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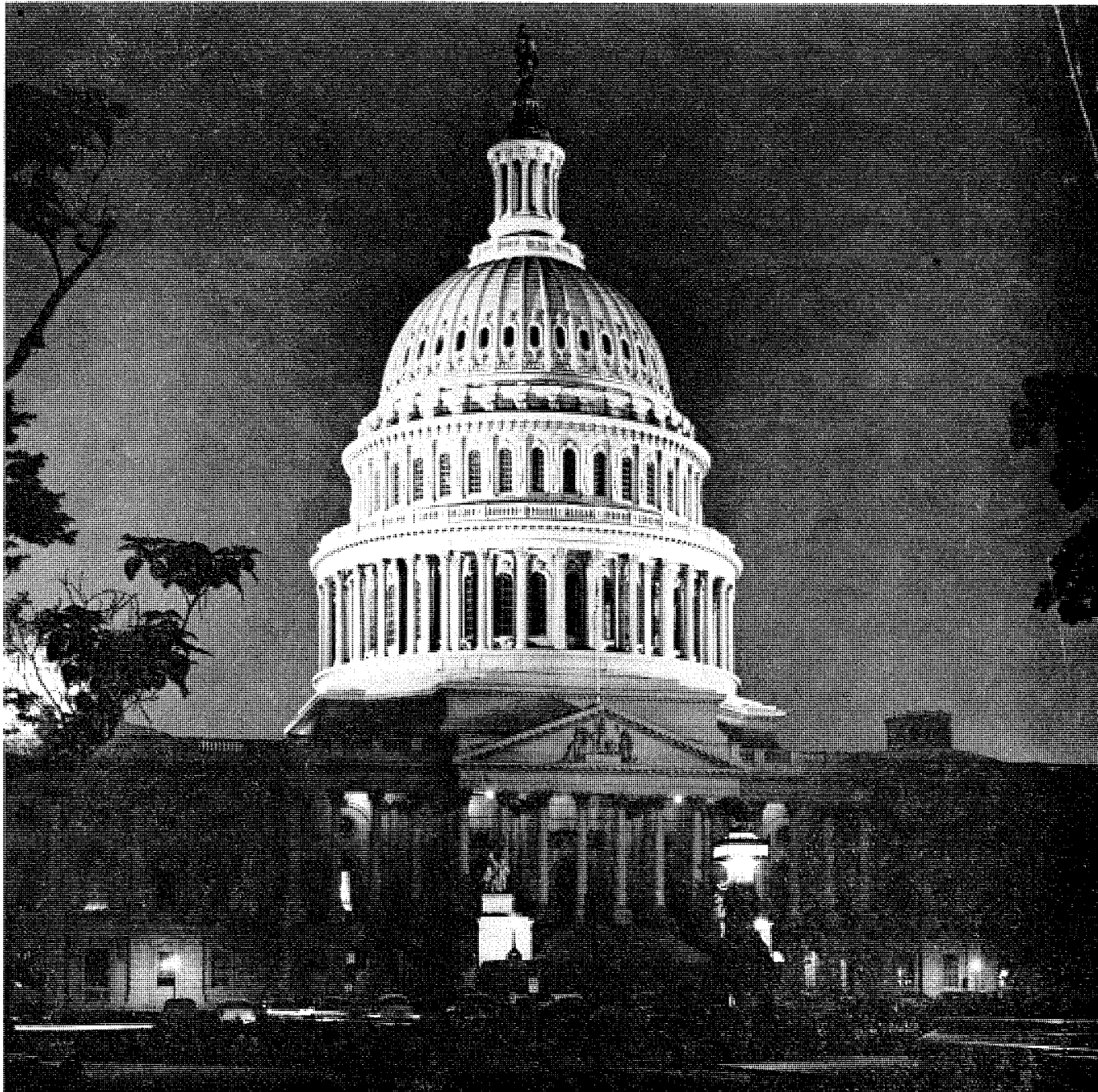
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Keep Freedom's Right—Vote

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Wanted: More Readers

If the Apostle Paul were living in our day, he certainly would be in full sympathy with the aims of Protestant Press Month currently being observed by evangelical publications. In his own day the peerless missionary employed the best methods available. It was an era of letter writing, so he wrote significant letters to individuals and churches. And those letters of his which have been preserved under the guidance of the Holy Spirit make up about half of the New Testament.

With compelling words Paul enlisted help in reaching the widest possible audience and readership for his written messages. In the earliest writing from his inspired pen, he declared it to be God's command that his letter be read to the entire membership of the church in Thessalonica. A decade later he instructed the Colossians to see to it that his letter to them be read also in the church at Laodicea and that friends at Colossae read the letter addressed to the Laodiceans.

Paul desired more readers. He cherished unshakable convictions about his gospel ministry and about the written Word being one of the excellent tools for carrying it out.

Evangelical publishers and editors today share his convictions. That's why, during Press Month, they strive to call attention to ways in which Christian publications may be used—to make Christ known, to establish believers in the faith, to indicate paths of victorious living and radiant service.

In desperate days these publications sound a note of cheering hope through Christ who "shall reign where'er the sun . . . does his successive journeys run." This message men need. They need the lift Christ-centered, printed word missionaries bring.

Therefore, more readers are wanted—not to send circulation figures soaring, primarily, but to send men and women, boys and girls on their way with firmer steps, strong in their faith in the conquering Christ.—Guest editorial by Martin Erikson.

Let The Distinction Be Clear

Quite often the question is raised, "What is the difference between Free Will Baptists and other Baptist groups?" To adequately answer this question more than a simple statement would be necessary, and by all means one point—that of perseverance—should be considered. While most Baptist bodies hold to the doctrine of "eternal security," Free Will Baptists have always held to the doctrine of the possibility of "falling from grace."

It is not unusual for our position to be misunderstood and to be misrepresented. How often is our position dismissed lightly as a "salvation by works." I have observed also that many conclude we are destined to a life of doubt and fear, earnestly trying to make the grade. This is a superficial consideration of our position and is certainly contrary to the facts. Free Will Baptists *do not* believe in a "salvation by works" and we *do* believe that every believer may have and enjoy "assurance of salvation." This assurance, however, is not based upon a belief in the doctrine of "eternal security."

This distinction, and others, which set us apart from other Baptist bodies, should be clearly maintained. It is my judgement that every Free Will Baptist should guard and keep this distinction. Unless we faithfully instruct our people and teach them the truth of God's Word, we will be open prey for the advocates of the doctrine of "eternal security."

To illustrate, I call your attention to a letter which was printed in the September 9, 1960, issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, edited by Dr. John R. Rice. This letter is included with others which are quoted to show the value of acquainting others with THE SWORD.

"My husband and I would still be in a backslidden condition, really doubting if we would make the grade, had it not been for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We still praise the Lord for the night THE SWORD was placed in our hands. At the time we were in a Free Will Baptist Church and the doctrine was taught that we could fall. What a joy and peace that came to our hearts when we realized that it was Christ's righteousness that kept, and not ours. THE SWORD has taught us more in a year and a half than we could have learned in a lifetime in our church. . ."

I wonder who placed that first copy of THE SWORD into the hands of this couple leading them away from the doctrine of the church and the truth of God's Word as we believe it. Could it have been a Free Will Baptist? It might well have been, because I know of many of our people who zealously solicit subscriptions right in our churches for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

If we expect our people to be rooted and grounded in the faith, we must maintain the distinctives of our doctrine and cease this wholesale distribution in the church of books, magazines, and papers that openly attack the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist Church.

IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Mrs. Eunice Edwards**, WNAC Executive Secretary helped organize a district auxiliary convention at Little Rock, Arkansas, October 1, and attended a workshop in the St. Louis, Missouri, area October 8-11. Mrs. Edwards will attend the National Sunday School Association in St. Louis, October 12-14, the Oklahoma state auxiliary convention 17-18, teach a study class at Oaklawn church, Tennessee, on October 25, and attend a workshop at Mt. Elim church, South Carolina, October 29-30.

■ **Billy A. Melvin**, Executive Secretary, following the Missionary Conference on October 4-5, will attend the National Sunday School Association in St. Louis, Missouri, before going to Tulsa for the Oklahoma state meeting on October 18-19. He will also speak at the Texas state meeting on November 1.

■ Immediately following the Missionary Conference on October 4-5, **Homer E. Willis**, Director of Home Missions, will conduct a missionary conference in the churches of the Stateline Association of Alabama, October 6-9. Another conference will follow in the Tidewater Quarterly meeting of Virginia on October 15-16. Mr. Willis will speak at the Oklahoma state association October 19, and the Texas state association in Fort Worth, November 2. He will be evangelist in revival services in Amory, Mississippi, November 7-13.

■ Bible College **President L. C. Johnson** attended the North Carolina state convention September 14-15, and the Miami association of Ohio, on October 1.

■ League Director **Ray Turnage** attended the Youth Commission meeting of NSSA in St. Louis, Missouri, October 3, and the NSSA convention on October 12. Mr. Turnage will attend the Oklahoma state association at Tulsa on October 17-19, and conduct a League study course at Howard Grove church, Alabama, October 30-November 4.

