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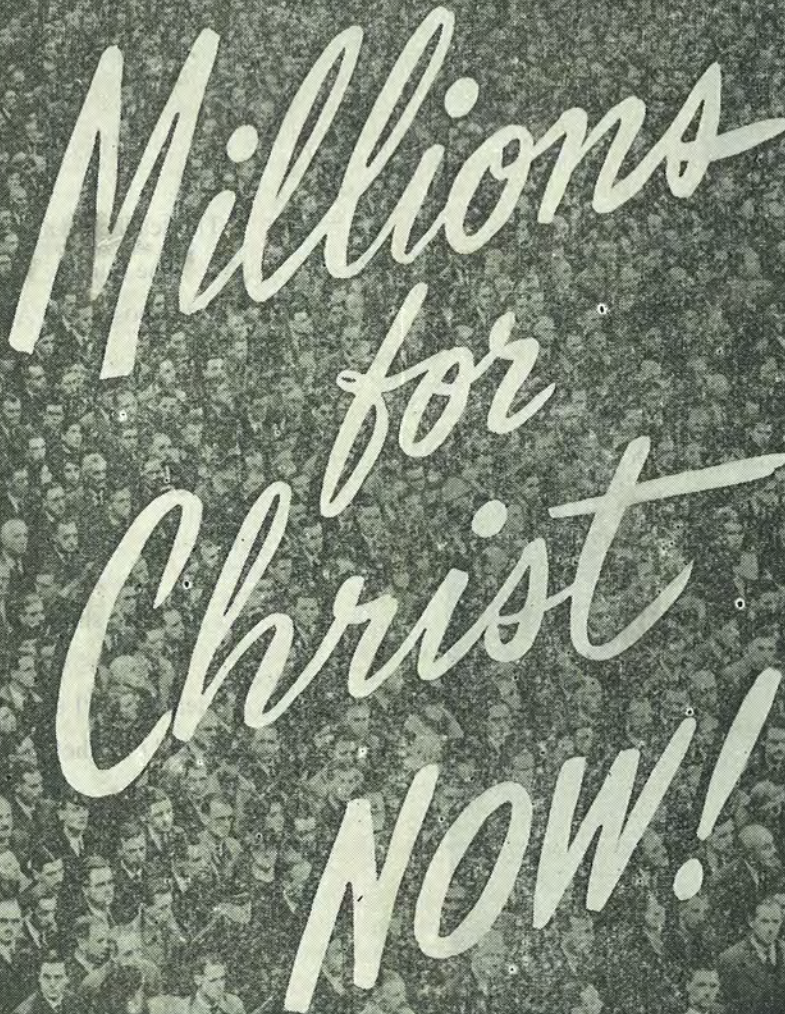
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# Advice to Teachers from The Master Teacher

*(From John 10)*

Sunday school workers as undershepherds,  
should be like the Great Shepherd.  
They need to be saved. "He that entereth in by  
the door is the shepherd of the sheep."

They need to know each pupil well. "He  
calleth His own sheep my name."  
The teacher is a leader. "He goeth before them."

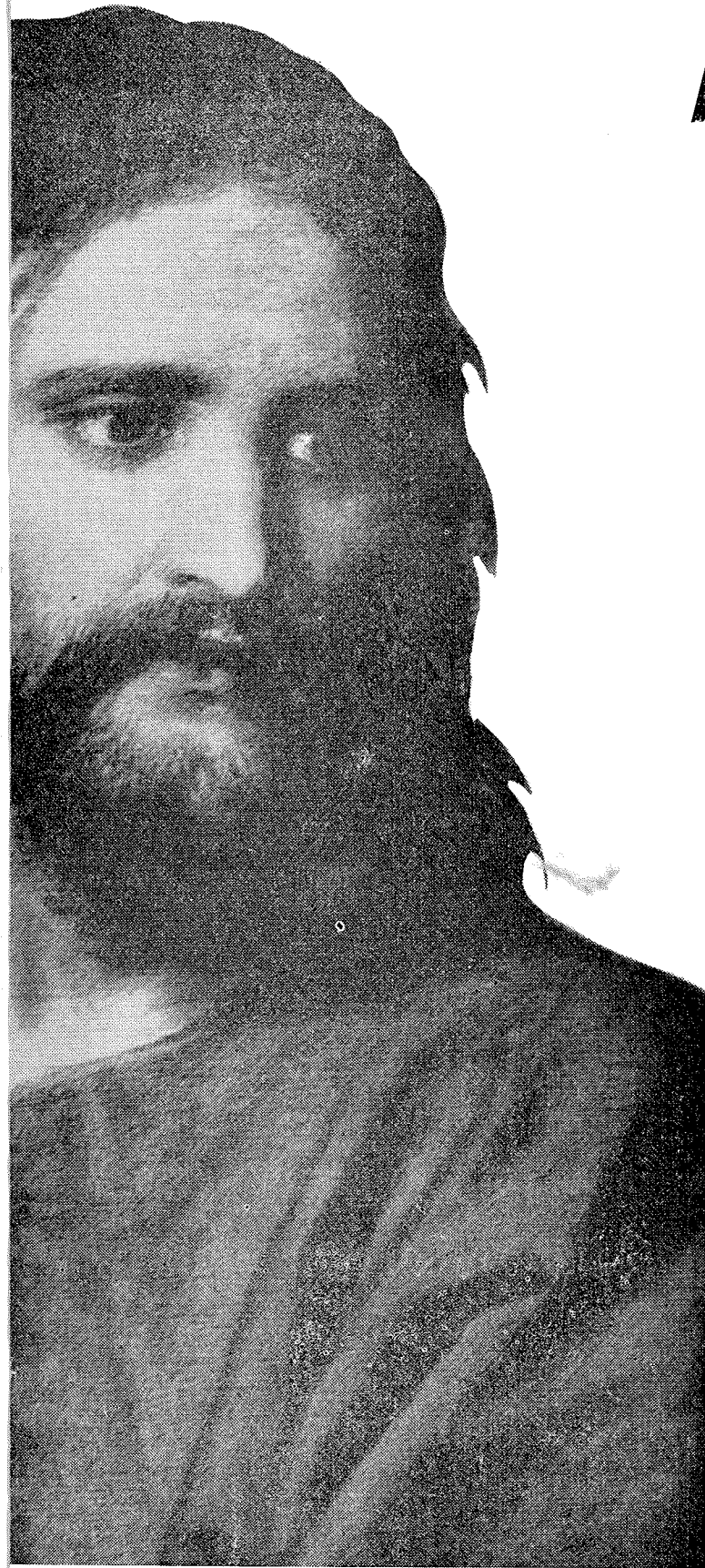
The Sunday school worker should be present  
every Sunday possible. "A stranger will they not follow."

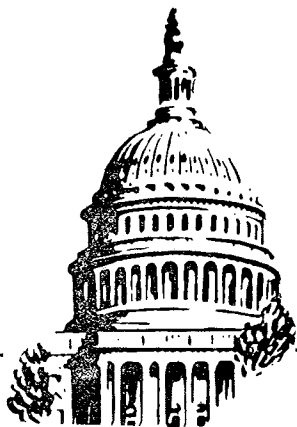
The Sunday school workers should  
teach Christ to their pupils. "Then said  
Jesus . . . I am the door of the sheep."  
Get the pupils saved, then feed them. "I am the  
door; by me if any man  
enter in, he shall be saved,  
and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

Their salvation is our purpose for  
teaching. "I am come that they might have life,  
and that they might have it more abundantly."

The Sunday school workers  
should give their lives to teaching, visiting, and  
praying as suggested in Romans 12:1. "I am  
the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life  
for the sheep."

Great opportunities are yet ours.  
"Other sheep I have, which are not of this  
fold; them also I must bring."





# Report from Washington

By Donald H. Gill

In the waning days of August, with the November elections looming bigger and bigger in the minds of many members of Congress, the legislators prepared to close shop, thus bringing to a close enactments of the 85th Congress. Except in the event of some national emergency, for which Congress would be called back to Washington, this means that thousands of bills, many of them representing the deepest hopes of the interested parties, died the death of neglect. But by the same token many legislative proposals which would have been against the best interests of the nation as a whole have likewise come to their natural demise. This being the case, it is a good time to review the fate of those various bills which represented the interests of churches and church-related institutions.

Evangelicals are apt to consider the two anti-obscenity measures which passed Congress as a worthwhile victory. One of them doubles the penalties of second offenders convicted of engaging in the traffic in obscenity through the U.S. mails, and also allows prosecution in the jurisdiction where the materials are delivered by the Post Office. The other bill closes the so-called "copyright loophole" by which certain realers in pornographic materials were evading the law allowing the Post Office to impound their mail.

Another distinct gain was the passage of the bill to put American missionaries and ministers serving overseas on the same basis as government servants and trade corporation employees, in allowing quick naturalization of their spouses or adopted children if the missionary must return to their duties overseas.

The bill to require the meatpackers to use humane methods of slaughter passed Congress with the help of a number of church and interchurch organizations. It was opposed by the Orthodox Jewish rabbis, in spite of the fact that the bill specified Jewish ritual slaughter as being humane. There was some opposition on the grounds that this was not a simple exemption of ritual slaughter, but rather it was in the nature of a Congressional endorsement of a ritual practice. But in spite of such objections it was successful, to the great plea-

sure of the humane societies and other similar organizations.

