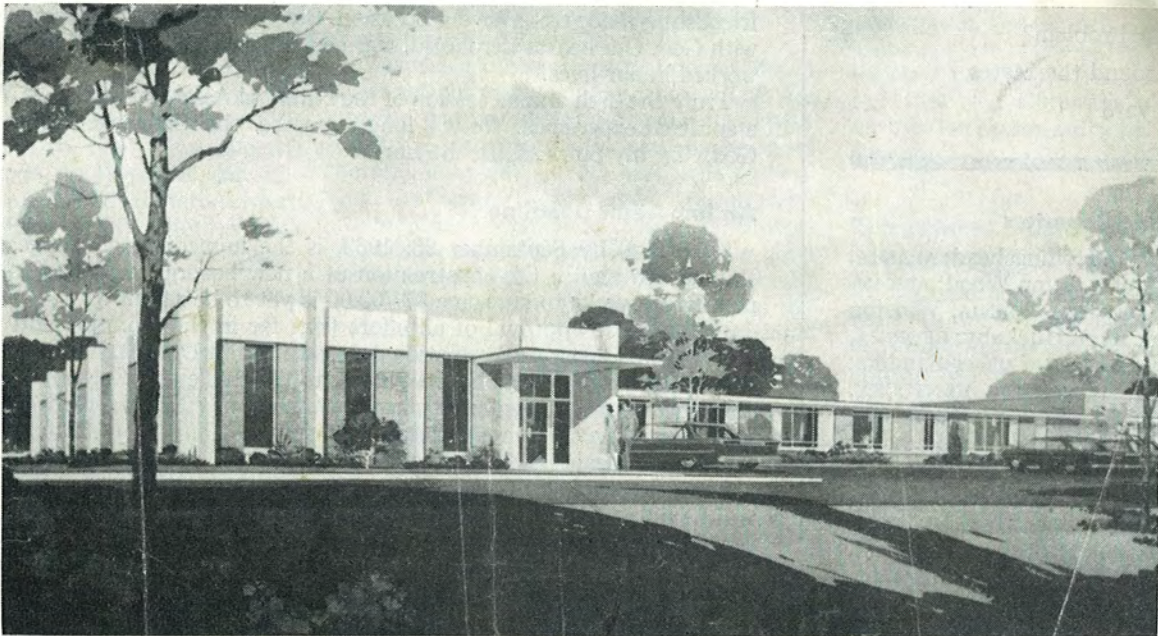
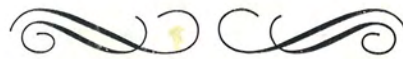


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A Spiritual Experience

"Words would fail to tell you how thankful I am to the Lord for such a wonderful session of the recent National Association. My prayer is that God shall continue to bless this ministry to the salvation of souls around the world," wrote one of our ministers upon returning home from the Detroit convention. Many other letters have come expressing the same sentiment which verifies the fact that God did indeed meet with us in our 27th annual session. I think everyone in attendance would agree that it was a spiritual experience. For this we thank God.

Attendance throughout the convention was the best ever. We experienced our largest opening night congregation with at least 2,200 in attendance. Representation was excellent from across the country.

Business was expedited with enthusiasm. Three major items were approved by the body. (1) The establishment of a total youth program within the framework of the National Association to be inaugurated January 1, 1965. (2) The broadening of the curriculum at Free Will Baptist Bible College to provide training for young people who did not plan to go into church or church related vocations. (3) The erection of a new headquarters building within the immediate future to be paid for on a pro-rated basis by the departments housed in the building. Land is to be purchased through the gifts of individuals and churches.

Preaching, as always, was an outstanding feature of our convention. With conviction, under Divine leadership, our four preachers declared the Word of God. The Holy Spirit used each message to speak to hearts. Added blessings were ours as we listened to Dr. Howard Sugden at the Pastor's Dinner and Judge Sam Sturm at the Layman's Breakfast.

Fellowship was a big part of the convention. Meeting new friends and renewing old friendships made this a joyous occasion. But more important, there was rich fellowship with God. Our hearts were filled, warmed, challenged and broken as the Spirit of God worked in our lives.

Truly the 27th annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was a spiritual experience. We will long remember this time together and the promise of God, "by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

An Important Deadline

\$10,000.00 by September 25, 1963, is the immediate challenge facing Free Will Baptists to realize the construction of a new headquarters building. With approximately six weeks to go, some \$7,700.00 is yet to be raised.

Enthusiastic approval of all effort thus far in the planning and financing of this building was given at the National Association in Detroit. Those in attendance said, "We need this building and we will rise to the challenge of paying for the land so that construction might begin." This was a source of encouragement to those of us who have been given the responsibility of spearheading this effort, but now we must translate our expression into action.

Time is short. The days will quickly slip away and the deadline of September 25 will be upon us. Will you catch with us the urgency of this matter? Will you please remember that this is an effort which involves more than just getting up a building since an expanded spiritual ministry is wrapped up in all of this? Will you pray specifically that God will stir the hearts of our people relative to this need? Will you ask God what He would have you to do in regard to this pressing need which faces us at this time?

The pressing need which we have for this building cannot be overstated. We are now to the point where each week is important to us in our effort to get the building and larger quarters. Unless we can beat the bad winter weather and get in the foundations for the building, there will be additional delay. Please feel with us the difficulty of this situation and help us with a gift now. As you give, remember that this too is a part of the total effort of your National Association to effectively extend the gospel witness around the world.

Tapes Available

Tapes are available of each worship service at the National Association. These tapes are 1/2 track, 3 3/4 speed on a 7 inch reel and sell for \$4.75 plus postage per reel. Two messages are included on each tape. Send your order to Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, and specify which speakers (Scott, Riggs, Ange and Hamilton) you desire.

What's wrong with CHURCH recreation?

Church leaders have condemned most forms of recreation and have opposed any type of recreational program under the auspices of the church. This article indicates that such a position may mean lost opportunities.

THE OTHER DAY I met a most remarkable man in the person of Kermit Rooke, Juvenile Judge for the city of Richmond, Virginia. He invited me to attend a few sessions of his court and get a first-hand look at our city's growing problem of young people with undirected leisure on their hands.

Among other things, he pointed out that young people are zestful and full of life. They possess an abundance of energy. They are supposed to go to school and the most of them do. But the school day is not very long.

Each school day is followed with hours and hours which bring youth nothing to do. So some of them with idle hands turn to work that is forbidden by the rules of society. They violate the law and get into trouble. And a lot of them get into trouble simply because they have nothing else interesting to do.

There is truth in the old saying that the devil always finds employment for idle hands, adult as well as youth! With modern timesaving gadgets and the shorter work week, Americans have more leisure time than ever before.

The Challenge of Leisure

The implications of this increased leisure time are tremendous! What will man do with it? Is he wise enough to use it well? Will his church be aware of his needs in this new day and make adequate provisions to channel his time into constructive activities? If it is true that what a person does in his free time shapes and reveals his character, should not the church be vitally concerned about his leisure?

The church has shown a commendable interest in education. But it has not shown enough interest in the idle hours that lie between Sundays. They have done much to provide entertainment and some of it is of wholesome variety.

But they have not done enough to meet the needs and desires of the thousands who would like to do something interesting but are unable to find something interesting to do. Here then is one of the churches problems, and it becoming graver from year to year.

To be sure, young people and adults alike are looking for something to do with leisure

by **ROBERT C. HILL**

time and the devil will use anything in his power to attract them to his influence. If he can use recreation as a means to lure people away from the church or Christian influence, you can count on him making a large investment in this media.

New Frontier to Claim

Several churches and church leaders have condemned most forms of recreation and have opposed any type of recreational program under church auspices. Play has previously been considered an agent of the devil and an enemy of the soul.

But this strict group is fast decreasing in size as churches realize that they are functioning in a fearful new day with conditions so different from any experienced before. They are waking up to the realization that leisure time is a new frontier to be claimed for Christ, both in work and play.

