

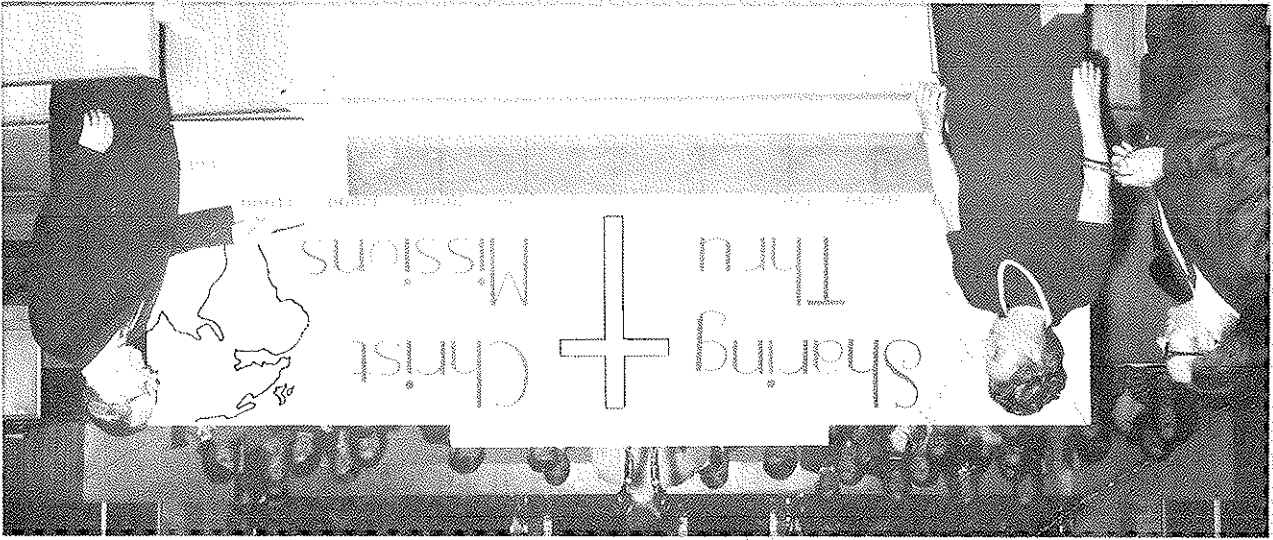


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OUR SPACE AGE MISSION

Easter is the most significant day on the Christian calendar. It is a day of victory commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The name Easter supposedly comes from the Teutonic goddess of spring, "Eastre". Each year the Saxons held a festival in her honor to celebrate the redawning of nature.

When the gospel came to England through the missionary zeal of Pope Gregory converts to Christianity began celebrating at the same time the spring time of their new life. They transformed this pagan festival into the grandest celebration of our Christian faith. Easter has become a misnomer. While some customs of this pagan festival linger, it no longer carries its old pagan association. To the Christian it is not a heathen celebration of nature's rebirth; it means that the crucified Son of God rose triumphantly from the cold wintry tomb of death to give hope and assurance of life to all who believe in Him. Because He lives we shall live also.

From the Christian perspective, Easter is a perpetual reminder that God in Christ is alive today. We have a living Saviour and a living message for a dying world. Men who are "dead in trespasses and sin" can be born again into a new life. This life can only be experienced as men believe in their heart that God raised from the dead.

For this reason, it is imperative that the meaning and message of Easter be proclaimed to all who are under the sentence of eternal death. Our mission in this space age is to bear witness to the thrilling exciting story of of living, life-giving Savior!

When devoted women came to the garden tomb on the first Easter morn the angel waiting there informed them that

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples . . ." Matt. 28:6,7.

The women were invited to investigate the empty tomb in order to discover personally the certainty of Christ's resurrection. Then they were instructed to go and tell. What a joyful experience but what a solemn responsibility. In obedience to this command, the women hastily ran to spread this message.

When the fearful defeated discouraged disciples heard the good news their faith was revived. Their hope was revitalized, their joy was restored, and their zeal was renewed. When they assembled in a mountain of Galilee where they had been instructed Jesus appeared to them and charged them with a mandate for world mission. This commission has never been canceled.

In this space age our unchanging mission is to go and tell. This message must be proclaimed throughout all the inhabited earth. It demands urgent action. Our ministry is to herald the glorious gospel truth that Jesus died and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. On the authority of God's word and Christ's command we are to evangelize all men. Beginning at Jerusalem we are to move out to Judea, Samaria and the whole world telling all men that the battle has been won; the strangle-hold of sin has been broken; Satan has been conquered; death has been defeated. By life and lips we are to faithfully declare that Jesus Christ is the Lord of life and the Saviour of all men. Renewed obedience to the Great Commission will enable us to fulfill our mission in this space age.

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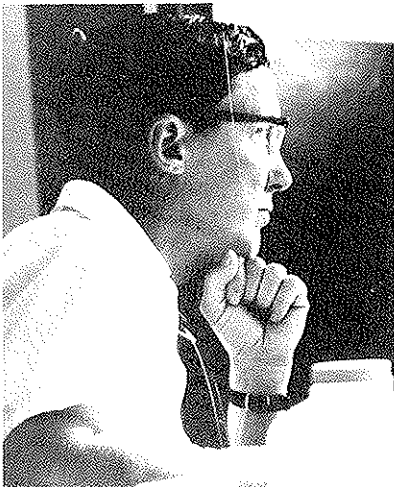
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A Pastor's Report

BY DALE BURDEN

A Free Will Baptist pastor will see several million dollars invested in Foreign Missions in the span of a normal ministry. If he has the vision he ought to have, he will lead his church in raising hundreds and thousands of dollars for this part of the Lord's work during his ministry. Yet, it is surprising how few of those who are interested in missions and labor to raise funds and laborers for it, actually investigate the needs on the fields.

Though Foreign Missions giving is the largest item in our national budget, we, as a denomination, probably know less about this phase of our work than any other. It seems clear that more of our pastors ought to acquaint themselves personally with the needs of our mission fields. For this purpose, Rev. Guy Owens and I took 23 days to visit our mission stations in Africa and Europe. Here are some of my observations and evaluations of our work on these fields.

In Africa, I was impressed that our missionaries have laid a very solid foundation for their work and shall therefore be able to look forward to a great harvest of souls in the future. Our work there is entering its 13th year. It started from nothing. Language and cultural barriers are tremendous. It has taken years of tedious work in the area of language study and translation of the scriptures. Also, it has taken time with those that were saved to build up Christian traditions and establish them in the Word of God. I believe our missionaries have done their work thoroughly. Principally as a result of Bro. Lonnie Sparks' work, one of the three major tribes among which our people are working now have a complete translation of the New Testament. In addition they have many of the Christian hymns. These things we take for granted in our work at home, but are necessary tools that must be placed in the hands of the National Christians in order to establish a permanent work.

The visitor to the field will undoubtedly be impressed with the Christian standards that converts have been taught. The Book of Acts reveals how important it is that a work be kept pure in its infancy. Our missionaries have recognized this principle. Though they labor among a culture that sanctions immorality, they have successfully taught the new Christians standards of purity. In addition, they have taught their churches discipline in order to maintain this purity. Some of us at home could learn some lessons from these. The Word of God is taken very literally among these simple people. It is because of this solid foundation that I feel the Free



Will Baptist Churches in Africa can expect a great future.

Too, the caliber of the converts impressed me. When you stop to realize that none of these Christians we met had a Christian background — that all of them are “first generation Christians”, it is a real blessing to see them really taking hold of the truths of God. Though many of them by our standards are not highly educated, God has given us some keen minds among these converts. Several of them speak two or more languages. In many of the little churches, it seems the most outstanding and alert people of the village are the Christians. Perhaps they are this way because they have been converted. Either way, it makes you thrill to anticipate what God will do with their lives in the future. It takes time to build a Christian heritage, but I believe we have some converts in Africa that will establish a genuine Christian heritage.