Evangelicals were glad to see that the Senate Finance Committee refuse to give the green light to either reduction or repeal of the cabaret tax. A measure to reduce it had been passed by the House of Representatives during the previous session.

Congressional treatment of the bills to ban alcohol advertising and to remove it from the airlines is an old story. As in other years, the appropriate committee dutifully held hearings and then stalled until late in the session. A week or two before adjournment the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee met in supersecret session and exterminated both bills, pleading publicly that there would not be enough time to take action.

In the loss column for liquor legislation it was necessary to chalk up a large tax handout to the liquor industry. The Senate, over objections of the chairman of its Finance Committee, went along with the House in extending the bonding period on whiskey from 8 years to 20 years, thereby extending the period in which the distillers would be forced to pay tax. When news of this action was first circulated the value of stock in one company was reported to have jumped some \$33,000.00.

The only gain in the line of liquor legislation was the reduction of the State Department's representation allowance, which goes largely for the procurement of alcoholic beverages by foreign service officers. It was cut back to \$750,000 which was \$50,000 under the appropriation for the previous year.

In church-state separation, evangelicals tallied a loss in the passage of a bill to exempt parochial and private schools from federal excise taxes on telephone, transportation, etc. The provision which was initiated in the House was taken out by the Senate Finance Committee, but was restored in conference.

The Hill-Burton Act, providing funds for the building of both public and church-related hospitals, was extended and amended. The Act was amended so as to allow hospitals to take loans instead of outright government grants, if they object to the latter on grounds of church-state separation.

A bill which would have set a precedent in the District of Columbia by subsidizing school fares to both public and parochial schools was opposed in the Senate and on the House side as well.

Two bills to acquire land around churches in Philadelphia which have been set aside as historical sites were passed. Another couple of bills for similar purposes failed to see action.

Early in the session, a bill was passed allowing church camps to continue to participate in the milk program administered by the Department of Agriculture, and which applies to schools during the regular school year.

A bill was killed which would have made a frozen fund held by the government, representing wartime wages of conscientious objectors, available to churches and church-related organizations for their work overseas.

In the gain column we could put passage of a bill to ban the interstate transportation of switchblade knives, as a curb on juvenile violence.

Among the bills which failed to pass were those to: exempt ministers in the District of Columbia from giving testimony in courts in certain cases; ban certain Sunday sales in the District of Columbia; to assist the states in providing education on the effects of alcohol and tobacco; to exempt the clergy from federal tax on transportation fares; to allow deduction of tuition to parochial and private schools for purposes of income tax; to allow government funds to assist in building administrative buildings for private and church-related colleges and universities.

A bill was passed to exempt duties from certain religious items being brought into the United States. Another bill appropriated further funds for the benefit of church-related institutions, most of them Roman Catholic, in the Philippines, so as to cover awards which had already been made by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

Finally, religious institutions fared pretty well in the bill which increased postage, by retaining the low rates on second class matter and having only a slight raise on third class matter.

# For the Superintendent . . .

By L. Donald Hill . . .

## Wanted: Alert Superintendents

Sunday schools today have many qualifications upon which they elect their superintendent. However, in many Sunday schools, qualifications are not considered when a person is elected to the position of superintendent.

One of the most common reasons for this is that he is popular in the church and everyone likes him. Another reason is that he has held the job for many years and one should not "change the horse in the middle of the stream." Still another reason is that he has nothing else to do in the church and he must have some job.

It has even been suggested that perhaps the office of Sunday school superintendent will be a stimulant to cause some irregular attendant to become regular in his Sunday school attendance. Shame on the Sunday schools that are bogged down with such qualifications.

It is most important that the right person be selected and elected as Sunday school superintendent. It is doubtful if there is any office in the church that carries more weight or influence than the Sunday school superintendent, excepting the pastor.

The superintendent should be a person who tries at all times to live a clean, Christian life. He should be a man of prayer, a regular attendant at church, a soul-winner, and a tither. He will not be able to lead others unless his life is acceptable to them.

The superintendent must be a man of courage. This is one point generally omitted from books that offer help to superintendents. However, this must not be overlooked. The superintendent needs real courage if his Sunday school is to function adequately. He must have the courage to suggest that some teachers step down from their teaching positions because they are not doing the task of teaching properly. Too many teachers have been teaching for years and are doing a poor job of it, but for sentimental reasons or for fear of causing hard

feelings, they are allowed to continue doing a miserable job while the pupils suffer.

Our Free Will Baptist Sunday schools have been guilty too long of neglecting our children. We want them to get the proper training in public school, but their spiritual training is of little concern. Why is it that our children can easily retain the words to the commercial jingles on television, but struggle to memorize their memory selection? It is because the commercials are constantly before the children, but teachers and parents are not willing to devote a little time to help the children spiritually.

Thus, it is the task of the superintendent to acquire an efficient staff of teachers and also encourage more parental guidance at home. It takes courage for the superintendent to do this, but if he will gain help from God and approach the situation tactfully, this condition can be improved.

The superintendent should realize that he is a teacher. He is responsible to the Lord and his church to see that effective Bible teaching is provided for every person enrolled in his Sunday school.

The superintendent will have to stay ahead of those whom he seeks to lead. This will mean that he must be progressive in thought and aggressive in action. Although there may be occasions when he is discouraged, he must display a spirit of optimism.

The superintendent should be in full accord with the program of the church. He should resolve never to differ with the pastor in a public meeting such as a church conference. This will only serve to hurt the influence of both the pastor and superintendent.

The most consecrated and most capable person in the church may be elected as Sunday school superintendent, but unless he has a group of workers who are equally effectual, he will be severely handicapped. He should work prayerfully and carefully with the pastor and nominating committee in selecting the other officers of the Sunday

school. No person should be contacted about accepting any position until his name has been cleared with this group. This will avoid costly and embarrassing situations that could arise later.

Workers should be enlisted carefully. The following steps have been accepted and proved by many churches.

1. Pray. Jesus urged His disciples to pray for workers. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

2. List the offices to be filled. All of the needs of the Sunday school should be studied to assure the placement of people where they may serve best.

3. List the workers available. The nominating committee should not only list those who are workers at the present. There are others who should serve, but have not been enlisted. The names of these people may be found on the Sunday school and church rolls.

At least three qualifications should be considered: First, is his life acceptable? Second, can he meet the qualifications necessary to perform the duties of this office? Third, is he loyal and co-operative with his church and pastor?

4. Place the name of the best person available in each office. This should be done after much prayer and thought. It may not always be the name of the person who has held this office in the past. Remember, the work is more important than it is to leave a person in a place of service for a long period of time who is not doing acceptable work.

5. Contact each person personally. After the name has been cleared with the nominating committee, the prospective worker may be approached by the pastor, superintendent, or a member of the committee. Never should one be led to believe he is accepting an easy job. The statement, "Anyone can do it," will cause some to say, "Then let someone else do it." To approach a person and tell him that after much prayer the committee has decided he is the best person for the job, makes him hesitant to say no.

The superintendent should inform each officer what his duties are and what will be expected of him. Each person must be told just what role he has in making the Sunday school in his church grow and win people to Christ.

These are only a few duties of your Sunday school superintendent. Since most churches are starting their new year in a short while, perhaps these should be given emphasis. In order that our Sunday schools grow and people be won to Christ, we need more alert superintendents who will be willing to do their part. You must remember, the important thing is to do something.

Better try to do something  
And fail in the deed,  
Than try to do nothing  
And always succeed.

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# PROMOTION DAY IS HERE

by William J. Mishler

One of the highlights in the life of a child or young person is when he learns from his public school report card that he has been promoted to the next higher grade. To the scholar an important goal, in his life has been reached.

Promotion day in your Sunday school may be merely the distribution of certificates to scholars who are eligible for promotion. Or it may be a day of achievement throughout the Sunday school, the climax of a year that has brought countless blessings to the workers as well as the scholars. It may mean the completion of goals in soul-winning and worthwhile class projects.

Since promotion day climaxes the Sunday school year, why not make it an important day in your Sunday school? Plan a program that will become the "talk of your church." Sunday school superintendent, discuss this matter with your pastor and workers. Really make plans for the greatest promotion day service your Sunday school has ever had. Remember it is September 28, 1958.

The suggestion for a promotion day service given here may be adapted to your local need.

**PUBLICIZE!!** Begin now to make plans for promotion day. Check attendance goals and other projects that were started in October of last year. Enlist the pastor's support. Make announcements from the pulpit, through mimeographed postcards, special announcements in church bulletin, bulletin board placards, local newspapers, and other means. Stress the importance of reaching the goals now in progress.

Publicity for the promotion day service itself may be carried out in various ways. Letters to the parents of graduates will promote interest. Scholars should be urged to invite friends and relatives. A special announcement or postcards could be sent by scholars graduating. The success of your promotion day activities will depend much upon the publicity you give it.

**WHO GRADUATES?** Have teachers check class records, have names of those to graduate in hands of superintendent well in advance so as not to miss any of the students that are eligible to graduate. (The drop and

transfer slip number R109 of the six-point record system is of great help.) Only through the keeping of accurate and up-to-date records can a Sunday school know who is to be graduated.

Age group limits must be considered when determining which scholars are to be promoted.

Scholars who are six, or who will be six before the first of January, are eligible for promotion to the Primary Department.

Scholars who are nine, or who will be nine before the first of January, should be promoted to the Junior Department.

