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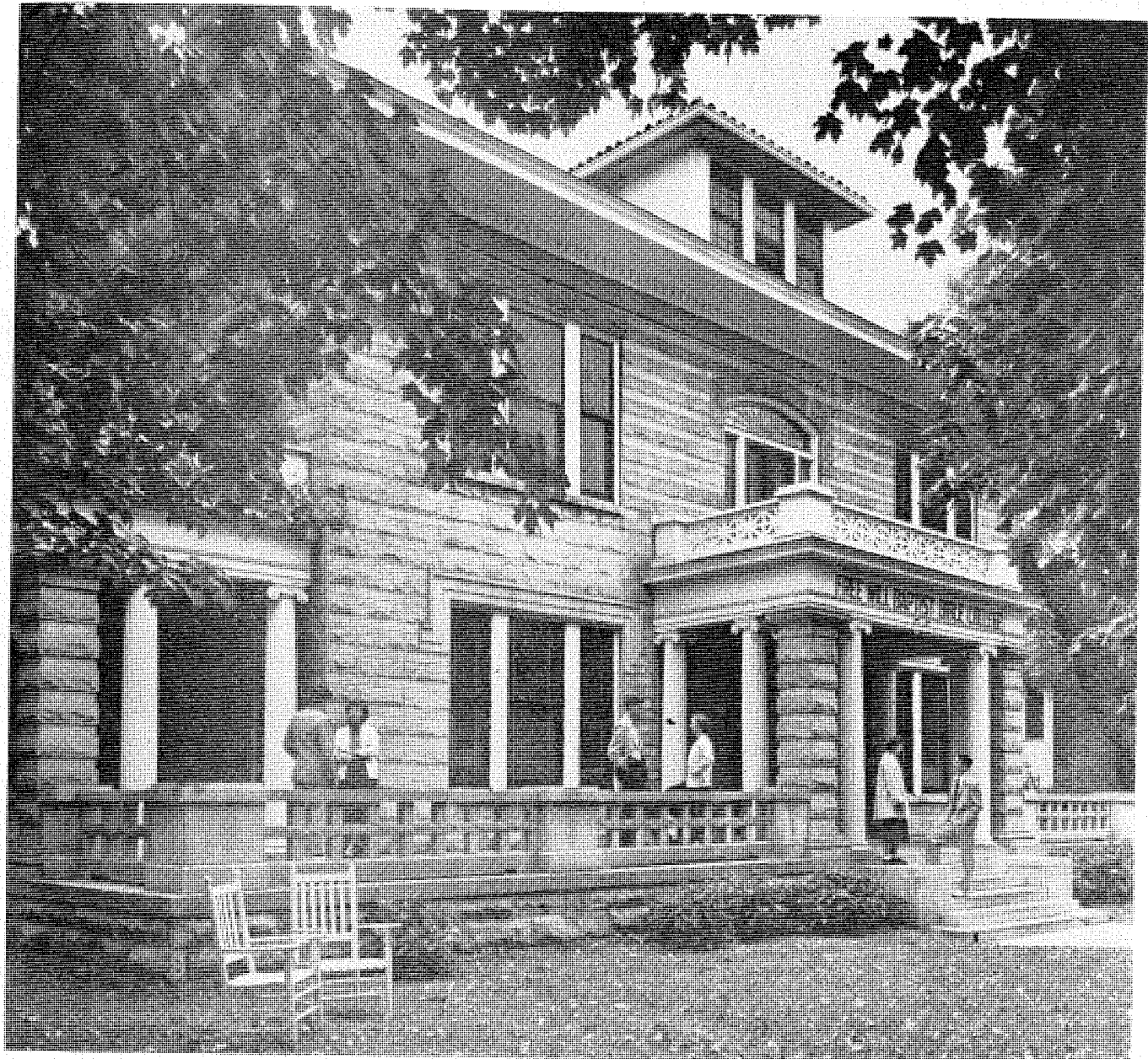
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Free Will Baptist Bible College



Every week students at Free Will Baptist Bible College win people to Christ in their practical work groups. They reported 720 decisions in the last four months of 1956.

"Have a Tract, Sir"

Bayless McDonald

have weekly assignments divided into 15 groups and five child evangelism classes.

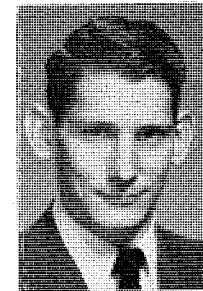
Other students have permanent work assignments as pastors, music directors, and teachers.

Two new features have been added this year, Mr. Eagleton explained. A group of six students conduct an evangelistic service at Nashville Rescue Mission one night each week. One student brings an evangelistic message while the others share in the musical program and

with them hymn books and a portable organ. Some groups conducting classes take flannelgraph material and lesson helps. Sometimes in large groups one or more student cars help transport the students.

One student testified that before coming to the Bible college he never made an effort to win souls to Christ. After a few weeks of practical work assignments, the work caught fire with him, and he has been reporting souls dealt with ever since.

Mr. Eagleton reported that 720 decisions for Christ were reported by students from September through December.



EAGLETON

The full report follows:

Person dealt with—	2,202
Total decisions—	720
Tracts distributed—	24,712

The practical work department prints two gospel tracts: *The Three R's of Salvation* and *What Must I Do to be Saved?* These are available to the public at 40¢ per hundred or \$3 per thousand. Write for them at the college address.

A typical practical work service begins with the leader, usually an upper classman, calling the group together for instructions and prayer. The group of eight or nine students travels in the station wagon to the appointed service. The portable organ is set up, song books are distributed to the audience, and the group leader invites all to take part in the service.

Following some hymns, prayers, and testimonies, the speaker brings a brief Bible message. He explains the way of salvation and closes with an invitation to accept Christ. Those responding are dealt with personally by the students who offer any help and counsel the persons may need. The group returns to school and is dismissed after prayer and plans for the next service.

"Have a tract, sir," urged a voice at the workman's elbow as he hurried home through the Saturday traffic in uptown Nashville.

The man turned to look at the person addressing him. He saw an intelligent-looking young man, bare-headed, and neatly clothed holding out a tract in one hand and carrying a Bible in the other.

"What is it?" muttered the workman questioningly as he glanced at the piece of literature that was thrust into his hand.

"A gospel tract, sir," answered the Bible college student. "It tells you how to be saved. Are you a Christian, mister?"

Thus the contact is made and before long the unsaved man confessed Christ as his Saviour. Reading from the Bible the student showed the new convert what he must do to live a successful Christian life. The man was urged to unite with Bible-believing church.

Witnessing for Christ is a definite part of the training a student receives at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Each week every student must take part in some Christian service under the direction of the practical work department.

Kenneth Eagleton, senior from Fort Worth, Texas completing his schooling in January, is the new director for the department. Mr. Eagleton said some 130 students

personal work.

Another new assignment this year is an evangelistic service among military men at Sewart Air Force Base near Nashville. Military personnel have been very helpful in setting up this service.

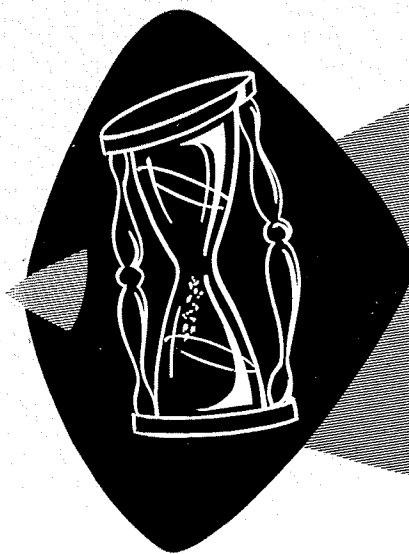
Other regular assignments include church services conducted at the Veterans Hospital, juvenile home, nursing home, grammar and high schools, home for the blind, and tract distribution groups.

The Bible college believes the training a student receives in the practical work department is probably the most valuable he will receive while in school. The student becomes acquainted with various types of Christian work under a competent leader, learns to cooperate with others in group effort in winning the lost to Christ, and finds a practical outlet for preaching and soul-winning methods learned in the classroom.

The student is put in actual contact with the unsaved, and his habits of soul-winning developed during his training will largely determine his interest in the lost in church work after graduation.

The student is given one-quarter hour credit each semester for his participation in practical work.

Usually the group rides to its assignment in the suburban station wagon carrying



Evangelicals And These Times

Spiritual developments in 1956 made it clear that the evangelical witness in America now faces a dual task—that of outpacing the surge of religiosity in national life as well as of thwarting the tide of secularism.

More and more 1957 looms as a crucial test year in the conflict for faith. New York City will be in the throes of decision, and that great metropolis for a number of reasons is a national symbol.

Billy Graham's crusade moves full force in May into Madison Square Garden, part of its thrust for souls televised to the nation.

Leavened with Indifference

The dramatic side of this spiritual invasion lies in the fact that it was from New York City that the influence of John Dewey reached a generation ago to the public schools of America until they were leavened with indifference to the faith of the Bible. Dewey dogmatized that "faith in the divine authority in which Western civilization confided, inherited ideas of the soul and its destiny, of fixed revelations, . . . have been made impossible for the cultivated mind of the Western world" (quoted in *Living Philosophies*. New York: Simon and Schuster Inc., 1953). While many teachers failed to grasp the deeper significance of Dewey's philosophy of education, naturalistic and evolutionary, it nonetheless worked against the theology and ethics of the founding fathers of the republic.

Dewey's impact in America, however, did not fully carry the day for naturalism. A contemporary of the same school, Professor Oscar Riddle, in *The Unleashing of Evolutionary Thought* (New York: Vantage Press Inc., 1954) admits grudgingly that, almost a century after Darwin, the recruits of naturalism are not overwhelming, and that "at the midpoint of the twentieth century, belief in super-naturalism and God is accepted by somewhat less than 95 per cent

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of the people of the United States." Riddle concedes further that "within the past two hundred years, the masses of no nation have turned against supernaturalism."

