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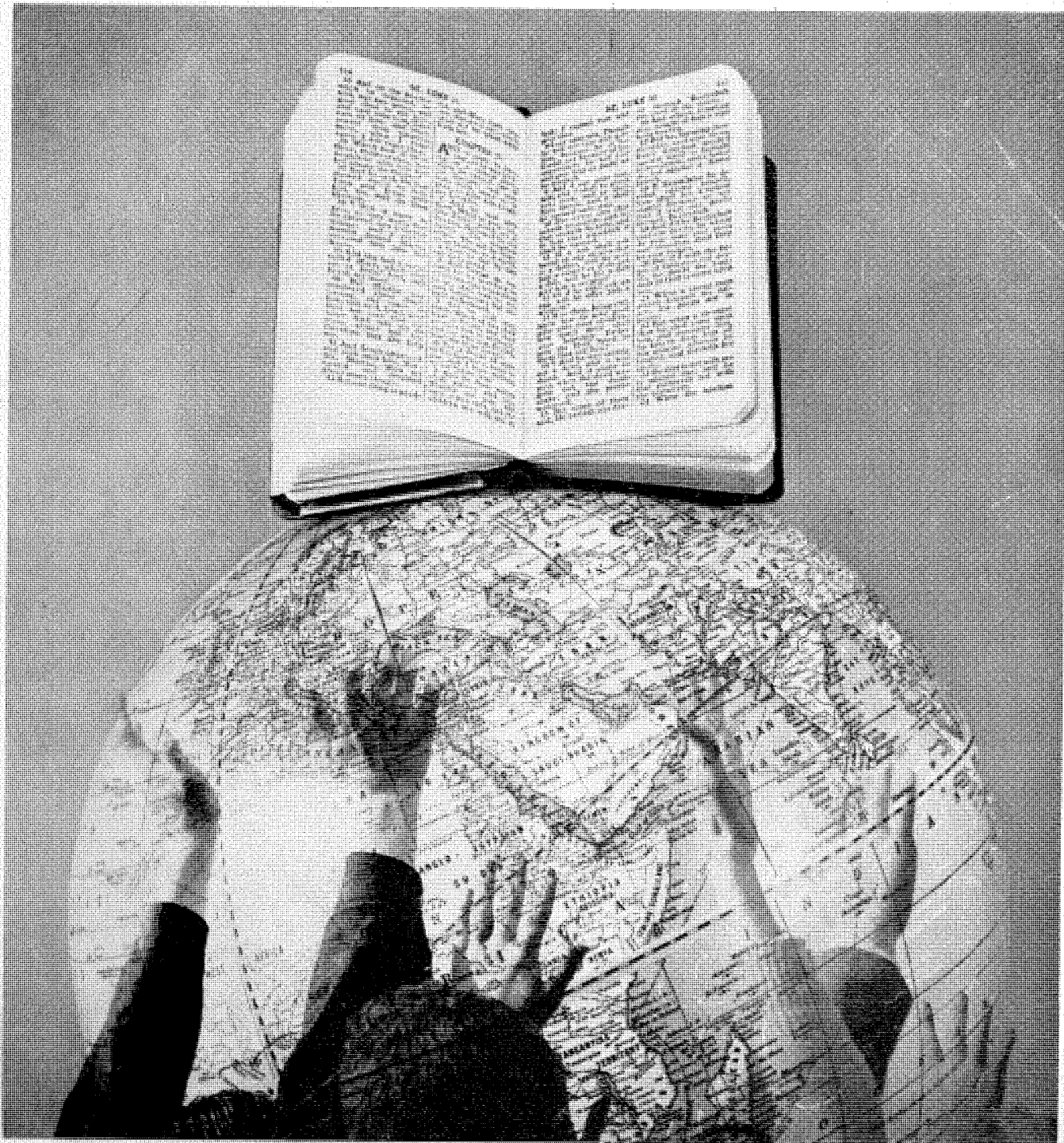
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ested in joining this united effort are urged to clip the coupon on page 16 and send to the headquarters office of NAE.

The coupons will be displayed state by state at the convention in a demonstration of unity in prayer among the evangelicals of America.

**Evangelicals Arrested**

Special prayer meetings in the city of Shanghai ended when the Chinese government arrested 500 people, according to one who succeeded in escaping to Hong Kong. He told how the Christians in Shanghai, saddened by the plight of the Communist-oppressed people of Hungary, began to meet together for prayer. Soon groups were meeting all over the city, praying particularly for the Hungarian people.

The prayers were very earnest. The attendance increased. Christians were revived. Non-Christians became curious and many went to prayer meeting to see what was going on. Souls were saved. Then the meetings came to an abrupt end as the government stepped into the picture and took 500 prisoners. It is reported that most of these were evangelicals.

**Prayer and Prohibition**

A prayer meeting ushered in prohibition at Baytown, part of a large area of suburban Houston, Texas, that voted by a narrow margin to halt the sale of beer and liquor. A Baptist pastor presided at the prayer meeting.

**Healer Expands Plant**

Associates of the Rev. Oral Roberts, faith-healing evangelist who maintains headquarters in Tulsa, Okla., announced plans to construct a five-story office building to augment the present facilities. Mr. Roberts is presently conducting a campaign in South Africa. Existing facilities consist of a modernistic three-story structure where more than 300 employees work.

**Catholic Scores Film Ban**

An editorial in a current leading Roman Catholic weekly magazine criticizes those persons who allegedly blocked the television premiere of the Lutheran-produced film, *Martin Luther*.

The film was scheduled to be shown by station WGN-TV in Chicago last December and Protestants were provoked when the showing was cancelled, allegedly because of Roman Catholic pressure. In its editorial the liberal weekly *Commonweal* declared that those who blocked the film "have damaged the fabric of our society because they have placed in jeopardy the still undefined 'freedom' of the TV screen."

**Revival Hits Philippines**

God miraculously moved in the spirit of revival and power of evangelism upon the Philippines during January and 5,411 decisions for Christ were recorded. Ten team members headed by Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., were human instruments in this city-wide Crusade for Christ held in the heart of Manila January 13 to February 3.

An estimated 140,000 people attended the Crusade throughout the three weeks. Every night God reached the hearts of prominent people, reuniting homes, and saving many deep in sin. One 93-year-old lady who said, "I don't want to die until I see all of my five children saved," witnessed four of them converted in the first few nights of the crusade.

A prominent magazine reporter was strangely drawn to the service as he headed for an interview at the National Press Club. He responded to the invitation and was genuinely converted. A lawyer who was secretly living with a second wife was saved, then bared his story to his first wife. His home was miraculously reunited.

the "tar" in burning tobacco that long has been suspected of increasing the number of lung cancer victims among smokers.

**Prayer Partners Wanted**

The evening of April 3 will witness one of the greatest united prayer efforts for the Billy Graham New York crusade. Under the leadership of the National Association of Evangelicals, a concerted wave of prayer is planned which includes a midnight prayer meeting at the annual NAE convention in Buffalo, N. Y., and the enlistment of churches throughout America to pray for the New York campaign. (See story on page 4.)

Featured as a "convention of spiritual impact," the NAE gathering will hear Mr. Graham on the theme, "The Lost Chord of Evangelicalism," on the afternoon of April 3. In the evening Dr. Armin S. Gesswein, chairman of the NAE Spiritual Life Commission, will be the speaker. Following this message, the convention will assemble to pray for the New York meetings.

**Needed—\$41,000**

With less than a month to go, the Free Will Baptist Bible College expansion program needs \$41,000 to reach the first goal of \$50,000. Cash receipts to date total \$9,000. At least twice that amount has been pledged.

College officials are hoping for a good response by April 1 so that construction may begin on the first unit of the expansion program. Plans are to have it ready by the fall semester.

**They Told Us So**

A French-educated Vietnamese scientist working with the help of American money was credited recently with discovering a substance in cigaret smoke which invariably causes cancer in mice when injected into them.

Discovery of how quickly—and surely—this substance causes cancer in mice was made by Dr. Nguyen-Phoc Buu Hoi. The chemical has the curious identification of 3-4-9-10 dibenzpyrene. It develops only when tobacco is burned in smoking. It is one of the scores of chemicals making up



*Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of NAE, discuss prayer plans for the New York Crusade.*

Emphasis is being placed by the NAE on the enlisting of churches to pray specifically in their midweek prayer services for the New York crusade and revival. Churches inter-

# Let's Be Fair, Mr. Shrader

by Clate A. Risley



LIFE MAGAZINE, FEBRUARY 11, 1957, published an article by Wesley Shrader, "OUR TROUBLED SUNDAY SCHOOLS." He attacks the Sunday school as the most wasted hour in the week.

