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Why Jesus Came

This is the season of the year when we are perhaps most mindful of the birthday of Jesus Christ. His birth was a special birth according to the Scriptures. Not only was it a virgin birth, but a birth that was to affect both time and eternity. Then why this invasion of the natural order by the supernatural? Why did Jesus come?

Jesus came to redeem man. In Matthew 1:21 this is made clear. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." This message, of course, was delivered by the angel to Joseph even before the birth of Christ.

The great need of every individual is salvation from sin. Man is a sinner and as a result of his sins, he is separated from God. There is the need of reconciliation. But how can this reconciliation be effected? Through Christ and His shed blood! "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." (Romans 5:10).

Jesus came to show us what God is like. In this connection, Matthew 1:23 is most enlightening. "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." We believe that Jesus was the God-Man; that Jesus was God manifest in the flesh. Therefore, when we see Jesus, we see what God is like.

There are three interesting statements concerning God in the Bible. The first is found in John 3:33 which states that "God is true." The second is found in I John 1:5 which states that "God is light." And the last is found in I John 4:8, 16 which states that "God is love." All of these characteristics are reflected in the life and actions of Jesus Christ.

What is God like? Look at Jesus. Jesus is God. His coming into the world has demonstrated what God is like.

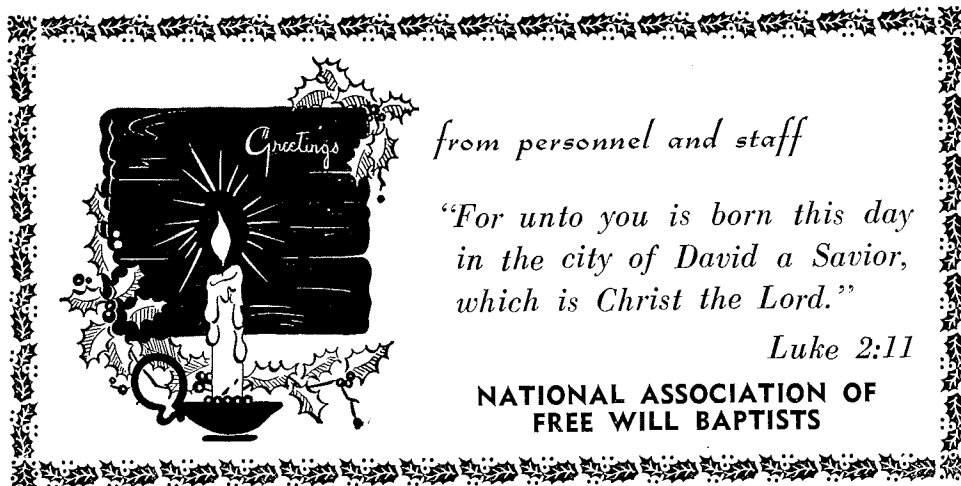
Jesus came to know the nature of our infirmities. The writer to the Hebrews expresses this truth in these words: "Seeing then that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:14-15).

It is a fact of life that we can best sympathize with others when we ourselves have had the experience of the individual with which we sympathize. I can enter into the experience of a friend who has lost a loved one in death if I know from experience what it is to lose a loved one.

Jesus came to know our experiences—our infirmities. He experienced temptation to sin, rejection of men, deep humiliation, disappointments, and the like. Therefore in time of need, we are invited to come boldly to the throne of grace. Jesus can sympathize. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. And unlike each of us, who can only sympathize, Jesus is able to act in our behalf. It is this ministry of our Lord that results in "grace to help in time of need."

These are reasons why Jesus came. What if Jesus had not come? What if there were no Christmas?

But Jesus did come, and Christmas is a joyful reality for which we thank God. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15).



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IN THE VINEYARD

■ Bible College dean **Charles A. Thigpen** spoke at the Blue Grass Quarterly Meeting in Morehead, Kentucky, November 5, and at the Morehead church on November 6.

■ **Dr. L. C. Johnson**, president of the Bible College, attended the Florida State Association in Jacksonville, November 4, and was unable to attend the Georgia State Association as scheduled because of the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Masser, on November 13.

■ Home Missions Director **Homer E. Willis** attended the American Bible Society Advisory Council meeting in New York City, November 15-16. He visited the new work in Washington, D. C., November 17, and Community Free Will Baptist church, Florence, Alabama, on November 20. Mr. Willis will be the evangelist in a revival meeting at Faith church, Nashville, Tennessee, November 28-December 4. A special request for prayer is made for Mr. Willis as he makes a survey trip of Free Will Baptist work in the state of Hawaii, December 5-14.

■ **Billy A. Melvin**, Executive Secretary, spoke at the Georgia State Association at Baxley, November 16-17, and returned to Nashville for final preparations of the annual Executive Committee meeting on November 29-30.

■ **Ray Turnage**, National League Director, spoke in services November 27-December 4, in the Raleigh and Durham, North Carolina, area. He will attend the League Board meeting at Mount Olive, N. C., on December 5.

■ WNAC Executive Secretary **Mrs. Eunice Edwards** took part in the pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer at Sweetwater, Tennessee, and then attended two workshops in the St. Louis, Missouri, area.

■ **Jerry Ballard**, newly appointed Promotional Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will travel to Nashville for the week of December 16-23. He will make final arrangements for a new missionary publication as well as caring for other items relative to his work. He expects to move to Nashville about February 1.

*If your young people's meeting
has lost its spark
and holds little interest
for those who attend,
then this article
is for you.*

By George F. Santa

IN OBSERVING YOUTH groups in action today, I so often think of the plant foreman who failed to get a much-coveted promotion. His claim that he deserved it because of his "twenty-five years' experience with the company" was shattered by the president's counter-claim that "he had not had twenty-five years' experience at all. He had merely had ONE year's experience TWENTY-FIVE times."

Today's typical youth group, as I have observed it, doesn't have fifty-two youth meetings a year. It merely has one meeting fifty-two times.

While it is true that many youth groups and their leaders are awakening to the need for re-vitalizing their youth program, there are still a vast number who are plagued by a monotonous, dying-in-a-rut sameness in their weekly programs that keeps young people away in alarming number.

So routine is the meeting pattern followed in many groups that an absent member, simply by keeping an eye on his watch, can know exactly what is taking place during any part of the meeting, though he may be miles away at the time. He knows that at 6:10 (ten minutes late, that is) the songleader, breathless and frustrated, bursts into the room, grabs a song book and, fumbling through it, requests from members, one or two choruses. Favorites, yes, but worn threadbare by overuse, are sung. A few other songs follow. Prayer is next. Then the Scripture reading. Then announcements and offering (taken on a hymn-book), followed possibly by a special musical number, in case someone got around to asking someone else to provide one. And finally the "message." Latecomers could, simply by taking note of the time, predict with amazing accuracy just what would be taking place when they entered the room.

An exaggerated picture? Hardly. This is all too accurate a portrayal of the proceedings in hundreds of youth groups all over America today.

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youth programming that's DIFFERENT

But it need not be so! Certainly there are only a dozen, or so, basic elements that make up a youth meeting. But even this cannot excuse the woeful monotony characterizing so many youth groups. A baseball team has only nine members active at one time, but some curious mathematician has calculated that this small number of players offers a possible 362,880 different batting combinations! Just so, out of the few essential features of a youth meeting, there are numerous combinations possible. An ingenious use of them can result in interesting, appealing—yes, and, even more, spiritually helpful meetings. And without too much effort on anybody's part!

In this article it is not our intention to go into the needs for energetic planning of all meetings and for earnest and dedicated participation by all members of the group. Space does not permit. We intend merely to offer one guiding principle, easy to follow, that will add new life and sparkle to any youth meeting, no matter how drab it may presently be.

It is this: For meetings that will have new and exciting appeal for your young people, concentrate for one full month on: **Introducing Variety into Them.**

We suggest two ways in which this can be done:

1. By varying the order of your meeting every week.
2. By varying the nature of the individual features of your program.

A successful youth worker, who inspired us more than any other, to find a life-long ministry among youth, said frequently (and reverently) that "every meeting doesn't have to begin with a hymn and a prayer."

How true! And how simple a first step it suggests to improvement of youth meetings.

Vary the Order.

And that from the very start. How refreshing it would be for young people to walk into a meeting some time where the individual features are re-arranged in new and original sequence.