■ **Rolla Smith**, Foreign Missions Director, following the Missionary Conference, will conduct a missionary conference in the Bay area, California, October 9-16, and a conference in the Greenville, North Carolina, area October 18-23.

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Religious Liberty

and Roman Catholicism

William E. Burke

ONE OF THE MOST deceptive of all pretensions of Roman Catholicism in America is its doctrine in regard to religious liberty. Most American Catholics and some Baptists and Protestants are deceived by it. They will accuse you of being intolerant if you express even a doubt as to the sincerity of the many pronouncements in defense of religious liberty, openly proclaimed at times by high prelates of the Roman Catholic Church and Catholic political aspirants to high positions in the state and Federal government.

During World War II, Pope Pius XII himself proclaimed his "Five Peace Points," one of which was worded: "The right to religious information and education; the right to the worship of God in private and in public."

Many Catholic soldiers and sailors died in this conflict firmly convinced that one of the great democratic principles they fought for was religious liberty for all, and that their church, from the Pope down, was fully committed to this fundamental principle of democracy.

But now the truth is being made known, from the most official Roman Catholic sources, that their church teaches nothing of this kind. In fact, that religious freedom for all religions is foreign to the Roman Catholic Church, and that what the Pope meant was merely religious liberty only for the Roman Catholic religion, and that no other religion or church has any right to it.

This was set forth in very precise terms by the official magazine for priests, *The American Ecclesiastical Review*, published by the Catholic University of Washington, in the issue of February, 1947. Many priests, it seems, alarmed at the growing belief held by their congregations, that all religions have a right to religious freedom of worship, both in private and in public, as the Pope seemed to proclaim in his message, appealed to their authorities in Washington for a ruling in the matter. On page

This article first appeared in the Home Mission magazine of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is reprinted here because it deals with a basic issue of our day.

142, of the above-mentioned issue is the following question:

"Q.—When Pope Pius XII in his Christmas message, referred to the right to worship God as a fundamental right, did he mean that everyone has a true right to practice whatever religion he deems to be true?"

The answer is as follows:

"A.—In his Christmas message Pope Pius XII enumerated among the basic human rights called for by the dignity of the human person, 'the right to religious information and education; the right to the worship of God in private and public' (Principles of Peace, n. 1846). Now, although the Sovereign Pontiff did not further qualify the significance of 'religious' and 'worship', these words can refer only to the Catholic religion and worship, if the word 'right' be taken in its proper, objective sense.

"For, if there is anything basic in Catholic teaching, it is the doctrine that the Son of God established only one religion and imposed on all men the obligation of embracing it; consequently, no other religion has a real, objective right to embrace any non-Catholic religion. For certainly, no one has a right to act against the command of God. Such has ever been the teaching of the church. For example, Pope Pius IX condemned the proposition, 'Everyone is free to embrace and to profess that religion which under the guidance of the light of reason he has judged to be true' (D. B. 1715).

"It is true that a person may be justified in conscience when he practices a false religion; he may even be bound to embrace such a religion because of an invincibly erroneous conscience. But even in such a supposition, he has no real right to act as he does. In the words of Merkelbach: 'As regards an invincibly erroneous conscience, although a man can and must follow it in the internal forum, he has no true and

proper right to do so—a right which is founded on the objective relation of things—but only a supposed right (jus existimatur), (Summa Theologiae Moralis, Paris, 1938, n. 211).

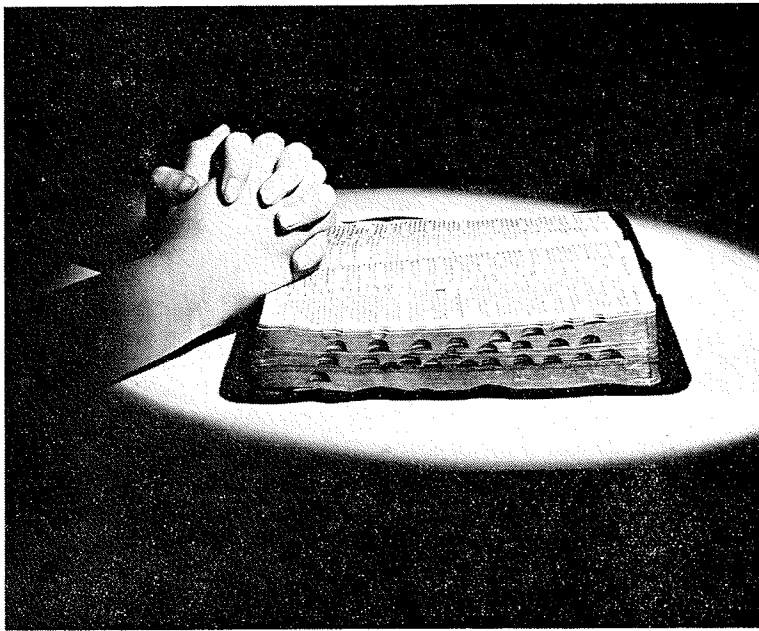
"Again, a person may have a civil right to practice a false religion, and to grant such liberty may be the most feasible policy even in a Catholic country. As Pope Leo XIII expressed it: 'If the church judges that it is not lawful for various types of divine worship to have the same right as the true church, she does not on that account condemn those rulers who, for the sake of gaining some good or prohibiting some evil, patiently tolerate in their conduct and practice that each have a place in the state' (D. B. 1874). But it must be emphasized, such a civil right by no means indicates that false religions have a material right to exist, or that their members have a natural right to practice them."

This Catholic authority then goes on to warn priests in America that they must not give the false impression that the Roman Catholic Church favors religious liberty for all religions:

"It is to be hoped that Catholic priests will be scrupulously exact in explaining the doctrine of 'freedom of worship as the Catholic Church understands it, especially in these times when so many regard religion as a purely subjective affair, instead of a divinely established form of doctrine and worship, committed by the Son of God to His one true church'.—Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R."

Here we have absolute and final proof that it is a downright falsehood for any Roman Catholic prelate or any Roman Catholic layman aspiring to high political office to say that the Roman Catholic Church is in favor of religious liberty—for all religions, as we Americans understand it. It is deliberately deceptive for Catholic spokesmen to deny the official teaching of their church and the Pope himself as set forth in their own teaching.

Religious liberty for only one religion is not religious liberty at all. It is religious intolerance.



By Eunice Edwards

ARISE CRY OUT IN THE NIGHT

"Their heart cried unto the Lord, Oh wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: Give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease. Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward Him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street." (Lamentations 2:18-19).

IN THE BOOK of Lamentations, the prophet brings to our attention the truth that God makes "Judgment the line and righteousness the plummet" in His dealings with men. He shows us that moral decay is and has always been in closest alliance with religious compromises and that these compromises grow, and as a result calamities seize on a nation, or people, which err from this principle. He also shows us that if a people who are favored by God stand in the way of His saving knowledge to all nations, that people must fall—they must reap whirlwind of compromise and narrow vision. Jeremiah repeats this again and again in the book of Lamentations. It seems he aimed to portray a picture of a people, a country, a worship that were God-forsaken because they were God-forsaking. I believe he accomplished his aim. At any rate the deep-seated sorrow that brought forth the words, "Oh that my eyes were rivers of water that I might weep for my people," is seen in the message of Lamentations. Throughout the book, this mournful note is heard, over and over and over again. God shows us also some of His character and some of His purpose in permitting these things to come to his own beloved Israel. He shows us that this purpose was developing, and that it was forging another link in

the long chain of events which was consummated in His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus' sympathy was in perfect harmony with the prophet, for we read that as He looked upon Jerusalem when He "beheld the city, He wept over it." He realized that His enemies should not leave one stone upon another, because the city did not even realize the time of her visitation.

Jeremiah had seen Jerusalem in prosperity. He had seen her when her cities were flourishing, her people prospering, happy in their devotion to God—which is the only true happiness to be known in this world. And now he saw it as a place of complete destruction, and he wept over it. The people believed that their city was invulnerable, that it could not be destroyed, that it was protected with such divine power that its walls, its security, was impregnable. They were to learn that they had sold themselves out because of sin, because they had left the true worship of God and had identified themselves with the sins about them.

Familiar Picture

And so I think we have a picture before us that is altogether too familiar to each of us. We have here a picture of our own beloved nation. And, we have at least a picture in silhouette of our own beloved denomination. Once we pointed with pride to the fact that we preached and practiced a separated life and complete devotion to God. We were honest with God when we lived and walked according to all the light that He gave us, and He blessed us and prospered us for it. We cannot say that any longer, and my heart breaks as I say it. I only bring to your attention truths that you already know. The truth is, that we no longer make "judgment the line and righteousness the plummet" in our dealings with God and man. Look with me to the decay that was destroying Jerusalem. You know,

we may read about tornadoes that destroy great cities or places and we are somewhat compassionate—we are somewhat sorrowful. But when it is our own beloved home town, it's a vastly different thing.

In May, 1957, a tornado ripped through the little town where I was born and reared. It destroyed so much of the town that when I went home it wasn't the same town anymore and my heart broke with the sorrow of it. And even yet today, it still doesn't look the same—it isn't the same. Things were destroyed that three years could not replace. It will take many, many more years. And so it was with Jerusalem. Jeremiah wept and lamented over his own beloved city that he saw lying in ruins because he realized her desolation was complete. He saw that her beloved chief was lost. And when the chief is gone and not even a representative left, the city is indeed a widow. The condition of an eastern widow (we are told) is a terrible thing. Her hair is cut short, she rips off all her ornaments, she eats the very coarsest of food, fasts often, and she is all but an outcast in the family of her late husband. So the image employed by the prophet is painfully suggestive.