Many of the statements Mr. Shrader makes are true, such as "ministers are often badly informed about what goes on at the Sunday school hour, even in their own churches," but taking the article as a whole it is unfair, unscientific, and behind the times.

My work as executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association takes me into all parts of this country. I am in churches of all denominations and I have never seen many of the things Mr. Shrader tells about. To cite extreme illustrations to prove a point is neither fair nor scientific.

It would be folly to contend that our Sunday schools are perfect. Far from it, but neither do we feel that the average U.S. Protestant Sunday school is nothing more than a glorified baby-sitting service, a place where children listen to grotesque stories and memorize verses, or a Sunday morning social hour characterized by a considerable amount of horseplay.

It is unfortunate that many college students who have been in Sunday school a big share of their lives are not better informed about the Bible and the Christian life, but it is also possible that many of these same young people would not be in college at all if it were not for their experience in Sunday school. How many young people would be in our Christian colleges, seminaries or Bible institutes if these same young people had never been in the Sunday school?

The Sunday school with all its weaknesses still brings more members into the church than any other agency. The Sunday school is the greatest aid in conserving the efforts of evangelism the church has. In fact, unless the converts to Christianity are integrated into the Sunday school and church life they are soon lost to the church.

Mr. Shrader admitted that great advances had been made in Sunday schools during the last ten years, but he left one with the impression that he could find few churches where they were doing any better. Where did Mr. Shrader look? Wherever it was, he missed several things.

First of all, more people are going to Sunday school today than ever before. We know there is increased population, but much of this increase is due to an improved program even if Mr. Shrader says increased attendance does not mean improved quality.

More men are going to Sunday school today and more men are taking an active part in the leadership of the Sunday school. It is not impossible to find men working in every department of the Sunday school, nursery included, and why not?

Mr. Shrader says that many of our nurseries are operated by high school girls. Perhaps some are, but in all my travels I have not found a one turned over to these youth.

More families are attending Sunday school today as families than in many years. This is due to better nursery facilities for small children for one thing, but it is also due to better grading, better teaching and better programming at the adult level. Of course,

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# Why I Must

## Go to New York

*In a heart-to-heart article BILLY GRAHAM reveals the urgency of his next crusade*



Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts

**WE** WILL BEGIN an evangelistic crusade in Madison Square Garden, New York City on May 15. For several years we had prayerfully considered this invitation. We had carefully analyzed the religious, social, political and racial problems as well as the moral and spiritual needs of the city.

Yet we felt that our particular type of crusade could at best only make a dent in New York City.

Time after time as we stood in the midst of this throbbing metropolis, we felt our inadequacy to accept this challenge.

Protestantism in New York is in an extreme minority. Ministers have been discouraged and frustrated, as they have faced the overwhelming spiritual needs of the world's greatest city.

In talking with many of them we found almost a sense of desperation. Ministers who could not agree with us theologically or did not believe in our type of evangelism are willing to cooperate, simply because there

seems to be no other possible way for them to reach the conscience of this city.

Our evangelistic team has wept, prayed and agonized more over New York than over any other city where we have planned meetings. The enemy is fighting as we have never seen him fight before. We are wrestling with spiritual forces that can only be overcome by the power of God in answer to the prayers of God's people.

Why then are we going to New York? There are several reasons:

1. *New York is a unique American responsibility.*

During the past four years we have been traveling a great deal abroad. We have held campaigns all over the world. But when Jesus gave the commission to His disciples, He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

New York is our Jerusalem. Like Jerusalem of old it is a hub where many conflicting social and religious ideologies meet. Its problems have steadily increased with its population, which has grown from a village with a few wooden buildings 300 years ago to the world's greatest metropolis.

We are approaching New York with a sense of mission. With its 60 different nationalities it has more Italians than Rome, four times as many Irish as Dublin and four times as many Puerto Ricans as San Juan, Puerto Rico's capital city.

To millions of New York's citizens Christ has no relevant meaning.

2. *We feel led of the Spirit of God to go there.*

We never make our decision to go to an area on the basis of favorable circumstances. We have found that the difficult is easy when God is in it, but that the seemingly easy is impossible when we fail to let God lead.

Recently a New York minister said that he felt this crusade could possibly be God's last call to New York.

There is a fear that if Russia ever decided to launch a sneak attack against the United States that New York would be the first on the list of targets.

This terrifying thought gives us a sense of urgency and responsibility.

Humanly speaking, New York is the most unlikely city in the world for successful mass evangelism:

Only 7.5 per cent of its population is Protestant and many of these have only a remote relationship with the churches. About 58 per cent of the people in New York City have no religious identity. Protestants are spoken of as "the submerged minority."

Hundreds of churches in New York have only a handful in attendance on Sunday. The financial plight of many churches is almost pathetic.

No, we were not attracted to New York by conditions favorable to a crusade but by the "inner compulsion" of the Spirit of God. In this crusade, as never before, we must rest our faith in the Scripture, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

### 3. *New York is a strategic city.*

The Holy Spirit directed Paul to move his base of operations from Jerusalem to Antioch.

Antioch was the cross-roads of the world, a melting pot of nations. It was the meeting point for commerce and cultures from both Europe and Asia. People who were brought to Christ under Paul's ministry in that great center, spread the good news to the ends of the earth.

While no personal comparison is intended, New York is the junction between the old world and the new. Five million New Yorkers are immigrants or the children of immigrants.

What happens in New York is felt throughout our nation, for it is a nerve center of America.

If there is a spiritual awakening in New York, it will make an impact on the entire nation. But any awakening in this mighty city will be of necessity by and of the Holy Spirit of God.

What are the prerequisites of any awakening? What conditions must exist?

*Shattered sufficiency.* First, self-sufficiency must be shattered. Every historic revival has emerged from the ashes of human futility. As long as we put our trust in our own cleverness, genius and technological ability, the chances of revival are remote.

Humbly and in abject helplessness, we must confront Jesus' words, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

In Thornton Wilder's play, the angel says, "In love's service, only the wounded can serve."

Similarly, only those who have had their human confidence shattered, only those whose faith in self has been battered into

submission, can serve in bringing revival to the world.

Already, thousands of God's people in New York are praying for spiritual awakening. They are only a minority, but with God, "One can chase a thousand and two can put ten thousand to flight."

The disciples were a small minority in their time, but with God's help they turned the world upside down.

Today there are evidences that self-sufficiency is being shattered. Even in New York many people are re-examining the Gospel. Their humanistic philosophies have proved inadequate, partly because of the search for security, but most of all because they, like all other people, are seeking solutions to life's baffling problems.

In the light of nations, cities, and individuals there seems to be a spiritual harvest time. There are laws of the harvest.

It seems that from every angle, it is harvest time in New York.

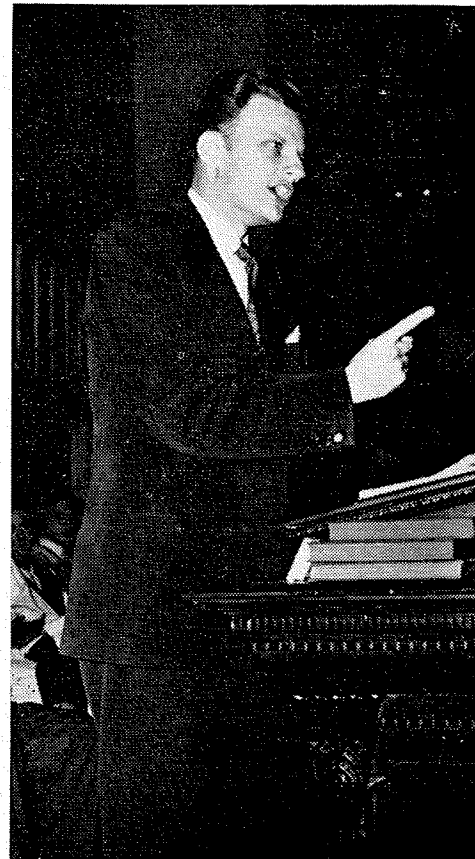
I believe there is a deep-seated hunger, created by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of thousands, and when Christ is lifted up, He will draw thousands unto Himself.

This harvest period may be past in a few months or years. This is the moment to strike. This is God's hour. We must not miss it.

*Deep spiritual concern.* Secondly, to have revival there must be a deep spiritual concern.

A century ago the great revival which swept New York began when a group of businessmen became concerned for the spir-

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itual welfare of the country and started the Fulton Street prayer meetings.

In these were demonstrated the need of revival, the means by which to accomplish it and a provision of divine grace to meet the situation.

Beginning with only a few, the prayer meetings grew in intensity until 10,000 businessmen were meeting daily for prayer in New York.

Within two years a million converts were added to the churches of America.