Lets face the facts! Normal people have an inherent urge to measure strength and skill in games and sports. Many times the individual must get this satisfaction without participation. He can do this cheering his team to victory or when one makes a home run, shoots the ball through the basket or knocks down all ten-pins with a single bowling ball. But either way—doing it himself, which is far better, or seeing it done—this hunger is satisfied and a sense of wholesome enjoyment is his.

An Avenue of Approach

A church which includes recreation as part of its educational program is using another avenue of approach to the lost and unenlisted. And it is this group which the church is challenged to win. Missionary doctors have used the avenue of healed bodies to proclaim Christ. Church sponsored recreation programs will also open many opportunities to witness and win for the Master.

As a young pastor, I initiated a recreational program in my church and within a few weeks, twenty-four young people were turning out for basketball practice and the required Sunday school attendance. I was aware of the fact that the most of them were

coming to church just to qualify for a position on the team. But during that entire season, our church had the opportunity of a regular witness to these boys and young men. They found out, and many of them for the first time, what Christianity and the church was all about.

Several of them committed their lives to Christ through the faithful teaching of dedicated Sunday school teachers and the warm friendly influence of new found Christian friends. I have tried to keep in touch with some of these young men and it is gratifying to know that one is a faithful deacon in his church, another a Sunday school officer and others in responsible positions in the church. Surely, several of them are not fulfilling the high aspirations which I had hoped, but I can't help but feel that the Christian influence exerted during that season will follow them wherever they go.


Recreational Program Is Reciprocal

A good church sponsored, Christ-centered, recreational program is reciprocal. Individual lives are blessed and enriched and the organizations become more effective in all phases of the work. There is a certain warmth of spiritual friendliness and Christian comradeship among the members and usually those active in play are ready to do a better job at working for the cause of Christ. Recreation is re-creation. Randall says, "Any activity must give refreshment to body or mind or spirit to deserve the name of recreation."

Many churches include recreation at summer camps but purposely neglect their youth activities during the remaining fifty-one weeks. Camp leaders realize that diversion from study and classroom and the release of pent-up energy is conducive to good discipline and sharpens the mind to better understanding. Christian recreation, if properly understood and prayerfully planned, will strengthen Christian character, deepen spiritual roots, enrich Christian personality, and witness to the joys of Christian living. ■■

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by **JOHNNIE FLOYD**



TOMB OF JESUS

I Walked Where Jesus Walked

MARCH 14, 1963, the great DC 8 Jet Alatalia plane took off at 10:15 A.M. bound for London, England, flying 600 miles an hour at 33,000 feet for a scheduled six and one-half hour Atlantic crossing from the U. S. to England.

There are many feelings that you have on your first crossing, especially as the great man-made bird flies over Halifax, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and finally leaving Labrador, not far from the point of no return.

The point of no return is actually a Coast Guard cutter many miles out where the plane captain leaves his last radio message. From this point, you are bound for London. I shall never forget the beautiful lights of London when land appeared on the distant horizon. Millions of colored lights greet the foreign visitor at night.

Once on the crown of the famous Heathrow air terminals, a huge sign welcomes you to London as you pass beneath a tunnel by bus to the waiting rooms. With Milan, Italy, only one hour and fifteen minutes away by plane, we were soon on our way toward Jerusalem.

It is a long way to Jerusalem from America, when you have to cross the Atlantic, the Straits of Gibraltar, the Mediterranean, the Aegean, Old Mt. Vesuvius the volcano of fame, two great deserts—Sahara and Arabian—and finally the Red Sea to enter Canaan Land.

One gets the feeling of exhilaration of God's greatness flying five miles high as a small part of this earth slips beneath white billowy clouds. "Down below is Geneva, Switzerland; Hamburg, Germany; Paris,

France; and Brussels, Belgium," the Captain said.

From Milan, Italy, a short hop of forty-five minutes sets the plane down at the greatest air terminal in all of Europe—Rome, Italy. While flying from here to Athens, Greece, you cross over Mt. Vesuvius. This volcano no longer erupts, however, in 79 A. D. Vesuvius completely destroyed Pompeii with a total of 29,000 inhabitants. Hot lava crept over the city. Today the city is yet preserved for all to see.

"Down below you can now see the Isle of Capri," the Captain said. And on the way from Athens you also pass over the Isle of Patmos where John was banished in Bible times. At the city of Cairo, Egypt, our tour began soon after we left Athens by way of Alexandria, Egypt. The smell of camels greets your nostrils. This is the country of King Farouk's great grand-father, Mohamad Ala.

City of Four Million

Cairo, Egypt, is a city of four million people. Twenty seven million are in the country, thick as flies without exaggeration. Here we visited the Alabaster Masque which took eighteen years to build. Mohamad Ala is the founder. Here the moslems stand on one foot washing and make their prayers five times daily. The magnificent mosaics of cut glass are every where adorning the edifice. The pulpit within the pure alabaster building is made of solid gold. The body of Mohamad Ala is here buried with a slab of marble upon his body and a rock beneath his head for a pillar. His tomb is decorated

with pure gold and silver.

In this country today you can live in the past. Meat hangs out on the streets upon the sides of buildings. Bread is stacked upon the sidewalk with no wrappings. Along the banks of the blue Nile are mud huts across the road from modern buildings such as the Hilton Hotel. Real silver and gold articles may be bought for a song.

In the National Museum can be seen mummies dating back 5000 years—the Rameses statues, statues of Beti, the god of Memphis and old King Tut. His tomb is pure gold. They call it his Sarapagus made of Byzantine stone garnished with precious stones and gold overlay upon sycamore wood. Tut died at eighteen leaving four wives, one of which is believed to have poisoned him to death. The inner-most covering of the tomb was pure gold weighing 243 pounds. Six golden necklaces were about his neck. Hundreds of golden rings and bracelets completely covered his body.

The second covering was of golden inlay upon mosaics covered with precious stones. His visceras (intestines) were to be placed inside an alabaster canaobextious or chest. Therefore, inside three inner coverings of gold, a fourth box of alabaster stone and four more golden overlay coffins of wood he was laid to rest.

King Tutenhaman or Menharahab as he was known was found inside the great Pyramid Cheops. We rode out into the Sahara to see this great wonder protected as it were by the Sphinx standing nearby. Our transportation of course was by camel back.

Cheops was built by the first four dy-

nasties of Egypt. In grandeur the towering height reaches almost five hundred feet with a base covering thirteen acres of desert. It took 100,000 men 20 years to build this great tomb. There are enough stones in it to pave a road from New York to San Francisco.

I could go on and on, however, let us say that from here Moses led God's people out of a land of utter poverty in the depth of extremity, to a land of milk and honey.

My prayer was, "Lord hurry and get us out of Egypt to Canaan." Actually, the little country of Lebanon is the land "flowing with milk and honey." It is beautiful. Situated on the border of Israel and Jordan it is bordered at the north by Syria and Turkey.

Beirut has a population of 600,000 nestled in the mountain land of the Phoenicians. This is where Solomon got the cedars to build 10,000 commercial ships which eventually brought God's curse upon Tyre and Sidon 25 and 28 miles distant. The Cedars of Lebanon do not exist as such because of the exploitation of nature's forests. Conservation was not a practice in that day, therefore, waste became the people's sin.

Beautiful hand-made buildings impressed me. In the famous ruins of Baalbek the Romans left a mark in the second century never to be forgotten. The gods of Venus cannot help the peasants today. There are thousands of Palestinian peasants who at one time were rich but who now exist in utter filthy poverty in refugee camps. Your mind cannot conceive that humans on God's earth have to live in such deep hunger and void.

The war of 1948 which re-instated Israel as country left a million two hundred thousand refugees here in this country. The ravages of war always uproot and destroy. From these mountains you see Mt. Hermon. In the distance you can see ships of the 6th fleet of the U. S. standing in the bay of the Mediterranean Sea.

