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A Call to Prayer

The forthcoming session of our National Association could be a strategic meeting for Free Will Baptists. The moral and spiritual decline of our nation seems to be so rapid we wonder wherein we might have failed and how we might more effectively win our nation and the world to Christ.

Of this we can be certain—God has the answer! Will you pray that God will manifest His presence among us, that we will be convicted of our sins, that we will experience the power of the indwelling Spirit and that we will clearly see our responsibility in the days ahead?

Attend the National Association

A highlight for Free Will Baptists each year is the annual meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Although we have enjoyed excellent attendance in recent years, we are anxious that more people attend. We believe that the value and blessing of these meetings are such that every person attending will be glad he came.

Indications are that we will have one of our finest conventions this year. Interest is high and early reports indicate a large, enthusiastic delegation from across the nation. We want you to be there.

Many Free Will Baptist families are now attending the National Association during their vacation time. The opportunity to visit a different state and city opens the door for new vacation experiences. Why not spend a few days of your vacation with us in Detroit?

We would also urge that each local church send a delegate to the National Association. More and more churches are taking advantage of this opportunity to be represented by a delegate from the local congregation. In this way, the church has the advantage of helping shape National Association ministries and getting first-hand reports of the sessions. Delegates from local churches are selected by the church and register with a ten dollar registration fee.

The dates of the National Association are July 16-18, 1963. All sessions will be held in Detroit's Cobo Hall with the Sheraton-Cadillac serving as headquarters hotel. A cordial welcome awaits you. Meet us there.

\$10,000.00 in Ninety Days

Two years ago in Norfolk, Virginia, the National Association voted to build a new headquarters building in which to house the growing departments of our work. Since then, much time has been given to prayer and planning to determine the arrangement and financing of the building. Conferences have been held with the departmental heads and as much as possible the various boards involved have been brought into the discussions. The executive committee, charged by the National Association to handle arrangements for construction, has spent much time in the review of property, the study of needs and the projection of plans.

We are now happy to announce the purchase of property on which to build our new headquarters building. Full details of this purchase have been given on page seven of this issue of *Contact*. According to the contract which has been signed, we will need to raise another \$10,000.00 in ninety days.

With the full support and cooperation of our people, this goal can be reached. Many of you have made pledges and churches have promised to send in the price of one or more shares (shares are in the amount of \$50.00) to help make this building a reality. Now is the time to send that gift. Your contribution at this time will help us in our efforts to meet this goal and begin actual construction of the new building.

Let me emphasize the fact that for this new building to become a reality within the next year widespread support is needed. If at all possible, we need to get the building under roof before the winter months. Please stand with us through your prayers and a gift. Let us hear from you this month.

Taverns Ordered Closed

by Harold Critcher

MOST PASTORS CONSIDER it their responsibility to fight sin from the pulpit, but Rev. John Edwards, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama, did not stop there. Pastor Edwards has successfully led a campaign to clean up the community in which his church is located.

Several months ago, Mr. Edwards and a fellow minister visited the mayor of their city. They presented him with a petition with 160 names asking that four taverns be closed. It was pointed out that the taverns had become a nuisance to the community. The City Commission promised full cooperation to the ministers. Mr. Edwards told the Commission, "We're prepared even to get a referendum to vote the county dry if necessary to close these places." Arrangements were made to take all legal steps needed.

Following the meeting with the commission, a temporary injunction was issued for five Dothan tavern keepers. The keepers were given 30 days to file pleadings to show why they should not be closed. The petition charged that the taverns were a public nuisance and were used for the purpose of illegal sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages, or encouraging, permitting, tolerating or allowing persons visibly intoxicated to frequently visit or hang around the premises.

The petitions also allege that the night-spots are used for "lewdness, prostitution, assignation, gambling, or the carrying on, or furtherance, or aiding in the carrying on of a lottery; that automobiles and men and women, boys and girls, are constantly coming and going at all hours of the night; that there is much boisterous conduct, indecent and profane talking and acting, and loud noises going on, and carried on, at said place practically every night." After a final hearing, the petition asked for the permanent abatement and restraint of the public nuisance.

The petitions signed by residents near the four taverns charged that the establishments had been the scene of two killings, one suicide, several knife injuries and countless fights during the past two years.

Ministers Testify

Little did Mr. Edwards realize the experiences into which these petitions would lead him. Being the first of approximately 25 witnesses to testify, he stated that beer cartons and cans littered his church's parking lot and cemetery "every Sunday morning." He testified that he saw a car leaving the two clubs nearly have an accident, and that on one occasion he came upon a woman between two cars in the church parking lot who was intoxicated. "She was drunk," the minister testified, "and I took her to the office and she said she had gotten the beer at the places which are under question."

The First Free Will Baptist Church is located about one block east of the two clubs. It was founded in 1886 and Pastor Edwards has served the congregation for the past five years.

The Circuit Court Judge heard complete evidence for and against operators of the taverns. A parade of witnesses, most of them policemen and detectives, gave varying accounts of drunkenness, gambling and immoral conduct at the businesses. The defense refuted a great deal of the information. The defense witnesses continued to deny that the taverns in question were operated in other than a lawful manner. Decisions were delayed during this hearing.

Mr. Edwards testified that he had received threatening telephone calls warning

him against appearing in Circuit Court. "I told him," Mr. Edwards said, "I'll see you in court." The calls occurred on Wednesday night and were spaced about a half hour apart. The first call was actually to Mrs. Edwards. The caller warned her to have a talk with her husband if he wanted to live in Dothan. She was warned to keep him out of court. The voice of the caller was low, apparently disguised, and he would not identify himself. He said threats of death and to blow up his house were made.

Ordered Closed

Several days later the decrees ordering the padlocking of the taverns were issued by the Circuit Judge. The first decree said in part: "The court is satisfied from the evidence that the conduct, behavior, demeanor, and carryings-on of some of the people who patronized the respondent has been such as to shock the conscience and modesty of decent people who passed along the highway in front of the respondent's place of business, and at times molested and interfered with the worship at a Christian church.

"This court cannot, and will not, tolerate the continuance of a business, which by its very nature, permits or allows, or is calculated to interfere in any way in the worship of Almighty God by people who go to such a house of worship established for so long a time." The decree also authorized and directed the Sheriff, at the expiration of the five-day grace period, to "take possession of the taverns for the purpose of closing and locking same for a period of 12 months. The respondents were taxed with the costs incurred in the suit.

Two of the taverns were issued injunctions to permanently enjoin the operators from operating their businesses. This decision was issued following approximately 45 minutes of conferences between opposing lawyers and their clients. Thus, the history of the taverns located near the First Free Will Baptist Church is marked, "closed."

Rev. John Edwards is to be commended for this outstanding leadership in his community. ■ ■



JOHN EDWARDS

HOTELS AND MOTELS AVAILABLE IN DETROIT

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

HOTELS

SHERATON-CADILLAC—Headquarters Hotel—1114 Washington Blvd. Single: \$7.00-\$8.00; Double: \$10.00-\$11.00; Twin: \$11.00-\$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Five minute walk to Cobo.

DETROIT-LELAND—1701 Cass Avenue. Single: \$5.00; Double: \$10.00; Twin: \$10.00. Some air conditioning, TV, parking free 4 p.m. to 8 a.m., children \$2.50 on rollway. Five minute walk to Cobo.

HENROSE—111 Cadillac Square. Single: \$6.50-\$8.50; Double: \$9.00-\$11.50; Twin: \$12.00-\$16.00. Some air conditioning, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Five minute walk to Cobo.

PARK SHELTON—15 E. Kirby at Woodward. Single: \$9.00-\$16.00; Double: \$12.00-\$20.00; Twin: \$13.50. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Twelve minute drive to Cobo.

PICK-FORT SHELBY—525 W. Lafayette. Single: \$6.00-\$12.50; Double: \$8.00-\$15.00; Twin: \$10.00-\$16.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children free. Five minute walk to Cobo.

PRINCE EDWARD—384 Oullette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Single: \$5.50-\$8.00; Double: \$8.50-\$11.00; Twin: \$10.50-\$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Six minute drive to Cobo.

STATLER HILTON—1539 Washington Blvd. Single: \$7.00-\$8.00; Double: \$10.00-\$11.00; Twin: \$11.00-\$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 14 free. Eight minute walk to Cobo.

TULLER—521 Park. Single: 20 rooms at \$4.00; Double: 20 rooms at \$4.50; Twin: \$9.00-\$11.00; Family \$11.00. Air conditioned, TV, parking from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., children under 12 free. Ten minute walk to Cobo.

WOLVERINE—Witherell & Elizabeth. Single: \$4.00-\$5.00; Double: \$6.00-\$7.00; Twin: \$7.00-\$11.00; Family studio suite: \$14.00. Some air conditioning, TV available, children under 12 free. Fifteen minute walk to Cobo.

YMCA (male)—2020 Witherell. Single: \$3.37-\$4.41; Twin: \$3.11-\$3.63 each person. Free parking. Fifteen minute walk to Cobo.

YWCA (female)—2230 Witherell. Single: \$2.75-\$5.00; Twin: \$4.50-\$6.00; Child: \$1.50 per cot. Parking available at extra cost.

MOTELS

ALAMO—2700 Woodward. Singles: \$9.00; Double: \$10.00-\$12.00; Twins: \$12.00-\$16.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.00. Five minute drive from Cobo.

ALGIERS—8301 Woodward. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$10.00; Twin: \$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$1.00. Fifteen minute drive from Cobo.

ASTOR—3900 Woodward. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$10.00-\$12.00; Twin: \$14.00 (four people). Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.00. Eight minute drive to Cobo.

BALI HI—10501 E. Jefferson. Single: \$9.00; Double: \$11.00; Twin: \$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.50. Ten minute drive to Cobo.

BALMAR—3250 E. Jefferson. Single: \$9.00-\$15.00; Double: \$12.00-\$17.50; Three people: \$14.00; Four people: \$16.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.00. Ten minute drive to Cobo.

CADILLAC HOUSE—500 W. Congress. Single: \$12.00; Double: \$16.00-\$18.00; Twin double: \$20.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$4.00. Five minute walk to Cobo.

CALVALIER—12300 Woodward. Single: \$9.00; Double: \$11.00; Twin: \$12.00-\$14.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.00. Fifteen minute drive to Cobo.

CIVIC CENTER—111 E. Larned. Single: no prices given; Doubles \$16.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking. Eight minute walk to Cobo.

DIPLOMAT—5801 Woodward. Single: \$10.00; Double \$12.00; Twin: \$14.00. Air conditioned, TV, parking. Ten minute drive to Cobo.

HARLAN HOUSE—6500 John Lodge Expressway. Single: \$10.00; Double: \$11.50; Twin: \$13.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 12 free. Ten minute drive to Cobo.

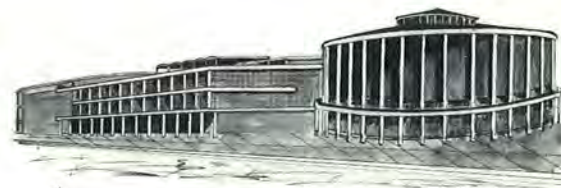
MONTEREY—12100 Woodward. Single: \$8.50; Double: \$11.00; Twin: \$13.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 5 free (over 5 \$2.00). Eighteen minute drive to Cobo.