He wept over the city also because of its humiliating subjection. The city that had once ruled from the Nile to the Euphrates is now reduced to a state of slavery. Oh! how terribly galling to a once proud people, a people who had been prosperous, to be thus humiliated. Yet they who will not serve God faithfully will be compelled to serve their enemies. I refer you to the example of the prodigal son. Because he would not serve his own father, he did serve pigs in a pigsty. He would not serve on a higher, nobler, plane, so he did serve in the muck and mire of a filthy pigpen. My dear friends, we may think that we can slide along for a

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while; that we can do pretty much as we wish about our service to God. Not so! If we do not serve God and live a separated life, walk on a higher plane than that of the world, we will serve the world, where the world lives—in the gutter. It is inevitable. The law of sowing and reaping is one of God's immutable laws, and it cannot be changed by man. It will not be changed by God. So, those who were once the friends of these people are now her enemies. She has been cruelly betrayed. Her allies which once made great protestations of attachment when she was prosperous have no use for her now. Not only have they forsaken her when adversity came, but they have united with her enemies in completing her destruction. Look with me again at our own beloved America. We have played the harlot and we're reaping the whirlwind of it. An editorial from the *Christian Century* says: "The realities of American affluence are vividly delineated — including the most colossal instance in all history of what Veblen called 'conspicuous consumption.'

"Some of the items: liquor, almost \$10,000,000,000; domestic travel, \$8,500,000,000; foreign travel \$2,000,000,000; water sports, over \$5,000,000,000; bowling, \$1,000,000,000; golf, \$750,000,000; photography, \$700,000,000; movies, \$2,000,000,000; hunting, \$1,000,000,000.

"The truly terrifying impact of this lies in the inescapable conclusion that the fantastic waste of time and money in the United States is possible only in a society basically devoted to self-serving materialism.

"If such a nation does not fall as a result of failure in world competition, it will collapse as a result of its own lack of adequate reason to survive."

Reaping Whirlwind

I point to but one other instance: An avowed atheist visited our nation and when shown a popular musical comedy in Hollywood, he laughed in our faces at its tawdriness. There was a time when America had sacred principles that were seemingly unchangeable. But! Church members went to the polls and said by their vote that they wanted the money liquor would bring rather than to have a righteous nation. And so we are reaping the whirlwind today of alcoholics by the thousands. Nor can we say that our American women are exempt. They form one of the largest growing segments of alcoholics in our country.

Jeremiah used the figure of a woman in describing the pathos and utter destruction of his beloved city. No city has been wept over like Jerusalem. The Lamentations are still read yearly by the Jews. We are told that every Friday Israelites young and old of both sexes gather at the wailing place in Jerusalem where a few of the old stones of the Temple still remain, and amid tears recite these sad verses as they fervently kiss the stones. Weeping is not repentance, but the tears of the contrite do not flow in vain,

my dear Christian. They are noted in heaven and God will help.

Grief, however, is useless unless it leads to active help. Mr. C. Kingsley draws an apt word picture for us as he says, "You know, we are sorry for the victims of our luxury and neglect for we are a kindhearted people. We are sorry for the thousands we let die every year by preventable diseases, because we are either too busy or too comfortable to save their lives. We are sorry for the savages whom we exterminate by no deliberate intent but by the mere weight of our heavy footstep. We're sorry for the thousands who are used in certain trades ministering to our comfort, even to our very luxuries and frivolities. We are sorry for the workers who go to work as to certain death. We're sorry for the children who must labor to earn their daily mouthful. We're sorry for those who toil long hours in factories. We're sorry for those who labor hours on end day and night without rest. Yes, we are sorry for every one of them as the giant is sorry for the worm upon which it trods. Oh, poor worm. But the giant must walk on. He is necessary to the universe and the worm is not. So we are sorry, for half an hour, and glad, too. For we are a kindhearted people. We're glad to hear that charitable institutions or persons, or the government are going to do something to alleviate these miseries. Then we return, too many of us, each to his own ambition, comforting ourselves with the thought that we did not make the world, we are not responsible for it."

Brings Relief

Christianity, real Christianity, wherever it has gone, has been a relief to those who were in desperate circumstances. Christianity relieves the miseries of the world through hospitals, schools, etc., because Christ came with "healing in His wings."

Every failure or sin that is in our nation today can be called the failure or sinful neglect of a Christian, or because the Christian's discipleship fell short of what Christ intended for it to be. Once the activities of the community centered around the Church because Christians lived exemplary lives. They called forth the respect of the community. Now most of the activities of the community center around the school, the lodge or some civic organization, and the Church is helpless to do anything about it because Christians have forfeited the respect of the community by their loose living. I repeat, every sin that's in our nation today

can be laid at the door of the Christian's failure to meet that sin problem with the message of Christ.

The drunkard is sick. He needs help. He needs the help of the best psychiatrist this world has ever known, the Lord Jesus Christ of Glory. He needs more, too. He needs Christians who will weep over him and bring him to the Great Physician. The harlots in our nation need help, but where can they find it? Certainly not from women who spend their days watching "John's Other Wife" or some other like trivia. (Read II Timothy 3). You know very well what the first four verses say. God is reminding us that in the last days perilous times shall come, and He names the awful kind of people that will be living during that time. But let's look further than the first four verses. Let's go to the fifth and the sixth and seventh. He says, "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof; From such turn away. For of this sort (the ones He named in the first four verses) are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." We have a word description here of what goes on in even some of our own dear Free Will Baptist homes. Women who are supposed to be old enough to be considered adult, at least they are mothers, spend their days with such trivial matters as continued soap operas, reading cheap magazines, etc., so there is no desire for family worship nor a desire to teach the children to be obedient to Christ. Their minds are not turned to the things of God. Because of it, we have a nation full of untaught, unloved, unwanted children.

Children Not Taught

The whitest mission field that I know about in the world today is the children right in our own churches. Women do not want to teach children any more. They don't want to be bothered with children. Many women work away from home; preferring the money or the things that money will buy to being teachers of their own children. If they are at home, the children are oftentimes neglected, unloved, unwanted. "They are dying in the streets. They are fainting for hunger in the top of every street." The children of our nation are in hell today, not tomorrow, but today! As far as their lives counting for God in eternity, they are in hell

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This piercing analysis of the moral and spiritual condition of America with its fervent call to prayer cannot be taken lightly.

I BELIEVE THAT every Free Will Baptist church should have a share in supporting the world-wide ministry of our denomination. I have never yet met a person who disagreed with that. There is just no question about it.

This certainly does not mean that all 2,500 of our churches in these United States are doing it—actually, not more than one-fourth of them are—but it does mean that they are seeing their responsibility and are beginning to help bear the load.

The most common reason I get why churches do not give regularly to denominational enterprises is that they can't afford it right now. Some say they are in building programs, others are going from half-time to full-time work and feel they need the money for local expenses, while others feel their offerings to denominational causes would be too small to bother with sending.

I want to show you that your church can't afford *not* to have a part in the world-wide ministry of our denomination. There are a number of reasons why this is so. In the first place—

needed and valued their support.

Your church is a part of the great Free Will Baptist team. If one member of the team fails to do his part, the whole team is weakened. You may be able to do only a small part, but you are responsible to God for what you can do.

II. Your Church Has a Responsibility to Others

Paul probably understood this responsibility better than any of us. He wrote to the Romans, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" 1:14).

Why did Paul feel he owed them something? Had they ever done anything for him? Certainly not! They had imprisoned him, stoned him, and in many other ways tried to do away with him. Yet he felt he owed these people a debt. Why?

He felt his obligation for two reasons: First of all, on the Damascus road he had found the only remedy for men's sins and he knew he had a responsibility to share with them the gospel that had so blessed his

lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20).

It is impossible for each local church to carry on its own home and foreign missionary programs. No single church can finance its own publishing program and the hundred and one other important phases of a world-wide ministry.

Only by "pooling" our funds—with each local church bearing its fair share—can we effectively do all the things necessary toward carrying out the Great Commission. The National Association has adopted what is called the Cooperative Plan of Support. It provides a channel so your church can be faithful to the Lord in doing what He asks you to do for our world-wide ministry.

The plan of this financial system is to enlist every church—just like yours—to give at least ten per cent of its offerings to support our denominational program. We make no apologies for encouraging the "ten per cent" plan.

(1) *We believe the plan that is good for the support of the local church will be good for the denomination.* Every church encourages its members to tithe and give offerings to support the church because that is the Bible system. Can the church be fair to its obligations to the denomination if it does less than it asks its members to do for the church?

(2) *Secondly, the "ten per cent" plan is a fair plan.* The church does not have to give what it does not have. If the churches were assessed a certain amount each month, the assessment might be greater than the church could pay. But when the church voluntarily gives ten per cent of its offerings to God for use throughout the world, it gives only of that which it has received. This plan is fair for both large and small churches. A half-time church that receives only \$100 a month would pay only \$10. A full-time church that receives \$1,000 a month could well afford to give \$100.