Those Fulton Street prayer meetings have continued until this very day. Now, once more, we believe that God is going to answer the prayers that ascend up, not only from Fulton Street, but also from every quarter of the New York area.

*Faithful witnessing.* Thirdly, there must be faithful witnessing. Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

If the New York Crusade is to reach the masses, hundreds and thousands of Christians in that area must begin talking revival, talking Christ and talking about the forthcoming crusade. If the witnessing is left to the Team only, the impact on the city will be slight.

Peter did a good job of preaching on the day of Pentecost but there were 119 Spirit-filled people who were just as articulate as he was. The revival in the New York area a century ago was not brought about by a single individual or an invited team. It was a revival that came through the earnest prayers and the Spirit-filled efforts of laymen.

What effect would a spiritual awakening have on New York?

Individual lives would be changed. Homes, harassed by domestic difficulties, would be rehabilitated. Great segments of the populace would find relief from loneliness, anxiety and frustration. A genuine religious revival would put a new moral fiber in society. Weakened churches would be strengthened. The moral cowardice of hundreds and perhaps thousands would be obliterated and lawlessness would inevitably lessen. Christians across the world would be encouraged and the bonds of evangelical fellowship would be strengthened.

Only 100 years ago, in 1857, the awakening in New York City was felt across America and around the world.

The American press from coast to coast carried the news. The spiritual tide deluged the Manhattan area and in May, 1857, the total for the city was 50,000 converts.

The flood burst its bounds and deluged New England, spread to the Ohio Valley cities, engulfed the newly settled Midwest, reached the edge of the Rockies and rolled into the South. The whole nation and even Canada felt the mighty impact of God's working and every segment of American life was affected by the mighty torrent.

We believe that God's clock is striking the hour for another spiritual awakening in New York City. Our office on Times Square is a bee-hive of preparatory activity.

People all over the world are becoming

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THE VERY FIRST reason given to answer the question, "Why be orthodox?" is that only the completely orthodox outlook gives an authoritative Word of God as an absolute revelation and divine standard for the Christian's faith and life.

We have already pointed out in the previous article, which dealt with definitions and distinctions, that one of the basic doctrines of orthodoxy is the full inspiration of the Scriptures. Only such a belief as this ascribes to the Bible this absolute authority; any lesser view of inspiration weakens it.

Any theory of partial inspiration does away with the objective authority of the Scriptures. By objective authority, we mean that *the Bible is the Word of God as it is*. But those who hold to any kind of partial inspiration leave it to man to decide what part of the Bible is the Word of God. Thus, for them, finding the Word of God is subjective rather than objective, in that the individual must determine for himself what is the Word of God.

There are many different unorthodox views of inspiration. For some, the Bible merely contains within it the Word of God; for some, the Bible is merely used to bring the Word of God to the individual; but all alike leave us with no absolute revelation of God.

We believe, however, that the Bible is, as it stands, the very Word of God. This view is often called *plenary-verbal inspiration*. *Plenary* means full and complete and indicates that the entire Bible is inspired; *verbal* means that this full inspiration extends even to the very words of the Bible. Thus, we believe that the Holy Spirit

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# WHY BE ORTHODOX?

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Christian thought*

guided the human authors of the Bible to set down, free from error and omission, the authoritative Word of God.

We also believe that the human heart requires such an absolute revelation. The sinful condition of man prevents him from finding the truth about God and the way of salvation; therefore, he must have an authoritative self-revelation of God. There must be that about which man can say in absolute confidence, "This is truth!" Only such a conviction will move the individual to bow down to the demands of the Scriptures.

Man will not make the drastic changes the Bible requires unless he is sure he is commanded by God Himself. And only the orthodox view of inspiration makes all of the Bible the very words of God. It is on this basis, and this basis alone, that the Bible can claim that it is "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16).

The modernist tells us that the Bible *contains* the Word of God and spends his time trying to find out what part is truth, but the orthodox believes that the Bible *is* the Word of God and that we are rather to spend our time carrying out its commands.

This, then, is the first reason why orthodoxy is important:

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because it gives us an authoritative Word of God. Upon this basis—confidence in the Bible as the very Word of God—we intend to build the rest of our argument about the importance of the basic doctrines of Christianity; for in the finality, it is not what we think about these doctrines nor how important we believe them to be, but it is what God has said that matters.

This leads us directly to the second reason why orthodoxy is important. It is because once the authority of the Bible has been accepted, it then is necessary to be orthodox in order to be consistent with the Bible and its authority. This is for two reasons: (1) the Bible teaches these orthodox doctrines, and (2) the Bible teaches that these basic doctrines are important.

Now it is not our purpose to give complete, documentary proof of these two statements. That the Bible teaches clearly the orthodox doctrines we set forth in the first article is not likely to be questioned. Therefore, we will not spend much time proving the fact except to list a few of the most important references teaching these doctrines.

### *Scriptures Prove Inspiration*

For the inspiration of the Bible, see II Timothy 3:16 and II Peter 1:21. The virgin birth, incarnation, deity, and humanity of Christ are taught in Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, John 1:1, 14; 20:27-29 and Philippians 2:6-8.

The substitutionary atonement is set forth in Isaiah 53:6, II Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 9:26, I Peter 2:24 and 3:18.

The resurrection of Christ is taught (besides in the Gospel accounts) in I Corinthians 15:1-19. That justification is by faith alone is the message of Romans 3:21-4:25 and Galatians 2:16-21, and that salvation is effected by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit is clearly taught in John 1:12, 13; 3:1-8 and Titus 3:5.

But not only does the Bible set forth these doctrines, it also teaches that they are important. Briefly, here are a few references that show the attitude of God as set forth in His Word about the importance of the basic doctrines. Jude says that we should "earnestly contend for the faith" (verse 3). Paul's attitude is manifested when he says "I am set for the defense of the gospel" (Philippians 1:17), and when he exhorts Timothy to "Hold fast the form of sound words which thou hast heard of me" (II Timothy 1:13).

### *Exclusiveness of Gospel*

He emphasizes the exclusiveness of the orthodox gospel when he says "If any man preach any other gospel unto you . . . let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9). John, in dealing specifically with errors in the doctrine of Christ, labels the unorthodox as deceivers and antichrists (against Christ), and warns the "elect lady" neither to receive them into her house nor bid them Godspeed (See I John 2:22; 4:2, 3; II John 7, 10, 11).

The conclusion, therefore, is that to the person who accepts the Bible as the Word of God, orthodoxy is important because its doctrines and their importance are emphasized in the Bible.

The third reason why we believe orthodoxy is important is that anyone who denies the basic doctrines about Jesus Christ is not saved. This may at first appear to be a bold and prejudiced statement, but here, as with all our arguments, we are concerned with what God's Word says; and not only does the Bible teach the importance of these doctrines, but it teaches clearly that there are certain fundamental truths about Jesus Christ that cannot be denied by the child of God.

### *Individual Must Believe Truths*

Now let it be pointed out from the very first that we do not mean by this statement that every individual must have a course of instruction in Christology before he can become a Christian. To be sure, most of us have much to learn yet about the depths of meaning involved in such a wonderful doctrine as the incarnation. But we do mean that no individual, when faced with the simple truth about the person and work of Christ can deny it and at the same time be saved.

Having emphatically stated our view, and being fully aware that such a statement cannot stand except as it is based on the Bible, we turn now to the Scriptural proof of the fact that certain doctrines about Christ must be believed by the Christian.

In I John 4:2, 3, John clearly emphasizes that he is giving a measuring rod for distinguishing between true and false Christianity when he introduces his test with the words "Hereby know ye." And the rule that he gives is: "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is the spirit of antichrist. . ." Positively, this means that the Christian believes in the incarnation of God (Jesus Christ) in human flesh; negatively, it means that he who denies this truth is not a Christian.

### *No Exceptions Attached*

This same truth is taught by John again in II John 7, 9: "For many deceivers are entered into the world who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. . . Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God." This is clear and bold—there are no exceptions attached. Then a belief in the incarnation of Christ is essential to the faith of a Christian; and the truth of the incarnation includes both the very deity and the very humanity of the person, Jesus Christ.

A word needs to be said here concerning those who claim to believe in the incarnation of God in human flesh and yet deny the virgin birth of Jesus. Such a distinction is inconsistent, for the Bible knows no such thing as an incarnation separated from the virgin birth. Such talk is foolish and aimless.

If the purpose of the denial be to do away with a miracle, it is still foolish, for the incarnation itself is the greater miracle. But the fact remains that the two cannot be separated, neither according to the Bible nor according to sound reason. It is obvious that those who make such denials do not believe in the complete inspiration of Scriptures and that this doubt is but a seed planted by Satan himself, harvesting unbelief.