PALLISTER—7641 Woodward. Single: \$10.00-\$14.00; Double: \$12.00-\$16.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children \$2.00. Fifteen minute drive to Cobo.

PARK PLAZA MOTOR HOTEL—2560 Second. Single: \$9.00-\$10.00; Double: \$12.00-\$13.00. Air conditioned, TV, free parking, children under 12 free, rollaway \$2.00. Five minute drive to Cobo.

NOTE: Since the Sheraton-Cadillac is our headquarters hotel, all ministers, delegates and visitors to our National Association are urged to register here if at all possible. The facilities are excellent, reasonably priced and convenient to the auditorium. This hotel will furnish rooms for our committee and board meetings. You are expected to make your reservation directly with the hotel or motel of your choice. Be sure to mention that your reservation is in connection with the National Association of Free Will Baptists meeting July 15-18.

"...by My Spirit, saith the Lord..."



COBO HALL, DETROIT

SENSING the urgency of these days, the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet this year in its 27th session under the theme "...by my Spirit, saith the Lord..." Detroit, the city that put the world on wheels, is the convention city with all sessions of the association to be held in beautiful and spacious Cobo Hall. The Sheraton-Cadillac has been designated as headquarters hotel.

The Rev. Ben Scott of Pocahontas, Arkansas, will be keynote speaker Tuesday evening, July 16, speaking on the subject "Victorious Christian Living."

Wednesday will be filled with business sessions, but will not be without its spiritual emphasis. The Rev. Raymond Riggs of Norfolk, Virginia, will speak in the morning on the subject "The Church Triumphant," and the Rev. Joseph Ange of Royal Oak, Michigan, will speak at the evening missionary service. His message will be "Unto the Uttermost." A colorful presentation of our mission fields will be included.

The final preaching service on Thursday will bring the ministry of the Rev. Tom Hamilton. Now in full-time evangelistic work, he will speak on the subject "Revival Now!"

Special features of the convention will be a pastor's dinner on Tuesday evening at which Dr. Howard Sugden of Pontiac, Michigan, will speak; a singspiration at the conclusion of the

service on Tuesday night with volunteer special music; an early morning prayer service on Wednesday morning under the direction of the Rev. Henry Melvin; a youth rally on Wednesday afternoon; and the annual laymen's breakfast on Thursday at which Judge Sam H. Sturm will speak.

Some 20 booths will be set up in the exhibit area which will present the work of the National Association and other church related ministries.

Early reports indicate a record attendance and we would urge you to share in this time of fellowship. Every church should insist that their pastor attend and should arrange to help with his expenses. The business of the denomination should be the concern of a large cross-section of our people. Take advantage of the opportunity of having a delegate represent from your church. The form at the bottom of this page is provided to designate your delegate.

Prior to the National Association, the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention will meet on Monday evening, July 15, and continue in session through Tuesday afternoon, July 16. Your earnest prayers for the success of all these meetings are requested. Pray specifically that God will do that which is needed in the midst of His people. Begin now! ■ ■

PASTOR'S DINNER

July 16—5:00 P.M.

Dr. Howard F. Sugden, Speaker

Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel

Detroit, Michigan

(TEAR OFF HERE WHEN PRESENTING CREDENTIALS FOR REGISTRATION)

DELEGATE'S OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

THIS CERTIFIES that _____ is a duly authorized delegate
to the National Association of Free Will Baptists from _____
(Name of church or state association)

of (if church, give city and state) _____

(Only one signature is required.)

Moderator or Pastor

Clerk or Secretary

Important: All delegates representing a state, district association, or local church must present this form properly signed to be registered.



Round-Up of **World-Wide** RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Moscow Radio Attacks Missionaries

MOSCOW (MNS)—The transfer of West Irian to the control of Indonesia has been greeted by Radio Moscow with an attack on the work of American missionaries. In an Indonesian language broadcast Radio Moscow called the missionaries "a real fifth column working for the colonialists."

Over Ten Million Christians

NEW DELHI, INDIA (MNS)—India's "Christian" population (including Catholic and Protestant) increased slightly in the 1951-61 decade, according to census figures released here.

The nearly ten and one-half million "Christians" constitute approximately 2.4% of the over-all population, yet it is shown in the census as the third largest religion of the country. Hindus number 366,161,693 and Muslims, 46,911,731.

Witness to University Students

POPAYAN, COLOMBIA (MNS)—In this staid colonial city the Christian and Missionary Alliance is conducting a special effort among the University of Cauca students. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cook report that after a year's work among the students they are gaining their confidence and finding many avenues of service. Recently an engineering student was won to the Lord.

When the Pocket Testament League conducted a Scripture distribution campaign in Colombia, their Gospel film was shown to the faculty of the university, and later to the student body. Copies of the Gospel of John were distributed outside the auditorium.

Bible Most Translated Book

PARIS, FRANCE (MNS)—The Bible is still the most translated book in the world, according to the latest *Index of Translations* here by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations (UNESCO). The *Index* shows that for 1961 the Bible led with 246 translations. Second highest in number of translations is the life of the late Nicolai Lenin of Russia, with 185 translations.

According to the American Bible Society, by the end of 1962 some portion of the Bible had been translated into more than 1200 languages and dialects.

Adds African Languages

ST. LOUIS, MO. (MNS)—"The Lutheran Hour" has announced here that five African languages have been added to its broadcasting schedule, bringing to 42 the number of tongues in which the program is produced. The programs are being released over the Lutheran World Federation's new "Voice of the Gospel" at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Sunday Closing Law Introduced

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. (EP)—A bill to require closing of most businesses on Sunday has been introduced in the Oklahoma legislature.

Commonly called the "Oklahoma Uniform Day of Rest Act," the measure would ban all Sunday retail sales of clothing, furniture and furnishings, household appliances, building and lumber supplies, luggage, musical instruments and equipment, sporting goods, toys, yard tools and photographic equipment.

Stores authorized to open for Sunday would be required to remove from public view all items the law banned from sale on Sunday. Penalties provide fines ranging from \$25 to \$100 for the first offense to a \$500 fine plus 30 days to six months in jail for a subsequent conviction.

Missouri House Kills Bill

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. (EP)—Missouri's House of Representatives killed a bill, 98 to 42, which would have permitted Sunday sales of liquor by the drink.

The measure had been opposed by church groups, including the Kansas City Council of Churches which condemned it as "incompatible with a Christian observance" of Sunday. Rural legislators also were against the bill. It was supported by chambers of commerce and hotels and restaurants.

Poll Backs Bible Reading

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (EP)—More than three out of five Minnesotans are in

favor of Bible reading in public schools, according to a statewide survey by the Minnesota Poll. Protestants and Catholics both expressed general approval of the idea.

Opposition comes mainly from younger adults (those under 40), of whom more than one-third disapprove. Among educated men and women 38 per cent oppose the practice.

Record Budget Adopted

KANSAS CITY, MO. (EP)—A record budget of \$3,751,650 for 1963 was adopted by the Church of the Nazarene's General Board for the work of the 315,000-member denomination in this country and abroad.

The appropriations represent a \$360,482 increase over the 1962 budget. Most of this year's budget will go to foreign missions (\$2,448,473). Other items include \$573,227 for home missions and \$65,000 for radio programs. In other action the board appointed 39 missionaries, bringing its total to 525 in 43 countries.

Drug Supplies Down

CHICAGO, ILL. (MNS)—Drug supplies for Protestant medical missionaries are being drastically curtailed because of the Cuban ransom deals, it is reported here by J. Raymond Knighton, executive secretary of the Christian Medical Society.

Drug manufacturers in the United States normally donate thousands of dollars in medicine to missionary suppliers, but in order to meet the ransom price of Cuban captives many firms have diverted these supplies to Cuba. The result is that the amount of drugs available through the Christian Medical Society to medical missionaries has been cut by as much as 75%, according to Mr. Knighton.

Magazine Attacks Gospel

MONTE CARLO (MNS)—An article entitled "Evangelists From the Gambling House" taken from a prominent Russian magazine, *Krokodil*, was mailed to Trans World Radio here by a listener in Finland.

"From this article," wrote the Finnish listener, "you can see that they are listening to your broadcast and are very ironic in their criticism. As we sit by the radio listening to your program, we pray together with you for the salvation of the listeners."

Pastor To Continue Ministry

PRESCOTT, ARK. (EP)—The Rev. W. R. Woodell, a Baptist pastor who recently had both legs amputated, has resolved "to continue my ministry as a pastor" with the use of artificial limbs. Mr. Woodell has been a Baptist preacher for more than 25 years.

In a radio sermon preached from Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, he assured scores of listeners that despite his recent trials, "I never doubted the love and grace of the Lord Jesus."

One Step Nearer . . .

LAND PURCHASED FOR NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

■ As a result of a recent decision on the part of the General Board of the National Association, land has now been purchased on which to erect the new headquarters building. The property which contains 4.5 acres is located on Murfreesboro Road, a four-lane highway going southeast out of Nashville to Chattanooga, Tennessee. The property is in the area of Nashville's jet-age airport approximately one-half mile south of interstate 40. Just north of the property is the intersection of Thompson Lane and Murfreesboro Road which area is developed primarily into shopping centers. According to the agreement signed, we must raise another \$10,000.00 in 90 days. With what we have already paid, this will give us a clear deed to 2.3 acres of the property. The balance of the property, or 2.2 acres, is set up on a rental-option basis for a period of three years. There is not time or space to give all of the details of how God has been at work in this transaction, but as you have occasion to learn more about this or see the site first-hand, I am sure that you will agree that the Lord has been at work. We are trusting Him to see us through this much needed project and invite you to share with us at this time with a special gift and earnest prayer for victory.

OUR CHALLENGE—\$10,000.00 IN 90 DAYS

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WITH YOUR
GIFT**

Here Is A Share In The Free Will Baptist Future

God being my Helper, you can count on me for _____ shares (50.00 each) in 1963. I will pay as indicated.

\$ _____ per month Name _____

\$ _____ now, \$ _____ Address _____

by _____
Date

\$ _____ by _____
Date

\$ _____ enclosed Church _____

(This may be pasted to a post card)

CONVERTED AT

THIS IS the story of a conversion—not of a man, woman, boy or girl, but the conversion of a radio station, PRA-7, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. This is a personal interview with Jerry M. Swanson, executive director of Brazil's first Christian radio station. This interview was conducted by missionary Bobby Poole who conducts two devotional programs weekly on this station.

Jerry, I have some questions I would like to ask. First, when and why did you become interested in radio work here in Brazil?

For the past seven years I was working in Seattle, Washington, with Christian radio station KGDN of the King's Garden. During that time we saw the station grow from a 1000-watt station into a 5000-watt station and also a FM and two other AM stations came into existence. So our burden has been for Christian radio. About a year and a half ago, God through His providence, through His leadings, made it very evident that He was indicating a change for us. We did not want the change in the natural, but God had His way of making us ready for the changes. And so in September of 1961 my wife (Joan), my family of four and I sailed for Brazil with the burden of helping establish a Christian radio station here in this land. We praise God for how He has led during this intervening time.

