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# Walking with the World

The Church and the World walked far apart,  
On the changing shores of time;  
The World was singing a giddy song,  
And the Church a hymn sublime.  
"Come give me your hand," cried the merry world,  
"And walk with me this way,"  
But the good Church hid her snowy hand,  
And solemnly answered, "Nay,  
I will not give you my hand at all,  
And I will not walk with you;  
Your way is the way of endless death;  
Your words are all untrue."  
"Nay, walk with me but a little space,"  
Said the World with a kindly air;  
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,  
And the sun shines always there.

Your path is thorny and rough and rude,  
And mine is broad and plain;  
My road is paved with flowers and gems  
And yours with tears and pain.  
The sky above me is always blue,  
No want, no toil I know;  
The sky above you is always dark  
Your lot is a lot of woe.  
My path, you see, is a broad, fair path  
And my gate is high and wide—  
There is room enough for you and me  
To travel side by side."  
Half shyly the Church approached the World  
And gave him her hand of snow,  
The old World grasped it and walked along  
Saying in accents low,—

"Your dress is too simple to please my taste;  
I will give you pearls to wear,  
Rich velvet and silks for your graceful form  
And diamonds to deck your hair."  
The Church looked down at her plain white robes  
And then at the dazzling World,  
And blushed as she saw his handsome lip  
With a smile contemptuous curled.  
"I will change my dress for a costlier one,"  
Said the Church with a smile of grace;  
Then her pure garments drifted away  
And the World gave in their place  
Beautiful satins and shining silks  
And roses and gems and pearls,  
And over her forehead her bright hair fell  
Crisped in a thousand curls.

"Your house is too plain," said the proud old World;  
"I'll build you one like mine—

Carpets of Brussels and curtains of lace  
And furniture ever so fine."  
So he built her a costly and beautiful house,  
Splendid it was to behold;  
Her sons and her beautiful daughters dwelt there,  
Gleaming in purple and gold.  
And fairs and shows in the halls were held  
And the World and his children were there,  
And laughter and music and feasts were heard  
In the place that was meant for prayer.  
She had cushioned pews for the rich and the great  
To sit in their pomp and their pride,  
While the poor folks, clad in their shabby suits,  
Sat meekly down outside.

"Your preachers are all too old and plain,"  
Said the gay old World with a sneer,  
"They frighten my children with dreadful tales  
Which I do not like them to hear.  
They talk of brimstone and fire and pain  
And the horrors of endless night;  
They talk of a place that should not be  
Mentioned to ears polite.  
I will send you some of the better stamp,  
Brilliant and gay and fast,  
Who will tell them that people may live as they wish  
And go to heaven at last.  
The Father is merciful and great and good,  
Tender and true and kind;  
Do you think He would take one child to heaven  
And leave the rest behind?"  
So he filled her house with gay divines,  
Gifted and great and learned;  
And the plain old men who preached the cross  
Were out of the pulpit turned.

"You give too much to the poor," said the World,  
"Far more than you ought to do;  
If the poor need shelter and food and clothes  
Why need it trouble you?  
Go take your money and buy rich robes  
And horses and carriages fine,  
And pearls and jewels and dainty food  
And the rarest and costliest wine.  
My children they dote on all such things  
And if you their love would win.

You must do as they do and walk in the ways  
That they are walking in."  
The Church held tight the strings of her purse  
And gracefully lowered her head,  
And whimpered, "I've given too much away,  
I'll do, sir, as you have said."

So the poor were turned from her door in scorn  
And she heard not the orphan's cry,  
And she drew her beautiful robes aside  
As the widows went weeping by.  
The sons of the World and the sons of the Church  
Walked closely, hand and heart,  
And only the Master, who knoweth all,  
Could tell the two apart.  
Then the Church sat down in her ease and said,  
"I am rich and in goods increased,  
I have need of nothing and naught to do  
But to laugh and dance and feast."  
The sly World heard her and laughed in his sleeve  
And mockingly said aside,  
"The Church is fallen — the beautiful Church—  
And her shame is her boast and pride!"

The angel of mercy flew over the Church  
And whispered, "I know thy sin."  
The Church looked back with a sigh, and longed  
To gather her children in.  
But some were off to the midnight ball,  
And some were off at play,  
And some were drinking in gay saloons  
So she quietly went her way.  
The sly World gallantly said to her,  
"Your children mean no harm—  
Merely indulging in innocent sport,"  
So she leaned on his proffered arm  
And smiled and chatted and gathered flowers  
As she walked along with the World,  
While millions and millions of deathless souls  
To the horrible pit were hurled.

The angel drew near to the mercy-seat  
And whispered, in sighs, her name;  
And the saints their anthems of rapture hushed  
And covered their heads with shame,  
And a voice came down through the hush of heaven  
From Him who sat on the throne;  
"I know thy work, and how thou hast said,  
'I am rich,' and hast not known  
That thou art naked and poor and blind  
And wretched before my face;  
Therefore, from my presence I cast thee out,  
And blot thy name from its place!"

# Japanese Converts Give Testimonies

by Wesley Calvery

At the end of our first nine months in Hokkaido, Japan, it was our joy to baptize two men who had found Christ. Since then others have come to know this experience, but there is something special about these first two.

Daniel Kimura and Tetsuji Sato had both been interested in Christianity before we came and had made a study of it. Their faith was perfected with our coming, however, so we reaped where another had planted.

The baptismal service for these men was held in the Abashiri river near where it enters the lake which made a most beautiful setting. It was the first time anyone had ever been baptized by immersion in this area so the event was well covered in the newspapers. In fact, a newspaper photographer attended the service.

Here are the baptismal testimonies of these new Christians. In translating them, I have used their Japanese way of expression as much as possible, which may make them sound a little strange in places.

Daniel Kimura is 39 years old and is now working as our full-time helper. He is invaluable because of his ability and wide experience. He has spent about three years in the Abashiri prison and it was while there that he was truly born again. Upon being released, he came to our church and expressed his desire to worship with us regularly.

From that day forward he has never failed to stop by on his way home from work and ask if there was some way he could help us. His assistance has been valuable in countless ways. When he felt that the Lord was leading him to give his life for Christian service, we decided to use him as a helper. He has proven so useful that it seems we could not do without him. This ex-prisoner of Abashiri prison is now a prisoner of the Lord. His life is a living witness of how God can make a sinful man into a new creature. It gave me great pleasure to baptize such a truly converted man.

His testimony follows:

"At the close of the tragic World War II on August 5, 1945, I could not decide my attitude toward society and life. I simply permitted myself to be carried along with the thinking of the people of that era. Several years before, with a great love in my heart for my country I dedicated my young life to my country. I went to an army school and prepared myself for military service. As you know, our training was a one-sided thing. That is, we young people were living with a desire to give our lives for our country. For that purpose we were sent to the front lines. In that way I gave my body and my life to my country.

"However, even though we gave our all, we lost the war. We were very disturbed over the fact that we had to surrender 'unconditionally.' It was the first time Japan had suffered such a defeat.

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*Since the two converts in this story were baptized, the church at Abashiri, Japan, has built an indoor baptistry. Shown in the inset of the Japanese pagoda is the first convert to be baptized in the church baptistry by the missionary, Rev. Wesley Calvery.*



He Brought

# Religion and Science

Together

PERHAPS AS MUCH as anyone today, Dr. Irwin A. Moon, director of Moody Institute of Science, has popularized the current wide interest between science and religion. Beginning in a day when it was the vogue to scoff at religion and worship science, he started giving popular talks on science and religion in his own church. With such a start he soon became known as the "Million volt" preacher of the San Francisco exposition and later the producer of "Sermons from Science" films seen round the world.

In fact, Moody Institute of Science, the film producing branch of Chicago's Moody Bible Institute, is today largely the result of his vision and work. Since its beginning in 1944, it has grown into a full-fledged motion picture production house. The staff has grown from a small handful to a substantial 65. They have produced 10 major full-length pictures, and scores of TV films, Bible story, educational and scientific films and filmstrips. At the moment, more than 7,000 prints with soundtracks in 18 languages are being used in 70 countries of the world.

All of this had its beginning in Dr. Moon's youthful passions for science and gadgeteering. How deep this passion was could best be judged by his parents and brothers and sisters who were often in danger of electrocution or some other equally gruesome fate.

Not all of the boy's talent was wasted on pranks though. His tinkering with radio transmitters earned him a license as a "ham" when he was only twelve. He soon went into business by charging his friends ten cents apiece to listen in. Apart from his tinkering he found time to be one of the key half-backs on the city championship football squad and serve as student body president of his high school.

But something happened to young "Bud" Moon during his school days which set the course of this versatile young fellow's life—he made a decision for Christ. Filled with a new zeal, he turned from his electrical equipment to the Bible, and began to prepare for the ministry at Moody Bible In-

stitute in Chicago. Subsequent study at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Baptist Seminary preceded his assuming the pastorate of the Montecito Park Union Church in Los Angeles for seven years.