Lebanon is open to missionaries. Here are found the Catholics, Druses, and of course Moslems. Their government is chosen with the religions in mind. President, Prime-Minister and Cabinet are chosen, each from one particular religion.

Paul passed this way many times. It contains remains other than those of semitic Canaanites, such as Assyrians, Egyptians, Hittites, Persians, and Crusaders. Others lingered for awhile; Greeks, Seleucids, Romans and Byzantines. Even Arabs settled in it.

We cannot forget that King Hiram through here had to float and transport the cedars to Jerusalem to build Solomon's Temple. This is the land of Phoenicia's Idol god Baal. Hence, Baalbek.

Women Work As Slaves

In this beautiful land I saw women working crushing rock by hand while a slave-driving man boss stood by. The women carried tubs of crushed rocks on

their heads. In contrast, here they do not have compulsory school laws and yet boys and girls don't drop out. Parents will not allow their children out at night if they are under fifteen years of age. You do not see young people nor women smoking. They have great manners. After this refreshing stay, we proceeded to Jerusalem.

Joy filled my heart and tears filled my eyes as we landed in Jerusalem, Jordan. As you may know, wall separates Jerusalem, Jordan and Jerusalem, Israel. No man's land is a small strip of weeds and rock between the two.

The old city of Jerusalem which is walled in is a part of Jerusalem, Jordan. In fact, the Arabs control almost all of the sacred shrines in the area of Palestine which Jordan covers. However, they accuse the Israelites of possessing the most valuable and fertile soil. An Amazing thing occurs when you look at both sides and observe the blessing and the curse of God side by side separated by a wall. Jordan with the Arabs is far behind the times. On the other side, Israel is blooming like a rose.

As we entered St. Stephen's Gate into the Old Walled City, it was pointed out that here the first church deacon was stoned to death. The fourteen stations of the cross were seen as we followed the road (Via Dola Rosa) to Calvary. Oh how my heart thrilled as I knelt with our group on Golgotha where Christ was crucified. We had just left the place where Christ was beaten. Pilate washed his hands and tried to deliver himself from the guilt of his soul. Here a lawyer in our group gave a sermon the "Illegal Trial of Jesus."

We had just come from the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus went to pray. "His sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Can you imagine that here some of the old olive trees are almost two thousand years old?

The experience of the Garden Tomb of Jesus shall never leave my memory. Our party, forty-two persons, went into the tomb. It is hewn out of solid rock, seven feet-six inches high by fourteen feet-six inches long by eleven feet-two inches wide, divided into two rooms. One room to the left was for the mourners. This fulfilled the saying of Isaiah 53:9, "He made his grave with the rich in His death." The tomb belonged to Joseph of Arimathea.

There is a feeling of the holy presence of God that cannot be restrained as you kneel inside this sacred place. We sang "He Arose" and "He Lives" and I do think that heaven got a little closer. It was the late Mrs. C. F. Alexander, wife of the Primate of all Ireland, who expressed the words in a hymn, "There is a green hill far away, Without a city wall; Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all."

It was Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, who had the heathen temples torn down and discovered the Lord's Sepulchre and Calvary nearby. Even the dirt when analyzed as a specimen from the tomb of Christ was found to be alive.

It is worthy to note that schools are not co-educational in Jerusalem, Jordan. This is all the way from the first grade to college. In Palestine when a boy or girl gets into trouble, the first time they go to jail. The second time the parents go to jail.

The ruins of Solomon's Temple are to be seen inside the Old Walls. At the Pool of Bethesda (five porches) the lame man was healed of thirty-eight year infirmity. Here you see the Chapel where Christ was whipped. To be noticed is the fact that most all of the gold was carried off by some enemy of the past. A good question is, "Where did all the ornate gold and such like disappear from Solomon's Temple when it was destroyed?"

The Gabbatha or pavement where the soldiers gambled still stands. You can hear Moslems praying. The Dome of The Rock marks the spot where Abraham offered Isaac up to God. It is called the Mosque of Omar. Mt. Moriah is the Biblical name for the small hill upon which it stands. Here Jesus came at forty days old to Simeon in the Temple. He came again at twelve. Then He came for the last time before his crucifixion.

Beautiful Garden

From the walls you can see the field of blood, the Mount of Olives, and the Garden of Gethsemane. This garden is one of the most beautiful small gardens in all the world. To pray here is to be blessed. The road to Bethlehem winds up the distant hill.

Out at Bethlehem the people are very poor. The home of Jesus was a hole in a rock at His Birth. Today it is beneath an ornate church highly decorated with marble and mosaic design. The door is so low that you almost have to get on your knees to get inside. You would not believe that today thousands of families still live in holes in the ground and caves in the rocks in Palestine.

Going through the valley of Eschel from Jerusalem you come to Machpelah or the place in Hebron where Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and their wives were buried. Abraham's oak of Mambre is close by where God promised the son Isaac.

Here angels came to warn about Sodom. Here Sarah laughed at God's promise of a child in old age. Here Abraham ceased praying for justice for Sodom. Here Lot was taken and then rescued by Abraham. Here Abraham payed tithes, then went to Moriah with Isaac. Here Sarah died and Abraham bought the tomb of Hebron. Later, spies of Joshua came here to spy out the land and found the grapes of Eschel. Giants of Anak lived here then. This is the place which became the gateway of the Children of Israel to enter Canaan. Here David offered his daughter in marriage to the conqueror of Kirjath Hephren (city of books).

At Hebron a few more things happened. David was made king when Joab conquered the Edomites of the South. David slew 18,000 men. Jerusalem was conquered by

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Round-Up of
World-Wide
 RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Persecution Intensifying in Cuba

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—The increased pace of anti-Christian activities in Cuba indicates that the newly-formed Department of Religious Affairs, under the direction of Dr. Felipe Carneado, is fulfilling its function of cracking down on churches in that country.

With the establishment of Dr. Carneado's government department early this year, a spy system was perfected to bring to the central government detailed reports on the attitudes of the churches. Consequently, the deep consternation of the evangelical churches over the government's wanton destruction of Bibles and hymnbooks was reflected to Dr. Carneado through his spy system.

The Cuban government has halted construction on churches in numerous places across the island. A May dedication service was planned for the new Baptist church at Vista Hermosa in the city of Santiago. When workmen started sanding the floors as a final preparation for opening the new building, they were stopped by authorities who refused to allow the work to be finished and the church opened. Work on other churches has been paralyzed at various stages of construction.

School Permit Revoked

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—Protestant parents in Greece who are trying to establish a private elementary school met a roadblock when the Ministry for Cults and National Education rescinded a permit. The permit had been granted last summer following a decision by the Supreme State Council.

P. T. L. in Bolivia

ENGLEWOOD, N. J. (MNS)—The President of Bolivia received representatives of the Pocket Testament League on May 9 in the Presidential palace at La Paz. The

League's field director, Sam Befus, presented to the President for himself and his wife two handsomely bound copies of the New Testament. The incident marked the formal initiation of a campaign to distribute 200,000 copies of the Gospel of John in Spanish throughout the country.

Pleased By Graham Crusade

PARIS, FRANCE (MNS)—In spite of a press that was sarcastic, unfair, or silent, Billy Graham preached to large crowds in his eight-day crusade in Paris and in provincial cities. As it was impossible to secure an adequate auditorium in Paris, a tent seating 10,000 was rented. The aggregate attendance here was estimated at 60,000.

Dr. Jacques Blocher, co-director of the Nogent Bible Institute near this city, estimated that more than half of the 1,200 who made decisions were completely unchurched.

Gospel Team Attacked

LOBATO, BRAZIL (MNS)—Early in May a Gospel team under the leadership of Rev. Austin Boggan of the Inter-American Missionary Society was attacked by a priest-led mob here. The incident occurred when the Roman Catholic parish priest led a mob of his parishioners against the missionary and the three-member team conducting a street meeting. Boggan was struck a number of times by the crowd, but all escaped serious injury.

