.

Moral Purity Needed

Where the barrier of chastity is broken human passion becomes "unstable as water," as the old patriarch Jacob said. Moral purity and fidelity is the rock foundation upon which the home must be built. Where that rock is lacking the home has only a sand foundation through which the water of carnal life seeps to undermine its stability.

Premarital sex relations and trial marriages are undercurrents in our present day domestic life revealing a dangerous trend. A great sector of married life in America today is built on a floating island of marital instability.

Respect for our neighbor's property has been the cornerstone of human economy since God created man upon this earth. As the pillar of home life keeps human society together, so the individual rights to justly-earned and acquired property is the cornerstone of economic stability. Whether, therefore, a man steals his neighbor's property openly or in secret, or a Communist dictator does it wholesale in a country he rules, he is transgressing God's law "Thou shalt not steal!"

Cord of Honesty Rotting

The cords of truth and honesty as essential to stable relations between individuals, communities and nations in the world have been recognized at least in all the western nations on our globe. But in this last century this cord, although seemingly intact, is rotting at the core because of religious casuistry, Communist-inspired dialecticism, and democratic expediency. These corroding influences are weakening all the other cords binding individuals and communities together in homes, unions, parties or clubs, making man an actor on a stage, not a responsible person facing the realities of life on firmly established principles.

The "root of evil" (1 Timothy 5:10) and the basic cause of much commandment breaking, is covetousness. The tenth rule of the decalogue of God has been turned upside down and made the first commandment in the law promulgated by the Prince of this World. This mammon worship

tempts men to be Sabbath breakers, to illegally acquire property, to barter character and reputation, and to wage world wars.

School of Criminal Training

Is it strange that delinquency is rampant in our land when binding cords of godliness and respect for one's fellowmen have been discarded. In what school of learning have these potential criminals been educated?

Visual education has been employed by the editors of crime comics, TV and movie actors provide antichristian, criminal and immoral dramas. Through the eyegate our youth learn to sneer at our Christian civilization and to use the implements of destruction which result in juvenile delinquency.

Dr. F. Wertham writing in *Reader's Digest* on "Blueprints for Delinquency" says: "If one were to set out to show children how to lie, assault, and break into houses, no better blueprints than the comics could be devised." Juvenile vandalism and sadistic joy in seeing other people suffer, having their property damaged or destroyed, can be traced to the visual education of crime comics and television. An eleven-year-old Chicago boy set a tenement house on fire which killed seven persons, injuring nine. When asked why he did it the boy answered: "I read a comic book called *The Human Torch*."

Tenderness Is Flouted

A Brooklyn boy said to one of the missionaries in a rescue mission: "I look at television in the evening: during the night I

have 'good' dreams and in the morning I feel like going out to kill somebody." This boy had actually attempted to hurt another boy with his knife.

Few Christians realize how effectively the father of lies and hatred has educated his children. Even men of the world are getting their eyes open to the detrimental influence of satanic teachings upon children. Wrote Dr. Harry Overstreet, author of the book *Mind Alive*: "Tenderness is fundamental to life and one of life's basic psychological needs. With crime and horror comics something has entered American life which is flouting the spirit of tenderness."

The younger generation is not alone in its contamination with the spirit of hatred. This perversity is taking a fearful hold on older Americans also. Movie director Alfred Hitchcock informs us why documentary crime movies are increasing in popularity. According to a writer in a Brooklyn paper, "Hitchcock is fond of 'dial M' (murder) because every man has wanted to strangle his wife and every wife to poison her husband. Murder mysteries give us a certain vicarious satisfaction that makes us better able to suffer the slings and arrows of everyday living."

National Exhibition

If such perverted sentiments be prevalent among parents, is it not fair to assume that their children's delinquency is a national exhibition of their patrimonial heritage? In diagnosing the social ills afflicting children and young people today, let us not, therefore, put the whole blame on the young



The Church can do something about juvenile delinquency by offering social programs through Bible classes and young people's societies. It is true that mere techniques are not enough, but the Church should be ready to use any and all means which are consistent with our Christian testimony to win and save our youth.

generation but censure first of all those who are responsible for bringing them into the world and for their orientation and vocation in this world.