Picture Lends Urgency

But faith in God and the supernatural is not a clear victory for faith in the Living God and his commandments, as the religious turn in American life now attests. With the average American more and more interested in religion, yet less and less sure how to define the term, a national picture of ambiguous devoutness lends urgency to the evangelical task.

Many persons find a sign of spirituality in the fact that secular media like the press and television at times gain an air of piety, even if on the edge of cupidity. Others find a mirror of godliness in the sheer fact that United States church membership during the year showed a remarkable rise to 100,162,529 (58,448,000 Protestant; 33,369,000 Roman Catholic; 5,500,000 Jewish; and 2,386,000 Eastern Orthodox), and that gifts to church work show a seven per cent per capita increase to \$48.81. Yet distressing figures for crime and alcoholism, for divorce and delinquency, and for preoccupation with the seamy side of life generally, continue to be equally reflective of the American population.

Membership Gains Reported

The evangelical drive to restore the nation to the faith of its founders has to contend with a growing national uncertainty over the meaning of pure religion. Roman Catholic spokesmen declared in 1956 that the United States is no longer a Protestant land; Protestant leaders in turn pointed out

that they abstain from counting children in church membership. The fringe groups, too, were reporting membership gains. The National Council of Churches' statistics on church bodies included in the figures for Protestantism a dozen fringe groups, among them Mormons, although Christian Scientists, Jehovah's Witnesses and Swedenborgians were excluded.

Within Protestantism two major movements were making headway, sometimes with ambiguous interrelations: ecumenicism and evangelism. The advance of ecumenicism was not always attached to an enthusiasm for inclusive theology; the enthusiasm for evangelism was not always confined to the adherents of biblical Christianity.

Impact in Asia

Billy Graham hailed his Louisville crusade as among his most fruitful four-week efforts, with 8,189 decisions. But his most important impact of the year had been registered in Asia. While politicians hailed his mission for its lift to American prestige, evangelical observers saw in it a demonstration that the New Testament Gospel has a power to stir Oriental Christians that was lacking in the speculative refinements of liberalism.

One of the conspicuous differences between the conservative theological advance on both sides of the Atlantic is that in England a marked movement of evangelical commitment is noticeable on the university campuses, whereas in America the effort of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship still is more of a holding operation, while the spectacular gains of Campus Christian Crusade are fractional.

In Washington, D. C., Howard Butt, Texas millionaire groceryman-evangelist, shared speaking honors with President Eisenhower at the annual International Christian Leadership prayer breakfast. International Christian Leadership strengthened its American work during the year by calling the Rev. Richard Halverson as director.

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Dr. Carl F. H. Henry is author of a dozen books on current religious trends and is serving as editor of *Christianity Today* on leave from the faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary.

Bible College Curriculum Based on Practical Denominational Needs

DR. L. C. JOHNSON, *President*

Just what is the curriculum of Free Will Baptist Bible College? How was this curriculum decided upon? How is the curriculum meeting the needs of the students in relation to the needs of our denomination?

To answer the first question—What is the curriculum of Free Will Baptist Bible College?—would require too much time to go into detail. This question is answered in our catalog. However, generally speaking our curriculum consists of liberal arts and seminary courses in about a 60/40 ratio, respectively. That is, at Free Will Baptist College the student who earns a B.A. degree will have had about 60% of his studies in the liberal arts field and 40% in the study of the Bible.

For the student who is not planning graduate work, this has proved to be the most effective curriculum possible. A minister, for instance, who receives a B.A. degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College has the equivalent of a junior college education in the field of liberal arts and the equivalent of two years of seminary training.

Bible Study Profitable

The student who wishes to take graduate work in the field of liberal arts could transfer after the second or third year to a school giving advanced training in his chosen field.

The student who wishes to do graduate work in Bible can go immediately into graduate school upon completing his work at Free Will Baptist Bible College. But to any person who values an education with Bible at its center, the time spent in earning a degree with a major in Bible from Free Will Baptist Bible College will be profitable no matter what is his calling in life.

The second question—How was this curriculum decided upon?—should be understood by us all. The one thing that determines the curriculum of any institution is its purpose. Free Will Baptist Bible College has a very definite purpose. This purpose is to train young men and women for Christian service in various fields such as the ministry, missions, Christian education directors, and Christian work in general. There has been a particular need in the Free Will Baptist church that Free Will Baptist Bible College felt it should meet.

Trained Men on Field

There was the need for trained ministers to pastor churches that wanted and needed to go full-time. It was felt that a course of study that would put trained men on the field in the quickest time possible was neces-

sary. For the first few years Free Will Baptist Bible College set up a two-year program of study. The young men and women who received two years of training made a mighty impact upon the life of our church.

The time came when it was felt more thorough training was needed. Free Will Baptist Bible College then set up a four-year program of study offering the B.A. degree with a major in Bible.

It is not yet determined when more advanced work will be offered, but the Board of Trustees and the administration are alert to the growing needs and when the time comes, the Bible College will step ahead to meet the need. So the objective or purpose of giving Bible-centered education to the youth of our denomination who are called into Christian service has dictated the curriculum of Free Will Baptist Bible College. We believe this curriculum is Biblical and at the same time practical in that it is meeting the needs of our denomination.

Provides Missionary Training

A question that has been raised as to whether or not Free Will Baptist Bible College is educationally preparing our missionary candidates should be answered. I have checked this point with the promotional director of foreign missions, Rev. Raymond Riggs, and he states that our missionary program is not jeopardized in any way because of the training our missionary candidates are receiving at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

At no time has any candidate been refused entrance into any mission field because of his training in our own institution. We all recognize that missionary work requires highly specialized training. Thus

many of our missionary candidates have been attending such institutions as Columbia Bible College and others that are noted for their specialization in missions.

The third question has already been partially answered—How is the curriculum meeting the needs in our denomination? Perhaps this can best be answered by each of us sitting down and going back a few years in his memory and comparing Free Will Baptist church work then and now. A report given at a recent union meeting is a good illustration.

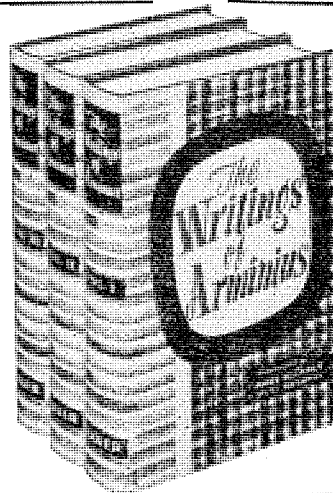
Churches Go Full-Time

Twenty years ago there was not a single church in that association that was full time. In the 19 churches reporting in this recent union meeting ten have full-time services. Of the ten having full-time services, a number of them are pastored by young men who received training at Free Will Baptist Bible College. This example is very typical of what has happened and is happening throughout our denomination. The training which young men are receiving at Free Will Baptist Bible College is revitalizing our entire church life.

Here in middle Tennessee when Free Will Baptist Bible College opened its doors in September 1942, with the exception of the churches in the city of Nashville, not a single church in the association was full-time. Today the church in this area that is not full-time is the exception.

Fifteen years ago some of these churches that could not have Sunday school or league and were on quarter-time are now full-time, supporting resident pastors with good Sunday schools and leagues. The churches of the Cumberland association of today, with their much-improved programs, are other examples of the fruits of the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The investment made by the churches of our denomination in Free Will Baptist Bible College is returning great dividends. The curriculum is under constant study in the light of our denominational needs. Many improvements have been made in it and others shall be made as conditions warrant and permit.



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Gifts for Expansion Total \$7,500

After three months, more than \$7,500 has been received on the improvement program, according to the college business office. On October 1 the program officially opened and by January the total receipts reached over \$7,500.

This response has come as the result of the work of Rev. James F. Miller, college field representative for the campaign, and from direct mail appeals from the college office.

Churches and individuals have responded with about \$4,000 in gifts amounting to \$100 or more. The objective has been for five hundred churches to give \$100 or more to raise \$50,000 as the first goal in the program.

Gifts have been received from individuals in a general response to an appeal for \$15,000 to pay for the Dunbar building purchased in August. These gifts total approximately \$3,500 and average \$16 each from some 200 donors.

On-the-field contacts by Mr. Miller and direct mail appeals will continue for the next few months in the effort to raise \$50,000 by April 1. When this amount has been raised the contract for the first building will be let.

The field representative has visited in Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina in connection with the improvement program. His last report showed a response of more than \$15,000 in cash and pledges.

"I have found our Free Will Baptist people deeply interested in the Bible College," he reported. "I want to express my appreciation for every gift made to this most worthy cause," he said.

To assure success in the program, Mr. Miller urged that each pastor and leader of the churches take this important matter up with the church and see what the church can do to make a greater Bible College.

Gifts from October 1-December 15 are listed below by states:

Alabama	\$ 176.00
Arizona	25.00
Arkansas	48.00
California	109.42
Florida	155.50
Georgia	285.98
Illinois	192.50
Kansas	16.00
Kentucky	117.00

Michigan	778.81
Mississippi	682.10
Missouri	785.07
Nebraska	5.00
New Mexico	2.00
North Carolina	1414.93
Ohio	44.00
Oklahoma	64.50
Oregon	12.00
Tennessee	1517.64
Texas	362.98
Virginia	200.00
West Virginia	29.75
Wisconsin	1.00

Below are listed churches and individuals who have given \$100 or more to the improvement program.