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By Roger C. Reeds

Getting Ready For Christmas

AS EARLY AS MID-NOVEMBER the world begins to prepare for Christmas. The merchants prepare by decorating their shops and displaying their wares. The people prepare by making out their gift-lists and the purchasing of same. The churches prepare by planning their Christmas programs and services. This has been going on for years as people get ready for Christmas. As the time draws nearer the hustle and bustle grows greater. Now, one week before Christmas, the preparations become more intense. The Christmas tree goes up; last minute purchases are made; Christmas cards are mailed; and Bing Crosby groans, "I'm

Dreamin' of a White Christmas." Did you ever stop to ponder the why of all this? If someone were asked the purpose of Christmas they would retort, "To celebrate Christ's birthday, of course."

It all started back in the fifth century A.D. when the Western church first celebrated a day they called the Mass of Christ. No one was sure of the exact birth date of the Lord Jesus so a date in December was selected. This date was adapted from some pagan holidays along with many of the ideas that go along with it. The giving of gifts; the yule log; the tree and its lights; the sending of Christmas cards; these all

came as later additions.

It was completely novel to celebrate the birthday of someone for prior to this time it was more popular to commemorate the date of one's death. It is fitting that we have a day set aside to remember the birth of our Saviour. This Christian holiday has helped the world over to recognize Jesus as Lord as the story of His birth is retold.

God Prepared

Nearly two thousand years ago the world was prepared for the first Christmas. As previously noted no one is completely sure of the date. For all we know Jesus could have been born in July instead of December. And this preparation for His coming was not made by the world's population but by the world Creator as God prepared to send forth His Son. The Bible declares, "... when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, ..." Before Jesus could come to this world the stage had to be set for His arrival. This was done in several ways.

In part the world was prepared for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ by the many promises of His coming. As early as the book of Genesis we have the promise of the coming of Christ. Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." At the time this promise was made the picture for humanity looked dark. Adam and Eve had broken God's law. God was pronouncing His just sentence upon them but just prior to His doing so He inserted a note of hope as He promised a Redeemer in the personage of the Seed of Woman. Isaiah broadens this promise as he tells us that the birth of this Redeemer will be super-natural. "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The word Immanuel means "God with us." So in reality God Himself planned to take upon Himself the likeness of human flesh and walk among men. The prophet Micah promises that this virgin born Redeemer will be born in the tiny village of Bethlehem, the city of David.

Malachi Predicted

The prophet Malachi predicted the coming of John the Baptist and then prophecy ceased. For four hundred years nothing was said about the coming of the Messiah. The plight of the Jew worsened as they were now under the tyranny of Rome. Many were saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" as they waited in anxiety for God to fulfill His promise. God had not forgotten the promise, however, for He was merely preparing the world for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There were several things that had to be made ready before Christ could be born. The way had to be paved in the field of politics. The armies of Rome marched

across the known existing world and conquered nation after nation. The tentacles of the Roman Empire spread and men of different races were fused together into one great political organization. It was possible now for anyone to become a Roman Citizen. (That is if he happened to be wealthy enough to pay the price of citizenship.) The apostle Paul was a Roman citizen because a wealthy father had purchased citizenship. Paul is known as a globe-trotting evangelist and Rome was responsible for making this possible. They built roads to the extremities of their Empire and ships sailed constantly to the great seaports along the Mediterranean. Thus it was made possible for the early disciples to spread the gospel of this promised Redeemer.

One other noteworthy preparation that was made for the coming of Christ was the development of a universal language. Not since the tower of Babel had men of different nations been able to speak a common language. This language barrier presented a real problem especially if God intended for His early followers to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This problem was met, however, as most people became bilingual and spoke a modified Greek language known as Koine (pronounced coin-a) Greek. The apostles spoke and wrote in this language as they traveled with the gospel. Most of the New Testament was penned in this language.

Not only was the world ready for the birth of Christ, the world needed the birth of Christ. As the treasury of Rome was filled, the trend toward lower moral standards grew. Drunkenness and immorality prevailed. Sin abounded. As the apostle Paul was to write later, "... where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." God sent forth His Son. The world was ready for His coming.

Two thousand years have passed since that first Christmas. Today the world makes ready each year as they plan to commemorate the birth of Jesus. Most people get ready for Christmas by getting ready for Santa Claus. This has been a strange turn of events. It was a day set aside by the early church to celebrate the Mass of Christ, but now, in most of the world, He is left out of the picture. Christmas Day has been turned over to Santa Claus who owes his existence to Saint Nicholas.

Nicholas was the pastor of the metropolitan church of Myra in Asia Minor in the fourth century A.D. He was elevated to sainthood by the Catholic church in later centuries after several miracles were attributed to him. He became the patron saint of children and older members of each European household adopted the practice of placing gifts in the shoes or stocking of the children and attributing the gifts to Saint Nicholas. Gradually this exchange of gifts began to take place on Christmas Day. Saint Nicholas came to America with the Dutch and his name was changed to "Saint Nick" in the poem *The Night Before Christ-*

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

-Galatians 4:4-5

mas by Clement C. Moore. In the same poem Mr. Moore gave Santa Claus his modern description of a little round man attired in a red suit. He had white hair and a long white beard. Today, through deception, Santa Claus has a more prominent place at Christmas than does the Lord Jesus.

We get ready for Christmas today by the customer growing poorer and the merchant growing richer. Christmas has been so commercialized that it is no longer recognized today as a religious holiday but as a commercial holiday. Stores are decorated to attract sales and huge ads are placed in the daily newspapers. Much stress is placed on the fact that only a certain amount of shopping days are left until Christmas. Mothers everywhere bundle their children into their winter clothes and the annual pilgrimage to the feet of Santa Claus is made. The children tell the wise old gent their desires for the current Christmas and with a wink to mother he promises that he will be sure to grant their every wish if they will only be good. Mother winks back to assure Santa that she will assist him in carrying on the deception.

We get ready for Christmas today by purchasing the gifts we plan to exchange on Christmas day. We say we do this because the Magi brought the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Christ. We say we live by the philosophy that it is more blessed to give than to receive. In many instances we give because we expect to receive. We would be greatly disappointed if we did not.

Typical Scene

Finally the day before Christmas arrives. Here is a typical scene in a typical American city. The city lies dark and still, with only the tick-tock sound of the huge clock at the city hall. Some can be seen running to and fro as they rush to midnight mass or hurry home from some Christmas eve party, but even these move ever so quietly as they help preserve the quietness of this majestic night. The clock strikes forth, bong! bong! bong! until it has tolled twelve

times; thus announcing the arrival of Christmas Day. If one were to stroll through the downtown area he would note that the huge department stores had already removed their displays that for weeks had been announcing the coming of the great day. And now the day had arrived! The stores were closed; the cash registers no longer rang joyfully as they received their dollars; the city slept. The huge clock proceeds to toll off the hours of the night as they slip by and then gradually the city awakens. Children run to the heavily decorated trees to see what Santa Claus has brought them and mother and father lovingly open the gifts they have exchanged. Some bundle up and go out in the cold to attend services being conducted in their respective churches while others just spend the day at home as relatives come to call. Huge dinners are devoured, the afternoon is spent in playing with the new toys or driving out to Grandma's and Grandpa's and thus Christmas 1960 passes into history. The sad note is that many have forgotten that nearly two thousand years ago Mary gave birth to the Saviour of the world.

Whose birthday is it anyway? How would you feel if on your birthday everybody else exchanged gifts and gave you nothing? Christmas is the day we celebrate as Christ's birthday and yet we give Him nothing. How would you feel if someone else took over your birthday and claimed it for his own? Christ's birthday has been claimed by Santa Claus and Jesus has been forced into the background.

What can you do about it? Realize that 2000 years ago God, the greatest Giver, gave the world its greatest gift, the Lord Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). Accept this gift as your own and in return give God your life for salvation and service.

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Religious NEWSFRONT

Deadline Extended for Clergy

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Ministers now have until April 15, 1962, to decide if they want to participate in the Social Security system. The amendment to the Social Security Act signed recently by President Eisenhower extends the cut-off date originally set for Sept. 15, 1957.

Many clergymen at that time claimed they did not understand the law, and that the deadline was not announced in sufficient time for them to comply. U. S. Congressmen said that in some cases, erroneous information was given to clergymen by local officials who did not understand the regulations either. And, in other cases, church agencies had failed to resolve the question as to whether members of the clergy should participate in the governmental program in time for ministers to apply for coverage.

Clergymen who have waited to make their decision on Social Security coverage will be penalized to some extent, however, as compared with those ministers who immediately elected coverage in 1955 and have been paying Social Security taxes since that date as self-employed persons. The benefits which the late-signers draw upon retirement, or which their survivors receive, will be substantially less for a period of years.