Scholars who are twelve, or who will be twelve before the first of January, should be promoted to the Junior Hi or Intermediate Department.

Scholars who are eighteen, or who will be eighteen before the first of January, should be promoted to the Young People's Department.

Young people who are twenty-five, or who will be twenty-five before the first of January, should be promoted to the Young Adult Department.

Any changes of scholars from the Young Adult Department to the Adult Department or any changes in the Adult Department need not be mentioned.

**EXCEPTIONS.** All infants should be enrolled in the Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday school. This includes infants from 0-2 years of age. When a child reaches the age of two, he should be transferred into the Nursery Department from the Cradle Roll Department.

When a child reaches the age of four, he should be transferred into the Beginners' Department at the time he becomes four. Since development in children of this age group takes place quite rapidly, it is best not to hold them back until promotion day.

Also, when members of the Young People's class marry, they should be transferred into the Young Married People's class at the time. They may be recognized during the promotion day exercises.

Some Sunday schools have promotion day more often than once a year. However, in doing this it tends to spoil the effect of the important occasion it should be. Also by having promotion day once a year, making the end of the Sunday school year more time and effort can be put into the

arrangement, thus making it more colorful and important.

**DECORATIONS.** Remove the pulpit and place a low table at the center front of the platform. Certificates may be placed in a neat stack on the table or placed in a basket. If diploma-style certificates are used, they may be tied with white ribbon. A bouquet of fall flowers may be placed behind the certificates.

A color scheme of blue and white or other combinations with white may be used. Crepe paper streamers, the two colors of which are twisted together slightly, may be draped high across the platform in canopy fashion. Front seats in the auditorium may be roped off with streamers where the graduates will be seated after receiving their certificates. Invitations should carry out these colors as well.

**THE SERVICE.** Those who are promoted from one department or class to another may be seated on one side of the platform to form a choir. Girls may be dressed in white dresses; the boys may wear white shirts. The youngest to be promoted should be seated on the front row; the others, in order behind them. Teachers and officers of the Sunday school may be seated on the opposite side of the platform.

After a congregational song and prayer, the pastor may wish to make a few remarks in recognition of the faithful work of the Sunday school staff, mentioning any who have had a perfect or near-perfect record of attendance or other record worthy of mention.

A song by the "graduate" choir may follow.

**LEADER'S TALK:** This should not be long, but may include some statistics of average attendances, offerings for the year, gains of the past year over previous years. Mention should be made of souls saved during the year and other vital activities.

**DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES:** The superintendent will introduce the department superintendents who in turn will give out certificates to their pupils. If your Sunday school is not departmentalized, this may be done by teachers of each class or the general superintendent. After each pupil from a department or class has received his certificate, the group may then give its contribution to the service.

Beginners and Primaries may give memory verses or sing a song used in class; Juniors may answer questions which cover their work in class; Intermediates and Seniors may wish to be represented by one member from the class who will give a special song or scripture portion. Scholars and teachers may leave the platform after their part of the program and be seated in the reserved section.

The service may be dismissed with song and prayer, and the installation of officers may follow immediately.

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# Visitation Program Ministers to Homes

In all of my experience as a pastor, I have come to regard a regular, well-ordered program of visitation on the part of teachers and co-workers as of indispensable value to the promotion of an effective Sunday school. I do not say that a Sunday school cannot be conducted without such, but I do say that an "effective" Sunday school cannot. There are a number of reasons why I make this statement.

In the first place, a worthy program of visitation tends to create friendly ties between the home and the church in general.

For the teacher the matter of visitation is of inestimable, yea, even indispensable value. It affords the only adequate basis for understanding the pupil; it is his best avenue to pupil study.

One of the greatest advantages in a program of visitation lies in the matchless opportunity it affords for soul-winning.

Through visitation, the Sunday school may, in a very effective manner, further the teaching program of the church.

Not least among the benefits to be derived by the home through an effective program of visitation is the matter of enlistment for, through visitation, valuable objective data may be obtained which may make possible the utilization of every individual within the home in projecting the vast program of the church.

There is perhaps but one word that is adequate to describe the total benefits that might be enjoyed by a church where there is at all times an adequate program of visitation. That word is boundless. Surely in a carefully planned program of visitation, the key is found with which to enter, within the church, many new fields of spiritual enrichment, development, and service. We have been too slow to realize this grand truth.

Place visitation as a major feature in your church and Sunday school program.

## 'Legless' Superintendent

Poor chaps! How they need our pity and yet many of them would be completely surprised at any such idea.

The "legless" superintendent is a menace in many a Sunday school. Here are some of the disabilities of this unfortunate official. He does not get about and visit the homes of the teachers and pupils in his Sunday school. He does not even go from class to class on the Lord's Day to see how each one is succeeding. He does not walk or get himself transported to other Sunday schools where he might learn how

## THE INSTALLATION SERVICE

Since October begins the new Sunday school year, many Sunday schools will be having installation services to introduce all the teachers and officers who will be serving during the new year. This service may be held immediately following the graduation service. If you are planning to have an installation you may wish to use the following:

**PASTOR:** The position of Sunday school teacher or officer carries with it serious responsibility as well as joyful privilege. Even greater joy is coming in that day when our Lord shall say to those who are worthy: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." You, our Sunday school teachers and officers, stand before us today entrusted with a great task as we start a new year of work. Do you believe that a call to serve as teacher or officer in this Sunday School is a call from God, not to be entered into lightly or thoughtlessly, but earnestly and prayerfully, and do you purpose to pray regularly for God's help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you dedicate yourself to the duties that devolve upon you? Then answer "we do."

**STAFF:** We do.

**PASTOR:** Do you also purpose that—God helping you—you will be regular and prompt in attendance, coming before your class, department or duty with a carefully prepared lesson or program, and that you will be cooperative in serving, and in attendance at staff meetings unless prevented by urgent unavoidable circumstances? Then answer "we do."

**STAFF:** We do.

**PASTOR:** Do you further purpose to point each unsaved pupil to Christ as Saviour, and to help those who are saved to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," and do you resolve to keep in close personal touch with your pupils by telephone, mail, or visitation; moreover will you try by persuasion and

to do his own job better. He seemingly is unable to get into a car or a train to attend a Sunday school convention.

The worst thing mentioned about one "legless" superintendent is this, he had an unearned pride. He used to boast, though he tried to convey the idea of being modest about it, that he had not missed being at his post for a single Sunday for twenty or thirty years. Someone was heard to remark, "That is what is the matter with his school."

example to encourage your pupils to be loyal to the regular services of the church? Then answer "we do."

**STAFF:** We do.

**PASTOR:** Do you further resolve to keep your lives clean as is revealed to you by God's Word, which you shall read daily, and will you with God's help strive to put any known sin out of your lives so that your influence may be helpful to the pupils of this school? Then answer "we do."

**STAFF:** We do.

**PASTOR:** As teachers in this Sunday School you have answered these questions in the affirmative. Now I present you with this Teacher's Pledge. (*Have Sunday school superintendent or selected person read teacher's pledge. These pledges may be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department 10¢ each or 12 for \$1.00*)

Will you as teachers in this Sunday school sign this Teacher's Pledge and agree to faithfully conduct yourselves and assume the responsibilities as stated in this pledge? Then answer "we do."

**STAFF:** We do.

**PASTOR:** Will the congregation please stand.

Do you as parents, members and friends of this church pledge your assistance to this ministry, realizing that this task can only be accomplished as we all work together, and believing this, do you promise to pray regularly for this work, to attend and encourage others to attend the Sunday school, to encourage the workers, to engage in visitation or to assist as God enables you to do so? Then answer "we do."

**CONGREGATION:** We do.

**PASTOR:** As we face a new year of Sunday school work, let us unitedly dedicate ourselves to this service and call upon God to help.

**HYMN:** "Fill Me Now."

(It is suggested that the following song be sung as a solo. It is to the tune of "I Would Be True" and written by Evangeline C. Thuline.)

I will be prompt, on hand to greet each scholar;  
I will be pleasant, glad to do my part,  
I will co-op-er-ate, will share the burden,  
God's Word will speak, prepared in mind and heart.

I'll be aggressive 'gainst the foe's dark purpose,  
Prayerful lest he some souls bring to defeat;  
I will be zealous in this work for Jesus,  
I will be faith-ful, finding service sweet.  
I will be faith-ful, finding service sweet.  
Dear Lord, to Thee, this promise I am making,  
Help me to hold it e'er in high esteem;  
I consecrate to Thee today my talents—  
Bless and use them, tho' so small they seem.  
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**BENEDICTION:** Ephesians 3:20, 21.

—Prepared by Eunice Fisher

# Win Your Pupils, Make Them Witnesses

Evangelism is the chief work of the Sunday school. Its opportunities for winning souls is greater than any other agency in the church. Its teachers exert more influence on individuals than the pastor himself.

Through weekly contacts with the pupils, a Sunday school teacher inspires confidence in himself and his message. His life—through his actions, his attitudes, his way of thinking—shows that he is abiding in Christ.

An alert teacher finds out all he can about the individuals in his class. He knows the home background, leisure-time activities, and spiritual needs of each student. He prays for the specific needs, as he sees them, of each member. Therefore, in his teaching he can apply Bible truths to specific needs of individuals about spiritual matters. Usually he has a better opportunity for this personal counselling than the pastor.

Because the teacher is close to the pupil, he can encourage him to pray, to read the Bible, to trust God's promises. In short, he helps to build up the new convert in the faith.