The dedication of our missionaries was evident at each station. There is no place in the world where a person could tend to become more lax in his service to God than on a mission field. Unlike our congregation at home, they do not have people of their culture standing looking over their shoulder and providing an added impetus for faithful service. The board under which they serve is thousands of miles away. All they have to keep them going is the call of the Great Commandment in their hearts and the burden for a lost world. But this has kept them faithful. Free Will Baptists can thank God for the dedication of their missionaries. May I add here, that when these servants of God are home on furlough, our people ought to turn out in great numbers to hear them. It is a privilege to hear the testimonies of such servants of God. However, too often the missionary service has the smallest attendance.

A very pleasant observation on this itinerary was the fine provisions our people have made for our missionaries on the field. Certainly, they are not living in the lap of luxury; however, our Free Will Baptist people at home can be glad to know that their representatives of Christ on the foreign fields have been well supplied with most of the tools they need and the facilities they need to do their work for God. May we not take this in any way to become slack in our giving. But may we thank God for directing the hearts of His people to give as they have in the past. One of our missionaries in Africa told me that he had observed other mission boards and he would rather be under the Free Will Baptist Mission Board than any other one. This made me glad to be associated with our denomination even more.

Moving on to France, things were entirely different from the land of Africa. However, these discernable differences were only on the surface. The cultures are different. The condition of the hearts are the same. Seeing the two, one right after the other, made me realize more clearly than I ever had before that civilization and education alone

leave the soul of man unchanged. Though Europe is known for its art and science, it is also known for its sinfulness.

Our work in Europe is much younger. We presently have two families working there — the Merkhhs and Haas'. It was our privilege to be with these for the third anniversary of our work in France. Their goal for the day for the two combined works, which are located sixty miles apart, was a total of 100. They missed it by two. This may not be large in our eyes, but compared to other Christian works in Europe, to have gathered together this many Christian people in three years is fantastic and a praise item for our God. It just isn't being done in Europe. Many are saying it cannot be done. God has used our missionaries in a great way. They have been zealous. Their genuine concern and love for the people is evident. And God has given them a sudden harvest.

The thing that will impress you with the work in Europe however is the great need for more workers. In fact, this is the overwhelming observation of our entire trip. Never before has Jesus' statement been so clear to me as after this trip. The fields are white. The laborers are few. Too few. In France, we drove for two hundred and fifty miles passing village after village — literally millions of souls yet we passed only one town that had an evangelical witness in it. Europe had the gospel in previous generations. It does not have the gospel today. It is undoubtedly one of the most needy mission fields on earth at this present time with the doors open.

Another observation is that what we do for Christ in Europe must be done quickly. The doors are open now. They probably will not be for long. This is true because of the political picture as well as the possibility of the soon return of our Saviour. Workers are needed and needed now. My heart has been challenged to plead for workers. I would like to challenge other pastors to do the same. I know we are in desperate need of workers at home, but I believe as we plead for workers for other fields, we will develop an atmosphere in our churches which will be conducive for the Holy Spirit to call forth workers for all parts of the vineyard. The Lord of the harvest will thrust forth the laborers if He can get us to lift up our eyes, look on the fields, and listen to the Holy Spirit. We began our looking on this trip. We hope others will also.

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II Corinthians 1:8 — "For we would not brethren have you ignorant...we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life."

That You Might Pray Better

BY GUY OWENS

The purpose of this article is to give you deeper insight into the problems, burdens, feelings that missionaries face, that you might better pray for them. The words of Paul "pressed out of measure" describing his troubles can be fittingly applied to missionaries today laboring to preach Christ in the regions beyond. Herein you will find different areas of "pressure" applied to the servant of Christ.

1. FAMILY CONCERN.

The missionary faces four areas of concern relating to family. He has pulled up stakes, broken life's tenderest ties, left his homeland to serve Christ on foreign soil. He does not lose his love for family and loved ones at home. Usually those who love Christ so deeply also have a sensitive love for family too. When parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters are ill or dying he feels for them and has a natural longing to be there. However, he knew when he went to the field that he could not return even in times of sickness and death of loved ones.

Too, there are often children away in "boarding school". Usually there are no schools at hand to educate the missionary children, so they must be sent far away to boarding school 9 months of each year, seeing their parents only a few times during this long period. Words are inadequate to describe the heart-longing for his own flesh and blood as they grow up miles away in school. Living amidst danger, disease and primitive conditions cannot compare. This seems to be the severest trial missionaries are asked to face. The missionary is greatly concerned because to a large degree he must trust to others the

rearing of his children. What are the standards, beliefs and convictions of those who shall influence his children? I sought to preach in Africa to missionaries who that day had literally had to tear loose from their children and leave them pleading "please don't leave me here". There was a heaviness that pervaded that service that night.

Also, the missionary is concerned for children who have returned to the states for college or to engage in other activity. Would he be normal if he did not desire to guide and counsel during these important years when decisions are being made affecting his child's entire future life?

Finally I have noted missionaries' concern for the physical well-being of those family members with them. He is many times hundreds of miles from a doctor or adequate medical facilities. Tragedy or disease could strike loved ones or self without time to make the long trip to the nearest medical help. Many have buried mates or children in foreign soil or children have been born without proper attention, due to this lack of medical help.

II. CULTURE SHOCK

This shock is very real. Consider the frustration when the missionary today can be taken by plane from home where everyone looks, dresses, thinks and speaks like him and before nightfall can be in a strange culture where everyone is different. They look, dress, act and speak differently. The missionary in language study is faced with just this situation day after day, week after week. He cannot preach, witness or even make the simplest purchases.

He is like a helpless babe. I shall not forget the feeling of helplessness and frustration of trying to find proper change for a telephone call or trying to order food in Madrid, Spain.

Finally, with language study completed, he moves to his field of service. Here he faces living with people with different customs who may not understand him when he is doing his best to adapt to their culture. They may be offended even by small unintended things or be suspicious of his motives of being there. Then too, there is the day by day, month by month, year by year grind of living under these straining conditions.

One would think it would be a great relief when furlough time comes. Then he could return home for a period of relaxation and rest. However, recently I have heard more missionaries speak of the culture shock upon returning home than when arriving on the foreign field. He has spent several years trying to learn to think, feel, talk in another culture. He has grown accustomed to "their way" of doing things. Now he returns to find that he has forgotten many things about his homeland. For several days or weeks he may be frustrated by dealing in a different money system or vehicle. I heard recently of a missionary who became embarrassed and frustrated when he could not remember how to use a phone in the United States. Simple to us, yet frustrating to them.

III. NECESSARY THINGS

High on the list of things that press on the missionary is the large amount of time necessary "just to live" and prepare to minister. Many times he must build his own house or pieces of furniture, travel hundreds of miles to secure groceries or gasoline, and if the vehicle breaks down take time out to repair it. There is always the meticulous boiling of every drop of water to kill germs and a hundred other health precautions.

Added to the pressure of necessary things "just for living" the numerous things that must be done before one can "minister the Word". Even though he has spent from one to two years in language study, many missionaries face the added pressure of learning a *tribal language*, requiring about half a day five or six days a week for another year or year and a half. Remember too that during this time on the field the missionary is endeavoring to minister to the best of his ability three to five services or more per week. Then, if he happens to be working in an area where the language has not been reduced to writing, there are weary hours learning the meaning of their "sounds", creating an alphabet for them, and reducing their sounds to "writing". But this is not all; then, he must translate and print Scriptures and hymns into their language, prepare a primer, and teach them to read so they can study the Scriptures for themselves. Keep in mind that most of this must

be done before the missionary can really effectively minister to his people.