Graham Books Best-Sellers

LONDON, ENGLAND (CNB)—Three books by Dr. Billy Graham are included in a list of best-sellers (non-fiction) just issued by The World's Work Ltd.

Nine years after first publication, "Peace with God" was second on the list, with 12,149 copies sold during 1962. Total sales

for the book were listed at 258,963 in the nine years.

Another of the evangelist's books, "Secret of Happiness," published seven years ago, is in sixth place on the 40-book list. Sales of this book amounted to 8962 during 1962, bringing the total for seven years to 76,407 copies.

Churches Authorized in Spain

MADRID, SPAIN (MNS)—Services are now being held in the Second Baptist Church here, opened by police permission after being officially closed for nine years, according to a report just released by Jose Cardona Gregori, executive secretary of the Evangelical Defense Commission.

The report revealed that the Spanish government has authorized the legal importation of a limited quantity of evangelical literature. Included are *Pilgrim's Progress* and a collection of sermons by Billy Graham.

Radio Reaches Tribesmen

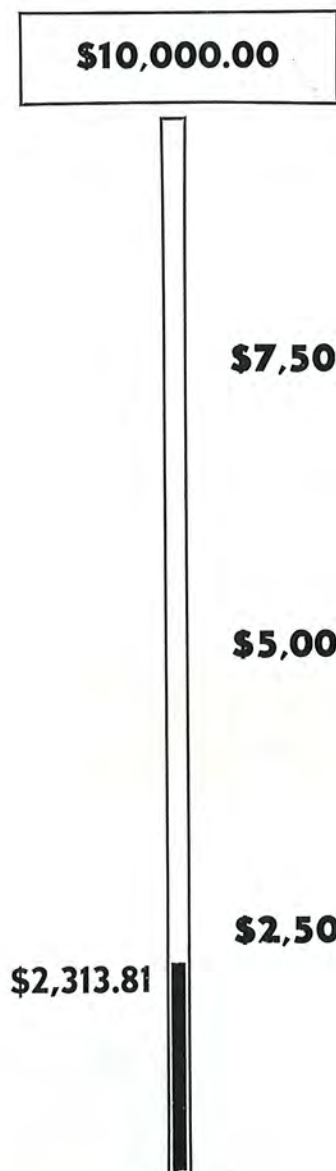
MANILA, PHILIPPINES (MNS)—A village Meo tribespeople in the hinterland of Laos came into possession of a Japanese transistor radio and soon became regular listeners to a Gospel program in their own language aired by the Far East Broadcasting Company here. They wanted to know more about it, but when they were advised by the radio announcer to write to Box 3, Vientiane for further information they were stumped—for not one of them knew how to write.

Eventually a delegation was sent from the village to Vientiane, where they finally found the post office. There they were misunderstood and directed to a false religion which made temporary inroads among the spiritually hungry people.

Unsatisfied, the villagers sent another delegation to try to find the help offered through Box 3. This time the contact was made, and the Christian and Missionary Alliance missionary learned that the entire village, including those who had been contacted by the false religion, were ready to be baptized.

How does this remote tribe hear the message in their language? Dr. Robert H. Bowman, president of the Far East Broadcasting Company, explained that every two months Swiss missionary Armand Heineger and Alliance missionary Ed Gustafson take a group of Laotian Christians from Laos to the C&MA recording studio at Korat, Thailand—a hot, arduous trip through the jungle. There they record 50 programs in 4 days. The tapes are mailed to Manila and broadcast to Laos via a complicated antenna system—and the Meo tribespeople hear in their own tongue.

OUR CHALLENGE—\$10,000.00 BY SEPTEMBER 25



YOUR GIFT NOW WILL HELP US MEET OUR GOAL

At the recent session of the National Association enthusiastic response was given to our efforts to erect the new headquarters building in the immediate future. Approval was given to a suggested plan that would make this possible after our land was debt free. Under present contract arrangements, we are to pay the final \$10,000.00 on the land by September 25, 1963. This means that we have approximately six weeks to raise this sum. Several sizeable gifts will be needed as well as those smaller gifts which added together will help us meet this goal. With the expanding ministries of our National Association, it is imperative that we erect this building soon. Please remember that this is your work and that apart from your interest, prayers and gifts we cannot meet this challenge and the growing demands which face us every month. Consider what you might do individually, encourage your church to have a part and pray with us that this immediate need will be supplied.

**HELP US TO
HELP OTHERS
MAIL TODAY
WITH YOUR
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HERE IS A SHARE IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST FUTURE

I want to see the new headquarters building erected soon. Enclosed is my gift to help pay for the land.

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$_____

(circle or write in)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Note: Share certificates will be given to individuals or churches making a gift of \$50.00 or more. Gifts of \$250.00 or more will entitle the donor to be listed on a bronze plaque to be placed in the entrance hall of the new building. All gifts are tax deductible.



In recognition of faithful service, two past moderators of the National Association were given plaques during the Detroit session. They are (left and center) Rev. Ralph Staten and Rev. Charles Thigpen. Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham, moderator, made the presentations.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



The Master's Men made a presentation for the first time to the Free Will Baptist Layman of the year. Selected this year on the basis of faithful service to Christ and the denomination was Mr. M. E. Howard (left), general contractor from Richmond, Va.



Many decisions were recorded for Christ during the three day meeting. This was the scene on Wednesday evening at the close of the missionary service as the altar was filled with young people and adults making a commitment of their lives to God.



Missionary Luther Sanders reported how God was at work in the 50th state. Land has been purchased at the rate of 77¢ per square foot. This represents a total investment of \$60,000. Mrs. Sanders is pictured here explaining the challenge.

■ Registration at our 27th session reached an all-time high with a total of 1,736 registered. Of this number 318 were ministers, 171 were delegates and 1,247 were visitors. The opening night service was attended by approximately 2,200 people, while attendance at all day sessions ranged from 800 to 1,200. Twenty-seven states, the District of Columbia and three foreign countries were represented at the meeting.

■ Two new associations were received into the fellowship of the National Association at this session. They were the Idaho association and the Northwest association. The Northwest association represents churches in the states of Washington and Oregon.

■ A resolution was adopted which expressed regret over the Supreme Court decision that would ban prayer and Bible readings in the public schools. The resolution called for a Constitutional amendment that would "allow the practice of these time-honored religious exercises on a voluntary basis, while at the same time preserving our separation of church and state."

■ In the light of a growing popularity for church mergers at the expense of God's absolute truth as revealed in the Bible, a resolution was adopted that the association "reaffirm its commitment to the Bible as God's Word and our sole authority in matters of faith and practice and that we reaffirm our stand with other evangelicals across America within the fellowship of the National Association of Evangelicals believing that in this hour we must have a broad and united stand for the Bible."

■ The body adopted a proposal from the executive committee that the financing of the new headquarters building be placed on a pro-rated basis with each department occupying the building paying their proportionate share. Contributions from individuals and churches would be used to pay for

land and cover costs that could not be covered by a loan.

■ A statement expressing approval of a provision within the Bible College to provide training for young people who do not plan to enter church vocations was approved. The statement read in part, "we express our hearty and enthusiastic approval of both the present program which offers training for those entering the Christian ministries and also provide the additions necessary to offer training to those who will not be entering church vocations so that they may be able to receive four years of their training in a Christian college and then be admitted to regular graduate schools without loss of credit."

■ Approval was given to the launching of a total youth program beginning January 1, 1965. This work is to be done through the National League Board. A budget of \$10,000.00 was approved for the first year.

■ Awards were given to Rev. Charles A. Thigpen and Rev. Staten for past service as moderators; to Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham for past service as executive secretary; and to Mr. M. E. Howard as Free Will Baptist Layman of the Year.

■ Winners in the annual declamation contest held during the WNAC were as follows: YPA, first place, Sharon Karnes of Hazel Park, Michigan; second place, Jimmy Ferrell of Smithfield, North Carolina. GTA, first place, Mary Frances Rudy of Nashville, Tennessee; second place, Lynn Poole of Norfolk, Virginia.