Mrs. Sophia Hardee, N. C.	\$ 100.00
B. D. Harvey, Georgia	100.00
C. M. Crow, Tennessee	300.00
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Edwards, N. C.	100.00
Students and Faculty, FWBBC	814.84
Columbus First church, Miss	106.10
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Jackson, Ill.	100.00
B. F. Payne, Texas	100.00
F. S. VanHoose, Kentucky	100.00
Bryan First church, Texas	183.48
Wolverine Assn. of Michigan	200.00
Hazel Creek Union church, Mo.	350.00
East Tupelo church, Miss.	325.00
Wellston church, Mo.	100.00
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting, Va.	100.00
Mrs. James A. Webb, Tenn.	100.00
Kinston Men's Bible Class, N. C.	100.00
Kinson Young Adult League, N. C.	100.00
Rev. and Mrs. James Miller, N. C.	100.00
Highland Park church, Michigan	563.81
Amory church, Mississippi	200.00

First Summer Session Scheduled for June 3-21

A summer school will be offered in June 1957 for the first time as authorized by the college Board of Trustees, Dr. L. C. Johnson announced recently.

The session will be held June 3-21 and is arranged so that ministers who do not live within driving distance will be away from their pulpits only two Sundays.

For a number of years pastors, laymen, and students in other schools have been asking for a summer term at the Bible College. Judging from the number of inquiries, the school should be well attended, the president said.

The three-week school will be directed by the college president. The four hours credit which may be earned may be applied toward any degree offered by the school. Two of these hours will be in Bible and the other two in church administration or doctrine. The courses will be selected by student demand from among the following: Pauline Writings, Johannine Writings, General Epistles, Free Will Baptist Doctrine, Pastoral Theology, The Church and Its' Auxiliaries, and Sermon Building.

The college dormitories and dining hall will be available for the summer student. The cost will be as follows: room and board, \$35; registration fee, \$5; matriculation fee, \$5, and tuition, \$25.

The added session will provide an opportunity for ministers to take refresher courses and for laymen and Christian workers to gain a greater knowledge of the Word of God. In future years the summer school will probably be lengthened to more than three weeks, depending upon the needs of the students.

President Johnson expressed enthusiasm is saying, "I believe many of our pastors and even some of our former students will be interested in attending this summer session. We are expecting a good attendance this first year."

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Why Christian Schools Need Your Help

An Interview with
Stephen W. Paine
President, Houghton College

More and more the U.S. is showing its concern for the problems of education. But are you aware of the special problems which lie at the doors of Christian institutions?

Q. Dr. Paine, it's possible that someone who reads this will be wondering what we mean by "Christian" schools and colleges. Can you explain?

A. The schools we have in mind are those generally termed "evangelical." Not only do they have a statement of faith in harmony with the historic position of the Christian church, but they take that statement of faith seriously. They also maintain standards of conduct on their campuses which they feel are implied in a Biblical faith.

Q. Briefly, what would you say are the big problems facing these institutions?

A. There are many, of course. Two of the most widely recognized are increasing demand for higher education on the one hand and rapidly increasing costs on the other.

Q. The growing demand of which you speak is linked with recent growth in population, is it not?

A. Yes. The higher birth rate since 1940 assures us a startling growth in college population during the next twenty years. Some 2,740,000 students were in the back-to-school trek last fall according to the U.S. Commissioner of Education. And the number of prospective students is still increasing.

Q. And what of the other problems you mentioned—costs?

A. This to my mind is the basic problem facing our evangelical schools and colleges today—the tremendous pressure of the inflationary spiral which has increased costs of operation by nearly 100 per cent since 1939.

Q. But business and institutions as a whole have had to meet inflated costs. Why can't schools and colleges simply raise their fees so as to keep up with the spiral?

A. Tuitions in general among private schools have gone up—some 70 per cent on the average since 1940. Many private college administrators are afraid they are at a point where deserving students may be priced out of their classrooms.

Q. No doubt this also means a stonger pull toward the tax-supported college and universities where tuition is lower.

A. Very definitely. During these same inflationary years there has been an increasing public assent to the proposition that higher education should be placed within reach of all those qualified. As a result, there has actually been an average decrease in tuition in tax-supported colleges and universities.

Q. Then one of the serious effects of the present financial situation is that it tends to divert some promising Christian young people from Christian training in Christian schools.

A. Yes, I believe this is a reasonable deduction from what we have already said.

Q. Is tuition the major source of income for most evangelical schools?

A. For the average school—yes. Especially within the college group. I do not have figures for evangelical colleges alone, but one study of liberal arts colleges in general in the Midwest reported that nearly 55 cents out of every dollar in income was from tuition. About 24 cents out of every dollar was from endowments and approximately 21 cents was from gifts. I might add that most of our evangelical colleges are comparatively young and have but small endowments. Thus in some cases tuition has to provide 75 or even 80 per cent of the total cost of operation. (Note: At Free Will Baptist Bible College the ratio is 60-40—with 60 per cent of the income coming from student fees and 40 per cent coming from gifts. The school has no endowment.)

Q. Have such schools been able to operate in recent years without deficits?

A. Many have not. The study I just mentioned reported that as many as half of the liberal arts colleges surveyed are operating in the red. Others are avoiding it only by curtailing their services or by emergency economies such as postponement of needed raises in faculty salaries or items of plant maintenance. Some are drawing on capital or reserves or borrowing to meet immediate needs.

Q. How do the faculty salaries paid by our evangelical schools and colleges compare with those paid by private colleges as a whole? Are there any reliable figures available?

A. No figures which one can regard with finality. Naturally, there is some reticence to have the inadequacy of salary scales made a matter of general information. However, as we discuss the subject among ourselves and deal with faculty members moving from one school to another we know in a general way what is being done in our group.

Q. On the basis of your knowledge of what is typical can you give us some kind of comparison between salary scales in evangelical schools and colleges and those in other types of schools?

A. I think this can be done if we keep in mind that such figures are suggestive rather than definitive. There is a very considerable span in salaries paid, so we should call these figures "typical" salaries. Figures on salaries paid by universities and private liberal arts schools can be based on certain recognized studies. Those for evangelical colleges, as already indicated, are from my personal knowledge as to what some of these institutions are doing. And for interest I would like to add a column showing typical salaries paid to high school teachers in New York state. The lower salary listed is that paid to teachers with from one to

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Students at Free Will Baptist Bible College gather outside Ennis Hall, presently used for classrooms and men's dormitory. A pressing need is to expand present facilities.

Alumni Association Serves in Many Ways

Perhaps the greatest contribution of the Alumni Association of FWBBC to its stated purpose consists of the alumni now serving on the field. Thirteen alumni are serving as missionaries in foreign countries. Five others serve as home missionaries. Others are waiting appointments to foreign and home fields. In addition to this, many serve as leaders in key positions throughout the denomination as Christian education directors, pastors, Christian businessmen and housewives. Just how much this group is doing "to promote the cause of our Lord as represented by our college and to encourage the support of our beloved institution" cannot be accurately measured.

Some very tangible things have been done, however, in the history of the organization. In 1950 a student loan fund was set up to aid worthy students. The organization contributed \$500 to the erection of the Memorial Auditorium. A total of \$454.54 was presented to be applied toward the retirement of the debt on Richland Hall. At the annual meeting in April 1956, the group voted to take as its project the college library. Money and books are being given by the members to increase the volumes in the library.

With the growth of the college and the increase in graduates, the national organization felt the need for state chapters. In 1954 a committee appointed earlier for that purpose presented to the body a partial manuscript for a guidebook for state chapters. This manuscript gave as a general purpose for state chapters "to bind together those who have a deep regard for their alma mater; to provide first-hand news about the Bible College; and to interest prospective students in coming to the Bible College." North Carolina was the first state to organize a chapter.

At the 1956 business meeting the officers who serve the organization currently were elected: president, Roger Reeds, Davis, N. C.; vice-president, Robert Edwards, Arapahoe, N. C.; secretary-treasurer, Mary Ruth Wisheart, Nashville, Tenn.

Graduates from any department of the college may be members of the association. Associate memberships consists of those who have matriculated at the college and completed any unit of work and who are not resident students at the school. To be members in good standing those eligible must maintain standards of a Christian life and pay dues at the rate of \$2 per year.

The present activities of the association include the mailing of our denominational paper, *Contact*, to missionaries on foreign fields, sending out a bimonthly newsletter to active members, and conducting an annual business meeting and luncheon in Nashville during the spring Bible Conference.



Members of the King's Messengers quartet are LaVelle Sawyer, Randy Cox, Jack Paramore, and Bill Gardner.

Quartet Wins Friends for College

Each summer since 1949 the Bible College has sent a quartet to contact churches in the interest of the school. The quartet has held services in practically all the states where Free Will Baptists have churches, traveling thousands of miles and winning both friends and support to the college.

Many Christian young people have come to the Bible College for training as the result of a quartet service in their churches. Each service is conducted with an evangelistic emphasis, and scores of decisions for Christ have been reported.

Some Free Will Baptist people had not heard about the Bible College until they attended a quartet service where information about the school is given along with a program of gospel music and songs. Usually those who were unacquainted with the school enthusiastically endorse the quartet and the Bible College for which it stands.

The four young men making up the college quartet this year are LaVelle Sawyer, Randy Cox, Jack Paramore, and Bill Gardner.

LaVelle Sawyer sings bass and is a freshman in the quartet. LaVelle, 19, in his sophomore year at the college, is a member of Fairmount Park church, Norfolk, Va. He has been a member of the college chorus for the past two years.

Singing baritone with the quartet for the third year, Randy Cox, 24, is a junior from Washington, North Carolina. Randy is a popular speaker in youth meetings and shares the preaching assignments in the quartet services. He served one term in the U. S. Coast Guard and looks forward to the pastorate or evangelistic work upon graduation.

Another new member this year is Jack Paramore, 20, who sings second tenor and is a member of Reedy Branch church, Winterville, N. C. Jack is a graduate of

Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C., and entered the Bible College this past September.

Veteran of three years of quartet work is Bill Gardner, 21, member of Fairmount Park church, Norfolk, Va. Bill, a junior, sings first tenor in the quartet and has been a member of the college chorus. He plans to do foreign mission work.

In speaking for the group Randy Cox said, "It has been a wonderful experience for us to appear in our Free Will Baptist churches. The people who have taken us into their homes have treated us with the warmest hospitality. We have made many good friends in working as the college quartet."