Then take a look back upon the world in which the present day teen-agers and children are born. World-wide economic depression prevailed. Families found themselves uprooted from country to city, or from homes to rented quarters; many were obliged to find refuge with relatives. Parents without work, or fearing to lose their jobs, were reluctant to bring an added number to their cramped living quarters or to their dining table. In many cases the arrival of an addition to the family was unwelcome. Can we wonder that an unwanted child would react in violent protest against life and property?

Vacuum Filled with Hatred

Moreover, where love is not bestowed on a child that soul will have a vacuum soon filled by a substitute sentiment—hatred. Sadism is the fullgrown fruit of hatred.

Other teen-agers were reared in homes partially dissolved because of World War II. Fathers were far away at the front fighting, while mothers were occupied in defense plants or other kinds of labor necessary for carrying on total war. Marching to school in the morning, to a supervised recreation center in the afternoon, they were picked up by a tired mother at dark and dragged to bed in a home that was more like a boarding house than a home. Children of such a generation are almost doomed to criminality.

Perversity in sex relations is a factor. A Minneapolis priest says: "The young American male is increasingly bewildered and confused by the aggressive, coarse, dominant attitude and behavior of his women. I believe it is one of the most serious social traits of our time—and that it is certain to have most serious social consequences."

Negligence of Mother

Possibly this tendency among young women is the negligence of the mother. She has been either so busy on her job in shop, factory or office, or so occupied in her activities in civic, club, or school or church organizations that she has neglected the training of her child.

The little girl looks at her mother doing a man's job. She learns to follow in her mother's footsteps. To do so effectively she must smother her femininity. She begins to dress like a boy. The boy becomes her ideal—not as a husband at her side in homelife, but as a factor in the business and social world. Thus to sin against the law which God placed in the human heart brings retribution in the whole structure of human society.

Many young people sense the abnormality of such a homelife. Tom Slinkard wrote in *Coronet* magazine in an article entitled "A Teen-ager Talks Back": "No neighborhood

recreation center can replace the home. No psychiatrist can fill in for a parent. Investigating juvenile delinquency problems is no substitute for a man-to-man or woman-to-woman talk between fathers and sons, mothers and daughters."

Duty Is to Home

When will the American mother learn that her first and foremost duty is the consecration of her whole life, and most of her time to the home? When will she open her eyes to the fact that her influence there is of much greater gain than the dollars she earns on her job, mostly for the purpose of satisfying her vanity in clothes, attaining independence from her husband, or enjoying a higher standard of living.

And what of our "baby-sitting-aristocracy" which, according to a New York paper, is "a new ruling class in America"? The baby-sitter is necessary, but with too frequent visits to the home, she is likely to displace the parents and become a ruling element in it.

What responsibility must the Church of Jesus Christ assume toward the erring youth of America? We cannot begin to do any effective work toward their rehabilitation unless we take upon ourselves the burden of guilt because of our negligence.

Guilt Is Our Own

In the parable of the prodigal son Christ has given us a true picture of the attitude the Church should take toward the lost generation of youth. The divine father love should always keep the church in open-door readiness for the return of the delinquent.

The loss of that love in Christ's church is one great cause of juvenile delinquency. It behooves us, therefore, as members of His church, to humbly confess our sin of negligence, and make the guilt of errant youth our own.

God is calling His people to get under that tremendous load of bearing the sins of men, in the Spirit of Him who bore the sin of all national to Gethsemane and Calvary. By the grace of Him who "was numbered with the transgressors" and "who bare the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors," we must submerge our self-interest in the needs and sufferings of sinful men, and thus as far as God's Spirit leads enter into fellowship of Christ's sufferings, literally taking their place. The icy heart of sinful youth, steeped in sinful hatred, cannot be melted into confession and repentance before God until they experience true Christian love, and are warmed by divine grace.