How did PRA-7 become available and you become interested in this particular location?

It is interesting how God worked in this particular way. As we came to Brazil we had the idea that we would go into language school and perhaps have a small radio program after language study and also begin looking for a station. But God seem to have other plans. The day that Joan and I sailed into Santos harbor a group of missionaries out in Londrina, Parana, were in a week of fasting and prayer. They felt there must be a Christian radio station in this great land. So four months later Charles Elkjer, the field director of the Oriental

Missionary Society, came to see me as he had heard that I was interested in radio. This was December 15th. Between Christmas and the new year Joan and I went out to Londrina. And between that time Charles Elkjer had been in contact with the station here.

Senhor Bueno, who built this station, PRA-7, started in the year of 1923 experimenting in radio. He went on the air in 1925, the year BBC went on the air in London. At that time he started dreaming of building his radio ideal someday. So in 1957 Sr. Bueno built the station that we are in today, a modern three story building with modern equipment. A radio dream in reality of a radio scientist. But then in November 1961 Sr. Bueno had a heart attack. The doctor said if he wanted to live he must sell. Immediately there were those who wanted to buy it. The Archbishop of this diocese wanted to buy the station. Sr. Bueno said, "No I won't sell it to you for I don't believe your religion has been good for my people." The present governor of this state was anxious to buy the station. He felt that a politician here in Brazil without a radio station is like a fellow up a stream without a canoe. But it was through the influence of a godly Presbyterian minister who has now left the town, but who had been witnessing to him for 17 years, that Sr. Bueno came to the conclusion that he would sell to the evangelicals because this was the message that the people need. Now this does not seem so strange to many people, but this is a Roman Church country and we are talking about a man who claims to be an agnostic. We are talking about a man who has nothing to do with religion, but one who came to the conclusion he wanted to sell to the evangelicals. Well, this is one of the many providences that God performed.

We asked Sr. Bueno how much he wanted for the station. At the time he asked 70 million cruzeiros which at the exchange at the time would have amounted to 196 thousand dollars. That is a lot of money when you have nothing in your pocket for it. But God had opened up in so many

by Bobby Poole

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other ways which I don't have time to tell. We felt that some things must be taken into consideration, for instance, the location of the town. Ribeirao Preto is actually in the middle of the population explosion of South America. Located on the main road to the inland capital, Brazilia. Then also, the cultural aspect. People are being trained in its four Colleges and medical University, which is one of the best in Latin America, for the rest of the world. It is a strategic area in all Brazil.

All of these things were on our hearts so we felt we must begin to pursue as much as possible the open door before us. In January of last year Charles, my wife and I scraped together enough for a one-way ticket for me to Miami so we could investigate the possibilities at home. I had 25 dollars when I arrived in Miami and my wife had 40 dollars for the rest of the month here in Brazil. Once in Miami I learned of another providence of the Lord. One of our supporters, who carries a great portion of our support, at the end of the year had deposited in advance \$1,500, which is a major part of our support for the year. Our supporter knew nothing of the need, but the money was there when I needed it at Miami to complete the tour and make the survey. We talked to a group of men in the states and a number of individuals that the Lord used as an encouragement although at the time we did not have too much tangible results. We felt that we must ask Sr. Bueno if he would take a thousand dollars or 360 thousand cruzeiros for a six months option on the station. Well, this is almost like asking to hold a Buick for six months for a nickel. But Sr. Bueno said "Yes, I'll give you this option." He wanted 25 million cruzeiros down which is about \$70,000.00 at that time. God began to move—some here and some there.

I was back in the States from April until July. During that time, though the largest gift was just a thousand dollars, God enabled us through gifts and loans to make the down payment. Because of inflation, the value of the dollar was increasing each month, which brought the cost down

considerably. We had \$56,000.00—six days before the option was up and as we figured it out, we needed 480 cruzeiros for one dollar to make or complete the negotiations. We went into the exchange office on Saturday morning with \$30,000.00 to exchange. This is a bad time to come into an exchange office for they don't want to hold that much money over the week end as they never know what will happen. All during that week the exchange ran between 440 and 460, but we exchanged at 484 which enabled PRA-7 to be "converted."

I was back in the States in August until December to help raise the rest of the money that was needed for the repayment of loans and the monthly payments as they came due. We are thankful that though we are not above water we are out of the water. At least the top of the head is showing. God has allowed us one month at a time to meet the payments. For instance, last week we paid the salaries, which left us with just 50 thousand cruzeiros (about 70 dollars) for other needs that might arise. We also just made the payment for last month and had just enough to get through with money coming from the States and the churches here. All this is wonderful.

So not just the purchase of the station was a miracle, but also your day by day operation?

That is right. Day by day we have to look to God for everything. And we die every night and we rise anew in Christ every morning. This is the way it has been from the first. We are thankful for the way the radio station has stimulated the faith of others for there are those who are beginning to talk of Christian radio here in Brazil with plans in the formative stage. We believe that this will be one of a group of radio stations around this country, this great country that so desperately needs Christ. We are in the transitional period right now. We took over a purely secular station and to "convert" it takes some time. We are thankful for the improvements we have been able to make. We are looking to God to guide us in every aspect. Many

laws here are difficult. For instance 60% of the music has to be Brazilian composed. And this has problems for us. But God knows all these problems.

Why hasn't Brazil already had a Christian radio station?

This question has been asked me many times. And I had to ask another missionary to find the answer. It was shortly before we left the States that we talked with Norm Mydske, director of radio in Lima, Peru, with TEAM Mission and I said, "Why in the world, Norm, has not TEAM and HCJB and all the other missionary organizations in South America already started radio work in Brazil? There are 17 radio stations in the Spanish speaking countries of South America, but Brazil with half of the population and half of the land area has none." He said basically there are two reasons. You have to evaluate the need in comparison to the cost of meeting it. For instance, TEAM and HCJB can go anywhere in South America and they have personnel that is trained in Spanish. They have programs that are in Spanish. To come into Brazil they would have to transfer to Portuguese which means the personnel would have to be retrained. And they had to evaluate in light of other needs if the transition should be made. Up to this time they have not made it. Secondly, it had not been God's time. I am thrilled that God has allowed me to be here in the time that He is moving. So basically it has been this: the language barrier and the evaluation of what they can do in other countries. And also until now it just was not God's time.

What is your definition of a Christian radio station?

My definition of a Christian radio station is a station operating to the glory of God in all aspects, reaching the people with good news, good music and the good message. To define it more definitely it is the artillery for the local church and the missionary. It is a way to slip in behind

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WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

by Louis H. Moulton



Your questions for use in this column are invited. All questions not answered in the column will be answered personally. Send your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, 8 Richmond Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged," in Matthew 7:1. I have read this many times. Recently I was called to serve on a jury. Since serving, I have wondered if it were correct for a Christian to do so?

In making judgments in ourselves we oftentimes are apt to be mean, harsh or critical of others and this is certainly condemned in Jesus' teaching. We are not to judge another's motives or reasons for doing things the way he does in his relationship to the Lord or in his Christian service. However, legal proceedings in which you took part are a different thing. In the Bible, God has condemned sin and lawbreakers and criminals. In Israel judges were set up to decide legal matters. Moses acted as judge. Others later were chosen to help him. Romans 13 may help you to see that "the powers that be are ordained of God" and Christians certainly should cooperate with them.

Jesus said if a man come to him and hate not his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, etc., he could not be his disciple. Surely he did not mean this did he?

Your question is from Luke 14:26. In Luke 6:31 Jesus taught that we should live according to the golden rule. He also taught that we should love our neighbors as ourselves. This does not represent a contradiction in the Bible. Jesus simply meant that we should love God with all our heart, mind soul and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. We should love Him more than our father, mother, wife, etc. We must not put the demands of our loved ones ahead of our devotion and obedience to the Lord.

Our little son knows every beer commercial on television and sings them over and over. Some have told us that these things make profound impressions on little minds. We haven't been particularly concerned about this. Should we be?

You certainly should be. If you're going to allow little ones to watch TV you should pick their programs with care. Alcoholism, which beer commercials subtly suggest and perhaps lead to, is the world's fourth largest public health problem. It ranks first in France, second in Germany. The U. S. has 6,000,000 alcoholics plus 9,000,000 "problem drinkers." I am more afraid of what the liquor industry with its propaganda is doing to America than I am of what Communist propagandists can ever do.

What about a four-year-old who has a terrible temper? Do you think we should chastise one this age or wait until he is older hoping that with time he will get better?

Perhaps you should have started your correction and chastisement at four months instead of waiting until the child is four years old. The longer you wait the bigger the problem will become. Here are two admonitions which you would be wise to heed: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15). "Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die" (Proverbs 23:13).

WRESTLING TO WIN

JACOB WRESTLED with the angel but Bill Davis, pastor of the Crusader Free Will Baptist Church in Detroit, wrestles to win children and adolescents to Jesus Christ.

The 29-year-old pastor has placed a full-scale wrestling ring in the middle of his educational building. Empty pop bottles sit upon a dark mahogany, spinet-size organ beside the ring.

Pastor Davis and Steve (now in the Navy) climbed into the ring for a demonstration. Davis coupled the youth's head under his arm. Steve flipped head over heels and landed across the ring on his head and shoulders. In another variation of the "flying mare," Steve landed on his head again. As they charged out of the ring, Davis clipped him with his shoulder and the youth went sprawling again.

There are many fellows who feel a pastor is a big sissy or just visits old women in the hospital. "I change their minds," said Davis.

People in the local community are not against the program at all. They feel it is a help to the children. One gentleman remarked, "If these kids have no place to go, they find something else to do."

Monday night is newcomers night. Those who haven't learned to talk as if they were in church, come for a night of wrestling matches. If they show promise, and interest, they are invited back. On Tuesdays, Davis hauls out battered drums and bugles and puts the kids through simulated military paces. Tuesday evening was roller skating time and the group was joined by two suburban Free Will Baptist Churches.

Pastor Davis is the first to admit that he is not always a winner. "One big fellow ran my head into the turn-buckle and about knocked me out," he said. There is no loss of prestige when one of the toughs of the neighborhood pins him down. It shows he can be a good loser.

One area gang leader stayed away from the "church" group. Davis needed some help in putting up the \$7,000 education wing and he called on this youth to come over and give him a hand. They had lunch together and the next Sunday the youth brought seven boys with him to church.

Davis himself puts on a black homemade broadcloth mask. It mats down his long wavy hair and makes him into a nameless black monster. They call him the Monster Arki (he came from Arkansas to Detroit at 12). Davis demonstrates to the kids that a man who cheats and plays dirty never wins in God's sight.

On Wednesday nights, Canadian wrestler Gino Britto comes in to teach judo and other tricks. There is a rule which says, if they are going to wrestle they have to attend Sunday school in some church in the neighborhood on Sunday.