IV. DISAPPOINTMENT

Some are disappointed in the nature of missionary work on their field. They have imagined their work to be primitive and may be stationed in a city with many similarities to home. I well remember the tearful testimony of one such missionary wife. For years she had looked forward to the field with one concept of what being a missionary would be like. She arrived to have her husband replace another missionary as pastor of an already established church. She was so shocked at her role that for one term she was genuinely frustrated.

Also, there are those long weary days of teaching, teaching, teaching — seeking for just the "word" or "way" to present the truth so that those darkened minds can understand and be saved. Progress on some fields is painfully slow and disappointing.

Another form of disappointment is seen when one labors for months and sees several "pray" or "profess to receive Christ", only to later learn that they had ulterior motives, did not understand sufficiently or return to their heathenism or to the Catholic Church when they see the full cost of being a Christian. More than one missionary has felt the biting pains of disappointment when he had labored for several years on a field, gathered a group of professed believers, then returned home on furlough only to find after returning a year later that the group had disintegrated during his absence.

Too, there is disappointment in the people at home. They promised to write, pray, send taped messages, but he goes to the mailbox and finds it empty. I was with Norman and Bessie Richards in Africa when he went to the mailbox (about 40 miles one way) and learned he had a package containing a canned ham from a Florida Church. This remembrance cheered and encouraged them. Too often such trips are disappointments.

V. FINANCES

A very real pressure upon the missionary is finances. It costs a great deal to support a missionary and his ministries. There are no words to describe the heartsick, sinking, demoralizing feeling of the missionary when he receives the monthly financial report to learn that his account has spent far more than it received, and he is in the red. The people and churches back home who promised to give have failed. He wonders, "Why?" If this continues very long he may feel like an untrusted, unwanted servant. His ministry can be affected by his discouragement.

In addition, there are so many things he could do to reach more people or minister more effectively if he had certain equipment, but his hands are tied for lack of finances.

VI. PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL

In some climates and areas the missionary must constantly keep in his system at all times medication to combat disease. I well remember in Africa everyone has to take malaria medicine. It seems to slow the thinking processes and sap the strength, and this in addition to the hot, energy sapping climate.

Also, there is the absence of fellowship. The next missionary may be 50 or more miles away, there are few opportunities to hear Gospel broadcasts to feed and strengthen the soul. Thus the missionary is ever "giving out" with very little "intake" except his own personal study of the Word and prayer.

Satan is always on the job to seek to "sift" these Saints. In some areas Satanic opposition is more open and realized than others.

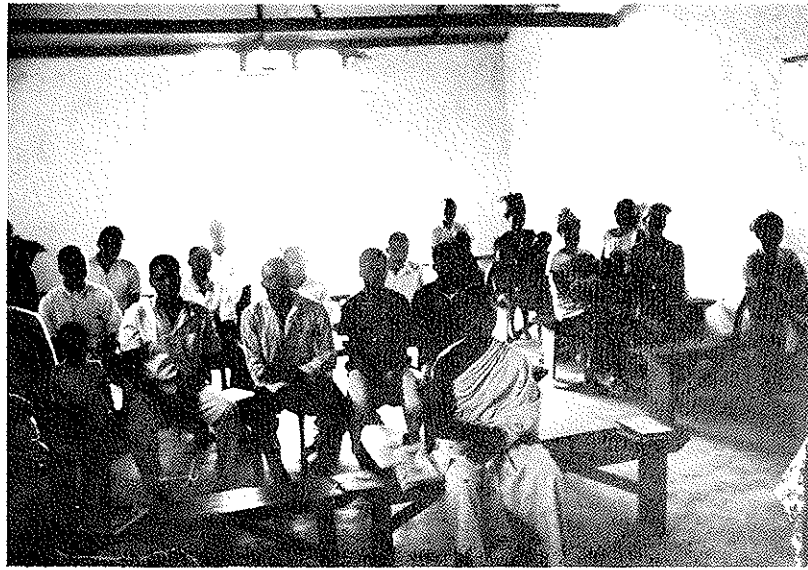
VII. SO VAST A TASK

What am I among so many? To whom do I give the chance to hear? This was the sentiment of an African missionary. I saw one break into weeping. He had just described the long trips for supplies he had to frequently make through unevangelized territory. He must pass through village after village that had not yet heard. He could not preach in them all. There were just too many. There was the pressure of a heart that loved the heathen, yet faced so vast a task that it was impossible to reach them all. He must choose a few villages and spend his time and energies there while knowing there were scores of other villages where no one had preached and where no one was coming to preach.

In spite of the pressures, burdens and frustrations these brave Christians are called to minister. Is it any wonder that there are casualties, that there are some who break or stumble beneath the load?

In II Corinthians 1:11 Paul spoke of "helping by prayer". The strong hand of our God can help and sustain if we pray. Could some failures on the fields be due to our sin of prayerlessness? Remember — "Ye have not because ye ask not".

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THE CRY OF THE LOST

I've heard of a land far away,
Where millions in darkness are dying,
And they sadly moan as they pass alone
through years of endless sighing:
"Oh, we're lost; and at an awful cost
For we heard not the story old
Of the Savior's love and a home above,
A shelter within the fold".
I see them in anguish and tears
Unable to stifle their moanings;
But in vain they plead, not a soul gives heed
Nor hearkens to their groaning
Yet they'll stand at last when their life is past,
And they tell as they leave the throne,
That since no one came in the Savior's name,
They suffered and died alone.
Enough that the Master I love,
In sorrow and pain has been calling;
That he bids me bear, of their woe, my share,
For lo, the night is falling.
And they seek for light in their helpless plight
For the light that comes from above;
So gladly go, leaving all below,
To tell them of Jesus' love.

Author Unknown.

And I heard the voice
of the Lord saying,
Whom shall I send,
And who will go for us?
Then said I
Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6:8



Candidate Committee discusses the Who.

Four men wait in an office. Spread out before them are applications. They represent the decisions of men and women who have stated they feel the Lord would have them serve Him in a country different than that of their birth. These men are responsible to study each application, pray very definitely, match the needs of the field, and finally decide who goes, where they go, and who stays. It is almost frightening to sit with them before the candidate comes in, realizing that they will decide to a great degree the future of these young men and women.

On these men rests the confidence of a whole denomination. The National Association selected seven men. The seven chose three to act as a "candidate committee." The fourth member of the committee was selected by the full seven-member Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He is the General Director. Seven men to guide the missionary program. Seven men to coordinate efforts, select fields, define policy, commission worker. Seven men to give coherence to the obedience of the Great Commission by Free Will Baptists.

The first mission board selected by the National Association was set apart in 1935, at the very first meeting of the National Association. With no money, no interest, and only one missionary, their job was simple. They had only to raise enough money to keep that one missionary on the field. But they decided rather than stagnate, they would flow; and the Willeys were approved as Free Will Baptist missionaries, joining Miss Barnard and bringing to three the number Free Will Baptists supported. The men on the board struggled for the next decade and half. In 1951 the board elected Raymond Riggs secretary-treasurer and part-time promotional secretary of the foreign missions department. When Reverend Riggs opened the books, he found that the missionaries had not received their salary for three months and no money was available to correct the situation.

Calvarys present plans for Sapporo Winter Olympics '72 to board.



Yet, he and the board went ahead. A couple of years later, in 1953, he began full time as general secretary, moved to Nashville, and started an itinerary that kept him on the road more than he was home. But he accomplished his purpose. Free Will Baptists became more conscious of the command of our Lord. They sent in money and they gave of their sons and daughters.

In 1963 membership on the mission board was increased from five members to seven. As more missionaries went out and the budget increased, so the responsibility became more marked as the mission board members met to consider where, when, how and who would serve God under the Free Will Baptist banner.

The present board members are all pastors, not really different from other pastors except that God seems to have burned in their souls an extra special burden concerning foreign missions. They willingly give up three weeks per year to meet together and with missionaries so they can more intelligently make the right decisions. Ultimately, the responsibility for every decision falls on their shoulders. The buck stops with them.

