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**pastor's dinner**

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5:00 P.M.

GRAND BALLROOM  
**MUEHLEBACH HOTEL**  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

**SPEAKER**

**Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel**

**SUBJECT**

**"Is Roman Catholicism  
Changing?"**



**HERBERT S. MEKEEL**

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## Attend the National Association

The geographical location of our National Association this year has prompted me to predict a record attendance. Kansas City, Missouri is strategically located according to the geographical distribution of our churches. Our attendance will be good, if not a record. We want you to be present with us. Many of you have planned to attend some time. Why not make it this summer?

Our theme for this year's session is "Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Developing this general theme will be Evangelist Jack Paramore of Greenville, North Carolina; Rev. Damon C. Dodd of Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Robert A. Cook of Briarcliff Manor, New York and Rev. Kenneth Walker of Arlington, Virginia.

On Tuesday evening, July 14, at 5:00 p.m. the pastor's dinner will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel. Dr. Herbert Mekeel of Schenectady, New York will speak. His subject will be "Is Roman Catholicism Changing?" All pastors and their wives are urged to attend.

Thursday, July 16, the Master's Men breakfast will be held at 7:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be M. E. Howard of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Howard, a general contractor, has rendered a long and faithful service to Christ both through his local church and the National Association. He was honored with the "Layman of the Year" award last year.

Some 25 exhibits will be in the display area to fully acquaint you with the ministries of the National Association and other related organizations. Missionaries and national personnel will be here to greet you personally during the evening fellowship hours.

Reservations should be made early. A complete list of available hotels and motels near the auditorium is carried on page seven. We would urge you to register at the Muehlebach Hotel if at all possible. This is our headquarters hotel and many of our meetings will be held here.

## A Ministry to Youth

Some of the finest young people I know are within our Free Will Baptist Churches. Many of them have won special recognition because of some accomplishment or service rendered in their school, community or church. We have every right to be proud of our young people, but we must also recognize the responsibility we have to bring proper spiritual training and influence to their lives. Young people are a force to be used for God's glory and the salvation of souls.

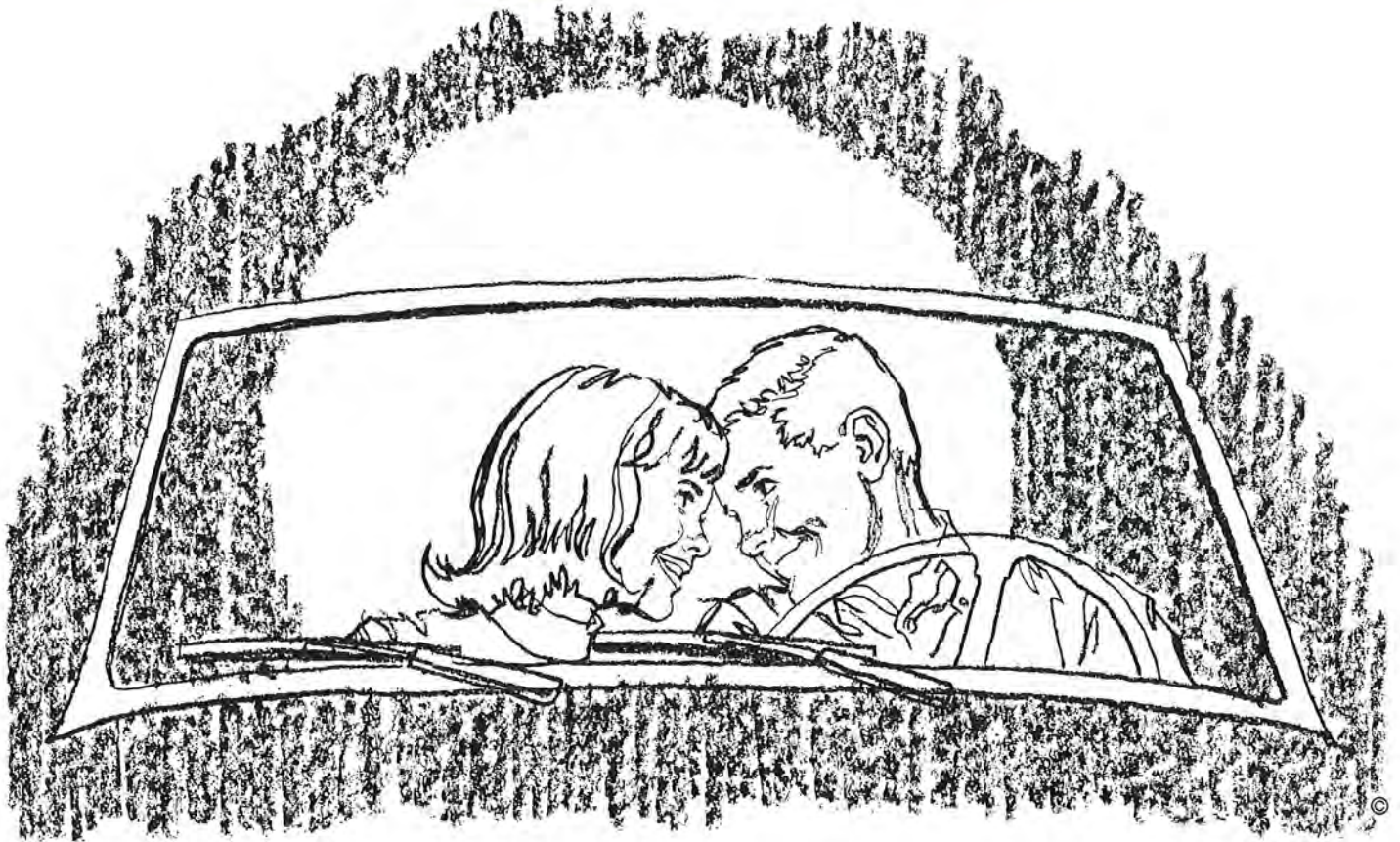
In recent months, the National Association has taken steps to enlarge its ministry in behalf of our youth. Full details of this program will be shared at this year's session of the National Association. Much prayer, planning and work has already been invested in this program and more will be involved before the first of the year. It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a more effective program of ministry in behalf of the youth of our denomination.

## Every Church Should Do It

Because of the opportunities available to our pastors at every session of the National Association, churches would do well to encourage the attendance of their pastor at these meetings. Many of our churches not only make the time available for their pastor, but also pay expenses. Churches that follow this practice find it to be a wonderful investment. Their investment pays off not only in the effectiveness of the pastor, but in the broad understanding which he is able to share with the church concerning denominational life and ministries.

Consider the possibility of sending your pastor to the National Association meeting this year in Kansas City, Missouri on July 14-16. Let him know early that you plan to make this trip possible for him so he can make the necessary arrangements. Take the opportunity also to purchase tickets for him and his wife for the pastor's dinner. Tickets are available from the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205. These could be presented at a regular worship service with the pledge of the congregation to pray for him in his absence.

Your pastor will long remember your thoughtfulness and should return home to serve more effectively.



# The Ugly New Lie About Love

by Mel Larson

## *HAVE STANDARDS FOR TEENAGERS REALLY CHANGED?*

A TRAVELING COLLEGE LECTURER said recently that ten years ago collegians throughout the U. S. frequently asked about free love—is it right or wrong? But today, he says they don't even ask about it anymore. The question has been settled in their minds—free love is perfectly all right.

On newsstands across the country, at least fifteen million copies of magazines which teach the same thing are sold each month—a high percentage of them to teenagers. Paperbacks with similar concepts add to the problem and even so-

called "clean" novels often project the idea that free love is all right under special circumstances.

"Naughty but nice" is the theme of countless films, plays and books. And if your high school is anything like thousands of others in the U. S., you know that many—possibly most—of your classmates believe that whatever they do in a parked car is okay so long as "nothing happens."

"Things are different today," students tell each other. "Ideas have changed and we're living in a new day, a scientific

age. All that prattle about purity doesn't mean a thing any more. Why be the exception and lose out?"

It's a good question to ask. Why should you be the exception? Is chastity outdated in these "advanced" 60's? Are you a prude if you stick by standards which D. L. Moody held back in 1880? Have major breakthroughs in science changed the entire picture?

Apparently some top educators think so. Some have accepted the fact that sexual intercourse outside of marriage is sensible. Take these comments of Pro-

fessor George M. Carstairs of Edinburgh University in Scotland. "It seems that our young people are rapidly turning our society into one in which sexual experience, with precautions against conception, is being accepted as a sensible preliminary to marriage.

"I believe we may be quite mistaken in our alarm, at times mounting to panic, over young people's sexual experimentation . . . Biologically and emotionally, children are capable of enjoying sex from the age of puberty . . . A new concept is emerging, a concept of sexual relationships as a source of pleasure, but also as a mutual encountering of personalities in which each explores the other and at the same time discovers new depths in himself or herself."

This "new concept" the professor refers to is not really new at all. It is the age-old one that is completely valid, but only *within marriage*. Please . . . encountering of personalities . . . discovering of new depths within one's self . . . all this, we have been taught for years, is a beautiful part of marriage, but to try to achieve it before marriage leads to bitter frustration.

In the midst of the confusion, the Christian teen turns for some authority. Who's right? What do we say to the ever-increasing volume of skepticism?

There is still one teen guidebook which holds a different standard from the professor. The only completely authoritative, infallible guide for teen living—the Bible—uses some strong language on this topic before it gets very far along in its message. In the second book of the Bible it is written: "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14).

Many years later, Jesus Christ went even farther than this when He said, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28).

Here is the final authority, and it is easy to see why no one should break this commandment when you consider the problems violations cause: the possibility of venereal disease, of an abortion with its psychological as well as physical effects, of the hidden fears of other consequences, of the shattering of a person's moral code, of the necessity of secrecy so many times, of the ugly bitterness that can and does develop when the relation-

ship is broken off. People who consider these see the picture in proper focus.

For instance, a recent article in the *Reader's Digest* said, ". . . the frequent denial that any moral issue is involved in sex conduct leaves uncounted thousands of young people supposedly free to 'make up their own minds,' if such a phrase can be used concerning conduct which is nearly always the result of runaway emotion. They make up their minds with insufficient knowledge and without hearing the full argument."

### Young People Misled

The author went on to say that society doesn't condone unchastity, that young people are misled and concluded that most young people search for an authoritative moral principle to guide them. And they have one in what God has said in the Holy Scriptures. "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

That is God's moral law, whether a person recognizes it or not. "Adultery" is sexual intercourse between a married person and another. Fornication is sexual intercourse between two unmarried persons.

God calls this sin—plain sin, a violation of His moral code. Such phrases as "naughty but nice" cannot smooth over disobedience to God. Insert God's word for disobedience in the phrase so that it reads "sinful but nice" and it quickly shows up as a paradox.

Jesus, in the New Testament, confirmed the sinfulness of such disobedience and also warned against lust in the heart and mind as well, not alone in the act itself.

However, even the teenager who knows and believes this is left with some questions. For example, "Why did God make us with such strong sex urges if He knew we would have so much trouble along this line? And why do so many kids fall this way?"

Part of the reason may be that God allows the sex drive to be so strong because it is needed to keep the human race going. Of course, there is no need for anyone, teenager or whoever, to fall in this area.

God has promised that "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to men: but God is faithful, who will not suffer (allow) you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with temptation also make a way to

escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Corinthians 10:13).

Girls, protect, honor and revere that body of yours. Don't sell your body and wind up, as Bob Cook once said, with a tag, "Slightly soiled, marked down in price."