### *Four Basic Doctrines Linked*

Here, then, are four basic doctrines about the person of Jesus Christ that are inseparably linked together: His incarnation, virgin birth, deity, and humanity. A denial of any or all of these doctrines is unbelief about Jesus Christ, involving what John has termed "the spirit of antichrist." Those who make the denial are, to use John's words again, "not of God."

One more thing needs to be emphasized that is essential to the true doctrine of the person of Christ. This concerns the relationship of Jesus Christ to the Father. There are some who claim to affirm the deity of Christ while at the same time they deny the existence of the Father as a distinct personality. Such a doctrine is not plausible and is strictly excluded by the Bible.

John says: "He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son" (I John 2:22). This does not refer to atheism, which would deny the existence of both the Father and the Son, but refers to any heresy that would deny the existence of either or the proper relationship between the two. Jesus Himself said: "He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life" (John 5:24). All this goes to prove that the Christian must believe in God the Father and God the Son; that is, he believes in a Godhead composed of distinct personalities. This is the teaching of the orthodox doctrine of the Trinity.

### *Atonement Is Heart of Gospel*

If there are essential doctrines about the person of Christ, there are as surely some necessary truths about the work of Jesus Christ. It is easily seen that one must believe in the substitutionary atonement in order to be saved. The truth of the atonement is the very heart of the gospel and must be believed if one is to be saved. Paul points out to the Corinthians that the gospel which he preached and by which they were saved included "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:1-3). This is in his own definition of the gospel, and in Galatians, he warns that if anyone "preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (1:8).

Closely connected with the doctrine of atonement is the

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DR. TOM MALONE

### Three Pastors Featured As Conference Speakers

The 14th annual session of the Bible Conference featuring Bible preaching and evangelism will be held in the Memorial Auditorium of Free Will Baptist Bible College, March 31-April 4.

The first service will be at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, March 31, and the conference will continue through Thursday noon.

Featured speakers this year include Rev. Joe Ange, Rev. Ronald Creech, and Dr. Tom Malone.

Mr. Ange is pastor of Edgemont church, Durham, N. C., and will bring to the pulpit a wealth of experience in soul winning and church leadership. He is a popular speaker in revivals and has led his church into one of the denomination's best in giving to missions and Christian education. Mr. Ange is a former student at the Bible College.

Mr. Creech has held pastorates in Ahoskie, N. C., Warwick, Va., and is at present of First church, Florence, S. C. He has held revivals in numerous Free Will Baptist churches. He also is an alumnus of the Bible College.

Dr. Tom Malone is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan. He has had some 16 years' experience as a church leader and radio speaker. In connection with his church work he has established a Christian day school and a theological seminary, of which he is president. Dr. Malone will be the guest speaker and will bring special youth messages during the afternoon services.

The college music department will furnish music throughout the four-day meeting. Ross Dowden, music director, will lead the college choir Wednesday evening in the presentation of "The White Pilgrim," a folk-cantata based on early American religious music. Several soloists appear on this program. The male quartet, girl's trio, and other groups will be featured during the conference.

One hour each afternoon will be devoted to youth emphasis. Dr. Malone will be the speaker at these services.

The Bible College alumni association will hold its annual business meeting and banquet Tuesday. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for May.

The Bible College is looking for a full attendance. Especially invited are friends of the school who have never visited Nashville before, as well as those who come each year


for a time of spiritual blessing and fellowship.

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*An interview with DANIEL MERKH who, with his wife and three children, will sail this fall for missionary service in dark Africa.*

# TO REGIONS BEYOND

**Q. Most of us have heard, Brother Merkh, that you and your family are going to Africa as missionaries, which is no small undertaking. Would it be fair to ask you why? What factors influenced your decision?**

A. Of course, we are certain that the Lord is leading. However, there are several things in our experience that have helped us arrive at our decision. (1) For several years we have prayed for the privilege to go to the mission field. (2) Another was the great need and challenge presented in the Steven's survey report, especially the request for a missionary builder. (3) Finally, the truth as stated by Oswald Smith has gripped our hearts, "Why should anyone hear the gospel twice until everyone has heard it once."

**Q. There must be some peculiar problems connected with taking your three children to the mission field. What are some of them you have faced thus far and that you anticipate?**

A. The greatest problem faced thus far is that Margaret and I will be separated

from the children for six months while preparing to go. When we sail the children will go with us. In Switzerland, each of us will have to go to language school half a day while the other stays with the children. When we get to Africa, the children will go to school approximately 1,000 miles from our station.

**Q. How do the children feel about the new experiences which are ahead?**

A. They are really too young to understand much about it. In our family devotions, Beth prays that the Lord will enable us to go. She also prays for the natives and all of the missionaries. I am looking forward to seeing each of my children return to the field when they are grown.

**Q. What steps of preparation are involved before you actually get to Africa?**

A. Before going to the field an itinerary must be conducted in order that our people will be much in prayer for us and will know the needs. This will also help raise funds for equipment, passage, allowance, and stations. Language studies

at Wycliffe School of Linguistics, Norman, Okla., and in Berlitz School of Languages, Lausanne, Switzerland, are also included in our present plans. Margaret is presently studying at Free Will Baptist Bible College and I am visiting our churches.

**Q. Will you be going as a "preaching" missionary?**

A. Our primary mission is to lead souls to Christ. My responsibilities will include the building of mission stations, going as a missionary-builder.

**Q. Exactly to what part of Africa are you going?**

A. Bondoukou Circle, Ivory Coast, French West Africa.

**Q. Do you have any idea what kind of conditions you will find there?**

A. The Bondoukou Circle is only a few hundred miles from the equator, making the area quite tropical. It is hot, wet, and covered by dense jungle. There are three major tribes and languages—Agni and Abron (semi-civilized) and Lobi (uncivilized). The Ivory Coast is under French rule and at present is in the grasp of an inflation. For example, Coca-Colas are four cents on the neighboring Gold Coast, while on the Ivory Coast they are 45 cents.

**Q. What kind of special equipment will you need for your work?**

A. Since I'll be working as a builder, I will need a complete set of construction tools, a truck, a set of mechanic tools, and quite a bit of incidental equipment. Much of our food will have to be raised, therefore gardening tools will be necessary.

**Q. What is the minimum number of missionaries needed to develop the Bondoukou Circle which has been assigned to us?**

A. The mission board has asked for 16 missionaries in the next five years. These should be married couples. Because of the boldness of the men it is unadvisable to send single women to the field.

**Q. How many of those needed are now definitely committed to go?**

A. Two couples thus far are approved by the mission board—Lonnie and Anita Sparks, now in language school in Switzerland, and us.

**Q. What skills could be used?**

A. There is great need for a linguistically-inclined doctor to work among the Lobies. Possibly an aviator could be useful, as well as a radio operator.

**Q. What would you like to say by way of summary?**

A. The greatest need of the missionary to Africa is prayer by those at home. The devil has been unchallenged in Bondoukou for centuries. He will not take the invasion by the gospel without a struggle. Pray for knowledge and grace for the missionary that the 185,000 natives in the Bondoukou Circle may hear of our precious Saviour.

*At the little portable organ, like the one they will need in Africa, are Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh and children, Beth, 8; Daniel, 3, and Timothy, 1.*



## WHY BE ORTHODOX?

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resurrection of Christ. In the same place to which we just referred, Paul also includes as a part of that gospel by which we are saved "that he rose again the third day" (I Corinthians 15:1-4). Even more emphatically, he states in Romans 10:9 "that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Thus, we see that Paul makes a belief in the resurrection essential to salvation.

All of these things indicate that orthodoxy is important because these doctrines cannot be denied by the saved person. This is a day when men, far and wide, who claim to be Christians, are denying many of these truths about Jesus Christ; but the true Christian who trusts in the authority of the Bible and takes what it says can come to no other conclusion except that they who deny these are either sons of Satan, never having been born of God, or else now apostates, as Jude characterizes them: "Clouds they are without water, carried about of winds, trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever" (verses 12, 13).

The Bible, then, leaves no possibility that they who deny any of these truths about Jesus Christ are saved.

We come now to the fourth reason why orthodoxy is important. It is obvious that apart from orthodox doctrine, the true Church cannot be preserved. In the first place, the true Church must be made up of regenerate Christians; and as we have already pointed out, those who deny the truths about Jesus Christ are not saved. Therefore, when the Church takes into its midst these "antichrists," it is taking into its arms Satan and all he stands for, and is leaving itself open to destruction. Thus, it is evident that not the local church only, but the denomination as well must keep itself free from those who deny the orthodox doctrines.

But the application does not end here, for there are absolutely no grounds for any church organization — denominational, world, or otherwise—that is not based on true orthodox Christianity. Neither the Church as a whole, nor any part of the Church can be preserved or successful apart from the basic fundamentals of Christianity.