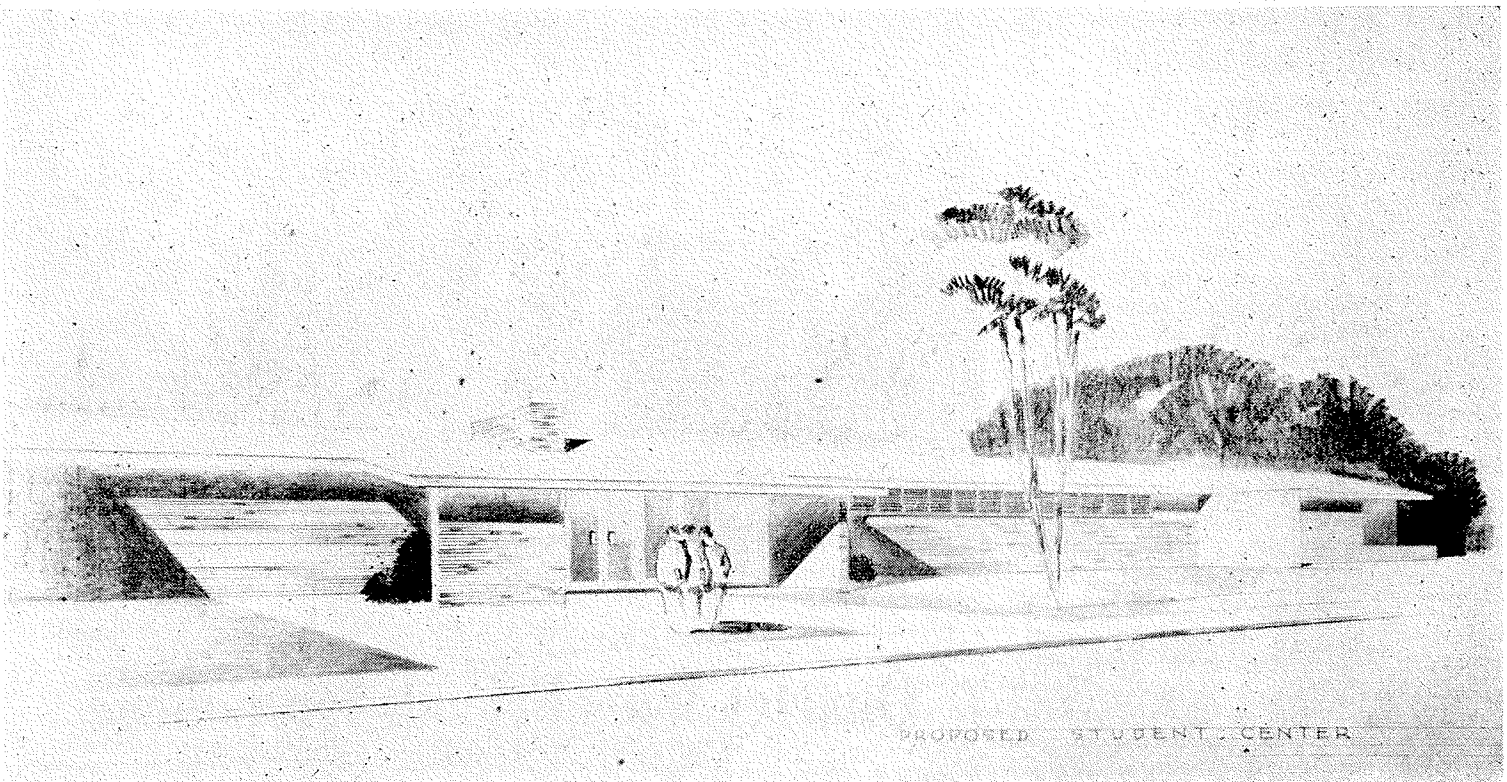
The response for the 41 services held totaled \$8,967.27 in offerings and pledges, making an average response of \$218.71 per service. The quartet reported ten first-time decisions for Christ and ten rededications in the services.

The following is a summary of services held from September through December.

	Services	Gifts and Pledges
Illinois	4	\$ 453.89
Georgia	4	1,358.40
Alabama	5	832.03
Kentucky	5	698.95
Tennessee	10	2,538.94
North Carolina	13	3,085.06

The Bible College will be glad to hear from any church that will arrange a service for the quartet. They will be holding services in Alabama during the month of January, according to the following tentative schedule:

Magnolia church, January 26, 7:30 p.m.; Union church, January 27, 11 a.m.; Springhill church, January 27, 3 p.m.; Dothan church, January 27, 7:30 p.m.



The first building to be erected in the improvement program will be the proposed student center shown above. If sufficient funds are available, the contract will be let for this building shortly after April 1 so it will be ready by September. The building will be a wing addition to the present Memorial Auditorium and will house a dining hall, kitchen, and student center.

Plans Being Completed For Two New Buildings

The improvement program officially launched October 1 includes long-range plans for the erection and furnishing of two new buildings. The steady growth of the student body and expanding operations within the school have called for an enlarged plant and campus.

For the past three years the present facilities have been filled to the maximum with the yearly enrolment numbering from 175-185. In surveying the expansion needs during these crowded years, college officials have stated the following objectives:

1. Dining hall and kitchen for three hundred people.
2. Classroom building with adequate room for teachers' offices.
3. A library building.
4. A men's dormitory to accommodate one hundred men.

Two Buildings Proposed

To meet these needs the Board of Trustees and college officials have proposed the construction of two new buildings just as soon as funds can be raised.

Another need expressed by officials is a gymnasium where students can have supervised recreation. This, however, has been omitted from present plans.

The first goal in this long-range program is the raising of \$50,000 to cover the purchase of the Dunbar property at 3611 Richland Ave., and to insure enough funds on hand to let the contract for the first building to be constructed. If this goal is reached by April 1, the contract will be awarded so that construction can begin in time to have the building ready for use by the opening of school in September 1957.

Addition to Auditorium

The first unit will be a wing addition to the present Memorial Auditorium to accommodate a modern dining hall, kitchen, and student lounge. The one-story structure will be of fireproof material with a pitch roof. The walls will feature glass running from floor to ceiling combined with masonry construction to conform to the auditorium.

The new wing will consist of a 72' x 42' dining hall in the center, a 15' x 42' kitchen at the west end, and a student center measuring 42' x 36' between the dining hall and the auditorium.

Entrance doors will be full glass and the floors will be of resilient tile. Modern lighting will be installed throughout and gas heating will be used.

Dining Space Doubled

This unit also provides for dressing rooms just off the auditorium stage and storage rooms for costumes.

The new dining hall will provide double the space as the present dining hall. By using the student lounge for extra space the new dining hall will accommodate 300 people.

The present dining facilities are taxed to the limit in serving food three times daily to approximately 110 people.

The student lounge will furnish a much-needed service, both as a center for outside and dormitory students during the day for relaxation, study, or visiting, and as a place for informal gatherings for the student body. Up to this time groups have had to use the limited facilities of the living room at Richland Hall or secure outside facilities.

Second Unit Planned

The present dining hall can later be used for temporary classrooms or extra dormitory space for the men.

The second unit of the improvement program is planned at the completion of the dining hall building. This structure—to

house offices, library, and classrooms—is much needed to relieve heavily overloaded areas.

This two-story building will also be of fire-proof construction throughout and will be built in the shape of a "T". Masonry construction will be used in conformity to the architectural style already adopted. The over-all dimensions will be approximately 82' x 80'. The building will be erected on the vacant lot at 3613 Richland Avenue.

Will Double Library

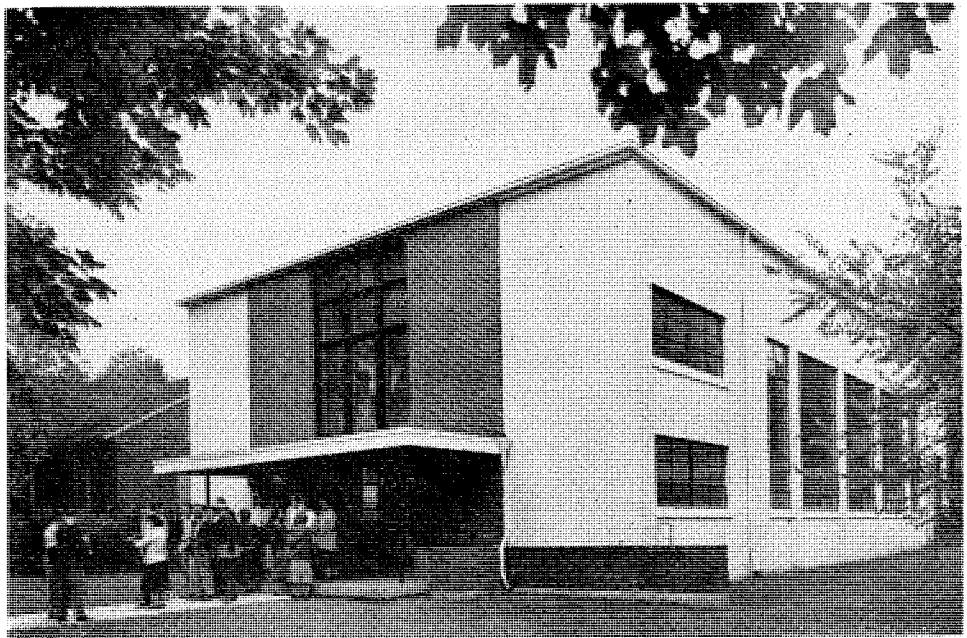
In this structure are planned the administrative offices, library, classrooms, and teachers' offices. The first floor will include offices for the president, dean, registrar, business manager, receptionist, records, and mailing. The entrance parlor will be 15' x 19' and will lead to a corridor going through the building back to the library entrance.