Once you give in the word gets around fast. The double standard which boys and young men have will make *you*, young lady, the scapegoat in the final counting.

Boys may urge you on, yet when marrying time comes they have another standard. They want to walk up a church aisle with a girl who is pure and chaste. Remember that when you meet your moments of crisis—and they will come.

Fellows, don't forget that you equally share in the responsibility to keep your dates clean. Don't throw away your own purity and the chance for a truly beautiful marriage as well as your date's chastity and self-respect. Remember, sex is like a fire. When a fire is confined to the fireplace, it is useful and good. When it gets away from the fireplace, watch out!

When sex finds its rightful, God-ordained place in marriage, everything is in order. When it moves away from that place, danger results!

Fellows, you may be greatly tempted to violate this commandment. Girls, you may hear some mighty persuasive and convincing pleas from boys that times have changed. But one Book has not changed. It will never change.

That Book is the Bible, and the Bible says it . . . is . . . wrong! And you know it is wrong, too, no matter how much you try to convince yourself otherwise.

Remember this; even in the sizzling 60's you can move through the teens and twenties with your head high and your body unsoiled. Remember, too, the call in I Thessalonians 4:7, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

Chastity is not outdated. God made us and He surely knows what's best for us. Keeping His commandment is the genuinely sensible thing to do. And for the Christian, it is the *only* choice if he intends to serve his Saviour. ■■

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



JARED F. GERIG



ARTHUR M. CLIMENHAGA

**NAE President Named**

CHICAGO, ILL.—Dr. Jared F. Gerig of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals at the conclusion of the association's 22nd annual convention.

Dr. Gerig, president of Fort Wayne Bible College, succeeds Dr. Robert A. Cook in the top executive post of NAE representing some 2,000,000 evangelical Protestants from some 50 denominations.

The new president has had a wide ministry in various phases of Christian service. He served as a pastor for churches in Cleveland, Phoenix and Pomona, California, and was dean of Azusa College, Azusa, California.

**Executive Director Named for NAE**

CHICAGO, ILL.—Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga, former missionary to Africa now serving as a college president, was chosen as the new executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals at its annual convention held here April 7-9. His role as administrative leader will be based at Wheaton, Illinois, where NAE has headquarters.

Dr. Climenhaga has been president of Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania, since 1960. Prior to that he served 15 years as a district and general superintendent of Brethren in Christ missions in Northern and Southern Rhodesia.

Dr. Climenhaga holds degrees from Upland College, Upland, California; Pasadena College, Pasadena, California; and Taylor University, Upland, Indiana. He earned the doctoral degree in 1944 at Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Record Income**

WILLOWDALE, CANADA—During 1963 The Peoples Church received \$63,000.00 for its work at home and \$329,000.00 for missions. This means that it invested more than five times as much on foreign work as on home work. The past year, 1963, has witnessed the largest income for missionary work ever received in the history of the church in spite of the fact that the congregation moved eight miles north and built a new church. For this marvelous income we devoutly praise God. The total amount now received for missions stands at \$5,250,634.00

**Dr. H. H. Halley Honored**

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Dr. H. H. Halley, author of *Halley's Bible Handbook*, was honored on the occasion of his 90th birthday by his publishers, Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

An intimate dinner party hosted by P. J. and B. D. Zondervan was appropriately held at the historic Palmer House in Chicago, April 9th. Mr. Floyd W. Thatcher, Vice President in charge of publications at Zondervan, served as master of ceremonies.

Dr. Halley's memorable contribution to 20th-century Christianity was recounted in a tribute offered by Mr. B. D. Zondervan. A tested best seller, 1,450,000 copies of the *Bible Handbook* are now in print. Additional foreign language editions have been published in Spanish, Japanese, Portuguese, Korean and Thai.

**Congress on Christian Medicine**

OAK PARK, ILL. (MNS)—The first Latin American Congress on Christian Medicine will be held at Hospital Vozandes (HCJB) at Quito, Ecuador, July 26-30, 1964, it was announced here by J. Raymond Knighton, executive director of the Christian Medical Society. The congress will be sponsored by MAP, the society's Medical Assistance Program.

Attendance at the congress will include medical and dental missionaries, physicians and dentists in private practice, dispensary nurses, hospital administrators, medical and dental students, mission society administrative personnel, and physicians and dentists from outside Latin America.

A wide range of subjects relating to missionary medical work will be dealt with by speakers in panels and workshops.

**Religion and the Peace Corps**

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—"In the matter of religious commitment, some Peace Corp workers are violating the preliminary understanding of their vocational role," asserts a *Christianity Today* editorial (April 24, 1964). Attention is called to several problems.

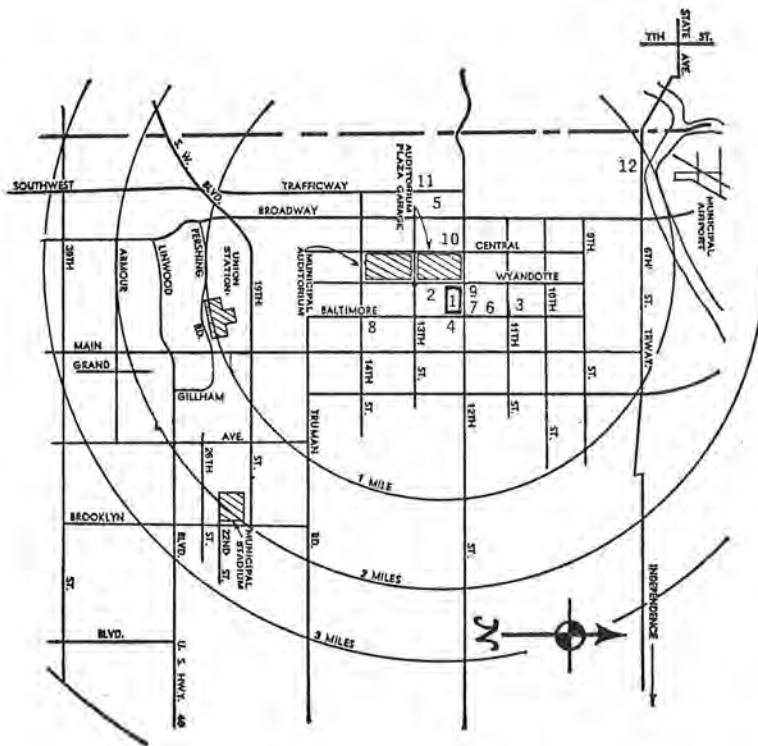
In Liberia a teacher at St. Joseph's School reports that she is teaching "the entire curriculum, religion included," which the editorial sees as being contrary to early assurances by the Peace Corps that its personnel would not engage in sectarian religious teaching.

In West Cameroon a different type of problem has arisen as "recent appointees have been registering a counter-Christian influence in mission schools."

It is pointed out that "some recent appointees in mission schools not only withhold themselves from chapel attendance but violate the campus moral code. Mimbo drinking is one of the cultural vices against which evangelical Christians have long protested, yet on one mission compound a Peace Corps teacher invited his friends for a drinking party that lasted almost until dawn."

Mission leaders are reported protesting "a growing tendency to 'dump' Peace Corps workers where they are not requested, and to insist on the right to dictate the terms on which the workers will be acceptable." This frequently results in displacing Africans whom the missionaries have been grooming for posts of leadership.

"It is little wonder that Christian educational leaders in West Cameroon—and they are not alone—are taking a second look at Peace Corps benefits, and are calling for conversations with Peace Corps administrators," concludes the editorial.



# Hotels And Motels In Kansas City

**Make Reservations Early**

## HOTELS

- 1 MUEHLEBACH—Headquarters Hotel—12th and Baltimore. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$10.00; Twin: \$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, children under 13 free, special weekly parking rate with in and out privilege. Across street.
- 2 ALADDIN—1213 Wyandotte. Single: \$7.50; Double: \$10.50; Twin: \$12.50; children under 12 free, free overnight parking, TV, air conditioned. Across the street.
- 3 CONTINENTAL—11th and Baltimore. Single: \$6.50; Double: \$8.50; Twins: \$11.50. Children under 14 free, some TV, air conditioned. Three blocks.
- 4 DIXON—12th and Baltimore. Single: \$6.50; Double: \$8.50; Twin: \$9.00; Children under 12 free, parking \$1.25 per day or \$1.50 in and out, air conditioning, radio. Two blocks.
- 5 KANSAS CITIAN—1216 Broadway. Single: \$5.00; Double: \$7.00; Twins: \$9.00. Children under 12 \$1.00 each, air conditioned, free in and out parking. Two blocks.
- 6 NEW YORKER—1114 Baltimore. Single: \$7.00; Double: \$9.00; Twins: \$10.00. Free in and out parking, air conditioned, radio, free transportation by cab from airport plus 25 cent tip for driver. Three blocks.

- 7 PHILLIPS—12th and Baltimore. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$11.00; Twins: \$14.50. Radios, some TV, air conditioned, children under 14 free. Two blocks.
- 8 PRESIDENT—14th and Baltimore. Single: \$7.50; Double: \$10.75; Twins: \$12.00. Children under 14 free, TV, air conditioned. Two blocks.
- 9 STATE—12th and Wyandotte. Single: \$5.00; Double: \$8.00; Twins: \$8.00. TV—\$1.00, children free unless extra bed needed then \$2.00 for 34" roll-a-way, radios, air conditioned, parking \$1.50 per day. One block.

## MOTELS

- 10 DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN—1234 Wyandotte. Single: \$10.00; Double: \$13.00; Twins: \$14.00. Children under 13 free, TV, air conditioned, free parking. Across the street.
- 11 EXECUTIVE—509 West 13th Street. Single: \$10.00; Double: \$12.00; Twins: \$14.00. Air conditioned, free parking, TV, children under 12 free. Two blocks.
- 12 HILTON INN—610 Washington. Single: \$9.00; Double: \$13.00; Twins: \$13.00. Children under 12 free, free parking, TV, air conditioned. One mile.

*Program of 29th Session of the*  
**Woman's National Auxiliary Convention**

THEME: COMPEL THEM TO COME IN  
 WATCHWORD: "THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND"  
 (II Timothy 2:9)  
 CONVENTION HYMN: "ALL HAIL THE POWER"

**Monday, July 13, 1964**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: ". . . I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound." (II Timothy 2:9)

**Monday Morning**

8:00—Breakfast—TODAY WITH WNAC  
 9:30—Executive Committee Meeting

**Monday Afternoon**

1:30—Declamation Preliminaries Grand Ballroom—Hotel Muehlebach  
 3:00—Registration

**Monday Evening**

7:30—Opening Hymn  
 Devotional—Mrs. Paul Pursell, Executive Secretary, WNAC  
 Appointment of Committees  
 Introduction of National Officers—President, Mrs. Rufus Coffey  
 Special Music  
 Message—Rev. Homer Willis, General Director, FWB Home Missions

**Tuesday, July 14, 1964**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

**Tuesday Morning**

9:00—Devotional—Miss Eula Mae Martin, Missionary from Brazil  
 Special Music  
 10:00—Declamation Contest—Directed by Mrs. Damon Dodd, National Youth Chairman  
 We Meet Our Youth—Mrs. Dodd  
 Special Music  
 Message—Rev. Bill Jones, Missionary from Africa

**Tuesday Afternoon**

1:30—Devotional  
 Special Music  
 Greetings from Missionaries and Missionary Appointees  
 Memorial Service for Mrs. Fannie Polston—Mrs. Eunice Edwards  
 2:15—Business Session  
 Report of Committees  
 Adjourn  
 PIANIST—Darlene Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee  
 ORGANIST—Donna Morris, Durham, North Carolina  
 SONG LEADER—Ken Riggs, Nashville, Tennessee

We invite you to visit the WNAC booth while you are here.