Why not? It is because "a house divided against itself cannot stand." And, whether the division be open and realized or not, there is yet truly a divided purpose within when part of the Church are for Christ and part are anti-Christ.

The fifth reason why orthodoxy is important is that we must preach these truths if we are to save the souls of men. We

have already seen that there is no such thing as salvation apart from the basic doctrines of Jesus Christ; if that is true, then there is no such thing as saving men apart from preaching sound doctrine.

The heart of man realizes innately that it is sinful and unable to reach God, knowing that it requires supernatural help to find the way of salvation and that it needs to be changed. Therefore man is not satisfied when religion is preached to him on a natural basis. Though he may give ear to it and follow it enthusiastically, he is not satisfied with real peace until he has been born again.

And the preaching that tells only of a good man by the name of Jesus who gave us nothing more than a good example to be imitated does not lead to the new birth. Man likes to be told that he is all right, but inwardly he knows it to be a lie; and the preaching that tells the individual he is innately good and needs nothing more than to imitate Jesus only helps clinch his damnation. To be sure man's social conditions need improving, but the preaching that makes social improvement primary does not deliver men's souls from hell.

Then only a truthful preaching of the basic Christian doctrines will fulfill our responsibility in carrying out the commission of Christ to "preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). God forbid that we damn the souls of men by preaching to them something other than the Gospel.

This is what Paul meant when he cried, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:9). Nothing other than the preaching of the gospel, the declaration of the basic Christian doctrines, will save men's souls. This means that the carrying out of the great commission is left entirely to those of us who are orthodox, for the unorthodox neither can nor will fulfill its commands.

Orthodoxy, then, is important for at least these five reasons. We would remind all that it is only as the individual himself personally realizes why orthodoxy is important that he will desire to stand up for and defend the gospel of Christ. It is important, therefore, that every individual hold himself responsible to study these things carefully and know why it is important to hold to the basic doctrines of the Christian faith.

### NEXT MONTH: HOW IMPORTANT IS ORTHODOXY TO YOU?



## Cooperative Receipts Top \$5,000 for Record Month

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Undesignated cooperative receipts climbed to an all-time record high of \$5,089.95 during February and pushed the figure nearly \$300 above the average amount needed each month to meet the budget, the executive office reported.

"It was a great month and we praise God and thank our people," Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary, said. The report is as follows:

RECEIPTS	
<b>ALABAMA</b>	
First church, Dothan.....	\$ 48.19
State Association.....	96.84
	\$ 145.03
<b>ARIZONA</b>	
Antioch church, Phoenix.....	26.13
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	
State Association.....	210.98
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
Churches of California.....	257.73
<b>GEORGIA</b>	
State Association.....	461.01
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
Waltonville church, Waltonville.....	26.90
Oak Grove church, Sheller.....	10.36
Pleasant View church, Dix.....	13.80
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon.....	18.72
Harmony church, W. Frankfort.....	41.69
Nason church, Bonnie.....	22.91
Webb's Prairie church, Ewing.....	10.82
	145.20
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	
Northeast Association.....	6.09
<b>MISSOURI</b>	
State Association.....	1,477.68
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	
First New Mexico Association.....	54.30
T. B. Gartman, Oil Center.....	5.00
First church, Hobbs.....	45.88
	105.18
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	
Swannanoa church, Swannanoa.....	90.00
Goshen church, Belmont.....	76.00
First church, Gastonia.....	35.37
Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie.....	79.40
	280.77
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	
State Association.....	674.50
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	
West Nashville church, Nashville.....	30.00
East Nashville church, Nashville.....	250.00
Wooddale church, Knoxville.....	31.22
	311.22
<b>TEXAS</b>	
State Association.....	417.42
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
First church, Richmond.....	252.27
Fairmount Park church, Norfolk.....	318.74
	571.01
	\$5,089.95

DESIGNATED	
Illinois.....	\$ 2.64
Oklahoma.....	25.00
Tennessee.....	87.55
	115.19
Total Receipts.....	\$5,205.14

DISBURSEMENTS	
Executive Department.....	\$1,622.32
Foreign Mission Board.....	1,401.22
Bible College.....	991.39
Home Mission Board.....	646.01
Superannuation Board.....	207.52
Sunday School Board.....	181.05
League Board.....	52.85
Radio-TV Board.....	102.78
Total Disbursements.....	\$5,205.14

CONTACT

## The Usher's Trials

On Sunday mornings, as a rule,  
I'm one to do the usher act.  
It takes a man whose head is cool,  
And well supplied with grace and tact.

Sometimes I promenaded the aisle  
To seat some friend where she can hear,  
And turning see—the people smile—  
My friend now seated at the rear.  
Savannah, Ga., Bulletin

## 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 Frankfurt, 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.  
Buffalo Springs church, Bellevue, Texas  
Woodbine church, Nashville, Tenn.  
Oakland church, Bradford, Ark.  
First church, Blakely, Ga.

Twenty-one churches are now listed on our second honor roll, making a total of 66 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.

# The Prayer Fellowship

GEORGE W. WAGGONER, *Leader*

In a certain West African village the native Christians had no privacy for prayer in their huts. So each Christian made off to the bush, behind his hut, for seasons of prayer. After a while there was a worn track from the hut to the place of prayer. Then if it ever happened that the track became overgrown from want of use, another Christian villager would admonish his neighbor, "Brother, there is something wrong with your prayer track."

Mind your "prayer track" this month as we pray daily for the following requests:

- March 11—Mark 1:1-20—Pray for the ministry of CONTACT.
- March 12—Mark 2:1-18—Pray for the expansion program of the Bible College.
- March 13—Mark 3:1-21—Pray for all the state-sponsored schools in our denomination. They are meeting a vital need.
- March 14—Mark 4:1-20—Pray for the work of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.
- March 15—Mark 5:21-43—Pray for Dr. L. C. Johnson and the staff at the Bible College.
- March 16—Matthew 21:23-32—Pray for your pastor as he ministers to the spiritual needs of the congregation tomorrow.
- March 17—Mark 6:32-46—Pray for Mr. Ray Turnage and the League Board.
- March 18—Mark 7:24-37—Pray for the officers of the national association.
- March 19—Mark 8:27-38—Pray for each of our missionaries in Cuba.
- March 20—Mark 9:1-13—Pray for the writers of our Sunday school and League literature.
- March 21—Mark 10:32-52—Remember Rev. H. E. Willis and the work of the Home Mission Board.
- March 22—Mark 11:1-19—Pray for Rev. Bobby Jackson, one of our young evangelists.
- March 23—Matthew 23:13-39—Pray for Rev. William Mishler and the program of the Sunday School Department.
- March 24—Mark 12:28-44—Pray for those planning for youth camps and daily vacation Bible schools this summer.
- March 25—Mark 13:3-23—Ask God to meet your own spiritual needs.
- March 26—Mark 14:12-26—Pray for Rev. Raymond Riggs and the work of the Foreign Mission Board.
- March 27—Mark 15:20-38—Pray for our missionaries in India.
- March 28—Mark 16:1-8—Remember Rev. Damon C. Dodd in his evangelistic work.
- March 29—Mark 16:9-20—Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery and their work in Hokkaido, Japan.
- March 30—Matthew 25:31-46—Remember Rev. W. S. Mooneyham and the work of the Executive Department.
- March 31—Matt. 22:15-33—Pray for the annual Bible conference which begins today in Nashville.
- April 1—Matt. 23:12-23—Pray for Rev. W. B. Raper and the teachers at Mount Olive College.
- April 2—Matt. 24:3-14—Remember the students everywhere who are preparing for full-time Christian service.
- April 3—Matt. 25:1-13—Pray for Rev. K. V. Shutes and the Superannuation Board.
- April 4—Matt. 25:14-46—Pray today for the witness of those who attended the Bible Conference as they return to their homes.
- April 5—Matt. 26:1-25—Remember Mrs. Eunice Edwards and all of the woman's auxiliaries.
- April 6—Matt. 26:26-46—Pray again for your pastor.
- April 7—Matt. 26:47-75—Remember Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens and the mission work in Africa.
- April 8—Matt. 27:1-28—Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks in their new mission work.
- April 9—Matt. 27:29-66—Remember Rev. Robert Hill and the bright prospects for many Master's Men organizations in our churches.
- April 10—Matt. 28:1-20—Pray for your Sunday school officers and teachers.

# Pre-Easter Prayer Urged

The responsibility of the president of the Woman's Auxiliary is to see that the calendar of activities of her organization is complete for the year, with time and place for each meeting.

Upon her, also, falls the responsibility of leading the auxiliary to cooperate fully with the program agreed upon. Such laboring together cannot fail to bring blessings to the auxiliary, the members, and the church.

This form of cooperation is not alone for the large church, but for every church regardless of size.