The library will be housed in the cross-bar of the T on the ground floor and will have the over-all dimensions of 82' x 33'. This will be divided into two reading rooms 27' x 33' and another section 28' x 33' to consist of stack room, periodicals room, and librarian's office. Modern lighting and heating will be used throughout with ample glass walls in the reading rooms.

The new library will about double the space and equipment of the present library located in the center section on the first floor of Richland Hall. The present library is limited in capacity to 50 students in the reading rooms, and the stack rooms are filled to capacity.

Eight New Classrooms

The moving of the administrative offices and the library from Richland Hall will



The Memorial Auditorium is the only building of the college property to be built new. It was constructed in 1950 for about \$28,000. The new dining hall and student center will be a wing addition on to the auditorium.

provide space for a 50 per cent increase in women students.

The entire second floor of the proposed administration building will be devoted to classrooms and teachers' offices.

Eight classrooms are planned. Six of these will be approximately 21' x 16' and two will be larger rooms 36' x 19' with portable partitions in case smaller rooms are desired.

Back Wall of Glass

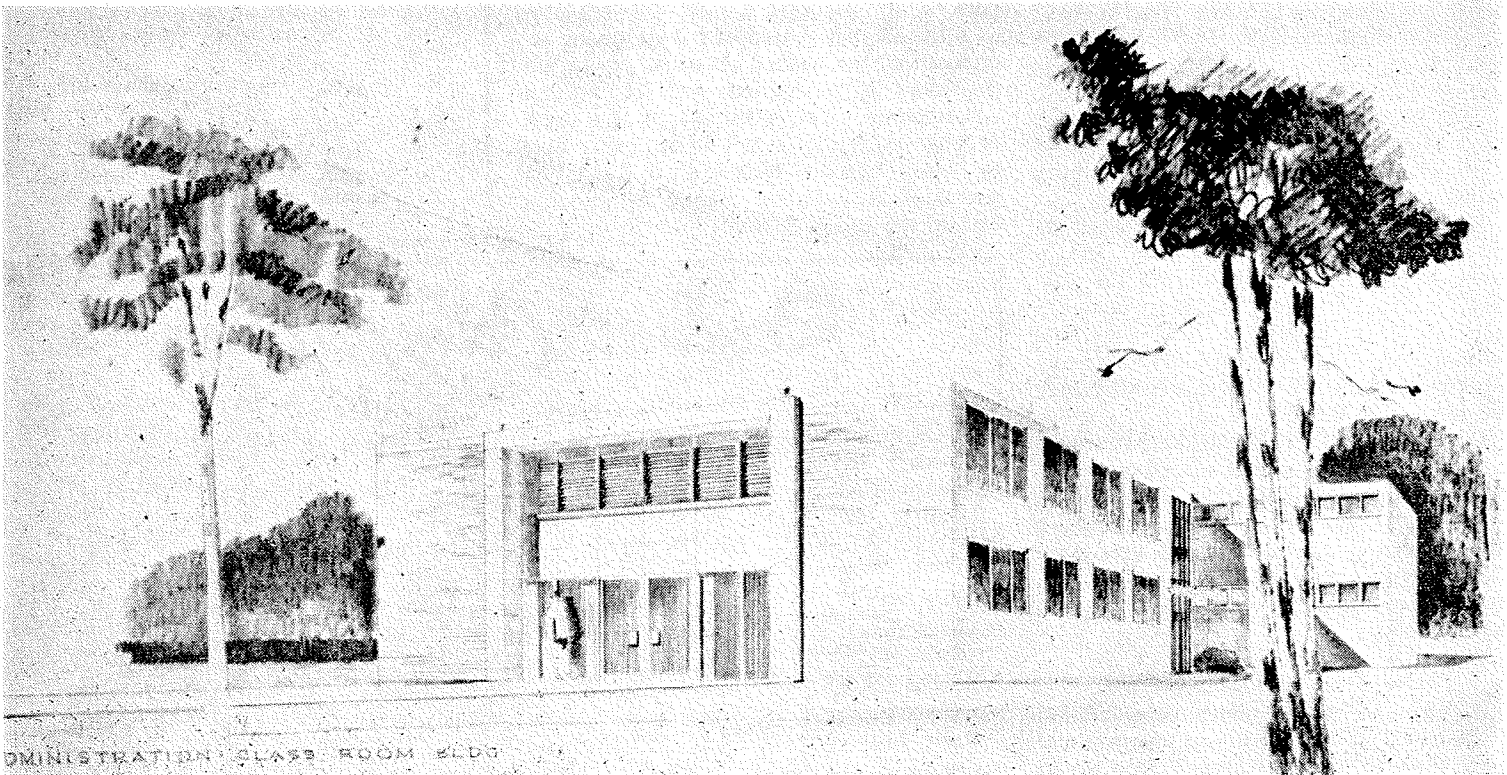
All classrooms will have standard ceiling lighting. The entire back wall of the second

floor will be of glass from ceiling to floor, as is the trend in modern school plants.

The eight teachers' offices will measure 12' x 6' and will be located near the classrooms for student convenience.

This new building will approximately double the present space of offices, library, and classrooms.

The completion of the improvement program will enable the Bible College to provide for more than 300 students in the dining hall and classrooms and for at least 200 dormitory students.



ADMINISTRATION CLASS ROOM BLDG

The second unit of the improvement program is the administration and classroom building shown above. The over-all dimensions will be approximately 82 feet by 80 feet. It will house the library as well as administrative offices and classrooms, releasing present space to allow for a 50 per cent increase in women students. The building will be erected on the vacant lot at 3613 Richland Avenue.

Definite Progress Being Made in Efforts for Academic Recognition

Every new educational institution faces a fight to gain academic recognition in the educational world.

For the past several years Free Will Baptist Bible College has been striving to obtain such recognition in two special ways: (1) formal approval by the University of Tennessee of the first two years of the work as of standard junior college level, and (2) full membership in the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

"We are glad to report that definite strides are being made in both directions," said Robert E. Picirilli, member of the Academic Council which is working on accreditation.

Optimistic about First

"With regard to the first of these aims—to obtain formal approval by the University of Tennessee—we are very optimistic," he stated. An informal visit last year from Dr. R. F. Thomason of the university was very encouraging. An official visit from the approval committee is expected this spring, and there is good reason to hope this aim will have been achieved by the fall term.

As far as the second aim is concerned—to be a full member of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges—the outlook is improving steadily.

Recently two members of the Academic Council attended a meeting of this association in Chicago. It is recognized that the Bible College does not fall too far short of meeting standards required for admission.

Library Has Grown

The most outstanding shortcomings are two: 1) there is too high a percentage of non-high school graduates; (2) the library has not enough volumes.

However, the Bible College is strengthening these weaknesses all the time. The library has grown steadily during the past year, and every effort is being made to decrease the percentage of non-high school graduates as much as possible without depriving the Free Will Baptist constituency of the training it needs.

One way of cutting down the percentage is by having the non-high school graduates take the General Education Development tests. When these are passed, the students are considered as high school graduates. This method is being used with fair success, and the percentage is being cut lower than ever before.

Bible Institute Considered

Another possibility under consideration is setting up a Bible Institute separate and apart from the Bible College. This would entirely solve this problem, if it seems advisable as further study is given to it.

A few other minor difficulties can be taken care of easily.

With a hope that these two major problems can be solved in the not too distant future, the school will go ahead with the process for gaining membership in the accrediting association. Preliminary application has already been filed. The next step is to conduct a self-evaluative study. This will take several months and is planned during the coming semester.

Service Comes First

"The process will then take at least a year after this," Mr. Picirilli said. "We believe our major difficulties can be resolved during this period of time, and we hope for full accreditation by the end of this period."

In the meantime Free Will Baptist people can be assured the Bible College will in no way sacrifice the spiritual standards or the willingness to meet the needs of training for our denomination in order to attain these aims. The service to the denomination and to Christ comes first, Mr. Picirilli declared.

Even though Free Will Baptist Bible College is not formally accredited, the caliber of work the institution does is being recognized by many fully accredited institutions. At present there are a number of students who have attended Free Will Baptist Bible College who are studying in accredited institutions that gave credit for a great percentage of the credits earned here.

After all that is said and done about accreditation, the caliber of work an institution does is recognized with or without accreditation. The acid test of the value of any institution is not in its being able to meet certain technical accreditation standards but whether or not the product can do the job it is trained to do.

Second Honor Roll "Every Church Family" Plan

Salem church, Missouri
Hurryville church, Farmington, Mo.
Grace church, Blount, W. Va.
Pleasant Valley church, Butler, Okla.
Martinstown church, Worthington, Mo.
First church, Sapulpa, Okla.
Trinity Temple church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
West Side church, Johnsonville, South Carolina
First church, Bryan, Texas
First church, Corning, Ark.
Central church, Tampa, Florida
Union church, West Frankfort, Illinois
First church, Wenatchee, Washington
Jameson Memorial church, Henderson, Texas
First church, Lake Charles, La.
Bethel church, West Plains, Mo.
First church, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Bellevue, Texas
Woodbine church, Nashville, Tenn.

Nineteen churches are now listed on our second honor roll, making a total of 64 churches using the Family Plan. Only five churches have discontinued the plan after starting it.

The Family Plan is the simplest way of seeing that each member gets the denominational paper. Each month the paper goes directly to the mailbox of each member whose church uses the Family Plan and the subscription is paid for by his tithes and offerings given to the church.

We will send our new folder telling about the plan, "CONTACT in Every Home in Every Church," and complete forms for enrolling your families if you will write and request it.

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 for 25 cents for each subscription and a form for adding or dropping any names desired.
4. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued.