Not even the serious atmosphere of a Bible institute could repress the daredevil spirit of the wavy-haired student, and faculty members of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles will still recall his exploits with forgiving smiles. A casual stroll on the girders of the institute building, six stories above the cement court below, was not unusual. Or he might often be found doing handstands on a sign scaffolding pre-

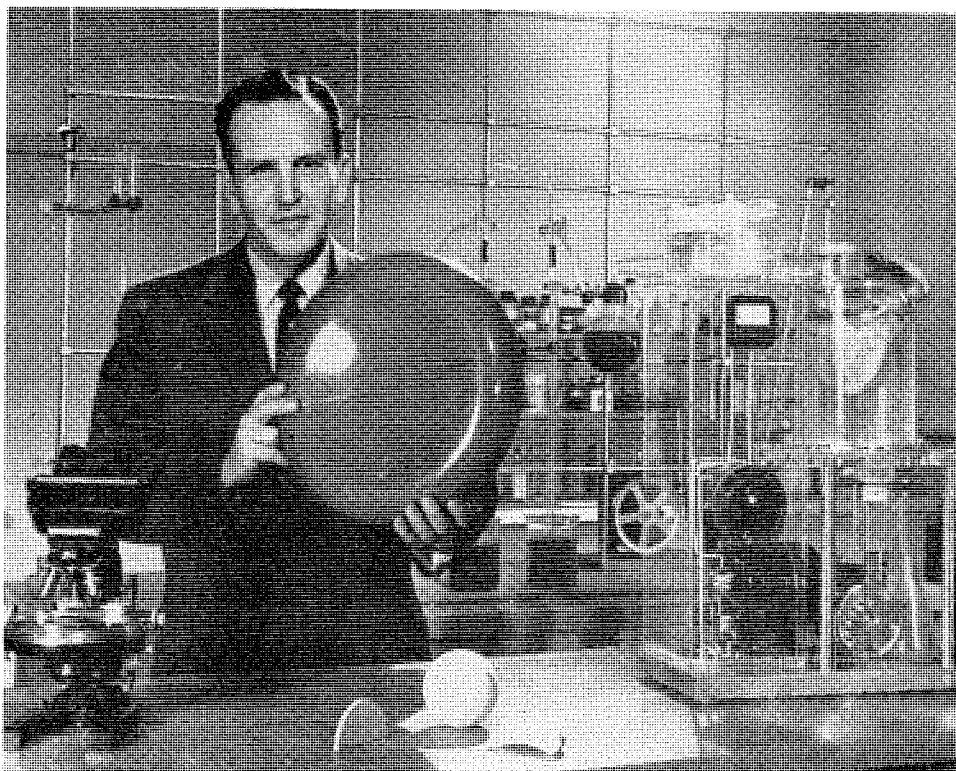
cariously situated atop the 13-story edifice.

It was after he had been in the pastorate for some time that Dr. Moon began to wonder if he had not been too hasty in locking up his workshop. Feeling that his ability and experience in science were meant to be used for God instead of being arbitrarily discarded, he began using scientific illustrations with high school youngsters in his church and found that they clicked.

So, casually at first, he began to utilize his knowledge of physics to illustrate his messages, using simple things like colored slides. The enthusiasm with which his new methods were greeted convinced him that he had been neglecting a valuable aid to his work as a pastor. Soon he was receiving invitations from local churches, and finally the volume of outside appearances forced him to resign from his pastorate and devote all of his time to evangelistic work.

The idea for "Sermons from Science" hit him then. And so he spent two years on the fabulous Gay Way of the Golden Gate Exposition on Treasure Island. Visitors to

*No, Dr. Moon's not holding a flying saucer from outer space in his hand. It's a model of the red blood cell enlarged 100 trillion times. "Red River of Life," the newest Moody Bible Institute film, shows how this small but vital wonder is the key to the most amazing transportation system ever devised. Dr. Moon is director of the Institute of Science.*



the fair watched in amazement as the young preacher let a million volts of high frequency electricity flash through his body; he fried an egg on a cold stove, time-compressed the growth of a flower into a few seconds, and changed the pitch of his voice by inhaling helium.

Then as World War II broke out the demand for Dr. Moon's "Sermons from Science" demonstrations soon became more than he could handle. To make his ministry more widely available he teamed with the Moody Bible Institute to put his messages on film. An old Masonic temple was purchased for the project and a core of scientists and photographers recruited for the task.

Beginning with the wartime film, "They Live Forever," they went on to produce photographic nature studies, such as "God of Creation," "Dust or Destiny," and "Prior Claim." They have gone to the bottom of the ocean for "Voice of the Deep" and into caves and mountains for "Hidden Treasures." One of the most baffling subjects to be treated was Einstein's theory of relativity in "Time and Eternity." Their most intensive effort to date was culminated with the release of "Red River of Life," a new story of the heart, the red blood cell and the circulatory system.

All of these link science with religion instead of trying to disprove it, which accounts for their popularity with schools and colleges.

## Physically and Spiritually Life Is in the Blood

It's an amazing machine—that body of yours. Did you know that it actually has 30 trillion cylinders? Or that the red blood cells in your bloodstream are the key to one of the most marvelous transportation sys-

tems ever devised? These strange but interesting facts are revealed in a new film, "Red River of Life," which tells the fascinating story of the heart and the circulatory system.

Most interesting is the comparison of the human machine with an automobile engine. For instance, if your automobile engine had 30 trillion cylinders like your body has—well, you'd most likely have some trouble getting it under the hood. And it goes without saying that your mechanic would be in a sweat to keep the carburetor adjusted, while you'd have more than a manageable struggle to keep the gas tank full.

Fortunately, your body suffers from neither of these drawbacks. It is designed with absolutely unmatched skill and perfection, and its combination fuel and exhaust system is unequaled by any contrivance of man. Food and oxygen are brought to all of the cells of the body by the red blood cell which travels through the 100,000 mile maze of blood vessels in just 23 seconds. This traffic is so precisely controlled by an electronic brain that it is sensitive to even a thought.

While this may be old hat to your doctor, it is of great interest to many laymen to see how food for the cells is traced to all parts of the body from the stomach, which serves as the body's refinery. If your car were similarly equipped it could actually run on beefsteak, mashed potatoes and cherry pie. The marvel is that your body does almost instantly what scientists have been able to duplicate only at great cost and with highly complex machinery.

To be usable in your body the oxygen must first be brought to the various cells through the bloodstream. In the film "Red River of Life" the producer, Dr. Irwin A. Moon, explains how these many chemical changes take place almost instantly. "Iron in the hemoglobin of the red blood cell picks up oxygen like a rapidly rusting nail, as the blood passes through the lungs and carries the oxygen to the cell. When the oxygen is released or 'unrusted' the blood takes on the characteristic blue color it has in the veins."

The moving force behind this stream of life to all parts of the body is one of the most enduring and amazing pumps to be found anywhere—your heart. It has the capacity to fill a good sized swimming pool in a day, and the power to send the blood on a circuit through the entire body in only 23 seconds.

But pumping blood is no ordinary task. Blood is a very fragile liquid and needs "kid glove" treatment.

Interest at Moody Institute of Science in this subject stems from the prominent teaching in the Bible which relates the source of spiritual life to the blood of the atoning death of Christ.

A restless bundle of energy, Dr. Moon is continually on the go. Often, work on a script will take up most of a night after an already busy day of shooting a scene or designing a new piece of lab equipment. One of his most recent creations is a highly complex new color film processing machine which makes it possible for MIS to produce all of its own film release footage at a great saving in cost.

Already deep in his next project, Dr. Moon and his staff are busily engaged in the production of more films for television. The first films for this medium have already been shown on 100 stations across the country and seen by an audience of millions. Inquirers wanting to know more about the relationship between science and religion are sent a free book, "Facts of Faith."

What is all this? It is the result of one man's vision and burden that men may have a reasonable and intelligent basis for belief in God.

*This is a rare view from the inside of the human heart looking out through the mitral valve "chordae tendinae" which act much like the shroud lines of a parachute in keeping the leaves of the valves in their proper position when closed. When open, these cords lie relaxed along the wall of the heart. This is a scene from the film, "Red River of Life."*



# 15th Bible Conference Slated for March 23-27

The 15th annual Bible conference, to be held March 23-27 in Memorial Auditorium at the Bible College, will feature a four-day program of Bible preaching, evangelism, and missions.

President L. C. Johnson stated he is expecting a record attendance this year. The auditorium has been enlarged to accommodate a larger attendance, and it is hoped that the Bible conference guests will be able to obtain meals in the new dining hall now under construction.

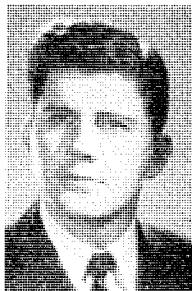
A special invitation has been extended to all former students of the Bible College to attend the Conference and to see the new student lounge-dining hall building.