Take Practical Forms

This love must take many practical forms. We can offer social programs through our Bible classes and young people's societies. We can provide classes in Christian homebuilding. Cooperation with juvenile court authorities can take the form of "big brother" and "big sister" projects. Mere



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techniques are not enough, but we should be ready to use any and all means which are consistent with our Christian testimony to win and save our youth.

An important factor for the Christian Church to consider is the use of its influence on all fronts to fight the forces of evil. We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against "spiritual wickedness in high places." We need to challenge the evil "powers that be" in television and radio, in the press, in the moving picture theaters, and the recreational field. This may involve making the church's influence felt in social and civic life in the community, in state and national politics.

Utilize Evangelism

We who believe in evangelism should utilize it to the full. Men like Billy Graham who are able to stir whole communities for God are His prophets for our day and generation. Let us pray that they may be endowed with power from on high, that their voices in the wilderness of sin may reach beyond the Christian Church into unregenerate America and cause an awakening that will turn the nation to righteousness.

Possibly a new generation may thus be built that will have no juvenile delinquency problem and a new and better day come to the land we love.

What's Your Problem?



By LOUIS H. MOULTON, Savannah, Ga.

Q. Will we know our loved ones in heaven?

A. Though there is a difference of opinion as to this, I believe we definitely will. At the transfiguration of Jesus recorded in Matthew 17:1-8, Peter knew and needed no introduction to Moses and Elijah, though they had been in eternity many hundreds of years. David said regarding the child which was his by Uriah's wife, after he had died, "... I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." (2 Samuel 12:23).

Q. Will babies be recognized as babies in heaven?

A. I cannot answer that inasmuch as I cannot find any definite revelation concerning it in the Bible. However we could use the above Scripture, 2 Samuel 12:23, in which David says "... I shall go to him ..." Also Luke 18: 15, 16, "And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the kingdom of God."

Q. What is the destiny of the heathen who have never heard the gospel?

A. Their destiny is hell, eternal separa-

tion from Christ and heaven. Acts 4:12 says concerning Jesus, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Romans 1 declares the whole world guilty, and verse 20 says "... they are without excuse." The Great Commission given by Jesus to the saved is "... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15, 16).

Q. I received a gift of money recently. Is it a sin if I do not pay a tithe of it?

A. If there is a question in your mind, then why not pay the tithe and relieve your conscience. You can't out-give God and it will come back to you many times over. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38).

Q. Will a husband and wife be re-united in heaven?

A. As such, no. Jesus gives the answer to a similar question in Matthew 22:23-30. He said to the Sadducees in verse 29 "... Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."

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How Much Is It Worth?

Did you ever stop and ask yourself the question, "How much is my church worth to me, my family, and my community?"

Spiritually, morally, socially, and from the standpoint of hard, cold cash, the church is the most worth-while institution in our community.

Ask the real estate man. He will tell you that there are two institutions essential to the success of his business—the Church and the school.

Ask the police department. They will tell you that where churches are on the job, there is less petty larceny, less need for police protection, and consequently less of your tax money needed to make the community safe.

Ask the merchant. He will tell you that losses from bad accounts are far less in a community with a church than one without.

Then ask yourself. What am I doing to help this wonderful institution which is helping me in so many ways by adding value to my property, security to my home, and good to the whole community?

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•In Puerto Rico, the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Puerta de Tierra, was looking at his newly repaired stained glass windows only to find that there seemed to be eleven commandments. The number at least, in Roman numerals, read XI. Closer scrutiny revealed that the window bearing the text of the ninth commandment had been mounted upside down. So were, in fact, all other text-bearing window panes. The artist who had done the repair job was called in for an explanation. He had a good one to offer—he can't read!

•In Florida a woman took a Bible from a Tampa bookstore without going through the formality of paying for it. Apparently she profited by reading it. The Bible, used but not damaged, was returned to the store. The package contained a note saying: "I took this Bible. I am very sorry. I will not take anything else. Forgive me. Pray for me." It was signed "Mrs. S."