# National Asso

**Theme**

"Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord"

**Scripture**

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11)

**Hymn**

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

**Tuesday Evening, July 14**

5:00—Pastor's dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel with Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel of Schenectady, New York, as speaker. Subject—"Is Roman Catholicism Changing?"

Presiding: Rev. Othel T. Dixon

Song Leader: Mr. I. L. Stanley

Scripture: "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11).

7:30—"We Sing Unto the Lord"—Pledge of allegiance to the American and Christian flags with praise and worship through song led by Mr. I. L. Stanley, song leader; Mrs. Rufus Coffey, organist; Mrs. Albert McFarland, pianist.

7:45—The Association called into official session and introduction of the officers by the Dr. Robert Picirilli, clerk.

—The moderator's message—Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham

8:00—Welcome from the Missouri State Association—Rev. O. T. Allred

8:15—Welcome to Kansas City and Missouri

8:20—"Heavenly Sunshine"—Time to get acquainted

—Special Music

—Offertory

8:30—The Word is preached—"The Challenge of Christian Service"

—The Messenger—Evangelist Jack Paramore, Greenville, North Carolina

9:15—Adjourn session

FELLOWSHIP HOUR—Exhibit area, Little Theater. All missionaries and National Association personnel would appreciate the opportunity of greeting you at their respective booths. Come and share this fellowship. Free refreshments.

**Wednesday Morning, July 15**

7:30—On this first full day of business with many decisions to be made, it is imperative that we begin the day with God. The prayer service will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel. The Rev. Jerry Rhoades, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Ardmore, Oklahoma, will be in charge of this service.

Presiding: Rev. Williard C. Day

Song Leader: Rev. Henry Van Kluyve

9:15—"Sing His Mercy and His Grace"

9:25—Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. Winston Sweeney

9:35—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee

—Seating of delegates

—Recognition of visiting messengers from other religious bodies

10:00—Report of General Board—Dr. Robert C. Picirilli, secretary

10:50—Intermission

11:00—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

Scripture: "I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love" (II Corinthians 8:8).

—"Sing of the Greatness of the Lord"—Mr. Van Kluyve, Mrs. Coffey and Mrs. McFarland

—Offertory

11:15—The Word is preached—"The Compulsion of Stewardship"

The Messenger—Rev. Damon C. Dodd, pastor of Horton Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

12:00—Adjourn session



# ciation of Free Will Baptists

## Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—YOUTH RALLY—Colonial Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel  
1:45—"His Glories Now We Sing"—Mr. Van Kluyve, Mrs. Coffey and Mrs. McFarland  
2:00—Miscellaneous business  
2:30—Report of the Executive Secretary—Rev. Billy A. Melvin  
2:45—Report of Bible College—Dr. L. C. Johnson  
3:05—"Evangelicals Unashamed"—Report of National Association of Evangelicals—Dr. Clyde Taylor  
3:15—Report of League Board—Mr. Samuel Johnson  
3:35—Partial report of nominating committee and election of all board members.  
4:00—Adjourn session. Exhibit area open.

## Wednesday Evening

- Scripture: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).  
Presiding: Rev. William Hill  
Song Leader: Rev. Eugene Waddell  
7:30—Greetings and prayer  
7:35—"Frontiers Unlimited"—a film strip exploring fields of challenge and responsibility yet untouched by Free Will Baptists.  
7:50—Congregational song  
7:55—Announcements and convention offering  
—Special music  
8:10—Greetings from mission directors and introduction of missionaries  
8:20—Congregational song  
8:25—Special music  
8:30—The Word is preached—"The Commission to World Evangelism"  
—The Messenger—Dr. Robert A. Cook  
9:15—Missionary response  
—Benediction  
9:30—Adjourn session  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR—Exhibit area, Little Theater. More fellowship this evening with our missionaries and national workers. Greet them at their respective Booths.

## Thursday Morning, July 16

- 7:00—Laymen's breakfast in the Grand Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel with Mr. M. E. Howard of Richmond, Virginia, guest speaker.  
Presiding: Rev. E. B. Ledlow  
Song Leader: Rev. Fred Hall  
9:15—"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"—Mr. Hall, Mrs. Coffey and Mrs. McFarland  
—Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. Billy Samms  
9:30—Report of Sunday School Board—Rev. Roger C. Reeds  
9:50—Report of Stewardship Commission  
10:00—Report of Foreign Mission Board—Rev. Reford Wilson  
10:20—Report of Chaplain's Commission—Rev. Kenneth Walker  
10:30—"God's Word for a New Age"—Report of the American Bible Society—Dr. Frank Langham  
10:40—Report of the Laymen's Commission—Rev. Robert Hill  
10:50—Intermission  
11:00—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP  
Scripture: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).  
—"O Worship the King"—Mr. Hall, Mrs. Coffey and Mrs. McFarland  
—Offertory  
—Special Music

- 11:20—The Word is preached—"The Call to Christian Maturity"  
—The Messenger—Rev. Kenneth Walker, pastor of Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Arlington, Virginia  
12:00—Adjourn session

## Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—"Praise Him! Praise Him!"—Mr. Hall, Mrs. Coffey and Mrs. McFarland  
—Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. Homer Nelson  
1:45—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention—Mrs. Rufus Coffey  
1:50—Report of Home Mission Board—Rev. Homer Willis  
2:10—Report of Superannuation Board—Rev. E. M. Kennedy  
2:20—Report of Historical Commission  
2:30—Report of Budget Committee  
2:35—Report of Placement Committee for 1966 session  
2:40—Miscellaneous business  
—Reports of Committees  
—Final report of nominating committee and election of officers  
4:00—Final adjournment

## Pre-Convention Meetings

- Monday, 9:00 a.m.—Executive Committee—Room 3, Muehlebach Hotel  
Monday, 1:00 p.m.—General Board—Room T-22, Muehlebach Hotel  
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.—General Board—Room T-22, Muehlebach Hotel

## Convention Headquarters

The convention headquarters will be in the Muehlebach Hotel, across the street from Municipal Auditorium where all the regular sessions will be held. All committees, boards and other groups will meet in conference rooms furnished by the hotel.

## Registration

Every person attending the convention should register. Upon registration you will receive an attractive badge identifying you as a "Minister," "Delegate," or "Visitor." Ministers and delegates will need a badge in order to be eligible to participate in the convention business sessions. Your badge will be your key to the hospitality of the city.

## Exhibits

Many valuable and informative things will be found in the booths at the exhibit area. The exhibit area is located in the Little Theater. This is a good place to spend some time between sessions. It will be closed during all worship services, but you are urged to visit the exhibits at other times.

## Luncheons and Dinners

The annual pastor's dinner will be held on Tuesday evening at 5:00 P.M. Tickets are available from the executive department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205, at \$2.50 per plate.

Special luncheons have been arranged on Wednesday and Thursday for the convention officers and speakers and their wives. Both luncheons, which will be held in Room 365 of the Muehlebach Hotel, have been arranged through the courtesy of the Missouri State Association.

The Master's Men Breakfast will be held on Thursday at 7:00 A.M. in the Grand Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel. Tickets are available at \$1.75 from the Master's Men office, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

## WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

by Louis H. Moulton



**Your Child From Birth to Rebirth**, by Anna B. Mow, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 152 pages, \$2.95.

This book should be required reading for every Christian parent, church leaders, and teacher. Dr. Mow delves deeply into the solemn questions which face parents and teachers today.

The failures and inadequacies in the Christian education of our children are exposed with simplicity. The urgency presented in this excellent work must not be neglected.

**God's Will and Your Life**, by T. B. Maston, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 92 pages, \$1.95.

The author has discussed the will of God with many young people over the years. He now draws from this experience to present problems people face in the search for God's will, and ways of solving them.

Emphasizing that God's will is for all of life, the author discusses choosing a vocation, a life companion, and making daily decisions. He gives study, prayer, plus other suggestions for determining God's will and discusses each.

**The Mystery of Godliness**, by W. Ian Thomas, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 154 pages, \$2.95.

Godliness is a mystery. Fail to grasp this fact and you will never understand the nature of godliness.

The author gives a thorough discussion to the many areas of godliness. He points out that the solution to the mystery is really remarkably simple—for in Jesus Christ Himself it has become an open secret, and one which He invites you to share with Him!

**The Second Coming**, by H. Leo Eddleman, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 112 pages, \$2.75.

In such trying times and under such conditions, men everywhere anxiously scan the horizon for signs of hope. Realizing the uselessness of trusting in scientific discoveries or in his own ability to help himself, man must steadfastly place his trust in God's love and provision. This book reveals hope and promise in the face of darkness and chaos.

With earnest conviction these widely recognized speakers and authors present the premillennial view of the return of Christ.

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.

*I have heard that you preach against lodges and secret orders and that you are very dogmatic in doing so. I am not just a nominal church member, but a born again child of God. Tell me, why shouldn't a Christian belong to a secret order such as the Masons?*

Because the Bible plainly says in 2 Corinthians 6:14 "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" Many continue to belong to such orders and societies because they are ignorant of "thus saith the Lord." Blasphemous oaths of the most shocking character are required to get into some of these organizations. I know because I went into one, than later came back and begged God to forgive me for going contrary to the teachings of His Word. Many of our own preachers defend these lodges. Why? I do not know unless they want the applause, acclaim and prestige they say it gives them among men. In 2 Corinthians 6:17 we read, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." This I have done and I intend to encourage every Christian to do the same.

*My daughter is going with a Roman Catholic young man. She says she is falling in love with him. Because of the wide difference in our faith and that of Catholics, should I try to break up this relationship between them?*

Yes, indeed, unless the young man can quickly be converted to real Christianity. If he is what is called a "good Catholic" she will either have to embrace Roman Catholicism or at least agree to rear their children in the Catholic Church. Friction, misunderstanding and possible tragedy may result. Recently I witnessed the conversion of a Catholic wife and mother with several children. She immediately wanted to take her children out of parochial school. She took the crucifixes from off her wall. She has suffered persecution including bodily beatings because of her stand. Her husband forced her to replace the crucifixes. She had to leave her home and is now separated from her children. By all means discourage your daughter in this relationship.

*We recently closed a missionary conference in our church. All week long our hearts were broken by what we heard concerning the needs of our missionaries and the awful condition of the heathen without Christ. But I suppose what broke our hearts most was the unconcern, lack of attendance and the small response to the plea for support on the part of our church. What is wrong with our people?*

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits . . . having their conscience seared with a hot iron . . ." (I Timothy 4:1,2). "And unto the church of the Laodiceans write . . . I know thy works, that thou art neither-cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm . . . I will spue thee out of my mouth, because thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked . . ." (Revelation 3:14-17). This is the end-time church and the love of many shall wax cold. Don't you become disheartened. Those who endure to the end shall reap a full reward.