■ Approximately 275 young people attended the youth rally on Wednesday afternoon. The National Sword Drill was held at this time with Rebecca Brewer of Florence, Alabama, winning first place and Joanne Gibbons of Manning, South Carolina, winning second place.

■ A historical commission was designated by the association to begin work on com-

pling important historical matter. Free Will Baptist Bible College was designated as the depository for this historical material.

■ Announcement was made that the new hymnal authorized last year will be ready in the fall. Titled *Free Will Baptist Hymn Book* the hymnal will be first printed in shaped notes and carry a maroon cover. Prices are not available at this time.

■ A total budget of \$909,413.10 was adopted by the National Association for 1964. This represents funds for the operation of all National Association ministries and does not include gifts to the new headquarters building and other special projects. 1963 budget is \$882,947.97.

■ All standing boards except the Bible College Board of Trustees were enlarged from five members to seven.

■ Cooperative Plan allocations remained the same. They are as follows: foreign missions 29%, Free Will Baptist Bible College 21%, executive department 20%, home missions 16%, League board 10%, superannuation 3% and stewardship commission 1%.

■ A special memorial service was held on Tuesday evening for Rev. Mark Lewis. Brother Lewis had been scheduled to give the welcome address from the Michigan State Association. He died of a heart attack on Saturday morning, July 13. An active participant in National Association work, Brother Lewis was for several years the chairman of our Foreign Mission Board.

■ Officers elected to serve for next year are as follows: Moderator, W. Stanley Mooneyham; Assistant Moderator, William Hill; Clerk, Robert Picirilli; Assistant Clerk, Daniel Merkh; Executive Secretary, Billy A. Melvin.

■ Convention site for 1964 will be Kansas City, Missouri. Raleigh, North Carolina, was designated for 1965.



Saved in a Cuban prison through the reading of the Bible, Oscar Garcia (center) gave a thrilling testimony of how God had worked in his life. Pictured with him are Benito Rodriguez (left) and Missionary Tom Willey (right) now working in Miami.



Interesting displays were provided by all departments of the National Association. Here Mrs. Herbert Waid, dressed in the native costume of Japan, explains some of the curios on display at the Foreign Mission booth. The children especially enjoyed this.



Judge Sam Sturm of Newton, Kansas, (left) was speaker at the Master's Men breakfast. His background in dealing with young people and parents with troubled homes, coupled with a warm heart and love for Christ, made us think again of our youth.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

● Whereas the heritage of America has been that of a godly and Christian nation, and

Whereas there are many evidences that the interest of the founding fathers in forbidding the establishment of religion in the First and Fourteenth Admendments was not to remove all traces of religion from the institutions and functions of government, and

Whereas in recent years an atheistic minority has made repeated efforts to get judicial rulings which would eliminate the recognition of God in the public schools as well as other institutions of government, and

Whereas recent rulings of the U. S. Supreme Court have favored this unbelieving minority in banning prayer and Bible readings in the public schools,

Be it resolved that this National Association of Free Will Baptists:

(1) Express its conviction that non-sectarian religious exercises in the schools do not violate either the letter or the spirit of the Establishment Clause in the Constitution.

(2) That we give our fullest support to remedial legislation which will provide for a Constitutional amendment to allow the practice of these time-honored religious exercises on a voluntary basis, while at the same time preserving our separation of church and state and contact our local United State Senators and Representatives in regard to this matter.

(3) That we give ourselves to the ministry of strengthening our Christian homes to fortify our children against the secularistic influences which are replacing the recognition of God in our society.

● Whereas the Bible is our sole authority in matters of faith and practice, and,

Whereas the Bible continues to be attacked by unbelievers and its absolute authority questioned by those of a liberal theological persuasion, and

Whereas there is a growing popularity for church mergers at the expense of God's absolute truth as revealed in the Bible, and

Whereas it is essential for Bible-believing Christians to stand together,

Be it, therefore, resolved that the National Association of Free Will Baptists reaffirm its commitment to the Bible as God's Word and our sole authority in matters of faith and practice,

Be it resolved that we reaffirm our stand with other evangelicals across America within the fellowship of the National Association of Evangelicals believing that in this hour we must have a broad and united stand for the Bible,

Be it further resolved that we urge our churches, pastors and members to consider individual membership in the National Association of Evangelicals to assist this body in its spiritual ministry in behalf of Christ and the evangelical cause. ■■

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.

Do you think there is ever a time when we should quit witnessing or speaking to a person about his soul?

There may be. Sometimes we meet a person who, when we talk to them about Jesus, only laugh and sneer and sometimes make them worse than if we had said nothing. This is an example of what Jesus was talking about in Matthew 7:6 when he said, "Give not that which is holy unto dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." Put such a person on your prayer list and talk to God about him, but I think God would have us use our testimony in more productive channels.

Someone told me that they heard you say in a sermon that the blood of the Negro was no different than the blood of a white man and that if I had to have a blood transfusion I might be given the blood of a Negro. Is this true?

It is true indeed. While donating some blood at the Red Cross Bank I noticed that blood taken from a Negro was put right alongside mine and I asked if the blood was not kept separate. The nurse and the doctor both said no, that there is no difference in white, Negro, Japanese or any other blood. The Scripture verifies this in Acts 17:26, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth . . ."

Ever since I came to the Lord and was saved I have been worried about the fact that I have been divorced and remarried. Even though I was not a Christian when this happened it has bothered me no end. I have read so much in the Bible about the sin of divorce and remarriage and I am concerned now about maintaining a real Christian testimony. Can you help me?

I am against divorce and remarriage with all that is within me. The Bible is clear in its teaching against the same. However, I have always believed that if this sin was committed before a person was saved that the Lord puts it under the blood just like all other sins. If God puts this sin under the blood never to be remembered against us anymore and removes our sin as far as the east is from the west (Psalms 103:12), then what right have we to do that which God never does, that is, dig up our old sins and put them on parade again. There are those who will disagree with this, but I think you should put it out of your mind and try to do your best in serving the Lord.

I feel that I am a Christian and yet I do not belong to a church. Do you think I must become a member of the church to be a good Christian?

Joining the church will not make you a good or bad Christian if there are such. You must be born again (John 3:7) to become a Christian. Then, I believe, if we have really had an experience with God we will seek the fellowship of those with kindred minds. Perhaps you are looking for perfection in a church. You will not find it. Since we are quite imperfect ourselves we surely must bear with and overlook the flaws and imperfections of even our church leaders. The New Testament with its example of the early church teaches that it is our duty (your duty) to search out a Bible-believing church that preaches the gospel of Christ in all its fullness, where we can find sweet fellowship and affiliate ourselves therewith.

1963 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

JUNE 1963

COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	June 1963	Year to Date	Total to Date 1962	Designated June 1963
Alabama	\$ 10.00	\$ 635.25	\$ 461.58	\$
Arizona				25.00
Arkansas		1,127.24	1,188.39	
California	550.16	4,133.46	3,497.74	
Florida		561.13	1,118.79	
Georgia	114.61	973.62	1,108.61	
Illinois	313.44	2,640.23	2,437.20	
Indiana		264.44	457.63	
Iowa		337.70		
Kansas	140.06	1,290.06	1,025.92	
Kentucky		51.85	35.00	
Missouri	489.75	5,785.60	4,765.26	
New Hampshire	52.56	145.61		
New Mexico	60.25	373.86	442.63	
North Carolina	466.93	1,456.75	1,085.44	
Ohio		330.22	457.94	
Oklahoma	1,189.14	5,991.92	4,858.83	35.00
Tennessee	272.17	1,845.29	1,308.91	112.50
Texas	296.12	1,582.69	1,922.71	
Virginia	336.40	1,413.59	1,992.48	
Washington		50.00	54.11	

. . . MAKE POSSIBLE A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

	COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS		DESIGNATED		Total Receipts to Date
	June 1963	Year to Date	June 1963	Year to Date	
Foreign Missions	\$1,244.57	\$8,918.40	\$ 72.50	\$1,590.75	\$10,509.15
F.W.B. Bible College	901.24	6,510.65		60.00	6,570.65
Executive Department	858.32	6,200.60			6,200.60
Home Missions	686.66	4,920.54	40.00	779.31	5,699.85
League Board	429.18	3,100.37		23.00	3,123.37
Superannuation Board	128.75	930.06		15.00	945.06
Stewardship Commission	42.87	309.89			309.89
Home for Children, Tenn.				31.00	31.00
Home for Children, S. C.				16.72	16.72
New Headquarters Building			35.00	148.00	148.00

TOTAL YOUTH PROGRAM

THE SPECIAL committee appointed by the executive committee of the National Association to explore the needs of our youth met in session on April 5, 1963, in Nashville, Tennessee.

