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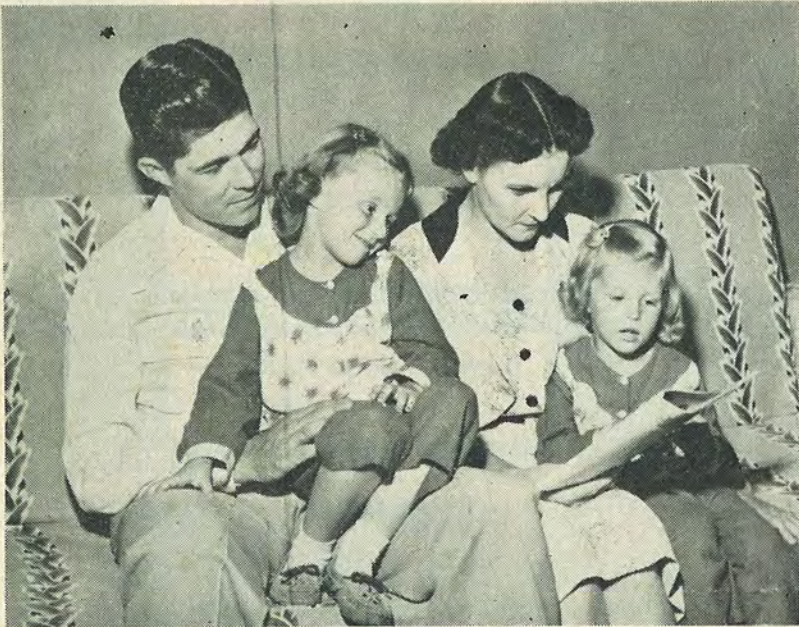
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In most instances the parsonage queen is also a mother and must find some time out of a busy day filled with church activities to look after her children and the affairs of her home. Considerate church members will not demand all of her time.

The Parsonage Queen

MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS

Our parsonage queens are the unchallenged telephone secretary champions of the world. Actually, I've often wondered what these preachers would do if they did not have a secretary on duty around the clock.

Sometimes the call is justified; at other times, it is not. For example: one woman called the parsonage to get a telephone number she could more easily have learned by dialing "information". The family dinner was interrupted while Mrs. Preacher found the number. Ridiculous? Sure, but it happened.

The parsonage wife should not be expected to serve on every committee anymore than any other one woman in the church. If she carries a responsibility in the Sunday school, why should she be expected to serve as president of the Auxiliary? Sometimes, under the guise of flattery, the preacher's wife is elected as president simply because the other women in the church are too lazy to fill the place.

However, the parsonage wife is expected to accompany her husband on most of his calls. She is human. Her strength will go only so far. She has her home and family to care for the same as any other married woman.

One parsonage wife was overheard asking another, "If you could get just one thing changed, (at the parsonage) what would it be?" The answer may surprise you. "I would like to have some one come and help me with my Saturday duties. I work until midnight on Saturday trying to prepare for Sunday."

Do I hear someone screaming to the high heavens, "Our preacher's wife wants a Saturday maid, no less!"

If it's you, go with me and we will follow a certain parsonage queen whom I visited in South Carolina.

The alarm sounded at 6 a.m. There are five boys in the family, but one is too young for school, so four boys must be readied. Now this queen believed that her four boys should have a substantial breakfast before going to school, so she prepared bacon, eggs, grits, toast, cereal, and cocoa. The baby decided he needed feeding too, so she had to stop long enough to dress and feed him. At the same time, four boys were asking, "Mama, will you listen to me recite my sevens?" "Mama, I can't find my other white shoe string." "Mama, I need fifty cents extra today for a new notebook."

"Mama" ate her breakfast at 8:30, pausing between bites to answer two telephone calls.

This queen started to do the family wash at 9:30. While the first tub was running, she vacuumed the living room, "just in case".

She had two more baskets of clothes to hang when a call to the hospital had to be answered. The baby wanted his lunch. She took him to the neighbor's while she went to the hospital.

While the baby took his afternoon nap, she prepared a topic for PTA, taught two children their piano lesson, and started supper.

When the children came home from school, a yard full of other children came with them, for their Scout troop met in the parsonage basement.

A minister "dropped by" to pick up the tentative program for the women's district meeting his wife wanted.

When he finally left, this queen straightened the basement, finished preparing her supper, and dressed herself and the baby for the evangelistic service that night. She was pianist for the quartet and song leader for the church.

After family devotions at the end of this busy day, she picked up her Sunday school quarterly to study and fell asleep. If you think this is an imaginary example, you are wrong.

Did you ever try to bake a cake with your husband trying to prepare his Sunday morning sermon at the same table? The parsonage queen must manage this.

Among the many specialized features at each of our national meetings one thing is conspicuous by its absence: the lack of a special feature for our Parsonage Queens.

I believe that if time were given, they not only would enjoy such a feature, but many of our lay women would find it most revealing. I think it would contribute to a more complete understanding of the problems that sometimes exist between the parsonage and the church.

Some of the things that might be discussed are these:

Should the parsonage wife be expected to care for all the visiting preachers? How many meals should she be expected to provide for the evangelist? If the evangelist stays at the parsonage, does she have the right to expect the other ladies in the church to bring an occasional covered dish? When the evangelist brings along his family, is the parsonage wife to be "chief cook and bottle washer"? Is she the "hotel maid" too?

These and similar problems could be discussed and shared to the mutual good of all concerned.

Say! Have you ever thought about answering the telephone for the parsonage wife so that she and her family might have an hour of fellowship in privacy?



While hooded Klansmen burned this cross at Lakeland, Fla., a small Negro Free Will Baptist congregation in the same town was having a prayer meeting asking "the Holy Ghost to visit the Klan out there."

While Some Burned a Cross, Others Prayed

A gasoline-soaked cross flared suddenly in the darkness of a cowpasture near Lakeland, Florida, as ghostly figures in white robes and peaked hoods paraded with arms outstretched around it, while a Negro Free Will Baptist pastor in another section of the city led his congregation in a prayer meeting "for those people out there."

The Rev. O. L. Williams opened that meeting with the statement, "We're here to pray for those people out there. There are many, many organizations that know not Jesus, and it is our duty as Christians to talk to God for them. We're out to pray for everybody. We must tell God to soften their hearts. We must tell the Holy Ghost to visit the Klan out there because there should be someone there who knows God. There should be someone out there who has been born again."

The prayer meeting grew out of an announcement by the Ku Klux Klan of "an old-time speaking rally and cross burning". The rally was to be aimed at gaining both

Robert L. Wilfong

membership and support for the Klan through the area of central Florida.

Folks Aren't Mean

"When the paper came with the announcement," Mr. Williams states, "I said to myself, 'These folks aren't mean, they just don't know. They need someone to help them; they need someone to pray for them. I believe I'll ask my people to remember them in prayer tonight.' And that night we prayed, then we talked, and one thing led to another, until finally one of the deacons offered a motion that we hold a prayer meeting on the same night that they hold the rally."

An announcement was made to the press that the church had voted to "pray for the Klan in a mass meeting." "Come what will or may," the announcement said, "we firmly believe that God will answer prayer. We believe that Christians should love one another, pray for one another, and for the good of our community."

Deacon Read a Parable

The congregation, reluctant at first, with only a handful to begin the singing, gathered slowly into the old frame building that houses St. Luke's Free Will Baptist church and began to enter more freely into the service. Someone began a prayer that was taken up by someone else and so passed from member to member, while others hummed softly in the background.

One of the deacons read the parable of the seeds and when the building was filled, Mr. Williams took charge. Very simply he stated the purpose of the meeting and then charged his congregation to be tolerant in all things.

"A couple of Sundays ago the lesson was about love," he recalled, "love your neighbor. And two of my deacons said, 'Preacher, a white man did something to me and I don't know whether I can love him or not.'"

"I told them, do you know that you're on the way to hell? Go back to your praying ground, I said, and start all over."