—Material from *Detroit Free Press*

1963 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

MAY 1963

COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	May 1963	Year to Date	Total to Date 1962	Designated May 1963
Alabama.....	\$ 191.68	\$ 625.25	\$ 424.71	\$
Arizona.....			25.00	
Arkansas.....		1,127.24	1,188.39	
California.....	1,354.70	3,583.30	3,497.74	
Florida.....		561.13	878.72	
Georgia.....	160.07	859.01	943.92	
Illinois.....	959.04	2,326.79	2,160.37	
Indiana.....		264.44	457.63	
Iowa.....		337.70		
Kansas.....	200.00	1,050.00	861.13	
Kentucky.....		51.85		
Missouri.....	720.05	5,295.85	4,765.26	
New Hampshire.....		93.05		
New Mexico.....	75.11	313.61	368.13	
North Carolina.....	209.51	989.82	1,018.48	
Ohio.....	75.00	330.22	413.43	
Oklahoma.....	979.51	4,802.78	4,007.10	48.00
Tennessee.....	230.19	1,573.12	986.12	
Texas.....	193.02	1,286.57	1,604.35	
Virginia.....	265.40	1,077.19	1,474.91	
Washington.....		50.00	54.11	

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	COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS		DESIGNATED		Total Receipts to Date
	May 1963	Year to Date	May 1963	Year to Date	
Foreign Missions.....	\$1,627.86	\$7,673.83	\$	\$1,518.25	\$9,192.08
F.W.B. Bible College.....	1,178.79	5,609.41		60.00	5,609.41
Executive Department.....	1,122.65	5,342.28			5,342.28
Home Missions.....	898.13	4,233.88		739.31	4,973.19
League Board.....	561.32	2,671.19		23.00	2,694.19
Superannuation Board.....	168.40	801.31		15.00	816.31
Stewardship Commission.....	56.13	267.02			267.02
Home for Children, Tenn.....				31.00	31.00
Home for Children, S. C.....				16.72	16.72
New Headquarters Building.....			48.00	113.00	113.00

Bring Your Bible To Sunday School

"AND TAKE . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Every school has textbooks. The Sunday school has mainly one, the Bible. If we are to study it, read it, and learn from it, we must have it with us.

Teachers in the Nursery, Beginner, and Primary departments should be especially careful how they handle their Bibles. Little eyes are very observing. Even when telling a Bible story, in your own words, hold the Bible open before them as you tell it. If you believe the Bible is a precious book, don't stack a pile of things on top of it. This will not demonstrate in the minds of learners our love for the Bible, the Word of God.

Noland in "The Six Point System and its Use," in discussing the importance of the Bible in the Sunday School, tells of a Sunday school worker's experience. "When I was a little child," the teacher related, "we did not have the trained teachers, the specialized lesson treatments, equipment and other aids for teaching little children. My teacher was an elderly man. He would read long passages from the Bible to us. There was little of this that we could understand; but from him I learned one thing that has meant much to me, and that was a love for the Bible.

"He loved his Bible, and gave evidence of this over and over. He would read to us from the Bible and then, while teaching, he would tenderly and lovingly hold his open Bible in his folded arms close to his heart. Thus he implanted in the heart of a little child deep and reverent love for the Bible, God's Holy Word."

Another important reason for carrying the Bible to Sunday School and church is the influence of such action on the community. Who hasn't had the experience of being a stranger in a community, but on Sunday morning as you made your way to the house of God you were warmed within as you witnessed believers carrying the Bible to church. It is a testimony. It is a way of influencing a community. The world doesn't carry the Bible, but they can't help being influenced by a family and a church that does.

Your church will soon get a reputation as a Bible-centered church where the Bible is honored, taught and preached if your people carry the Bible to Sunday school.

Carry your Bible to Sunday school and church and use it in the opening assembly, in class and in the church services. Carry your Bible also as a testimony to the world that you love and honor the Bible as the Word of God. ■■



L. TO R. REEDS, COMBS, HILL

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Missouri Church Wins Contest

BERKELEY, MO.—Roger C. Reeds, General Director of the Sunday school department presented a Sunday school Achievement Plaque to Mr. Lawrence Combs, Sunday school superintendent of the First Free Will Baptist Church here. The First Church of Berkeley was the winner in a Sunday school contest with the First Church of Hazel Park, Michigan. The Sunday school department of the National Association provided the plaque. Rev. Harvey E. Hill is pastor of the Missouri Church.

Pastoral Changes

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The following changes have been reported to the editorial staff of CONTACT: Rev. Gene Rogers to First Church, Mountain Grove, Missouri; Rev. Teddy Davis to First Church, Joplin, Missouri; Rev. Tom Malone to Ina Church, Ina, Illinois; and Rev. Eddie Cook to Golden Glades Church, Miami, Florida; Rev. Curtis F. Beculhimer, Rt. 5, Box 334, Kissimmee, Florida.

Successful Revival

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Faith Church here recently completed a successful revival with Rev. Kenneth Riggs as the evangelist. There were 21 rededications and 7 decisions for salvation. Rev. J. W. Love is pastor.

Literature To Be Displayed At National Association

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Sunday school department will have the largest display of literature in a number of years at this year's session of the National Association in Detroit. One of the features of the display will be a preview of fourth

quarter literature. Several changes have been made in each quarterly and you will be afforded an opportunity to inspect the results. Samples of materials offered by the Sunday school department will be available at the display booth and some Sunday school helps will be offered for sale.

On hand to greet you will be Mrs. Joyce Walker and Mrs. Marcia Ellison, employees of the Sunday school department. They will present a gift to every visitor to the display booth.

Sunday Schools To Be Honored By Sunday School Department

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Sunday Schools that have achieved at least a 300 average attendance will be awarded an achievement plaque by the Sunday school department of the National Association according to Rev. Roger Reeds, General Director of the department. "It is my feeling that these churches have put forth a real effort in soul-winning through the Sunday school and should be recognized for their zealously," said Rev. Reeds. Any church that has reached this plateau of attendance and is presently maintaining an average attendance of 300 or more will be awarded a plaque. The pastor of the church need only send a record of the attendance of his Sunday school for the past three months and if the average is excessive of 300 a plaque will be sent to the church. In addition, the name of the church will be placed upon a large wall plaque in the Sunday school department and this large plaque will be displayed at the 1964 session of the National Association. The names of these churches will also be featured in future articles in CONTACT.

Anytime that any church achieves an average attendance of 300 or more they too

can become a part of this select circle of "300" churches by simply sending in their Sunday school attendance for the three month period prior to their enrollment in the 300 club. They shall receive the same benefits as those churches that are already averaging 300. The regulations again are simply that any church that is presently averaging 300 or more in Sunday school and any church that reaches this goal between now and July 1, 1964 may receive an achievement plaque by sending in a current record of their Sunday school attendance verifying the fact that they have averaged 300 or more over the preceding three month period.

Bible Presented

CHIPLEY, FLA.—A joint project of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Master's Men of the Chipley church was realized recently when they presented 27 Bibles to the Washington County Hospital. These Bibles will be placed in the rooms of the new addition. In past years the Auxiliary has placed Bibles in the hospital and they have proved to be a blessing in time of sickness.

Mr. Johnny McDonald, Administrator of the hospital expressed his appreciation to the church groups.

Kansas State Meeting

KANSAS CITY, KAN.—The second annual Kansas State Association convened with the New Hope church here recently. Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham was the speaker for the two sessions.

A Constitution and By-Laws was adopted for the body. By vote, the state association will send 60% of all co-operative receipts to the National Association. The remaining 40% will be used to further work in the state.

THE ROLE OF A PASTOR'S WIFE

THREE PASTOR'S WIVES SPEAK OUT

Why Should A Pastor's Wife be a Gracious Hostess?

by Mrs. Ralph Staten, Virginia

I have found that pastors' wives should "Be ye therefore ready for in such an hour as ye think not" . . . Sue and her husband from back home, a roommate from Bible college, cousin Bill and his bride . . . cometh. They just decided to drop by since they were passing through town. There are friends on their way to Bible conferences, missionary conferences, various board meetings, or committee meetings, who are apt to drop by at any time of the year. The special guest speakers at the church and the directors of the different programs of the denomination are expected guests at the parsonage.

The problem callers who ring the door bell at all hours of the night, (even two o'clock in the morning) right at lunch time or just before bedtime, with both physical and spiritual problems, are the ones that cause us to need an extra portion of grace. I recall sitting several times at one or two o'clock in the morning with the same dear, neurotic soul. She walked back and forth across my living room, wringing her hands and going over the marital and spiritual problems in her home. Patience and sympathy at this hour make you a gracious hostess and an effective witness.

Every conscientious pastor's wife wants to be what the people and her husband have a right to expect her to be. I remember a call my husband received concerning a pastorate. The people had heard him in a revival. They wanted him, but before they made a definite call, they requested to meet me. That was the first and only time I have ever knowingly been put on the "carpet." When the chairman of the deacon board came from the meeting into the house where the women and I were, he said, "Mrs. Staten, go home and get your bonnet." I knew the group of women had somehow given the signal to the board. Maybe that seems a little cruel and unusual, but I was thankful I passed their requirement test. The outcome was a sweet and harmonious relationship throughout our pastorate. I don't recommend such but I am not sure that it might not be wise in some instances.

Before we can be kind, benevolent,

compassionate and happy in the role of a hostess we must love people. A pastor's wife is only human and naturally will be drawn more closely to some than others. We must not have special friends to the extent of forming a clique. Our Lord had special friends. Peter, James, and John are often spoken of as His "inner circle." More than once we read of Him being in the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus at Bethany. Our impartial hospitality to the negligent, indifferent chronic complainers and problem people of the church and community as well as to the lovely, loyal and congenial will mark us as a gracious hostess.

Many pastor's wives let meals cause them a great deal of bother. A commendable idea for preparedness in this line is to keep an "emergency" pantry or cabinet shelf and a corner in the refrigerator or freezer with canned and frozen foods for unexpected company. Elaborate, expensive meals are not necessary. The familiar saying "we dig our graves with our teeth" should be remembered. A simple inexpensive meal is appreciated and is also a testimony of a good steward.

My husband and I were guests at a certain parsonage for the noon meal. I think it was the most impressive example of a gracious hostess one could find. It was wash day. I don't think I've ever seen a larger wash. She had the wringer type washer that had to be used at the kitchen sink. When we arrived, at the stipulated time, the washer was running, clothes in the rinse water, some to be hung and some to be starched. We had never been in their home before. The hostess was as composed and calm as if she had a magic wand to wave and announce lunch. I gave her a helping hand. She correlated the work right up until time to sit down at the table. We had a wash day lunch. It consisted of fried bologna, slaw, a couple of vegetables, and a large pitcher of tea. For dessert we had some home-canned peaches and cookies. It was one of the most enjoyable meals I ever remember because of the gracious hostess.

Conditioned by love for people, neatness and poise in personal appearance, practice-of-preparedness and a willingness and desire to be led by God's divine leadership, any pastor's wife can and will be a gracious hostess and an effective witness for Christ.