The "ten per cent" plan applies only to general offerings. If the church is in a building program, as many of our churches are, such funds would be exempt from the plan.

(3) *Finally, God is obligated to bless those who faithfully obey his Word.* "Trust, try and prove me," God says to every church. I have known of weak, struggling churches, laboring under their financial load, who experienced financial prosperity they had not before known when they began to support God's world-wide ministry.

This is true because God cannot bless a selfish church. A church that has no vision and will support nothing beyond its own four walls robs itself of God's blessings. Listen to the great Apostle: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (II Cor. 9:6).

Our Lord said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over. For

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YOUR CHURCH AND THE COOPERATIVE PLAN

By W. Stanley Mooneyham

I. Your Church Is Part of the Team

All worth-while enterprises call for teamwork. Whoever heard of one member of a team winning a game without the help of the rest of the team? Our job is so big that it calls for teamwork of the highest sort. We are responsible for millions of people who are without the gospel. These people are scattered from Boston to Borneo, from Texas to Timbuktu, and no one church can do the job alone.

Paul saw how important teamwork was to the spread of the gospel and wrote to the Philippians, who had sent him an offering to Rome, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you . . . for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" (1:3, 5). They had counted themselves as part of the great gospel team from the first day of their faith, and had often made contributions to the spread of the gospel. Paul

own life. Secondly, he had a debt to them because he had a debt to God. Because he was indebted to God for his own salvation, he felt indebted to God's creation. The only way he could pay his debt to God was to preach the gospel to those who had never heard.

Your church has a debt as Paul had a debt—to the Greeks and Barbarians, to the wise and the unwise. By giving to the world-wide causes of your denomination you share in the preaching of the gospel and pay your debt, just as the churches at Thessalonica, Corinth and Philippi sent money to Paul to help him preach and pay their debt to a lost world.

III. Your Church Must Obey the Great Commission

No words in the New Testament ring clearer than those in the Great Commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and,

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Risley To Speak

Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association will address the 15th Annual National Sunday School Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, October 12-14, 1960.

Dr. Risley has served in his capacity of executive secretary the past eight years. From the vantage point of NSSA he can easily view and analyze the present American Sunday School situation. Dr. Risley is often referred to as Mr. Sunday School having been given this title at a National Sunday School Convention in Spokane, Washington, his home city, in 1955.

For nine years Dr. Risley pastored Hilliard Baptist Church, Spokane, Washington. The Sunday School grew from one of the smallest in the region to one of the largest in the state.

Dr. Risley will speak Friday morning, October 14th at 9:00 a.m. Other convention speakers are Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; Rev. Bert Webb, President of NSSA; Dr. Clyde Meadows, President of Christian Endeavor International; and Dr. Theodore Epp, director of Back to the Bible Broadcast.

The theme for the convention this year is "VOTE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL."

Write National Sunday School Association, 175 North Franklin, Chicago 6, Illinois for a convention program.



CLATE A. RISLEY

Launches Daily Telecasts

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP) — The Young People's Church of the Air, Inc., headed by Dr. Percy B. Crawford, has begun daily telecasts on Channel 17.

The ultra-high frequency station will have different programming from regular commercial stations, Evangelist Crawford ex-



plained, but will not be exclusively a "religious station" because it is owned by a non-profit Christian corporation.

The station will use commercials and offer time to religious, educational, civic and other groups, he explained. But he pointed out that it will not use certain films or kinds of entertainment, or such commercials as those for advertising alcoholic beverages.

President of King's College, Briarcliff, N. Y., Dr. Crawford has been a radio evangelist for 29 years. With a full-time staff of 15 persons, the new station will slate programming of about 35 per cent entertainment; 25 per cent religious; and the remainder educational and documentary, sports and news.

Asks Red China Admittance

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (EP)—At its annual meeting here, the 90-member Central Committee of the World Council of Churches urged its members to help "create the conditions" that would permit Communist China to be admitted to the United Nations. The committee also decided to begin a broad new program of technical assistance to under-developed nations.

On the Red China issue, all members but one endorsed a carefully-worded statement asserting that an effective disarmament program and a successful ban on testing nuclear weapons could be achieved only if the people and Government of China were "in a position to contribute to their formulation and application." The one negative vote on the issue was cast by Prof. Georges Florevsky of Harvard Divinity School.

Takes Foster Child

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (EP) — Five-year-old Bobby Hallas, a Roman Catholic, must be taken from the Protestant parents who raised him since he was a baby and given to the Children's Aid Society.

This is the ruling of Justice W. G. Ferguson who cited Manitoba law stating that only Catholic parents can adopt Catholic children. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hallas, however, have indicated a desire to become Catholics themselves if they can get the boy back.

The foster parents, who fled their city earlier rather than surrender the boy, burst into tears as Justice Ferguson handed down the ruling. The Children's Aid Society was found by the court to be Bobby's court-appointed legal guardian. The Society said it had already found a home for Bobby. Counsel for the CAS said he wanted to make it clear that there was no criticism of the Hallas' treatment of the boy.

Greater Menace

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Radioactive fall-out may pose a health menace to Americans, but alcoholism is a more serious one. So says Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, head of the clinical sciences department of the University of Illinois.

Addressing the 5th annual Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism at American University here, he declared: "The dangers from radioactive fallout are guarded against and every effort to protect the public is made, whereas very little is being done to protect the public from the disastrous effects of alcoholism."

Dr. Ivy noted that the number of alcoholics is increasing at the rate of 450,000 a year. He pointed out that there are eight million known alcoholics, and that 20,000 persons die and 40,000 are injured annually in accidents caused by drunken drivers.

"Only a handful of people have been seriously exposed to radioactive fall-out," Dr. Ivy declared, "and few, if any, deaths have resulted despite the world-wide outcry against atomic testing. There must be something drastically wrong with our sense of values," he added, "when we, as a nation, allow without protest the terrible ruination of human life caused by the use of alcoholic beverages."

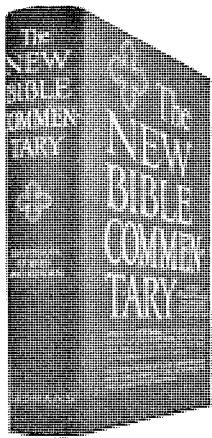
Kennedy 'Duty Bound'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Some 150 leading Protestant ministers and laymen, meeting here for a "National Conference of Citizens for Religious Freedom," agreed unanimously that a Catholic president of the United States would be under extreme pressure to submit to direction from his church.

While Democratic nominee Sen. John Kennedy has stated he would not be influenced by church pressures, they maintained, "his church insists that he is duty bound to submit to its direction."

"This unresolved conflict leaves doubt in the minds of millions of our citizens," their unanimous statement insisted.

While no list of participants was given out, included were Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church of Boston; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, executive editor of *Christianity Today* and father-in-law of Dr. Billy Graham; Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York; Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State; Dr. Daniel Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald*; Dr. George M. Docherty, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington; and Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, former editor of the *Christian Century*.



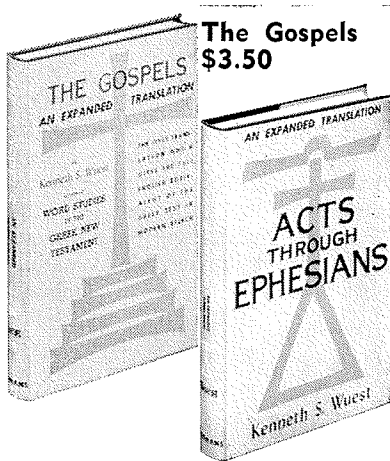
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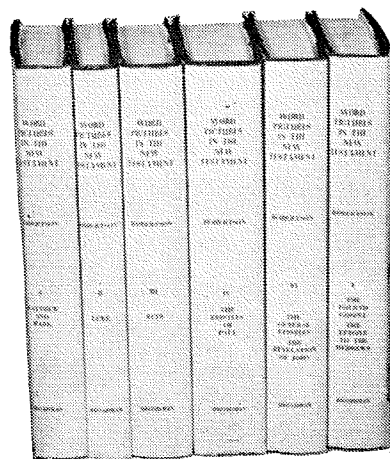
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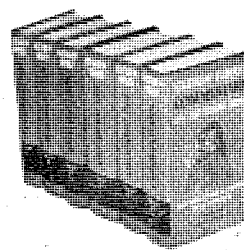
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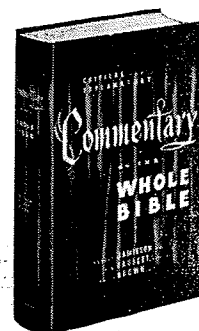
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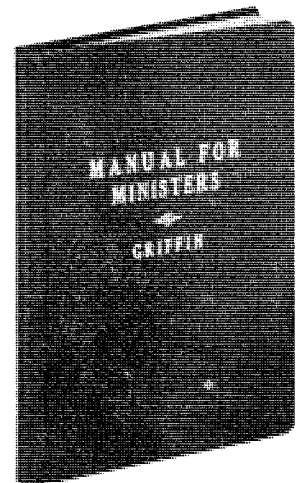
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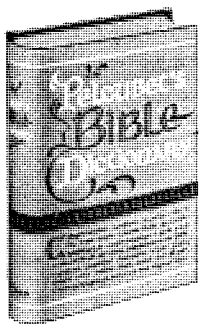
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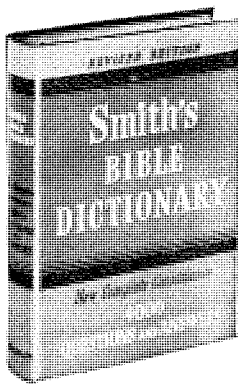