Someone in God's Seat

"We're here tonight to pray to our God and our Father. We are going to pray that the Holy Ghost will visit out there. Quit

The writer is a home missionary and pastor of Central Free Will Baptist church, Tampa, Fla. Pictures are courtesy of the Lakeland Ledger.

LATE BULLETIN

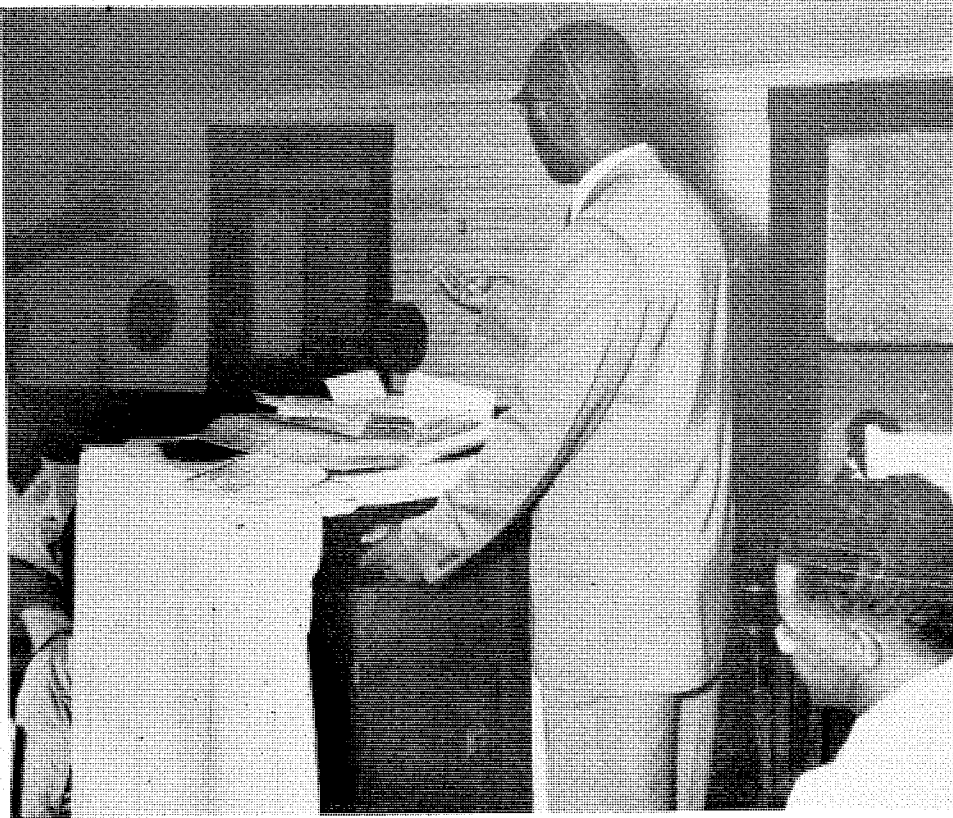
As a result of this prayer meeting, a Community Prayer Band was organized at St. Luke's church on August 20 with forty members. They plan to have 500 members in a year. Mr. Williams has been designated as leader of the movement and appointments have been made for the organization of two other prayer bands in other cities.

Big Job Is To Preach

"And all say pretty much the same thing," he continues, "This one says, 'Keep it going,' another, 'Don't let it die.'" All of which has led to another step coming in the very near future—the organization of a community prayer meeting on a non-political, non-sectarian basis.

"We're going to do it just as Jesus would do it,"—"to pray for God's guidance in all government crises, conditions, and problems," Mr. Williams says, "as well as community activities. At least we'll let the city fathers know we mean business for right!"

The matter of race relations is a "big job for the churches everywhere and for Christian people everywhere", according to this humble pastor. "Jesus left things in the hands of the church," he says, "and we're turning it over to judges and sheriffs, when we ought to be taking the responsibility on ourselves as Christians. Nothing can make me love you but the grace of God. Our big job is to preach and to pray for a change in the hearts of men."



Rev. O. L. Williams, pastor of St. Luke's church, led the informal prayer meeting. He is vice-moderator of the United American Free Will Baptist Church.

worrying about the person who sits in front of you, who is going to sit next to you, and the person who is sitting behind you. Be sure someone is sitting in God's seat."

"I hope all of you go home and think this thing over. Pray that this business ends the way God wants it, and that's the way it will end."

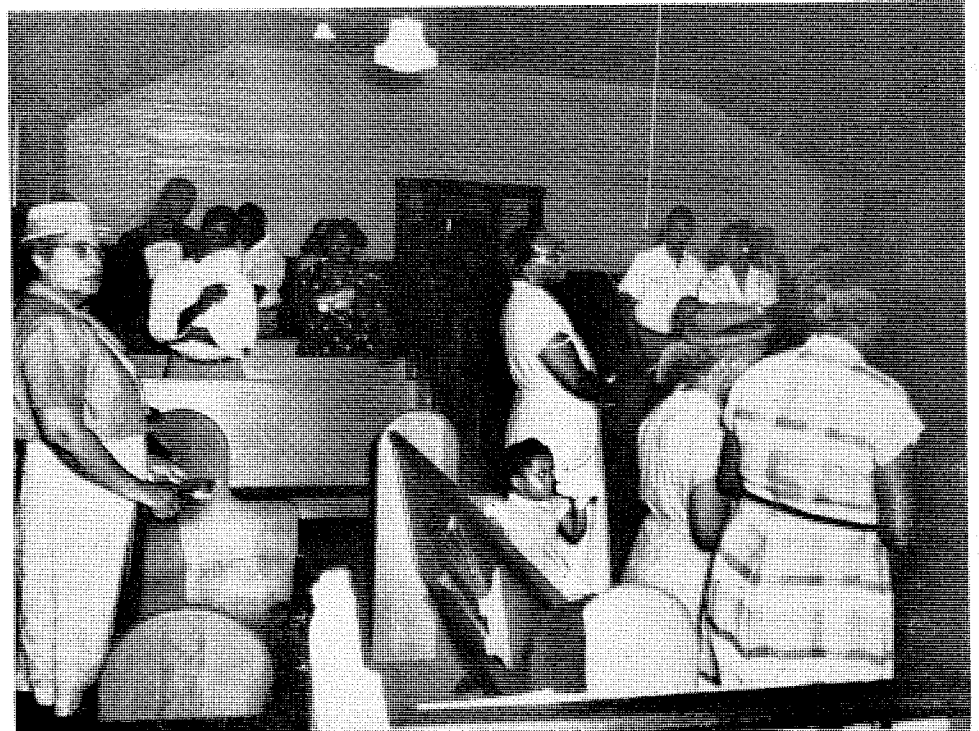
As he left the pulpit, the humming began once more, as a deep voice sounded out, "Somebody pray," and somebody, against the background of low-voiced spirituals, started again to pray.

Williams Is Vice-Moderator

The 51-year-old Negro preacher, vice-moderator of the General Conference of the United American Free Will Baptist Church which has headquarters in Kinston, North Carolina, was born in Adell, Georgia, on August 14, 1905. He is a second generation Free Will Baptist preacher from a Free Will Baptist preacher family. His father and a brother now deceased were Free Will Baptist preachers, while another brother living also in Lakeland, is a Free Will Baptist preacher.

Graduated from high school at 17, the Rev. O. L. Williams began his ministry at Valdosta, Georgia in 1928. He came to Florida as a conference missionary, ministered for a time in Jacksonville, and then became pastor of St. Luke's church 21 years ago. The congregation of that church at present numbers about 150.

The response to the prayer meeting, according to Mr. Williams, has been tremendous. "We have phone calls, telegrams, and letters," he reports, "from Chicago, Miami, New York and from almost every state in the Union."



Against the background of low-voiced spirituals, this congregation prayed that God's love would help solve all race problems as their pastor charged them to be tolerant in all things.

Missionary Hears Peron Deny Conversion

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS) — Juan Peron, ex-dictator of Argentina, recently made a clear statement of his religious views. This is of special interest to evangelicals because of a rumor that he was converted two years ago during evangelist-healer Tommy Hicks' campaign in Buenos Aires.