The program as outlined by Dr. Johnson presents an array of outstanding speakers. They are Frank Sells, Rev. Bobby Jackson, Rev. Leroy Forlines, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, and Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.

The college music department will furnish



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special music throughout the conference. The college choir, freshman choir, male quartet, male trio, and girls' trio will render special numbers, Music Director, Ross Dowden said.

Mr. Sells, Bible teacher at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., for the past 20 years, is a widely-used speaker at meetings and conferences. He was sponsored by the college student body last year for a week of services. His messages are expected to be a high point in the conference.

Rev. Bobby Jackson, Greenville, N. C., evangelist, has had a very fruitful ministry in evangelistic work since his graduation from the Bible College four years ago. This is his first appearance as a Bible conference speaker.

Mr. Forlines, college faculty member for the past five years, teaches Bible and theology. He is dean of men and head of the College Extension Department.

Miss Barnard and the Hannas are missionaries on furlough from India. They will be bringing messages during the special missionary service each day. Miss Barnard is the senior of Free Will Baptist missionaries. The Hannas are recently returned from their first term as missionaries to India. They are graduates of the Bible College.

# Rattlesnakes Needed

There was a man who had three sons—Jim, John and Sam.

None of his family were church workers or even attenders. The elders and the preachers tried every means to get them to do their duty.

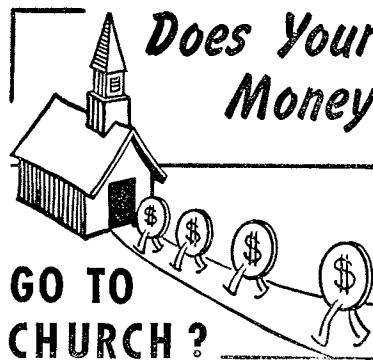
One day John was bitten by a rattlesnake.

After the doctor had done all he could, he stated that the *only* thing left for them was to pray. They called for the elders of the church and asked the preacher to pray for him. John also vowed to do his duty to God.

The preacher prayed the following prayers:

"Oh, wise and righteous Father, we thank Thee that Thou in Thy wisdom sent this rattlesnake to bite John, in order to bring him to his senses. He has not been inside the church house for years and it is very doubtful that he has in all this time felt any need for prayer until now. Now we trust that this will prove a valuable lesson to him and lead him to genuine repentance.

"And now, O Father, wilt Thou send another rattlesnake to bite Jim, and another one to bite Sam, and another real big one to bite the old man. We have done everything we know for years to restore them, but to no avail. It seems, therefore, that what all our combined efforts would not do, this rattlesnake has done. We thus conclude that the only thing that will do this family any good is rattlesnakes. So Lord, send us bigger and better rattlesnakes. In the name of Jesus. Amen."—*Savannah, Ga., Mid-Week Reminder.*



For the past 15 years pastors, students, and friends of the Bible College have attended the Bible conference for a time of spiritual blessing and fellowship.

The Bible College will be glad to handle inquiries about accommodations for the conference. Write Dr. L. C. Johnson at Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville.

# 1958 Denominational Calendar

## January

Stewardship Emphasis Month  
Youth Emphasis Week (Jan. 12-17)  
Tither's Enlistment Sunday (Jan. 19)  
Woman's Auxiliary Enlistment Month  
Master's Men Enlistment Month

## February

Evangelism classes preparatory to revival crusade  
World Day of Prayer (Feb. 21)

## March

Revival Crusade Month  
Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. (March 23-27)

## April

Revival Crusade Month  
Foreign Missions Month  
Foreign Missions Sunday (April 6)  
Pre-Easter Week of Prayer (March 31-April 4)

## May

Christian Home Month

## June

Free Will Baptist League Month  
Nationwide League Conference at Ft. Smith, Ark. (June 10-12)

## July

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, St. Louis, Mo. (July 7-8)  
National Association of Free Will Baptists, St. Louis, Mo. (July 8-10)

## August

Sunday School Month  
Christian Camp Month

## September

Christian Education Month  
Memorial Student Loan Fund Month for Woman's Auxiliaries

## October

Superannuation Month  
Protestant Press Month (Subscribe to your church paper)

## November

Home Mission Month  
Home Missions Sunday (Nov. 23)  
Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer (Nov. 17-21)

## December

State Missions Month  
Universal Bible Sunday (Dec. 14)  
Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer (Dec. 15-19)

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**THE TIP STEP**—They give God a dime as they do the girl who checks their hat. They may even give a quarter, and equal their gratuity to the porter or waiter at their club. Surely God is not pleased by such ungratefulness for his blessings.

**THE AMUSEMENT STEP**—These folks give when, or if, they attend church. It is on the same level as their patronage of the theatre or baseball park. Others may support the church 52 weeks in the year. They pay only when they go, or as the government official once put on his pledge card, "\$5 per week, when I come." Can we hope for God's blessing on such giving?

**THE PROMISE STEP**—It is a well-known fact that many pledge that which they never even try to pay. They impress the church canvassers with their false "generosity" and do not hesitate to let others know how much "we pledge." What God thinks of this is found in the story of Ananias and Sapphira who made a pledge, had the money to pay it, and then held out on God. They were accused of lying to the Holy Spirit and their punishment was death. False promises do not merit His blessing.

**THE TITHE STEP**—Some believe the law of the tithe to be God's plan for all time and therefore binding on Christians. Honesty requires them to pay it. Others accept it as a fair and reasonable plan for recognizing His ownership and their stewardship. But whether we consider it an obligation or a privilege, surely we ought not to do less as Christians than was required by the law. At any rate, God's challenge has never been recalled, "prove me . . . and see if I will not pour out a blessing."

**THE TITHE AND OFFERING STEP**—The tithe of old was the measure of honesty, but the offerings the evidence of love. God speaking through Malachi said, "Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." The tithe places rich and poor on the same plane. The offerings above the tithe ables the one of large means to show his true appreciation of his greater blessings. May it not be that God is saying to you today as was said to one of old who was occupying a lower place than he should have been, "Friend, go up higher"?



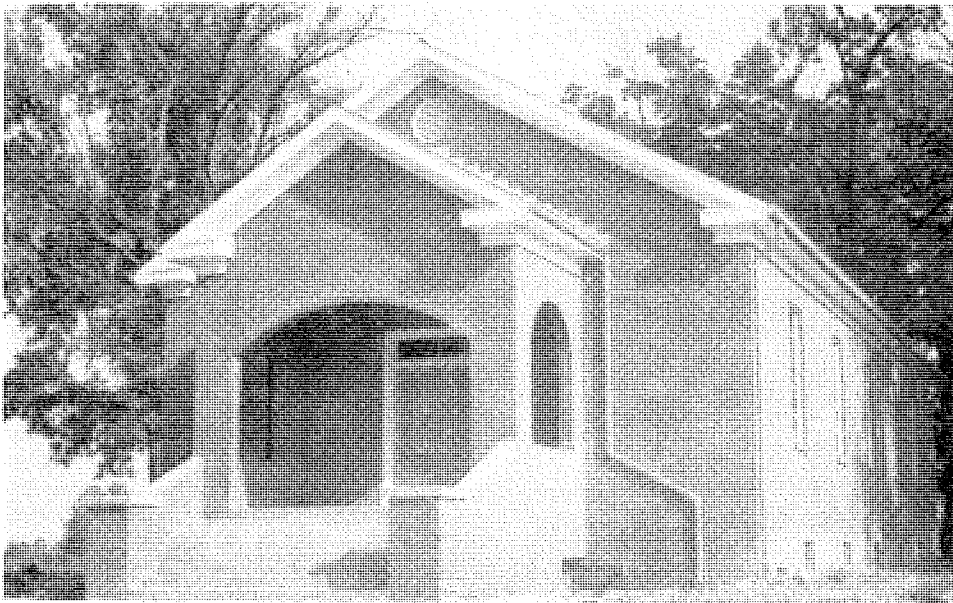
*The Lord is good:  
his mercy is everlasting.*

Psalm 100:5



When the House judiciary sub-committee held a public hearing on legislation to improve enforcement of laws against obscenity in the mails, these six Protestant representatives were on hand to testify. In the group are Dr. Clyde W. Taylor (second from left), NAE secretary for public affairs, and O. K. Armstrong (third from left) of Springfield, Mo., legislative chairman of Churchmen's Commission for Decent Literature.