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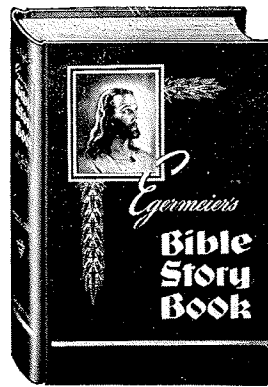


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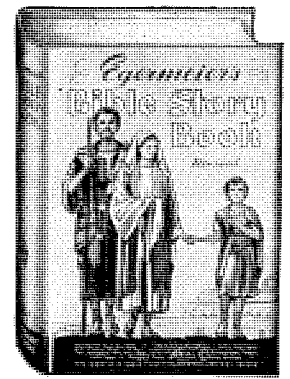


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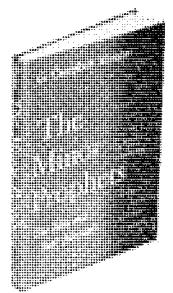


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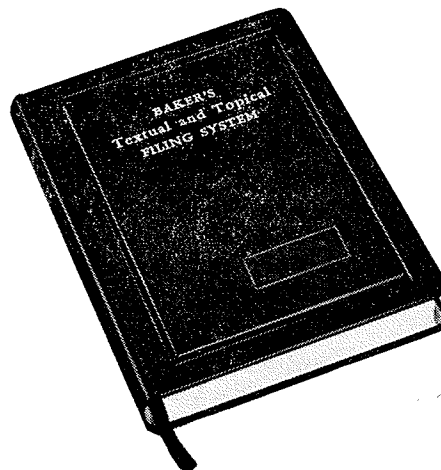
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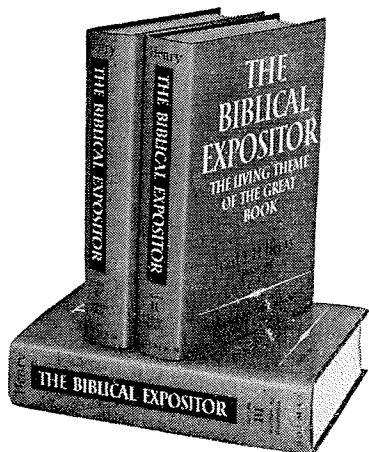
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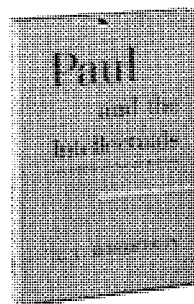
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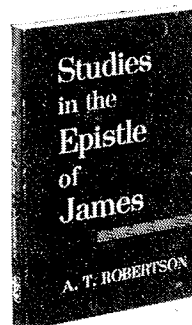
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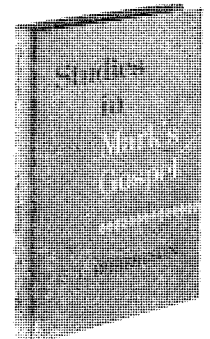
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What's Your Problem?



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Q. I need an explanation to the latter part of Revelation 1:4 “. . . and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne.” What is meant by the seven Spirits?

A. The Bible reveals that there is only one Holy Spirit, but this spirit has seven manifestations or activities. This reference in Revelation is to the activities of the one Holy Spirit and not seven separate spirits. We are not told exactly what these seven spirits of God are. However in Isaiah 11:2 we possibly have the record of what they represent: “The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”

Q. Please tell me—if Jesus made intoxicating wine when he performed his first miracle recorded in the second chapter of John? And did he drink any of it himself?

A. There is no record that Jesus drank any of the wine himself and I'm afraid that we miss the entire point in recording this event when we quibble over what kind of wine it may have been. The reason for this miracle is found in John 2:11, “This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.” I'm sure that the devil is happy when he can get Christians to arguing over various details and cause them to forget the real purpose for which the miracle was performed. I am not a Greek student but I am told that this word “wine” in this passage is the same word used elsewhere for “fermented wine.”

Q. While holding evangelistic services in a certain area recently the pastor and I visited in the home of one of his most devout families. The mother of the home told us about the visit a day or two before of certain “very nice religious people” from whom she bought two books for a dollar. She said she didn't really want the books, but to help these “nice” people she didn't mind the dollar. Then she showed us the books, “Millennial Dawn” and some other Jehovah's Witnesses book. Do you know of any way that we can get our people to recognize these “nice people” when they come to their doors and refrain from buying their literature and being taken

in by their smooth words?

A. Sure . . . just preach a message once in a while on false cults. Call them by name and acquaint the congregation with their methods. Theirs is the same deceit that the devil used on Eve when he sold her on the fact that God did not really mean what he said, that she would not really die, but that her eyes would be opened if she would just partake of the forbidden fruit. The devil's lie worked so well on Eve that he has never had any occasion to change his tactics. Today Jehovah's Witnesses teach that there is not an actual burning eternal hell fire. Why such a God would not be just and simply would not do that to human beings, so they teach. They tell us that the grave is hell and that God's Word does not mean what it says, Let's teach it and preach it and drive it home to our people that these cults are of the devil and we need to pray for people who have been led to believe their lies that they might be turned to the truth and be saved.

Q. In Hebrews 5:9 there is a statement that bothers me. “And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.” Does this in any way mean that Jesus was not perfect?

A. The Bible very definitely presents Jesus as perfect God and perfect Man. But as a Savior, he could not be perfect without meeting the demands of God as pertains to sin and making Himself a sacrifice that sinners might have eternal life. This word perfect refers to his work, not to his character or his perfection. Obedience certainly depends upon faith and unless a person has faith he cannot obey. Even our faith has as its author and finisher none other than this same perfect Jesus.

Q. Our pastor says that God has never had but one plan of salvation, that the Old Testament people were saved by the blood of Christ the same as we today are saved through faith in Him and His shed blood. How is this true?

A. The promise of a Savior, a Redeemer, was given by God early in the history of mankind. In fact to the first couple of whom there is any record—Adam and Eve—the promise was given in Genesis 3:15. Today we are saved through faith in the substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus Christ which happened over nineteen hundred years ago. We look back upon that event and by faith appropriate the shed blood of Christ as a covering for our sins today. In Old Testament days they had the promise of God and by faith looked ahead to the coming of the Messiah and to his sacrificial death of which all the blood of sheep and goats and animals in Old Testament times was but a type.

Cooperative Receipts \$3,800

The receipts for August held to the monthly average for the year thus far. However, all departments have incurred increased expenditures in the fall months and increased support is needed at this time.

The Cooperative Plan provides a means of support to every phase of Free Will Baptist work out of every dollar that is given. Put the Cooperative Plan in your church budget this fall and send at least 10% of your offerings to the support of your National work. The mailing address is Cooperative Plan, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

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First church, Dothan	67.23	
Goodwater church, Slocomb	5.00	72.23
ARKANSAS		
State association		507.15
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ILLINOIS		
Oak Grove church, Scheller	10.50	
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Headquarters Trustees	114.56
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ATTENTION

The Executive Office is in need of copies of the minutes of some sessions of the National Association. These are needed for permanent records so we would deeply appreciate your help in securing the National minutes for the following years: 1935, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1942, and 1945.

There is also the urgent need for the names and addresses of all State Association Clerks. This is especially true if new clerks have been appointed at recent sessions of your State Association.



Your Week of Prayer Can Be Successful

THE PRE-THANKSGIVING and Christmas Seasons of Prayer are just ahead. Let's make these weeks of prayer vital and worthwhile. If anything of value is accomplished time must be given to preparation. It will require time to pray, time to plan, and time to observe these prayer seasons.

Time seems to be the one thing that all of us are short on these days. But as a dear friend said to me one day, when I was complaining of a lack of time, "There will always be time enough to do what must be done." She spoke a great truth. The trouble with us is that we are doing so many unimportant things that God's "first things" are put last on the list or not done at all. We used to say, "If we had some money, we would do much for our Lord and Church." Today we say, "If we only had some time."

The authors of these two programs gave of their precious time for us to have them. Let's be as generous in observing these prayer seasons and using the material they have provided for us. Here are some suggestions for making these seasons effective and vital to us and our churches:

- I. Pray for the meetings.
 1. Pray for yourself.
 2. Pray for those who will take part in the programs.
 3. Pray that the offering will be a *sacrificial* offering for missions.
 4. Pray for the specific requests listed in the programs and in this article.
- II. Dedicate these meetings to God.
- III. Enlist the support of your Pastor. Point out to him the benefits of having the services church-wide.
- IV. Ask the Choir Director to help you with the music.
- V. Publicize the Meetings.
 1. Through Posters, Church Bulletins, Announcements from the pulpit, letters to the members, etc.
 2. Be sure to give definite dates, places, time, and the name of the special speaker. (If one is used.)
 3. State when the offering will be received and the purpose for which it is to be used.