What Kind of a Woman Does the Church Want in its Parsonage?

by Mrs. Teddy Davis, California

Just as synonymous as the first lady of the nation is with the White House, so is the pastor's wife with the parsonage. Many times the pastor has either been accepted or rejected by the parishioners of a parish because of the outstanding ability or lack of ability of the first lady of the parsonage.

The parish is the responsibility of the pastor. The parsonage is the responsibility of the pastor's wife. The church expects the pastor's wife to be kind, understanding and sympathetic, able to counsel and solve problems ranging from finance to infidelity. These are expected to be predominant in her life, plus the full-time obligation of maintaining a normal, smooth-running organization for her family. Someone has said, "The White House is made of glass." The same may be said of the parsonage and its occupants. The smooth-running wheels of her family life are constantly subject to abrupt interruptions by any of the parishioners seeking the assistance or advice of the pastor or his wife.

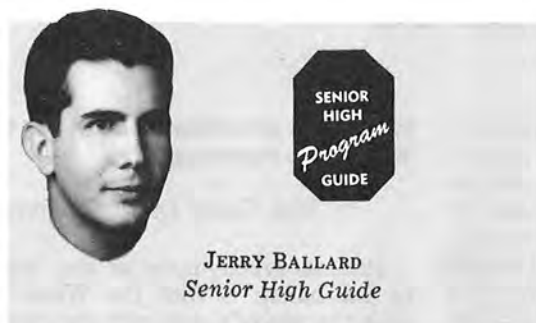
There is no other home in America that has to cope with the problems of the parsonage. There is no other housewife that has the problems of the pastor's wife. Yet, in all of this she is not to allow anything to upset the organization of her family life. This must continue to go at all times.

I am well acquainted with the problems of a "preachers kid." I have found it to be true, every church is different. Each has a different idea of the kind of woman they want in their parsonage.

The standard textbooks on American government recommend that the President's wife remain above any hint of controversy. She is to be a gracious hostess, elegantly dressed, and one whom school children recognize as a fine lady. The woman of the parsonage should be tactful, sincere, and gracious in her activity in the church. She should be humorous and possess a happy disposition. Good housekeeping is a necessity. Her house is not just a building, but it is a counseling room. I recall many times

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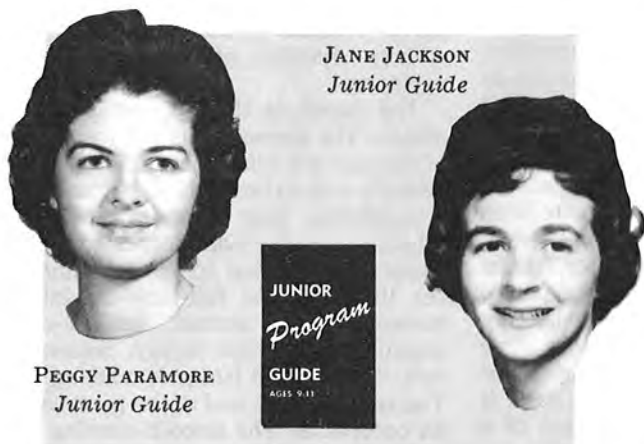
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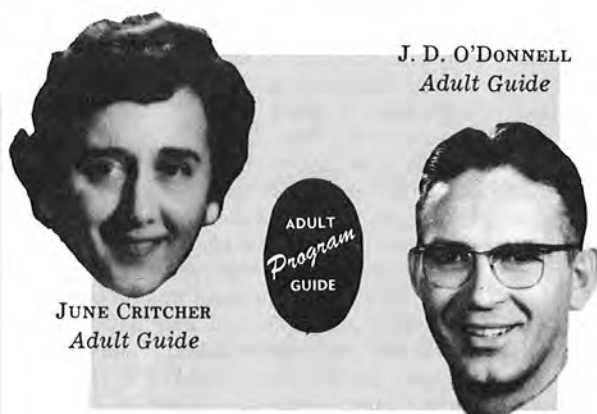
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THE MEASURE OF A DIRECTOR

by

Samuel Johnson

WE ARE PRIMARILY referring to the general director of the Sunday evening training hour. However, the qualifications and personal responsibilities are not unlike those for other positions of leadership in the church.

The Free Will Baptist League which shall be referred to as the training hour depends upon the leadership of a general director. He is the key individual in determining the degree of success of the total program. Though we shall use the masculine pronoun, we recognize that some of our finest directors are women. Fortunate is the church that has capable and dedicated leadership at the head of its training hour.

Soon it will be time for the nominating committee to decide upon a recommendation for general director of the training hour. There are a number of essential qualities which an individual should possess to be a first choice. Read the list carefully and evaluate the worth of each item. You will probably wish to add a few more qualifications.

1. The director must be a Christian in word and deed. He must be dedicated to God and live a Christian life separated from the world. Furthermore, he should be a mature Christian. The office of general director is no place for a person who has been saved only a short time.

2. The director must have an interest and insight into the great scope of Christian training. There must be a desire in his heart to help develop the talents of others.

3. The director must know the organizational structure of the Free Will Baptist League and how the training department is to function. This does not mean that he must know all, but he must know something and know where to find the answers to important questions and problems.

4. The director must have qualities that draw others to himself. He must be able to inspire and lead others, and he must be patience and understanding of their needs.

5. The director must have a thirst to know and learn new and better ways of getting the job done. He should read and avail himself of all the helps that he can get. He must be alert for new ideas and keep alive an enthusiastic spirit.

Find a leader with the above qualifications to be your general director and soon your training hour will be producing leaders for your church and for the denomination. Challenge your present leadership to measure up. Many of these qualities will develop as the director applies himself on the job.

The position of general director is not a difficult one, but there are essential activities that characterize a well organized training hour. It is the director who must maintain a high level of efficiency. There should be as few distractions as possible to the main task of training.

We shall set forth here a few of the activities which are general enough to apply in most situations. Each church will have certain features that are uniquely their own. Any suggestions we make must be adapted to meet the needs of specific groups and situations. Listed below are five of the most common responsibilities of the general director.

1. The director is the presiding officer at all meetings of the Sunday evening training hour. He is responsible for the opening devotional and assembly program. It is not necessary that he actually present each program, but it is his responsibility to provide for it.

2. The director is chairman of the executive committee which is composed of all the general officers and the leader or president of each training hour group. He should endeavor to hold regular meetings of this committee in order to achieve the maximum benefit from the leadership talents of the general officers.

3. The director is responsible for seeing that all is in order during the entire training hour. He must be able to supply substitute leadership when a last minute absentee occurs. He must make sure that adequate facilities are available and provided as needed. He may need to assist the secretary in compiling and posting accurate records.

4. The director is responsible for coordinating the training hour with the total church program. In many cases he will represent this organization on the general board of the church. He must provide for regular publicity and advertising in the Sunday bulletin and on the church bulletin board. In many churches he will be responsible for making the budget request for the training hour needs. The general director must make sure that adequate literature and supplies are ordered each quarter in time for them to be distributed on the last Sunday of the old quarter.

5. The director should constantly seek for new ways to improve the training program of the church. He should see that a study course on some phase of the league be held once or twice a year and invite the entire church membership to participate. He should work with leaders in each group and help plan and promote their work. He should be constantly on the lookout for new talent that needs an encouraging boost and a chance to develop more fully. He should participate in the promotional work of the state and national league boards.

Anyone who will conscientiously seek to measure up to the duties and qualifications as listed here can do so. An individual can measure up by trusting God and obediently following the commands of His word. Let this challenge you to become a dedicated Christian leader who can be counted as a faithful servant. ■■

CATCH AND HOLD THEIR ATTENTION

BY LESLIE E. DUNKIN

Twenty Successful Ideas You Might Want To Try

1 The first step toward catching and holding the attention of your class so you can present your lesson more effectively is to arrive before they do. Thus you are there to set the interest pace as your class arrives, rather than face the problem of having to change the pace your class may have already started before you arrived.

2 Give the class members something to do as they arrive. This will help to take care of the last-minute, unfinished tasks you usually face. It is not difficult to suggest things they can do to help them feel they are really needed.

3 Another aid is to have regular responsibilities for the class members to take care of. These can be rotated through the attending membership from month to month. This helps to produce "our" class in the thoughts of the members, rather than "the teacher's" class.

4 Use a smile to produce welcome smiles on the faces of your pupils. Greet them with a sincere smile and a hearty handshake when they arrive. When the lesson is started, a smiling teacher will have little trouble in producing smiles on the faces of the pupils; this will make teaching easier and more effective.

5 As your pupils arrive, listen as closely as possible to their immediate talking interests. Their conversation will reveal to you where you will find their thoughts when you are ready to teach. Then you can begin with their immediate talking interest and lead them to the desired lesson.

6 Change possible troublesome seating of your class. Your experience with them will warn you that if certain ones sit next to each other you will likely run into difficulties. Find a good reason, other than this one, to have one or both of the two to sit elsewhere during the class time.

7 Be free from a close use of lesson helps, such as your quarterly, while you are teaching. Your class will reason that if you are so little interested in the immediate lesson that you have to read much of it,

there is little or nothing there to interest them at all.

8 Begin by asking a provocative, guiding thought question which will be answered later, if not clear at the end of the presentation. Move right into your presentation, thus not allowing unprepared discussion before the lesson has been introduced or presented in helpful detail. This will be aiming at the key thought of the lesson.

9 Some lessons may suggest a list of four or five questions that will guide them in following your presentation, as well as to arouse their curious interest. Express these questions in words and thoughts of everyday living now.

10 Some lessons can be built up to a climax step by step. If this is well done, you will find your pupils are following you with intense interest. This helps to guard against rambling, scattered thoughts, which may be good in themselves but not nearly so good as the interest-gathering progress toward the helpful climax.

11 If you have a blackboard, use this to let the lesson grow in picture or outline form before your class. With this you have caught the eyes as well as the ears. The blackboard also helps to keep you on the lesson track.

12 Be alert for opportunities to use some small object or a clear picture to dramatize a point or description. An interested class will have a good imagination. "Let us imagine this is the mountain Moses is to ascend!" will increase the interest of your listeners. They will visualize it more clearly as you continue.

13 Turn questions from the class, no matter how irrelevant they may seem to be, into illustrations or points for your immediate lesson. If the question is sincere, your pupils have been directed again to the lesson at hand. If the question is to irritate or kill time, you have thwarted this distraction.

14 If a good question has been asked, but

one not closely connected to the lesson and you are not sure of the answer, meet it with the sincere suggestion, "Let us look up the answer for that question for next Sunday!" Then be sure to have the answer and remind that pupil to be present for it.

15 Have short, illustrative stories to emphasize the points of the lesson. Select about half of these from the Bible and the other half from daily living, as your class knows it.

16 Have a surplus of points and illustrations, so you will never run out of something important to tell your class. However, plan so a completed lesson will have been presented, rather than one that was cut off by the bell. The surplus can be scattered along through your teaching outline.

17 At times you might use names of people in your immediate class in imaginary illustrative incidents, if done in a favorable way. Avoid this if it reflects unfavorably upon the people's names. This is very effective if the incident imagined is close to those your class members experience in their lives.