The truth came out on July 27 when missionary David Howard boarded a plane for Panama. The flight was delayed, so he became acquainted with the other passengers — among them Juan Peron himself.

"He was most cordial," Mr. Howard reported later. "He got to talking to me and another man about religion. So I decided to ask him about his supposed conversion. I asked him if he knew Hicks and what he thought of him."

"Magnificent man!" was Peron's reply. He recalled his interview with Hicks, and said that he had been glad to give him as much liberty as anyone else, even though it displeased the cardinals.

Then Mr. Howard asked him pointedly whether he had been converted to be an evangelical. Peron threw back his head and laughed. "That's the same old story," he said. "As soon as I would show any friendliness to anyone but the Catholics they accused me of being a Jew, a Protestant, an evangelical, or anything else. I am a Catholic, but I don't attend church because I don't like their ritual."

Barrow Named President of North Carolina Convention

BLADENBORO, N. C.—Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Lucama, was named president of the North Carolina state convention in the recent annual session held at Beaverdam church near here. Other officers elected include Rev. Herman Hersey, Raleigh, vice-president; Rev. Michael Pelt, Snow Hill, secretary; Mr. Lemmie Taylor, assistant secretary, and Mr. Rom W. Mallard, treasurer.

Named to serve with these officers on the executive committee were Rev. D. W. Alexander, Rev. R. B. Crawford, and Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

In business session, delegates voted to table a recommendation by a special committee which called for the setting up of a state promotional office in Ayden with a full-time promotional director. Instead, they voted to continue the present plan which allows the president and secretary of the convention to share the promotional duties.

Approximately 500 attended the sessions. Sermons were brought by Rev. Joe Ange,

Durham; Rev. Joe Fort, Ayden, and Rev. Ralph Osborne, Pinetown. The 1957 session will be held at Cramerton in the Piedmont Conference.

Bible Society Announces Annual Reading Program

NEW YORK, N. Y.—This is the 13th year of the Worldwide Bible Reading program, when people around the world join in the daily reading of a similar passage of Scripture that is suggested by the American Bible Society. The reading lists, of which more than 15 million were distributed by the Bible Society last year, are conveniently printed in the form of a bookmark.

This year, for the fifth time, the Bible Society will produce the daily reading list in Braille for sightless people. Copies of the list for either sighted or blind may be secured free by writing the Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22.

Missionaries See Trends in Mexico

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(MNS) — Missionary observers have been noting recent political developments in Mexico. The party in power has been making overtures to the Catholic Church and the opposition party, which is Catholic-controlled.

On September 1 the Mexico City newspaper *Ovaciones* published an account of an interview the previous evening between the president of the Revolutionary Institutional

Party and the archbishop primate of Mexico. During the last month the Roman Church has revealed another facet of its program by granting diplomas to future newspaper reporters, undoubtedly a move to influence or control the press — which control the Church in Mexico has not had for many years.

The governor of the State of Puebla has opened a campaign against the evangelical minority, basing his efforts on "protection of public peace." In the little town of Juan N. Mendez, Sr., Benjamin Crispin was arrested for having disturbed the public peace by holding evangelical meetings in his home. He was later released after paying a heavy fine.

Heirs Must Give Answers To Receive Inheritance

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—(E/P) — Nineteen potential heirs of Mrs. Kate Landes have good reason to reconsider the value of Sunday school attendance. Mrs. Landes left \$500 each to 17 nieces and nephews and two friends—if they could correctly answer a four-fold questionnaire she composed before her recent death.

The questions: 1) Do you smoke? 2) Do you drink? 3) Do you attend church every Sunday? 4) Do you attend Sunday School every Sunday? The right answers, according to Mrs. Landes: "No" to the first two and "yes" to the others.

Three have answered satisfactorily and certified they are eligible for the \$500. Fourteen others replied variously, some of them declining to claim the money. Two have not been heard from at all.

Texas State Convention Meets at Dallas Church

DALLAS, Texas—The annual session of the Texas state convention will be held October 30-November 1 at the First church here. The program calls for the opening session to be held Tuesday night. The convention theme is, "The Field Is the Word," with a missionary emphasis to be given throughout the sessions.

Speakers for the worship services will be Rev. W. S. Mooneyham and Rev. Raymond Riggs, denominational secretaries. Mr. Mooneyham will speak Tuesday night and Wednesday morning while Mr. Riggs will speak Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Devotional thoughts during the convention will be brought by Rev. H. Ray Berry, Rev. Fred King, Rev. L. C. Pinson, and Rev. J. M. Goode. Rev. A. F. Ferguson will be in charge of the convention music. Mr. Monty Boren and Mrs. Edward Jackson will serve as organist and pianist.

The convention will adjourn at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Rev. Everett Hellard, Houston, is moderator and Rev. C. E. Oliver, Henderson, is executive secretary.

RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT



FOR MANY YEARS THE CITY OF SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA HAD NO CHURCHES—BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONS THAT THEY WOULD DEVALUATE PROPERTY.

Undesignated Cooperative Receipts Continue Good

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nearly \$3,400 came through the Cooperative Plan of Support in undesignated offerings during the month of September, according to a report from the executive office. Designated offerings pushed the total up to nearly \$3,600.

All undesignated offerings are allocated among eight agencies of the National Association. Beginning January 1, 1957, the percentage of allocations will be as follows: foreign missions, 27%; home missions, 12½%; Radio-TV Board, 2%; executive, 31%; Bible College, 19%; superannuation, 4%; League, 1%; Sunday school, 3½%.

September receipts were as follows:

ALABAMA

First church, Dothan\$ 25.90

CALIFORNIA

Churches of California 252.75

ILLINOIS

Oak Grove church, Sheller..... 7.70
Waltonville church, Waltonville 29.86
Pleasant View church, Dix 20.01
Eakin Grove church, Benton.... 9.00
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon 26.82
Nason church, Bonnie 9.95
Blue Point church, Rinard 38.03
Webb's Prairie church, Ewing 11.01 \$152.38

MICHIGAN

Wolverine Association 665.96

MISSOURI

State Association 479.78

NEW MEXICO

First Association 73.18

NORTH CAROLINA

Goshen church, Belmont..... 80.00
Swannanoa church, Swannanoa 71.60 \$151.60

OKLAHOMA

State Association 757.03

TENNESSEE

New Hope church, Joelton..... 60.00
W. Nashville church, Nashville.. 34.00
E. Nashville church, Nashville... 137.00 \$231.00

VIRGINIA

Fairmount Park church, Norfolk..... 590.06

\$3,379.64

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Arkansas 161.09
Illinois 1.38
Oklahoma 50.00 \$212.47

TOTAL RECEIPTS\$3,592.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Department 1,586.85
Foreign Missions 813.49
Bible College 545.82
Home Missions 302.37
National Superannuation 140.80
Sunday School Department 101.39
League Board 67.60
Radio-TV Board 33.79

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS\$3,592.11

CHURCH OF THE MONTH



The First Free Will Baptist church of Bryan, Texas was organized in 1894. In 1895 a frame church was erected and in 1917 a brick structure replaced the first building. The present sanctuary was completed in 1940 and the church annex (shown at right) was begun. The annex, which was completed during the pastorates of Rev. R. B. Crawford and Rev. Charles Sapp, provides for a fully departmentalized Sunday school. Rev. A. M. Stewart was the first pastor and Mr. Sapp is the present pastor, now beginning his fourth year.



The Bryan church added this lovely pink brick parsonage to their church property this year. The old parsonage was sold and the proceeds applied to the new home. The seven-room pastor's home is located at 312 Laurel Street. It has been occupied by the present pastor since February.

Watch for Sunday School Issue!

Next month CONTACT will be devoted to a special Sunday school issue. Extra copies for the members of your staff, will be available at 12 for \$1, postpaid. Here's a partial list of features:

- For youth leaders and teachers, "How to Hold Teen-agers" by Charles Sapp.
- Superintendents and pastors shouldn't miss "For Future Growth, Let's Departmentalize" by Dean Moore.