Here is a list of materials you may have without cost by ordering directly from The National Home Missions Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

1. Pictures of the Home Missionaries.
2. Thanksgiving offering envelopes.
3. Place mats, and other items from promotion of fellowship socials.
4. New booklets with pictures of the work in Hawaii.
5. Sample package of materials about all fields in North America.
6. Tract—"When God Taught Me To Give" by Dr. Oswald J. Smith.

Here is an additional list of prayer requests to be remembered this week. Pray for:

1. Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin as they do intinerate work and make preparations to go to Alaska.
2. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas who are doing intinerate work and who will soon go to Colorado.
3. Miss Bessie Yeley as she takes up new duties with the Spanish Mission in Miami. Pray that the \$4000 dollars needed for a chapel in Miami will be supplied.
4. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows as they direct the building program in Monterrey, N. L. Mexico with the funds supplied by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention members.
5. Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders as they make a survey of the Islands of Hawaii. Pray for the Church that has been established at Waipahu.
6. Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens and Rev. and Mrs. Mark Vandivoort as they continue the work in New England.
7. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker as they complete final arrangements to purchase property in Washington, D. C.
8. Miss Molly Barker who is now a student nurse at General Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, preparing for medical missionary work in Mexico.
9. Brother Melitino as he ministers to the Mexican workers at Homestead, Fla. This work is in addition to his regular work in Miami.
10. Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley and Miss Hall in Anchorage, Alaska.
11. Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite in Wenatchee, Washington.
12. Home Missions Director and the Office staff.

Do You Agree?

The man or woman who doesn't know what the Holy Spirit is doing in the world today is cheating himself. Only in Christian periodicals can we as Christians expect to keep up to date with the progress of the Gospel. A good Christian magazine is more important to a Christian than a trade magazine is to an engineer or a professional man. It should come second in importance only to his Bible.—Robert Walker, Editor, Christian Life

Christian periodicals are indispensable for the Christian family. In them all members of the family will find material that is pertinent and practical, whether it be devotional material for the family altar, articles of great importance for the adults or missionary stories to interest and challenge all, especially the children, to consider missionary service. By no means least in importance are the advertisements which call the attention of the family to worth-while projects and products.—V. Raymond Edman, President, Wheaton College

As a pastor, I have always encouraged my people to read Christian periodicals. A reading church means an informed church. An informed church means a concerned church. A concerned church becomes a church in action. When the church goes into action, under God, nothing can stop it!—Robert A. Cook, Vice President, Scripture Press Foundation

In this age when more people are reading more than ever and when the enemy is sowing the seeds of doubt in the hearts of men, Christian periodicals are of supreme importance. They keep the Christian informed as to the progress of God's work. They warn concerning errors and danger. No one can be a well-informed Christian apart from a wide acquaintance with the evangelical publications of our time.

As the pastor of one church for twenty years, I came to know the value of these publications in our congregation.—Torrey M. Johnson, Evangelist and Bible Teacher

Next to the Bible itself, good biblical, Christian periodicals together with good, Christian books are today my greatest source of blessing, information and instruction. One must, however, be selective, for there are periodicals which are commercial in character, which are superficial, materialistic, and sensational. Every home should prayerfully select and subscribe to two, three or more journals, which will provide biblical exposition, doctrinal instruction, and practical help for Christian growth and daily life for all members of the family.—C. Stacey Woods

Missionaries First Visit

ANDERSON, IND.—First Free Will Baptist churches in Indianapolis, Muncie, Anderson, and Mt. Hope church in Anderson, were hosts to the Wesley Calvery family in recent services. A wonderful missionary spirit prevailed and the people gave a cash offering of more than \$150 and pledged \$624.00. The Calverys are the first to hold missionary services in Indiana.

Church Starts Mission

SAVANNAH, GA.—The first service of the Free Will Baptist mission in Hinesville, Georgia, was conducted September 5 with some 40 people in attendance. Services will be held each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Recreation Center in Hinesville, temporarily, and a revival has been scheduled for the first week of November. The mission is sponsored by First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah. Rev. Damon C. Dodd is pastor.

Remodeling Program Completed

DUNN, N.C.—Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of Shady Grove church reports the completion of a \$35,000 remodeling program. Features embraced in the program include new pews, pulpit furniture, electric organ, year-round air conditioning, wall-to-wall carpeting and indirect lighting in the sanctuary, a new baptistry, new classrooms, and tiled floors.

Future plans call for an additional educational plant and a steeple for the church.

The church has received 43 new members in the past year with 31 requesting baptism.

Sets Record Attendance

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Students registering for the fall semester at Free Will Baptist Bible College have set a new record with



The above pictured parsonage with six rooms, bath, car port, and utility room was occupied about the first of the year by Rev. and Mrs. Bill Gardner. Mr. Gardner is pastor of the Satilla Free Will Baptist Church near Hazelhurst, Georgia.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

191 day students and 17 evening students, according to Dean Charles A. Thigpen.

A classification of the student body showed 17 seniors, 27 juniors, 43 sophomores, 90 freshmen, 14 special students, and 17 evening school students.

Plans Evangelistic Work

ENID, OKLA.—The Rev. Fred Kirby, pastor of First Free Will Baptist church, has resigned effective January 1, 1961, in order to go into evangelistic work full time.

Rev. Kirby, who finished Bible College in 1953, has pastored in Flat River and Mountain Grove, Missouri, and Weleetka, Oklahoma, before coming to organize the church here in 1957.

The 1961 schedule of services is not complete and churches in any state desiring to contract Rev. Kirby may do so at 118 W. Wabash, Enid, Oklahoma.

New Church Organized

WESTERVILLE, OHIO—A Free Will Baptist mission was begun here in November of 1959, and has now been organized into a church. The church had 30 charter members when organized in April of this year, but now has a membership of 53. A lot of approximately 4 acres has been purchased for the building site, and plans are to begin in the near future. The pastor of the new church is Rev. Delmer Sparks.

Rally Day Is Success

KINGSPORT, TENN.—September 18th was red letter day for Fellowship church in Kingsport. A total number of 388 were present for Sunday School on this rally day. Mr. Daniel Rhoten was honored for eleven years of continuous attendance, not having missed a Sunday since the church was organized. Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College spoke at the morning services, and Rev. Thomas Willey, Sr., missionary to Cuba, was speaker for the evening service. The pastor of Fellowship church is Rev. Winston Sweeney.

VBS Reported

HOBBS, N.M.—First church here held a vacation Bible school August 1-12 and report the following: Enrolment of 158 with average daily attendance of 112. There were 26 conversions and an offering of \$71.05 was received for missions.

District Ordains Ministers

BATESVILLE, ARK.—Allen's Chapel church was host to the Polk Bayou Association which licensed two ministers and ordained two ministers during its annual session. Those licensed were Tommy Manuel and Kenneth Manuel, both sons of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Manuel of Batesville.

Those ordained were Hoover Lewis, son of Rev. H. A. Lewis, Batesville, and J. W. Roach, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roach, Cave City. Both Mr. Roach and Mr. Manuel are deacons in the Free Will Baptist church.

Moderator of the association is Rev. W. H. Doyle, and the host pastor was Rev. Bob King.

Florida Church Has Revival

MARGATE, FLA.—First church here closed a one-week revival with Rev. Albert McFarland of Miami, serving as evangelist. Pastor William Travis reported 5 conversions, one rededication and 5 added to the church.

The church expresses appreciation to those who participated in the building program and as soon as a suitable location is obtained the construction of the building will begin.

Minister Receives Honor

WHITTIER, CALIF.—The American Library of Sacred Records announces that a Free Will Baptist minister, Rev. Elvis Priest of Phoenix, Arizona, has received the "Gold Record Award" which is the highest honor bestowed by Sacred Records, Inc. The award was given in recognition of outstanding sales performance.

Preachers Licensed

GRANTS, NEW MEXICO—Rev. S. M. Aragon, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church here reports that two members of his church were licensed to preach recently. The men, Warren Bell and T. J. Dickerson, formerly of West Virginia, along with the pastor, conduct jail services each Sunday afternoon.

Organizes State Association

BENTON, ILL.—On August 20, the churches of Illinois assembled at the camp grounds here and organized a state association composed of two district meetings, the Caanan District and Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting.



Rev. Travis Huffman has become the Associate pastor of the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina. Mr. Huffman is a graduate of Fruitland Bible Institute of Hendersonville. Rev. Roy Rikard is pastor of the church.

Rev. George W. Waggoner served as moderator during this session and three new Quarterly Meetings were organized, to be known as East Central, West Central, and South Central. The Northern Quarterly Meeting had been organized previously.

The camp grounds here was also the site of a missionary conference on September 6-8, which featured Dr. and Mrs. Laverne Miley and Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery as speakers.

Revival In Mississippi

BOONEVILLE, MISS.—Rev. Joyce Gore, pastor of Martin Hill church gives report of its best revival meeting. The Rev. John Vick of Joelton, Tennessee served as evangelist for the services August 15-23 and the church witnessed 11 conversions, 13 people joining church, and approximately 50 rededications.