Knowing that the teacher has a personal interest in him, the pupil talks over his spiritual problems with him. Thus, the teacher has a further opportunity to point him to the all-sufficient Saviour, and help him find help through God's Word.

Teachers of the nursery and beginner pupils must keep evangelism in mind, too. Their part is to help prepare the child to accept Christ as his personal Saviour when he is old enough to realize his spiritual need.

Especially from the primary level on up, teachers should stress salvation and make opportunities to present this spiritual truth clearly—both in class and personally.

Pupils need to realize their responsibility to witness to others. Certainly this is the clear teaching of Scripture. To help his pupils, a teacher will provide opportunities for his pupils to witness to others.

He will urge his pupils to bring others to the Sunday school where they may hear the good news of salvation. The Sunday school attendance contest is a real stimulation for inviting others.

Weekday outings and activities offer other opportunities to draw in the unchurched friends of pupils.

Some teachers plan class projects which give their students opportunities to witness, such as conducting a monthly meeting at a mission, or distribution of well-chosen tracts at the county fair, a ball game, or parade.

To help students witness more effectively, some instruction should be given on how to win a soul to Christ, and pupils should be encouraged to memorize Scripture verses.

# For the Teacher . . .

By Othel T. Dixon . . .

## Adults Are Important, Too!

Paul must have had the equivalent of an adult Sunday school class in mind when he said to Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

Christianity, in its better periods, has always been evangelistic. It has presented the good news of God and of our Saviour in such an attractive and forceful manner that others have been led to accept Jesus and to follow His way.

Evangelism is the outreach of the church. A church that is not evangelistic will soon lose not only its vital message, but its virility and will die. It takes men with vision tempered by experience to spearhead the necessary program.

Thus the adult's place is easily seen in both the Sunday school and entire church program.

Look at the adult in the light of Acts 4:20: "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." It is impossible for men and women to contain the glad news about Jesus and his power to save, so surely the deep spiritual experience of an adult would add to the power of the ministry of the church.

Adults are important to the Sunday school. Too many for too long have said, "We will just plug along and be faithful. God will do the rest." But the Sunday school, as well as every other organization, needs enthusiastic leaders who are zealous about their work.

The children in our Sunday schools need the adults. They need both their precept and their practice, their teaching and their example. It will be the adults who establish the pattern for either the success or failure of the Sunday school. The children can only follow.

To successfully carry out their mission in the Sunday school, adults need to have a working knowledge of the Bible. It is the Word of God—its' teachings carry authority beyond that of any other book. But the fact that the Bible is a best-seller and that every adult in your Sunday school owns a copy is not enough. It must be studied, taught, and lived. By both example and instruction, the adults should see that every person in the Sunday school learns reverence for the Bible, skill in the use

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of it, and has a desire created to practice its teachings.

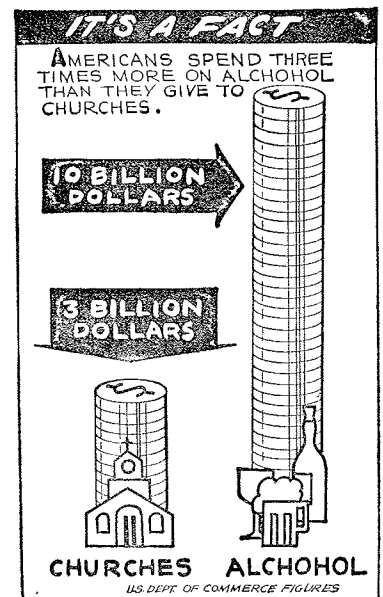
To illustrate the important place of the Scriptures, the Sunday school or church is called the "Bible school" in many places. Adults who are alert to their responsibility will see that the Bible occupies the central spot in the curriculum of the Sunday school.

What kind of school will yours be five, ten, or twenty-five years from now? What kind of school do you want it to be? What kind of systems will be needed? Of course, it will be different from the school of today, just as today's school is different from that of twenty-five years ago.

There should be consistent improvement in your Sunday school. Where there is life, there is growth and change. When life ceases, growth stops and decay begins. It will be a happy day when this is recognized throughout our denominational Sunday schools.

The Sunday schools of twenty-five years from now—when the present children become the adults—will largely be determined by the spirit and teaching of today. Whatever is put into the lives and characters of the pupils today will show up in the teaching and organization twenty-five years from now. Whatever is omitted from the teaching today will be missing in the school of tomorrow.

The reason that adults are important to the Sunday school today is because they are molding the adults of tomorrow.



# When the Teachers Meet

How does your church score on these questions about the teachers' meetings? Are they interesting? Are they instructive? Are they well-attended?

Here are some suggestions that may help improve your meetings with the faculty and as a result strengthen your Sunday school.

The teacher is the key to the whole problem of Sunday school improvement. The teachers' meeting is a golden opportunity for the pastor and the superintendent to let the teachers know what is expected of them. This would mean, of course, that the Sunday school superintendent and pastor must know what to expect of their teachers.

This means prayer, planning, and preparation on the part of the leaders. We should answer the question: Why do we meet? We may meet to transact a bit of petty business that should be handled by a committee, but this is not reason enough for meeting. We should meet to inspire, inform, and instruct our staff to do a better job.

The load of planning these meetings should belong to the superintendent, but many superintendents will need the understanding help of their pastors.

Superintendents and pastors can do more to improve their schools in 1959 by giving attention to the workers' conference than anything else. As you plan your meetings, wrap them up in prayer. As you hold your meetings, include a time for prayer. What you have learned to do as an individual, do as a school—"Take your burdens to the Lord."

Budget your time. Allow at least an

hour-and-a-half for the meeting. Set a starting time and begin on time. When you plan your meeting, include at least three elements: inspiration, information and instruction.

Inspiration should be first and come in the devotional part of the meeting. Singing—even a special number—would be refreshing. Scripture reading, and brief comments by someone who has taken time to prepare thoughtful remarks.

Close this part of the meeting with prayer and vary the method. Use sentence prayers and occasionally divide into departments for a few minutes of prayer time. Usually not over 15 minutes can be allowed for this first part, but it is important to prepare hearts for all that is to follow.

The second phase of the meeting is devoted to the giving of information. This can come from the records of the Sunday school which reveal the progress or lack of it in the various departments and classes. (Use the blackboard, charts, and visual aids to help here.) If there are decisions regarding policy to be discussed or handed down from the church or Board of Christian Education, now is the time for this.

The instruction period is the actual teaching time for teachers. The superintendent or pastor or an outside speaker may be used. Sometimes a good book on some phase of the Sunday school can be used as a text. Mimeographed outlines for workshops provide many suggestions for the workers' meeting. They may be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department. (Please be specific as to needs when requesting this material.)

## Ten Commandments for Teachers

1. Thou shalt have an experimental knowledge of salvation—saved, and walking in the light toward, and into, holiness.

2. Thou shalt be a leader and not a driver. Seek to lead and woo and win, never try to drive and thereby scatter and alienate.

3. Thou shalt be a lover of the Word—one of the "blessed" ones who "delight in the law of the Lord," and who meditate upon it day and night.

4. Thou shalt be a lover of prayer. 'Tis "they that wait upon the Lord who renew their strength"; and it is the attendant upon prayer that the Spirit can guide into all truth—it is the one who seeks in prayer to whom needed wisdom is given liberally. No prayer—no power. Little prayer—little power. Much prayer—much power. For spiritual success, the prayer note must be dominant.

5. Thou shalt be a lover of souls. Only as those of the school feel you are interested in them each, and love and care, can you help and be a blessing.

6. Thou shalt create an atmosphere of spirituality, of reverence, and of orderliness.

7. Thou shalt be prompt and on time—better half an hour early than five minutes late. An example of tardiness is contagious and detrimental to the whole school.

8. Thou shalt cultivate holy enthusiasm. There is a divine urge you must experience in your Sunday school duties. With a heart brimful of enthusiasm you will help to spell success for your school. Put some action into your program.

9. Thou shalt not be content to maintain an organization or to be a teacher of facts—be a winner of souls. Never rest satisfied until you see the life of Christ being worked out in your scholars.

10. Thou shalt not be discouraged. Temptations along this line will almost inevitably come. Resist the enemy on this point as in others. Be true, prayerful, watchful—living in the place where the promises of Scripture can be claimed.—

*Mrs. C. I. Brooks*

By Mrs. J. B. Hall . . .

## TEACHING

"Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish" (Matthew 18:14). The teacher of children is entrusted with a great responsibility, but one which has unlimited rewards. The primary department presents the greatest challenge to the teacher of any department in the entire Sunday school.

Boys and girls (when talking to them, we should not address them as children) of this age are eager to hear the gospel and receive it. The teacher should determine that no child will leave his class unsaved. "The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword", and "is the power of God unto salvation". If the Word is presented in a way which they can understand, it will produce results. Boys and girls of this age are teachable, but very often we make the mistake of expecting them to react as adults. Salvation is on the child level, not on the adult level. Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall the humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:4).

The Bible tells us to train up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The teacher must realize the importance of regeneration in the life of the child. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: . . . because they are spiritually discerned"; therefore, he should be led into a saving knowledge of Christ. In order to do this, we must have also had an experience with the Lord.