The churches these men pastor are as demanding timewise as any church in our denomination. One recently started a TV program. Another has a daily radio program. Others are in building programs. All carry on the full ministry of their church. But when the board meeting calls them away, the church recognizes the importance of that meeting. The churches and their pastors recognize that time spent in these meetings must contribute to God's program of world evangelism. Seen in this perspective, both churches and pastor willingly "sacrifice" the time away from their church.

These men decided to open Africa and not Spain. They decided to send missionaries to Japan and Uruguay, as well as six other countries. They laid down ground rules, giving the missionary a sense of direction when he arrived on the field. They defined their purpose for being and a missionary's purpose for going, and this helped them decide between those they would send and those they would not. They were

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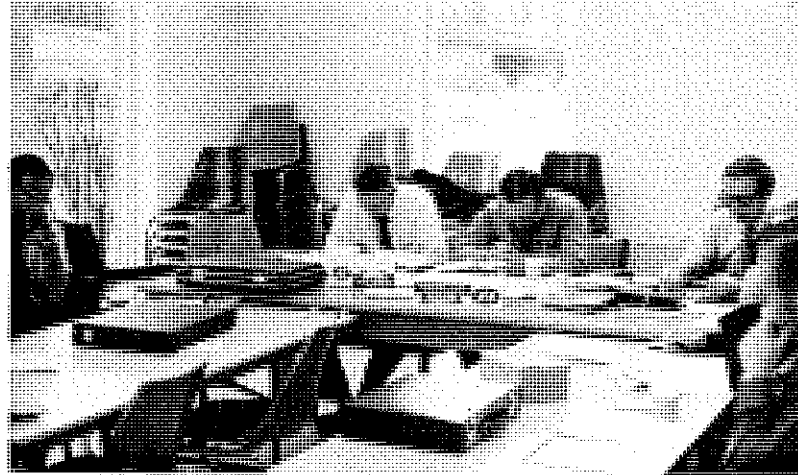
BY BILL JONES

willing to stand up and be counted unpopular when missions was unpopular among Free Will Baptists, and how when missions is more popular, they shrug off the praise and glory and look ahead to the job that remains to be done. Their concern is a world lost, without hope; a world that will be won only when they channel men and weapons to enlighten hearts in dense darkness.

Their concern expresses itself as they redirect missionary candidates. If one field closes, they have asked the candidate to consider a different field. At other times, they have asked a candidate to consider a field that was understaffed rather than attempting to open a new field, because it is their responsibility to see that fields are sufficiently staffed. It is also their responsibility to be able to discern when missionaries should be recalled or assigned to a different field. The health of the missionaries presents an ever-real concern for the board members. They must be able to know when to permit a missionary to continue his service and when to terminate it.

Decisions for missionary placement on the field are made with board approval by field councils. Just in this we see again the wisdom to the board. Just as they know when it is best to put their hand in and personally direct, they must also know when to remove their hand and permit the missionaries to direct themselves. The board is interested in everything the missionary does.

It is heartening when one recognizes the seriousness with which these men accept the responsibility of saying yea or nay to candidates. They know these men and women have talked with the General Director, have prayed hours over their final decision, have filled out reports and stood before doctors for physical examinations. They know that the meeting with their committee is a culmination of time, effort, expense, and concern. They also know that missionaries in seven countries are asking for help, and innumerable other countries stand with open doors and a minuscule percentage of Christians among the population. But they know too that the person selected to be ambassador of Christ to a different country and culture must be God's



Prayer a must in all board meetings

man for that particular country. Otherwise, he will tear down more than others have built up over decades. Therefore, they study each case seriously.

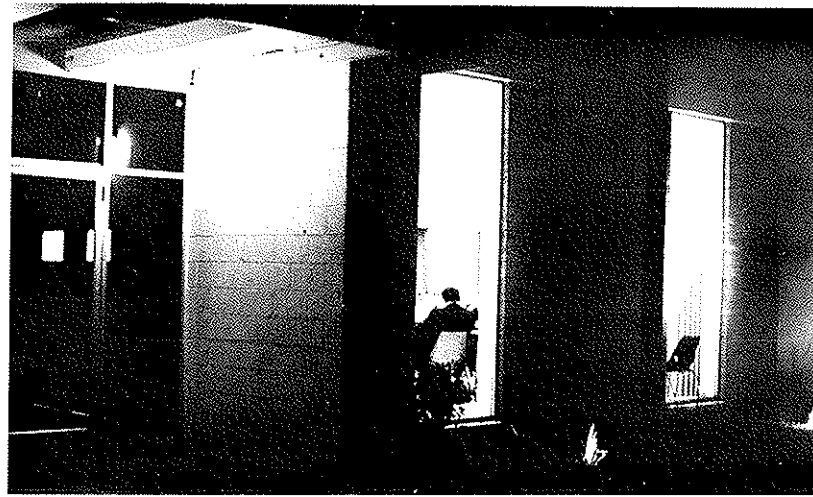
While the candidate committee considers prospective missionaries, other committees are meeting to finalize other aspects of the board's responsibility in order to expedite the board's decision making. The finance committee meets with the the director of finance to study proposed budgets. These budgets are forwarded from the field where missionaries, conscious of their present needs and trying to plan ahead for the evangelism for their field, present what they feel is the need. The budgets include in addition to living expenses special projects and any tools that will be used in both evangelism and edification.

Special committees meet to consider particular questions that pop up at all times, such as the committee to study the possibility of purchasing a computer for records, or the committee appointed to study the revision of the handbook.

It is an awesome responsibility, yet not overwhelming. For as God directs in selecting personnel, He gives grace, strength and wisdom. Candidates have been turned down and have recognized that the mission board acted wisely in refusing to send them out. Others have been sent that perhaps should have been kept in the States--men are fallible, even board members. But their concern and desire to do everything under the direct leadership of the Holy Spirit has eliminated most of the error common to all of us. Their accumulated experience makes decisions today more decisive and sure. Personal visits to the fields have broadened their horizons until they know first hand what they are deciding on.

Yet, they are still completely dependent on God for that final decision. Divine wisdom alone can confirm or deny the candidate's desire as he states it to the board. They must be men of God.

Foreign Mission Board works late to compress everything into one week's session.



christian doctrine

by Leroy Forlines

Sin brought man into moral ruin and brought him under the penalty of eternal death. God in His love and mercy provided the answer for man's need through the atoning work of Jesus Christ. The application of the benefits of this atoning work to man is called salvation. Salvation involves the forgiveness of sins and the changing of one's life into the likeness of Christ.

VI. THE DOCTRINES OF SALVATION

A. Repentance

Repentance is the change of heart, mind, and will towards sin and Jesus Christ. In this change sin is seen to be worthy of condemnation, and Jesus Christ and His atoning work is seen as the remedy for sin. In repentance one turns to Jesus Christ. In turning to Jesus Christ one takes a different attitude toward sin. He desires by God's grace to overcome it.

B. Saving Faith

There are two basic elements involved in saving faith. One is mental assent. The other is trust or dependence. In mental assent one believes in the redemptive truth that God has revealed. In the Old Testament this involved believing whatever redemptive truth God had revealed at the particular point in history that the person lived. For example, God had revealed more by the time of David than He had at the time of Adam and Eve. Each one, in exercising saving faith, believed what God had revealed at his own time. In the New Testament God has given us the revelation of Jesus Christ. Saving faith accepts as true what the New Testament says about Jesus Christ.

In the trust element of saving faith, one not only believes what God says about redemption, but he also acts upon it.

This would be true in both Old and New Testaments. For us, we give ourselves to Jesus Christ and depend upon Him to save us.

Repentance and faith are closely related. Repentance stresses the idea of change, while faith stresses the direction of this change.