This meeting was preceded by extensive and careful research on the part of three sub-committees. One sub-committee surveyed what was being done for youth within our own ranks, a second studied the operation of youth organizations in other denominations, and a third investigated the programs offered by independent youth organizations.

After hearing the reports of these sub-committees and discussing at length the needs and possible solutions for a satisfactory youth emphasis in our own denomination, the committee submits the following report.

Whereas there is a need for definition and clarification of the purpose of existing agencies working with youth and the need to draw together under one department the youth program which is presently scattered among the Woman's Auxiliary, League and Master's Men, and

Whereas there is a need for new impetus in our youth work, and

Whereas there is a desperate need for the provision and promotion of leadership and teacher training,

Be it, therefore, resolved that our denominational youth program be centered in one dynamic program designed to capture the interest and meet the spiritual needs of all our youth thus winning them for Christ and the Church.

Be it further resolved that a national youth director be employed to give full-time service in implementing such a program throughout our denomination.

Be it further resolved that the League Board be expanded to seven members to allow for larger participation and that this board undertake the responsibility for developing a complete youth program.

Be it further resolved that this youth program be launched January 1, 1965, thus giving the existing departments working with the youth eighteen months to phase-out of their present youth emphasis.

Be it further resolved that a budget of ten thousand dollars be authorized for the planning of the youth program and the preparation of literature and other materials for 1965.

In conclusion, the committee would like to recognize and express sincere appreciation to those agencies within the denomination such as Woman's Auxiliary, League, and Master's Men which have rendered an invaluable service in seeking to challenge and meet the needs of our youth. It has been their faithfulness through the years which has brought us to this hour of opportunity as we seek to launch a total program, built upon existing youth organizations, to challenge our youth and win them for Christ and His service. ■ ■



Mrs. Rolla Smith—Mary Francis Rudy—Mrs. Herbert Peppers

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Miss Rudy is Winner

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Miss Mary Francis Rudy of Donelson, Tennessee, (see picture above) won first place in the declamation contest held at Detroit, Michigan. On her left is Mrs. Rolla Smith and Mrs. Herbert Peppers is at the right. These ladies are co-sponsors of the GTA of the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church. Miss Rudy went to the national contest after winning the state contest in Memphis. This is the second successive year a first-place award has gone to a representative of the Donelson church.

Annual Missionary Conference

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The fourteenth annual missionary conference will be held at the Bible College auditorium October 7-9. Speakers for this meeting will include Dr. Luther Grubb, Rev. John Vick, Rev. Gordon Sebastian and several others.

Mexican Association Meeting

MONTERREY, MEXICO—The third annual Mexico Association will convene at the First church in Monterrey, August 30 through September 1. Among the ministers attending from the United States will be Rev. Mark Vandivort, and Rev. Wade Jernigan. This association is composed of five churches.

Riggs Schedule Announced

ELDRIDGE, ALA.—Evangelist Eustace Riggs has announced the following meetings for the next three months. August 5-10, Free Will Baptist Church, Padan, Mississippi; August 12-23, First church, Auburndale, Florida; August 26-September 6, Ruth's Chapel, New Bern, North Carolina; September 8-14, Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina; September 15-20, First Church, Garner, North Carolina; September 23-29, East Birmingham Church, Alabama; October 6-12, Horse Branch, Turbeville, South Carolina; October 14-25, Free Will Baptist Church, Baxley, Georgia.

Progress Noted

BAKERSFIELD, CAL.—The First church here reports an average Sunday school attendance of 155 for the past six months. The church attendance average has been 167. Sixteen decisions for Christ have been made with 10 of these uniting with the church.

With the cooperation of the members a successful remodeling program has been completed. The seating capacity of the auditorium is 230. Rev. E. B. Condit is the pastor.

Statement Issued

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Because of the new proposed youth program by our National Association of Free Will Baptists the Executive Committee of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention submit the following:

"The women are interested in the youth of our denomination. We have tried to demonstrate our interest in developing a youth program to meet the need when there was little else.

"We are interested in a program that will better do the job. It is not our purpose to set the policy of youth education in the denomination, but to serve in a woman's place as helpmeets and co-laborers to further the work of our youth by full cooperation with the National Association.

"It is not our desire to promote anything contrary to the overall youth program of Christ for our denomination, but to cooperate in the co-ordination by our overall youth program.

"Our National Sunday School and League Boards are directed by men. They have not excluded the women. They help write the literature on the National level. Locally, they teach in the Sunday schools and are League sponsors. We do not believe we will be excluded here.

"The Executive Committee of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention is in favor of the youth program. We believe our women will take their rightful place as helpmeets to co-operate in the local church and with the National Association of Free Will Baptists."

Haskell Thompson, age seven, receives his Vacation Bible School graduation certificate from the Rev. E. E. Zoellers, pastor of the Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Midland, Texas, during a recent commencement program. Also pictured, from the left, are Mrs. William H. Johnson who instructed the seven year old children; Matt Reeves who attended sessions for two year old children and Miss Paula Zoeller who was assistant director for the school. Mr. Zoellers served as director.



PERSONNEL OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Moderator—W. Stanley Mooneyham, Wheaton, Illinois
 Assistant Moderator—William Hill, Hazel Park, Michigan
 Clerk—Robert Picirilli, Nashville, Tennessee
 Assistant Clerk—Dan Merkh, Florence, South Carolina
 Executive Secretary—Billy A. Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee

Executive Committee

W. Stanley Mooneyham, William Hill, Robert Picirilli, Othel T. Dixon, Willard Day, I. L. Stanley, E. B. Ledlow

General Board

Alabama—E. B. Ledlow	Kansas—W. T. Turnbough	Northeast—William Reagan
Arizona—Lynn Wood	Kentucky—F. S. VanHoose	Northwest—Joe Hurst
Arkansas—Willard C. Day	Mexico—Arthur Billows	Ohio—Forest Chamberlain
California—F. A. McCage	Michigan—Guy Owens	Oklahoma—E. E. Morris
Florida—Elro Driggers	Mississippi—Gordon Hart	South Carolina—Jack Millwood
Georgia—O. B. Everson	Missouri—Othel T. Dixon	Tennessee—E. B. McDonald
Idaho—Harvey Butler	New Mexico—S. M. Aragon	Texas—H. Ray Berry
Illinois—George Waggoner	North Carolina—Bobby Jackson	Virginia—J. B. Chism
Indiana—William Patterson		West Virginia—Carl Vallance

Foreign Mission Board

Eugene Waddell, N. C.	1964
Raymond Riggs, Va.	1965
Rolla Smith, Tenn.	1966
Lonnie DaVoult, Okla.	1967
Joe Ange, Mich.	1968
Winford Floyd, Tenn.	1969
Gene Rogers, Mo.	1970

League Board

Henry Melvin, Tenn.	1964
Russell Spurgeon, Mo.	1965
Harold Critcher, Tenn.	1966
Gerald Chester, Okla.	1967
Charles Hollingshead, Ala.	1968
Mrs. Chester Phillips, N. C.	1969
Mrs. Damon Dodd, Tenn.	1970