- Special feature with pictures about the junior church at the First church, Modesto, Calif.

- Mrs. Chester Phillips, staff artist for Free Will Baptist Press, writes on, "Guiding Nursery Children."

- And many more. Don't miss it! Order extra copies now.



With the purchase of this property at 3611 Richland Avenue, the Free Will Baptist Bible College has been able to expand its facilities this year. The institution now owns all of the property from 3605 through 3613 on Richland Avenue, plus two buildings in the 3500 block. This building is being used as a staff apartment and boy's dormitory. It is a part of the overall expansion program for the institution.

Bible College Opens With Record Enrolment Figure

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The 15th year of the Free Will Baptist Bible College opened in September with a registration of 169 students, according to Mrs. J. B. Hall from the registrar's office.

Late enrollees are expected to raise the registration to the highest in the school's history.

Of this number, 70 are new students with 99 being returnees. Men students number 111 and women 58. Housed in school dormitories are 103 as compared with 66 outside students.

The students come from 25 states and one foreign country. North Carolina leads with the most students registered. The breakdown by states is as follows:

North Carolina, 47; Alabama, 15; Oklahoma, 13; Georgia, 11; Missouri, 10; Tennessee, 9; Arkansas, 8; Mississippi, 8; Texas, 7; Michigan, 6; California, 5; Virginia, 5; South Carolina, 4.

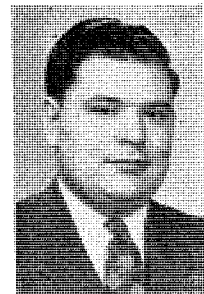
Florida, 3; Illinois, 3; New Mexico, 3; Ohio, 2; West Virginia, 2; and one each from Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Cuba.

Added to the faculty this year are Miss Mary Ruth Wisheart, Myrtle, Mo., and Roy O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala. Miss Wisheart will teach in the speech and English departments. She received her B.A. degree from the Bible College in 1955 and during the past year has been studying at Peabody College.

Mr. O'Donnell will head the English department. He was graduated from the Bible College with his B.A. degree in 1953 and received his M.A. degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1956. During the past

Willis Becomes New Missions Secretary

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. Homer Willis will assume the office as promotional secretary for home missions on a full-time basis November 1, according to an announcement from Rev. Harry E. Staires, chairman of the Board of Home Missions.



WILLIS

The new secretary comes to the office from Greensboro, North Carolina where he has been serving as director of home missions for the state convention. Prior to that he had been pastor of the Southside church, Paintsville, Ky. He is a native of Clintwood, Va., and graduated from Free Will Baptist College in 1946.

He has been a member of the National Home Mission Board since 1952 and served as assistant moderator of the national association from 1949 to 1952.

His family is composed of his wife and three children. They will move to Nashville about November 1.

three years he has been pastor of Free Will Baptist churches in Alabama and taught for one year in Alabama public schools.

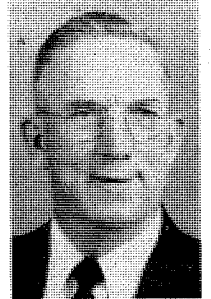
Miss Wisheart replaces Miss Naomi Brant in the speech department. Miss Brant resigned recently because of ill health.

Miller Named to Head Bible College Program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rev. James F. Miller, former pastor at Kinston, N. C., assumed his new position Oct. 1 with the Free Will Baptist Bible College as special representative for the improvement program which was adopted at the annual convention in July.

Mr. Miller began his duties October 1 and will represent the school on the field in the new campaign to raise funds for the construction of two new buildings.

A native of Missouri, Mr. Miller has had a long and fruitful ministry, serving some of the outstanding Free Will Baptist churches in his home state before going to the First church in Kinston. As a denominational leader, he has served as moderator of the National Association for seven years and has been a member of the college Board of Trustees since 1944. He was elected chairman early this year.



MILLER

Mr. Miller will direct the campaign to raise an initial \$50,000 for the erection of the first building scheduled in the improvement program. This will be a wing joined to the memorial Auditorium and will be used for a dining hall, kitchen, and student lounge.

Following the plan outlined by the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Miller has announced that the goal is to have the amount raised by April 1, 1957, so the building can be ready for use by the fall semester.

The institution is seeking five hundred \$100 gifts to reach the first goal. Special checks made payable to the "Free Will Baptist Bible College Improvement Fund" will be furnished to every individual and church or church auxiliary wishing to make a contribution for that amount or more.

"This does not mean that a person or church could not give more than \$100," Mr. Miller said. "Neither does it mean that anyone would be deprived of the privilege of giving less." He emphasized that the improvement program is separate and apart from the general program of the college and that funds raised for this purpose cannot be used for general operating purposes.

As special representative, Mr. Miller will have an office at the college and may be reached at that address for any help which is needed from any area.





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The Second in a Series of Four Messages on Revelation and Inspiration of the Bible

Is the Bible Trustworthy?

It is popular today to question the trustworthiness of the Bible. Men allege that the Bible is filled with errors and, therefore, not to be trusted as an infallible guide.

With this I cannot agree. I believe that in the Bible—and in the Bible alone—we have God's supernatural revelation to man and that we can trust the Bible to give us accurately this supernatural revelation. The Bible is trustworthy!

The Bible is trustworthy because it is inspired. By inspiration we mean, "That inexplicable power which the divine Spirit put forth of old on the authors of Holy Scripture, in order to guide them, even in the employment of the words they used, and to preserve them alike from all error and all omission."¹

Our primary reasons for holding that the Bible is the inspired Word of God are that the writers themselves claim this inspiration, and the contents of their message bear out that claim.

Prophets Spoke God's Word

The uniformity with which the prophets insisted that the messages which they spoke were not theirs, but the Lord's—that their messages were pure and unmixed the Word of God, spoken out by them just as they had received them—is a striking phenomenon of Scripture. "Thus saith the Lord" was the prophet's constant reminder to the people that the words which he spoke were not his own, but God's.

¹Henry C. Thiessen, *Introduction to the New Testament*, Grand Rapids, 1948, p. 79.

The writer is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church, Richmond, Va., and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in that city.

Billy A. Melvin

And are the claims of the New Testament writers any less? Hardly, for when we examine the claims which the New Testament writers make for their own works we find that they claim full inspiration for them and place on the same level with the Scriptures of the Old Testament. For example, Paul and the other Apostles claimed to speak not in the words which man's wisdom taught, but in the words which the Spirit taught (I Cor. 2:13).

Paul Claimed Authority

Not only the substance of their teaching, but also its form expression, was asserted to be of divine origin. So authoritative does Paul claim his gospel to be, that he pronounces wrong and accursed any one who teaches differently, even though it be an angel from heaven (Gal. 1:6-9). In II Timothy 3:16, (translating the Greek in its most natural sense), Paul tells us that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

It should be noted as Dr. Warfield has pointed out, that the very term in Greek, *theopneustos*, means not that a product of human origin is breathed into by God, but that a divine product is breathed out by God. It means "God-breathed," "produced by the creative breath of the Almighty." There is no other term in the Greek language which would have asserted more emphatically the divine origin of the product.

Same High Estimate

In the writings of Peter we find the same high estimate of New Testament Scripture. He declares, for instance, that "No prophecy ever came by the will of man; but men spake from God, being moved (or literally; borne, carried along) by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). He declares that the Apostles "preached the gospel . . . by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven" (1 Peter 1:12).

He places Paul's writings on the same high plane with "the other Scriptures"—"Our beloved brother Paul, also according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; in all his epistles . . . as also the other scriptures" (2 Peter 3:15, 16). More dignity and reverence and authority than that could not be ascribed to any writing.

The witness of the Bible, therefore, is to inspiration. But what is the nature of this inspiration? There is a wide variety of opinion at this point.