Church Has Bible Institute

SAVANNAH, GA.—The second year of the Savannah Bible Institute will begin on October 3, with classes being held in First church, here. Evangelical Teacher Training courses will be offered with pastor Damon Dodd teaching Old Testament Survey, and Rev. Schmoyer teaching Bible Doctrine II.

Indiana Pastors Elected

Central Indiana churches have elected pastors for the year and are listed as follows: Mt. Hope church, Anderson—Rev. Gilbert Mata, re-elected; Muncie church—Rev. J. Oliver McCowan; Anderson First church—Rev. Richard R. Cordell, re-elected; Indianapolis First church—Rev. James Phillips, re-elected.

Rev. Joe B. Matheny is Director of the mission church in Muncie.

Celebrates Anniversary

GRANTS, N.M.—First church here celebrated its first anniversary on August 14. The church started as a mission under the direction of Rev. S. M. Aragon who serves the church presently as pastor.

The congregation has grown and the church is adding Sunday school classrooms which will accommodate classes of all ages.

Reports Conversions

ASHLAND CITY, TENN.—Rev. Joe Haas was evangelist for a revival here September 11-18, which resulted in six conversions and several pledges to start family altar in the homes. The pastor is Rev. Joe T. Hurst.

Sponsor Conference

NORFOLK, VA.—Some nine churches participated in a Missionary Conference in the Norfolk area September 11-18. Speakers were the Wesley Calverys, Mrs. Mabel Willey, Dr. and Mrs. Miley, and Foreign Missions Director Rolla Smith. Churches taking part were Bethany, Diamond Springs, Fairmount Park, Hyde Park, Newport News, Portsmouth, Portsmouth Mission, Princess Anne and Richmond.

Moulton Resigns

NASHVILLE, TENN.—On September 28, Louis H. Moulton, Promotional Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, offered his resignation. His resignation to the Board is carried below.

Dear Brethren:

With reluctance and a great deal of sorrow I tender my resignation as Promotional Secretary of this department of our National Association.

When I suffered a heart attack about four months ago I had one desire—to recuperate hurriedly and get back on the job. I started back the first of September even though the doctor had told me I'd have to take it easy for the first year following the attack.

My first love is Foreign Missions but rather than hold on and just be able to do half a job I, with deep regret, submit my resignation effective as of November 1, 1960.

You, the Foreign Mission Board, have been very kind to me and I am grateful beyond expression for your kindness. My future plans are incomplete but whatever or wherever God leads or has for me—be assured that my heart is in Foreign Missions.

Gratefully yours in Him,
Louis H. Moulton

Sunday School Board Meets

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Sunday School Board of the National Association met here on September 6 to review the work of the Board. On the basis of a thorough study of their finances, the Board voted to reopen their office in the Headquarters building at the first of the year. At present no one has been named to the office of editor, however,

the Board hopes to designate someone for this position in the near future. Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Free Will Baptist Press, and Rev. C. H. Overman, Editor of Free Will Baptist Press, were present for the one day session.

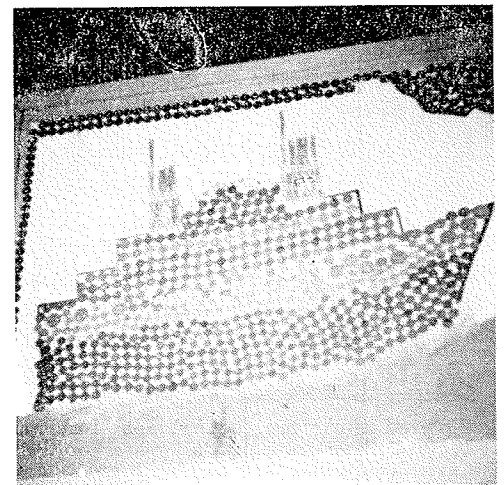
Leaving Margate

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.—The Rev. William Travis has resigned the Free Will Baptist Church in Margate, Florida. He is available for pastoral or evangelistic work and may be contacted at 3641 N.W. 3rd, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

N. C. State Convention Elects Officers

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, meeting in its regular annual session at Elm Grove Church, Ayden, September 15, 1960, elected the following officers: moderator, the Rev. S. A. Smith; assistant moderator, the Rev. C. L. Patrick; secretary, The Rev. Michael Pelt; assistant secretary, James Hunt; treasurer, Rom Mallard; Oscar Webster, the Rev. Clarence Bowen and the Rev. Walter Carter, members of the executive committee.

Those elected on the various boards and those elected as representatives were as follows: Board of Trustees, the Rev. Albert Coates; Children's Home board, Guy Boyette, Robert Spencer and Warren Jackson; Board of Superannuation, the Rev. Walter Reynolds; Board of Missions, the Rev. Rashie Kennedy; Board of Christian Education, the Rev. Leonard Woodall; Cragmont representative, Fountain Taylor; Free Will Baptist Press representative, The Rev. S. A. Smith; Church Finance representative, J. D. Ballance; Historical Commission, the Rev. J. C. Griffin; Mount Olive Junior College board, the Rev. J. O. Fort, J. W. Batten and Jack Dail.



The students at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church learned in their Vacation Bible School that it is expensive to get to the mission field. They used their offerings to build a money-boat to aid the Miley family in getting to Africa. Total offering was \$81.12.

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today. Even when they are taken to church, they are not taught to listen to the preaching of God's Word, but rather they are taught by attitude, at least, that they are going there for the purpose of being entertained or something I know not what. When they are brought to church, they are brought with a bottle, then it's a cracker, then it's a toy, then a little piece of paper and a pencil so they can print their names and then they reach the age of pictures in their billfolds. Finally, you have the complete picture, from nursery through high school and they have not heard six good sermons in their whole lifetime, even though they did attend church. Why? Because they were never taught to listen to the preaching of God's Word. As a result, we have our young people growing up and marrying Catholics or sinners. Perhaps you think that's all right, but it isn't right according to God's Word. God said it is wrong, but the young people don't know any better. They've never been taught any better, so they have very few qualms about marrying Catholics

or sinners.

My dear Christian women, I pray God that you will read Lamentations at least four times on your knees. See for yourself the picture of our nation, our denomination, as it is today. Obscene literature is flooding our newsstands. I pray that the Lord will get hold of you preachers' hearts and condemn you for what you have failed to do for us, for our nation, for our youth in protesting the sale of this stuff. You want to be the leader of the church. You want the women to be obedient to you and God intended for you to be leaders and He commands us to be obedient. I say this as humbly as I have ever learned to say anything, respectfully, but with all sincerity, God wants you to be men. Women are to be obedient. Men are to be men, too.

Alliance With World

The moral decay in our nation, even as in Jeremiah's day is due to the alliance the Christian has made with the world. Look at some of the wives and daughters of even some of our preachers and deacons. They go about in a state of undress much like the woman of the world. They go out just as

unclothed as any other woman. God said in His Word: "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:1-5). Some say of our Mennonite friends that in their dress they look like "oddballs." My dear Christian friends, their dress may appear somewhat queer to us, but they do not even know the meaning of juvenile delinquency. They don't know what the term means. They don't have it. And I'm not necessarily advocating we dress like them, but they do not expose their bodies nor their children's bodies to the cynical stares of the world.

You know, you cannot serve God without a body. Disembodied spirits do not serve God on this earth. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

Again, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." (Rom. 6:12). Again, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to attain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one as beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." (I Cor. 9:25-27). Jeremiah wept over the sins he saw in his beloved city and nation and people. We say of sin, "I think that's cute." "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." (Phil. 3:18, 19). God's standards have not changed. He still makes "judgment the line and righteousness the plummet." I believe Satan knows if he gets our bodies he will have our souls and so he is making a desperate bid for our bodies.

Will We Weep?

What are we going to do about this condition? We are as lost, our nation is every bit as ruined as the city Jeremiah wept over. Will we weep? Will we turn back to God in true repentance? Do we want our nation restored to its rightful place of leadership in the world?

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BIBLE COLLEGE FACULTY AND OFFICERS



Pictured above are faculty members and administrative officers of Free Will Baptist Bible College for the 1960-61 school year. Front row: Ralph Hampton, director of Christian Service and history instructor; T. L. Burch, dean of men and instructor in psychology and history; Don Clark, voice instructor and director of music department; Dr. L. C. Johnson, president; Charles A. Thigpen, dean and instructor in Bible. Second row: E. B. McDonald, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Simpson, dean of women; Phyllis Rivers, instructor in Business Education; R. E. Picirilli, registrar and instructor in Greek and Bible. Third row: Mary Wisheart, English and Spanish; Laura Thigpen, speech. Fourth row: Anna Barrow, librarian; Sara Nicholas, piano and organ. Fifth row: Laura Belle Barnard, missions and Bible; J. P. Barrow, evangelism and Bible; Geraldine Hall, English and Christian Education.



Pledges Support

To the Editor:

... as the consequence of reading your last editorial in CONTACT I pledge the enclosed amount each week for the support of our denominational work until we can get a budget in our church. Perhaps you will feel that I ought to do better, but I am partially supporting three missionary friends. . . .