Home Mission Board

Gordon Sebastian, N. C.	1964
Wade Jernigan, Okla.	1965
Harvey E. Hill, Mo.	1966
Bob Shockey, Ky.	1967
R. E. Pixley, Ark.	1968
Roy Thomas, Colo.	1969
Harry Staires, Okla.	1970

Superannuation Board

Tom Hamilton, Ga.	1964
E. M. Kennedy, Okla.	1965
N. P. Gates, Mich.	1966
G. E. Ratliff, Ky.	1967
Roy Rikard, N. C.	1968
Dean Dobbs, S. C.	1969
C. A. Huckaby, Ga.	1970

Sunday School Board

John West, Okla.	1964
Dale Burden, Fla.	1965
Ralph Staten, Va.	1966
Herman Hersey, S. C.	1967
Charles Thigpen, Tenn.	1968
N. R. Smith, Okla.	1969
Winston Lawless, Calif.	1970

Headquarters Trustees

H. D. Bailey, Tenn.	1964
J. B. Reding, Tenn.	1965
J. L. Welch, Tenn.	1966
G. W. Hunt, Tenn.	1967
Herbert Peppers, Tenn.	1968
Benny Smith, Tenn.	1969
Frank Rudy, Tenn.	1970

College Trustees

Luther Gibson, Miss.; J. R. Davidson, Ga.; M. E. Howard, Va.	1964
Carrol Alexander, S. C.; William Mishler, Ark.; Delmer Priest, Calif.	1966
Randy Cox, N. C.; Harold Harrison, Fla.; Paul Inbody, Okla.	1968

COMMISSIONS

Liberalism

N. R. Smith, Okla.	1964
Jack Paramore, N. C.	1965
Bobby Jackson, N. C.	1966
Leroy Forlines, Tenn.	1967
Teddy Davis, Calif.	1968

Stewardship

Jerry Ballard, Tenn.	1964
Malcolm Fry, Mich.	1965
Bob Hill, Va.	1966
Francis Boyle, Calif.	1967
James Earl Raper, Mo.	1968

Chaplains

W. S. Mooneyham, Ill.	1964
J. D. O'Donnell, Tenn.	1966
Kenneth Walker, D. C.	1968

Historical

Damon Dodd, Tenn.	1966
Bill Hill, Mich.	1967
G. C. Lee, Jr., Ga.	1968

I Walked Where Jesus Walked (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

way of the water aqueduct. However, the greatest battle was fought with himself. Absalom betrayed his father here in Hebron and attacked Jerusalem.

Let me quickly take you to the tomb of Lazarus at Bethany. Jesus raised him from the dead. From here we traveled by the way of the Good Samaritan Inn. Down to Jericho we went. Elisha's fountain where the bitter waters were made sweet are still flowing. The walls of old Jericho surely did sink down flat even with the ground. Down the road by the place where Jesus said, "Zaccai come down," the road leads onward to the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized by John. Jordan is muddy and swift at this point and very narrow.

From the little paradise of Jericho, we went to the Dead Sea the lowest spot on earth. It is thirteen hundred feet below sea level. Nothing sinks. It is the richest spot of real estate on earth. Birds can't fly over it without dying. Nothing lives in it. A fish dies within three minutes after emptying into the Dead Sea from the Jordan River. They are at this time taking valuable materials from this sea.

From the site of the Quamrum Scrolls, we traveled through the vast wasteland through Shechem. Jacob's well is still giving clear fresh water. I drank from it. You can pour out some water and time it one minute before it hits the bottom. "The well is deep and you have nothing to draw with, (John 4:11) the Samaritan woman said to Jesus.

Shiloh where the waters run quietly comes next. Here the Ark rested for 300 years. Samuel was born here. Bethel is the next town where Abraham and Lot had separated. Jacob dreamed his dream about the ladder to heaven here.

Speaking about dreams, the Ancient Rock City of Petra is a dream. Before leaving Jordan, some of our party took a side trip 280 miles down into the Arabian Desert to Petra (Sela). This is the city Obadiah the prophet was speaking about in his book. "Thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high: that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground. Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord" (1:3-4). This is a real city with 150,000 temples and homes cut by hand from solid rock 280 miles from civilization in a barren desert and from the only mountain. The mountain is solid rock. The rock which Moses smote for water also supplied this city.

Petra was the home of the Nabateans. It can be reached only by one entrance three miles long through a fissure eight feet wide 150 to 500 feet high by horse-back. The entrance is through solid rock, a natural fortress. Five hundred of the temples and homes were finished. Two hundred and fifty thousand people lived there. They

sacrificed human sacrifices to the sun. The amphitheatre and all buildings were hand-carved from the solid rock. This is the most fantastic sight human eyes can behold, one of the ancient wonders of the world.

No-Man's Land

Time swiftly marched on and we crossed "No-Man's Land" by foot to Jerusalem, Israel. As said before, most all the shrines are on the Jordan side, however, we covered many places in Israel. It is a far better place. One hundred eighty thousand people are in this small country. The Valley of Hinnem (or Hell) is here where children were sacrificed to Molech. King David's Tomb is on Mount Zion. The Upper Room of the Last Supper is here. The ashes of six million three hundred thousand Jews, burned and soap made from the grease, are behind a rock walled enclosure on Mount Zion. Ein Karem the birth place of John the Baptist is here. Nearby is the Hebrew University where we viewed the Dead Sea Scrolls. There are twelve of these. Three are in Jordan. Seven are in Israel. Two are split all over the world.

By way of the Sea of Galilee, we made our departure for the coast of the Mediterranean. At Nazareth the home of Jesus, we found that He had lived in a cave in a rock. How humbling to know what our Lord endured for us. The Mount of Beatitudes is close by. The cities of Cana, Tiberias, Magdala, Capernaum and Mount Carmel where Elijah defeated the Baal gods still stand today.

Time will not allow me to say all about the Plain of Sharon and Valley of Megiddo where the last battle of all time will be fought. We departed from TeleViv the ancient Joppa with the words, "Shalem Ah Israel" (Peace Upon Israel) bound for Athens, Greece. With the huge water-line (166 inches in diameter) being laid from Galilee all the way to Beersheba, you can rest assured that the desert is going to blossom like a rose. This is a fulfillment of the Bible.

At Athens, a place of culture, stands serenely the Parthenon, Acropolis, and Mars Hill where Paul preached the famous sermon on religious liberty. Athens reminds

me of Lebanon. The home of the gods, Athens could well be called. God blessed our hearts as we held a service on Mars Hill and an unknown Greek woman bared her heart in testimony as to how the service touched her soul and stirred it.

No one has completed a world trip unless he visits Rome. We spent three days here beholding the Coliseum where Christians were fed to wild animals and the Catacombs where thousands lived and died. They wind endlessly beneath the entire city of Rome. Paul was beheaded at Nero's block which still stands. The inner prison formed a place where we had another prayer service. God surely did bless while we sang a song and departed. I was reminded of what Paul said, "I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

As the end of our tour drew near, we saw the Vatican City. The sights of precious stones, great architecture, gold and silver in array and the splendor of Michaelangelo's Paintings in Vatican City makes a person stand in awe and amazement.

The Vatican is the smallest state in the world, with its own coinage, postal system, and form of government and order. There are 600,000 books and 50,000 manuscripts in the library. The wealth of the palace and gifts given to past Popes has passed the counting mark of evaluation by man. The galley of the main library is 1,000 feet long. The Vatican covers 100 acres and took 112 years to build. Here one finds the first printed Bible, the Gutenberg, printed in German.