With the auxiliary and the entire church working together, a better and more complete understanding will result. Laboring together, they will be more effective laborers together with God.

An excellent theme for the pre-Easter week of prayer services is provided for this year. Cooperation by the entire church will add to its blessings.

Three times during the year a week of prayer is planned for and observed. The pre-Easter services are aimed especially at providing an opportunity for remembering foreign missions. At the close of the week, a sacrificial offering is received for this cause. The offering is called the "Laura Belle Barnard Offering" in honor of our pioneer missionary to India.

Now, more than ever before, there is a need for our churches to present a united front. Every member needs to feel his responsibility for making this effective.

The first century Christians challenged the world for Christ, not only because their hearts were on fire with love for Him, but because they shared responsibility for the church. What a thrill will come when our members join hearts and hands and move forward against our common enemy, Satan.

Much needed in our great land is a worldwide vision. This week of prayer provides opportunity for this and for a united effort by the entire church.

## Women at Work

**Paintsville, Ky.**—The Southside auxiliary was host to the district conference. Miss Naudja Collier, student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, was the principal speaker. Six auxiliaries were represented.

**Artesia, N. Mex.**—The First New Mexico district convention was held here January 31. Among other business items was the adoption of two associational projects: (1) a fund to purchase a tent for use in evangelistic work and (2) work toward establishing a district youth camp. Next meeting will be May 2 at Carlsbad.

**Fort Worth, Texas**—Rev. M. L. Sutton, pastor, installed the new officers for the auxiliary at Trinity church on Sunday night, Feb. 10. They are Mrs. M. L. Sutton, president; Mrs. Maude Weir, vice-president; Mrs. Jerry Schick, youth chairman; Mrs. Moselle Franks, study course chairman; Mrs. J. T. Reeder, program-prayer chairman; Mrs. G. R. Bassham, personal service chairman; Mrs. Bea Cox, recording secretary; Mrs. Helen Lowery, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Winnie Dysart, treasurer, and Mrs. Louise Stokes, social chairman.

**Modesto, Calif.**—The Golden Gate district convention met with the North Modesto church Feb. 2. Three new auxiliaries were received into membership, making a total of nine. Attendance was 93.

**New Tract**—Except for the new tract, "Chief Aims of the Woman's Auxiliary," the WNAC office is out of free tracts.

**Correction**—The calendar of activities in the new Yearbook lists the dates of the WNAC convention as July 8-9. This is incorrect and the correct dates are July 15-16. The convention proper will open on Monday night with an executive committee meeting and declamation runoffs scheduled for the morning and afternoon. All sessions will be held at the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham.

**Wewoka, Okla.**—"Partnership with God" was the theme for the state auxiliary workshop which was held here March 5. Departmental sessions for all officers were held in the morning and afternoon. Rev. N. R. Smith, host pastor, brought the morning sermon.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Auxiliaries in the Nashville area have received an expression of thanks from the churches around Paintsville, Pikeville, and Prestonsburg, Ky., for 12 boxes of clothing and gifts of money which were sent to be distributed to the flood victims in the area. The Master's Men chapters in the Nashville area churches packaged and shipped the clothing which was collected by the auxiliaries.

## WNAC Tent Project Less Than Half Over

A total of \$747.65 had been received for the tent project up to March 1, according to the WNAC office. The goal for the project, adopted at the national convention last year, is \$2,000. The money will be used by the national Home Mission Board to purchase a tent for use in organizational work.

Receipts by states is as follows:

State	Goal	Paid
Alabama	\$ 90.00	\$ 35.00
Arkansas	90.00	14.00
California	50.00	105.50
Florida	120.00	60.00
Georgia	60.00	43.00
Illinois	40.00	10.00
Indiana	120.00	109.05
Iowa	50.00	81.00
Kentucky	200.00	10.00
Louisiana	350.00	134.00
Michigan	40.00	151.10
Minnesota	200.00	25.00
Mississippi	110.00	30.00
Missouri	40.00	
North Carolina	40.00	
Ohio		
Oklahoma		
South Carolina		
Tennessee		
Texas		
Virginia		
West Virginia		
	\$2,000.00	\$ 747.65

## Our Missionaries' Needs

Do you hear them pleading, pleading  
Not for money, comfort, power,  
But that you, O Christian worker,  
Will but set aside an hour  
Wherein they will be remembered  
Daily at the Throne of Grace,  
That the work which they are doing  
In your life may have a place?

Do you know that they are longing  
For the sympathetic touch,  
That is theirs when friends are praying  
In the homeland very much.  
That our God will bless the efforts  
They are making in His Name,  
And that souls for whom they're working  
With His love may be aflame.

Do you see them seeking, seeking,  
For the gift of priceless worth,  
That they count of more importance  
Than all other gifts on earth?  
Not the gold from rich men's coffers,  
Nor the relief from any care—  
'Tis a gift that you can give them—  
'Tis the Christian's daily prayer.

—Author unknown



Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Executive Secretary

## LET'S BE FAIR

(Continued from page 3)

there is much yet to be desired, but tremendous advances have been made in the last decade and particularly in the last five years. Let's be fair.

Mr. Shrader criticizes severely the memorization of Scripture verses and says that the principal behind memorization is: "If they memorize it and can repeat it they have learned it."

Mr. Shrader is right when he adds, "No school of education would support such a definition of learning," and he needs to add—neither does the Sunday school.

There is a certain amount of memorization necessary for every kind of education from the multiplication tables on. These are usually principles learned and acted upon later. Many students even in secular education may memorize truths and principals they do not understand but they are able to act upon them later because they learned them.

Legion are those who learned, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," as a beginner or primary child and came to the realization of its meaning a decade or two later.

I have never heard anyone claim that because they have memorized a thing they have learned it and I doubt that few think so. Certainly parrot-like, rote-like instruction is not teaching, but Scripture memorization as a part of learning needs more emphasis and not less in the average Sunday school today.

In many respects Mr. Shrader's article is about twenty years late. Much that he said would have been more applicable in 1936 when Sunday school attendance and interest hit a proportionate low.

He says, "the reputation of the church school across the country is pretty low," whereas, the reputation of the Sunday school is going up and has been for several years.

What does he mean when he says, "the people know that the good old Sunday school broke about as many young people as it built?"

No other organization has done so much for so many with so little, and today we see that "little" growing in personnel, in facilities and equipment and even in finances. The Sunday school has not faced a brighter future this century.

In some areas during the past decade and a half the Sunday school has actually taken the lead. A striking example of this is in visual education. From the flannelgraph board and other forms of non-projected visuals to the filmstrip and motion picture, the Sunday school has led. Today business houses and sales organizations are using methods of presentation akin to those used in Sunday schools a decade and more ago.

Author Shrader says that one reason greater progress has not been made is because churches generally have not recognized the importance of the position of

minister of education or the director of religious education. There is an element of truth here, but an educational process has been in progress. As rapidly as churches learn the value of Christian education directors they are eager for their services.

Certainly one of the greatest openings in the field of Christian service today is the position of Christian education director and especially is this true for men. A week never goes by but what we are asked for help in securing a Christian education director.

Today Sunday school is on the march. Great gains have been made and greater gains are coming. Why? Here are a few of the biggest reasons. Improved curriculum is already available and in use in many if not most evangelical Sunday schools. Hundreds of Sunday school conventions are being held each year in all parts of the country. Here thousands of teachers and potential Sunday school workers have been challenged to attempt bigger things for God. They have returned to their local churches where many have enrolled in teacher training classes and as a result their teaching has improved. This added interest on the part of the teacher has brought a greater response from the pupils.

We are not ready to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus*. We need awakened pastors, and this means awakened seminaries and especially seminary leaders who determine the curriculum for our future preachers. We need awakened parents too, but we are ready to say that as far as many of the people who attend our evangelical Sunday schools our most valuable hour of the week is the one spent in Sunday school.

## NEW YORK

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concerned about the Crusade. Recently Dave Morken wrote from Hong Kong saying: "Christians in Hong Kong are earnestly praying for the coming Crusade in New York. One Chinese lady, poor though she is, brought an offering for me to forward to you for the New York meetings."

A letter from India tells that a tribe of former headhunters, now Christians, have become a link in the prayer chain which reaches around the world. They are praying regularly for the New York Crusade.

Word comes from London that all-night prayer meetings are being conducted in Portman Square with emphasis on prayer for the New York Crusade.

What can you do?

First, you can pray. You can ask your friends and your church to pray earnestly and regularly for the Crusade.

Secondly, write to every friend or acquaintance you have in the New York City area, encouraging them to stand behind the meetings by attendance and prayers. Especially request your unsaved friends to attend.