If a minister elects coverage before April 15, 1961, he must pay his "self-employment tax" for both the years 1959 and 1960. If he elects coverage between April 16, 1961 and April 15, 1962, (the new deadline), he must pay his tax for 1960 and 1961.

Government officials urged the clergy to study the amendment to the Social Security Act and to decide soon on whether or not they want to have a part. After April 15, 1962 such coverage cannot be elected, except by newly-ordained ministers who will continue to have two years in which to make a decision.

Archbishop to Meet Pope

LONDON (EP)—For the first time since England's Henry VIII broke with the papacy in the 16th century and established the Church of England, an Archbishop of Canterbury will meet a Roman Catholic Pope.

Date set for the event is Dec. 1-3 when Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher, spiritual leader of the Church of England, will pay a "courtesy visit" to Pope John XXIII at the Vatican during a stopover on his way home from a Middle Eastern tour.

In the Middle East, Dr. Fisher will meet with prelates of the Eastern Orthodox Church in Jerusalem and Istanbul.

Vatican sources consider the event a dramatic step toward unity between Protestants and Catholics.

Per Capita Giving

NEW YORK (EP)—A report from the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches indicated that members of 49 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations in the U.S. contributed a record of \$2,407,464,641 for all church purposes in 1959. This represented a gain of \$55,305,351 over the total reported for 1958.

The figure showed that the Free Methodist Church led in per capita giving: \$269.71.

Among so-called major denominations ranged from \$99.42 (Southern Presbyterians) to \$48.52 (Northern Baptists).

Although the over-all figures showed a 4.6 per cent increase over 1958, the total for foreign missions (\$56,123,349) represented a rise of only 1.8 per cent over the previous year.

America's Favorite Hymn

NEW YORK (EP)—"The Old Rugged Cross" is still the best-loved hymn of Americans, according to a poll taken by the *Christian Herald*, nondenominational Protestant monthly published here.

The survey collected 30,000 ballots in the poll which registered the largest response to any *Christian Herald* hymn survey.

Both the first-place hymn and the runner-up, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," occupied the same positions they held in the magazine's 1953 survey.

Ranking among the top 12 of the 1,666 hymns named were: In the Garden; How Great Thou Art; Sweet Hour of Prayer; Abide with Me; Rock of Ages; Nearer, My God, to Thee; Amazing Grace; Jesus, Lover of My Soul; Beyond the Sunset; and Blessed Assurance.

Biggest surprise in the balloting was the fourth-place winner, "How Great Thou Art," a newcomer to the United States. Written in Sweden in 1885 by Carl Bosberg and set to an old Swedish folk tune, the hymn was translated into several European languages, including Russian.

The Unchurched

MIAMI, Fla. (EP)—More than three-quarters of a million people in the "gold coast" area of Florida, including greater Miami, are not affiliated with local churches and synagogues.

This information was revealed in what was possibly the largest house-to-house religious survey ever undertaken. Of 1,358,191 individuals canvassed, 872,393 were found to be without a church home.

Billy Hargrove, secretary of the department of Survey and Special Studies of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said it was the highest percentage of population of any area surveyed not affiliated with local churches and synagogues.

Percy Crawford Dies

TRENTON, N. J.—The evangelical Christian world was saddened by news of the death of Dr. Percy Crawford on October 31. A distinguished radio and TV broadcaster, as well as founder-president of King's College, Dr. Crawford was a pioneer in youth evangelism. Thousands found Christ as Saviour or dedicated their lives to Christian service through the ministry of his summer camps and conference centers as well as his own vigorous coast-to-coast evangelism.

Active in his ministry until the time of his death, Dr. Crawford was stricken with a heart attack while driving on the New Jersey Turnpike. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital in Trenton, where he died at the age of 57.

Barnhouse Dead at 65

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP-Special)—One of the most eloquent, respected voices ever raised in defence of the historic Christian faith was stilled today. Saturday, November 5, with the death of Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse.

Dr. Barnhouse, who underwent surgery for a malignant brain tumor on October 8, died at approximately 2 p.m. today at Temple University Hospital.

Always a colorful and at times a controversial figure, the distinguished Bible teacher leaves behind a wealth of written material through which his influence for Christ will continue to reach out to the ends of the earth. He authored ten books, and it is believed that others may be published posthumously. Editor-in-chief of *Eternity* magazine since it was launched in 1950, he previously had edited its predecessor, *Revelation*, since 1931.

Permit Received

CHICAGO (EP)—Evangelist Billy Graham has received permission to hold a crusade in Soldier Field. The permit for the event has been issued by the Chicago Park District board to the Laymen's Executive Committee for the period from May 20 to June 17, 1962.

The Chicago Park District, which owns the field, agreed to waive the usual \$750-a-day rental. But sponsors will be required to pay for maintenance and lighting of the huge stadium.

Similar rent-free arrangements have been granted in the past to other religious organizations.

A Chat with Laymen . . .

WELCOME INTO MY STUDY. May I speak a few words on behalf of the young men who will be assuming their first pastorates this year? May I suggest that the quality and character of that first charge may well determine the entire future ministry of the young shepherd? May I add that in a degree too little realized, much of the tone of that first ministry will depend on how you—the laymen—accept the young pastor?

As the young minister accepts the duties of his first charge and begins to use his training, he commences to grow into the full maturity of his call. That it may prove to be a creative experience for all, let me make the following suggestions.

Respect your pastor as a person. Yes, he is young; he is without much experience. But this does not mean that he is not in any sense a mature person. In the thought which Paul gave to Timothy, we ought not "despise his youth." He is first an individual, and we should respect the integrity of his personality. Laymen ought to assist their pastor by giving him full confidence as an individual. The debasing prejudice that accords to the minister a status less than that of manhood has no value in the church. Grant him the full status of manhood. Honor him as a person.

Respect your pastor's high calling. The young minister feels the call of God upon his life. Help maintain the dignity that belongs to the office and do not allow the young preacher to lose the holy concept of his call. Divest yourself of the notion (if you are its unconscious prisoner) that the minister is but the hired man of the church; do not allow the calling of a pastor to become akin to a mere business transaction. Recapture, if necessary, the glorious vision that the establishment of a minister in a charge is a divine operation full of majesty and glory. Accept your responsibility for the growth of the pastor and the true success of his ministry; this is for the laymen a very precious God-given stewardship. Many a pastor will recall with profound gratitude those laymen who provided encouragement and inspiration during their early years of ministry. Truly, such are the salt of any good pastorate.

Respect his program. While he may look and indeed be quite young, the grad-

uate of a good seminary does come to his first charge a well-trained specialist in his field. Naturally he has goals and programs. Some of his original ideas and plans may be impractical. While this may be more readily apparent to the more experienced, it is important that the young pastor have the opportunity of exploiting his total plan. In forty years of observation, I have discovered that all of us tend to crystallize our thinking and our ideas. Unfortunately, after forty, many of us fossilize our thinking. It is a disturbing thing when the mission of the church is impeded by the inertness of thought of its laymen—or of its pastor—honest, devout, and sincere though they may be. Laymen, keep a resilient and buoyant mind and spirit, and learn how to adapt to changing conditions; give to your pastor the responsible liberty necessary to attempt great things for God.

Dr. Clarence Roddy

Respect his time. The proper use of one's time is one of the most valuable assets of life, and also one of the most elusive. Unfortunately, not every young minister has learned the art of budgeting his time when he leaves seminary. The vast majority are aware of the need and are making efforts to achieve such discipline. Yet, the minister will meet a real test in his first pastorate and it may well "make or break him" for the rest of his life. He will be in an environment that multiplies distractions and compounds interruptions. Soon enough the well-planned day ceases to become a reality, and the young preacher may become less efficient in the handling of his time than the proverbial squirrel in the cage.

In this area, the concerned layman can help greatly. The layman can reduce the distractions and the unnecessary demands upon the pastor's time. He can see that the

pastor has for himself the morning hours that he may apply to study. When the minister stands behind the pulpit on Sunday, we want to hear a message that rings with relevance for our personal lives; we want our souls fed. We must acknowledge that good sermons can only come from hard effort. This consumes a great deal of time. The pastor needs time to think, meditate, and pray over his message. Of course, he will be available in true emergencies, but seek to give him those precious morning hours—to apply himself for the heart of his ministry.