Faith and not works is the condition of salvation (Rom. 3:28; Gal. 2:16; and Eph. 2:8,9). However, the faith that brings salvation always results in works (James 2:14-26). When a person wants to be saved, he not only wants to be forgiven of his sins, he also wants to have his experience with sin changed. It is a person who has this attitude that is saved by faith. It is absurd to believe that a person could trust in Jesus Christ to forgive him of his sin, and change his experience with sin, and then take a "don't care" attitude toward sin in his life.

C. Justification

The guilt of sin caused God to place man under condemnation. In justification man's guilt problem is solved. Man owed to God eternal death for his sin. When he came to God through faith in Jesus Christ, he received the death of Christ. The death of Jesus paid the penalty for man's sins; thus freeing the believer from this penalty. God demands absolute righteousness of man. This we cannot do. God gives the believer the righteousness of Christ, and thus meets this need. Because of the death and righteousness of Jesus Christ, God declares the believer justified or in right-standing with God.

D. Sanctification

Depravity is sin as a power that causes people to sin. Depravity brought moral ruin, disobedience, and misery into man's experience. Sanctification is that aspect of salvation that is designed to correct the problem brought about by depravity.

Sanctification is designed to change our experience with sin and make us into the likeness of Christ. Growth is involved in sanctification, but all Christians possess that degree of sanctification that makes them characteristically righteous. Sin is the exception instead of the rule in their lives. Sanctification begins with regeneration and the entrance of the Holy Spirit into the believer at the time of conversion. The Holy Spirit, the Word of God, prayer, church attendance, and Christian admonition are all involved in the work of sanctification.

OLD ISSUES OF CONTACT, ANYONE?

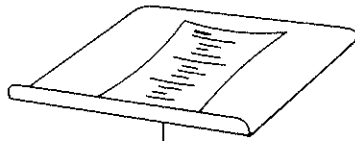
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If you have any of these, will you please mail them to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

SPECIAL CONVENTION PRICE ON TWO-YEAR RENEWALS

CONTACT announces that a special subscription rate of two years for five dollars will be in effect through July 15, 1971. This represents a saving of one dollar. The special price is good for both new and renewed subscriptions; however, the price applies only to two year subscriptions. The price for one year remains at three dollars. Save now during the limited time of this offer. You may renew regardless of your present subscription expiration date.



MINI MESSAGE & Outlines

I. J. Blackwelder

GOD'S CALL TO SLEEPERS

(Eph. 5:14-18)

I. THE PLIGHT OF THE SLEEPERS

1. They were dead asleep when they should have been awake.
2. Their lights were dim when they should have been bright.
3. They were acting like fools when they should have been wise.
4. They wasted their time when they should have redeemed and conserved it.
5. They were indifferent about their spiritual duty when they should have sought to know what the Lord would have them do.
6. They were full of wine instead of the Spirit.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE CALL (Ro. 13:11-14).

1. To arouse the sleepers to a sense of their danger and duty.
2. To remind the sleepers that they were sleeping over time.
3. To urge them to cast off their sleeping clothes and to don the garments of light.
4. To warn them of their ways of darkness and death and to turn them back to the way of life.



gems

from the
Greek New Testament

by Robert Picirilli

Second Peter 3:9 is especially interesting to us Free Will Baptists, who do not agree with the Calvinistic idea that God never willed nor provided for the salvation of any but "the elect".

The last phrase of the verse is especially important: "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." My own translation of this would read: "not purposing for any to perish, but for all to have room for (or "make room for") repentance. ."

One of the words is particularly crucial, the verb translated "willing" (purposing). The verb is *boulomai*, which refers to *purpose*. Interpreters suggest three different shades of meaning this word may have. (1) Sometimes it involves what one is *willing* to do, meaning he is agreeable to it. Such an occasion is Acts 28:18 where Paul says that some of his judges were "willing" to release him but did not do so for political reasons. (2) Occasionally the word refers to one's mere *desire*, thus more of a feeling or emotion than the purpose of the will. Such might be the case in Acts 25:22 where Agrippa

says he "wanted to" hear what Paul had to say.

(3) But there is no doubt the word usually means *deliberate purpose*, as in Acts 5:28; 12:4; 15:37. Indeed, everytime this verb is used of *God*, the idea of God's wilful purpose is clear. Other than here in 2 Peter 3:9, this verb applies to God in four other New Testament verses: Heb. 6:17; James 1:18, Luke 22:42; and I Cor. 12:11. None of these involves something God is merely agreeable to or has an emotional desire for. Indeed, since God is absolute, He is not subject to such emotions apart from his direct purpose.

It is helpful to note that there are two nouns in the Greek New Testament built on the same root: *boulema* and *boule*; and these two are used of God in Luke 7:30; Acts 2:23; 4:28; 13:36; 20:27; Romans 9:19; Ephesians 1:11; and Hebrews 6:17. In all these His deliberate purpose is in view.

There is no doubt then, from the New Testament evidence, that these words, when used of God, refer to His directive will, His considered purpose. The Calvinistic idea that God has had no purpose to save the lost will not hold water. If any man goes to Hell — and many will — it will be because they have deliberately chosen their own wills over God's, not because He omitted them in His plans.

Some will argue that if God purposed to save all men, then all men will be saved. Not so. God's purpose for man is conditioned on man's response, as everywhere taught in Scripture. The reply may come, then, that this gives puny man the ability to thwart the purpose of a sovereign God. That is not so either, not if God has chosen to deal with man as a creature free to yield to or resist Him. And that is just what we believe.

Career Kids Witness for Christ

by Jo Ann Hurst

The temperature was much below freezing, the wind was almost gale strength, and the chill factor was the worst of all one January evening in Metro-Washington, D. C. But the "Career Kids" who attend Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia, arrived at the appointed time. Pastor Joe Hurst would have understood if they had postponed plans to begin a religious survey and tract ministry in neighboring apartment buildings. But he was not surprised when they insisted on working their plans -- for he had had previous experience with their determination to accomplish what they set their hands to do. After the survey (and in subsequent weeks also) they attended an evangelism class with the pastor and finished the evening with refreshments in the parsonage.

The "Career Kids" are the girls from other states who have come to the capital city to work and the guys are servicemen stationed in the area. Service women attend from time to time also. Some of the young people are members of Bloss Memorial, others retain their ties with home churches, but they know Christ personally and are fundamental in faith. Many have Christian college backgrounds -- Tennessee Temple University, Bob Jones University, Moody Bible Institute, and others.

Early in the year the pastor was called away on an emergency. Hasty plans assured him that the young people would be responsible for the Sunday evening services. The church rejoiced in the service, and a visiting Navy man accepted his roommates's witness and received Christ into his life.

Murray Southwell (Ala.), left, will enter ministry when discharged from Air Force; Tony Aiello (S.C.) is a talented music grad of Tennessee Temple.



Career Kids singing group

Considerable musical talent is found among the youth. They have formed a singing group which has sung for youth rallies and area churches. Tim Carlson from Chicago, former student at Moody Bible Institute, is leader of the music group.

Murray Southwell, from Mobile, Alabama, is president of the class. Recently, he revealed his response to the Lord to enter the ministry. Murray is a graduate of Auburn University, but sees the need to obtain a Christian education and hopes to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College when his commitment to the Air Force is completed.

Nancy Van Ry from Lynden, Washington, is project/activities chairman who sparks the group in service and plenty of activity. Fellowship times include ice skating, several rap sessions, and musical practices each week. Her apartment, shared with equally dedicated roommates, Nonie Hobaugh (Mich.) and Kathy Barrett (Pa.) is a favorite gathering place. Their hospitality requirements are "Christian conduct and leave at reasonable hours".

These young people have shown many evidences as Christian witnesses on daily jobs as well as in their service, singing, and work through the church. It can be expected that opposition and discouragements will arise. They have an adversary -- but they also have the Lord. In a land where so many youths have lost their way, it is refreshing to find that these know who they are and where they are going. They hope to alter the image and destiny of youth just a bit in this volatile metro city. They recommend Christ to all who will listen.