Besides knowing Christ, the teacher should have a knowledge of the Bible, the child, and himself. He must be willing to spend long hours in preparation. Children are not easily fooled. We may fool adults sometime in leading them to believe that we have studied our lessons, but children are quick to discern the lack of preparation. This preparation includes more than studying the lesson. Most important is the spiritual preparation. Much time should be spent in prayer for the teacher and pupils.

The teacher must learn everything possible about the children of his class. This will help him in his preparation to include the things that the boys and girls need. He should find out about their home life, whether they have had much training, their habits, peculiarities, etc. What is it like in the home? Is there love there? Children like to be loved. These of primary age are no exceptions.

The love of the teacher is all that some will ever experience. Again this must be

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real. As in preparation, there can be no pretending. He must love the little dirty one just as he does the little clean one. Children sense a pretended love. They also quickly recognize any partiality or injustice. The teacher should give them genuine love and affection. It has been said that a child first loves his teacher, then his teacher's bible, then his teacher's Saviour. Many times when we win his love, we have won the child for Christ. However, there might be a warning inserted here. We must be sure that the profession is a real one.

Reference has been made to presenting the gospel in a way which they can understand. In this we have also been guilty of treating them as adults. Boys and girls of this age are filled with energy, if they are normal. We should not expect them to sit as quietly as church mice while we read from the quarterly. Our reading becomes uninteresting and they begin to look around for something else to do. They usually find it. It has been determined that a child remembers 10% of what he hears, 50% of what he sees, 70% of what he says, and 90% of what he does.

With this in mind the teacher should be able to work out a program which would be of real value to him and his pupils. Action choruses, object lessons, pictures, and flannelgraph have proved very beneficial in teaching primaries. Flannelgraph lessons include "the hear", "the say", "the see", and "the do". The teacher is able to work all these in by allowing the pupils to tell the stories back to him.

Children love to sing. As teachers, we are usually amazed at the rapidity of their song-learning. Primary boys and girls enjoy action choruses and usually sing them with much enthusiasm. However, action choruses, when used, should contain a message, and not be chosen only as a means of using energy. Before the lesson the pupils should be brought back to a worshipful attitude by singing "Into my Heart," "Draw the Bolt," "Thank You, Lord," or similar ones.

The Primary department presents a challenge not only because the boys and girls are at a teachable age, an age when they may hear the gospel and in their simple faith receive it, but they are also at an age when they are sensitive to sin. For years Christian workers have been slow to realize that sin is real to young boys and girls, but the psychiatrists realize it. They tell us that many adult problems which they confront are based on a feeling of guilt because of some childhood sin.

The challenge is here. Shall we accept it or ignore it?

From The Baptist Outlook . . .

# Adults Can Be Reached

The day has arrived when it is imperative that we make an all-out effort to reach adults for Christ and the church. The need in the church for more active adults is so great that we can well afford to use every religious and spiritual means available to accomplish this task. Little objective and little plans will not meet the need of this tremendous opportunity.

Adults are important people. All of the people doing the vital jobs in the world, in the community, in the church, are adults. Most of the money contributed for the support of the church and its program comes from this group.

They constitute the bulk of the unreached multitude. Adults represent a great evangelistic opportunity. The people who are the leaders in winning others to Christ are adults. They are our Sunday school teachers and the people who determine the outreach of the church.

Adults have needs to be met. It is recognized that there are definable stages of growth and development with adults as in other age groups. There is a wide diversity of ages, interests, and needs represented in the adult division. Particularly adults need understanding of the problems confronting them in view of God's will for their lives. They need mutual sharing with congenial

companions of the same age.

Adults need opportunities for self-expression and creativeness. They need strengthening of their Christian philosophy of life, complete surrender and dedication to Christ in every aspect of daily living.

Don't believe what you hear: "They're too old to learn," and "You can't teach and old dog new tricks," or "They're too set in their ways."

Adults can be attracted to the Sunday school and held:

. . . When a Sunday school is organized by a church to enlist and win every adult.

. . . When there is a class for adults for every fifteen to thirty possibilities.

. . . When the classes are graded by age and kept graded by proper assignment of new members and annual promotion.

. . . When the classes for adults are organized to do the work of the church.

. . . When adults have opportunity to participate in Bible study and the work of the class.

. . . When a church provides teachers and class officers who are church-centered in their loyalties and practices.

. . . When the adult classes are keyed to winning men and women to Christ, church membership, and Christian living.

A Paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13 . . .

## The Greatest Is Soul-Winning

■ Through I speak with the tongues of scholarship and though I use approved methods of education, and fail to win my pupils to Christ or to build them up in Christian character, I am become as the moan of the wind in a Syrian desert.

And though I have the best of teaching skill and understand all mysteries of religious psychology, and though I have all Biblical knowledge, and lose not myself in the task of winning others to Christ, I become as a cloud of mist in an open sea.

And though I read all Sunday school literature, attend conventions and institutes and summer schools, and yet am satisfied

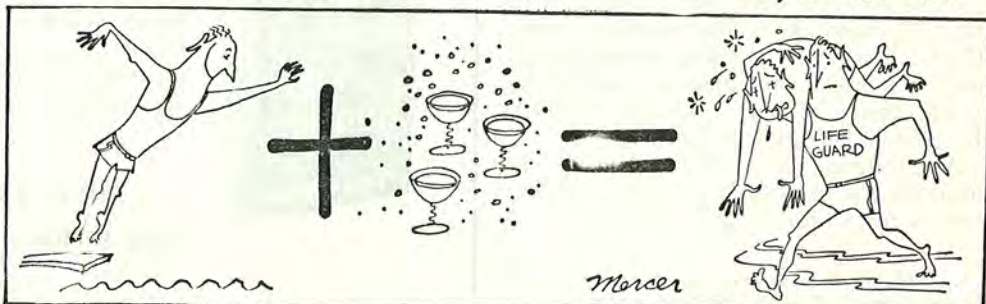
with less than winning to Christ and establishing my pupils in Christian character and service, it profiteth nothing.

The soul-winning teacher, the character-building teacher, suffereth long and is kind; he envieth not others who are free from the teaching task; he vaunteth not himself, is not puffed up with intellectual pride.

Such a teacher doth not behave unseemly between Sundays, seeketh not his own comfort, is not easily provoked. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things. And now abideth knowledge, methods, soul-winning, these three; but the greatest of these is soul-winning.—Dr. Joseph Clark

### SIMPLE 'RITHMETIC

by Mercer



**T**HE LAST COMMISSION Jesus gave to his disciples included the injunction, "Go teach—go preach." This was the responsibility of the apostolic church and is still the responsibility of the church today.

We usually consider the Sunday school as being the organization which fulfills the "go teach" part of Christ's command. However, the Sunday school must realize its responsibility in the overall program of world evangelization which is to "go preach."

Evangelism is an earnest effort to spread the gospel of Christ. Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of Peoples Church, Toronto, has said, "The supreme task of the church today is the evangelization of the world today." No one doubts the responsibility of the church and its organizations in this task.

Many reasons could be cited showing why the Sunday school has greater possibilities for evangelism than any other organization in the church. The Sunday school reaches more unsaved people than does the church, the Sunday school reaches more children than does the church, the Sunday school usually has the best-trained personal workers on its teaching staff and the Sunday school affords greater opportunities for personal contact with the individual.

Here we are mainly concerned with listing specific suggestions which local Sunday schools may use in reaching the lost.

### *Personal Contacts*

As we study the life of Christ, we find many examples of his interest in reaching the individual rather than the masses. It is imperative that every Sunday school teacher know how to lead a person to Christ.

It is the obligation of every Sunday school to see that classes are held to train teachers and workers in personal evangelism. A soul-winning teacher will take advantage of every opportunity to witness to his pupils—either in the class or in the home—and bring them to a saving knowledge of Christ. We cannot ignore the potential souls that can be won to Christ through personal contacts.

A teacher has no place in our Sunday schools if he does not win souls or does not study the art of personal evangelism.

### *Class or Departmental Assembly*

Many churches have found it effective to have "Decision Day" once or twice a year. The teachers try for 100 per cent attendance and on a given day someone, usually the pastor, brings a simple message in which the plan of salvation is given.

An invitation is carefully planned and given for the purpose of reaching everyone present for Christ.

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### *Church Worship Services*

Some teachers make it a habit to sit with their pupils during worship services. The alert teacher will recognize the convicting power of God when the Holy Spirit works in a pupil and often a word or an encouraging glance from the teacher will prompt a pupil to publicly accept Christ. Naturally, the teacher will accompany the pupil to the altar or prayer room.

### *Revivals*

There are several specific ways by which the Sunday school can promote evangelism in revivals. Revivals bring in good prospects for future members of the Sunday school. Consistent records should be kept of all visitors and an effort should be made to enroll them.

Some churches, during revival campaigns, set aside a night to honor a certain class or classes in the Sunday school. All of the members of the class or classes sit together in a reserved section and at some point during the service stand to be counted.

This promotes not only friendly rivalry between the classes, each trying to have 100 per cent attendance, but it also affords

wonderful opportunities for reaching the unsaved members for Christ.

### *Mission Sunday Schools*

Sunday schools in every city and in many rural communities have the opportunity to organize at least one mission Sunday school in a needy community. Experience has proved that Sunday afternoon is the best time for these mission Sunday schools to meet. The teaching staff is usually composed of workers from the sponsoring Sunday school.