Respect his family. Accord to the pastor's wife the gracious position of the "first lady." The first responsibility of the pastor's wife is to be a good wife and companion and to create for her beloved a true Christian home. Such a ministry cannot be measured by any known standards or norms, but many a man of God is willing to pay tribute to the woman by his side. Let them have a normal home life.

This admonition includes the children in the pastor's family. It is a sad fact that many children of the parsonage carry to this day unpleasant memories because some people have acquired the absurd notion that the offspring of the pastor were a different kind of creature than other children and so treated them. They are children as any other children; do not make too much of them, do not expect too much of them.

Respect his pocketbook. The subject of money in reference to a pastor has ever been a touchy one. Laymen and ministers alike have acquired a sensitivity when speaking of pastoral salaries. Why? I do not know the full answer for there are many factors involved. It would appear that the dedication of the minister and the nature of his calling preclude any thought of evaluating his service in terms of money. This attitude more or less relegates the minister to the status of the glorified mendicant. Although an occasional minister develops mercenary traits, the clergy, in the last analysis, have in dedication served without regard to remuneration and will continue to do so. However, it is gratifying to see a new day dawning, when the efforts of an aroused laity have rewritten the philosophy of the old deacon who prayed, "O Lord, keep our young pastor humble, and we will keep him poor."

The laymen should allow for the pastor an adequate salary to sustain his family.

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About the Young Minister

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By Wesley Calvary

On December 6, Wesley Calvary and his family sailed to Japan for their second term of service. This group at Koshimizu Church will be one of several to welcome them back.



The Major Requirement of a Missionary

WHAT ARE THE requirements for a missionary? A complex question indeed! The requirements are varying and plentiful. The mission field is no place for a man who is a misfit in the churches at home. If he was a misfit at home, he will be more of a misfit on the foreign field. To be a missionary requires the best that a dedicated man can offer to God. (1) A missionary must be a spiritual leader. His task is one that cannot be accomplished without the power of the Holy Spirit. (2) He must be physically strong. Without good health he cannot endure the physical strain that will be his task to bear. (3) He must be mentally alert. He must be able to think and reason with an oriental mind which is quite different from his own. (4) He must be intellectually a student. Willing to be taught as well as to teach. (5) Socially he must be a good mixer; and yet consider himself the "least of all the saints."

This list of requirements could go on and on and include many things that I have not mentioned. But there is one requirement that towers above them all. It could be considered a separate requirement, or more aptly, it could be considered a basic part of all requirements. This requirement is love.

Wesley Calvary is our senior missionary to Japan. On furlough for the past year, he leaves this month with his family for a second five-year term in Japan.

At this point the reading of I Cor. 13:1-8, substituting the word love for charity (which is the original meaning), would bear out the importance of love. Let us consider the requirement of love in a missionary.

Of course, the basis of all our love is in God. God not only loves but is love. He loved us even to the extent that He was willing to make the greatest sacrifice of all in the gift of His Son, proving to us that His love toward us has no limits. It is eternal even as He is eternal. It is beyond our finite comprehension to realize just how much God does love us. It is no wonder that God requires love of us. How could we be so ungrateful as to have a heart not overflowing with love. The Bible teaches us that we are to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. That is, we are to love Him with all our very being; with all that we are and ever hope to be. He demands our first and greatest love. How dare we love others more than He, when His love toward us is evidenced so strongly about us.

Most Christians are never called upon to prove to God that they love Him supremely. But the missionary is. The words of Jesus in Matt. 10:37, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me," become very real to the missionary

who must live so far away from mother and father, and many times their own children. Some have said, "Missionaries are not normal," or "They don't love their mother like I love mine." No matter what may be said to the contrary, the love is just as great. Never shall I forget the day that I had to say goodbye to my own mother and father when I left for Japan. Both were not well and the possibility that I would never see them again was strong. I thank God for a Christian mother and father who never said a word to interfere with the will of the Lord for their "baby" son. The question had been settled long before the final goodbye was said.

Once in Tokyo, as Rebecca (my adopted daughter, age five) and I were lying in bed before the others in the house had awakened, I asked her a question that I'm sure all fathers have selfishly asked their children. "Rebecca, who do you love best of all?" Naturally, there close to me, I expected her to say, "Daddy." But to my surprise and joy, her answer was, "Jesus." Who do we love best of all—"Daddy" or "Jesus?"

This love for God extends further. It demands that we love God more than self. The natural man thinks of self first. The dedicated missionary thinks of God and His will first. Self desires close contact with friends and loved ones, not to be separated

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Standing in a Chinese Nationalist observation post on Kinmen Island (Quemoy) in early October, looking at the nearby Communist gun stations, Larry Ward recorded his on-the-spot impressions. They are reproduced below exactly as recorded.

BROADCAST FROM QUEMOY

BY LARRY WARD

THIS IS LARRY WARD, reporting for World Vision from Kinmen Island in the Formosa Straits. You may know it better as *Quemoy*.

Yes, this is one of those battle-scarred little islands in the narrow straits between Formosa—and the mainland colossus of Red China.

As I speak to you, I am standing high up in a Chinese Nationalist Army observation post, looking out from this little patch of freedom to Communist territory less than a mile and a half away. Just a few minutes ago I looked through binoculars at Chinese gun stations so close that those manning them can hear propaganda broadcasts that boom out over huge loudspeakers here on this island.

I am here on Quemoy today for one reason—to remind you as American and Canadian Christians to pray for your brothers and sisters in this, one of the real trouble spots of the world.

For over two years now, Quemoy, and its sister island to the North, Matsu, have been under heavy Communist gunfire. Hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition have pounded on to this valiant little Free World outpost since August 23, 1958—and the situation has gone on so long that no doubt many people in the rest of the world have forgotten it.

But the people here have not forgotten! Today the big guns are silent, for in this—one of the strangest of man's wars with man—the Communists shell Quemoy and Matsu on only the even-numbered days. We are told that Red China could not afford to keep up its original heavy pace of shelling and bombardment, for it was estimated that they were spending a full million dollars U.S. each day during the period when their full onslaught was directed against these islands. *That's a lot of rice*—and so the Red Chinese have been forced into this present farce of firing only on odd-numbered days. Yesterday they fired some 147 times—but today their big guns are silent.

Just a few hours ago I flew here from

the city of Taipei on a Chinese Nationalist Air Force plane. With me was Hans Wilhelm, a missionary with Orient Crusades who is also an accredited correspondent with the Far East News Service. As we approached this little island of Quemoy, we swept in barely 100 feet above the water . . . flying just above the white-capped waves to avoid detection, we were told, on the Communist radar screens just a short distance away.

Now, in a few hours, I'll be headed back to the comparative safety of the island of Formosa. *But the 41,000 people living here will stay.* They'll be here tomorrow, waiting tensely until they hear the dreaded sound of the Communist guns . . . then living through the all-too-short parenthesis of peace while the guns are silent . . . then moving on into another day when the guns will roar again. Too, they never know when this on again, off again shooting schedule will be disrupted . . . when the red dragon will reach out across the narrow straits to crush their little islands.

I'll be leaving . . . but these people will stay—and so my heart goes out to them.

And it will continue to do so, for just a few moments ago I experienced one of the most moving moments of my life when some of the commanding officers of this fortress island stood before me and pinned on my coat what they called the Kinmen Memory Badge. Before they had been smiling and laughing, as our wonderful Chinese friends so often are—but now, suddenly, they were grimly serious. As the ranking officer pinned this little badge on me, he said: "This is the Kinmen Memory Badge. We give it to our honored guests who risk their lives to come here to see—and then go back to tell the rest of the Free World how we stand here for freedom."

He continued; and I could sense it cost him something to speak as he said, with deep emotion: "We call this the Kinmen Memory Badge because we hope that each time you look at it, it will remind you of the men and women who stand here on

this little outpost of freedom to guard Taiwan. As we guard Taiwan, we guard the rest of the Free World," he said, "and so we hope you will not forget us."

Well, I wear that badge. I wear it proudly. Not because of myself—I have done nothing here—but because I am proud to be identified with those who stand here so courageously. I remember the words of the general as he said, with evident sincerity and emotion: "We shall stand here to the last man—until the last man is gone."

And as I look down at my Kinmen Memory Badge . . . as I stand here on the Island of Quemoy in the Formosa Straits, looking off toward Red China so very near, that badge is a different kind of memory badge. Yes, as I look at it, it *will* remind me of these brave people . . . but it will also be my *prayer memory badge*.