Revival Campaigns

CHURCH	PASTOR	EVANGELIST	DATES	DEC.	ADD.
Free Will Baptist Mission, Artesia, N. Mex.	S. M. Aragon	L. C. Pinson	11/18-24	7	
Fellowship church, Kingsport, Tenn.	Frank Thompson	Milton Hollifield	10/1-13	30	20
Little Creek church, Norfolk, Va.	Ivey Carter	Milton Hollifield	11/4-13	25	15
Glendale, Mo.	Ick Dickerson	O. T. Dixon	10/22-28		
Bakerville church, Vernon, Ill.	George Waggoner	O. T. Dixon	11/12-20		
Willow Springs, Mo.	Oliver Letterman	O. T. Dixon	11/26-12/5		
Fellowship church, Bryan, Texas	H. Ray Berry	Lonnie Sparks	11/18-25	11	
East Belmont church, N. C.		Owen Ganey	12/2-		
First church, Flat River, Mo.	H. C. Beasley	Homer Willis	1/6-20		

Financial Report for July 1 - Nov. 30, 1956

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

The following is a five-month's financial report of income and expenditures with the gift income distributed by states.

Gifts by states:

Alabama	\$ 962.80
Arizona	30.66
Arkansas	898.40
California	407.43
Colorado	15.00
Florida	251.48
Georgia	2,394.75
Illinois	1,109.14
Indiana	2.50
Kansas	31.00
Kentucky	258.80
Michigan	937.04
Mississippi	1,677.93
Missouri	2,826.45
Nebraska	6.59
New Mexico	48.29
North Carolina	4,773.96
Ohio	812.09
Oklahoma	683.39
Oregon	12.00
South Carolina	1,556.60
Tennessee	4,514.59
Texas	677.24
Virginia	795.64
West Virginia	324.97
Woman's National Auxiliary	
Conv.	365.64
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	\$26,374.38

INCOME

Gifts Improvement Program)	5,808.56
Gifts General Fund)	20,565.82
Library Gifts	231.68
Extension School Income	150.00
Miscellaneous Income	180.74
Bookstore sales	4,288.18
Matriculation Fees	265.00
Registration Fees	1,925.00
Tuition	12,098.00
Activity Fees	772.50
Room	6,644.84
Board	16,333.67
Music Fees	980.50
Miscellaneous Fees	120.00
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Total Income	\$70,455.49

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$23,244.05
Improvement Program Expense	866.90
Maintenance and Repairs	2,881.03

Travel Expense	627.87
School Supplies	37.80
Telephone Expense	642.25
Heat	1,001.03
Electricity	377.15
Water Bill	222.76
Laundry	191.67
Groceries	6,386.10
Household Supplies	243.33
Miscellaneous Expense	644.55
Printing	1,709.15
Insurance	771.42
Office Expense	1,621.34
Library Expense	431.29
Practical Work Dept. Expense	57.28
Board of Trustees Expense	204.00
Quartet Itinerary Expense	2,509.49
Employer Social Security Taxes	111.82
Interest Paid	312.50
Employer Hospital Ins.	
Expense	224.79
Kitchen Supplies	122.26
Additions to Fixed Assets	907.08
Music Department Expense	46.55
Bookstore Purchases and	
Expense	3,698.37
Payment on Dunbar Property	
Mortgage	5,000.00
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	\$55,093.83

Assets are as follows:

Petty Cash	\$ 350.00
First Amn. Nat'l	
Bank	4,327.30
First Amn. Nat'l	
Bank	930.86
Fid. Fed. Saving &	
Loan	1,534.15
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Accounts Receivable	15,809.97
Bookstore Inventory	1,136.43
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Total current assets	\$ 24,088.71
Fixed assets	198,386.65
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Total assets	\$222,475.36
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Liabilities Mortgage payable	\$ 10,000.00

College Helps Provide Missionary Candidates

It is not often that we think of an educational institution as being a part of the missionary enterprise. Yet Free Will Baptist Bible College is proving to be one of the strong arms of our Free Will Baptist missionary program.

Of the number of missionaries that are serving on foreign fields, the majority not only received their training at Free Will Baptist Bible College but also their call to foreign missionary work.

The college does not limit its service to giving training to those who want to be missionaries, but the more important area of its ministry is creating the kind of spiritual atmosphere among its students and faculty that will lead young man and women to yield themselves to the Lord for Christian service.



LUCY WISEHART
Missionary

In the truest sense, the missionary program of our church depends not so much upon raising money for missions as upon our young people living in the midst of such an intense spiritual environment that they will be compelled to surrender their lives to the will of God. Such a spiritual environment is most difficult to have in the average local church.

Very few of our missionary candidates yield themselves to the call in the local church. At Free Will Baptist Bible College there is a better opportunity to have the kind of environment out of which young men and women surrender themselves to the call of God.

Of the missionaries now serving through our church who received their training at Free Will Baptist Bible College, without exception these also received their call while in school.

In order to effectively promote the different phases of work, it is necessary to have a department of missions and a department of education. Yet in reality the fundamental objective is the same: reaching the world with the gospel.

Sincere prayer should be made by all who are interested in reaching the world for Christ that Free Will Baptist Bible College will continue to have the revival spirit out of which comes yielded lives to do the will of God.—L. C. Johnson

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND—

14th Annual Bible Conference

March 31—April 4

Bible College Memorial Auditorium

- Stirring Messages on Evangelism and Missions
- Music by College Groups
- Fine Fellowship

Why Christian Schools Need Your Help

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Q. What should these figures mean to the average evangelical Christian?

A.—Of course, basically, they emphasize what we have just been saying. Teachers in evangelical schools are receiving perhaps \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year less than teachers in the general liberal arts field—and as much as \$3,000 a year less than what they would receive in a tax-supported state university. It is also interesting to notice that our average New York high school teacher in the classifications cited earns more than the instructor in either the evangelical college or the general liberal arts field.

Even allowing for fluctuations around the figures given, a four-year-college graduate can walk into a high school teaching position which pays more than was paid to his major professor in college—perhaps a man with a Ph.D. and ten years of more college teaching experience!

Q. This would indicate, then, that teaching in evangelical schools and colleges is of rather poor quality?

A. By no means! But it is only because of the Christian teacher's loyalty to God's call.

A few weeks ago I was talking with a young man well on the way to his Ph.D., discussing the possibility of his coming to Houghton College. I told him, as I have often explained to others, that we are on a definitely "missionary basis." He replied that he feels a sense of calling to teach in a Christian college and fully expects this to be the situation in any of them.

Time and again we have seen talented and well-trained Christian young people gladly leave lucrative and promising positions and accept the responsibilities of teaching in an evangelical school or college. This kind of teacher will communicate to his students something not found in books—something tremendously precious.

Q. Are you going to ask us to increase the support of the evangelical schools and colleges that this element of sacrificial service will be lessened or lost?

A. No. But there is absolutely no danger of this. We are now dealing, not with the "sacrifice level" but with the "subsistence level." Already it is true that some splendid (and willing) teachers with certain basic family needs cannot afford to teach in most evangelical colleges. "The scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward" (1 Timothy 5:18). The evangelical constituency can and must do something about this situation, and precisely because the Lord wills it.

Q. Of course, this should be sufficient reason in itself. Isn't there also something

to be said, however, from the standpoint of the importance of the Christian school to the on-going of the cause of Christ and the well-being of the Christian community?

A. Very definitely. Christians have committed tremendously important tasks to their schools and colleges. They are delegated tasks and should be the concern of Christians as a group. Commenting on this not long ago, in **United Evangelical Action**, Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, president of Providence-Barrington Bible College, said: "Are not [the] schools 'missionary arms' of the church of Christ? The expense of sending and maintaining a missionary on the field is so great that the church cannot afford to send its representatives out unprepared for their tasks. But who is to pay for the education of these future missionaries?"

"The same reasoning could be followed, too, with respect to the training of pastors, Christian teachers, Christian doctors and nurses, not to speak of the thousands of Christian youth who are so desperately needed in every walk of life to make a contribution of a Christian character to our contemporary society."

Q. Speaking very practically, Dr. Paine, what are your suggestions as to how this support can be made more effective?

A. I think one very practical key to the situation is the matter of "to whom are you neighbor?" Alumni of our evangelical schools and colleges, if they were to realize the cost at which they have been trained, would forever feel indebted to them—and a great many do. The annual alumni gift—by whatever name known—can come to be a tremendously important factor in the college budget. An increasing number of alumni make a monthly gift to their college, including this in their monthly roster of checks to be written.

Parents of past and present students are likewise a part of a school's natural constituency. Whatever plans they may have for large gifts in the future, their gifts from year to year—or oftener—ought to be a continuous source of financial support.

A local church should consider as a part of its regular program of missionary giving the college or colleges which are training its young people to take their places in the Lord's service locally and abroad. Of course this principle applies with increased force where local churches are bound to a college by denominational ties.

The Christian industrialist can often, especially in the case of a family-held or closely-held corporation, interest his corporation in a schedule of regular corporate support to one or more Christian colleges or schools. Such gifts are deductible from taxable corporate income up to 5 per cent of the total income.

Here, then, is something which closely concerns us all—the continuing life and vigor of our evangelical schools and colleges. If each of us will do what he can, we can count on God to do His miracle part and the need will be met.—From *Moody Monthly*.

Cooperative Offerings Top Goal Nearly \$1,000

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The response to the Cooperative Plan of Support for 1956 exceeded both the goal which had been set and the hopes of denominational leaders, according to a late release from the Executive office.

The goal for the year—which was the first full year the Cooperative Plan has been in operation—was \$37,600 in undesignated funds. When the books were closed on December 31 the total undesignated offerings stood at \$38,588.78—nearly \$1,000 more than the amount needed to assure the budget of the Executive department which had been receiving 45 per cent of the funds.

The additional amount was not shared in by the Executive department, but was allocated among the other seven agencies who receive money from the cooperative fund.

The undesignated offerings represented about 20 per cent of all giving denominational cause for the year. Designated offerings pushed the total receipts for the year up to \$43,000.

Because of new percentages of allocation the need for undesignated cooperative giving for 1957 will be \$58,000, an increase of nearly 65 per cent over last year. This will require average monthly receipts of \$4,800 in 1957 as compared with something over \$3,100 last year.