This mission work not only provides an opportunity for more people to serve as teachers, but also provides unlimited opportunities for winning souls. The distribution of gospel literature, cottage prayer meetings, street, jail, hospital, institution and sanatorium services are other means of using the Sunday school in the great work of evangelism.

Our Sunday schools have tremendous obligations and opportunities at this hour to further the cause of evangelism. May we prayerfully consider the above suggestions and determine to do all that we can to see that every person in our Sunday schools is won to Christ.

## The Minister Looks at Himself

by Wayne C. Clark



A unique and significant book. Although it enables the minister to see himself as others see him, it never becomes critical or censorious. Instead, it gives sympathetic and friendly counsel. The six problems discussed—resentment, immaturity, inferiority, doubt, guilt, and conceit—are those most likely to plague the minister.

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## Make Missions Live In Sunday School

Christian missions must be a vital part of the Sunday School program if we expect young people to heed Christ's command to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

Appoint a missionary committee and begin now to plan for definite ways to emphasize missions in your Sunday School. Perhaps the following suggestions will be a help in getting started.

▶ Select one mission station or project for each department or class, or one for the entire school. Write the Free Will Baptist Mission Board for information about the field and the missionaries.

▶ Contribute toward the support of a particular missionary family or national worker. Get as much personal information as possible about the missionary and members of his family. The mission board can give you this.

▶ Write to the missionary regularly. Ask him to put your name on his mailing list to receive his form letters regularly, and make a contribution to cover postage. Missionaries have very little time for personal correspondence, and these form letters will give you up-to-date news of the work, as well as prayer requests.

You'll also want to send birthday cards, seasonal greetings, and gifts.

▶ Learn about conditions on his field-housing, food, customs of the people, climate, geography, etc. The mission board can furnish some of this information. Books in your library and current magazine articles give interesting facts. This information will help you to know what your missionary is facing so you'll know how to pray more intelligently for him and the work. It also helps make the far-away places real to the boys and girls and stimulates their interest and prayers.

▶ Plan missionary pre-session activities, such as having your pupils make native villages for sandtable or table-top projects.

▶ If each of your departments or classes take a different missionary project, place pins on a world map showing the particular stations you are helping. If the map is mounted on a bulletin board, place pictures of the missionaries around it. Our own Free Will Baptist Mission Board has a map of the world with pictures of our missionaries on it showing their respective fields.

▶ Conduct a missionary poster or essay contest to stimulate interest in missions. As prizes, offer curios from foreign countries, such as those available from import shops in this country from India, Japan, Cuba, etc.

▶ Conduct an annual all-day missionary conference, planned by your missionary committee and conducted by your own Sunday School departments.

## Missionary Conference

The ninth annual missionary conference will be held October 6-8 in the Memorial Auditorium at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. The conference is sponsored jointly by the foreign and home mission departments. It will be preceded by a workshop for auxiliary workers sponsored by the WNAC.

The programs for both sessions are given below:

### Missionary Conference

THEME: "O send out thy light and thy truth"—Psalm 43:3

### Tuesday Evening—October 7

7:30—Congregational Singing—Mr. Ross Dowden

—Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. Harry Staires

7:50—Introducing the Conference Program and the Conference Personalities—Rev. Homer E. Willis

8:00—Special Music—Bible College Music Department  
—Missionary Offering

8:15—The Message: "O Send Out Thy Light to Africa"—Rev. Raymond Riggs

### Wednesday Morning—October 8

8:00—Song Service—Mr. Ross Dowden

8:15—Devotions—Rev. Rolla Smith

8:45—The Ministry of Spanish Missions—Rev. and Mrs. Melitino Martinez

9:15—Special Music—College Music Department

9:20—"O Send Out Thy Light to South India"—Miss Laura Belle Barnard

10:05—Congregation Sings—Mr. Dowden

10:10—"O Send Out Thy Light to North India"—Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna

10:55—Recess

11:15—Morning Worship  
Music arranged by Mr. Dowden  
Presenting Speaker—Rev. Raymond Riggs

The Message—Rev. Louis H. Moulton

12:00—Benediction

### Wednesday Afternoon

1:00—Missionary Prayer Band—Rev. J. P. Barrow

1:30—Hymn Time—Mr. Dowden

1:40—"O Send Out Thy Light to Mexico"—Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows

2:30—"O Send Out Thy Light to Brazil"—Rev. J. Reford Wilson

3:00—Question and answer period featuring mission personnel—Dr. L. C. Johnson, Leader

### Wednesday Evening

7:30—Song Service—Mr. Dowden

Prayer

Special Music

Message—Rev. Willard Day

The Charge—Rev. Homer E. Willis

The Commissioning Prayer—Rev. Raymond Riggs

Benediction

Auxiliary Workshop

### Monday Evening

8:00—Welcome—Mrs. Billy Melvin

Hymn—"How Firm A Foundation"  
Prayer

Devotional—Mrs. Ed Morris,

Bryan, Texas

Special Music

Playlet—*The Word* by Delia R. Alford—Mrs. Charles Thigpen, Director

Benediction

### Tuesday Morning

9:30—Devotional—Rev. Bob King, Star City, Arkansas

9:50—Information—WNAC Departmental Chairmen

10:50—Recess

11:00—Message—Rev. James Davis, Leadington, Missouri

12:00—Adjourn for lunch

### Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Hymn

Prayer

Report on "Co-Laborer Station"—Rev. Raymond Riggs

Special Music

Illumination—WNAC Departmental Chairmen

2:30—Presentation—State Auxiliary Workers

3:10—Application—Open Forum

3:30—Adjourn

## President Proclaims Prayer Day

■ In keeping with a promise he made last year, and in line with a Congressional resolution, President Eisenhower has set aside Wednesday, October 1, as a National Day of Prayer. He asked citizens of all faiths to join him in praying for the nation and for peace in the world.

The proclamation was in answer to a Congressional resolution asking that a day other than a Sunday be set aside each year when the people "may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals."

Last year, the President told a New York pastor that he was "astonished to find, upon going to my own church at 8:30 that morning (last October 2), that only a handful of people were present." (The nationwide ignorance of the presidential proclamation last year had been noted by many preachers and newspaper editors, most of whom were honest enough to place the blame where it belonged—on their own doorstep—since they had neglected to provide adequate publicity.)



### **New \$12,000 Parsonage Built This Year at Springdale, Arkansas**

SPRINGDALE, Ark.—The congregation of the First church here finished the nice parsonage shown above last January. It has three bedrooms and is modern in every way.

The property is valued at \$12,000 and the congregation had an indebtedness on it of only \$4,000. Rev. Cecil Garrison is the pastor.

#### *Scioto Yearly Meeting Adopts National Treatise*

WHEELERSBURG, Ohio—By a unanimous vote, delegates and ministers at the Scioto Yearly Meeting adopted the national *Treatise of Faith* after using the *Treatise* of the old General Conference for many years. The annual session was held at the Union church with Rev. Ted Newsome as host pastor.

Rev. Dewey Gillespie preached the introductory sermon. The delegates also voted to secure property for building a tabernacle and named Rev. Ernest Percell as chairman of the building committee. The Yearly Meeting is composed of three quarterly meetings with between 40 and 50 churches.

#### *Union Association Has Youth Camp*

GREENVILLE, Tenn.—Enrollment for the youth camp of the Union Association of Tennessee was 82. The camp was held July 20-25 at the campground near here. There were 26 decisions. Three classes were taught—League by Wayne Vinson, missions by Paul Woolsey, and evangelism by Thurman Pate. Mr. Pate was also the evangelist. Rev. George Dunbar is camp director.

#### *Several Deaths Are Reported*

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Several deaths were reported to the *Contact* office this month and we extend sympathy to the bereaved families.

Rev. W. H. Carter of Bristow, Okla., and Rev. J. D. Little of Pearson, Ga., both died August 16. Both had been active in the Free Will Baptist ministry for many years and each is survived by his wife.

The only living child of Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga., died recently of a heart attack.

#### *Texas Encampment Enrolls Record Number*

WOODLAKE, Texas—A record number of 179 was registered for the Free Will Baptist camp held August 11-16 at Pineywoods. Of this number, there were 14 conversions, 28 rededications, 12 announced calls to the mission field, and two said they felt called to the ministry. Rev. H. Ray Berry was camp director and Rev. Bobby Jackson was camp evangelist.

#### *Missouri Church Reports Bible School*

WEST PLAINS, Mo.—The first vacation Bible school held at the Bethel church was conducted July 28-August 1 with an average daily attendance of 53 and a record attendance of 56. Rev. J. Keith Johnson is the pastor.

#### *Johnson Will Lead Ohio Revival Campaign*

WHEELERSBURG, Ohio—Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, will conduct a revival in the Christian Baptist Tabernacle September 21-

October 5 sponsored by the fellowship meeting, Sunday school convention and youth convention of Southern Ohio. Between 40 and 45 churches will participate in the campaign. The tabernacle in which services will be held seats 2,000.

#### *Georgia Pastor Has Heart Attack*

COLQUITT, Ga.—Rev. B. W. Clenny has been released from the hospital after suffering a heart attack about the middle of August, but he is not yet out of danger according to a letter from Rev. S. T. Shutes.

#### *Blue Ridge Association Meets At Cragmont*

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.—The fifth annual session of the Blue Ridge association met July 31-August 2 at Cragmont with the theme of "Missions, the Key to the Reservoir of God's Power." Messages were brought by Oliver Stokes, W. L. Kell, James Smith, and L. D. Gray. Rev. Milton Hollifield is the moderator.