When I look at it, I shall also remember the little churches we have visited today. There are three here, and we had the wonderful privilege of visiting two of them. One had some 15 children in its Sunday School, with 25 or 30 in the worship services . . . and the other has some 100 people in regular attendance, with three prayer meetings each week and a full slate of church activities.

They told us how the pastor of this second church had rushed out into the streets to comfort the wounded and the dying in the heavy bombardment some months ago . . . and how he returned home to find his own house had been hit, that his wife and two children had been killed. But that church carries on, bringing the reminder of God's love to those here who so desperately need it.

This is part of the body of Christ, out here on Quemoy . . . and when one part of the body suffers, we all suffer with it. I hope you'll remember to pray for these islands in the Formosa Straits . . . for these three have little churches. That's why I'm here today: Larry Ward, reporting from Quemoy.

What's Your Problem?



By LOUIS H. MOULTON

Q. Since war clouds continue to threaten and my two boys are sure to be called up soon, will you please tell me if a soldier is justified in killing in time of war.

A. There are several accounts in the Old Testament of how God told the Israelites to war against certain nations and completely destroy and kill every man, woman and child. Space does not permit the printing but please read Romans 13:1-7. We are told to be subject to the higher powers. Verse 2 says, "Who-soever resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God." There is a similar teaching in 2 Peter 2:13, 14. In view of our being subject to those in authority and power, a hired soldier serving his country in time of war certainly could not be said to have broken the commandment, "thou shalt not kill."

Q. I am sick of the puny way in which parents chastize their children these days. I'm in favor of the old fashioned hickory stick. How would you say we should punish our children?

A. There are several ways, such as denial of some particular desire of the child or withholding some pleasure. However, though it doesn't seem to be very popular these days, I agree with you and I don't think we can improve on the way given by the wise man in Proverbs 23:13, "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die." Again in Proverbs 29:15 "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." If a person objects to the rod, we could remind them further that God says through the inspired writings of this same wise man in Proverbs 13:24, "He that spareth the rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

Q. What do you think of death bed repentance?

A. In John 6:37 Jesus said "... him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." If a person is rational, has his thinking faculties, and will confess his sins and by faith receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, it makes no difference when or where—death bed included—he will be saved. I certainly do not advise a person to put off his decision because now—today—is the day of salvation.

Q. If a husband or wife is a devout Christian and the other mate is just the opposite should this married couple remain together or separate?

A. "... If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now they are holy ... For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or what knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife." (1 Cor. 7:12-14).

Q. My conscience is about to whip me to death. I have been unfaithful to my wife and I can't seem to get any peace. Please help me.

A. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This promise is for you if you are really sincere in your confession and repentance. Let me remind you of the words to Jesus to a woman in John 8 who "... was taken in adultery, in the very act." The same admonition applies to you: "... go, and sin no more." (John 8:11).

Q. I have lived several years with a husband who is not saved. There are times that he spends days in drinking and then life becomes almost unbearable. I attend my church regularly and have trusted Christ as my Savior yet there are times when I think I just cannot go on. I have even entertained the thought of self-destruction to get away from it all. Then I've wondered what about taking one's own life. Would God forgive me?

A. You are certainly not in a good state mentally or spiritually and I think a talk with your pastor and perhaps with your doctor would help. Do not cease to pray for your husband. I know of cases where God has saved a drunken man or woman even though faithful loved ones had to spend years praying for him or her. As for suicide, put these thoughts out of your mind. "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?" (1 Cor. 6:19). "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (1 Cor. 3:16,17).

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The Cooperative Plan of Support has enjoyed another good month with October receipts even surpassing those of September. Actual Cooperative receipts pushed the \$5,000.00 mark with designated receipts carrying the total to \$5,382.86. Additional churches which have adopted this plan of support have helped to boost the receipts.

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Universal Week of Prayer Program

JANUARY 2-7, 1961

THE TRIUNE GOD

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Readings: Psalm 95:1-7a; Psalm 103:1-13, 20-22; John 4:23-26; Revelation 14:6-7; Isaiah 6:1-8.

Praise: We come with praise and adoration into the presence of God. He is Creator, Saviour and Sanctifier. His faithfulness endures forever. His grace is sufficient for every need. His promises fail not.

Confession: We hide our faces in shame because of our lack of faith, our waywardness and self-will, in sad contrast to the faithfulness and grace of God. For that reason we are so often ineffective and joyless in our daily lives and powerless in the hour of temptation.

Prayer: Help Thou our unbelief. May we see Thee as Thou art and bow before Thy sovereign will. Fill us with Thy fullness, Lord, and cleanse us from all that is not worthy of Thee.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Readings: Matthew 16:13-18; Luke 6:20-23; Ephesians 3:8-12.

Praise: Even in the midst of the turmoil of our time the Word of Christ is still true. The "gates of hell" shall not prevail against His Church, not even in those countries and circumstances where there is hostility, nor yet in those areas where the Church is weakened by lack of spirituality and worldliness. Sincerely we thank God for every demonstration of His power in the lives of Christians despite the difficulties they face.

Confession: We confess to Him our lukewarmness, slothfulness and lack of charity. We acknowledge our failure in witness and in deeds of love. We are humbled by the many divisions within the Church.

Prayer: We pray earnestly that Thou wilt give to Thy Church the power to withstand the perils and dangers of these days. Fill Thy Church with joy in witnessing and give the assurance of hope. Grant Thy blessing to all societies and individuals working and praying for spiritual unity. May we never lose sight of God's plan for His Church.

NATIONS AND THEIR RULERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Readings: Psalm 96:1-13; Deut. 32:7-8; Acts 17:26-27; Isaiah 45:21-24; Phil. 2:5-11.

Praise: In every upheaval, in all struggles for power, in all political unrest, God is still sovereign. All the gods of the people are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. He numbers the stars and calls them by name. He fixes the boundaries of nations. He sees the strife and discord of men. He speaks the final word in the history of nations, and He says to His people, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Confession: We confess that Christians have failed in their responsibility as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our witness to the Word of God and the salvation which is in Christ has lacked strength and unity. Too often Christians have shared in the doubts of others instead of declaring fearlessly: "Thus saith the Lord."

Prayer: May righteousness and peace reign on earth and all artificial barriers separating peoples be broken down. May the threat of war be overcome and may nations and their rulers be willing to submit themselves to the sovereign will of God. May the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ be proclaimed to all people.

THE WORLD CHURCH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Readings: Mark 16:14-20; Matt. 10:16-20, 24:4-13, 28:18-20.

Praise: We praise God for the many Christians who are willing and ready to take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. In a constantly changing world the gospel is still the power of God unto salvation. The divine commission and the divine promises are still in force. God does not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live.

Confession: As Christians we have not been as faithful as we should have been in prayer and sacrifice. Not all of us have been will to face the question: "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" The low spiritual standard of many Christians at home has resulted in inadequate support for those who serve as missionaries overseas.

Prayer: Lord, preserve for us open doors! Open those doors which are closed; send forth men and women suitably equipped to take the gospel to the younger nations and grant that the churches there may be built up according to the Scriptures. Save them from the divisions of the older churches. May Christian nationals be raised up for the work of evangelism and leadership in the Church.

THE FAMILY AND YOUTH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Readings: Eph. 5:18-28, 6:1-4; Titus 2:1-8; Eccles. 11:9-10.

Praise: We sincerely thank God for His ordering of family life. We are grateful that in His World He gives guidance for education in home, school and church. We praise God for all parents, teachers, pastors, doctors and youth leaders who in the spirit of Christ teach, educate, and train the young.

Confession: We confess in deep humility that godlessness, materialism and secularism have permeated home and family life with disastrous results. We are saddened by the many unhappy marriages and broken homes.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, grant unto Thy disciples strength and wisdom, love and the willingness to accept Thy standard for their lives. Grant that in the right use of Sunday, in a scriptural attitude toward work, and in Christian stewardship of money and all other possessions, Christ may be honored and glorified. May all relationships, whether in home or place of business be ordered aright. May those who frame our laws acknowledge Thee as the supreme Lawgiver. May the Word of God be restored to its rightful place in the homes of the people.