18 Attendance, interest and attention can be created by assigning an absentee to two pupils present. Insist that each pupil contact the absent member, tell about the lesson that was missed, and urge the person to be present the next Sunday. Check to see if both of these contacts were made and the results.

19 Create and maintain a forward look toward next Sunday and the lesson to be expected. Let today's lesson be a chapter in a continued story or development which is of important interest to your listeners. They will want to get all of it, rather than fragmentary Sundays.

20 Have a reasonable variety in your plans from Sunday to Sunday. The best of plans can lose their effectiveness if they are repeated mechanically week after week. Keep your class interested in knowing what the new lesson is and also how you are going to present and apply it." "

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CULT CLINIC

by Gene Rogers

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Date of Founding: 1866

Interesting Facts Regarding Founder

Mary Baker Glover Patterson Frye Eddy, Founder.

1. Basically, an nervous person; known as a nervous child and known to have had occasional "fits" in early years of marriage, by her neighbors.
2. Essentially, a religious and obstinate individual.
3. Married four times.
4. Did not graduate from high school.
5. Claimed to be inspired by God, and the founder of the church.

Historical Background of Movement

1. Obtained much of her ideas and materials from (Dr.) Phineas Quimby, a clockmaker by trade; and a doctor by courtesy.
2. Practiced healing in her own name.
3. Established Metaphysical College (Boston).
4. Wrote "Science and Health With Keys to the Scriptures", in 1875.
5. President of the Mother Church, First Church of Christ Scientist.

Major Beliefs of Cult

- Complete negation—deny reality.
Denies existence of matter.
- a. Testimony of senses commonly deceitful; therefore, they can't be relied upon.
 - b. They say the outside world exists.
 - c. Since testimony of man is unreliable, the outside world does not exist.

Identifying Statements

1. Science and Health.
2. Mental Therapeutics.
3. Mind of God: God is Mind.
4. Mind over Matter.
5. Key to the Scriptures.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

Date of Founding

1886—Movement launched with publication of Charles T. Russell's books, including 6 volumes.

Interesting Facts Regarding Founder: Charles Taze Russell

1. Un-ordained person without knowledge of Greek, with a 7th grade education.
2. Led a questionable life, had improper relationship with a woman, was divorced, charged with "conceit" and "domination unbearable," practiced fraud on wife.
3. Made false accusations to churches and other religious, cults, and isms.
4. Believed self to be the divinely ordained one; therefore, encouraged followers to read his notes in place of the Bible.

Historical Background

1. 1874—Early attempts. Teaching began by Russell.
2. 1886—Movement launched. Russell's books published.
3. 1931—Name of "Jehovah's Witnesses" officially adopted in Columbus, Ohio, to distinguish main body from smaller groups, which seceded under names like Associated Bible Students and Stand Fasters. Common belief of all followers—that Russell's teachings meant coming of the Lord to prepare world for end.
4. Successor of Russell, Judge Rutherford.

Major Beliefs of Cult

- Five Denials
1. Deity of Christ.
 2. Resurrection of Jesus' body.
 3. Continued humanity of Christ.
 4. Deity of Holy Spirit.
 5. The Trinity.

Eight Errors

1. Salvation demands that Jesus did not rise from dead.
2. Annihilation (extinction) of lost.
3. Second chance of salvation (after death).
4. No "hell" as eternal punishment.
5. Difference between "begotten" and being "born."
"begotten" takes place at baptism;
"born" takes place at resurrection.
6. Teaches soul-sleep.
7. Set 1915 as date for national reorganization of Israel and time of Gentiles to end.
8. Believe the world is now in the "dawn" of millennium, the reign of our Lord on earth.

How to Refute

1. John 17:5
2. John 20:27
3. Heb. 13:8
4. II Cor. 3:18
5. II Cor. 13:14

GEMS

FROM THE THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

IN THE SECOND chapter of Ephesians, Paul is contrasting our former state as unconverted Gentiles with our present condition. There are three very interesting words used in this contrast to describe our former state. In the English, these are *aliens* (12), *strangers* (12, 19), and *foreigners* (19). The corresponding Greek words are *apallotriomenoi*, *xenoi*, and *paroikoi*. The idea of each word is quite different, and the English renditions can probably be improved on.

The first word, *apallotriomenoi*, is the strongest of the three, emphasizing the clear lack of fellowship between two peoples who are set at enmity. The word was used whenever there was an estrangement that resulted in antagonism and ill-will. In fact, the word is almost a synonym for "enemies," though "estranged" is the best English equivalent.

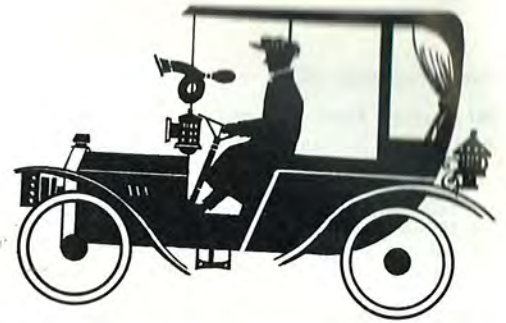
The next word, *xenoi*, emphasizes the qualitative differences between two peoples, so that to the one the other is "strange" and an unknown outsider. The word "stranger" is indeed a fairly good English equivalent, since it carries out the idea of someone unknown and different.

The third word, *paroikoi*, is nearer our "alien" than our "foreigner," because it emphasizes that one who is living in a country to which he does not really belong does not have the rights of the citizens of that country.

Our former condition, then, was indeed a sorry one: we were estranged from the nation of God and thus at enmity with His people; we were strange and unknown to Him and His promises; we were denied the rights of the citizens of His household. But by His grace (8) each of the conditions has been reversed. For us who were "estranged," the enmity has been slain and peace made (16,17); though we were unknown outsiders, we have been "made nigh" (13); while we were once denied the rights and privileges of the citizens of His people, we have now been made "fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God" (19). ■■

Mr. Picirilli is professor of Greek New Testament at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

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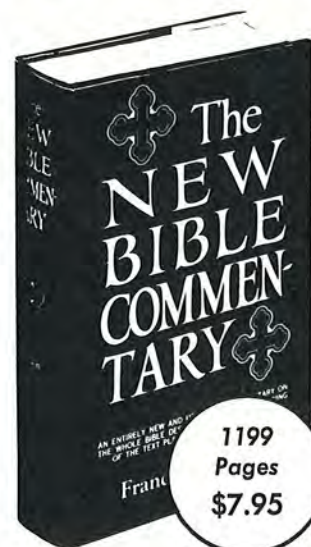
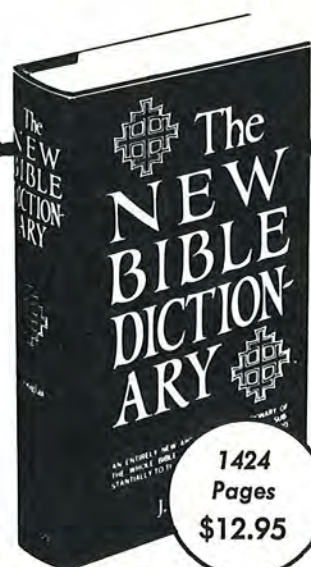
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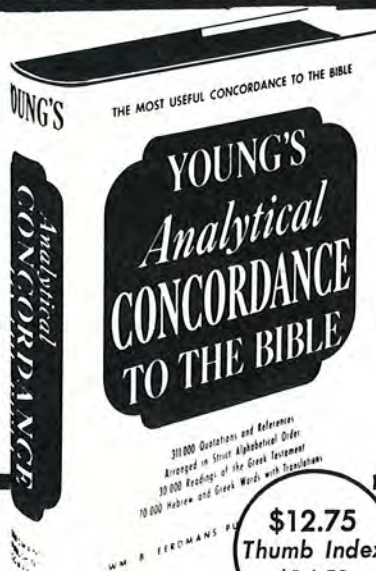


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those closed doors where many times a pastor or a missionary cannot enter. To do this you have to have a well rounded program. In a country where the people are not normally evangelical there is a bit of hostility toward the Gospel message. We are using three means to reach them. First of all we believe we should be the best informed radio station in the area. We should have the best newscasts possible. Secondly, we believe it should be a station of cultural music. We believe that our music should be compatible with the Christian message. This is a difficult aspect and we would appreciate prayer for the many problems we face along this line. For instance, I mentioned that 60% of the music has to be Brazilian composed. Thirdly, we believe it should be the station of the good message. The gospel should be going out periodically all during the day. Not only in sermons, but in the use of Gospel-grams, women's programs, gospel music, Bible study, etc. We want to saturate country with the message of salvation spotted at the most strategic times during the day. We are thankful for the Christian staff that God has given us.

What are your plans for the future?

We believe that PRA-7 will be a mother station and from it we will have satellite stations. It will be the production center of Gospel programing for all of Brazil as God has given us tremendous facilities for this. We expect that at least 4 hours a day will be devoted entirely to the Gospel message with spots on at other times. In order to do the Gospel programs as they should be, we feel that they must be done with the highest quality possible. We are praying that Christian people will come in and join us—both Americans and Brazilians to be in the Gospel programming division. My deep burden is that we can pay off the station so we can make the changes that are necessary and put on the staff that is needed. We believe that this can be a self-supporting ministry after the initial investment. The initial investment is the problem at the present time. We are praying for this liquidation so we can get on with the job of getting the Gospel out.

We would appreciate a word about the outreach. How many people actually come under the sound of PRA-7?

We have AM, FM and short wave. The FM is not on the air at the present time, but all we have to do is put up an antenna as we have all the necessary equipment. The transmitter, the license are here so just

as soon as we can get our engineer from the States who has had experience in this area we will be putting the FM on the air. A radio agent in Sao Paulo told us there are more than two million people under the primary coverage area of PRA-7. The short wave is actually heard around the world. As a result of the short wave five people in Portugal enrolled in the Light of Life correspondence course. This is just a beginning as letters have been received from nearly 50 countries of the world and all the States of Brazil. We will be separating the FM and the short wave because as of now they both carry the same programs. We trust to do some foreign broadcasting with the short wave. We need to increase its power. It is 1000 watts now and getting out very well, but we can go to 10,000 watts and we want to do it as soon as possible. An interesting note is that the owner was offered as much for the short wave frequency as we paid for everything. We feel God saved it for us. If it is that valuable for commercial aspects it is certainly that valuable for the Lord.

Many of our people will be reading this interview so in what way can we, as Free Will Baptists, help in this world-wide ministry?