# 1964 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

April 1964

## COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	April 1964	Year to Date	Total to April 1963	Designated April 1964
Alabama	\$ 260.20	\$ 569.14	\$ 433.57	
Arkansas		888.86	1,127.24	
California	640.27	2,597.93	2,228.60	
Florida		560.12	459.60	
Georgia	219.30	743.87	698.94	
Illinois	91.99	1,631.69	1,367.75	
Indiana	112.78	176.78	264.44	
Iowa			337.70	
Kansas	291.96	681.79	850.00	
Kentucky		226.16	51.85	
Missouri	1,269.83	4,821.19	4,575.80	
New Hampshire	25.65	90.68	93.05	
New Mexico	41.75	104.24	238.50	
North Carolina	219.98	797.45	780.31	
Ohio	220.00	563.00	255.22	
Oklahoma	934.30	4,095.59	3,823.27	10.00
Tennessee	537.90	1,631.00	1,342.93	
Texas	306.15	988.19	1,093.55	
Virginia	264.28	1,060.16	811.79	
Washington		27.00	50.00	

## . . . MAKE POSSIBLE A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

	Cooperative Receipts		Designated		Total Receipts to Date
	April 1964	Year to Date	April 1964	Year to Date	
Foreign Missions	\$1,576.52	\$6,482.90	\$625.11	\$7,108.01	
F.W.B. Bible College	1,141.61	4,694.52	35.60	4,730.12	
Executive Department	1,087.36	4,471.04	10.68	4,481.72	
Home Missions	869.77	3,576.74	540.21	4,116.95	
League Board	543.63	2,235.47		2,235.47	
Superannuation Board	163.09	670.65	3.56	674.21	
Stewardship Commissions	54.36	223.52		223.52	
Bailey—F.W.B. Children's Home			10.00	69.32	

# GEMS

FROM THE GREEK  
NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

IN SECOND PETER, chapter one, we are given some instruction on Christian growth, being told to "add" to our faith the Christian graces of virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. The word which is translated "add" is *epichoregeo*, and it is a very interesting word. It is also used in verse 11 of the same chapter, where it is translated "ministered," and these two uses make a helpful study.

The word is one which was originally used in reference to the Greek dramas, and it meant "to bear the expense of a drama." It thus referred to the "supplying" or "outfitting" of things necessary to stage a play, including scenery, costumes, and so on. Usually, the expenses of Greek plays were underwritten by some individual of wealth who was civic-minded enough to contribute the necessary furnishings. Most of the time, the patron who was bearing the expense would try to furnish the drama as lavishly as possible since there was a keen sense of competition between such individuals and each one tried to outdo the other in outfitting his production with "all the trimmings," sparing no expense. And so the word *epichoregeo* came to mean "to supply completely" or "to furnish lavishly."

The Apostle Peter does not want his readers to go on with nothing but faith, the simple, bleak necessities of the Christian life. We are to be "completely outfitted" and thus need to supply in with our faith these seven Christian graces. We should not hold back to a bare minimum, but go on to outfit ourselves generously with all the trimmings of a complete Christian life.

The real blessing comes in verse 11. There, using the same word, Peter tells us that if we have been generous in completely "fitting ourselves out" with the several Christian graces he has listed, we can expect something from God in return, for He will "completely furnish" us with an entrance into the everlasting kingdom of Christ. He also will spare no expense to supply us with all the generous richness of such a glorious entrance. Notice that Peter adds another word to give further emphasis to this lavish supplying God will give us, and that is the word "richly." If we are not niggardly with God in our Christian life, He will not be niggardly with us when supplying us richly an entrance into His kingdom. ■■



Seated left to right—Mrs. D. D. Dipboye, Mrs. Harry Staries, Mrs. V. Wood, Mrs. B. T. Kirby, Mrs. John H. West, Rev. Sadie Fincher, Mrs. F. A. McCage, Mrs. E. E. Morris, Mrs. Clay Richey. Standing left to right (years of ministry in parenthesis) Reverends D. D. Dipboye (34), H. E. Staries (32), W. E. Stevens (50), P. H. Coffman (39), Vard Wood (35), R. C. Hampton (30), B. T. Kirby (33), John H. West (30), A. A. Coursey (35), E. A. O'Donnell (42), Jake Gage (26), F. A. McCage (33), E. E. Morris (41).

## MINISTER'S APPRECIATION DINNER HELD

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—One of the unique features of the Bible Conference recently held at Oklahoma Bible College was an Appreciation Dinner in honor of pioneer ministers who laid the foundation for Free Will Baptist work in the state. This was a memorable occasion as these ministers recalled the earlier years of Free Will Baptist history. The combined ministries of these ministers total 470 years of service.

### Sixth Anniversary

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA—Sunday, May 17, 1964, marked the sixth anniversary of a Free Will Baptist witness in Alaska. Home missionaries Lee and Ethel Whaley were the first to enter the state, holding their first service in May, 1958.

Through the years the third Sunday in May has been set aside as Alaska Missions Sunday. "Our services are a time of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings," reports missionary Whaley.

Other missionaries to Alaska are Rev. and Mrs. Carl Johnson and Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin.

### Camp Literature Ready

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Camp literature is ready and samples have been mailed to camp leaders who have written. If you

are responsible for choosing literature for camp, the League Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists requests that you write for free samples.

Instructor's guides and books for campers are available for Junior, Junior High and Senior High camps.

The literature has been written and prepared by Free Will Baptists through the National League Board.

### Mission Started

PUEBLO, COLO.—A mission has been started here under the direction of Rev. Roy Thomas of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Thomas, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Denver, comes weekly for services. There is already an average attendance of 20.

Anyone having Free Will Baptist

friends or relatives in this area can contact Mr. Thomas at 2630 S. Green Ct., Denver, Colorado.

### Minister Dies

CULLMAN, ALA.—Rev. John T. Quick died at Cullman Hospital on April 3 following a short illness. He had suffered with a heart ailment for several years.

Mr. Quick had been a Free Will Baptist minister for 35 years. He organized and pastored a number of churches in Alabama.

### TNT Workshops

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The second regional workshop conducted by the National Sunday School Department and the National League Board was held at the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church here. A highlight of the three-day session was a youth rally held on Friday evening. Kenneth Riggs, graduating senior from Free Will Baptist Bible College, was the speaker.

### Revival Held

RIGHTON, MISS.—A revival recently held in the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church here was a success. A total of 43 decisions were recorded. There were 5 decisions for Christian work. Rev. E. B. Ledlow was the evangelist and Rev. Earl Simpson is the pastor.

### Central Church Wins

CHICAGO, ILL.—The most successful "March to Sunday School in March" attendance crusade in the history of the National Sunday School Association was climaxed on April 14, 1964, with the naming of the National Grand Award

*Special dedication services for the Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church pictured below will be observed June 7. Rev. Frances Radford will deliver the dedicatory message with the pastor, Rev. V. E. Condry assisting. The church is located in Canton, North Carolina.*



# Glancing Around The States



Kenneth Riggs

## RIGGS TO PROMOTE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Kenneth Riggs fills the new position created by the National League Board to give special emphasis to the youth division of the training program. He assumed his duties June 1, 1964. The duties of this position include assisting in the development of the new youth program and speaking in various types of youth meetings. Further announcement of his work will be made during the National Association.

Mr. Riggs is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible. He is the son of Reverend Raymond Riggs, former director of the Board of Foreign Missions. He married the former Miss Carolyn Rutledge. They have one son, Jeffery Kent.

Winner. The crusade, sponsored annually by NSSA is a month-long attendance building effort open to participation by any Sunday School with an enrollment of 25 or more. Sunday-by-Sunday records are kept by each registered school with regard to church attendance, visitation, and Bibles brought as well as Sunday School attendance.

Life Tabernacle, Houston, Texas, was selected by the judges as National Grand Award Winner. The pastor of Life Tabernacle, James L. Kilgore, and the Sunday School superintendent, Otho L. Stephens, have been awarded an all-expenses paid trip to the 19th annual National Sunday School Convention to be held October 7-9, 1964, in Portland, Oregon.

In addition to the National Grand Award winner, five winners were named in each of the four divisions to bring to 20 the number of churches receiving mention. Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan, was third place winner in Division A. Rev. Joseph Ange is the pastor.

as well as program guides for Sunday School Superintendents and General Directors of League. This is the first time that Free Will Baptists have had a magazine especially designed for the field of Christian education.

### Fannie Polston Memorial Fund

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A memorial fund has been established under the name of the Fannie Polston Memorial Fund for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee. The following are the first contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James Greenway, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rudy, Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, all members of Donaldson Free Will Baptist Church here. It is hoped that many more will contribute so that a much needed building can be constructed at the Children's Home in memory of Mrs. Polston.

### Workers Needed

TUCSON, ARIZ.—There is one Free Will Baptist Church and a small mission located here. The population of the city is over 300,000. Anyone interested in laboring in this needy field should contact Mr. C. E. Edwards, 29 West Plata Street, Tucson, Arizona.

### New Magazine Available

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Sunday School and League Departments of the National Association of Free Will Baptists are producing a new magazine for Free Will Baptists. It is called *TEACH 'N' TRAIN* and edited by Rev. Ralph Rice. The magazine will be produced quarterly and sold by both departments. It is to be used by leaders of all age groups in both the Sunday school and League.

The magazine will have feature articles

*Pictured below is the graduating class of Piedmont Bible Institute, Cramerton, North Carolina. Seated left to right are Rev. Oscar Gray, Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. Hupert Rikard. Standing left to right are Rev. Homer Savage, Mack Burcham, Weldon Kee, Rev. Lloyd Gray, Rev. William Calvert.*



# Principal Causes Of Juvenile Delinquency

by Delmar Priest

HUNDREDS OF BOOKS have been written on the various causes of delinquency. Our leading authorities are agreed on one thing—there is no single cause of delinquency. The matter of causation is more difficult to determine than the extent of delinquency or the procedures of apprehension and treatment.

It is the complexity of the human organism and of the social world in which behavior takes place that makes it difficult to be certain as to the cause or causes of juvenile delinquency. Even one act of delinquency is often complicated by a multitude of conditioning factors. Frequently a number of factors occur concomitantly. They may occur together in such a way as to give the appearance of one factor being the decisive one or as the cause of the others, but this is frequently not the case. Poverty, poor housing, family disorganization and inadequate community institutions may be conditions associated with delinquency, but it is not always certain that they all act as causes. These conditions themselves may root in deeper causes. Real causes are often hidden beneath apparent external factors. To be a cause, a clearly demonstrated connection must exist between a condition and a result.

One thing is certain, judging by experience in handling causes, there is no single cause of juvenile delinquency. In a given case one factor may stand out above others, but usually a number of conditions contribute to misbehavior.

Juvenile delinquency is a blanket term which obscures rather than clarifies our understanding of human behavior. It describes a large variety of youth in trouble with the law. The delinquent may be anything from a normal, mischievous youngster to a youth who gets into trouble by accident. Or he may be a vicious assaultive person who is proud of his antisocial conduct. As a blanket term, delinquency is like the concept of illness. A person may be ill and have polio or he may have the measles. The illness is different,

the cause is different, and the treatment is different. The same is true of delinquency. Like illness, delinquency describes many problems that develop from varied causes and require different kinds of treatment.

There is no single cause for delinquency, and it is many things to many people. A boy with a duck tail haircut may be considered a delinquent by some people. The way he wears his trousers and his manner of speech may make him a delinquent in the eyes of many. The child that rides his bicycle across the lawn of elderly people may be considered a delinquent along with the robber, murderer and the boy who commits other vicious crimes. Delinquency and the delinquent act are as different in meaning as illness and measles. One is general and means many things. The other is specific and describes a definite condition requiring a specific kind of care and treatment.