Undesignated cooperative offerings will be allocated as follows: Foreign Missions, 27 per cent; Home Missions, 12.5 per cent; Radio-TV Board, 2 per cent; Executive Department, 31 per cent; Bible College, 19 per cent; Superannuation, 4 per cent; League, 1 per cent; Sunday School Department, 3.5 per cent.

The Cooperative Plan of Support calls for each local church to give at least ten per cent of the church income to this fund for distribution among the eight departments named above. This may be sent through the state office or directly to the Executive Department, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

The 1956 report is as follows:

RECEIPTS

Alabama	990.32
Arizona	202.11
Arkansas	3,001.09
California	3,311.64
Florida	1,777.62
Georgia	377.53
Illinois	1,507.70
Kentucky	518.10
Michigan	2,529.82
Mississippi	245.74
Missouri	8,483.22
Nebraska	48.84
New Mexico	307.59
North Carolina	2,267.33
Oklahoma	5,862.26
Oregon	22.50

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Evangelicals And These Times

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Significant Literature Gains

Perhaps the most significant evangelical gains in 1956 were made in the realm of literature. The year marked the appearance of "Christianity Today," a fortnightly magazine for ministers and key laymen. Intent on raising a banner for evangelical theology at a time when liberal theology lay in collapse and when neo-orthodox theology was bidding to take its place, the magazine had 25,000 subscribers in its first month of publication, and some 35,000 at year-end. Its appearance stimulated improved format and content in a number of the established evangelical magazines, all to the good.

Publishing gains extended to the sphere of textbooks, where the evangelical movement has lagged for a generation, and in some cases marked a new interest in evangelical books by secular publishing houses. Scheduled for early 1957 appearance are a history of philosophy, *Thales to Dewey*, by Gordon H. Clark, and the writer's text *Christian Personal Ethics*. Evangelical Books, still rivaling the long-established religious book clubs, is issuing *Contemporary Evangelical Thought*, with ten evangelical scholars reporting on the major areas of interest. Christian Booksellers Association held its largest convention in Chicago. With 2500 affiliated bookstores and its own publication, it won its first attention from "Publishers Weekly."

WEF Enlarges Activity

Ford Foundation grants to accredited colleges came as a boon to a limited number of evangelical schools which qualified, and provided others with an additional impetus to secure full academic accreditation.

In the sphere of cooperative evangelical effort, delegates from 27 countries gathered in Providence, R. I., and expedited the World Evangelical Fellowship's transition from a program of fellowship to one of enlarged activity in evangelism and literature. Six major world offices were projected as future goals.

The National Association of Evangelicals made gains in over-coming its debt, and reported steady though unspectacular progress. Its social action committee contributed an essay on "The Vulnerability of the West to Soviet Propaganda" to the House Unamerican Activities Committee publication *Soviet Total War*, stressing that the Christian message of sin and redemption "involves a realistic penetration to the sources and depths of international instability."



By LOUIS H. MOULTON, Savannah, Ga.

Q. Suppose when I get to heaven I find that one of my children is missing, or perhaps my husband or my mother. Could I be happy? Would it really be heaven for me?

A. Most assuredly, yes. Jesus said in Matthew 10:37 "He that loveth father or mother than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." The supreme joy of the Christian is in Jesus Christ and Christ is in heaven. The love that a Christian has for even the dearest of his loved ones is nothing compared to the love which he has for

Not a Year of Headlines

The American Council of Churches was still beset by internal difficulties and fragmentation. Defection of the Bible Presbyterian movement became final with the establishment of a new educational effort, Covenant College in St. Louis.

National Sunday School Association reported that its Chicago convention set a registration record, and the organization continued to implement church school interest throughout the land.

In Chattanooga, Tenn., where the liquor traffic sought to outwit aggressive prohibitionists by itself calling for a public referendum during the national election, with its larger vote, the dries won the battle nonetheless. A pre-election poll of American ministers showed that the prohibition party is less and less considered a live option, and at the same time that indignation over the liquor traffic is by no means at an end among the clergy.

In summary, 1956 was not a year productive of towering evangelical headlines. In many respects it was an "in between" year, a time of coasting on the momentum of the year before. The drive to restore the nation to biblical faith met with only qualified success, yet many uncoordinated efforts were pursued with unrelenting zeal. Whether the evangelical and evangelistic thrust might somewhere achieve a breakthrough, and penetrate determinatively to the core of American culture and life, remained to be answered in the year to come.

the Lord Jesus, and our Savior will satisfy every longing of the heart that really knows Him. If we find that any of our loved ones are in hell it will be because they have utterly rejected God's mercy and trampled under foot the shed blood of God's only begotten Son, and we will recognize the justice and the necessity of it. "... God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 7:17) and if we see as we ought we will say, "Amen; true and righteous are Thy judgments, O Lord."

Q. Is there any scripture which would warrant a belief in a probation or "second chance" after death?

A. There is not. Hebrews 9:27 says, "... It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Q. I am a young woman, active in my Sunday school and League and I know I am saved. My girl friends think I am peculiar and a little crazy because I say I can't go to the school prom. Please tell me what's wrong with dancing.

A. Dancing permits a familiarity of contact between the sexes that is nowhere else allowed in decent society. If a woman allowed any man to handle her elsewhere as he does on the dance floor, she would be regarded as immodest, unwomanly and questionable. Her influence for Christ among those she desires to win would be lost. 2 Corinthians 6:17 tells us is no uncertain words to "... come out from among them, and be ye separate ... and touch not the unclean thing. ..." The modern dance is unquestionably an unclean thing. It is immodest, impure, unwholesome. No Christian can frequent the public dance hall without suffering for it beyond description, and without bringing reproach upon the cause of Christ.

Q. Where in the scripture is the information given as to the kind of wood of which the cross was made?

A. I am acquainted with no such scripture.

Q. Many people talk about making resolutions at the beginning of each new year. Should Christians make new year resolutions?

A. I certainly see nothing wrong in it. I think most people are sincere in their making new resolutions at the beginning of the year. I also know that many resolutions are broken ere they are hardly made. However, for the Christian it is a good time for taking inventory, to thank God for all His blessings and to yield and commit ourselves in fresh and renewed consecration

Address your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, c/o CONTACT, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

SAMMY WILKINSON, *News Editor*

Oklahoma Pastor Has Stroke on Christmas

BRISTOW, Okla.—Rev. Paul Pursell, pastor of the First church here, suffered a stroke on Christmas day. He is in a local hospital and his condition is described as "critical."

North Carolina Church Completes New Building

CANTON, N. C.—The First church here was scheduled to have completed their new building about the first of the year. The \$42,000 building is red brick and will accommodate about 500 people. Rev. Milton Hollifield is pastor.

Alabama Pastor Begins Broadcast

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The "Gospel of Christ" program conducted by Rev. J. J. Staab went on the air here December 1. It is heard on station WLBS, 900 kilocycles, from 7:30 to 8 a.m. each Saturday.

First Arizona Association Holds Quarterly Meeting

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The regular quarterly meeting of the First Arizona association was held at the Northside church here December 8. An hour of the program was given to the Woman's Auxiliaries of the district.

Kentucky Gets New Church Organization

ASHLAND, Ky.—The Second Free Will Baptist church was organized here October 13 after a temporary organization had set up September 22. The congregation, which numbers 20 members, is meeting at 2000 29th street. A permanent location has not yet been secured. Rev. Redford Meadows is the pastor.

Those officiating at the organization were Rev. Henry Litteral, Rev. Walter Hooper, and Rev. Carter. Mrs. Ernest O. Griffith is church clerk.

Missouri Church Gets New Electric Organ

BERKELEY CITY, Mo.—A new electric organ was recently purchased by the First church of Berkeley. They also report more than 50 additions to the church in 1956. Rev. Harvey E. Hill is pastor.

Blythe Church Hosts California Meeting

BLYTHE, Calif.—The West Coast quarterly meeting met here November 31—December 1 with Rev. Francis Boyle and Rev. Ledbetter bringing the messages. The Blythe church has recently done some re-decorating and has almost completed an addition which includes four classrooms. Rev. Wiley Gregory is pastor.

Georgia Youth Camp Suffers Fire Loss

ASHBURN, Ga.—Churches in Georgia are asked to give special emphasis in January to their youth camp in an effort to raise funds to replace the kitchen and dining hall which burned November 27. Vandals broke into the building and stole some gas heaters, leaving the gas escaping, which caused the fire.

The damage was estimated at \$3,000 to \$4,000 while insurance coverage amounted to only \$1,500. The camp board hopes to raise some \$5,000. They plan a new building 30' by 60', larger than the original structure. All special offerings should be sent to the state promotional secretary.

Terry Is Pastor Of New Organization

NEW BERN, N. C.—Rev. T. O. Terry has assumed the pastorate of the Pleasant Acres church, a new organization just outside New Bern. The work was started as a mission in September, 1956. The Sunday school enrolment has already passed 80.

Organization Planned In Northwest Oklahoma

GUYMON, Okla.—Services are being held preparatory to the organization of a Free Will Baptist church here. Rev. Wade Jernigan, who is in charge of the work, said, "We believe this will serve as a springboard for the five-state area of Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado. There is not a Free Will Baptist church in this area in any of these states."

Services are being held temporarily at 622 N. Crumley. The building site for the congregation is at 15th and Beaver and plans are being made to begin an educational unit there soon. Any contribution for this new work should be sent to Mrs. Fred Keifer, 1408 N. Academy, Guymon, Okla.

Tennessee Presbytery Annuls Credentials

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Cumberland association presbytery voted on November 27 to annul the credentials of Rev. H. W. Davis, former pastor at Ashland City, Tenn., according to Rev. E. B. McDonald, clerk. The presbytery found him guilty of having misrepresented his former church affiliations to the examining committee, of having more than one living wife, and of stirring up strife in the Ashland City church, the announcement said.