First of all, and I say this with the depth of sincerity, we are invading the devil's territory when we go into the air. And we would pray for a barrage of prayer to go up from your people. I know they are people of prayer and I ask most of all that they pray for us. Then pray that we will have the right personnel to join us here. We thank God for the men that have come in already. It is a miracle of God. Pray for the finances. We need to meet at least \$1,200 per month for the payments during this next year. And then if there are those that God calls to join forces with us here, the needs are great and the doors are open. Also we need to pray for at least 50 missionaries, national workers and pastors for this immediate area. You know Bob, there are nearly two million people in the cities within 150 miles of this station. There are 21 towns without the Gospel witness. No witness at all in 21 of the 72 towns in this 150 miles radius. Almost a third of the people are without a Gospel witness. We need people to step in and fill the gap. PRA-7 does not intend to establish churches. We believe that we are here as a service arm to the local minister and church. We are going to be available with literature, Gospel teams and evangelists to assist the ministers of the local church and the missionary. This is our desire and our prayer. I trust the people will remember us in prayer and do as God leads them. ■ ■

THE ROLE OF A PASTOR'S WIFE

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my husband counseling with members of the church in our living room.

The most important thing the woman of the parsonage can do is be a helpmeet to her husband. No matter how demanding life can be, her home must be a place where the pastor can find rest from the cares of his work.

How Can a Pastor's Wife Keep in the Background?

by Mrs. James E. Raper, Missouri

Is there a pastor's wife among us who has not faced this question at some time in her role as Mrs. Pastor?

Every time we enter a new field of service I find myself saying, "Now this time I am going to sit back in the pew and just be another plain, ordinary church member, filling no important positions in the church and be as inconspicuous as possible."

The role of a pastor's wife is a varied one. She must be wife, mother, and a helpmeet to her husband. Many times she finds herself being chauffeur, pianist, choir director, Sunday school teacher, auxiliary president, church secretary, typist, janitor, and a number of other things for her church. The pastor's wife is usually forced into these positions because the church members do not do their part in the church. Don't criticize her for doing something that you refuse to do.

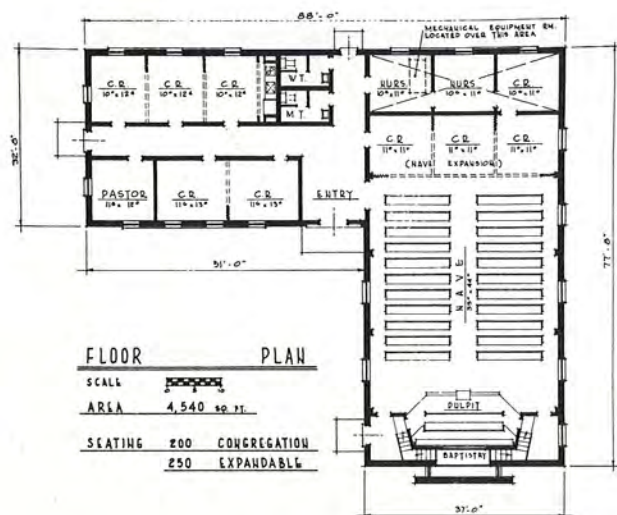
In every church there is talent not being used for the Lord. Seek out this talent and find an outlet for it. Since you are closely connected with the pastor, you may know of some job that could be done. This will help you to work without holding an office. You will be available to fill in when needed.

Always be prepared with the Sunday school lesson. At least one of our teachers is absent every week. Someone must step in and fill that vacancy. Often this absence is not discovered until time for the teacher to present the lesson.

Most preachers have a spare sermon tucked away in their Bible for emergency purposes. I have learned that preacher's wives need to have a spare devotion tucked away for emergencies also. Do not hesitate to give devotions. Many good devotional books are available.

Every day is a new opportunity and a new page in God's record. You may face a problem today that you have never faced before. No one has all the answers written down. If Christ is the center of your life you may claim the promise in Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." ■ ■

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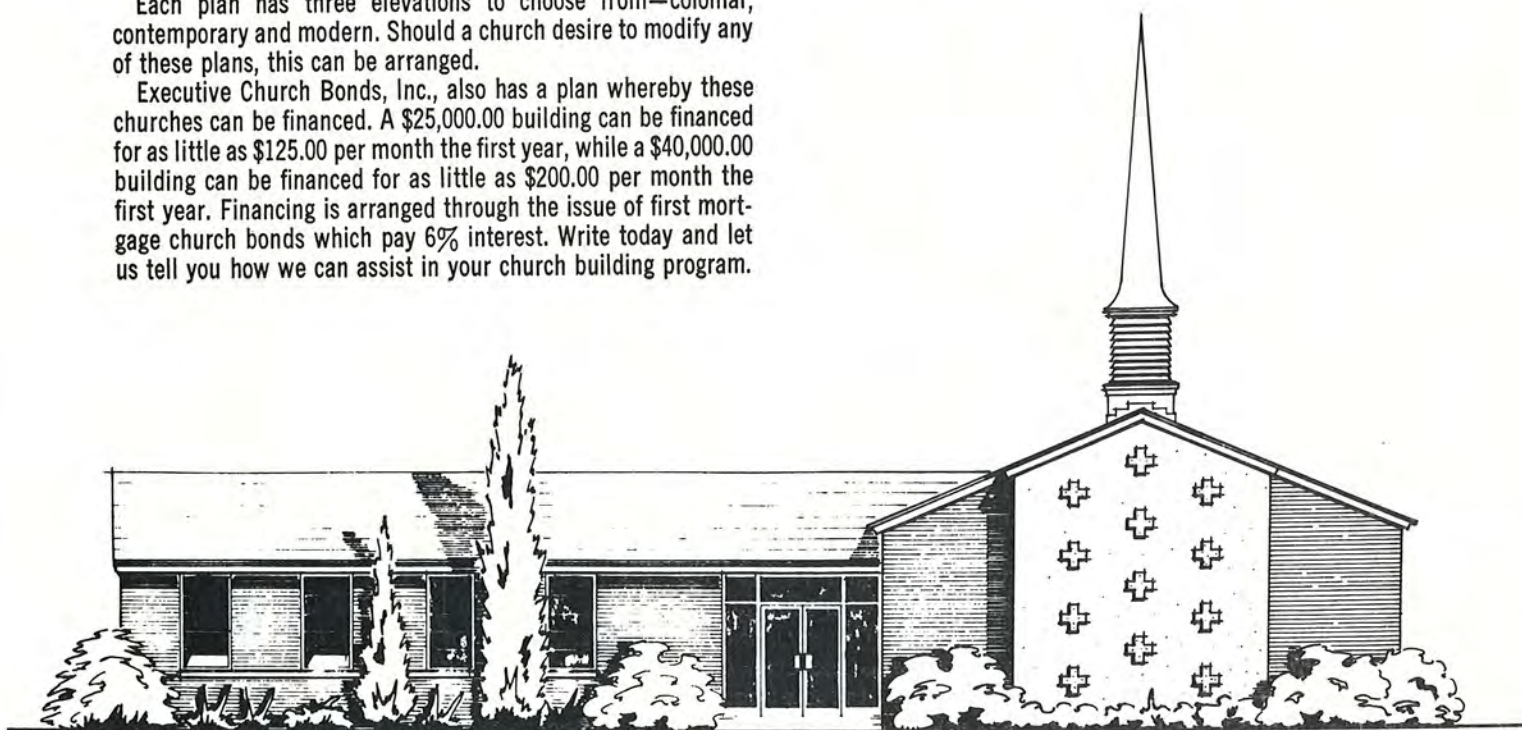
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EXCOMMUNICATE

HOW'S THE BUILDING program going?" I asked a pastor friend of mine.

"Beautifully," he replied. "And that's why I can't figure out why there's so much criticism and discontent in the church. Why, last month the building committee saved over \$700 through careful purchasing!"

I didn't comment, but I thought: chances are nobody but the pastor and six men on the committee even know this money was saved. *They're excommunicating the church members!*

The business of keeping people informed and making sure they get the right facts is recognized in almost every area of life these days. The United States government through its Information Agency tries to keep the world informed of what's going on in this country. Our nation's President is careful to have an alert press secretary at his side. Big business invests millions annually through advertising and public relations programs to make sure the public gets the right image of its operation.

Yet the average local church or church organization assumes that everybody knows what's going on and all the while keeps its members in a fog.

What is behind this attempt of nearly every modern organization to keep its people informed? The simple belief that lack of information usually produces suspicion, and suspicion breeds trouble. Likewise, the church which fails to inform its members—and in that sense "excommunicates" them—is asking for trouble.

There are a number of reasons for this evangelical excommunication. Possibly the church is "run" by a leadership clique which prefers to keep everyone else in the dark. Actually, the right spiritual leadership *wants* others to share the burdens and blessings (likewise, the mistakes!) The best solution to this problem is for those in the church who are spiritual to pray for God's guidance, then lovingly, gradually and scripturally change the situation. It may take time, but chances are the indifference which brought about the situation probably developed over a long period of time.

More than likely, however, the "fact fog" exists not because of the connivings of power-seeking officers, but because nobody understands the seriousness of the situation. A few test questions might be in order here. These the pastor might answer as the one man who should see that his flock is aware of what's going on, or any representative of a group within the church.

(1.) Do the members have to ask you and your officers repeatedly about such matters as church income, expenses, the names of new members and the progress of the latest program?

(2.) Have you detected in your calling and counseling an undercurrent of discontent and distrust concerning church activities?

(3.) Are some members who are genuinely spiritual losing interest in the progress of the church? Worse, have a few of them begun openly to oppose your program?

(4.) Is it getting harder to recruit new workers and interest people or church groups in new projects?

If the answer is yes, then trouble is on the way. Frankly, no secular business would tolerate this situation. "Keep the workers informed!" is the watchword of successful concerns in this day of inexpensive communications, and it's time this challenge reached into the local church.

You may be saying at this point, "I'm convinced that we need to keep our people better informed. But where do we begin? How does it work?"

Let's start with an imaginary Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howard. They're new members at First Church just down the street. They have talked with the pastor about joining the church. After that they meet with the membership committee.

"Here are some booklets that we'd like you to read carefully," the chairman told them. "They explain just what our church stands for and what's expected of our members. And also what you can expect of the church."

In the privacy of their home (not in the rush and confusion of an after-church committee session), Mr. and Mrs. Howard get acquainted with the church. The booklets—they can be mimeographed folders—tell in simple language all they need to know about what is required, who's who and what's going on. Result: they unite with the church with their eyes open!

Maybe this is a good place to make a plea for church constitutions that people can read and understand. "I could understand this clause better if it was still in the original Greek!" a deacon said to me one evening after he'd been sweating over a church organizational problem.

We expect the pastor to speak in language that we can understand. Yet, for some strange reason, we think it's all right for the constitution committee to wrap up our church organization in a flood of "whereases," "therefores" and "parties of the first part." How many church dissensions have been caused by foggy phrases in church constitutions nobody knows, but if there's a place where clear, everyday English should be used, it's in that valuable document.

Now that the Howards are members of First Church, they discover that every month *Flashes from First* arrives in their mailbox. *Flashes* is a four-page mimeographed newsletter that tells what happened at First Church the previous month. In ten minutes reading time, Ken and his wife learn the names of all the new members, all the new babies, who is in the hospital and who is on vacation, and exactly where church finances stand.

Your Church Members

"I see the building fund was down last month," Ken says to his wife. That extra money we have could go there this month." And without even asking for money, the building committee sees the building fund grow. Score one for communications!