The number of acts for which a juvenile can be identified as a delinquent are almost limitless. In addition to major violations defined in the criminal codes, juveniles are described as delinquent for habitual disobedience to parents, truancy, petty stealing, keeping late or unusual hours, running away from home, sexual misconduct or irregularities, smoking, drinking, begging or visiting a pool room. In its broad general meaning delinquency includes: (1) officially adjudicated offenders, (2) unofficial delinquency, or those handled informally by the courts or some designated agency, (3) cases handled by the police, (4) children with special behavior problems or those giving evidence of antisocial practices or treated by social welfare, casework, or other unofficial agencies, and (5) children presenting evidence of antisocial conduct, whether or not they are brought before official or unofficial agencies for handling. It is because of this that a wide number of acts may constitute delinquency. The juvenile court has been given the broadest powers to

Liebowitz has said that a cure for delinquency can be given in nine words, "Put father back at the head of the house." This is an extreme position, but it emphasizes the need for strong father-mother-child relationships.

#### **Faulty Parent-Child Relationship**

There is mother love and there is smother love. There is the woman who is a maid instead of a mother, and there is the man who is a friend instead of a father. It is the duty of parents to discipline children, to teach them and to help them grow. In fulfilling their role of leadership, parents must not dominate, but neither must they abdicate.

#### **Unwholesome Environment**

Slums and deteriorated neighborhoods lacking in civic pride can become centers of delinquency. Sometimes within a fairly good neighborhood, a block of small grouping of families develops a cultural pattern of their own in which antisocial activities are a way of life. Children growing up in such an area must conform to behavior patterns of those immediately surrounding them or they become ostracized and regarded as "odd."

#### **School Maladjustment**

The very first symptoms of delinquency frequently can be seen in a child's failure to adjust in school. It may be a fairly sudden change in scholastic marks, truancy, disturbance in class or a withdrawal into a shell. As this school maladjustment becomes more pronounced, there is a tendency for the child to reject academic training. A vicious circle sets in as he becomes more delinquent, his classmates and the school reject him. As he is more and more rejected, he turns more and more away from school and toward delinquency. Obviously, this is a critical period in his life.

#### **Lack of Moral Training**

Children and their behavior have often been spoken of as mirrors of our times.

study, interpret and combat delinquency. Delinquency is many things to the court, but it is apt to be many other things to the general public.

#### **Misplaced Values**

We seem to have misplaced the sense of values which made this a great nation. Self-indulgence and the principle of pleasure before duty on a vast and growing scale have become a phenomenon of our adult world. There are warning symptoms of the "decadence disease" which has contributed to the decay of so many civilizations throughout history.

When children, without discipline and without moral standards implanted by a stable home, are thrust into a culture in which pressures from every direction promote the principle of self-indulgence, what reaction can be expected? To such children, restraints are unbearable. When they want something, they take it.

These children are victims in a very real sense. They are the victims of a society which has substituted indulgence for discipline. They are the victims of a breakdown of authority and moral standards in the home in the neighborhood and—too frequently—in the entire community. And they are the victims of those practitioners of expediency who have blurred the lines between right and wrong, good and evil.

So in large part the juvenile delinquent is a by-product of our self-indulgent age. As such, he deserves understanding and sympathy, as well as an effort to rehabilitate himself. Yet, while seeking to save those who can be salvaged, we must not make the mistake of adding to the problem by repeated, misplaced leniencies. Now let us consider some of the causes of delinquency.

#### **Broken or Disorganized Homes**

This would include homes where the parents are separated, as well as the homes in which there is continual strife and general disorganization. Judge Samuel

A boy is spoken of as "a chip off the old block," and all children have their adult idols whom they try to emulate. Where adult morality standards are high, children's behavior is likely to be in accord with their standards. Where morality standards are low, children will accept these lowered standards for their own code of conduct. Moral training is difficult at best where there is glorification of the outlaw, general antipathy to law and order, ridicule for "flatfooted policemen," and sex for sale at every newsstand.

#### **Lack of Preparation for Parenthood**

One of the glaring gaps in our educational process is our failure to prepare our young people for marriage and parenthood. Yet this is perhaps the most important training we can give them. Psychiatrists tell us that a child's psychological make-up is fairly well established by the time he reaches the age of six and the first year or two of the child's life is of crucial importance.

Where does the cause of delinquency lie? It is in the home. Many parents are job holders and not parents. Job comes before children. Many times a child becomes the authority in the home. When this happens you usually find a child uncontrollable. There is very little the police or any other agency can do until we return in this country to the philosophy of the home as the basic unit of society. We must make Christ the practical "Head of the Home" and bring the companionship and discipline into our family relationships that is needed so our children will grow up to know the difference between right and wrong. ■ ■

*Delmar Priest is a juvenile officer with the Richmond, California, police department. He has wide experience working with delinquent children. He frequently speaks to civic and religious groups in an effort to bring spiritual values back to the home. Mr. Priest is a deacon in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Richmond and serves on the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College.*

# let's get behind our superannuation program

by **E. M. Kennedy**

**T**HE RETIREMENT PROGRAM as sponsored by the Superannuation Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is planned to provide a dignified retirement for our ministers, missionaries and other full-time workers. Our need is growing each year. There was a time when our ministers and workers had an income other than from preaching, but now as our ministers come to retirement age they usually do not have any other income. They could, therefore, become charity cases. This is a reflection on the denomination.

Our ministers today spend considerable time and money in preparing themselves for service and then spend their lives working for the cause of Christ. The least we can do is make provision for them in their old age. You and your church can begin today. As a church you can contribute 5% and your pastor can contribute 5% of his salary as a retirement fund. He may then choose one of several options in drawing his retirement at retirement age. He is assured this retirement tax sheltered, plus interest and dividends. There are no health requirements.

As Free Will Baptists we must feel a

greater responsibility in the matter of retirement benefits for those who will spend an average of 35 years in service for Christ and the denomination. Your Board of Superannuation is dependent upon you to help in this program. Sunday, June 21, which is Father's Day, has been designated as Superannuation Sunday. We are asking that every church receive an offering for this vital cause to help us in our promotion of this retirement program. Send your gifts to the Board of Superannuation, National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

You can help us further by talking to your pastor about this program. Encourage him to participate. If additional information is needed, please write. If an association would like one of the board members to come and explain the program in detail, we will be happy to have a representative present for the meeting.

Our sincere appreciation for all that you will do to assist us in guiding our pastors and churches in making proper preparations now so that there will be adequate financial income at retirement age. ■■

*June 21 is Superannuation Sunday*

■ **Harold Harrison**, Director of Teacher Training for National Sunday School department, will be in a Sunday School Institute at Saltville, Virginia, June 1-5. Mr. Harrison will attend the West Virginia State Association in Beckley, June 12-13; Kentucky State Association in Louisa, June 18-19 and Virginia State Association in Kingsport, Tennessee, June 19-20. June 29-July 3 he will conduct a Sunday School Institute in Mt. Home, Arkansas.

■ Director of Foreign Missions **Reford Wilson** will attend the Virginia State Association in Kingsport, Tennessee, June 18-20.

■ **Roger C. Reeds**, Director of the National Sunday School department, will attend Alabama State Sunday School Convention, Jasper, Alabama, June 12-13; Indiana State Association, June 18; Michigan State Association, June 19-20; Illinois State Association, June 26, and Ohio State Association, June 27.

■ Director of Publications for the Foreign Mission department **Jerry Ballard** will be in Kansas City, Missouri, June 2-3 making contact with news media for the National Association in July. He will attend the Indiana State meeting June 18-20.

■ **Rufus Coffey**, Director of Conference Ministries for the Foreign Mission department, will be in the Central Florida area for conferences June 3. He will attend the West Virginia State Association, June 12-13; remain for missionary conferences in West Virginia, June 14-28, and attend the Kentucky State Association, June 19-20; Ohio State Association, June 26-27.

■ General Director of Home Missions **Homer E. Willis** will attend an annual conference in Akron, Ohio, June 5-7. He will be in a missions revival in Manassas, Virginia, June 8-13, and Charleston, West Virginia, June 21-26.

■ **Mark Vandivort**, Field Secretary for National Home Missions, will be in a missionary conference in Auburndale, Florida, June 1-2; Florence, Alabama, June 3-5 and Huntington, West Virginia, June 7-12. He will attend the West Virginia State Meeting, June 13.

■ Executive Secretary **Billy A. Melvin** will speak at the dedication services of the Free Will Baptist Church in Winter Haven, Florida on June 14. He will attend the California State Association in Bakersfield on June 24-26.



## BOOKS FOR TEENAGERS . . .



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## Little Things

by

Joyce Choate

THE LITTLE THINGS are sometimes all we have with which to build a life. If we are to work at all, it must be at some minute task with simple tools. If we are to think, it must be by bits and pieces, broken lines to be linked together, raw phrases to be polished with a limited amount of education.

The housewife of the nineteen thirties knew what it was to concoct a pot of soup on a minimum of ingredients, but a generation was raised on her efforts.

The terra firma on which we walk is made up of tiny particles of dust, placed together, packed by each small foot that ever bore its weight thereon and melted together perpetually by the tiny rain-drops.

One ugly and insignificant field stone is eventually taken from its natal bed and worked into the exterior of a beautiful building. It is polished a bit, turned with its nicest side to the kind rays of the sun which turns it into a Cinderella as pretty, if not more so, than all the others!

One violet is hardly noticed among the leaves, but braving the elements results in multiplication and a few clumps here and there turn a woodland into an enchanted playground. In such a setting, the figments of our imagination may turn into any form, resulting in a beautiful painting or volume of verse.

One stick of wood is hardly worth a fire and it is almost impossible to build a fire with only one stick. But one stick may be split and the small pieces be whittled into shavings. From this a lively, little fire may be started and one always finds more fuel to add. But the first stick and the next adds its bit of heat and leaves the stove warm for the next stick to be kindled.

Missionaries, underpaid and with meager facilities, have started and furthered great spiritual awakenings. Teachers of the one-room school with one oiled-paper window would be amazed at the educational facilities of today which grew on the foundation they laid.

Little talents grow when we put them to use for God. ■■

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# Evangelism In Action

by Bert Tippett

**A recreation program  
brings salvation to  
teenagers**

**M**ANY OF OUR FREE WILL BAPTIST churches are failing in one vitally important area, reaching the youth. We have concentrated so long on the adults that our children and teenagers no longer feel that they have a vital place in the program of the local church. Our prayer meetings are devoid of topics that might capture the interest of the younger generation. The Sunday services have nothing of special appeal to the youth. And we wonder why they drift away.

This problem seems to be more acute among the smaller churches. Many of the larger ones have transferred this

burden by placing it on the shoulders of a full-time educational director. Unfortunately, this is impossible in most of our Free Will Baptist Churches. There are, however, less drastic means available, which even the smallest church can employ.

I have long favored the Junior Church idea, conducted on the same basis and with the same purpose as the adult service. This includes both evangelism and a strong teaching ministry, though carried on specifically on the level of the younger set.

But by the time children reach the age to leave Junior Church and take part in the adult services, they must be prepared for a rude awakening. They will soon find that no provisions have been made for their benefit in this larger service. They no longer are permitted to sing their favorite hymns, receive their own offerings, or hear sermons on topics of interest to them. I do not advocate conducting all of our services on the level of 13-year-olds, but we should make a conscious effort to regularly include something of interest for them. A failure here often leads to a lost generation of teenagers.

To combat this, we need to plan our services to have at least one point of appeal for young people. Our Prayer Meeting—Bible Study time should often have some subject of interest for the younger generation, perhaps conducted by someone of their own age group. A youth choir, scheduled to sing once each month, or even more often, gives them a feeling of having a responsible place in the services of their local church.