HOME MISSIONS AND ISRAEL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

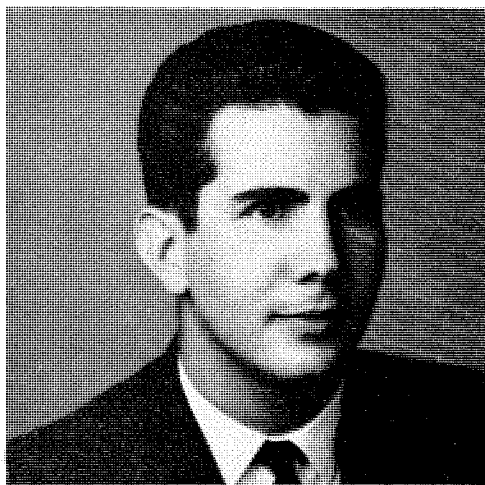
Readings: Roman 9:1-18, 15:1-7; I Peter 2:9-16.

Praise: We praise God for all acts of love done in the name of Christ, for the work of evangelism, for conventions, for the deep-

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The Universal Week of Prayer begins its second century of worldwide observance this year. The National Association of Evangelicals joins with the World Evangelical Fellowship in calling to prayer Christians all over the world during the week of January 2-7. We encourage united praying and private devotions using the suggestions given above.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES



Rev. Jerry Ballard, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Loy E. Ballard of Scotland Neck, North Carolina, has been named as Promotional Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department. He is a graduate of Columbia Bible College, with additional study at East Carolina College, North Carolina State College, and the University of South Carolina.

Named Promotional Secretary

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. Jerry Ballard has been named by the Board of Foreign Missions as promotional secretary, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of the Rev. Louis H. Moulton. The announcement was made by the Rev. Rolla Smith, General Director.

Mr. Moulton resigned on the recommendation of his doctor following a heart attack earlier this year.

Mr. Ballard's appointment, made by the Foreign Mission Board during its annual session, is the result of a step by the board into a more adequate missions literature program. The nature of the office of promotional secretary has been changed from one of direct contact promotion to one with an emphasis on promotion of missions through literary mediums.

Although Mr. Ballard will continue a limited amount of outside promotion, his primary duties are to design, write and produce suitable materials to promote foreign missions through every available means and to develop a literature program for use by nationals on the denomination's respective fields, commented Mr. Smith.

Each mission board member is committed to two weeks of missionary conference work per year. This move by the board was made to alleviate the reduction in outside work by the promotional secretary.

The new promotional secretary is a veteran journalist, having edited two weekly newspapers prior to working in an editorial capacity on one of eastern North Carolina's leading dailies before returning to college

to complete preparation for a ministry in Christian journalism. In addition, Mr. Ballard formerly was editor of *Perception*, published by Christian News Associates, a post which he resigned in November to accept the job of promotional secretary for the Foreign Mission Department.

New Association Formed

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Capitol City church of Little Rock, Arkansas, was host to the organization committee and counsel, which met September 17 and organized a new association. Churches included are First churches of North Little Rock, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, and Capitol City church.

Officers elected for the new Central Association are: Moderator—William J. Mishler, Assistant Moderator—Jimmy Bundy, Clerk—Alton E. Loveless, Treasurer—Mrs. Alton Loveless.

Proceedings were moderated by Rev. Bob King, chairman of the state's executive board. Other members of the council were Ray Watkins, Willard C. Day, W. S. Isbell, and Millard Williams.

The new association received \$385.00 in cooperative offerings for distribution. Association leaders plan to emphasize and promote the Cooperative Plan of Support among the churches as the best means of supporting the whole work of the denomination.

Church Burns Mortgage

NASON, ILL.—October 30, 1960, is an historical date to the Nason Free Will Baptist church. Pastor C. J. Kettman stated the mortgage on the church building was burned as a part of the dedication ceremonies in a day of worship and fellowship.

The church was organized in a store building on December 7, 1944.

The Rev. Mrs. Gearldine Lewis who was pastor when the church was built, preached the morning message. The dedicatory message was delivered in the afternoon by Rev. Leslie C. Elliott, another former pastor.

South Carolina Plans Church

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Free Will Baptists in this capital city are now optimistic about the future of a church here. The church has returned itself to the status of a mission in order to be eligible for help from the state Home Mission Board. This help has enabled them to secure a pastor, the Rev. David Hutchinson, who is making great efforts to promote the church's growth.

Mr. Hutchinson, taking graduate study at Columbia Bible College, is greatly encouraged by the increasing interest of the local people. Offerings for the past month, he said, have far surpassed those received during the previous three-month period.

Christmas Program Planned

NOGALES, ARIZ.—The Mexican children who cross the border daily to attend the Free Will Baptist academy are in earnest preparation for the Christmas program. The present enrolment of 106 students have only two teachers, Rev. and Mrs. John Elliston, to work in the school. Sacrificing workers who are dedicated to missions is a very pressing need. Also, the overcrowded quarters are in great need of expansion.

"We give clothing to around 200 people each month, also food to several, and help in buying medicine for some," Mrs. Elliston reports. Interested readers may write to Box 550, Nogales, Arizona, for other information.

Has Missionary Service

SAVANNAH, GA.—First church here reports a memorable and appreciative service conducted by two "Missionary-designate" families. John and Barbara Moehlman and children, leaving soon for Costa Rica, and Bobby and Geneva Poole, Brazil appointees, challenged the hearts of the listeners.

The congregation gave \$126 to the missionaries following the service and pledged a combined support of \$75 monthly for the two couples.

New Officers Elected

NOGALES, ARIZ. — Arizona - Mexico Missions, Inc., elected new officers as follows: President—John B. Elliston, Vice-President—James Lanier, Secretary-Treasurer—Gladys P. Elliston. Board members elected were: Arizona—Elvis Priest, California—Edward Johns, Mexico—Jose Guzman, and Arlis Priest, Member-at-Large.

All members of the board are Free Will Baptists and five are ordained ministers. All workers at the mission are Free Will Baptists and the Articles of Incorporation state that if the mission ever fails to operate, the property will belong to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Has Youth Sunday

BERKELEY CITY, MO.—The last Sunday of November was observed as Youth Sunday in First church here. The Young People were in complete charge of both Sunday School and morning worship services. A special program entitled, "A Song Sermon" was presented with four young people bringing brief messages.

Reports Revival

DURHAM, N. C.—Fellowship church enjoyed revival services September 19-25, with Rev. Jack Paramore as evangelist. In the revival, eight persons made first time decisions for Christ, and 42 rededications were witnessed.

Invites Names of Prospects

WICHITA, KANS.—Pastor Clyde Coatsney of Liberty church here invites readers to notify him of their relatives and friends in this area who are not attending church.

A summer revival in the church resulted in 14 conversions, 4 rededications, and 5 baptisms. Evangelists were Millard Davis of Berryville, Arkansas, and Frank Laird of Arizona. The pastor may be contacted at 746 S. Pershing St., Wichita, Kansas.

Mission Becomes Church

NEW BERN, N. C.—Fellowship Chapel which began as a mission in July, 1960, was organized as a church on October 6. The pastor of the group is Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, who moved here from Stark City, Mo.

Certificates of charter membership were issued to eighty-three persons who presented themselves for membership. In the organizational ceremonies the group accepted the Holy Bible as the infallible Word of God and rule of practice, the Treatise of Faith and Practices as a guide, and the church Covenant as a commitment to God and each other.

The church further voted to tithe its offerings into the work of the National Association through the Cooperative Plan.

The large crowd shared a fellowship dinner in the home of one of the members, following the morning services.

Special Service Reported

MTN. GROVE, MO.—The Master's Men sponsored a special service in the church recently on the theme of *SAFETY*. Special guests for the service were youth members of the YPA, GTA, and Junior Master's Men, and the featured speaker, Sgt. Carter, of the Missouri Highway Patrol.

Sgt. Carter spoke on "Be Your Brother's Keeper," and this was followed by films teaching a Christian's duty as a citizen.

"Remember Pearl Harbor"

WAIPAHU, HAWAII—The slogan so familiar to Americans, "Remember Pearl

Harbor", has become the theme adopted by Pastor Luther Sanders in the effort to build a church for the work in Hawaii.

Pastor Sanders was in the service of the U.S. Navy when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941. He recalls the misery, pain, and chaos suffered at that time in addition to the great losses in materials and property. He points out that with the American people rallying behind the battle cry, "Remember Pearl Harbor", defeat was turned into victory.

Luther Sanders has returned to the place that holds an unforgettable place in his memory. But this time his purpose is different. He serves under a different "Commander-in-Chief", and with his wife and daughter, endeavors to present his Lord to the natives and military personnel there.