Many Theories Held

Some would identify inspiration with genius of a high order. Those holding to this theory deny that there is anything supernatural, mysterious, or peculiar in the mode of the Spirit's operation in and upon the writers of Scripture. They claim the writers were no more inspired than were Milton, Shakespeare, or Confucius.

Others would claim that the writers of the Bible were no more inspired than Christians of every age; the ordinary Christian of today is inspired as much as was the Apostle Paul.

Then, some hold to a mechanical theory of inspiration. This theory ignores the human instrumentality in the writing of the Scriptures altogether, and claims that the writers were passive instruments, mere machines.

There are still others who hold to the theory that only the concepts or thoughts of

the writers were inspired, with the writers left free to express these concepts or thoughts as they desired.

Serious Question Arises

And some hold to partial inspiration which of course implies that there are parts of Scripture which are not inspired. A serious question at once arises at such a conclusion. Who is to decide what is and what is not inspired? Who is to be judge of so vital a question? What part is inspired and what part is not? Who can tell?

Finally, there are those who hold to plenary inspiration; that is, "The doctrine that the Bible is inspired not in part, but fully, in all its elements alike,—things discoverable by reason as well as mysteries, matters of history and science as well as of faith and practice, words as well as thoughts."²

Now, who is right? Is the Bible to be considered trustworthy in matters pertaining to faith and practice, but totally unreliable when it comes to matters of history and science, or is it to be considered trustworthy (inerrant) in every respect?

Trustworthy Because Inspired

I am persuaded of the latter because I believe in the verbal-plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. If infallibility can be attached to the "spiritual truth" enunciated by the Biblical writers, then it is obvious that some extraordinary divine influence must have intervened and become operative so as to prevent human fallibility from leaving its mark upon the truth expressed.

If divine influence could thus intrude itself at certain points, why should not this same preserving power exercise itself at every point in the Scripture?

Therefore, the Bible is trustworthy because it is inspired. If inspiration means anything, it means that the Scriptures were "God-breathed" and it is the Bible's witness that inspiration reaches to all parts of Scripture, even to the words used. Are we to believe, then, that God's work is fallible? To do so is to err!

Inerrant in Every Respect

God's work is infallible and because the Bible is verbally inspired (God-breathed) we have good grounds to believe that the Bible is inerrant in every respect.

But is the Bible justified in the claim which it makes for its own inspiration and trustworthiness? "In view of the many evidences which substantiate this claim, such as the lofty moral and spiritual level which is maintained throughout the Book, the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, the many prophecies which were made in certain ages and fulfilled in detail in later ages, the inherent unity of the Book, the simple and unprejudiced manner in which the accounts are given, we conclude that the Bible

is what it claims to be, a fully inspired book."³

We are dependent on the Scriptures for our knowledge of all the distinctive facts and doctrines of Christianity. If we cannot trust them when they tell us about themselves, how can we trust them when they tell us about the deity of Christ, redemption in His blood, justification by faith, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

No Errors Proven

We may still further substantiate our belief in the trustworthiness of the Bible by the fact that not one error has definitely been proven to exist anywhere in the Bible.

That the Bible contains some statements which we in our present state of knowledge are not able to explain fully is readily admitted. Our knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek languages is by no means perfect. There are a number of words or idioms, for instance, which occur only a few times in Scripture, and it sometimes happens that the best of our scholars are not in full agreement as to their exact meaning.

Even though it be readily admitted that the Bible contains some few statements which we in our present state of knowledge are not able to harmonize, that should afford no rational grounds for denying the general doctrine of Scripture infallibility.

Skeptics Proven Wrong

It gives us no little satisfaction to know that as scholarship and archaeological discovery have advanced that the majority of the supposed "Biblical errors" have been cleared up. Today only a few of the old list remain.

Despite all attacks to the contrary, not so much as one single error has been definitely proven to exist in the Bible. Without exception up to the present time where the conflict has been joined and the verdict rendered, the skeptic has been proven wrong and the Bible right. Those supposed discrepancies remain today as only too readily forgotten warnings against those who, in their eagerness to do violence to the Scriptural doctrine of inerrancy, throw historical and literary caution to the winds.

In the light of such evidence, we believe the Bible records for us accurately the supernatural revelation of God. The Bible is trustworthy in every respect!

Now we have based our belief in the trustworthiness of the Bible on the fact that the Bible is verbally inspired. Is it verbally inspired? Did the inspiration extend even to the words used? This will be the subject of the next article.

³Lorraine Boettner, *Studies in Theology*, Grand Rapids, 1947, p. 15.

²Benjamin Breckinridge Warfield, *Revelation and Inspiration*, New York, 1927, p. 59.

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MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS

I usually start my housecleaning with the closets.

It seems to me that when the closets are cleaned first, the work is a little less agonizing. Not that there isn't agony in cleaning the closets, however it's a different kind than that which comes from overworked muscles.

Every time I clean out the closets I find things for which I have no use whatsoever, yet I cannot bear to part with them. I keep on saving them year after year. There is the little scrap of material left from Wanda's first party dress; her baby shoes (that each of the other children wore in turn); Bud's notebooks; the plaster cast Jim made of his hand when he was in the first grade; the scrapbooks Charles made in DVBS; and on and on.

Every time I go through these things I always resolve to throw most of it away, but they are all put back in the very same place! Even the sight of these things bring back nostalgic memories—memories that bring with them a bit of an ache for the children that once were, but who are now adults. (Children have such a frightening habit of being children one day and then suddenly quite grown up the next.)

We do the same thing about our spiritual housecleaning. We take out all the "secret" things hidden away in the closets of our lives, determined to be rid of them, and then very carefully put them all back. I suspect that many of us are much too fond of them to really get rid of our old habits.

I keep many things out of sentiment, but sentiment is not enough for spiritual growth. As long as we put back the "habits", we will be burdened with the weight of them.

After the closets are finished, I usually tackle the pantry. There, too, I find so many things that need to be thrown away. For instance, the yeast-bread recipe Mrs. Wills gave me that I've never tried. But I might someday, so I put it back. The same thing is true of Aunt Sarah's banana pudding with the nutmeg sauce. You couldn't duplicate that recipe in a million years!

What a sigh of relief once the flurry of housecleaning is over and everything is back in its accustomed place with the family back on their regular schedule. A sigh goes up from the whole group.

What a sigh of relief when the evangelist has said his goodbyes and the church can once more settle back in the same old rut, with all the old habits tucked snugly away.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The seventh annual missionary conference will be held October 9-10 in the Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The conference is sponsored by the foreign and home mission departments.

The theme is ". . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . .", according to an announcement by Rev. Raymond Riggs, foreign missions secretary. The principal speaker is Dr. Fred M. Schwarz, an internationally known authority on Communism. He is from Sydney, Australia.

Also featured on the program will be returned missionaries and members of the Home Mission Board. Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks will be commissioned as missionaries at the closing service and Mr. Sparks will speak. The full program follows.

Tuesday Night, October 9

- 7:30—Music directed by Mr. Ross Dowden
- Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Mark M. Lewis, chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions
- Special Music
- Words of welcome by Dr. L. C. Johnson
- Response and preview of the conference by Rev. Raymond Riggs
- Greetings from missionaries on furlough
- Solo by Miss Lucy Wisehart
- Missionary Offering
- Introduction of speaker by Dr. Johnson
- The Message, "The Heart, Mind, and Soul of Communism," by Dr. Fred M. Schwarz

Wednesday Morning, October 10

- 8:30—Music directed by Mr. Dowden
- Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Harvey Hill
- "Our Witness in Cuba"—Miss Wisehart
- 9:00—Special music
- "The Gospel Witness in Africa"—Rev. Tulane Mooneyham
- 9:45—Music
- "Our Witness at Home"—Rev. Homer Willis
- 10:30—Recess
- 11:00—Music and prayer
- "The Communist Missionary and Evangelistic Program"—Dr. Schwarz
- 12:15—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—Missionary Prayer Band
- 2:00—Music and prayer
- "Our Witness in India"—Miss Volena Wilson
- 2:45—"What I Did Not Expect on the Mission Field"—a special message for waiting and prospective missionary candidates by Miss Wisehart
- 3:30—Adjourn

Wednesday Evening

- 7:30—Music
- Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Eugene Waddell
- Special music
- "My Call to Witness"—Anita Sparks
- Message by Rev. Lonnie Sparks
- Commissioning service
- Missionary offering
- Benediction and farewell



Cuban Workers . . . It is always a great day of fellowship when the Free Will Baptist staff in Cuba gets together with their workers. This picture was taken in April at the annual convention held at the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary at Pinar del Rio. Shown gathered around the American personnel are the national workers and their families. Also in the group are the unmarried workers. Seated in front are Rev. and Mrs. Henry Melvin, Winterville, N. C., who attended the convention and at which Mr. Melvin spoke; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, directors, and Miss Lucy Wisehart, secretary. The quotation on the wall is from Romans 10:14; ". . . how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Women at Work

● The district convention of the First New Mexico association met August 2 at Hobbs with 46 delegates attending. Theme used: "The Need of Stewardship." Mrs. L. C. Pinson, Carlsbad, was elected president.