One could wish that where so much authority has been placed in the traditions of the church the authority of God's Word could be recognized. We were reminded again of the verse, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

We viewed many beautiful and wonderful sights on this trip, but with all the splendor that this old world holds, heaven holds all for me. The Bible says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Corinthians 2:9). After singing "In The Sweet By and By," we departed for London, Shannon, New York and home. ■■



Johnnie Floyd is pastor of the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church in North Belmont, North Carolina. Mr. Floyd has been appointed assistant tour director for a seminar of Bible lands planned for June 1964. It will embrace a total of eleven countries and will take in 90% of all the places related to the life and ministry of Christ, 30% of those related to Paul plus Biblical places related to prophets and kings. The cost by Jet DC8, New York and return with all expenses paid will be \$1,395.00. If interested, contact Mr. Floyd at General Delivery, Belmont, North Carolina.

MARTHAS SERVE TOO

by Donna Morris

MUCH ATTENTION and honour have always been given to Mary of Bethany. She has deserved it. But the character of Martha has been passed over so lightly as to leave a lowly opinion of this woman in many minds. As we think on these two women, we may note that both types of persons are necessary. If you have classified yourself as a Martha, it may be comforting to read further.

Almost all great men have a home or two they frequent where they can relax with friends. The home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha furnished such a retreat for Jesus. We learn from John twelve that Martha was a woman of action. She was furnishing a table for the Lord, and probably He was in need of refreshment. Needless to say, someone must do these things. Mary, more passive and not good at general action, was more remarkable for her devotional fervour than the efficiency of her labours. Marthas rear the needful things in the garden of the Lord. Marys cultivate its flowers. Marthas "serve" meals of the household of faith; Marys bring costly spikenard. But Jesus sat at Martha's table. He proclaimed pleasure in Mary's offering.

All Members

Mary represents the "brains" and Martha "brawn." One could hardly say whether we are more indebted to people of thought or people of action. We as Christians are all members of the body of Christ and cannot look upon one brother and esteem him greater than another. Whatever may be our native characteristics, love to Jesus will make them acceptable.

We notice that at the death of Lazarus, Martha, typical of demonstrative disposition, tucked her grief away enough to go meet Jesus, while Mary sat pensive, perhaps still stunned with grief. I believe that Martha appears to the advantage here. There is such a thing as being so crushed by our afflictions that we mar our testimony. If we would adorn our profession, we must make an effort to face all situations with new courage and not just bury ourselves in our own griefs.

There is a time to stir, as well as to sit still. Here, because Mary sat passively at home, she missed the Lord's glorious declaration of Himself, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Now both of these women were firm believers in the Lord and His doctrines. Martha believed Him to be all-powerful. She said, "If Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know that even now whatsoever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give it Thee." She stated that she believed in the resurrection at the last day, for she did not understand what Jesus was about to do. Then in John 11:27 she proclaimed Jesus to be the Christ.

Because Martha was business-like, Jesus could talk with her and reveal deeper truths. Because Mary was occupied with weeping, Jesus wept with her. Let us not forget that there are differences of temperament among believers, and let us make due allowances for others if they are not quite like ourselves. A well-ordered Church must find room for all.

In your Church you have probably noticed the Marys and the Marthas. We always have the deepest respect for those who have studied the Word and have much knowledge of God's truths. Those who have close communion with the Lord have a shiny countenance and are radiant with the personality of the Lord. It is very satisfying to be around this type. You can draw strength from their character.

Then there are those who will let not grass grow under their feet. I have known some who were never cool, but when in hot water and who never slept but as a top—on the spin. You have heard it said that when a job needs to be done, call on the busiest

person and he will do it. These are the Levites of the congregation. How challenging and invigorating their activities.

It is easy for me to come to the defense of the Marthas because I am inclined in that direction. I secretly know that I operate better under a tight schedule. Where there is action, there is life and I thrive on it. Inactivity is depressing.

I must toss out a few warnings, however. External activity cannot take the place of the heart in Christianity. Every deed must be motivated from the proper source. No matter how busy, everyone must have his quiet times with the Lord. And it would be worthwhile for the Marthas to remember that a great portion of the success of their work depends on the prayers of the Marys.

Natural Inclination

Some of us are Marys or Marthas because of natural inclination. It is simply our disposition that causes us to pursue one or the other course. But there are some who are Marys or Marthas because of circumstance.

I have seen dear people whose souls were starved to listen to some good preacher and feast upon the Word with other Christians, and because of circumstance feel compelled to serve tables. Or perhaps one is overworked in the nursery, or confined with duties of tending to the sick, when all the time their heart is hungry for a spiritual feast. Even though these tasks must be performed, it takes real humility and grace to perform them endlessly with a sweet spirit.

Sometimes a person is isolated from activity because of their own health, or distance from people and because of the situation have become persons of quiet, gentle, meditative, meek dispositions.

Whatever your position, do not look with envy or longing on another's talents or abilities or environment. We are all members of the Body of Christ; hence, we are needful and necessary. After all, the Lord made us and placed us if we are His. Whether your devotion be in thought or in deed, do it with all your might as unto the Lord.

If I'm to be a Martha, Lord,
I surely want to be
A Martha with a Mary-heart
That listens well to Thee.

And as each hour passes by
In work for those I love,
Dear Lord, be whispering to me
About the things Above.

An alabaster box of praise,
A moment at Thy feet,
Can change the dreariest day to one
Where even chores are sweet.

So, help me honor Thee as Guest
And choose the better part . . .
I'll gladly be a Martha, Lord,
But give me Mary's heart.

—Ruth Gibbs Zwall

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The Consummation of the Ages

Nearly two thousand years have passed since the day Jesus Christ, God's Son, left His home in the Eternal Glory and came to live on earth. It was through a humble Jewish maiden of royal lineage, Mary by name, that God chose to give a human body to His Son. Her words, when the angel brought her the news from Heaven, have preserved for us in the Magnificat, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour."

Born in a stable, Christ lived for thirty years as an unknown figure. His appearance in public ministry came at His baptism when God introduced Him to the world. A voice from Heaven announced, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased . . . Hear ye Him." During the ensuing three years, Jesus Christ walked among men and entered into their everyday experiences. He loved them, sympathized with them, counselled them, preached to them, healed them . . . and in everything revealed the character of God, His Heavenly Father. By His sinless life, He brought the great Jehovah-God near to man. Christ himself said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

In the brief years of His public life, Christ endeavored to make clear to His followers the fact that He came to earth but for one purpose. That was to make atonement for sin. This would be accomplished by His death on the cross.

The most crucial hours in the annals of history were those three momentous hours when Jesus Christ, God's Son, took upon Himself the sin of the entire human race and hung between earth and heaven on the cross of Calvary. His last words before His death, "It is finished," showed the completion of Redemption's plan. By this act, Jesus Christ forever took care of the sin which separated man from God.

To show the authenticity of His deity, after three days in the grave, Jesus Christ came out of the tomb alive again! He met His disciples and His loved ones, and fellowshiped with them forty days more before leaving this earth, to return to His Father in Heaven. Before He left, Christ told His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, to be with them.

Today, Christ is at the right hand of God, and one day, according to His Word, He will come again.

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Homer E. Willis, Director of Home Missions, spoke at the First Church in Portland, Tennessee, August 4. He will be attending the East Alabama Association in Phenix City August 10, and the Union Association, Greeneville, Tennessee, August 15.

Foreign Missions Director **Reford Wilson** will be in Oilton, Oklahoma, August 11 for the commission service of the Ernie Deeds family. He will be in Sophia, West Virginia, on August 18 and August 25-30 at the Randall Memorial Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

Executive Secretary **Billy A. Melvin** will speak at a Minister's Seminar at Oklahoma Bible College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, August 30-31. September 1 he will be guest speaker at the New Home Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rufus Coffey, Director of Conference Ministries, will be in a missionary conference August 1-3 at Florence, Alabama. Mr. Coffey will be in revivals in Florida August 5-14 and an area missionary conference in Illinois, August 25-31.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Executive Secretary of WNAC, will be in Sparta, Tennessee, for the Western Quarterly Conference August 3. She will be conducting classes in that area through the week. August 20-22, Mrs. Edwards will be attending the North Carolina Woman's Camp near Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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