You should become a long-distance soul winner. Many of you have business connections in New York. Urge every acquaintance you have in the business world to attend. We believe that many will come to Christ through this method. Thirdly, take your vacation in New York next summer and spend time in the Crusade.

You can join us in this great spiritual undertaking. We have already had word from people all over America who are planning to come to New York early next summer to participate in the Crusade.

God's alternative to world ruin is world revival. Let every Christian concentrate his prayers on New York. Let us make that our prayer-target, our spiritual objective and offensive during the next few months.

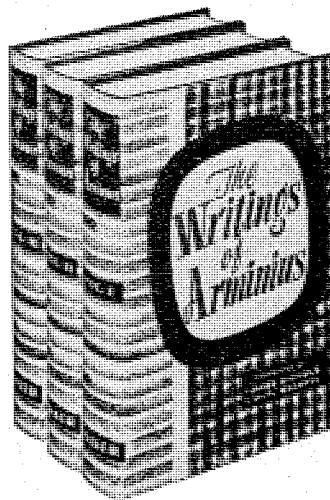
When victory comes, we will ascribe to God, without Whose help we are doomed to fail, the honor and the praise and the glory.  
—Reprinted from *Christian Life*.

## New Subscription Rates Go Into Effect on May 1

Nashville, Tenn.—Effective May 1, 1957, single subscription rates for **Contact** will cost more. In a February meeting, the Executive Committee of the National Association, under whose direction the magazine is published, voted to increase the single subscription rate to \$1.25 per year.

Subscriptions under the "Every Family" Plan will continue to be accepted at the old rate of \$1.00 per year. Thus churches will benefit by enrolling the membership as subscribers through the plan.

Reason for the increase was to take care of the rising cost of handling and servicing a single subscription. This is the first rate increase since the paper was started three-and-a-half years ago.



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# GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

SAMMY WILKINSON, *News Editor*

## Tucson Church Wins Attendance Award

TUCSON, Ariz.—The First church of Tucson won a \$25 merchandise certificate for having the highest percentage attendance at the 2nd annual Sunday school convention held here January 15-17. The convention is sponsored by the local ministerial alliance (NAE) in cooperation with the National Sunday School Association.

The award was given on the basis of the percentage registered at the convention of the average attendance for the last quarter of 1956. The church led with a 30 per cent registration. Rev. John B. Elliston, pastor, was chairman of the Finance Committee.

## Central Conference Has Training Institute

AYDEN, N. C.—A training institute is now in progress in the Central Conference of North Carolina. It began February 4 and will continue through March 25. Classes are held each Monday night at the Free Will Baptist Press. Courses being taught are "Free Will Baptist Doctrine" by Rev. Floyd B. Cherry and "Pastoral Theology" by Rev. Michael Pelt. Certificates will be awarded those completing the courses.

## North Modesto Church Dedicates First Unit

MODESTO, Calif.—A dedication service was held January 27 for the first unit of the church plant which the North Modesto church proposes to build. Rev. E. E. Morris, Richmond, preached the dedicatory message. The first unit is an educational building which contains eleven rooms and an assembly room seating 150 people. Services are being held here until the sanctuary can be constructed.

The church was organized 14 months ago. Rev. R. C. Hampton is pastor.

## Forty-two Register for Piedmont Bible Institute

CRAMERTON, N. C.—Forty-two students have enrolled for the night courses being offered by the Piedmont Bible Institute. Classes are held one night a week in the Cramerton church. Rev. Roy Rikard is president and Rev. Ralph Staten is dean.

## New Texas Church Shows Good Growth

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — The Faith Free Will Baptist church, organized here last September 8, has grown from 17 charter members to a present membership of 44 and

a Sunday school attendance which averages 70.

The congregation has erected a 28' by 56' educational building at the corner of 36th and Virginia Streets. Plans are to build a 36' by 50' sanctuary in the near future. Rev. R. E. Conner is pastor.

## Arkansas Church Starts Plans for New Building

POCAHONTAS, Ark. — An extensive building program has been approved by the congregation of the Pocahontas church and a committee is now preparing plans to construct a new 50' by 80' sanctuary. The new building will be equipped with a pastor's study, choir room, baptistry, dressing rooms, rest rooms, new furniture, and a new piano and organ. Rev. Dale Munkus is pastor.

## Blue Ridge Association Youth Meet at Cragmont

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.—Cragmont Assembly is the meeting place for the regular monthly session of the youth rally of the Blue Ridge association. Currently the youth are engaged in two projects—the purchase

of fans for the tabernacle and selling subscriptions to the **Cragmont Courier**, the assembly paper.

## California Church Begins New Department

TURLOCK, Calif.—A Senior-Intermediate department was organized at the First church here on February 3 with 39 members. They are meeting in the room where the Junior church was begun in 1954. The juniors have had a chapel of their own since May, 1955. Harold Barlow is superintendent of the new department and Mrs. Ruby Yarbrough is secretary. Rev. Earl Jenson is pastor.

## New Church Organized In South Carolina

GAFFNEY, S. C.—Twelve charter members joined the Free Will Baptist church which was organized near here February 10. Named the Midway church, it is located between Pacolet and Gaffney about 14 miles north of Spartanburg. Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, organized the congregation with Rev. Sherman Branch, Chester, assisting.

Rev. Ray V. Catoe was called as pastor and Mrs. Rosa Thompson was named clerk.

## League Rally Organized At Fort Worth, Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas—A Free Will Baptist League rally was organized January 25 by the churches in the Fellowship association. The meeting was held at the Trinity

## Revival Campaigns

CHURCH	PASTOR	EVANGELIST	DATE	DEC.	ADD.
First church, Panama City, Fla.	Wayne Hicks	Damon C. Dodd	4/1-14		
Sylacauga, Ala.	Edward Ledlow	Damon C. Dodd	4/14-26		
Bear Point church, Sesser, Ill.	Bill Turnbough	Roger C. Reeds	4/8-19		
First church, Henryetta, Okla.	Waldo Young	Grady Hudson	4/1-		
Lawnwood church, Tulsa, Okla.	H. E. Staires	E. M. Kennedy	4/14-21		
Cedar Springs, Ga.	Ralph Bell	L. R. Curtis	3/17-22		
First church, Blakely, Ga.	L. R. Curtis	L. R. Curtis	4/21-28		
First church, Albany, Ga.	H. L. Knighton	Bobby Jackson	4/14-		
Davis church, Davis, N. C.	Roger C. Reeds	Damon C. Dodd	5/27-6/7		
First church, Berkeley, Mo.	Harvey E. Hill	Mark M. Lewis	3/11-		
Northside church, Phoenix, Ariz.	J. D. Stepp	A. L. McAffery	2/10-		
Stillwater, Okla.		E. M. Kennedy	2/17-		
Amory church, Amory, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	Louis H. Moulton	3/24-29		
Sulligent, Ala.	Roy Barnes	M. L. Hollis	4/7-12		
Fulton, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	M. L. Hollis	4/14-19		
Pleasant View church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.	Hosea V. Smith	M. L. Hollis	4/23-30		
Shady Grove church, Durham, N. C.	Joe Haas	Harold Pitts	3/4-10		
Calvary church, Durham, N. C.		Ralph Clegg	3/4-10		
Canton church, Canton, N. C.	Milton Hollifield	Kenneth Frisbee	1/28-2/16	40	15
Horney Heights church, W. Asheville, N. C.	L. D. Gray	Milton Hollifield	2/25-		
Turlock, Calif.	Earl Jenson	George McLain	1/7-21	40	
Stigler, Okla.	Ed Sunday	DeArthur Yandell	3/4-9		

church here. Officers are Rev. Owen Barger, sponsor; Bobby McLain, president; Miss Kelly Richardson, vice-president; Mrs. Audry O'Dell, recording secretary, and Norma Jo Estes, corresponding secretary.

### Superannuation Board Releases Annual Report

THOMASTON, Ga.—The annual report of the Superannuation Board reveals a gross income for the year of \$8,163.57, according to Rev. K. V. Shutes, secretary. Of this amount, \$5,875.13 was contributed toward state quotas, with something over \$1,500 being given through the Cooperative Plan.

States fell short by about 60 per cent of the quotas which had been assigned them. Alabama, Michigan, Virginia, and West Virginia went over their quotas. Mr. Shutes reminded the states that the quotas for 1957 were the same as those for 1956.

### New Mexico Has Quarterly Meeting

ARTESIA, N. Mex. — Rev. Delbert Davis, LaMesa, was named moderator of the First New Mexico association to fill the unexpired term of Rev. W. V. McPhail who resigned at the quarterly meeting held February 1 at Artesia.

Seven decisions for Christ and six additions to the Artesia church were reported during the meeting. Messages were brought by Rev. L. C. Pinson and Mr. Davis. The next meeting will be the annual session to be held May 2-3 at Carlsbad.