I have known some ministers who felt that such activities would cause difficulties among the adult members. In my experience, the adults often respond to those youth-centered programs just as heartily as the young people. It gives them a new slant into the interest and problems of their own children, which is a healthy experience for any parent.

Our own church is located in an area predominantly Roman Catholic. Reaching these people, and especially the youth, has been a real challenge. Since they are forbidden to enter the church except for weddings or funerals, we have had to carry some of our activities outside the local confines of the church.

Step number one is to initiate a recreation program in the local school. Our community is largely rural and youth activities are rare. The school board granted permission for the use of the school gymnasium every second Friday night. Until this time no outside group had used the gym facilities, so there was little opposition. We made it plain that this was not for our church group only but for all

young people of the community and adjoining towns. It was necessary to set an age limit of 10 or over in order to avoid the problem of becoming a "free baby-sitting service." We sponsored activities such as basketball, dodge ball, and tumbling. Modesty of dress was required and no foul language permitted. The activities ran for two hours with a short intermission during which a gospel devotion was presented. We were always careful to encourage free discussion and questions, all being conducted on a very informal basis. During this time we found many young people interested in learning more about salvation and the Lord.

The second step was to invite those who were interested to attend cottage prayer meetings held weekly in the community. A Bible study taught the basic truths of the Gospel and presented more clearly the way of salvation. A quiz each night tested how well they had learned the material. Throughout this period an effort was made to lead these young people to Christ, emphasizing salvation, not as a doctrine but as a personal responsibility. In this way Catholic young people could be reached without asking them to violate their church teachings. After salvation is the time to show them the errors of their doctrines by teaching them the truths of the Bible.

Recently we have begun holding one prayer meeting each week just for teenagers in one of the local homes. Since all of these activities are held outside the church, there is no hesitancy on our part to invite Roman Catholics to come and encourage them to bring their own Bibles. We have seen these young people come to know the Lord in a personal way, in the face of sever opposition. A few weeks ago a young girl attended a revival service and publicly accepted the Lord. Since then she has met with a great deal of criticism from her friends and within her own family. In spite of an intense desire to worship with us and the evidence of a changed life, she is forbidden to attend our church. Pray for young people like this girl, who face so many problems.

The local Catholic priest publicly ridicules these young people, and even the children known to attend Bible Clubs and Bible study times, by making them light candles in the church and pay penances. He has stirred up resentment among the Catholics for all Protestants, and us in particular since we are the only church within 10 miles.

In spite of such problems, the Lord is reaping a real harvest. ■ ■

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# Presenting Christ In The Home

by William J. Jones

CHRIST IS THE HEAD of This Home"—such were the words we used to see on placards or mottoes of felt. But *was* He the Head? *Is* He the true Head of our homes—our Christian homes *today*?

We think so, we may say so with the lips—but in our minds and in our hearts *is* He? Are there unpossessed areas of our lives, unyielded territory over which He as King, does not hold sway?

The home—tremendous potential for either good or evil influence! Your home, my home, *any* home is that—morally, ethically. And for the Christian home, the principle still holds true—a great and mighty potential for good or evil.

Heredity tells in our lives, individually. It tells in our homes as well. But we can reckon on Christ to transform the past with its dark and doubtful record. We can trust Him utterly to make radiant our sinful and sinning past. And we may, as father or mother, son or daughter, reckon on the goodness of God and His gracious merciful dealings with us in the past to make our homes what they ought to be in the present.

We present Christ in many different ways in life, and may do so in our homes. Our homes are as much subject to the rule and dominion of Christ as our lives themselves, as our professions, our play life, our school life. Does it seem difficult to live for the Lord Jesus in the home? Are there problems which hinder our testimony there and elsewhere?

He is sufficient! We may reckon on His guidance—His dealings with us, in grace, in times past will assure us of His continued guidance and gracious dealings with us in the present—and in our homes, too. As God has directed our paths in

times past in the home, so He will do here and now in our homes! He will sovereignly, surely, wondrously lead our children in plain paths, lead them in Christ.

Yes, it takes faith, trust, abounding faith, and trust, and hope, to present Christ, as children, to our parents. In short, we must have what it "takes" (as the world puts it) to present the Lord Jesus in the home!

We shall quail, we shall falter, we shall crumble, we shall utterly and miserably fail, if we do not have that high, and strong, and noble faith in Christ which will survive all attacks thereon. We shall fail, when decisions must be made for and by our children, if we have not that faith.

With that faith, we shall be "strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16), as the great Apostle once declared. With that faith we shall sweetly, graciously, yet firmly present Christ both in and out of the home.

Testings, trials, sorrows, bitterness? They will all come. Privation, physical, and material needs—they may all come, too! But faith, as an anchor, can hold firm and fast. With old John Newton we can sing:

Though dark be my way,  
Since He is my Guide,  
'Tis mine to obey,  
'Tis His to provide;  
Though cisterns be broken,  
And creatures all fail,  
The word He hath spoken  
Shall surely prevail.

And wherefore have we the right to think that that "word" as Newton puts it, "shall surely prevail"? Because of His nature, because of God's nature and Person—and because of His mercy, His mercy and His love. John Newton helps us again here with this lovely word:

His love, in time past,  
Forbids me to think  
He'll leave me at last  
In trouble to sink:  
Each sweet Ebenezer  
I have in review  
Confirms His good pleasure  
To help me quite through.

That's it! He'll help us, help *you*, help *me* "quite through"! Not somehow, but triumphantly—so runs other mottoes.

And so, by God's grace let us trust Christ completely, trust Him to meet trials, trust Him to live positively, triumphantly, victoriously, trust Him to present Him by lip and life in our homes! ■■

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# Take a Look at Your Overlooked Youth

by Henry Melvin

## Are the young people in your church **NEGLECTED** or **NURTURED**?

**E**VERY CIVILIZATION, EVERY AGE and every generation has shown some concern and acknowledged some degree of responsibility for its youth. This has varied according to the moral tone of the civilization involved and the ambitions which motivated the particular civilization or society. It has ranged all the way from near entire neglect of youth to the highest degree as manifested in the best of the Christian or Church era.

What about our particular age or generation? As Christian people do we not have a responsibility that is far greater than a society that ignores and rejects the Christian way of life? It is to us as a professed Christian society I propose to appeal.

### Is There A Responsibility Involved?

The answer is, of course, an obvious

one. From the natural or human area comes the answer loud and clear. When we remind ourselves that we are Christian, the answer is louder and clearer—"Yes, we have a responsibility to nurture our youth!" This responsibility resolves itself in three areas: physical, mental and spiritual.

Remembering we are Christian, we cannot evade the fact that the responsibility lies upon the home and the church. All the weight of both Old and New Testament scriptures say this. Jesus emphasized it, both, in His teachings and examples. To nurture youth is a major concern of the home and the church.

### Are We Assuming the Responsibility?

In at least two areas we can answer with a loud and clear "yes." Our youth is born under the most modern and

hygienic conditions in the most modern of hospitals and clinics with every means of medical science at our disposal. We immediately put them under a physician, particularly trained in the medical care of babies. We take them regularly for their "check ups" and see that they have their "shots." Faithfully we give them vitamins and balanced diets and see that any physical defect is corrected if possible. Early we launch them into a round of activities designed to develop their bodies to the highest degree physically possible.

Many of our churches house "well baby" clinics and sponsor athletics all the way from skating parties to soft ball teams.

About none of these do I speak disparagingly. More power to them if they will give us finer youth for our age and day. But what about the other area? The one as Christians, we say is the most important. The development or nurturing the spiritual. Do we excel in this area? Does our conscience "pinch" us here? Let's take a candid look—what about our church homes? Are parents assuming the responsibility of developing or nurturing the youth in this area, or has the average church home shunted the responsibility to the public school and the church? The State that operates our public school system says: "This is not our area. It is not ours to teach and seek to inculcate morals." So, in a large measure the responsibility lies with the church.

### What Is Your Church Doing?

What is my church doing? What am I, the pastor, doing in assuming this responsibility? Again, let us take a candid look. To what degree is your church and mine nurturing or neglecting its youth?

By the most charitable means for many churches do not do this well—1 3/10 months out of each calendar year—the average church gives to nurturing its youth. This fact is arrived at by the following: 30 minutes of class teaching on Sunday morning; one hour for the preaching service; 30 minutes in the Training Hour on Sunday evening; 1 hour for prayer meeting on Wednesday night; 1 hour during the month in some other youth activity. Don't you think that is most charitable when we stop to examine how inefficiently many of our Sunday Schools and Training Hours are conducted? Many are denied the 2 hours of worship on Sunday because the parents

can't "afford" to "stay for church" but having "salved their consciences" by bringing (and in many instances: "sending") their children to Sunday School. Then, too, many of the pulpits are silent on Sunday—a few have no Sunday School—and many do not have a Training Hour on Sunday evening. Tragedy of tragedies—"Sister" Prayer Meeting is dead or very anemic and in some instances the funeral has been held! And how many churches offer the week day activities such as G.T.A., Y.P.A., Missionary Midgets? Even most of our buildings have some things to be desired. How about the training of the pastor? No matter how well trained, does he really care? Is there real concern for the youth of his church? Is he able to cause his youth to know that he loves them and is interested in them? Does he have time for them? Does he seek to lead his church in a "nurturing program" for the youth, using to the best possible advantage any workers or equipment that may be available?

### What Can We Do?

Since as Christians we recognize that youth should be nurtured in "the admonition of the Lord" it becomes a joint, even inter-related responsibility of the home, the church and the pastor.

What can the Pastor do? Seek to utilize to the highest possible advantage whatever resources that are at his disposal. Let this be undergirded with a sincere desire to nurture his youth, rather than an attitude of "throwing up one's hands and saying the task is hopeless." There are problems, many of them, and competition from the society outside of the church is brisk, stiff and keen, but the pastor that undergirds his nurturing program with real love, concern and prayer will go far in the lives of his youth. The pastor can remember as he preaches that youth is a "present part" of his congregation. Any pastor that is described as "preaching that a child can understand" may well consider himself complimented! What about some time devoted to the "small fry" in the informality of the evening services? Don't make the mistake of waiting until "they are big enough"—remember, the devil makes his bid for the minds and hearts of the youngest.

What about the pastor doing some preaching that stresses the responsibility of the parents in the home? Is it out-

moded to preach against laxity of parental responsibility? No! However, such preaching should carry counseling as to how and what. It is not enough to lambast!! Is it outmoded to remind our people of necessity of high morals in the home and the giving of attention to Bible reading and family prayer? Do you encourage your families to use *Depth* as a basis for family devotions? Should not the pastor have a relationship with his people so that they feel free to confide in him and ask for his counselling in making the home Christian?

### What Can the Church Do?

Should not the congregation provide as adequate building and equipment as is financially possible? As Christians we say it is the Lord's house—then should it not be the best? We're to "stick our necks out" for several thousands of dollars to provide a house for a home to "keep up with the Jones!" Is it unreasonable or fanatical to do likewise for the Lord's House? May if we didn't "stick it out" quite so far for self—we might do a better job for Him.

The building and equipment, necessary as they are, is not enough. Should the church not concern itself with a real interest that provides for adequately nurturing of its youth? Are we content with the little we offer? Could not the church up-grade its "teaching and training program?" See that there is more time for each and those that direct its activities are better trained. Is it too far fetched to ask: "Should not the church be maintained for the nurture of its youth; rather than an organization maintained to cater to the whims, prejudices, and peculiarities of its adults?"