New Church Organized In South Carolina

ROCK HILL, S. C.—The Bethel Free Will Baptist church, with 24 charter members, was organized here December 2. Rev. A. F. Lawter was in charge of the organization assisted by Rev. J. H. Sawyer. The following officers were elected: Rev. Coleman Pate, pastor; Rev. Trueman Large, clerk, and H. F. Costner, treasurer. The congregation has purchased a block building for \$2,000.

Mission Started in Haines City, Florida

HAINES CITY, Fla.—A mission has been started here with a view to organizing a church in the near future. The work is under the direction of Rev. Elvie Johnston, pastor at Auburndale. Services are being held at 3 p.m. each Sunday. Any reader knowing of prospective members in the area should send their names and addresses to Mrs. G. M. Page, Route 2, Box 629C, Winter Haven, Fla.

New Church Gets 74 Charter Members

MOREHEAD CITY, N. C.—The Faith Free Will Baptist church was organized here October 30 with 74 charter members. Rev. Noah Brown was called as pastor. The work was started several months ago as a mission. Services are being held in the former Steak House at Bridges and 28th Streets.

New Mexico Church Sets Building Plans

CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—Construction on a building for the First church here is scheduled to begin in the spring. The congregation, which was organized several months ago, has already purchased lots. Rev. L. C. Pinson is pastor.

Pastoral Changes

V. A. Thompson to First church, Artesia, N. Mex.
T. O. Terry to Pleasant Acres church, New Bern, N. C., from Core Creek church, Cove City, N. C.

Personally . . .

Special Edition

More than 17,000 copies of this special Bible College edition of CONTACT will be mailed to Free Will Baptists during January. Some 12,000 of these will be sent out by the Bible College to present the Improvement Program to its friends and supporters.

CONTACT is glad to share in getting out the information about this expansion program. It is a denominational program and every part of the denomination must get under the burden if it is to succeed. It is the greatest challenge which has been presented to our people and it is terribly important.

Free Will Baptist Bible College has for 15 years played a chief role in the denominational life. It has rendered invaluable service in training leadership for the churches. It has helped set the pace for present-day progress. If it is to perform its maximum service, however, the new facilities which has been planned by the leaders are absolutely necessary.

Our churches must underwrite the cost of the expansion program—and they must do it now! We hope the stories, features and pictures presented in this special issue will cause every church to resolve to give generously—and to give now—for a greater Bible College!

A Time to Rejoice

For three years we have been aiming at a circulation of 5,000 for CONTACT. Of course, this was not our ultimate aim—just a step toward it. But especially were we hoping to reach the 5,000 mark in 1956.

Now you can rejoice with us. The December issue went to 5,002 subscribers! The margin isn't large enough for us to feel comfortable about, however. We have now set our sights

on 10,000 subscribers. Aren't we ever satisfied? Not until every Free Will Baptist family is getting CONTACT—this is our ultimate aim.

Wanted: 1,000 Laymen

The National Laymen's Committee has everything in readiness for enrolling the first 1,000 laymen in The Master's Men. Beautiful two-color (gold and black) charters are ready to be mailed, attractive personal membership cards are ready to be issued, and the first issue of the quarterly men's magazine, **Attack**, is ready to be distributed.

All the national committee is waiting for are applications to come from local men's groups applying for a charter. The procedure is very simple: Use the form provided (which may be secured by writing the national committee) or just send names and addresses of president and secretary, name of church and pastor, and number of members to The Master's Men, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn. One dollar for each member should be included with the application to cover cost of the material. The membership fee will also cover a year's subscription to **Attack** for each member.

This little pocket-size magazine is a fine one filled with features, inspirational messages, program ideas, and projects, and every Free Will Baptist layman should have it. Send for your charter right away and get this first issue.

A Word to Leaguers

While we have no figures at hand, we do know that the number of Leagues that regularly support the national League department is small. A long-standing plan which is very successful when used is that each League send ten per cent of all offerings each quarter to the national League department.

Ray Turnage is doing a good job in that department, but he needs many more Leagues which will adopt this plan. We hope they will.



The Prayer Fellowship

GEORGE W. WAGGONER, Leader

Pray for the following items this month. Remember that God is longing to answer prayer and he is waiting for you to pray. All prayers should be answered. To really pray and get in touch with God the Christian should also hear from God.

An honest prayer for his glory will receive a "yes" answer. Any prayer otherwise will receive a "no" answer. It is then that we should *examine ourselves* for we have asked amiss. But there should be an answer and time should not need to reveal that answer. We should know it from God. Then, of course, our thanks should be given

to him, even before the answer comes to pass.

Read Jeremiah 29:13 and Mark 11:24.

- ▶Pray for the blessings of student witness after they have returned to school from the holiday vacation.
- ▶Pray for revival in general and for particular revival efforts in your community.
- ▶Pray for each member of the headquarter's staff.
- ▶Pray for the home missionaries. Call them by name.
- ▶Don't forget the foreign missionaries. Bring the needs of each one to God in prayer.
- ▶Pray the prayer of thanksgiving for answered prayer.
- ▶Pray for Rev. James F. Miller and for the success of the Bible College improvement program.
- ▶Don't forget your pastor and your Sunday school officers and teachers.
- ▶Pray for an enrichment of your own prayer life.
- ▶Pray for the new converts in your community.

▶Pray for the ministry of *Contact* and the "Every Family Plan."

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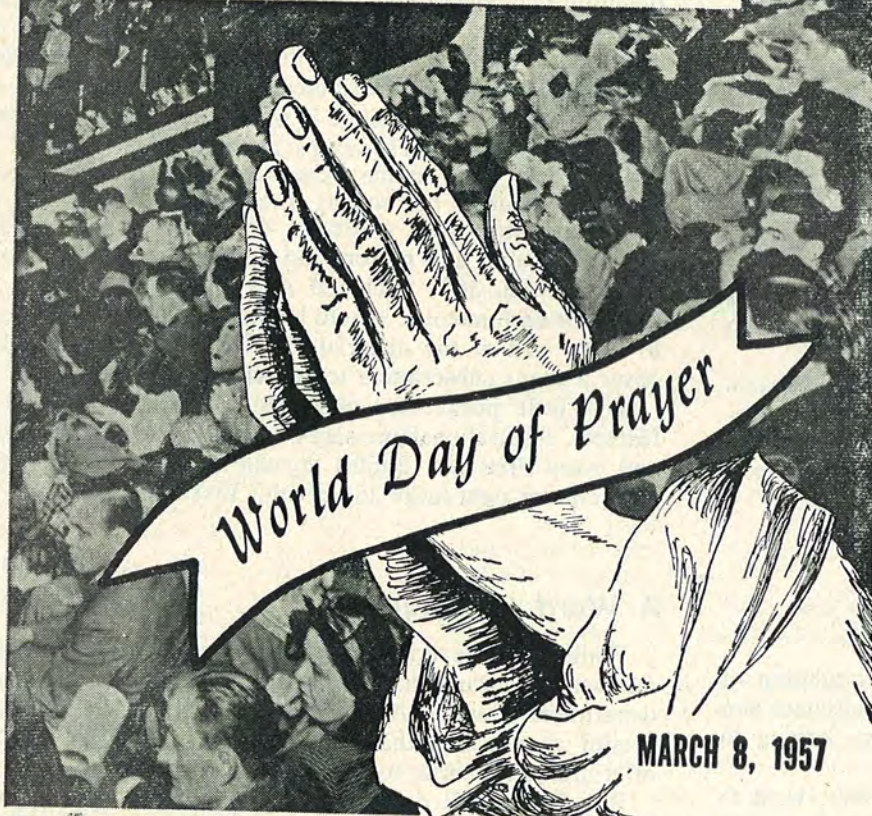
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'IF MY PEOPLE . . .'

II CHRON. 7:14



Bible-centered worship material and advertising posters for the observance of the World Day of Prayer, March 8, 1957, is available from the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois. There is no charge for the material, but an offering is encouraged which will be used for the Evangelical Ads program of the NAE.

Please send the following World Day of Prayer materials. (Indicate number needed.)

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Revival or Ruin

by GEORGE L. FORD

The seemingly insoluble dilemmas facing the world today clearly show that hope lies not in military strength or diplomatic maneuvering alone. The real answer is spiritual and the primary need is revival. We must seek the face of God. We must personally apply II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

But even the healing of our land, which may stay the devastation of war, is not the deepest motive for revival. More important is that we may see the will of God done in our own lives and lost souls brought to Christ through the ministry of a revived church.

Realizing the imperativeness of revival, the National Association of Evangelicals in preparation for the World Day of Prayer, March 8, has chosen II Chronicles 7:14 as the theme text. Bible-centered worship material built around this verse and emphasizing the need of humility, intercession, worship and repentance on the part of God's people may be obtained by using the above coupon.

• David Benn Gurion, premier of Israel, has 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 Germany, the Evangelical Church has reminded its members that the command, "Thou shalt not kill," applies also to those who cause fatal accidents on the highways. A statistical survey shows that more German children between the ages of five and 19 die in traffic accidents than as a result of all infectious diseases. As a result of the campaign of the churches truck traffic has been prohibited on Sundays.

• Al Ramquist of Lillenas Publishing Company and sponsor of the Church Musicians Institute speaks thus concerning trends in church music. "The evangelical church of today has arrived at a point where she is faced with a deteriorating trend in her use of the gospel song. We may now look," he warns, "for something which might be called 'the Jesus bounce.' You and I must see that sugarcoated musical ditties do not become the musical diets of our young children."

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South Carolina	18.30
Tennessee	3,370.02
Texas	2,746.13
Virginia	5,413.09

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Designated Receipts 4,412.17
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43,000.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Department	17,384.40
Foreign Mission Board	10,398.52
Bible College	6,657.38
Home Mission Board	4,359.51
Superannuation Board	1,717.80
Sunday School Board	1,226.24
League Board	822.47
Radio-TV Board	434.63

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