## Church News in Pictures

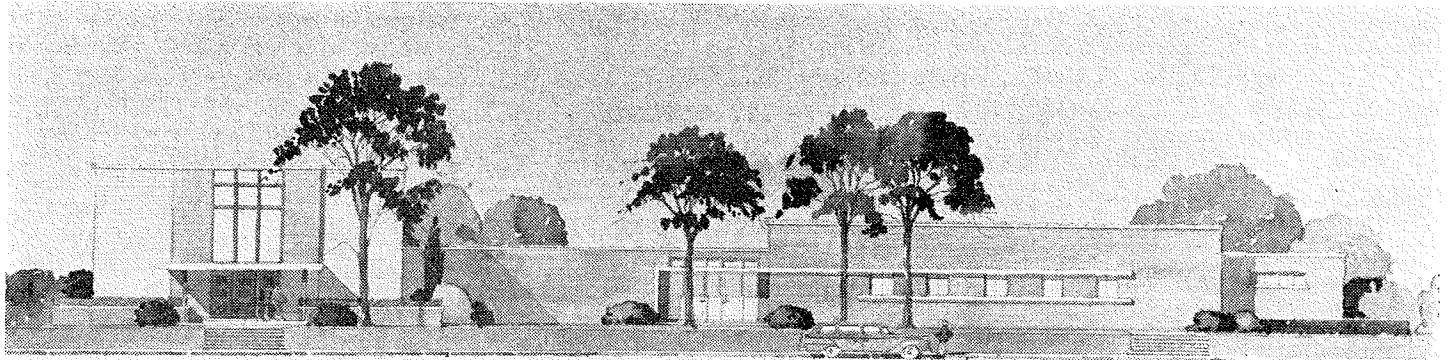


When the Oaklawn church near Pleasant View, Tenn., burned one Sunday night in 1955, the congregation lost no time in getting it rebuilt. The frame structure which was a total loss was replaced by this modern brick church. Rev. Don Hill led in the building program and the new \$35,000 plant was dedicated in August, 1956. The church recently placed the present pastor, Rev. Joyce Gore, on as first full-time pastor.



On hand to greet Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, missionaries returning from India, when their plane touched down at the Saint Louis airport was Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo., a member of the Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna are living in Nashville, Tenn., while on furlough, where Mr. Hanna is attending Peabody College.

The architect's sketch below shows a completed picture of the new dining hall and student lounge at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The auditorium (at left) was completed in 1951. It has been enlarged to accommodate about 100 more than formerly. Completion date for the new units is set for March 22 in time for the Bible Conference. Construction costs will be \$70,000 and furnishings and equipment will run \$15,000.



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# Convention Committee Chairmen



Thanks to the efficient planning of the General Committee, most of the arrangements for the entertainment of delegates at the national convention in July have already been made. On the General Committee and serving as chairmen of the various other committees are (seated, left to right) Rev. John Rogers, budget; Rev. Harvey E. Hill, general chairman; Rev. Roger C. Reeds, publicity; Rev. Harry Asher (standing), ushering; Rev. Elmer Turnbough, registration, and Rev. Wayne Parsons, information. The convention will meet July 7-10 at the Sheraton-Jefferson hotel in Saint Louis, Missouri with night services being held at the Kiel Auditorium nearby.



Rev. Homer Willis, home missions director, gives a copy of the charge to Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley following their commissioning last year as missionaries to Alaska. They will leave the States for Alaska March 1.

## Whaleys Set to Go to Alaska; Need Equipment

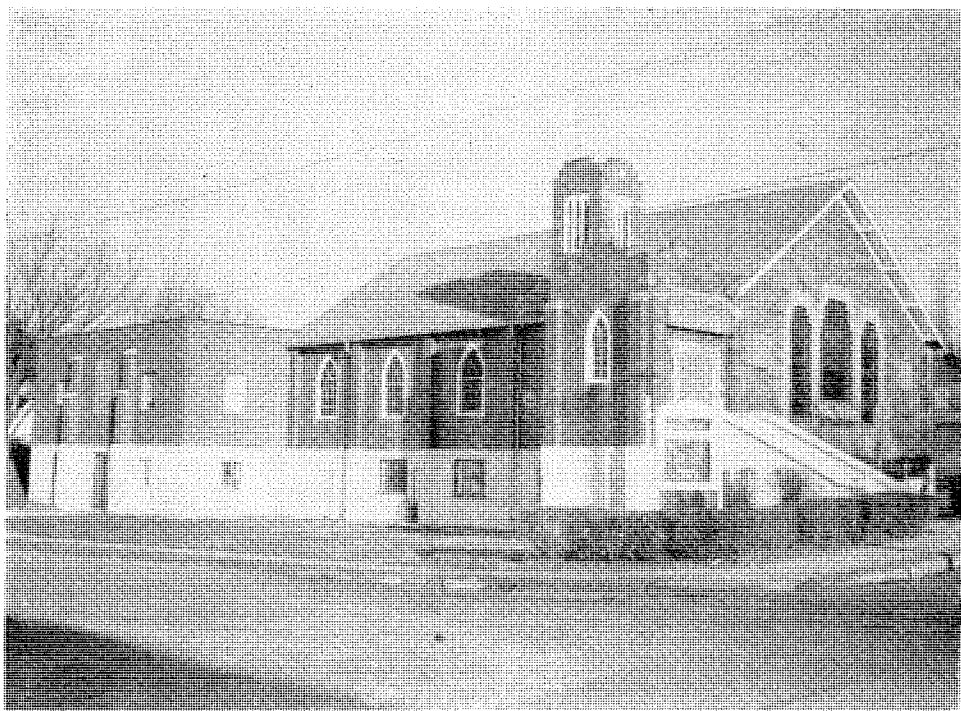
NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley are scheduled to leave March 1 for Alaska where they will be the first Free Will Baptist missionaries in the frozen North. They were appointed at the national convention last year and commissioned at the missionary conference in October. Since then they have been visiting the churches and raising funds for their support.

“There is an urgency in the need for equipment to be supplied for the work itself,” Rev. Homer Willis, home missions director, said, “and in view of the cold climate and the extreme high cost of living in Alaska there will be many family needs.”

He added, “We are asking our interested churches, organizations, or individuals to assume as much of the listed responsibilities as possible.”

Here are some of the needs: A good camera for color slides, \$150 in cash for typewriter and duplicator, a portable organ, hymn books (Free Will Baptist Hymnal or Broadman), visual aids and chorus books for child evangelism, a gas lantern, portable gas stove, funds for adequate clothing, bedding and linens, a small substantial hauling trailer, and the following items required for entrance to the country—car radio, snow-grip tires, tire chains, and shovel.

“There is also a need for an organization to assume the premiums for a hospital insurance policy that offers good coverage,” Mr. Willis said. Gifts or inquiries may be addressed to the Home Mission Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.



First church of Flat River, Mo., has recently completed a new 40 by 60 educational addition which is shown in the picture above, along with the sanctuary. The new two-story building contains a kitchen and dining room, pastor's study, choir loft, and baptistry as well as classrooms. Rev. H. C. Beasley is pastor of the church.

## Louisiana Church Has Dedication Service for New \$14,000 Building

LAKE CHARLES, La.—From a mission to a full-fledged church in two years is the history of the new Lake Charles church. Dedication services were held January 19 for the first unit of the church which was begun a little over two years ago by Rev. Malcolm Fry. The new building is valued at \$14,000.

The church at Lake Charles is the first Free Will Baptist church in that section of the state. They hold membership with the Central Texas association. Rev. C. B. Thompson, chairman of the Texas state Home Mission Board, preached the dedicatory sermon.

The new building consists of four classrooms, an auditorium seating 90, and rest room facilities. The next unit to be built will be a sanctuary.

## Missouri Church Adopts Building Plans

MOUNTAIN GROVE, Mo.—A building expansion program was unanimously approved in January by the congregation of the First church, according to the pastor, Rev. O. T. Dixon. The first step in the new program was the purchase of property adjacent to the church which, it is expected, will provide space for a larger sanctuary in the future.

## N. C. Convention Votes \$500,000 For College in Special Session

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—A special session of the North Carolina state convention, the first to be called in 25 years, drew a record delegation which unanimously approved plans for a campaign to raise half a million dollars for Mount Olive Junior College during the next three years. The special session was made necessary by the rapid growth of the college which opened in 1954 with 22 students and has grown to an enrolment of 101.

The college recently purchased fifty acres of land near its present site and is currently working on plans for the development of the new campus. In presenting the need for additional buildings, President W. Burkette Raper declared, "Our chief concern must be the type of education we offer our students. This institution prefers to be known for the quality of its work and not its size."

The convention went on record as "endorsing the concept that Mount Olive Junior College be made a citadel for liberal arts education in keeping with the highest Christian and academic standards."

## Conference Annuls Ministerial Credentials

PINEY CREEK, N. C.—The following notice has been received from Sidney W. Sturgill, clerk of the New River conference: "The New River conference has annulled the credentials of Rev. Lenard Trevett, Marion, Va., and Rev. Harvey Carrier, Bel Air, Maryland. They were dismissed for unchristian conduct from the church in which they held membership. They have disregarded the request of this conference to surrender their credentials."