## GLIMPSES . . .

▶ Rev. R. B. Crawford, pastor at Greenville, N. C., has been named president of the Greenville Ministerial Association for 1957.

▶ Rev. Homer E. Willis, secretary of the Home Mission Board, spoke February 5 to the Kannapolis, N. C., Ministerial Association. His message was "The Ministry of Evangelism."

▶ First church and Southside church, Sapulpa, Okla., merged congregations February 2 and called Rev. W. E. Warner as pastor.

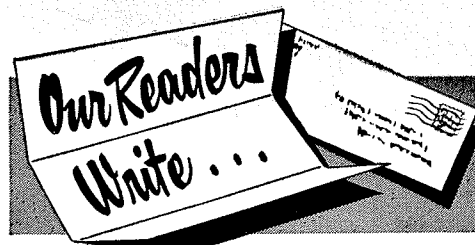
▶ Two Florida pastors were named officers in the Washington County Ministers' Association recently. Rev. W. B. Hughes, Chipley, was named president of the organization of county pastors and Rev. Chester Huckaby, pastor at Piney Grove, was re-elected secretary-treasurer for a fourth term.

▶ Rev. D. B. Hellard, a minister in the Tulsa, Okla., area for many years, passed away February 3. He was the father of Rev. Everett Hellard, pastor at Houston, Texas. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harry E. Staires and Rev. Willard C. Day.

▶ Rev. Alton Hines has accepted a call to the Core Creek church, Cove City, N. C.

▶ Eureka association convenes in a fifth Sunday meeting March 29-30 at Oak Ridge church, near Stigler, Okla. Rev. Ed S. Sunday is moderator.

▶ FWB Bible College enrolment hit a record 189 with second semester registration.



### Successful Itinerary

Dear Editor:

From January 13 to February 24 I have held 39 missionary services in behalf of our going to Africa with a total attendance of 3,271 plus three radio audiences. There have been 61 decisions for Christ. The offerings have amounted to \$1,444.02 with pledges of \$3,857.60, making a total of \$5,301.62. Thank the Lord for the wonderful responses the people are giving.

Daniel Merkh  
Durham, N. C.

### What Folks Are Saying

Dear Editor:

Our church is receiving **Contact** through the Family Plan and the people who have never read it before are doing so with great delight and appreciation. Never before have they gotten such an overall view of what their beloved denomination is doing, a view which even we pastors are unable to give.

I wasn't surprised at the many favorable comments, but I must confess that I was a bit surprised at the fervency of the comments. . . .

Don Ellis, Pastor  
Jameson Memorial church  
Henderson, Texas

Dear Editor:

We are very much interested in receiving some information about the Family Plan. Not very many of our people subscribe to any of our papers. I am sure it would mean something to them to know more about the work of other churches and the denomination, and I think this can be found by reading our church papers.

Clyde Cox, Pastor  
Caroleen, N. C.

Dear Editor:

I really appreciated receiving the sample copy of **Contact**. I have been planning to subscribe to it for a long time, but kept putting it off. Enclosed are two subscriptions. I hope to have more during the coming months. The magazine is certainly a credit to our denomination.

C. H. Overman  
Walstonburg, N. C.

Dear Editor:

### Shut-ins Want Letters

My husband and I have spent 55 years in the Lord's work, but are not able to be active now. We are shut-ins and would like to hear from our friends who remember us from years past. . . .

Mrs. Esper Easton  
Cameron, Oklahoma

# personally . . .

## Last Day of Jesus

We have just seen an advance copy of the first part of what might be the most significant religious publication in 1957.

It is a book by Jim Bishop called "The Day Christ Died" and is being published serially by **McCall's** magazine. The first installment was out in the March issue and subsequent installments will appear in April and May.

The work is a vivid account of the final twenty-four hours of Christ, told in minute-by-minute detail. It shows painstaking emphasis on historical detail and accuracy. It is gripping in its narrative and should be a part of every Christian's reading schedule this year.

Should some wonder about Mr. Bishop's qualifications for such a monumental undertaking, as did we, he states, "My sole armament in this was, first, a lifetime belief that Jesus is God and the second person of the Trinity; second, an unquenchable curiosity; and, third, a feeling that Jesus truly loved us all, and proved it."

We think your life will be richer by reading it.

## Missions and Easter

March isn't a bit too early to remind you that April is Foreign Missions month and that Easter is Foreign Missions Sunday. Every church should do something worthwhile and lasting on this important day in the Christian year. What could be more worthwhile and lasting than an offering for missions?

## Still Climbing

In the first two months of this year, **Contact** circulation showed a net gain of 500 subscribers. The circulation now is above 5,500. Much of the gain is due to use of the Family Plan and the sample copies recently mailed.

We hope it will never drop below this figure again.

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REV. LOUIS H. MOULTON, Savannah, Ga.

**Q. In our class at Sunday school we have wondered what is the age of accountability and where is the Scripture that proves it?**—Clinton, Okla.

**A.** We are not given any particular age in the Bible at which a person should or must come to Jesus for salvation. When a child can understand the fact that Jesus died for his sins, that he must repent and receive Christ as his own personal Savior and then daily walk and live for Him, that child has reached the age of accountability. Sometimes the age at which the simple plan of salvation can be understood is much earlier than we think. I have known many children to come to Christ and be saved before they were twelve years old. I have known others who were saved at six. Recently, we had a boy of five who seemingly made a definite acceptance of Christ as his Savior. Jesus said in Mark 10:14 (also Matt. 19:14 and Luke 18:16) "... Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

**Q. Please explain Acts 2:39 "... the promise is unto you ..." and Acts 2:42 "... the apostles' doctrine ..."**—Pine Bluff, Ark.

**A.** The promise spoken of in Acts 2:39 is the gift of the Holy Ghost, which is for everyone who repents and is baptized. These are Peter's words and he said, "the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." This promise has been fulfilled to every one who has ever come to Christ and received Him as Lord and Master. At the moment a person was converted, he was baptized in the Holy Ghost. "For

by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body ... and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:13).

The apostle's doctrine simply meant the teaching (which is another word for doctrine) of the apostles. In 1 Cor. 1:23, Paul says, "... we preach Christ crucified ..."; Acts 17:18 "... he preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection." In Acts 8:5, they "went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 16:32 "And they spake unto him the word of the Lord. ..." The teaching or preaching or doctrine of the apostles was the word of the Lord.

**Q. Is it a sin to sing "rock and roll" songs on Sunday?**—Savannah, Ga.

**A.** Regarding the law of love concerning doubtful things, Paul says in Romans 14:5, "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." If singing these songs on the Lord's day condemns you, then don't do it. Likewise, if there is doubt about anything, leave it alone. That way you'll be safe.

Personally, I'm not a fan of Presley or any of the other so-called "cats." I just don't seem to be able to "get with it" or to "get in the groove." Perhaps I'm a "square."

**Q. My husband has been gone for nineteen years. Do you think it all right for me to marry again after waiting all these years?**

**A.** Absolutely not unless you are sure that your husband is dead. "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth: but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then, if while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man" (Romans 7:2, 3).

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



● The translations department of the American Bible Society gets many requests for its linguistic services, some of them quite unusual. Recently a lady wrote to the department, asking that a certain sentence be translated into twenty Asian languages. Her sentence was "I like Ike."

● Albert H. Heinz, a pastor and police chaplain for the Columbus, Ohio, police department, reported recently that thieves broke into his car and took \$3 worth of candy and 2,000 copies of sheet music titled, "Not Mine, But Thine."

● John E. Burkhart, a southern California minister, had this to say recently: "Much of our current boom in religion is nothing more than spiritual aspirin. It doesn't cost much, doesn't do much, won't hurt much, and isn't worth much."

● A British firm has designed and made a typewriter for writing Tibetan. Believed to be the only one of its kind in the world, the machine is for the use of the Moravian Church mission in Tibet.

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● Rev. Ernest Strickland is available for pastoral work and says that he is willing to go anywhere. His address is Route 2, Box 533, Candler, N. C.

● Rev. W. L. Bowman has recently completed eight years of pastoral work and has entered the full-time evangelistic field. He has been in the ministry for 14 years, is 34 years old, married, and has two children. He offers to furnish references. His address is Route 5, Jonesboro, Tenn.

● Rev. Owen Ganey is available for either evangelistic work or a pastorate. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University and is currently teaching in Piedmont Bible Institute, Cramerton, N. C. His address is 311 Ferrell Ave., Belmont, N. C.

## Unity in Prayer Pledge

National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main, Wheaton, Illinois

We will be praying Wednesday, April 3 (or another night of that week) joining with the delegates to the 15th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in prayer for the Billy Graham New York crusade and revival in America.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_

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