A church is now the overwhelming need and land sells at the unreasonably high price of \$3.00 per square foot. Pastor Sanders hopes to stir the memory of Free Will Baptists, to "Remember Pearl Harbor" and this month, nineteen years after that eventful day, give enough to place a permanent witness for Christ there. His plea is that each person will send \$3.00 to buy one square foot of property. The National Home Missions Board has concurred in this plan and requests that the offerings be sent to "Remember Pearl Harbor" Fund, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Recent State Meetings Reported

ALABAMA—The State meeting was held November 10-12, at East Birmingham church. Nine additional churches affiliated themselves with the state association. Officers of the state were elected as follows: Moderator—William Atkinson, Assistant Moderator—R. P. Ritch, Clerk-Treasurer—Chester O'Donnell, Assistant Clerk—Ray W. Ritch.



Rev. H. Z. Cox, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, was named recently by the Texas State Association as State Executive Secretary. He succeeds the Rev. Everett Hellard of Houston, Texas.

OKLAHOMA—Tulsa First church was host to the Oklahoma State Association, October 18-20. The delegates voted to locate the state headquarters in Oklahoma City, and adopted a total budget of \$187,300.00. Officers elected were: Moderator—Wade Jernigan, Assistant Moderator—Bill Ketchum, Clerk—Roy Bingham, Assistant Clerk—Howard Gage, Executive Secretary—E. M. Kennedy, and Parliamentarian—Don Payne.

TEXAS—November 1-3, were the dates of the Texas State Association held at Trinity Temple church, Ft. Worth. Some 165 persons registered for the meeting, with five Districts reporting a total of 62 churches.

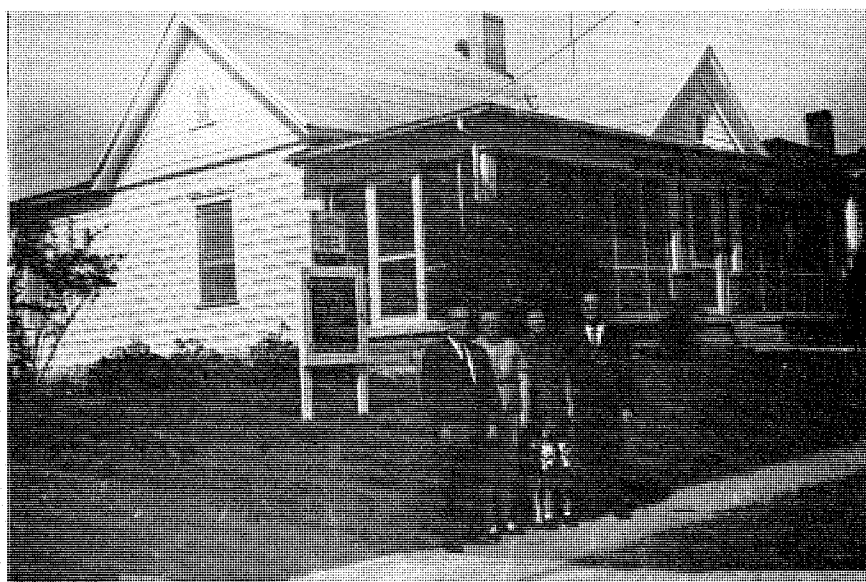
Treasurer's records for the 12-month period showed a total giving of the churches amounting to \$195,022.37. Total Cooperative Plan receipts by the state was \$5,081.44, showing an increase of \$529.66.

The following officers were elected: Moderator—E. E. Zoellers, Assistant Moderator—James Evans, Clerk—Mrs. Huey Gower, Executive Secretary—H. Z. Cox.

National Youth Week Announced

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The dates for National Youth Week are set for January 29 through February 5. The complete theme, "Surrender to God", has a consecration emphasis. Daily emphases are as follows: Monday, GOALS; Tuesday, TALENTS; Wednesday, EMOTIONS; Thursday, TIME; Friday, ENERGY; Saturday, THOUGHTS; Sunday, ALL (EVERYTHING).

Posters, church bulletin folders, post cards, and hymnal bands with the theme picture may be ordered from the National Sunday School Association, 175 North Franklin, Chicago 6, Illinois. These materials are very colorful and were especially prepared to go along with the theme, "Surrender to God," prepared by the National Youth Commission.



Progress continues to be made in the work of the Free Will Baptist Mission of Atlanta, Georgia. Pictured in front of the mission property is Pastor and Mrs. J. R. Davidson with Rev. and Mrs. Mance R. Cason and son. Mr. Cason is Chairman of the Georgia Home Mission Board.



Youth Programming

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Roman Catholicism in the Light of Scripture—F. C. H. Dreyer and E. Weller, Moody Press, 256 pp., \$3.50.

In this book, Roman Catholic doctrine is discussed from the Protestant point of view. In the introduction, the points of agreement between Catholics and Protestants are given, and the major differences are pointed out. The remainder of the book consists of an examination of specific Catholic doctrines in the light of the Bible.

Some of the sections which are probably of greatest interest to Protestant readers are those dealing with the doctrines of papal infallibility, indulgences, sacraments, purgatory, veneration of Mary, and celibacy. In addition to the unscriptural nature of some of these doctrines, their logical weaknesses are pointed out.—Roy O'Donnell

Prayer Power—Donald Earle Lewis, Fleming H. Revell, 64 pp., \$1.50.

Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer from memory. But few people have probed as deeply into the significance of the model prayer as has author Lewis. Each of the seven chapters deal with a sentence or portion of the model prayer and serves as a pattern to show Christians how to develop the resources of prayer to ad dpower in their individual lives. The author presents spiritual truths of prayer so they are easily understood, and uses simple illustrations that not only put his point across, but make for interesting reading.—Joan Warren

A Closer Walk with God—Elmer A. Kettner, Concordia Publishing House, 99 pp., 75 cents.

The author prepared this booklet as a study guide to be used by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, thus reference is made at various points specifically to the Lutheran Church and its methods of worship. However, the book contains practical advice applicable to anyone interested in spiritual growth.—Joan Warren

I Tithe Joyfully—Moody Press, 127 pp., thirty-nine cents.

Anyone who is the least bit hesitant about tithing will find all excuses swept away as this compact book is perused. The book is a compilation of letters which are testimonials from 58 persons who have tithed from 10 per cent to as much as 30 per cent of their total income. Each experience from these people, who are incidentally in the lower or middle income bracket, illustrates God's blessings upon those who take Him at His word and have learned to tithe joyfully.—Joan Warren

Consider the possibilities for starting the meeting. Here are some suggestions that will provide variety:

Open your meeting with any of the following: . . . an unannounced vocal solo . . . an unannounced reading . . . a number provided by a trumpet trio or any other instrumental ensemble your group may have or can develop . . . an unannounced Scripture reading . . . a dialogue . . . a surprise—something entirely new to your group. Perhaps a brief talk, gospel magic feature, ventriloquist . . . lively announcements of coming activities . . . a surprise interview with some outstanding Christian, missionary, or Christian worker in your town.

Spend some time in conference with your fellow youth workers and your young people in conscious effort to make the opening of your meetings different, and you'll find the results most gratifying.

And then, give serious thought, too, to the variations that can be achieved in the line-up of your features that will provide a welcome change of sequence.

List the basic elements of your meetings—song service, special music, Scripture reading, prayer, announcements, offering, quiz, Bible drill, discussion, or "message." See how many purposeful combinations are possible.

Frequent change just in the order of the various features of your meetings will, in itself, excite rewarding renewal of interest on the part of young people and sponsors alike.

But this is only the beginning. Even more gratifying results can be obtained by VARYING THE INDIVIDUAL FEATURES OF EACH MEETING.

Study these features separately and determine what should be done to give them new life and sparkle.

First, the Song Service.

How can you vary your song service? Well, let's consider it for a moment, as it is today.

Do you use one song leader all the time? Why not try some others? If you don't have them, train them. This will furnish needed change of pace in your sing-times. Do you have all your singing at one time during the meetings? (Why?) Try to use all types. Do you sing only the first and last stanzas? Or stanzas one, two and four? Try the whole song some time and stress the message that is incomplete without all four stanzas. Then, too, for further variety, you might ask the fellows to sing one, the girls and, a soloist the third, and the entire group the fourth.

Scripture Reading

What about your Scripture reading? Always done in the same way? Nothing wrong with the way it's done, perhaps, but wouldn't a little variation be most welcome by now? Instead of one reader for the entire passage, why not have a "read-around" with several

up front taking part? What about a responsive reading—leader and group, or fellows and girls? Suppose you were to ask one young person to memorize a Scripture passage for next week's meeting? What blessing to the one who does it—and to the entire group, as well!