Mrs. Hurst is the wife of Rev. Joe Hurst, pastor of Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Arlington, Va.



words for women

Mary Wisheart is head of the English Department at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

THE WONDER OF BEING A WOMAN

So God made you a woman. How wonderful. Why should you ever wish to be anything else?

When the man was made, God's creation was not complete. To complement man He created woman—a being especially designed for a special purpose. Any of God's creation is happiest and at its best filling the place God had in mind for it. We glorify God best when we live to our best as women.

God's special design for woman includes a sensitive and loving nature. She responds quickly to human needs and sufferings. Her nature seems especially designed to submit to love. This tendency toward submission often makes it easier for a woman to submit to the One who is love. Her heart is prepared to yield to Him in devotion and obedience. Women followed Him to the cross and wept with Him there. Perhaps their faith faltered also, but whoever He was, their love held them there to share His suffering. Women arrived first at the empty

tomb. And Jesus Himself gave the first message of His resurrection to a woman.

To a woman God gives that wonderful experience of sharing with Him in life giving. And through the pain comes the joy of knowing a child is born, new life. The most powerful and lasting impressions of the child's life come from those early days with his mother. The child sees and knows her first. Her personality, her attitudes and values, and her love are the first touches shaping and molding the future adult. What other group in the world has such an opportunity for shaping and molding and leaving behind a living monument.

As the creature especially designed to be a fitting mate for man, woman again has a great opportunity for influencing the world. She can make a man or destroy him. She can provide a serene place of refuge for him, not only in their home, but in the knowledge that here is one he can always count on, not compete with, one who is always in his corner.

God wants for you the beauty of His beautiful woman. I Peter 3:4 tells us this beauty does not lie in outward features, hairstyles, jewelry, rich clothes. While these may relieve the monotony, a woman is truly adorned by a beauty from within.

God's beautiful woman, like the king's daughter described in Psalm 45:13, is all glorious within. That glow comes from the quiet, poised spirit, at peace in God's will, serene in the knowledge that God has made you a woman. And being satisfied to live to your fullest in that role. Then live, your face alight with the wonder of being a woman.

The History Corner

by Mary Wisheart and Robert Picirilli

Recently Brother Henry Melvin presented to the historical collection an old issue of *The Free Will Baptist* which had originally belonged to his father.

The issue was published October 12, 1904, the same size as a modern newspaper. It is an interesting document indeed! For example, a box in the upper left corner proclaims that it is the "organ of the Free Will Baptist Church, North and South." We wonder whether the northern Free Will Baptists ever officially approved the southern paper.

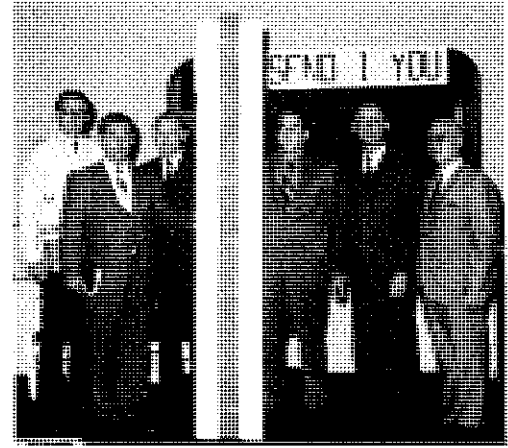
In addition to much worthwhile material, the paper carries many humorous (to us) ads for patent medicines. One ad reveals that J. M. Barfield, the paper's Business Manager (who later helped write the well-known *History of North Carolina Free Will Baptists*, by Harrison and Barfield) has become

agent for Vital Ore pills, a "wonderful medicine indeed", "charming in their effects", which "work wonders", serve as a "blood purifier", and "correct the liver and other organs." Another is seeking a sales representative to work for \$21 weekly, with "Horse and buggy furnished when necessary."

One feature is a sort of "round-about town" column which carries such interesting (?) notes as these: "Miss Annie Dudley went to Greenville Wednesday". "Mr. E. V. Cox, we are glad to note, is improving slowly." "Ye editor is away attending the Western Conference this week." "Four united with the Missionary Baptist Church here Saturday and Sunday."

The paper also has one block on the front page which lists services at all the churches in the Ayden area, including the Missionary Baptist, Methodist, Christian, and Episcopal; and after these it carries notices of meetings of the local lodges!

Before long this paper will be placed on permanent display in the historical collection. In the meantime, we are in desperate need of any and all old issues of *The Free Will Baptist* (before 1950) which we can get for the collection.



SUCCESSFUL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

High Point, N.C. — The three Free Will Baptist Churches of High Point, Greensboro, and Winston-Salem recently held their first Missionary Conference. The pastors of the churches, Rev. Jack Stallings, Greensboro, Rev. Howard Pittman, High Point, and Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Winston-Salem, had a well-planned conference sparked with enthusiasm and vision. The conference was well-covered by television, radio, and newspapers in all three cities.

Speakers for the conference were Bill Fulcher, Tom Willey, Jr., and Bobby Aycock. The people in the churches responded generously to the missionaries appeals. The churches set a goal of \$1,000. The amount given in cash and pledges amounted to \$3289.18.

Two of the churches are less than five years old. The members were challenged during the conference and are making plans for another next year.



WELCH PORTRAIT PRESENTED TO COLLEGE

Rev. John L. Welch and Dr. L. C. Johnson at the presentation of the portrait for the College library.

On March 14 the Truth Seeker's Sunday School Class of Cofer's Chapel in Nashville presented a portrait of John L. and Mary Welch to the Bible College. Mrs. Welch taught the Truth Seekers class for many years when Bro. Welch was pastor of the church. The portrait will hang in the John L. and Mary Welch Library.

"Miss Mary", as she was known to thousands, was the receptionist at the Bible College for several years. Bro. Welch also served on the College Board of Trustees. Their lives have blessed countless numbers across the entire denomination.

speakers during the meeting.

The Alumni Association held its meeting during the Bible Conference. The classes of 1951, 1961, and 1971 were given special recognition. A very profitable business session of the Alumni Association followed an Alumni banquet on Wednesday, March 17.



MISSIONS EMPHASIZED BY TOLEDO CHURCH

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio, regularly gives its people the opportunity to support Missions. The last Sunday in each month is designated as Missionary Sunday. Pictured above is a recent display used on Missionary Sunday. Rev. Fred Taylor is pastor of the Church.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT BIBLE CONFERENCE

Free Will Baptist College in Nashville announces that the Bible Conference, which was held March 14-18, was attended by capacity crowds. Over 1200 people attended the services. Rev. Gordon Sebastian, Rev. Ben Scott, Missionary Bobby Aycock, Rev. Ralph Hampton, and Dr. L. C. Johnson were

"SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TO PRODUCE MUSICAL CASSETTES"

Bill Gardner's now famous renditions of *Ship Ahoj*, *Christ Is All* and other favorite Gospel numbers are being released on cassettes by the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department. They will appear on the Randall Productions Label.

Other releases planned soon are from The Original Sound Masters of *Free Will Baptists Sing* which features Fred Hall, The Gospeliers Quartette, Bobby Jackson, Erma Lou Padgett, The Fellowship Trio and the choir of the Mountain Grove, Missouri church. Additional releases are *Look And Live* featuring the Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir directed by Mr. David Randlett and *The Fortson's*, a Carolina Girls duet. Other musical cassettes are in the planning stage.

These are available through the Sunday School Department or Randall Book Store, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.



religious newscope

CARL McINTIRE PURCHASES CALIFORNIA COLLEGE

EL CAJON, Calif. (EP) — Rev. Carl T. McIntire and his associates have obtained majority control of a small Bible college here.