## South Carolina Has Spiritual Life Conference

LOCKHART, S. C.—A Spiritual Life Conference was held here February 6-7 for the ministers and their wives of the South Carolina state convention. Speakers on the program were Walter Jernigan, Carroll Alexander, Mrs. Reedy Saverance, Rufus Coffey, Hoyt Powell, Ralph Staten, Carl Shook, Fred Powers, Paul Shehan, Howard Broome, James Earl Raper, and I. J. Blackwelder.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

*The 8th nationwide League conference which was scheduled to be held June 10-12 at Fort Smith, Arkansas, has been postponed for one year. The announcement, which was made by Rev. Henry Melvin, chairman of the League Board, said the postponement was due to circumstances beyond their control. The conference will be held in 1959 instead of 1958.*

## Laymen Sponsor Tithing Sunday

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Mr. Herbert Jenkins, president of the Master's Men chapter of the Wooddale church led in the promotion of "Tithing Sunday" during January. On the Sunday preceding the offerings were \$146. On "Tithing Sunday" they were \$231.

## Central Texas Youth Meet at North Zulch

NORTH ZULCH, Texas—Rev. E. D. Hellard, Houston pastor, spoke to a capacity crowd at the last youth rally of the Central Texas district held here on January 4. Pine Prairie church won the attendance banner. Sanford Davis is president of the rally. The next session will meet at Lake Charles, La.

## College Registration Climbs to New High

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The registration of 18 additional students at the beginning of the second semester has brought total enrolment figures this year to a new record at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Dean Charles A. Thigpen reports 196 students have registered this year, including summer school students, exceeding last year's previous high of 189.

Additional students registering for the second semester are as follows: Teddy Lee Bailey, Knoxville, Tenn.; Eloise Brown, Coward, S. C.; Glenda Fulcher, St. Louis, Mo.; Malcolm Carson, Norfolk, Va.; Robert Creech, Phenix City, Ala.; John Cullipher, New Bern, N. C.; Shirley Day, Tulsa, Okla.

Roy Duckett, Canton, N. C.; Ruth Duckett, Canton, N. C.; Walter Ellison, Straw Plains, Tenn.; Howard Filkins, Kirksville, Mo.; Mack Humbles, Greenville, N. C.; Mary Kelley, Rose Bud, Ark.; Shirley Mullen, Detroit, Mich.; Peggy Paramore, Greenville, N. C.; Robert Smith, Ayden, N. C.; Lola Warren, Oilton, Okla., and Mary Frances Johnson, Goldsboro, N. C.

## Texas Church Breaks Ground for Building

FORT WORTH, Texas—A groundbreaking ceremony for the Normandy church was held January 26. The church is located on the Azle Freeway and Rev. M. F. Bennett is the pastor.

## Death Takes West Virginia Minister

HARTS, W. Va.—Funeral services for Rev. Oliver Privett, Free Will Baptist minister of Midkiff, W. Va., were held at the

Free Will Baptist Tabernacle here this month. Conducting the service for the 52-year-old minister were Rev. Marion Stevenson, Rev. Carl Vallance, and Rev. Clarence Stratton.

**Oklahoma Church Builds New Addition**

DUNCAN, Okla.—A new addition to the First church here, including a 400-seat sanctuary, was dedicated in special services January 26. Rev. Ben Pixley, father of Pastor Gilbert Pixley, preached the dedicatory sermon. A new stone entrance was added to tie the old and new buildings together. Total cost of the project was \$25,000. The church, which was organized in 1951, now has 205 members.

**REVIVALS . . .** Oak Grove church, Baxley, Ga.; D. C. Dodd, evangelist; Emmett McDuffie, pastor; Feb. 9-14.

Pine Level church, Chester, Ga.; T. O. Terry, evangelist; L. S. Anthony, pastor; Feb. 17-23.

New Ebenezer church, Cochran, Ga.; T. O. Terry, evangelist; L. S. Anthony, pastor; Feb. 23-March 2.

First church, Savannah, Ga.; Harold Pitts, evangelist; Louis H. Moulton, pastor; April 5-13.

First church, Thomaston, Ga.; T. O. Terry, evangelist; K. V. Shutes, pastor; March 2-9.

First church, White Settlement, Texas; R. O. O'Dell, evangelist; Owen Barger, pastor; Feb. 23-.

Crusaders church, Detroit, Mich.; O. T. Dixon, evangelist; Feb. 10-21.

First church, Russellville, Ark.; O. T. Dixon, evangelist; J. Reford Wilson, pastor; March 12-21.

New Hope church, Plant City, Fla.; Thurman Pate, evangelist; Fred Bradshaw, pastor; Jan. 12-26; 33 dec.; 21 add.

Bristow, Okla.; John H. West, evangelist; Paul Pursell, pastor; Jan. 12-19; 6 add.

Lewis Ave. church, Tulsa, Okla.; Weldon Wood, evangelist; Willard Day, pastor; Feb. 23-March 2.

First church, Lake Charles, La.; Charles Osborn, evangelist; Malcolm Fry, pastor; Jan. 19-26; 12 dec.

First church, Duncan, Okla.; Ben and Rupert Pixley, evangelists; Gilbert Pixley, pastor; Jan. 26-; 11 dec.

**PASTORAL CHANGES . . .** Billy Melvin to Gospel Mission, Norfolk, Va., from First church, Richmond, Va. New address: 1719 Dominion Ave., Norfolk.

E. H. Overman to Southside church, Paintsville, Ky., from Gospel Mission, Norfolk, Va.

Jimmy Nichols to Webb church, Camargo, Okla.

E. B. Condit to First church, Wewoka, Okla.

Round-Up of **WORLD-WIDE Religious News Reports**

● A MILITARY COURT in Madrid, Spain has acquitted a soldier imprisoned more than six months for the "crime" of refusing to kneel for a Roman Catholic mass which was included in an obligatory military ceremony. The soldier, Juan Tenes, is a member of an evangelical church in Valencia. He is one of several recruits who have suffered because of the intolerance of Spanish military officers who refuse to excuse non-Catholic soldiers from the religious portion of the military ceremony.

● A NEW BOOK on Christianity and evolution composed of papers written by members of the American Scientific Affiliation will be published in 1959, the centennial year of the publishing of Darwin's theory of evolution. It will be edited by Dr. Russell Mixter, professor of biology at Wheaton College.

● MIDNIGHT MOVIES for youth and "lurid and misleading advertising which often accompanies these and other films," were denounced by the Rhode Island State Council of Churches. The resolutions also urged the film industry and local theaters to "re-examine their responsibility for public morality as it relates to the quality of films, type of advertising, and the hour of showing."

● OF 20 METROPOLITAN centers in the U. S., the greater New York area is the least Protestant, according to a study being made by the National Council of Churches. The survey shows that 10.7 per cent of the population is Protestant, 34 per cent Roman Catholic and 21.1 per cent Jewish. Almost 35 per cent is regarded as affiliated with no place of worship. Of the 20 largest cities, only six showed more Protestants than Roman Catholics. These were Washington, Des Moines, Louisville, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Columbus and Seattle.

● THE PEIPING RADIO reported that teachers in Communist China "from now on will be responsible for making sure that their pupils are brought up as materialists." The station said the teachers must train children to "see the evil of religious superstitions."



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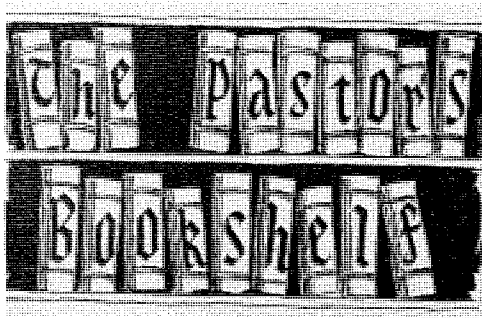
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*The Gamblers at Golgotha*, by G. Hall Todd. Baker Book House. 151 pages. \$2.75.

"Men still divide Christ's garments among them," says this pastor of Arch Street Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia in one of the messages from which the book title was taken. "They seize the gifts and influences of Jesus and the by-products of Christianity. Then, like the gambling soldiers on Calvary's brow, they leave Christ on His cross, ignored, rejected, naked, humiliated . . ."

This book of Lenten preaching has 14 messages on many of the characters, main and unimportant, in the crucifixion and post-crucifixion drama. Its value is found in a new approach to some of the lesser-known characters and in the wealth of illustrative material. Good for either stimulation of sermon ideas or devotional reading.

*Gold from Golgotha*, by Russell Bradley Jones. Baker Book House. 96 pp. \$1.75.

Like the Lord's Prayer and the Sermon on the Mount, the seven words of Jesus on the cross, have been the basis of a great many books and sermons. And like those and other great passages from the Bible, no amount of sermons or books could exhaust the subject. Trying to plumb the depths of the utterances of the suffering Saviour is like trying to plumb the depths of His heart. No matter how far you go, there's more—still more.

The reader will find little repetition here except about that which is obvious. Mr. Jones, a former Baptist pastor and now Bible professor, writes tenderly but with an evangelistic impact. This book will not leave you empty.