Announcements.

Even here variety is possible. Some announcement periods can be brightened up considerably even by encouraging the one who makes them to speak up loudly enough so he can be heard.

In fact, such variety can be introduced into your announcement time that the young people will actually look forward to it each week.

To accomplish this, try publicity playlets (one-minute dialogues that announce coming activities in a clever way); interviews; announcements coming out of nowhere at an unexpected time by way of public address system; newscast; pantomimes. These are but a few ideas for injecting new life into your announcement period. You and your young people can originate many more.

Similar treatment might well be applied to all parts of your youth meetings—special music, prayer time, "message," and even the offering. Devote a little special effort to making the individual features different, from week to week, and watch interest mount.

Of course, it goes without saying that variety should not become an end in itself. All that's done in preparation for your meetings, in a determined effort to make them more appealing, should be done with your main purposes in view: To glorify the Lord Jesus Christ through the salvation, blessing, edification and training of your young people.

Such purposes can be more effectively accomplished through meetings that are alive and appealing enough to keep young people coming and to hold their individual interest. And one of the best ways to assure such interest is through a studied, prayerful, and ingenious introduction of variety into your meetings.

A Chat with Laymen

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There is no ruling amount, although it seems that it ought never to be less than the average of the congregation. I am convinced that more than one church died when it began to shrink its heart in this financial relationship.

We who are involved in preparing these young men for the ministry are vitally concerned with excellence. The menace of mediocrity has ever plagued the ministry. Too often the work of Christ is performed in a slipshod and careless manner. This should not be. You, as laymen, can play a strategic role in a resurgence of greatness in our churches, by allowing the young minister to realize fully the potential of his God-given call.



Likes Editorial

Dear Editor:

I say "Amen" to your editorial, "Let the Distinction Be Clear" that led the couple out of the Free Will Baptist church. Dr. John R. Rice and others of his type are not friends to the Free Will Baptist church, and the sooner some preachers learn this the better it will be for us. Why not push our own papers?

Yours in Him,
Rufus Hyman
Slocumb, Alabama

Enjoyed Printed Message

Dear Editor:

I appreciate more than words can tell the message by Mrs. Edwards in the October *Contact*. I wonder if it is possible to get reprints on her message, as I want to send it to friends. I also appreciate your editorial this month. In times like these when all else seems to be changing with the times, it heartens us to see and hear of you who still stand fast for Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Letterman
Peculiar, Missouri

Wants Samples

Dear Editor:

I read in *Contact* that you will send free sample copies on request for the purpose of getting new subscribers. I am corresponding secretary of our Woman's Auxiliary and I want to get our members to subscribe. I get *Contact* each month and read it thoroughly—it really blesses my heart.

God Bless You,
Mrs. Cluster Russ
Chipley, Fla.

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Answer the Same

Dear Editor:

I have just received my October issue of the *Contact* and as usual, I read the editorial first. I particularly like your editorial this month. That question (what is the difference in Free Will Baptists and other Baptist groups) is often asked me and my answer has been as yours.

Yours in Christ,
J. C. Griffin
Bridgeton, N. C.

Changes Pastorate

Dear Editor:

I have moved to Jasper, Alabama, to accept the pastorate here and I want you to change my address so that I will not miss an issue of *Contact*.

In His Service,
A. J. Lambert
Jasper, Alabama

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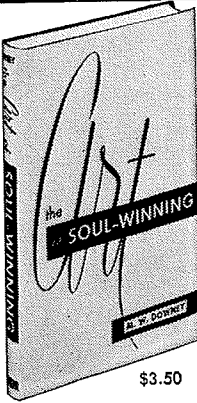
Dear Editor:

Contact came today and I appreciate the timely articles very much. This issue is especially good—but! "one thing thou lackest." What about a record review column? As the mother of four (including a teen-age daughter), may I suggest that you inquire among others as to the wisdom of

such a column.

May the Lord continue to bless the ministry of *Contact*.

Very truly yours,
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The Major Requirement

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by many miles of ocean. Self desires to live in familiar surroundings, not in a community where everything is strange. Self desires a modern home and all the modern conveniences of a normal life in America, not the inconveniences of life in a missionary home. Self is in the way. It's a hindrance to God's will. It must be crucified. Love for God more than self is essential for the missionary.

Included in God's command to love is the love that is required of us toward others. When people are lovable it is easy to love them. When they are our own people we can love them even if they are unlovable. However, the missionary is called upon to love in all cases. His love for the people to whom God has called him cannot be based upon such easily moved foundations. It must be a real love, not just a pretense. The nationals are quick to perceive whether the love is sincere or not. It is a love not to be proven by words, but by right attitudes. It is a love that removes all class, racial or language barriers. May God have mercy upon the missionary who feels himself better than the native. Such a missionary will always justify his selfish deeds by saying, "After all he is a native, and I am an American."

The missionary must learn to think as the national. He must learn to know the feelings of the nationals and take special care not to offend them. Of course, because of his background the missionary will offend in many ways; but if the nationals are convinced that the missionary has a sincere love for them, his mistakes are usually readily forgiven. The missionary must learn to live with the nationals. He must eat their food, visit in their homes and not expect special favors because he is a foreigner. Those customs which are not contrary to God's word should be observed no matter how strange they may be to the American way of life. He should so put himself into the life of the country where he lives until it becomes very natural to him. Never shall I forget my first Japanese tea. It tasted like fishy water. Now I like it as well as the Japanese. I could not stand the thought of eating octopus, whale, fish soup, sea weed and many more such items. Now I enjoy them (very sincerely) along with my Japanese friends. Sitting on the floor, eating with chopsticks, and bowing instead of shaking hands are all customs of the people of Japan, which we took part in sincerely. Eating habits, living habits and even thinking habits must all adjust to that of the

national, not vice-versa. No missionary has a right to try to prove that the customs of his country are better. To the Japanese, eating rice with a fork, is definitely not more sensible than eating it with chopsticks. This is easily proven by giving a Japanese child a fork to eat with. He is as clumsy as you would be with chopsticks.

In directing the activity of a mission church, the missionary must weigh very carefully the issues at hand. It is not his place to change the customs of the local church just because they are different from the customs at home. The basis for the missionary church cannot be how it is done at home. It must be based on the teachings of the Bible in consideration of the local customs. It was revealing to me to realize that, after all, many of our practices in American churches were American religious customs and habits, not necessarily based on the teachings of the Bible. In Japan the preacher is very "dry" according to American standards. He is not given to gestures while preaching. The offering is taken and announcements made at the end of the service, not during the service. Japanese Christians bring their own hymn book to church and always pray immediately upon entering the church. Many such customs are practiced by our brethren in Japan which are not ordinarily practiced in our churches at home. As an American missionary among them, what right have I to change them. Understanding love is the key to the problem. Mind you, I am not suggesting compromise on the truth of God's Word. These are the same no matter where the gospel is preached. Faced with such situations the missionary without a sincere love for the nationals is prone to defend himself and the customs of his own native land. He doesn't like Japanese food and he doesn't like many of their customs. And after all he is an American and they are Japanese. He might even tell himself that no matter how much he tries to be like the nationals, he will still be an American. This is true, but learning to do things like the nationals do it, is one good evidence of a real and sincere love for them. And entering into the life of the country will make the missionary appear more like one of the nationals than is thought possible by the average person. Again, love is the major factor.

In conclusion let me say that the mission fields of the world do not need missionaries who have no love for people. The need is for men and women who, with a heart full of love for God and the people to whom He has sent them, will give themselves unreservedly to the service of God. Oh Lord, give us many such missionaries.

ening of spiritual life. We thank God for the many humble believers who through their prayers and sacrificial lives commend the gospel. We thank Him for all who unselfishly devote their lives in serving their brethren. We praise Him for opportunities of bringing the gospel to the Jews.

Confession: We confess that while much is being accomplished, it is inadequate. Too many of us are given to compromise with the world and are weak in our testimony. We are not effective enough as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Even keen Christians have fallen a prey to the spirit of the age and their discipleship has been weakened thereby. Our personal testimony is often lacking and without power. We have failed fully to appreciate our responsibilities in our attitude to work and our use of leisure.

Prayer: Lord, give to Thy people the renewing of Thy Spirit and increase their joy in discipleship and witness. Grant unto our people a revival. Empower and enrich all servants of the gospel. Take away the blindness from Israel that God's ancient people may recognize and accept their Messiah.

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