The action was taken to provide students at beleaguered Shelton College in Cape May, N.J., with a place to transfer course credits and receive a degree.

The newly-acquired college is Linda Vista Baptist Bible College and Seminary. Its name will be changed to Southern California Reformation College. McIntire indicated it may be called "Shelton College of the West Coast."

The New Jersey Board of Higher Education Jan. 15 revoked the four-year college's license, to become effective at the close of this semester. The official body cited "substantial academic deficiencies" and other reasons for withdrawing accreditation.

The move to obtain control of Linda Vista was the latest of several major transactions in recent months by the radio preacher. They include the purchases of a third resort hotel in Cape May and a 300-acre complex near Cape Kennedy, which includes a \$4.5 million Hilton hotel.

McIntire, 64, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, has become nationally known for his win-the-war rallies in the capital and his five-day-a-week program the "20th Century Reformation Hour," carried on some 600 radio stations.

REPORT USSR HAS STEPPED UP NUMBER OF JEWS EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK (EP) — Reports emanating from Moscow have disclosed that an average of 15 to 25 Soviet Jews a day have been permitted to emigrate to Israel in recent weeks.

The current wave of emigration is said to be unprecedented in the history of the USSR. In a normal year, about 1,000 Jews a year are allowed to emigrate, according to Moscow sources.

The reports noted that 470 Soviet Jews have been allowed to emigrate to Israel since Jan. 1. Israeli sources have said that 92 were given authorization in the same period.

WORLD THOUGHT SEEN AS 'HODGE PODGE' OF IDEAS OF SEVEN MEN

SEATTLE (EP) — A hodge-podge of thinking today involving the ideas of seven men characterized modern thinking, according to Dr. Dave Breese, head of Christian Destiny, Inc.

The men who "rule the world from their graves," Breese said, are Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, Julius Wellhausen, John Dewey, Sigmund Freud, John M. Keynes and Sore Kirkegaard.

Breese told the State Convention of Evangelicals here that Darwin has become "the philosopher of historic optimism" whose ideas have led men to believe "we can work out our problems."

Marxist ideas of groupism have infected Western thought to the detriment of individualism," he said. Describing Wellhausen as a religious liberal who substituted human religion for Christianity, Breese said he took an external God out of religion.

As for Dewey, he made "education into a different thing," in which self expression was substituted for discipline and learning. Freud, Breese said, planted the seeds for the contemporary sexual revolution by contending that people's problems are the result of the suppression of sexual drives.

Keynes was an economist who believed "you could spend yourself rich," Dr. Breese said, adding that Keynesian ideas are now a part of Western economics.

As for Kirkegaard, this existentialist held the view that truth is experienced as against truth as an external fact. The effect of this sort of thinking, the evangelist said, is that "today rejects yesterday and forgets tomorrow." It leads to the "now generation" and the idea of "doing your own thing," he said.

Against this hodge-podge of modern thought Dr. Breese argued the case for historic Christianity. Peace, he said, can result only from the intervention of God in human lives.

RELIGIOUS WAR RAGES IN PHILIPPINES

COTABATO CITY, Philippines (EP) — Moslems and Christians continued to wage war here, threatening residents of rural Mininao Island, reports say.

Eight months of religious warfare have resulted in the deaths of some 1,000 people, local law officers said.

Officers of the Philippine constabulary indicated at least one band of Moslem outlaws was connected with the independence movement. Other parties of armed plunderers roam the rolling hill country under the umbrella of religious unity.

FIRST HOLY SEPULCHRE CHURCH UNEARTHED

JERUSALEM (EP) — Greek archeologists say they have uncovered here the remains of the first Church of the Holy Sepulchre built more than 1,600 years ago on the traditional site of Christ's Crucifixion and interment.

Prof. Athanasios Economopoulos, director of a Greek archeological and architectural team working on reconstructing the present church, told reporters:

"This is one of the most important discoveries of Christian history."

According to Christian tradition, the fourth-century Byzantine Empress Helena, mother of Constantine and Great, discovered Christ's cross on the site and vowed to build the church, which was known as the Basilica of Constantine.

The archeologist said the basilica was the first church ever built by a Christian ruler.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP -- UP IN U.S.

NEW YORK (EP) — Membership in churches of the United States is holding its own, but only barely.

An annual tally shows that membership of 230 U.S. church bodies rose 35,348 to an all-time record of 128,505,084, according to the 1971 edition of the Yearbook of American Churches.

The document, issued by the National Council of Churches, showed that the rise did not keep pace with the population rise of 1.1 per cent. The gain in church membership represented an increase of only .03 per cent. The previous year's gain was 1.6 per cent.

Latest data, accumulated in 1970 mainly for the year 1969, showed that 62.4 per cent of Americans hold church membership, as compared with 63.1 per cent of the year previous.

The Cooperative Program: Helping In The Great Commission

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world".(Matt. 28:19, 20) Thus Matthew recorded the Great Commission. That Commission is the mission of the Church. The church that fails in that mission fails to do God's will.

The Cooperative Program is an effort to implement and assist in the execution of the Great Commission. It is self-evident that no church can carry out completely the command to evangelize the entire world. The task can only be done as our churches work together.

The evangelization of the world involves more than just the sending out of foreign missionaries. To God the entire world is the field. All Christians are to be missionaries.

Let us examine how the Cooperative Program helps in this great work. Churches that give to the Cooperative Program help support the Executive Office, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, the Bible College, Church Training Service, the Retirement and Insurance program, the Laymen's Board, and the Commission on Theological Liberalism.

The Executive Department receives a specified sum each month to meet its budget. This enables it to carry on its ministry, part of which was given in last month's CONTACT. The budget is a very frugal one. Expenses are watched very carefully. The balance is divided in varying percentages as adopted at the National Association each year.

Thus, a church that contributes through the Cooperative Plan of Support gives for the sending of home and foreign missionaries, the training of those

missionaries at the Bible College, the training of laymen to support those missionaries under the program of CTS and the Laymen's Board. That church also aids those workers who have used their lives in God's work and have need of financial assistance in the days of physical retirement. That church can take pride in the fact it is helping to keep the Free Will Baptist denomination free of liberalism by giving to the Commission on Theological Liberalism.

Many states have their own cooperative programs. Most of these in turn support the national plan. Therefore, it can be seen that the Cooperative Plan of Support aids the cause of Christ on the state, national, and inter national levels.

Churches may also give designated gifts through this plan. No one would seek to discourage our people from giving where they feel a special need must be met. **THE COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT ASSURES US THAT ALL OF THE WORK IS SUPPORTED!**

BIBLES FOR BRAZIL A SUCCESS

The Foreign Mission Department reports that Denominational Bible Day, which used offerings to purchase Bibles for Brazil, is a success. Response has been excellent. Total offerings received thus far amount to \$1,690.39 with some receipts still coming in.

CONTACT sponsored Denominational Bible Day in the December 1970 issue. Rev. Dennis Wiggs, Charleston, S. C., submitted a sermon that he prepared for that day. It was published in the last issue of CONTACT.