*1,000 New Illustrations*, by Al Bryant. Zondervan Publishing House. 254 pp. \$3.95.

Having a natural aversion to "canned" and ready-made illustrations, the reviewer approached this book with misgivings. However, the word "New" in the title gave some encouragement. It was not entirely a false hope for some of them are new, but for the most part they are brief stories and illustrations taken from magazines, books, etc., that have little relevance to the modern scene. Sermons need windows—yes—but the windows should be a harmonizing part of the whole architecture and not detract from the more important parts of the structure. Illustrations should be relevant and they need to be skillfully woven into the sermon fabric.

While a great many of the stories in this book are somewhat mediocre, there are enough good ones to justify the purchase price. If "one picture is worth ten thousand words," then even one good illustration is worth \$3.95. If your library is short on illustrations, buy the book.

*You Can Speak for God*, by George W. Schroeder. Broadman Press. 132 pages. \$2.50.

The primary reason the review of this book is included here is so you pastors can recommend it to your laymen. However, it is very likely that the pastor will also find several good thoughts for devotional talks or even sermons.

"Here is a book by a layman for laymen, offering the kind of outlines that men can use to speak for God," says the book jacket. The reviewer feels this is one of the best books for that purpose he has seen. The outlines—there are 130 of them organized under sixteen headings such as Bible, Character, Faith, Missions, Prayer, and Youth—are down where an untrained public speaker can use them and do a commendable job.

The writer is executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. With the increasing interest in our own laymen's organization, The Master's Men, this book can be a real help to the layman as he is called on to speak. Recommend it to your men.

*Judas the Betrayer*, by Albert Nicole. Baker Book House. 81 pp. \$1.50.

This psychological study of Judas Iscariot is one of the most unique presentations ever published. Despite his important role in the drama of the ages, he has been to the average Christian a mysterious figure. The author here brings together all that is known about him from history and the Bible and presents a penetrating, fascinating, and helpful study.

Among the questions which find an answer in this book is the highly-discussed one, "Was Judas ever saved?" The author convincingly proves that "one could even have been used in the conversion of souls, and all the same become a devil." He then shows how this transformation took place. The practical purpose of the book, he says, is to "enable us to examine our own hearts better, and serve to put us on our guard against the germs of evil, which are so imperceptible at first, but, once, having taken root, become so powerful." He certainly has not failed that purpose.

*Were You There?*, by Erich H. Heintzen. Concordia Publishing House. 77 pp. \$1.50.

The words of a favorite Negro spiritual have been taken for this series of nine Lenten messages. While the messages do not seem to measure up in content to some of the other Lenten books reviewed here, there are some new approaches and stimulating material in them. The final message of the book, "Were You There When He Rose

from the Grave?" contains some very fine Easter preaching material.

*Sunday School Encyclopedia*, Vol. 8. National Sunday School Association. 160 pages. \$1.50.

This collection of informative outlines on every phase of Sunday school work is prepared annually by many of the nation's leading authorities in Christian education. Every department in the Sunday school from cradle to adults and home department is covered. Organization, methods, promotion, publicity, and programming are fully covered. In volume 8, over 70 different phases of Christian education are treated by 98 Sunday school experts.

*The Holy Spirit in Your Life*, by Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr. Baker Book House. 169 pp. \$2.50.

The title of the first chapter in this practical book gives an idea why it came to be written. That chapter is "The Half-Known God." In an analysis of the average church in the average town, he arrives at a conclusion that will be disputed by none: "The church's outstanding need in our time is to rediscover the Holy Spirit."

By this, he says, he does not mean "dusting off some theological formulae about the third Person of the Holy Trinity." His primary concern is not with recapturing the religious vocabulary that might describe the Holy Spirit or His activity, but he pleads for this generation to know the soul-shaking experience of the presence of the Holy Spirit such as gripped the church fathers. In a very down-to-earth way, he makes the Holy Spirit relevant and important to this age. Preachers and laymen alike will be blessed by this noteworthy effort.



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*Strange Scriptures that Perplex the Western Mind*, by Barbara M. Bowen. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 118 pp. \$1.50.

The eighth printing of this enlightening book came off the press last year. It is easy to understand why it has proven so popular. Every person who reads his Bible has at some time thought, "Just what does this passage mean?" He is sure there is a wealth of meaning hidden in it, but the complete understanding is veiled. For instance: "She washed his feet with tears." What an exceedingly precious expression of love—tears from her tear bottle! Yet we ourselves would never sense the full significance of this act without help such as this book affords.

The author traveled in the Holy Land and became familiar with the customs, way of life and thought concepts of the people of Bible lands. This first hand knowledge makes this a valuable handbook for Bible study.



# Women's Auxiliary

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## Women at Work

### Why a Workshop?

by Mrs. Billy Melvin  
WNAC Study Course Chairman

It is an accepted fact that people learn from one another. Sharing ideas and experiences has always played an important part in learning. It is no less true in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. We are continually aware of our need to know more about what we are trying to do. The Auxiliary officer will often have more zeal than knowledge about her duties or lack of zeal because of lack of knowledge. Workshops are the answer to this problem.

Here are seven purposes that a workshop should have in order to meet this need.

1. The workshop should bring the local and district officers together in order to more effectively communicate. An officer who allows herself to become isolated from others in her district is hindering her chances of improving herself and her particular office.

2. The workshop should bring about working toward a common goal. There is always strength in unity and if the district and local officers are informed and in agreement with one another as to the ultimate goal that should be realized, much can be accomplished.

3. The workshop should endeavor to help the auxiliary officers and members to assume responsibilities. One of the biggest problems to the auxiliary work is members who lack the capacity to be responsible. They are willing to do but are waiting for

someone to tell them what to do and how to do it. Some fear criticism, some failure, and others have never had to make decisions and assume responsibilities.

4. The workshop should provide the district and local officers experience in co-operative undertakings. It is imperative in auxiliary work that we accept a common goal and strive for it with others.

5. The workshop should give the local officers methods and techniques which they can use in their work. Whatever subject is chosen, an effort should be made to meet the particular needs of the local officers relating to the subject. Each auxiliary has problems peculiar to its own group.

6. The workshop should seek to clearly inform local officers and members of every phase of the auxiliary work. What a hindrance uninformed officers and members can be to the auxiliary!

7. The workshop should be designed to provide inspiration and spiritual growth to those who attend. Sermons are not necessary in workshops in order to provide spiritual food. The Lord can speak to hearts through the learning of responsibilities, through the fellowship, and through participating. Only as the auxiliaries meet together in workshops to share ideas, work out problems, find instruction and enjoy spiritual blessings will the auxiliary goals be realized.

Portsmouth, Va.—Mrs. Eugene Waddell, 1616 Lansing Ave., was elected youth chairman of the Tidewater district convention to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. M. Talton who resigned because of ill health.

Pamplico, S. C.—“Youth Auxiliary Fellowship Day” was held here February 15. The program was around the theme, “District Youth on Parade.”

Auburndale, Fla.—A district workshop was held here February 15 with the theme being, “Know Your Auxiliary.”

Richmond, Va.—One morning each month is spent sewing for the Crippled Children's Hospital by the auxiliary members here.

Carlsbad, N. Mex.—A combined study course is being enjoyed by the Lydia and Dorcas circles of the auxiliary.

ChIPLEY, Fla.—A joint auxiliary study course and missions conference was held at the various churches in this vicinity in January. Rev. Raymond Riggs and Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna were the principal speakers.

Florence, S. C.—The following projects for auxiliaries in the South Carolina district convention have been announced by Mrs. Rufus Coffey, president: district-wide study courses, mass young people's fellowship meetings, formal spring banquet, certificates of merit to A-1 auxiliaries, and sending gifts to missionaries.

Thealka, Ky.—The auxiliary from the Inez church joined the Eastern Kentucky district convention at the last meeting February 10. Delegates from the five member churches were present and a visiting delegation from the Third Street church, Paintsville.

Nashville, Tenn.—Women from Palmer Memorial church joined in the city-wide Day of Prayer observance February 21 at the West End Methodist church.

## A Workshop on Evangelism

### Purpose

1. To stimulate a desire among auxiliary members to do more personal witnessing.

2. To study and share ideas as to how personal soul-winning efforts can be made more effective through the work of the Auxiliary (and perhaps through the work of the Sunday school and Leagues, also).

3. To acquaint our auxiliary members and officers with the books and materials available at the WNAC office for local auxiliary study courses on evangelism.

### Preparation

1. Prepare a meeting place for opening exercises and three smaller rooms for groups.

2. Select three capable teachers to conduct a study on the following subjects:

(a) *Winning Children*. Suggested book: *Romance of Winning Children*. Material: Teacher's guide on above text and *GTA Manual*.

(b) *Winning Young People*. Suggested book: *The Art of Soul-Winning*. Material: Teacher's manual on above text and *YPA Manual*.