● Hopewell No. 2 district convention (Okla.) met with four auxiliaries represented and used for their theme "Christ's Banner Exalted." Officers elected as follows: Mrs. Osie Higgins, president; Mrs. Floyd Carroll, vice-president; Mrs. Violet Swaffer, youth chairman; Mrs. Cleo Spurgin, study course chairman; Mrs. Dale Allen, program-prayer chairman; Mrs. James Minor, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Violet Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. Gertie Long, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Beulah Leming, treasurer.

● Local, district and state secretaries: Please send a slate of your officers with their addresses to Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

● A new auxiliary was organized at the West Tulsa church (Okla.) July 30. Mrs. Elda Foster was elected president.

● Thirteen charter members joined new auxiliary at Tucson, Ariz. They contributed \$36.27 to missions from the offerings received at the Bible school which they sponsored. They also sponsored "Family Night" at the church.

● District convention of the Eastern Conference (N. C.) met September 20 at Core Creek church, Cove City, and heard a message by Rev. Roger C. Reeds. At an earlier session the convention had voted to underwrite the missionary salaries of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.

● Manual study was conducted the last week in August by the Midway auxiliary, Moultrie, Ga. Mrs. B. W. Clenney, state president, taught the course. Mrs. J. B. Rice is the local president.

● District convention of the Central Conference (N. C.) met September 26 at Bethany church. Theme was "Faith Is the Victory." The convention sermon by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

● Mrs. Eunice Edwards, executive secretary of the WNAC, is scheduled to bring the convention message at the Tennessee state auxiliary convention October 24 at Church Hill. After an all-night trip she will then speak at the district convention October 25 at Oak Grove church, Sesser, Ill.

● WA yearbooks and program books for GTA's and YPA's will be coming from the press soon. Local secretaries are reminded to get their orders in before the holiday rush.



MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS
Executive Secretary

Don't Be a Sideliner!

There is a growing trend in our women's work to shirk responsibility. Our women seem to want to be on-lookers. "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves", (James 1:22) countermands such a desire in very positive terms.

Women, we are deceiving ourselves if we think we can be on-lookers only. Satan will deceive you into thinking it perfectly all right to sit on the sidelines. However, the truth of the matter is this: Christ did not only look on the cross, He bore it; He did not only look on suffering, He shared it; He did not only look on grief and calamity, He relieved it. We cannot do less.

This desire to be an on-looker in the church program could be a reflection of the era in which we live. We watch sports on television; we don't participate. We yell our heads off at a football game, but we don't play. I believe Satan is endeavoring to project this same principle into our Christian lives. He is encouraging lethargy, coldness, and a general desire to "let the other fellow do it," knowing that as long as he is successful, Christ is defeated.

Let us be "doers and not hearers only", and accept responsibility as it comes, for on the other side of *responsibility* is *blessing*.

Following are a few suggestions:

1. Make your women's organization count for Christ. Make it live by your consecration.
2. Pray and study to become better acquainted with the work. Then put into practice what you have learned.
3. Ask God for a vision of this work. You may be amazed at the scope of the women's work when you start accepting your share of the load.
4. Don't criticize the other workers who have accepted responsibilities. Remember! you wouldn't accept them.
5. Ask God to help you be a blessing to humanity. If you ask with a sincere heart, get ready to work. Be alert to new opportunities.
6. Pray for the women you want to win.
7. October is Superannuation Month. Be sure to do something for the aged ministers in your area.
8. Make plans for your pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer.

Auxiliary Tent Project Off to a Slow Start

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Three months have passed since the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention adopted a project to provide the national Home Mission Board with a large tent to use for evangelistic and organizational purposes.

The goal of the project is \$2,000 and to date only \$10 has been sent to apply to the project, according to Mrs. Eunice Edwards, national secretary.

She urged women's organizations in every state to respond quickly in order to meet their suggested quotas. State goals and the amounts paid are shown below:

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| Alabama | \$ 90.00 | |
| Arkansas | 40.00 | |
| California | 90.00 | |
| Florida | 50.00 | |
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| Illinois | 60.00 | |
| Kentucky | 40.00 | |
| Michigan | 120.00 | |
| Mississippi | 50.00 | |
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| North Carolina | 350.00 | |
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Youth Camp Host to Florida League Convention

PENSACOLA, Fla.—The Free Will Baptist League convention of the State of Florida was held September 1 at the Youth Camp near Cottondale. Highlights of the program were the devotional period, the sword drill, and the convention message. The officers elected for next year are: Rev. W. A. Hansley, president; Ross Baxter, vice president; Helen Bush, recording secretary; Van Pinson, corresponding secretary; Marcia Ann Reed, treasurer. The project of erecting an additional building on the youth camp grounds was adopted. Contributions for the project should be sent to Marcia Ann Reed, Blountstown, Florida.

New Church Organized In California

NORTH REDONDO BEACH, Calif.—The North Redondo Beach church was organized here July 25 with 17 charter members. Rev. Joe Blair was called as pastor for an indefinite term. John Cross, Wayne Rice and Jake DeGroot were elected deacons. The church has rented a building at 2447½ 190th Street and is having a full schedule of services.

Saint Louis Church Organizes Youth Fellowship

SAINT LOUIS, Mo.—Christ Ambassadors, a youth fellowship, was organized August 30 at the South Side church in St. Louis. During the meeting Mrs. Avery DeWitt, youth chairman of the Southeastern Missouri Auxiliary convention, gave an interesting talk on "The Importance of Keeping the Youth Busy." Rev. W. A. Hales, the pastor, was elected temporary chairman and Miss Sharon Kellerman, temporary recording secretary. The following were elected as officers: Bob Denman, president; Norma Hale, vice president; Sharon Kellerman, secretary-treasurer. Plans for the group are to visit hospitals, convalescent homes and other institutions, distribute tracts and publish a weekly paper.

Progressive Association Met with Leeds Church

LEEDS, Ala.—The Progressive association held its annual meeting at the Leeds church on August 24-25. Ten churches represented with letters and delegates. Messages during the session were delivered by Rev.

A. J. Lambert, Rev. Charles Craddock, Rev. Leroy Forlines and Rev. Jack Rollins. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Carlton Lambert, moderator; G. W. Franks, assistant moderator; Mary Pickett, treasurer; Merle Dyer, clerk. The 1957 session will be held with Ensley church of Birmingham.

Social Band Association Of Arkansas Meets

O'KEAN, Ark.—The 82nd session of the Social Band association met August 16-18, at Pirtle church, Peach Orchard, Arkansas. There were 24 churches represented and several visiting ministers were present. The presiding officers of the meeting were Rev. Carl High, moderator; and Rev. Dewey Thompson, assistant moderator. The next session will be with the Old Reyno church.