Certainly there should be real travail on the part of the church for its youth. Remembering that "out of the travail of Zion her children are born." How long since your church or mine travailed with tears for her sons and daughters? The church can and by no means the least—see to it that the gospel is preached from the pulpit. I'm talking about the real gospel; the gospel of salvation. Not rantings and ravings; not the preacher's opinions; not lambastings and "beatings over the head" often making wild and personal accusations from the pulpit which he hasn't the nerve to say privately; but the preaching of the Word, digging deep to expose the real meat. Has not our diet been too long of milk?

### What Can the Home Do?

To ask what the home can do is to ask: what can the parents do? The parents make the home. Is it too much to ask what's wrong with the decision of one who expressed it thusly: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord?" To me, here is the crux of the whole question. And in this decision it should be the father who takes the lead. "We will serve the Lord." How refreshing the sound! What stability is declared and what security is promised youth. Christian parents make a Christian home—non-Christian parents make a non-Christian home. It is as simple as that! Delinquent youth is the heart-cry of America today. It is the mounting concern of government at every level; the concern of the church; and the concern of the home. I can never forget the words of a judge of a juvenile court some years ago: "When I have a juvenile delinquent before me, I also have two delinquent adults, if both parents are living." How true! Professedly Christian parents could well remember that God has placed the responsibility of nurturing youth upon them; nurturing not only the body and the mind but the soul. The emphasis throughout the Bible is "train" "bring up" "nurture" "discipline" "nurture" the child for Me, and who can say that God demands and expects any less today? Is it not high time that respectable church families repent and turn again to the greatest business in the world—that of rearing their children for God through Christ in old fashion experiences of personal salvation and walking with God in all our daily activities?

### Neglecting or Nurturing—Which?

Do we have to plead guilty to neglect? Is it not a good time to remind ourselves of the words of Jesus: "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and be cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." And He was talking about little children; little children in your church and mine; in your home and mine. May the Holy Spirit so move upon us that we will recognize our joint and inter-related responsibilities and under His leadership seek to nurture our youth in the "fear of the Lord" and in the "admonition of the Lord." ■■

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# DON'T eat the ashes

by Dale Burden

*"He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?" (Isaiah 44:20).*

**H**ERE IS A different diet. Eating ashes! It sounds fantastic, but that is what the prophet Isaiah said his people were doing. Well, you never know what some people might try, but personally I don't want any ashes on my menu. I might tolerate a little sawdust in my cereal (some of it tastes like it anyhow), but no ashes please.

Of course, Isaiah was using a figure of speech to describe the kind of life his people were living. The Israelites had turned away from the living Lord to worship idols. The prophet was saying that their actions resembled a man who would turn his back on a table loaded with good food and eat instead the ashes. Would anyone do such a ridiculous thing? Isaiah said that his people were doing this in the spiritual realm.

It's been a long time since Isaiah lived. Surely, in this refined, intelligent era of time, men use better judgement than to feed on ashes actually or spiritually! I wish that such were the case, but it is not so. People are still eating the ashes. You might even be one who is. Let's see.

Now, you know what ashes are. They are the part that is left when all the good,

the substance, has been burned. The Bible declares that Jesus Christ is "all and in all" (Colossians 3:11). We know that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father" (James 1:17). Jesus is the "Bread of Life," the "Water of Life," and even life itself. Deny Him His rightful place—fence Him out of your life—and all you have left is ashes. So, if you are rejecting Christ, you are feeding on ashes. Without Him that is the only "diet" left for you.

Ever since the days of the Garden of Eden, the devil has been telling folks if they chose God's way and lived in submission to Him they were going to "miss out." He uses that line today! Young people, especially, are told this and many are convinced it is so. But just a minute! Mr. Devil is a liar, always has been and always will be, and God's Word declares that the only thing you miss by going God's way is the ashes. The devil has nothing else to offer for God offers through the Lord Jesus all that is good in life. In his book, *The Screwtape Letters*, Mr. C. S. Lewis represents one demon from hell saying to another, "I know we have won many a soul through pleasure. All the same, pleasure is His (God's) invention, not ours. He made the pleasures: all our research so far has not en-

abled us to produce one. All we can do is to encourage the humans to take the pleasures which our enemy has produced, at times, or in ways, or in degrees, which He has forbidden."

So, all the devil's offers are just ashes. King Solomon learned this the hard way. After beginning with the Lord, in later life he allowed his heart to be turned away from the Lord to idols through his affections. Look back over his mis-spent life, Solomon wrote his own awful epitaph: "This also is vanity and vexation of spirit" (Ecclesiastes 2:26).

When the devil offers me ashes, I'm going to say, "No, thank you. I prefer something a little more suited to meet the needs of my soul." I don't want ashes. Let me tell you why.

First, because they taste horrible. I can't imagine anything that would taste much worse. It is hard for me to see how the devil could convince anyone to even try them, but some folks will eat anything, I guess. I've heard of children eating dirt. One little boy was overheard telling his friend, "Here, try some of this candy. It tastes just like grasshoppers." Guess what he had been eating!

But ashes? How could anyone? Yet that's what the devil offers. Think of some of his "big guns"—his most accepted offers—liquor, dope, perverted

sex. Think of the "taste" they leave in the mouth of the victim for the future. Look what happens to those who feed on them. No thanks. No ashes for me. Can't stand that taste!

## Two Reasons

But some gobble them down some way. Why do they do it? I think there are two reasons. First, the devil is very apt and skilled in the art of decorating his offers of ashes so they don't look like what they are. He can scoop up a bowl of them and cover the top with whip cream and maybe add a few strawberries and even a dash of chopped nuts. Looks delicious, tempting. Have a bite. That's the way he entices many. Then they bite into it and find it not what they thought. Well, you would think they would have enough sense to spit it out and throw the bowl away, but you know human beings have a lot of pride. They hate to admit that they got fooled, so they go ahead and eat it and try to convince themselves it was pretty good and to get someone else to have some too. So another guy tries it and before you know it everyone tries it and all seem to think it is so good that if some one says it is not; he is looked upon as being crazy so he just keeps quiet and eats his ashes like the others. It's amazing what a little decoration and controlled public opinion will do for our eating habits.

What about your diet? Are you enjoying it or are you just enduring it? So many people today know nothing of real satisfaction. If you are not satisfied, let me recommend Jesus. He is "honey in the rock."

Another reason folks eat ashes is listed in that verse in Isaiah 44:20. The prophet explained their conduct by saying "a deceived heart hath turned him aside." Satan not only decorates his offers, but he twists the thing around to where he deceives the victim. Someone has said "If sin were not deceitful, it could not be delightful." If we could see sin as it really is, it would not bring pleasure even for a season. The Bible warns against "the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13). Satan works upon hearts that are deceitful to start with (Jeremiah 17:9) to deceive his victims. He deceives them as to the "thrill" his offer of ashes will produce and to the price the person has to pay. If he can get a person to feed on ashes long enough, their spiritual tastebuds will become so perverted and their hearts so deceived that they will even imagine that their diet is normal and enjoyable. But not for me. I want no ashes. I want the real thing—the real joys of life—peace, forgiveness, friends that are friends, eternal life, and a sense of knowing my life is not in vain.

Another objection I have to eating

ashes is that there is no food value in them. "Have a dish of ashes," you say, "there is nothing wrong with them." Well, that's not the whole question. What's right with them? Why should I eat them? The question for the child of God is not just what is wrong and leave it, but what is right—a positive counting for Christ. A Christian is more than a store-window dummy with no bad habits. He is one with a life and affections and a desire to please the one who saved and changed his life. Granted, there may be a long catalog of things in life that may be termed "harmless" to the Christian, but they are also "worthless" so far as contribution to his spiritual growth.

Then some of you that really like to eat will understand this reason for not eating ashes. It would just take up room where some good food could go. Some of us have a limited capacity and it would be a shame to fill up part of that with horrible tasting, worthless ashes when you could use all your capacity for good food. You see the application I'm sure. We have only one life. Our lives are made up of a limited number of years, days and minutes. Why waste any? For instance, consider our reading habits. There are millions of books in the world—bad, good and indifferent. Why not spend the time available for reading on something that will help you know more of the love of God and fit you for His service?

Many a person who knows the drug-store trash is a sin will shun that only to squander his time on light, worthless, secular reading. Wrong? Maybe not so much from one point of view, but it can be such a waste. Is waste wrong for God's stewards? And what applies to our reading habits applies also to the social organizations with which we affiliate. There is a place and a need for all your abilities in the service of Jesus Christ. None of us has a surplus that we can waste.

## Life Indeed

So many young people, even in our churches, are throwing their lives away. I don't mean in the way we usually think of it when we see them "sowing their wild oats," but many that have avoided this through God's grace have not caught the vision that God has a perfect will for their lives and that the will of God is "good and acceptable." God offers to take their lives and utilize them in His vineyard and guarantees "your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Corinthians 15:58). He offers life that is life indeed—life, abundant life that is "for real" and His offers are not ashes. He has genuine pleasures to give and He showers them upon His trusting, obedient children. They are not offers of

pleasure with frosting on the outside and ashes on the inside, but they are genuine throughout and He even saves the best till last. The place where real pleasure is to be found is here: "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11). That does not mean only after we get to heaven either. The child of God can know the presence of the Lord now.

## Some Are Poison

A final reason for not eating ashes is this. There are some kinds of them that are poison. Those feeding on ashes may argue that there is no harm in them, but such is not the case. Fence the Lord of life out of your heart and choose ashes instead, and the result is to the soul. God's love moves Him to warn all ash-eating individuals who have rejected His Son as Saviour that "the wages of sin is death."

Some who have taken the devil's diet and not suffered any outward ill-effects as yet may not believe this, but it is true. The man who eats poison ashes may not drop dead with the first bite, but when he takes the poison into his system it is inevitable eventually, unless something is done to counteract the poison.

My friend, why continue to feed on the ashes of Satan's offers when they taste horrible, are worthless and poison. Why continue when God has prepared for you a feast. Oh, how tragic that souls are starving on ashes when He who is the Bread and Water—yea, the Milk, the Honey and Manna invited all to come and take freely. I feel sorry for them. Sometimes folks feel sorry for the Christian because they think he is "missing out," but every true child of God can say with Peter, "If so be ye have tasted, the Lord is Gracious" (I Peter 2:3). We have found what our hungry souls desire and He satisfies that hunger.

No ashes for me! I'm enjoying feasting on the Living Bread and I'm glad to miss all the meals of ashes no matter what their decorations may be. His present, daily manna is sufficient and will not fail. Why He will even prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies. His daily bread, material and spiritual, is all I need for now and it whets my appetite for the soon coming Marriage Supper of the Lamb in the heavens. Then we who have been redeemed by His blood shall eat and drink with Him in the Father's kingdom (Matthew 26:28).

If you do not know Christ as Saviour and Lord, would you like to change your diet? There is no better menu for the soul than offered in John 6:47-57. Taste and see for yourself. ■■

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# Ahead Of The Times

by Mrs. J. B. Bloss

Address delivered at dedication of Bloss Memorial Church located in Arlington, Virginia

**L**IKE MANY MEN of history with vision and purpose, J. B. Bloss was a man ahead of the times. I know because I shared 20 wonderful years of his full and active life as his wife and helpmate in the service of the Lord and our Free Will Baptist denomination.

The thousands of miles which we traveled together in the interest of the cause and the countless hours spent in talking and planning for the promotion and advancement of the Free Will Baptist denomination occupied the greater part of our time and consumed a large part of our energies. He didn't live to see his fondest ambitions fully realized, but he did see the task well in hand and was satisfied that in God's time and under God's guidance it would come to pass.