Incidentally, don't wait for an experienced journalist to join your church before sending that monthly newsletter. There is, surely, someone capable of handling the job, no matter how inexperienced he or she may be. At the cost of just a few dollars each month, the newsletter is the best single means of communication your church can have.

Nor does your newsletter have to be an elaborately designed and printed affair. Even a neat, well-written one-pager is better than nothing. Any number of persons or groups in the church would be willing to keep up the mailing list and handle the distribution. Also, as a fringe benefit, you get more people busy in the Lord's work, and happier because of it.

"And now the announcements . . ." These, like the poor about whom Jesus talked, will always be with us! But why must they be so rambling and impersonal? A carefully-prepared church bulletin can do the job better and save from five to fifteen minutes in the average church service.

The church bulletin, besides outlining the service (or services), must primarily inform the people. Therefore, mercilessly eliminate phrases like "Be sure to attend!" or "A good time is planned for all!" They mean nothing and impress nobody, and they take up valuable space that could be given to important matters.

Many churches have discovered the value of the church calendar. This is a regular calendar page inserted in the bulletin, listing the various church activities and the proper days. After a few months, the members learn to keep their calendars near the telephone or in their Bibles. This way they know what's going on at the church the whole month.

Reading announcements from the bulletin publicly is like underlining every sentence in a book. You touch everything and emphasize nothing. Major instead on key announcements that affect the church as a whole. If the Maranatha Women's Class wants the entire church to come to its tea, it has the right to expect an announcement from the pulpit. If they want only the women between 50 and 85, why involve 95 per cent of the congregation to get the message across to the other five per cent? If each church group had an up-to-date mailing list and an active telephone committee, there would be no need to waste time promoting their projects on Sunday morning.

For an information center, there's nothing like an attractive, strategically placed bulletin board. By the way, instead of calling it the church bulletin board, why not designate it your "Information Center" and lend it prestige? Select someone to manage it

who has an artistic sense and a thick skin—the former to keep the information center looking neat and setting out the facts clearly, and the latter to keep off space-wasting notices that accomplish nothing.

Too many items will say to the viewer (between the lines): "Better have plenty of time, because there's a lot here to read!" whereupon he'll merely glance at it and move on. Selecting a few major items and arranging them in interesting settings will attract attention and get the message across.

Something else: why not have duplicate information centers throughout the church? Obviously the entire congregation can't crowd around one bulletin board, so provide other centers with duplicate material. You could also move items from one center to another over the period of a month. A neat bulletin board in the nursery, for example, will reach many mothers, and centers in various lounges and at main entrances will assure you that more people are getting the facts.

There's one more factor involved, an important informational ingredient that your pastor and board cannot control. That indispensable ingredient is *you*! For a church to keep its members up-to-date, there must be reporters to help do the job. When your pastor asks for your monthly or quarterly report, be sure he gets it before the deadline. This is to your advantage since it will raise the prestige of your group in the eyes of the official family. Not only that, but the typist, having received the material early, will be able to do a better job of cutting that stencil. If she is rushed at the last minute by late reports she is more likely to make mistakes.

When you hear of members who are ill, who have had accidents or who have experienced some family tragedy, inform the pastor or the board chairman. If you say, "Oh, somebody is sure to call the pastor!" chances are no one will call. Most pastors would rather have a dozen calls than not hear at all.

One more suggestion: help the pastor keep absent members informed. If your church has a registration system in the services, then the pastor will usually know who is absent and will mail them the Sunday bulletin or deliver it to them personally. But *you* can pick up a few extra bulletins and make some calls, too! Use your telephone to inform people of important church events, particularly those members who operate on the fringes of the church program. In a very real sense, this is a spiritual ministry.

The peace and progress of your church or church group may well depend on this word: *information*. Excommunicating the members is the first step toward expelling them. "That the soul be without knowledge, it is not good," goes the old proverb (Prov. 19:2), and there's no better time to heed this counsel than now. ■■ Reprinted with permission from *Moody Monthly*.



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● Our denomination needs no less than five hundred more churches to begin a Sunday evening training hour within the next twelve months. Because of such a need your national league board will launch at the national association in Detroit a program to enlist churches in this effort.

Figures show that at the present time we have one training hour for each two Sunday schools and that there is only one leaguer for every five to six members in the Sunday school. This gap must be narrowed as soon as possible and it must be done while we work to increase the total membership in our Sunday schools. Churches without a Sunday evening training program are urged to give immediate attention to this vital part of the total church ministry.

CHURCHES WHICH have training programs under the direction of capable and dedicated leaders are growing. They are growing in numbers and in financial resources. More important, however, the members are growing, "in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." This maturity can be seen in the lives of men and women as they demonstrate Christian character in action. Is this not worthy evidence?

Think for a moment. Who commands the most attention and respect in your town and community? It is the man who has convictions about certain things and knows how to persuade others to his point of view. You will find that such a person has taken advantage of opportunities for study and training. In today's complex world an untrained man finds life quite difficult. Furthermore, his influence upon those around him is extremely limited.

The population of the world leaps ahead at a fantastic rate, but the percentage of Christians in the world sinks lower and

lower. Many Christian workers are handicapped because they are not fully trained for the task which confronts them. This is largely true of most members in our churches today. To serve God you must know Him. To win men to God you must know Him and the ways of man.

Did you realize that there are more opportunities for full-time Christian service in the Free Will Baptist denomination at this time than can be adequately filled? Unless our youth are challenged now, the shortage will become even more pronounced. Where can they be better prepared for this challenge than right in your own training hour? Adequate preparation at home provides a foundation upon which further education at Free Will Baptist Bible College or some other Christian school may build. Adults who need to develop their leadership potential must be trained right in the local church or few will ever be trained.

Do we need to say more about the why of a complete training program? Has the intensity of the need begun to stir your

heart? You can make this desire become a reality in your church.

How Can My Church Have A Training Hour?

For you to start a Sunday evening training hour in your church there are a number of steps which must be taken. The first of these steps is a talk with your pastor. He will in most cases be thrilled that you have become concerned. Your pastor can arrange a meeting with all who are interested.

From this general meeting of interested members a planning committee composed of three to five capable individuals should be elected to assume the responsibility of working out the various details. This committee should meet immediately to designate a chairman and a secretary.

Each member of the committee should have one or more of the following jobs to do: (1) Get a list of prospects from the Sunday school and church rolls, (2) Write to the national league office for sample literature

and order blanks, (3) Study the organizational structure of the league, (4) Prepare colorful publicity for the Sunday bulletin and other advertising material, and (5) Talk with teachers and other leaders in the church about the need for more adequate training.

When the committee meets again, a rewarding session will be the result providing everyone has fulfilled his assignment. At this meeting plans should be laid for a rally in which all interested people may be brought together for information. A definite date for the organizational meeting should be set and publicity prepared for it. The committee should ask the official board to appoint a nominating committee to select candidates for the general offices and other leaders of the training hour. The training hour is a part of the total church program and not a separate organization. If there are questions and problems which arise that require more information than is available to the planning committee, ask the secretary to write to the national league office for assistance. This service is provided for you and you are encouraged to use it.

Your rally and organizational meeting may be one and the same or if you prefer you may have two meetings. Regardless of which, the planning committee should arrange for an inspirational program which will stimulate enthusiasm. The reason for the training hour should be presented and the goals and objectives explained. This first program will be longer than your general assembly will be ordinarily. There should be time for the individual league groups to go to their meeting rooms and discuss their organization. Plans for complete organization and the election of officers can be made. An enrollment should be made and given to the general secretary so that literature and supplies may be ordered immediately. If some literature is ordered ahead of time, then a program may be planned for the next meeting.

It will be necessary to follow up prospects and to continue the promotion and publicity of the training hour if the job is going to be done adequately. The planning committee will have completed its purpose when the organization of the training hour has taken place.

Will you begin right now to talk and plan how your church can be among the first to become a part of our goal of "500 more in '64?" The Lord will bless you for what is done in His name, and only eternity will reveal the influence that the training program in your church had upon the present membership and the succeeding generations.

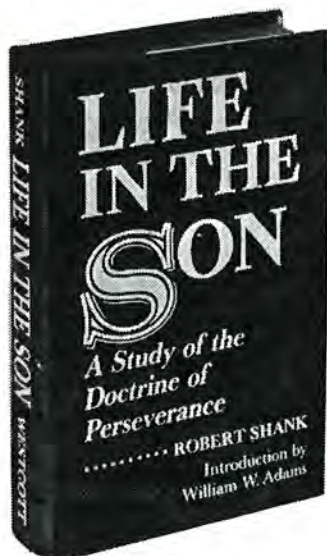
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ALASKA VERSUS TEXAS

FOR SOME TIME now an argument has been going on between Alaska and Texas. Alaska claims that it is the largest state while Texas claims that it is the largest. This contest moved into the area of the Sunday school recently when the First Free Will Baptist Church of Anchorage, Alaska, Lee Whaley, pastor, challenged the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, Rashie Kennedy, Sr., pastor, to a Sunday school contest. The contest began on March 1 and concluded on Easter Sunday. The Anchorage Church had an increase of 24 percent over their January and February average. The Houston Church had an increase of 28½ percent over their January and February average. Thus the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston became the winner by the narrow margin of

4½ percent.

The Sunday school department of the National Association awarded the First Church of Houston with an achievement plaque as a result of their victory in this contest.

Other churches which were recently involved in a contest were: the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri, versus the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan. Rev. Harvey E. Hill is pastor of the First Church of Berkeley. Rev. William J. Hill is pastor of the First Church of Hazel Park. During the contest, First Church of Berkeley produced a total percentage gain over their 1962 Sunday school average of 69 percent while the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park showed an increase of 52 percent

over their 1962 Sunday school average. The contest ran for a six weeks period. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley City was the winner by a margin of 17 percent. The Sunday school department awarded a plaque to the winner.

The churches of Tulsa, Oklahoma, also were recently engaged in a Sunday school contest and the competition was very heavy during the two month period of the contest. The victor was the Trinity Temple Free Will Baptist Church which increased their Sunday school attendance by 100 percent during the contest. All of the other churches also showed a very high percentage of increase during the contest. A plaque has been awarded the winner of this contest also. ■ ■

WIN YOUR PUPILS TO CHRIST

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

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

An alert teacher finds out all he can about the individuals in his class. He knows the home background, leisure-time activities, and spiritual needs of each student. He prays for the specific needs, as he sees them, of each member. Therefore, in his teaching he can apply Bible truths to the specific needs of individuals.

Since he knows his pupils and has close contact with each one, he has many opportunities to speak privately with individuals about spiritual matters. Usually he has a better opportunity for this personal counselling than the pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

He will urge his pupils to bring others to

the Sunday School where they may hear the good news of salvation. The Sunday School attendance contest is a real stimulation for inviting others.

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

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

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

What about it, teacher? Are you winning your pupils to Christ? Are you encouraging them to win others? If not, you are not fulfilling the only purpose for the existence of your Sunday School.

Pray that God will help you to take advantage of the most wonderful opportunity in the world—winning of the lost to Christ. ■ ■

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