Construction Begins On Arkansas Church

SEARCY, Ark.—A few weeks ago construction began on the new church building for the Searcy Free Will Baptist church. According to the pastor, Rev. Lawnie Coffman, the building plans call for a 40 feet by 62 feet auditorium, a pastor's study, a nursery,

a baptistry, two rest rooms, a kitchen and an educational department with 11 classrooms. The church will be built of buff tile and at the estimated cost of \$40,000. Plans are to have it completed within six months.

Georgia Associations Announce Meetings

TIFTON, Ga. — The association of Georgia will meet as follows: Chattahoochee Association will convene with White Oaks church, Jasmine Street, South Macon, on October 5-6. The Georgia Union will hold its session with Pleasant Hill church on October 11-12. Little River assembles with Zion Hill church, near Millwood, on October 18-19. The Union holds its first day and night session with Midway church, three miles southwest of Moultrie on the old Meigs Road, on October 24 and the second day with Bay church ten miles west of Moultrie on the Camilla Road on Thursday, October 25. The Martin sessions will be held the first day with Thompson church, three miles east of Colquitt on October 26 and with Mother's Home church at Boykin, on the Bainbridge Road. Midway association will go to Patmos church the first day, October 31 and Travelers Rest the second day, November 1. The state association will assemble at Camp Mount Bethel on November 13-15.

Pastoral Changes

- T. O. Terry has resigned Core Creek church, Cove City, N. C., effective November 1. Future plans indefinite.
- J. B. White to Harris Memorial church, Greenville, Tenn., from Friendship church, Ashland City, Tenn.
- Billy Walker to First church, Rocky Mount, N. C.
- Carey Watkins to New Hope church, Joelton, Tenn.
- Luther Reed to Friendship church, Ashland City, Tenn., from Oakwood church, Pleasant View, Tenn.
- Douglas Roberson to Mt. Zion church, Pleasant View, Tenn., from First church, Toledo, Ohio.
- L. H. Clayton to First church, Toledo, Ohio, from Kannapolis, N. C.
- Paul Argo to Antioch church, Butler, Okla.
- Walter Reynolds to Winterville and Bethany churches, N. C., from Hickory Chapel church, Ahsoskie, N. C.
- William Buster to Hazel Creek church, Kirksville, Mo., from East Side church, Florence, S. C.
- Luther Sanders to First church, Monett, Mo., from Cordova, Ala.
- Grady Hudson to Seminole, Okla. from Alabama.
- J. Reford Wilson to Philadelphia church, Detroit, Mich., from Pocahontas, Ark.
- Harold Lucas to First church, Flint, Mich., from Friendship church, Flint.
- Dale Munkus to Pocahontas, Ark., from Russellville, Ark.
- K. V. Shutes to Thomaston, Ga.

Tennessee Church Dedicates New Building

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—The First Free Will Baptist church here combined its homecoming with the dedication of a new education building on September 2. The day's activities opened at ten o'clock with the regular Sunday school hour. At eleven o'clock, the pastor, the Rev. Winford Floyd was in charge of the service. The Sunday morning service climaxed a building fund drive which had been underway for the preceding month. In the afternoon, at two o'clock the special dedication service was held. Mayor W. G. Frost brought greetings from the City of Elizabethton and Rev. Ray F. Brown, president of the Carter County Ministerial Association brought greetings. The Rev. William Mishler, secretary of the National Association Sunday School Department, brought the dedicatory message. Mr. O. C. Bowers, chairman of the church building fund committee, cut the ribbon and formally opened the doors of the new addition. This was followed by an open house.

The new addition will house a nursery,

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eight classrooms with an auditorium and rest rooms and was constructed at a cost of \$16,800.

Texas Association Holds First Session

FORT WORTH, Texas—The first annual session of the Fellowship association was held early in September. The following officers were elected: Rev. C. J. Hearron, moderator; Rev. J. B. Estes, assistant moderator; Rev. M. L. Sutton, clerk-treasurer; Rev. C. J. Turrentine, assistant clerk, and Rev. A. G. McClain, parliamentarian.

The next annual session of the association will be held at Denton. The first quarterly meeting will be November 30-December 1 at the First church, Fort Worth.

Missouri Church Adds New Kitchen

FLAT RIVER, Mo.—A kitchen is being

added in the new annex of the First church here. Every Tuesday night is designated work night and the men of the church are finishing the annex while the women of the church prepare a fellowship dinner. Rev. H. C. Beasley is pastor.

Texas Divides Association And Forms New One

ODESSA, Tex.—The Northwest Brazos Association at its last meeting voted to divide into two associations. The newly organized association is the Permian Basin Association. The officers elected for the new association are: Bailey Thompson, moderator; J. A. C. Hughes, assistant moderator; Mrs. Burton Hughes, clerk; and A. O. Hickey, treasurer. Churches in the new association are Odessa, Andrews, Kermit, Lamesa, Fellowship of Midland, and Big Springs. The first quarterly meeting will be held at the Andrews church on November 15-17.

Revival Campaigns

| CHURCH | PASTOR | EVANGELIST | DATES | DEC. | ADD |
|---|-----------------|----------------|------------|------|-----|
| Greenville church, N. C. | Robert Crawford | William Hill | 10/1-7 | | |
| First, Church Hazel Park, Mich. | Mark M. Lewis | Bill Childress | 9/17-28 | | |
| Lewis Ave. church, Tulsa, Okla. | Willard C. Day | O. T. Dixon | 9/23- | | |
| First church, Rocky Mount, N. C. | Billy Walker | Billy Walker | 10/7-14 | | |
| Lawnwood church, Tulsa, Okla. | Harry Staires | Wade Jernigan | 9/16-26 | | |
| Odessa, Texas | Bailey Thompson | Wade Jernigan | 9/2-12 | | |
| Gartman View church, Comanche, Texas | Roy Norie, Jr. | A. D. Marchant | 8/17-26 | 21 | 11 |
| Fellowship church, Flat River, Mo. | Rolla Smith | W. A. Hales | 9/5-12 | | |
| Goshen church, Belmont, N. C. | Ralph Staten | Walter Carter | 11/18-12/2 | | |
| Hyde Park church, Norfolk, Va. | E. H. Overman | Rolla Smith | 9/26-10/7 | | |
| Blakely, Ga. | Leo R. Curtis | Willie Justice | 8/20-29 | 19 | 9 |
| First church, Columbus, Ga. | H. J. Kelly | Leo R. Curtis | 9/24- | | |
| Slocomb, Ala. | Rufus Hyman | Damon C. Dodd | 9/23-30 | | |
| First church, Springfield, Mo. | Henry Long | O. T. Dixon | 9/3- | | |
| Pryor, Okla. | J. W. Gage | Arthur Billows | 8/ | 14 | |
| Sunny Lane church, Oklahoma City, Okla. | W. V. Wood | Wade Jernigan | 10/7-17 | | |
| First church, Ada, Okla. | Delbert Akin | Wade Jernigan | 10/28-11/7 | | |
| Elwood Lane church, Kannapolis, N. C. | Paul Jenkins | Ralph Staten | 9/30-10/7 | | |
| Midway church, Moultrie, Ga. | W. L. Pervis | B. W. Clenney | 8/27-9/2 | 2 | |

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 Central church, Tampa, Florida
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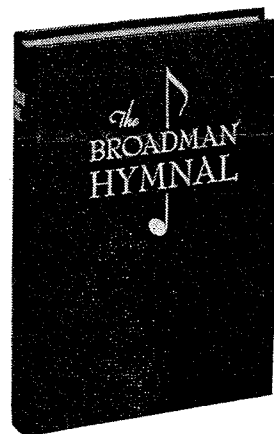
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A Spiritual Fellowship

The word "spiritual" can be interpreted in many ways, but among persons, churches and denominations of the National Association of Evangelicals the word "fellowship" clearly defines the position.

At a recent meeting of the National Sunday School Association, a prominent governor of a midwest state rather sharply defined not only the work of the NSSA but the all-over ministry of the NAE when he stated, "In my thinking I have been comparing the work you are doing with other Christian endeavors. To me, your adventure here and that which you are seeking to do transcends in importance even that which took place in a neighboring state.