(c) *Winning Adults*. Suggested books: *The Art of Soul-Winning* and *Manual on Soul-Winning* Material: *WNAC Manual*.

3. Have notebooks and pencils handy for those who come unprepared.

### Program

- 10:00 a.m.—Hymn  
—Scripture  
—Prayer  
—Introduction to workshop by study course chairman
- 10:15 a.m.—Retire to groups
- 11:30 a.m.—Reassemble for a program by YPA members or a question and answer period with teachers on platform
- 12:00 Noon—Adjourn for lunch
- 12:45 p.m.—Hymn  
—Prayer  
—Retire to groups
- 2:00 p.m.—Reassemble for program by GTA members or another question and answer period.
- 3:30 p.m.—Adjourn

# Converts

(Continued from page 3)

"With only the qualifications of a soldier, I was suddenly thrown into the storm of life. We found ourselves living in a new age in the history of Japan. With the help of a friend I was to get a job working in a prison, but because of my military background I was refused. From that time on I began to live a carefree life, not caring what became of myself.

"My artist father provided me with finances sufficient, but made no effort to teach me things religious. My experiences in the war were surely the spur that drove me away from God. But I had a desire to know what truth was, so I began making a search for real truth. I studied the beautifully-worded books of Mr. Taniguchi, the founder of the religious sect, 'House of Spiritual Growth.' However, I was not satisfied with his teachings. As before, I was staggering and depending on my own reason. Then I came to the place where I asked myself, 'Is it not possible for man to escape from himself?'

"Our Lord did not forsake me. On June 6, 1955 I recognized the true God as the God of my heart. That night I unconditionally surrendered to Him. In this spirit I prayed until dawn. I had a new feeling of humility in my heart and I realized that everyone has a cross that he must bear. My feeling of half-doubt and half-belief was all taken away from me.

"The reality of my new spiritual heart was that I had strong courage and hope that I never had before. It seems to me that man could not live in this sinful and cruel world without the help of God. When I look back over my life I am very ashamed of myself. However, I know that God is greater than all the experiences of my drama-filled life.

"Not only did Jesus bear the cross, but He died and rose again. With this baptismal service I have died to the old man and am taking part in the new life in Christ. Now that I am a new man, I am entering a new life. Believing in the atonement of Jesus for sin, in the love of God as shown by Jesus, from my heart I confess that Jesus is my Saviour."

Tetsuji Sato is 19 years old and is at the present time in school in Tokyo. During the summers he helps us in evangelistic work in Hokkaido. His college days in the wicked city of Tokyo are to be great days of temptation for him, but he is attending the meeting that we started while in language school there.

Here is his testimony:

"I am the person that I am now through Jesus Christ in whom I believe firmly. Since I believe in Jesus Christ I have had many joys. My joy is in him and his Word. The fact that I can receive baptism is one of the greatest events in my life and will always be a memorable day to me.

"I don't remember exactly, but I believe it was when I was in the second grade that I first stepped inside a church. I didn't understand then who the Lord was. I was attracted to the church by the interesting stories and the pretty cards which they gave each of us. I am not sure, but I think it was a Catholic church and I attended it about four years.

"By the time I was in the sixth grade I had been taught about the Lord and began to believe in him. I am sure it was quite impossible for a sixth grader to understand all the teachings, but I enjoyed attending church. Of course, there was always the joy of receiving cards that drew me. When I entered junior high school I stopped going to church, but I didn't forget the Lord Jesus. I was just too bashful to go to church. Of course, I realize that my faith was too weak. It was when I was in junior high school that I began thinking earnestly about the Lord. At that time I lived in the town of Iwamisawa. There I began going to the Presbyterian church and, of course, there were many things that I did not understand, but they gradually became clear to me.

"Now I have come to the place where I can believe the whole Bible. My daily life is in the Lord and in his strength I am going forward. In June 1956, when I was a senior in high school, I moved to Abashiri. That September I began going to the Free Will Baptist church that was started by Rev. Wesley Calvery. Before he came to Abashiri I had gone to the Episcopal church.

"After I began going to the Baptist church my faith was greatly strengthened and I realized that without faith I could not be saved. I have very little power, but I realize that as much as possible I should be a witness for Christ. I made my public decision for Christ in December 1956 at the Free Will Baptist church. I made my decision to serve the Lord the rest of my life. I earnestly believe in the truth of the Lord and that he is surely coming again."

## BIBLE VERSE



### EPHESIANS 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

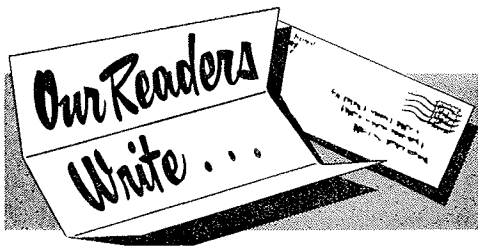
## Cooperative Receipts Just Short of \$4,000

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—January receipts for the denominational agencies through the Cooperative Plan of Support were just short about \$4,250 a month. Additional churches cooperative budget is \$75,000 which means that the average monthly income through the Cooperative Plan should be \$6,250.

Last year the cooperative giving averaged about \$4,250 a month. Additional churches will have to be enlisted in order to reach the larger 1958 goal. All undesignated offerings will be allocated as follows: foreign missions, 30 per cent; home missions, 14; executive department, 24; Bible College, 21; superannuation, 4; Sunday school, 4, and League, 3.

The January report is as follows:

<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<b>ALABAMA</b>			
First church, Dothan .....	\$ 91.52		
State association .....	390.73	482.25	
<b>ARKANSAS</b>			
State association .....		450.31	
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>			
State association .....		242.49	
<b>FLORIDA</b>			
First church, Auburndale .....	18.52		
Northeast Union meeting .....	2.00	20.52	
<b>GEORGIA</b>			
State association .....		284.20	
<b>ILLINOIS</b>			
Union church, W. Frankfort ..	11.55		
Oak Grove church, Scheller ..	12.60		
Aleo church, Thebes .....	34.20		
Webbs Prairie church, Ewing ..	9.60		
Johnston City church .....	67.90		
Ina church .....	17.19		
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon ..	22.17	175.21	
<b>KENTUCKY</b>			
Southside church, Paintsville ..		61.50	
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>			
Northeast association .....	14.18		
East Tupelo church .....	7.21	21.39	
<b>MISSOURI</b>			
State association .....		596.83	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>			
Beaufort church .....	105.66		
Davis church .....	66.00		
Hickory church, Ahoskie .....	24.71	196.37	
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>			
First N. M. association .....		8.01	
<b>OHIO</b>			
First church, Springfield .....		20.00	
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>			
State association .....		395.40	
<b>TENNESSEE</b>			
South side, Memphis .....	21.36		
Wooddale church, Knoxville ..	32.12		
East Nashville church .....	166.80		
Trinity church, Nashville .....	150.00		
Palmer Memorial, Nashville .....	95.58	465.86	
<b>VIRGINIA</b>			
Fairmount Park church, Norfolk ..		560.96	
		<u>\$3,981.30</u>	
<b>DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</b>			
Illinois .....	\$ 14.01		
North Carolina .....	158.83	172.84	
		<u>\$4,154.14</u>	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Foreign Mission Board .....	\$1,249.04		
Executive Department .....	979.35		
F.W.B. Bible College .....	883.71		
Home Mission Board .....	588.21		
Sunday School Department .....	159.25		
Superannuation Board .....	175.14		
League Department .....	119.44		
		<u>\$4,154.14</u>	



### What About Mr. Cole?

Dear Editor:

In recent weeks our local newspapers have carried a detailed report of the Ku Klux Klan and some of its operations in the state of North Carolina. The stories have named a Rev. Cole, a Free Will Baptist minister from South Carolina, as the recognized leader of the Klan. I believe this action of Mr. Cole and the KKK to be a violation of the practices of the Free Will Baptist church and certainly contrary to the teachings of the Bible.

I know that his actions do not have the endorsement of our denomination, but shouldn't we let people know how we stand on this matter? I think his actions are disgraceful and that he has brought a reproach upon the Free Will Baptist denomination and its mission program. What can we hope to do if our ministers are permitted to persecute those whom we are trying to win for Christ?

F. A. Giles, *Chairman*

*West Virginia State Executive Board*  
Emmons, West Virginia

*Editor's note:* When our Nashville papers came out with this same story, we immediately checked with Rev. Rufus Coffey, a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association, who lives in Florence, S. C. Here is what we learned: Mr. Cole is not and has never been a member or minister of any Free Will Baptist church recognized by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. His connection was with a group in that section called Free Will Baptist Holiness (who, by the way, publicly repudiated him). This group often leaves off the *Holiness* part of their name and this is apparently how Mr. Cole came to be called a Free Will Baptist preacher. The Associated Press was given the facts and a correction was carried on the wire. It is not likely that many local papers carried the correction, however. With this explanation we hope our members all over the country will help straighten out this unfortunate matter where they can.