My husband was first of all a Christian—an old fashioned, born-again child of God. His first love was to Jesus Christ who saved him from sin and gave him his commission to preach the Gospel. Next to Christ came his denomination. J. B. was a thorough-going, whole hearted, out-and-out Free Will Baptist. He loved his denomination with an all-consuming passion and was proud for everyone to know that he was a Free Will Baptist preacher.

It was in his blood and reached to every fiber of his being. He wasn't selfish about it to the extent that he couldn't fellowship with people of other denominations, but he was possessed with a godly jealousy and zeal for his denomination. He considered it the best of them all and spent his life in an all-out effort to promote and support it by every means at his disposal. He wanted the Free Will Baptist banner to be planted in every country of the world. I've heard him say many times, both from the pulpit and in our private conversations, that he would never be satisfied until Free Will Baptists were spread out so far that the sun would never set on a Free Will Baptist Church of mission station. This was the kind of missionary vision that he had. It was one that compelled him and held him constantly in its grip.

While J. B. was for worldwide missions and was always an ardent supporter of foreign missions, he had the conviction that the ultimate success of a foreign missions program depended to a great extent on the strength of the denomination in the homeland. This conviction was the reason why he was so strong in his support of Home Missions. One of his

favorite sayings was, "No matter how many churches any town or city has, it doesn't have enough unless it has a Free Will Baptist Church." He longed to see the day when there would be Free Will Baptist churches in every state in the union, and in every city, town and hamlet in every state. This was not meant to cast any reflection of the cause of foreign missions, but rather as a means to strengthen and undergird that great cause.

In 1944 he was elected by the National Association to the Board of Home Missions. He served several terms as secretary of the board and six years as chairman. He served longer than any other member. When his health began to fail and he could no longer serve on the board, the board voted that he should be an honorary member as long as he lived. This was a blessing to his heart. The cautious, go-slow program of the board in those early days gave him cause for deep concern. Always a man of faith and action, he wanted to launch out and get going with a progressive, wide-awake program. His zeal and enthusiasm was contagious and before many years, the board proposed a bold and ambitious approach to the challenge of missions at home. When the National Association voted to adopt the program, he was like a child at Christmas time. Soon thereafter he was elected chairman of the board and his enthusiasm knew no bounds. He worked and prayed and talked and traveled home missions. Each new Free Will Baptist Church that was organized was of earth-shaking importance to him. He loved the men with whom he worked and they respected and loved him in return. They were inseparable in devotion and dedication to the task of Home Missions. Their chief aim was the extension of the kingdom of Christ through the salvation of the lost and the enlarging of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

That God blessed their efforts none can doubt. I would not suggest that in any way J. B. Bloss was the key to that success. I would say, however, that no one was more thrilled and blessed by the success of the Home Missions program. I remember the prayer that he prayed as he knelt in the Home Missions office in the Headquarters Building in Nashville, Tennessee, on the first day the board occupied its offices. "Lord, just let me live to see the day when Home Missions is as important to Free Will Baptists as any part of the work."

I'm glad that God answered that prayer and let him see that his vision was not in vain; that Free Will Baptists do believe in and support the cause which he had so close to his heart both in life and death. ■■



# INSPIRATION . . .

## Mother's Work

Nobody knows of the work it makes,  
To keep the home together;  
Nobody knows of the steps it takes  
Nobody knows—but Mother.

Nobody listens to childish woes,  
Which kisses only heal;  
Nobody pained by naughty blows,  
Nobody—only Mother.

Nobody knows of sleepless care  
Bestowed on baby brother;  
Nobody knows of the tender prayer,  
Nobody—only Mother.

Nobody knows of the lessons taught  
Of loving one another;  
Nobody knows of patience sought  
Nobody—only Mother.

Nobody knows of anxious fears  
Lest darlings may not weather  
The storm of life in after years,  
Nobody knows—but Mother.

Nobody kneels at the throne above  
To thank the heavenly Father  
For the sweetest gift—a Mother's love.  
Nobody can—but Mother.

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## Tempest in the Sea

"And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the ship was covered with the waves; but He was asleep. And His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish." Matthew 8:24, 25.

In the narrative of Christ's calming the sea, we observe the familiar tempest, the wave battered boat, the frantic disciples; the miracle of the calm. We do not as often pay attention to the sleeping Christ. Why did Christ rebuke the disciples? Had they not called on Him? Was it not an act of faith to seek His help? Had not their request brought immediate response? If we had a problem, and called on Christ and received a ready answer, would we not feel that our faith was substantial? Certainly, we often judge our faith in the readiness of the answer.

Have we not overlooked the more important sign of faith, patience and calm in the midst of the storm? There were two possibilities of deliverance in this circumstance. It was quite

obvious that He would have preferred the latter alternative, but for the sake of the weak disciples, He calmed the storm.

Think now, suffering saint. You are in trouble; you are swamped by the storm. Frantically, you have called on Christ. He has been slow to respond. You are sure you cannot last the night—you surely will perish. Does the Lord really want to calm your storm? Perhaps He is hoping you will come through for Him this time and accept the storm and let the calm be in your heart instead. This is the greater triumph of faith.

When the storm was calmed the disciples marvelled. Well, this is all right for the masses; for those who look for signs and wonders. But, for His own disciples, Christ would prefer, not "marvelling at miracles," "staying in storms." Those who are Christ's should know Him well enough that they are no longer surprised at what He can do. Imagine your own children sitting down at the table and expressing surprise at your being able to put food on it. No, my suffering saint, look not for the miracle, the ready relief, the premature calm. BUT put your hand in Christ's, fix your eyes upon HIM and ride out the storm. AS LONG AS CHRIST IS IN THE BOAT, IT CANNOT SINK.

## Money or Education Not Sufficient

In 1923, a very important meeting was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Attending the meeting were nine of the world's more successful financiers. Those present were: the President of the largest independent Steel Company; the President of the largest Utility Company; the President of the largest Gas Company; the greatest wheat speculator; the President of the New York Stock Exchange; the President of the Bank of International Settlements; also, a member of the President's Cabinet. Here was gathered a group of the world's most successful men; at least men who had discovered the secret of making money.

Let us look at these men twenty-five years later. The President of the largest independent Steel Company, Charles Schwab, died in bankruptcy. The President of the greatest Utility Company, Samuel Insull, died a fugitive from justice. The President of the largest Gas Company, Howard Hobson, is now insane. The greatest wheat Speculator, Arthur Cotton, died abroad, insolvent. The President of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney, was recently released from Sing Sing penitentiary. The member of the President's Cabinet, Albert Fall, was pardoned, so he could die at home. The greatest bear on Wall Street, Jesse Livermore, died a suicide. The head of the greatest monopoly, Ivan Krueger, died a suicide. The President of the Bank of International Settlements, Leon Frazier, died a suicide. All of these men learned well the art of making a living . . . BUT NOT ONE OF THEM LEARNED HOW TO LIVE!

# How Complete Is Your Home?

by Alice Flowers

**W**ITH HOLY SATISFACTION God rested after all His marvelous creative endeavors. The earth, the sea, the sky give witness to His power in framing the universe which was to house His master-creation, Adam and Eve. For their special comfort God had planted a garden in which grew "every tree pleasant to the sight, and good for food." There was a special river to water that garden—the whole a prospect beyond description. No wonder God rested as He beheld "everything that He had made \*\*\* very good".

To Adam the crowing earthly joy was the presentation of Eve to share with him the loveliness of fair Eden. She was his God-given helpmeet; and now we see the first family established in their home. More than human association was involved in this, however, there was God-relationship for Adam and Eve. It was God's garden, and Adam and Eve could enjoy its gracious privileges only through continued obedience to Him.

Obedience to Him brought delightful communion with Him. No doubt they frequently heard "the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day" and ran to meet Him as happy children would greet a loving parent. Disobedience broke this communion, bring-

ing shame and fear. Somewhere outside Eden the couple established another home, a poor substitute for the first home where they had fellowshipped with God in the completeness of His favor.

God had a great disappointment out of that first home's failure, and many years passed before God called Abraham. See how God emphasized right family relationships in dealing with him stressing proper recognition of godly principles. Strong words these, "I know him (Abraham) that he will command his children and his household after him". Genesis 18:19 To what end? The very fulfillment of God's promises depended on how faithfully Abraham wisely disciplined and directed his children and servants.

Note carefully the early history of the Hebrews as God taught them principles of success as a nation. Through their wilderness journeyings, in possessing the land of Canaan, there was continued emphasis laid upon household unity in righteous living. The Passover story gives the two-fold aspect of this emphasis with the blood of the slain lamb upon the door for protection, and the family gathered within the house to partake of the roasted lamb for the needed sustenance in the difficult journey ahead. Some stress only the first, ignoring the important second phase of this marvelous Passover observance.

Apply the blood to the doorposts and lintel of your home, acknowledging your faith in the finished work of our great Redeemer for the need of your household. But never forget there is a subsequent responsibility of parents to gather together their households for definite partaking of the Lamb—the Word of our God which liveth and abideth forever. Here has been the breakdown in many families, one great reason for the wayward children of supposedly godly parents.

## World Was Shut Out

Assurance came to the parents through the application of the blood by faith; but travelling strength was derived by the parents-directed partaking of the Pascal lamb. That Passover night the world was shut out and that family shut in together, due importance being laid on the significance of that sacred meal. This rushing age would quickly and easily crowd God out of any home. But remember, God's moving in every child's life starts normally in the home; and it was the wise man who said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6 God has given here a marvelous type of spiritual completeness in our homes.

As went the Hebrew homes so would go the nation. Soundness in family life

meant healthy grass roots for the kingdom to be established later. The book of Deuteronomy gives certain vital principles for solid Hebrew home-life as they shortly were to take up their residence in the Promised Land. God had far-reaching sight for their national endurance; so He emphasized the need of constant recognition of God's Word in their individual homes. To this day the stability of Jewish home-life has been unsurpassed and the divorce evil least menacing to them.

The sixth chapter actually commands that God's Word have a recognized place in the table talk and fireside chats of the family circle. Thus the Word becomes living in the home. Since the Bible constantly presents man as seeking God's approval, one cannot live with the Book by daily habit and not himself grow in desire and capacity to please His Maker. Thinking on things "that are true, lovely, of good report" produces what is noblest in character and pays the highest on such investment in the home.

There are many homes where once the "altar light" glowed and the home was complete. Through subtle snares satan has dimmed, even quenched that light. Rush of business, lust for gold, love of the world, carelessness, indifference, sin, disobedience have caused one or both of the parents to fail in their responsibility. Boys and girls going forth from such homes know not the real values of life; and, without a standard of righteous holy conduct, they become an easy prey for the crowding forces of evil which assail everyone today. Here is the chief reason for the lack of God-consciousness among youth today and who will answer for this before the bar of God?

A young mother asked an evangelist when she should start training her five-year-old child for God. He answered, "You are five years too late now. You have missed the most valuable years of shaping your child's life. Go home and erect at once your family altar. With God's blessing you may be able to redeem some of the years that the locusts of neglect have eaten." Tom Paine said he was an infidel before he was five, the product of his home influence.

Thomas Guthrie wrote: "If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, any book better than your Bible, any house better than God's house, any person better than the Lord Jesus, any indulgence better than the hope of heaven—TAKE ALARM!" To which could well be added by every Christian parent—If you find yourself pampering, entertaining, pleasing your children to the neglect of praying with them—TAKE GREAT ALARM. You are responsible for their souls as well as their bodies—the completeness of a Christian home. ■■

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