In His service,
Rev. David S. Jones, Jr.
Aldrich, Missouri

Enjoys Contact

To the Editor:

I want to commend you on the service you are rendering as our Executive Secretary. Also, I enjoy CONTACT and think you are doing a good job with it.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. George A. Ludwig
Cove City, N.C.

Desires Addresses

To the Editor:

I am being sent by our National Home Mission Board to Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of organizing a Free Will Baptist church.

If any reader knows of anyone near Denver of Free Will Baptist background, please send their name and address to me in care of the Home Mission Department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Yours in His service,
Rev. Roy Thomas
Nashville, Tenn.

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Cry Out in the Night

Then, *we* must begin the work. Women have always set the standards. Women hold the key to any nation's richest blessing—God-fearing, obedient children. Where do we begin the work? Right where we are. And we begin by first seeing *our* needs. We will never repent until we see the blackness of our sins through God's Word. And endeavoring to justify our conformity to the world by telling ourselves, "Everybody does it" will not excuse us before God.

A young lady once visited an asylum and was led into a room where a lone girl stood over in the corner with her face to the wall. A picture of complete hopelessness. She might have been dead except that she still stood. "Will you speak to her?" asked the doctor, "We can do nothing with her. She has been like this for days." The young lady stepped forward, and with a silent prayer to God for wisdom, she laid her hand gently on the shoulder of the patient. With tears in her eyes, she spoke one sentence of yearning and compassion. The spell was broken. The patient turned and for one long moment stood looking into the eyes of the weeping visitor and then burst into tears herself. What medicine alone could not do was to share the patient's heart burden that was causing the illness. Do we love Christ enough to weep over the lost and undone of our day? Will we share the burdens of the lost? Women have neither the strength nor the wisdom to build churches. If they have any strength, it is in their hearts. God has so ordained that women should do the bearing, the first feeding, and the first teaching of the young. There is no greater nor more exalted work for us. It is a glorious thing to be a mother. It is even more glorious to give back to God the lives given to us through the patient teaching of His Word day after day. "Line upon line, precept upon precept." Building lives is the most rewarding work I know about.

Jeremiah said, "Let tears run down like a river day and night." How much we need some old-fashioned (perhaps) all-night prayer meetings. Meetings where sin is confessed in order that we may then pray unashamedly to God for our needs. Meetings where women will repent of their nakedness and lewdness before our children. Meetings where Christian women will repent of their neglect to duty. For except we repent, worse troubles and woes shall be our lot than those we know today.

The prophet said, "... give thyself no rest. . . ." We say, we must have our rest. So while we rest our children are "dying in the top of every street." The prophet was saying that the urgency of the need was so great that they were to pray through the watches of the night. In America, we play the night through. And, some of our own women are doing much the same thing. They are "playing house" with their "dolls" even as they did when they were children.

A woman (Eve) turned paradise into a desert with her, "Not thy will, but mine." It remained a desert until Jesus said, "Not my will, but thine," and gave His life to turn it back into a Paradise for those who accept Him as Saviour and Lord. So, it is our work to bring the saving knowledge of Christ to our children. To teach them of Jesus whom to know aright is to have life everlasting.

Then when once we have repented, I would suggest to you the next thing that is so desperately needed: genuine dedication to our task. What is our task? *To help our churches teach and support missions.*

Somehow, we have leap-frogged the word *teach* and majored on the word *support*. I grant you that without sacrifice, words mean very little. But! if our women will respond to this call to be teachers of children and prayer warriors we will do more to fulfill our aim than any way I know about.

My dear sisters-in-Christ, I love you enough to dare to say these things to you today. Be patient with me and indulge me one more statement, please. Let's stop prostituting our talents, our strength, our children on the altar of materialism. Let's return to Bethel and rebuild the altars that every sane person present will agree must be rebuilt if our task is to be accomplished. I repeat, we will do more to fulfill our aim than we have ever been able to do before.

Have you never read: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jer. 33:3).

Hardest Task

I reckon the hardest task any Christian decides upon is the self-discipline of secret prayer. We like to do the things that are seen by those about us. We like to have our work noticed. I fear some of our preachers have used this weakness of ours, for many of them encourage the women of the church to either raise enough money to pay for the church or at least to provide the furnishings for it. Again, we cannot separate love and sacrifice. The terms are synonymous, but far better we have less elaborate edifices and more God-fearing, obedient children. Our work will have greater permanency.

This text is a call to prayer. To pray so passionately that tears would run down like a river, for prayer is never as genuine as when accompanied with godly sorrow.

Our necessities call us to prayer. Our children are "dying in the top of every street." They lie there helpless. *We* can rescue them. *We* hold the solution to their problems in our own hands. And I do not mean by "our children" those alone of whom we are the parents.

If there is one lost child in our home, in our Sunday school, in our neighborhood, we are standing in the middle of *our* mission

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field. Let's get on with the work of being "laborers together with God" knowing full well that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and He will continue to do so. So then, it is not too late to pray. We cannot pray too simply. We cannot pray too earnestly. "Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street." (Lam. 2:19).

Egg 'Em On!

A good project for any Free Will Baptist church in view of the approaching Ninth Nationwide League Conference would be to encourage leaguers to plan to attend. This Conference, filled with inspirational features, will meet June 20-22 in the southern part of the Peach State.

Churches could begin now making plans to help send leaguers to Albany, Georgia, next June. One way to help is to provide a systematic way of helping them save their money for expenses. Each Church could maintain a Free Will Baptist League Conference Bank. Here's how it works:

1. Deposits of any amount may be made at anytime.
2. Deposits may not be withdrawn until conference time without sufficient reasons.
3. Deposit slips must be given with each entry.
4. Interest on each deposit will be paid by the church. Amount to be determined by the church.
5. Those not going to conference will receive only what they deposited.
6. Total amount of deposits may be determined by the church, perhaps the estimated cost of attending the conference.
7. Others may contribute to leaguers' deposits.

These 3" x 5" deposit slips may be obtained from the National League Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. There is a small charge of 50¢ per hundred to cover cost of printing. Send for yours right away and explain your system for helping your leaguers enjoy the Ninth Nationwide League Conference, June 20-22, 1961, in Albany, Georgia. This is a good way to "egg 'em on" to attend, and you'll be glad you did!



Two Thousand Tongues To Go. By Ethel E. Wallis & Mary A. Bennett. Harper & Bros. 308 pages. \$3.95.

With sacrificial zeal and intense devotion Cameron Townsend and his 800 linguistic volunteers attack the problem of making the Word of God speak to each man in his own language as they reduce obscure languages to writing and then translate the Bible.

High Is the Wall. By Ruth Muirhead Berry. Muhlenberg. 1955. 268 pages \$1.25.

This book, a 1955 model, is now in its sixth printing. The story it tells has to do with intermarriage and the inevitable conflicts resulting from a union of Catholics and Protestants, especially where children are involved. Reading material of this type should be placed in the hands of all young people, preferably before they become entangled with those of Roman persuasion.

G. ERIK HAGG

These My People. By Lillian Dickson. Zondervan. 121 pages. Cloth. \$2.00

Written by a woman who "sold out to the Lord Jesus Christ," completely dedicating her life to helping others in Christ's name, this is a thrilling, little-known story of the church that came into being among the aboriginal mountain people of Formosa.

In the Vineyard

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■ **Louis Moulton**, Promotional Secretary of Foreign Missions will also attend the Missionary Conference at Nashville October 4-5, and will then conduct a missionary revival at Oak Hill church, Georgia, October 10-16, and a missionary conference in North Carolina, October 18-23. This will be followed by a missionary revival at St. Mary's church, in New Bern, N.C., October 24-30.

■ **Dean Charles A. Thigpen** and **R. E. Picirilli**, registrar, will attend the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges meeting in Chicago, October 26-28.

Cooperative Plan

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with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). A church that would have the Lord's blessings measured out bountifully must first prove its willingness to give bountifully.

A fine Christian who always gave more than his friends felt he could, was asked one day how it was he was able to give so much. With all sincerity, he replied, "Why, as I shovel it out, God shovels it in; and God just has a bigger shovel than I have."

You may not see how your church can take on the support of the denominational program right now with your present financial obligations. If so, then now is the time to start it! It will require faith, for "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," and God will always honor the faith that dares to prove Him! By all means, you should start right now making regular offerings to the state and denominational programs. God will prove faithful in every test.

Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if you do them" (John 13:17). Let us not be like the old farmer whom a young magazine salesman was trying to sell a subscription to a farm magazine. The young man had gone to the field where the farmer was plowing and had walked up and down the furrows with him trying to persuade the old man that he really ought to have this magazine.

The salesman went through all his arguments and reasons without avail, and finally reached his last argument. He said to the old gentleman, "Why sir, if you'll subscribe to this magazine it will help you farm twice as good as you're farming now."

The farmer laid his plow lines down and turned to the salesman, and said, "Son, I've told you I don't need your magazine. I ain't farmin' half as good now as I know how."

Let us resolve to do those things we know we must do for God. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them," Jesus said. We are asking God to help you to be faithful. As a part of the team, the help of your church is urgently needed.

Join with 2,500 sister churches from over the United States in giving ten per cent of your offerings to the world-wide ministry of our church until we shall be able to, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Break forth into joy and sing together . . . for the Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (52:9-10).