### Know Converted Priests?

Dear Editor:

If you know of any former Roman Catholic priests or monks, we would be glad to have their names and addresses in order that we may invite them to attend a Congress of Former Priests to be held in the fall of 1958 or the spring of 1959.

It is our desire to lead them into a deeper knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to strengthen them through the knowledge

that hundreds of others have left the Roman Catholic Church. It will also show the falseness of Rome's claim that only a few immoral or mental cases drop out of the priesthood.

Robert G. Hawley, *Business Manager*  
*Christ's Mission*  
369 Carpenter Avenue  
Sea Cliff, New York

### Magazine to Hospital

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find a check to pay for five subscriptions to be sent to Clarendon County Memorial Hospital, Manning, S. C. When you send the first copies, please enclose a note saying that these are the compliments of the Young People's Sunday school class of the First Free Will Baptist church, Manning, S. C.

H. Reedy Saverance, *Pastor*  
*First Free Will Baptist Church*  
Manning, South Carolina

### European Diary

Dear Editor:

We really enjoyed reading about your trip to Europe. We could almost feel present on the trip ourselves. May the Lord bless you and all His children everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sago  
Pocahontas, Arkansas

... It is refreshing to know that there are born-again Christians even in those countries under the sway of Romanism, such as Spain. The restrictions imposed upon Christians in some other countries should make us humbly grateful for the liberties we have in this nation.

Watson Dixon  
Springfield, Ohio

I have been reading in *Contact* about your wonderful trip. You made it so good that I could just live it with you. I am thanking the good Lord for helping you make the trip.

Orbin H. Doss, *Pastor*  
*First Free Will Baptist Church*  
Kerman, California

## personally . . .

We like what our good brother editor and state secretary, Rev. Ernest Kennedy, had to say in a recent issue of the magazine of the Oklahoma state association, *The Promoter*, so we share it with you in part.

"In Exodus 2 we find a beautiful story, marred only by the tragic climax of one trying to assist by warring rather than leading. We are confronted with the greatest struggle the church has ever been confronted with; we have been led to look upon every step of progress as a strange thing, seeking to devour our freedom and rights; yet we cherish progress along every physical line that we can accomplish. . .

"We can be afraid of progress and always stay in the land of Goshen, under the task masters of Egypt, toiling and struggling for an existence, dreaming of a great tomorrow larger than one individual or church group. We can let fear take hold upon us and retard our progress and finally wreck our chances of ever becoming powerful in the kingdom of God.

"... If Moses had ever stopped to think of the effect his act of violence would have had on his brethren, he would have gladly reclined to some obscure corner and hid away from it all. But seeking to help, he failed to get the leadership of God, for God needed a leader, not a warrior.

"Free Will Baptists need leaders today, not fighters. It takes a very few fighters to make enough for a great hive of honey bees. The greatest number belonging to that hive are workers, too busy to fight, gathering the sweetness of the nectar from God's bountiful supply through nature, some dying in the attempt, but, ever mindful of the need, they go from flower to flower seeking the hidden blessing that a fighter never knows about or enjoys.

"If we should seek for the secret of success in this band of workers, we would find it hidden within the depths of the home of the bee—a queen, though seldom seen, with an organization that would baffle the efforts of nations. We need, hidden away in the center of our organization, men who know how to trust God and take orders from heaven and who are too busy performing the task—the God-given task of evangelizing the work—to stop for a fight or even allow bitterness to enter their thinking.

"We have a job to do, a goal to reach and we don't have time for forty years' training in the wilderness as Moses had to receive. We must march now or tomorrow may be too late. We must send missionaries today or our opportunities may be forever gone."

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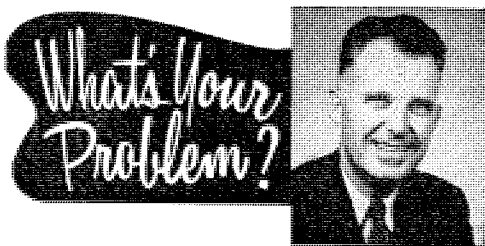
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LOUIS H. MOULTON

**Q. I do not like the way my church spends money so I have stopped giving to the church. I now use my tithes and any other money which I might ordinarily give to help the poor and needy. Do you not think I am justified in doing this?**

**A.** The fact that you are concerned about it seems to imply that there is a question in your mind as to whether you are doing the right thing or not. Personally, I think you are wrong. If the church where I was attending or had my membership was not a good steward of the tithes and offerings which came into it, I would try to exercise my influence by word and prayer in getting some changes made. If that was impossible, then I would make a change and find a church where first things were put first and where stewardship was taught and practiced according to the Scriptures. Let me suggest that you read carefully 1 Cor. 16:2, Luke 6:38, Malachi 3:8-11, Matthew 23:23.

**Q. There is a woman in my church whose tongue is as sharp as the proverbial two-edged sword. As a born-again Christian, what should I do to stop her from spreading malicious rumors about me?**

**A.** These things are not always easy to deal with. The wise man wrote in Proverbs 15:1, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Be sure that you are approaching this problem in the right spirit yourself. If nothing else works you can proceed according to the instruction given by Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17.

**Q. I have been criticised severely because I belong to a mixed (Negro-white) ministerial association in my town. Should I break off my relationship with this group to avoid criticism?**

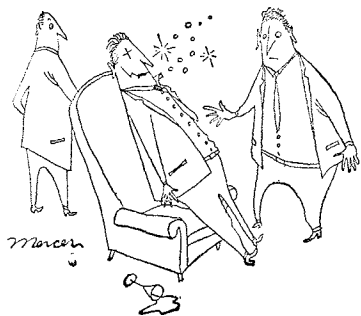
**A.** You did not include all the details regarding this criticism so I simply cannot properly advise you. However let me say that I, too, am a member of a similar group right in the heart of the southland and our organization in Savannah is looked upon by nearly everyone with the utmost approval. We have been able to work out and solve many problems concerning the relationship between whites and blacks. In a day when the race problem in our nation is acute I think such an organization of ministers is most profitable and I do not think criticism would cause me to resign or drop out of it.

**Q. Is it possible for a person to be baptized with the Holy Spirit before he has been**

### WHAT THEY SAY



### WHAT THEY DO



#### baptized in water?

**A.** In Acts 2:38 Peter said to men who had been convicted of their sins, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Seemingly, from this Scripture, Peter was saying water baptism comes first. However in Acts 10:44-48 Cornelius and his household received the Holy Spirit before they were baptized in water. Paul says in 1 Cor. 12:13 "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body . . . and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." I am convinced that at conversion, when a person becomes a believer, he is immediately baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ, and then water baptism follows. Peter says that baptism in water is "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (1 Peter 3:21).

**Q. I have been a pretty rough character in my time. Recently I was saved but I am so ashamed of my past life. Would I do better to move away where no one knows about my past life?**

**A.** Certainly not. You can be a wonderful testimony to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ right where you are and where people know what you were and what you now are. By seeing the new creature in Christ Jesus which you have become, others will be challenged by your life. But let me exhort you to live carefully, give no occasion for stumbling. Live a consecrated, holy, separated life for which Jesus assures us, "My grace is sufficient."

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

### Brewers Eye 'War Babies'

"There never has been a beer commercial or any beer advertising in the United States designed to appeal to children," a brewers' representative once told a Congressional hearing on liquor and beer advertising.

*Oh yeah?* The 18th birthday of America's 1940 "war babies" will bring a brewing business "bright spot" says the *American Brewer* magazine "The 1940 baby crop will reach the legal (in some states) drinking age in 1958. Thus the long anticipated per capita consumption increase will begin to take shape during the coming year."

Brewers have been stirring their suds over this new baby crop for some time. The president of the Hamm Brewing Company has assured that the 16 gallons per capita consumption of beer will be changed in 1958 by two events: "the arrival at adulthood of the post depression baby crop and a major public relations program of information and education to be sponsored by the "United States Brewers' Foundation."

Hamm's beer television commercials feature cartooned forest animals from the land of the sky blue waters. —*Clipsheet*

REV HENRY MELVIN  
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WINTERSVILLE N C

### Third Honor Roll "Every Church Family" Plan

Conway church, Arkansas  
Waltonville church, Illinois

Last month when four churches became "Family Plan" churches, our second honor roll was completed with fifty churches. Thus, this makes 100 churches which have started using this subscription plan. Of that number, we still have 90 who are currently using the plan, leaving only ten who have discontinued it.

Our third honor roll begins this month with two churches. We would like to complete this honor roll by national convention time in July by adding 48 other churches real soon. The "Family Plan" saves you 25 cents on every subscription. Whose church will be next?

#### Rules for Honor Roll

1. Send names and addresses (zone numbers, too, please) of all families in the church. You need 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 treasurer 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.