#### *Ohio Adds Eight Churches Last Year*

MIAMISBURG, Ohio—New statistics for the Ohio state association reveal an increase of eight churches over the previous year. They now have 80 churches with 4,359 members. In all the churches, however, there are only 27 youth organizations, four Woman's Auxiliaries and one Master's Men.

#### *Old Mount Zion Youth Rally Elects Officers*

HUNTSVILLE Ark.—Wayne Holman was elected president at the last meeting of the Old Mount Zion youth rally. The meeting was held at Huntsville with the churches from Rogers and Springdale being represented. The host church won the program banner. Other officers are Calvin Woodring, vice-president; Dorothy Sparks, secretary, and Mildred Taylor, reporter.

The next meeting will be September 28 at the Rogers church.

#### *Missouri Association Reelects Allred Moderator*

NIANGUA, Mo.—Rev. O. T. Allred was reelected as moderator for the Missouri state association at the 45th annual meeting last month. Other officers are Rev. O. T. Dixon, assistant moderator, and Rev. Albert Halbrook, clerk-treasurer.

Among the principle items of business adopted was a revised plan of representation which will allow each local church to send delegates to the convention. The new plan calls for five delegates-at-large from each district association and one delegate from each church with an additional delegate being allowed for each 50 members or larger fraction thereof.

The delegates also voted to put themselves on a self-supporting basis for future state conventions rather than make the host church responsible for the entertainment. Rev. Albert Halbrog was renamed editor of the *Gem*.

Speakers for the session were Dale Jones, W. S. Mooneyham and William Mishler.

#### *Lewis Closes Six Years Ministry at Hazel Park*

HAZEL PARK, Mich.—Rev. Mark M. Lewis closed six years of ministry at the First church, Hazel Park, Michigan, on August 10 and assumed his new pastorate at the Philadelphia church, Detroit, on August 17.

During his ministry at Hazel Park, the first unit of the church was constructed and paid for in the amount of \$20,500, a parsonage was purchased and remodeled, approximately \$95,000 was handled and 102 members received.

#### *13 Members Join New Oklahoma Church*

ASHER, Okla.—Thirteen charter members joined the new Free Will Baptist church organized here recently. Rev. Delbert Akin led the organizational service assisted by Rev. Carl Waddle, Rev. Ira Smithy, and Rev. Ernest M. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy, executive secretary for the Oklahoma state convention, brought the message.

Rev. Ira Smithy was named as pastor and the church voted to join the Center association.

#### *Home Mission Department Sets Day of Prayer*

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—In connection with the national day of prayer proclaimed by President Eisenhower, the national home mission department has also designated October 1 as a day of fasting and prayer. Letters sent out urged as many as will to join the office personnel on this special day in prayer for the missionary program.

#### *Fellowship Association Meets at Weatherford*

WEATHERFORD, Texas—The third annual session of the Fellowship association of Texas met here at the First church on September 11-13. Rev. C. J. Hearron was scheduled for the introductory sermon. Other speakers were Rev. C. J. Turrentine, Rev. M. L. Sutton and Rev. R. O. O'Dell.

#### *Indian Creek Association Ordains Two Ministers*

MONETT, MO.—Two ministers were ordained at the annual meeting of the Indian Creek association early in August. Three were licensed and one deacon was

also ordained, according to Rev. O. T. Allred.

#### *Disbanded Idaho Church is Reorganized*

JEROME, Idaho—The Free Will Baptist church in Jerome was reorganized July 20 by Rev. Ernest Hayhurst and Rev. Fred Marler. Ten members formed the reorganized congregation and two others were added. The church is located on South Lincoln and Mr. Marler is the pastor.

A fellowship meeting held August 31 was attended by the Free Will Baptist churches of Buhl, Burley and Jerome and the United Baptist church of Filer.

#### *Revivals*

Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Thurman Pate, evangelist; June 22-30; one dec.

Winfield, Ala.; Homer Willis, evangelist; H. A. Pitts, pastor; Aug. 18-24; 11 dec., 7 add.

Edgemont church, Durham, N.C.; Henry Van Kluyve, evangelist; Ronald Creech, pastor; Aug. 10-17; 11 saved, 32 rededications.

Bethel church, Ashland City, Tenn.; Clarence Burton, evangelist; Johnny Vick, pastor; July 20-30; 7 saved, 3 rededications.

Mt. Harmony church, Saffell, Ark.; John M. Rich, evangelist; Ray Watkins, pastor; 11 saved, 5 additions.

### *Third Honor Roll*

#### **"Every Church Family" Plan**

Conway church, Arkansas  
Waltonville church, Illinois  
New Ebenezer church, Cochran, Ga.  
Oskaloosa church, Liberal, Mo.  
Wilson Memorial church, Belleville, Ark.  
Horse Creek church, Kingsport, Tenn.  
Cherry Hill church, Limestone, Tenn.  
Faith Mission, Nashville, Tenn.  
Lawndale church, Calif.  
Richland church, Nashville, Tenn.

Four additional churches this month now puts us one-fifth of the way toward the completion of our third honor roll. These four churches sent about 35 names to receive the paper.

We are so grateful to these pastors who led their churches in adopting the Family Plan. We will send complete forms for enrolling the families in your church if you will write us.

Many pastors testify that this plan is the finest and best way to see that the members keep up with church and world-wide religious news. Besides that, you save 25 cents on every subscription. Nearly 100 churches are now using this plan. If you've been thinking about recommending it to your church, please do it this month. We need to hear from a lot of churches very soon.

#### **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.

South Side church, St. Louis, Mo.; Glenn Rehkop, evangelist; Roger Reeds, pastor; Sept. 22.

Berkeley City, Mo.; Eustace Riggs, evangelist; Harvey Hill, pastor; Sept. 8-.

First church, Tulsa, Okla.; Louis H. Moulton, evangelist; John H. West, pastor; Sept. 28-.

First church, Dothan, Ala.; Eustace Riggs, evangelist; Bob L. Jones, pastor; June 10-16; one saved, one addition.

Cowart's Creek church, Dothan, Ala.; Bob L. Jones, evangelist; Ralph Bell, pastor; June 29-July 4; 10 saved, 20 rededications.

Wilmington, N.C.; Ronald Creech, evangelist; Conrad Williford, pastor; Aug. 25-30; 19 saved, 1 rededications, 6 restored.

#### *Pastoral Changes*

Jesse B. White to Post Oak Shade, Cookeville, Tenn., from Harris Memorial church, Greeneville, Tenn.

John Edwards to First church, Dothan, Ala., from Woodbine church, Nashville, Tenn.

R. H. Jackson to Pine Level, N.C., from Mable Avenue church, Kannapolis, N.C.

Paul E. Lee to Capital church, Sacramento, Calif., from Jacksonville, N.C.

Irvin Hyman to Unity church, Alma, Fla., from Pine Level church, Alma, Ga.

Carl Pollard to Henryetta, Okla.

C. J. Hearron has resigned First church, Fort Worth, Texas. No future plans announced.

Homer Young moves to Stillwater, Okla., from Cushing, Okla., to establish a new church.

Robert Duncan to Lawnwood church, Tulsa, Okla., from First church, Norman, Okla.

Randy Cox has resigned at Manchester, Tenn, to attend graduate school at Columbia Bible College, S.C.

Huey Gower has resigned Pine Prairie church, Huntsville, Texas, effective October 1. Future plans not announced.

Adrian Condit to Airport church, Tulsa, Okla., from Coffeyville, Kansas.

Harry E. Staires to Drumright, Okla., from Lawnwood church, Tulsa, Okla.

J. B. Fletcher to Manchester, Tenn.

William Hill to First church, Hazel Park, Mich., from East Nashville church, Tenn.

Teddy Davis to First church, Shawnee, Okla.

Ode Robinson to Northeast church, Shawnee, Okla.

Charles Moyer to Tecumseh, Okla., from Springhill church, Lexington, Okla.

D. A. Yandell to Guymon, Okla., from Checotah, Okla.

Roy Hearon to First church, Odessa, Texas, from Drumright, Okla.

James Cearley to Sunnyside church, Oklahoma City, from First church, Ardmore, Okla.

# What's Your Problem?



*Q. James 4:7 says "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." How can we resist the devil?*

A. We resist the devil by not giving way to him and by submitting ourselves completely and unreservedly into God's hands. One of the best ways to resist the devil is to use the Word of God, hide it in our hearts, commit it to memory, put it to practical daily use, remind Satan, "It is written." After fasting for forty days and forty nights during his temptation, Jesus was hungry. The devil tempted him there, but he resisted Satan by giving him the Word of the Lord.

*Q. I have been reading in the Old Testament and it is not quite clear to me just why Moses was not allowed to enter the promised land. Can you tell me?*

A. In Numbers 20:10-12 the record says that Moses smote the rock twice whereas in verse eight God had told Moses to speak to the rock. Here is an important lesson on going according to the Word of God. It may seem insignificant to some that Moses would smite the rock instead of speaking to it but he went contrary to what God had told him to do. If you're still wondering what difference does it make how it is done so long as the job is accomplished, then the difference is our obedience to God. Samuel, in speaking to Saul in the long ago, made a statement which is true and applicable even in our day: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." 1 Samuel 15:22.

*Q. What does Psalm 27:10 mean when it says, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."*

A. God uses many illustrations in his Word to show us his matchless love. I think this is an expression to show that God's love is greater than the love of our parents, father or mother.