"There, church government was discussed, and problems affecting the administration of church bodies. But here you are dealing with people and with souls and charting a course by which young men and women and children are to be given opportunity to live fuller and richer Christian lives. Because of this type of training, opportunity will be given many to become better citizens, to participate in America's affairs, to strengthen the hand of the free world.

"The significance of your gathering is this—you are the greatest deterrent to juvenile delinquency and the greatest advocate of Americanism in the truest sense."

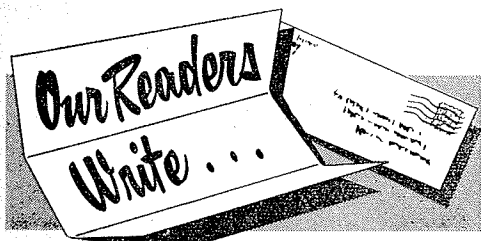
The NAE is a body of evangelicals who desire fellowship to make possible the continuance of freedom in America for evangelical activities in and through our churches and organizations. To this end NAE is dedicated.

One of the examples as to how the NAE can serve and advance the cause of evangelicals is in the field of church extension. In recent years Councils of Churches, national and local, have exercised considerable control of church location in new and redeveloped communities. Evangelical churches have often found difficulty in acquiring building sites.

The NAE has participated the last two years in meetings of the American Institute of Planners resulting in a new appreciation by planners of the evangelical viewpoint. Planners have since indicated their desire to provide freedom of choice in granting church locations. The Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension of the NAE is continuing an aggressive program for maintaining this freedom.

Another example is in the field of radio. In this area evangelicals have been buying some ten million dollars a year of time to broadcast the gospel of Christ. An effort is now being made to eliminate the purchasing of time by religious groups, thus leaving only sustaining time available to the churches. This, as you can well see, is an encroachment on our liberties, and also would make impossible the hundreds of gospel broadcasts of today.

And still another example is found in the formation of our Spiritual Life Commission directed by Dr. Armin Gesswein. This commission should prove to be a very important arm of our churches in stimulating a deeply spiritual movement through prayer that will enable our unified effort to touch more people than any of us could alone.



Returned Missionary Writes

Dear Editor:

How wonderful it is to be home again from the mission field. I am enjoying every moment of every day, you may be sure. I am grateful to the Lord for bringing me home in safety and allowing me this short time of visiting with the folks who are dear to me.

... I am enclosing a small gift which you may put into the magazine fund or the postage fund. I have received CONTACT on the mission field ever since the magazine was started and I have never given anything for it.

Miss Volena Wilson
Marion, North Carolina

Tells of Trip to Cuba

Dear Editor:

... The outstanding thing I observed about our work in Cuba was that not only are our missionaries dedicated to God, but

all our Cuban Christians seem just as dedicated to fulfill the Great Commission despite hardships, trials, and adversaries. I wish our people in America were as eager to attend worship as are these Cuban Christians. They walk through heat and dust, often eating only a very small amount of beans and rice, to have Christian fellowship.

It was my joy to embrace Maximina, a widow who had given her wedding band for the cause of Christ. I had gotten the ring from Brother Willey in 1950 and asked our people to redeem it for her. Between \$300 and \$400 was raised and I was able to return the ring to Maximina.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard
Bladenboro, N. C.

Inquires about Doctrine

Dear Editor:

Can you send us information concerning the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist church? The church to which the belong was once a Free Will Baptist church, but has been just an independent Baptist church for years. We are now however, considering trying to get a Free Will Baptist pastor. No one seems to have a clear idea of what doctrines are held by the Free Will Baptists, hence this letter.

... Will you please enlighten us?

Mrs. W. W. McIlhany
Greenville, Pennsylvania

Presents Plan to Churches

Dear Editor:

I have been working some for CONTACT and having good results. At our last quarterly meeting I presented the "Every Family Plan" to our pastors and churches. I am glad to be able to send you the list of 27 families for a church that wants to participate.

Elmer Stevens, Pastor
Rensford, W. Va.

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What's Your Problem?



By LOUIS H. MOULTON, Savannah, Ga.

- Q. If a husband or wife is a devout Christian and the other mate just the opposite (a servant of the Devil), should this married couple remain together or separate?**
- A.** "... If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now they are holy. . . . For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or what knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife" (1 Cor. 7:12-14, 16).
- Q. Please explain 1 Timothy 2:11, 12, "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." Does this mean that I, a Christian woman, can have no part in my church**

and Sunday school services, except to sit?

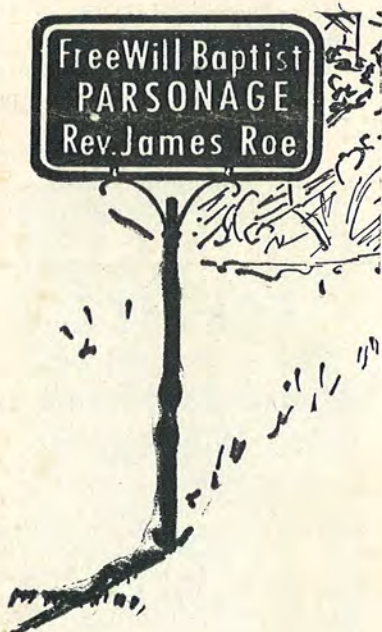
- A.** There are numerous instances in the Old Testament of how God used women. Miriam was a prophetess, Deborah a judge in Israel, Huldah counseled King Josiah and the priest, Hilkiah. In the New Testament Phillip had four daughters who prophesied. In Romans 16 there are several women mentioned by Paul, among them "... Phoebe our sister, which is a servant of the church . . ." and Paul tells the Romans to "... assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you. . . ." So what did Paul mean by this seemingly contradictory statement in 1 Timothy? My Interlinear Greek-English New Testament gives the Greek word for silence as "quietness," "peaceable," or "rest." It has the thought of yieldedness and submission. The word-for-word literal translation of the Greek is thus: "A woman in quietness let learn in all subjection; but a woman to teach I do not allow, nor to exercise authority over man, but to be in quietness." Some women were evidently not obedient to those whom God had placed in authority but were determined to take the services in hand. A godly woman, who is led by the Holy Spirit, will not attempt to take a place of authority that is not given her by God and by man. There very definitely is a place for women in the service of the Lord with no contradictions whatsoever to the Word of God.



- ▶ Churches with a 16mm sound projector can get free films for showing. Few are religious; most are produced by industry or business and tell interesting or helpful stories. Would hardly be suitable for worship services, but would do for special programs by church organizations. A catalog, "A Pocket Guide to Free Films," describing over 100 16mm sound and color films is yours by writing Modern Talking Picture Service, 210 S. Cleveland, Memphis 4, Tenn.
- ▶ Mail going to the Superannuation Board should be sent to Rev. K. V. Shutes, Route 5, Thomaston, Georgia. Mr. Shutes continues as part-time secretary of the department in connection with his pastoral duties.
- ▶ National Association minutes for 1935, '37, '38, '39, '42, '45, and '49 are still being sought by Rev. Homer Willis, P. O. Box 494, Greensboro, N. C.
- ▶ Listings on "The Bulletin Board" are without charge. Any reader may put a message here simply by sending it to CONTACT and marking it for this column.

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● David Ben Gurion, premier of Israel, refused to be pressured into signing legislation which would forbid the breeding of pigs in Israel. He refused the request of religious leaders, saying: "God Himself saved the pig when He ordered Noah to put two of them in the Ark. Who am I to liquidate them?"

● In Czechoslovakia a teacher's manual for school children published just last year contains the following: "Do not teach any of the Christian virtues such as kindness, forgiveness and love. These qualities make 'sheep-minded' people. We want strong men."

● In Alaska, Eskimo Christians are building a pre-cut, two unit church on St. Lawrence Island—within sight of Siberia. The Presbyterian congregation numbers 167.

● In Australia, in a protest against the high cost of dying, the only undertaker in Mackay went on strike. L. A. Thomas protested the town council's raising the burial fee from \$25 to \$30. He refuses to collect it for the council.