*Q. My sister has moved to a distant city away from any Free Will Baptist Church. Is it necessary for her to be baptised again to join another church?*

A. The Church is made up of every true believer and this is the only Church recognized by God. When a church requires a person to be baptised again who has already been saved and baptised, it is unscriptural and denotes nothing more than the doctrines of men and not the doctrines of the Word of God. There are many who follow the traditions of men rather than follow and obey the Word of God. We might as well say that Jesus would need to be crucified more than once and buried again, as to say that a person should be baptised more than once. Anyone who has experienced the new birth and has been baptised certainly should not go through that form again. It would constitute only dead works.

*Q. I have heard that it is a sin to eat pork or any kind of hog meat. Is it?*

A. In 1 Timothy 4:1-5 Paul says that it is the doctrine of devils that commands to abstain from meats. He further says in verse four, "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving." The one who refuses meat and endeavors to keep certain days and tries to keep the law is making himself his own savior and denies the need of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. By his actions he actually is setting aside the work of the atoning blood of Christ.

*Q. Genesis 4:16 says Cain went into the land of Nod and knew his wife. Do we know anything about the land of Nod?*

A. The word "Nod" means wanderings. Cain went out into the wilderness . . . away from his own loved ones. It is quite possible that he married his sister as that was not forbidden in his day. Perhaps (and we do not know this) one of his sisters may have taken the same attitude that Cain took, and they went out into a place of wandering or groping their way through life without God because of their unbelief.

*Q. What must I do to get one of the men from headquarters or from one of the national boards to come and hold a revival for me?*

A. Simply write to him requesting the kind of meeting or service you want in your church. If you give any of the national men sufficient or ample notice, you'll get the man you want.

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

## Cooperative Receipts Up to Nearly \$4,500

After two low months for the Cooperative Plan of Support, the churches rallied to the need for August and pushed the receipts up to nearly \$4,500. This was a sharp increase and helped offset for all the departments the previous low months.

We still need to enlist additional churches in support of the plan in order to get the average monthly income up to \$6,000. All undesignated offerings are shared by seven of the national agencies. Here is the way the fund is allocated each month: Bible College, 21 per cent; foreign missions, 30; home missions, 14; executive department, 24; League, 3; Sunday school, 4; and superannuation, 4.

Here is the report for August:

### RECEIPTS

<b>ALABAMA</b>			
State association	20.91		
Cordova church	20.25		
First church, Dothan	49.63	90.79	
<b>ARKASAS</b>			
State association		489.96	
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>			
State association		288.30	
<b>FLORIDA</b>			
State association		399.58	
<b>GEORGIA</b>			
State association		304.47	
<b>ILLINOIS</b>			
Waltonville church, Mt. Vernon	17.15		
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon	26.45		
Oak Grove church, Scheller	8.40		
Union church, W. Frankfort	8.94		
Johnston City church	46.35		
Webbs Prairie church, Ewing	11.70		
Rock Springs church, Thebes	16.50		
Ina church	22.19	157.68	
<b>KENTUCKY</b>			
Southside church, Paintsville		54.40	
<b>MISSOURI</b>			
State association		1,039.78	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>			
Davis church	50.00		
Hickory Chapel, Ahoskie	128.16	178.16	
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>			
First church, Hobbs	57.35		
State association	4.89	62.24	
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>			
State association		702.40	
<b>TENNESSEE</b>			
Wooddale church, Knoxville	18.29		
South Side church, Memphis	20.33		
East Nashville church	100.00	138.62	
<b>TEXAS</b>			
Trinity church, Ft. Worth	50.00		
State association	503.97	553.97	
		4,460.35	

### DESIGNATED

North Carolina	113.67		
Oklahoma	25.00	138.67	
		4,599.02	

### DISBURSMENTS

Foreign Missions	1,372.20		
Executive Dept.	1,112.54		
Bible College	970.76		
Home Missions	641.51		
Sunday School Dept.	178.42		
Superannuation	189.79		
League Dept.	133.80	4,599.02	

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## Riggs Writes from Africa

Rev. Raymond Riggs, executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, is in Africa this month surveying the new field. While aboard ship, he wrote the following letter: Dear Editor:

"A real Christian is an odd number. He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen, talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see, expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another, empties himself in order to be full, admits he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he feels worst. He dies so he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives away so he can keep, sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passeth knowledge."

These are the words of A. W. Tozer in his book, *The Root of Righteousness*. They have blessed my heart as I have been reading them while aboard the *S.S. African Pilot*. The journey becomes lonely at times, but it has been a wonderful opportunity to have fellowship in the Word and communion with the Lord. Association with two veteran missionaries to Africa has also been a rich and informative experience.

As we near the shores of the Dark Continent my heart is enlarged as I think of the challenge that lies ahead. The initial days of any work are always important. As I meet with the missionaries to make plans, please remember to pray that each of us may have spiritual discernment and mutual agreement as to procedure.

We have just dropped anchor in the port of the Azores. The view is beautiful—on one side is the shore line and on the other is the unending span of the blue Atlantic. We can see white church steeples along the shore line and if we stay over Sunday, perhaps we can attend a service.

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### *Fifth Term for Faithful Service*

The National Association of Free Will Baptists is pretty discriminating about who it chooses for officers. This being true, it was of no small significance that this year—for the second time in the convention's history—a moderator was re-elected for a fifth term.

It is evident that Charles Thigpen's humble spirit and sincere efforts toward impartiality and fairness are respected and appreciated by the delegates. The moderator's position is not an enviable one—this has been especially true the past few years—and it is generally conceded that the three days of the convention during which he wields the gavel are about the most strenuous of the year. But Brother Thigpen has served the position well and his being returned to office this year is certainly a vote of approval and confidence.

He has not sought the office and numerous times has expressed his willingness to step down, but the convention simply wouldn't let him. He has given yeoman service both as convention moderator and chairman of the Executive Committee and we feel like the delegates were wise in returning him to office. He is an able moderator and a good leader.

### *A Note of Sadness*

The mail this week brought a note of sadness to the entire headquarters staff. It was learned that Terry Shutes, the only son of Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Thomaston, Ga., has acute leukemia. Our information is that the doctors give him only about two months. The Shutes have numerous friends over the country who will share their sorrow. As the person who wrote us about it said: "God has given his people an opportunity to come in close and share in another victory."

Please pray for this dear family. They have meant much to the Free Will Baptist cause. We know their faith in God is strong, but here is a chance for us to help share this heavy load. Write them at 323 East Street, Thomaston, Ga.

### *Not Really Surprising News*

The results of a survey to be published this fall are not really surprising. Among other things, it shows that two-thirds of Protestant ministers are in debt and that many of their wives must take jobs to help support their families. So what most of us already knew is now going to be set down in black and white.

Just what will be done about it, now that it has been tabulated, remains to be seen. While some churches are alert to the needs of the pastor and his family and try to compensate for them, many more simply throw him a small salary check and tell him to get by the best he can. That kind of detached and indifferent attitude makes for the situation revealed in the survey.

But whether or not it accomplishes anything constructive, at least the survey will console the debt-pressed and overworked pastor with the knowledge that most of his brethren share the same sort of existence.

### *The Virtues of Beer?*

In New York last year, the Pabst Beer people let it be known that they were switching advertising agencies. Some twenty ad agencies came knocking for the \$8 million per year account. Dr. Earnest Dichtner, who made Motivation Research famous, evaluated many of the campaigns before presentation and helped Pabst make a final selection. Other MR outfits also participated.

The whole hassell cost several hundred thousand dollars. All that just to convince the public that beer doesn't smell, doesn't make people drunk, doesn't cause traffic deaths, doesn't break up homes!

### *Special Education Issue*

Contact readers next month will have a chance to learn about the various Free Will Baptist institutions of higher learning over the country. In our special education issue we will feature articles about Free Will Baptist Bible College, Mount Olive Junior College, Piedmont Bible Institute and California Bible Institute—complete with pictures for this special issue.

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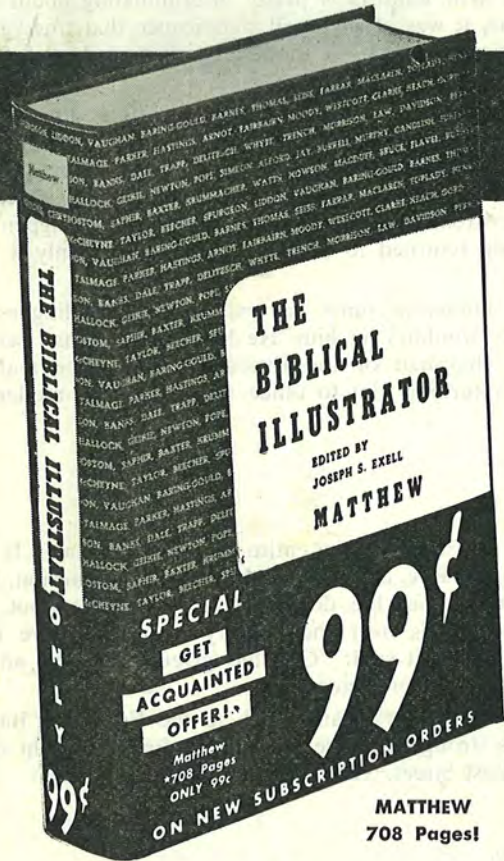
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