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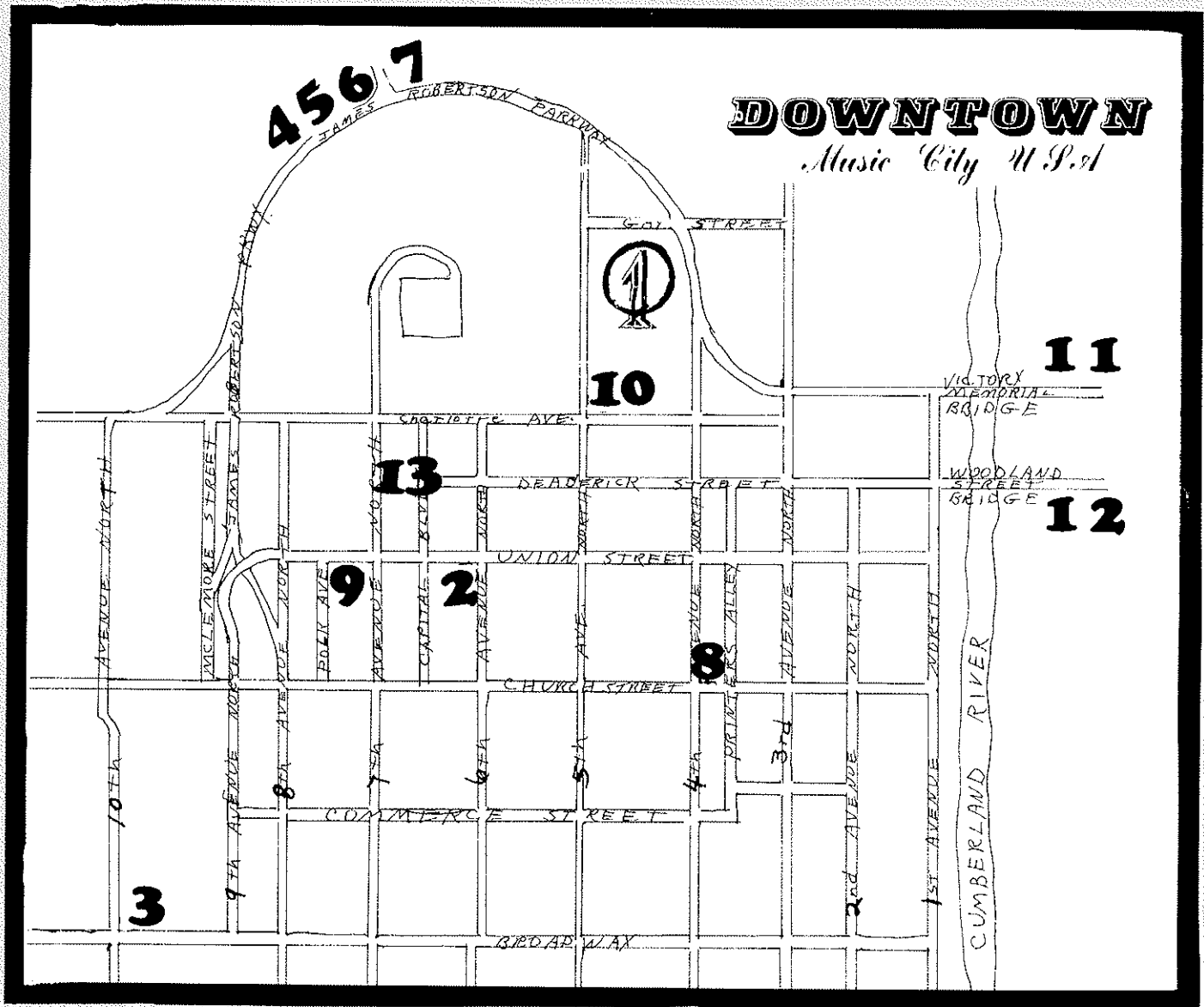
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On the opposite page is a form with which to apply for hotel or motel reservations for the Free Will Baptist Convention, July 12-15 in Nashville, Tennessee. The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce will control all room reservations. Deadline for receipt of reservations in Nashville is July 1, 1971.

Rooms are available in the following hotels and motels: Capitor Park Inn (\$13-17); Hotel Hermitage (\$15); Noel Hotel (\$14-16); Downtowner Motor Inn (\$18-20); Holiday Inn Capitol (\$18); Tudor Inn (\$16); Travelodge (\$14-18); Ramada Inn, Parkway (\$18.50); Sheraton (\$17); Downtown Quality Motel (\$15.50-16.50); Continental Inns (\$14.50-17.50). Prices shown are minimum and maximum daily rates for two persons. Additional persons in rooms cost \$2-\$5 each.

The above establishments are listed in order of their proximity to Municipal Auditorium. Most distant is less than 1 mile or 5 minutes by car.

Reservations are good until 6 p.m. on day of arrival unless special arrangements are made with the hotel or motel.

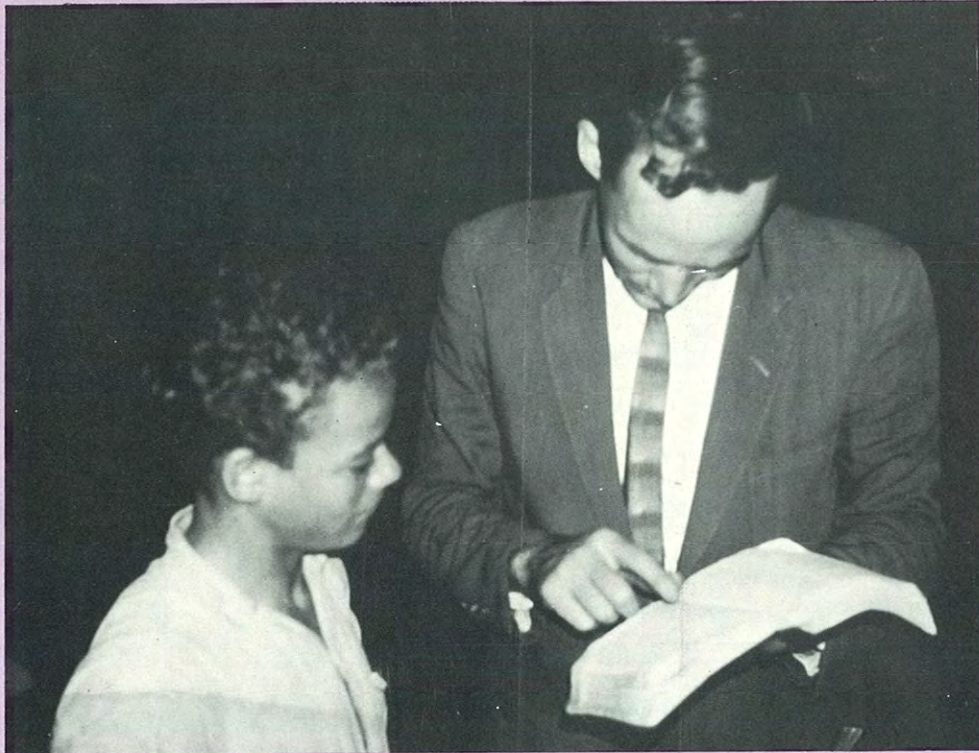
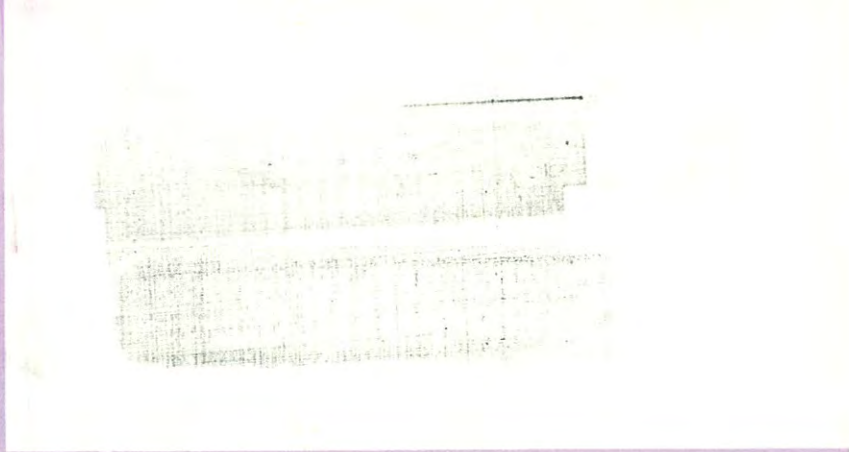


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THE WISDOM OF SOUL WINNING

“He that winneth souls is wise”. Proverbs 11:30b. Most people like the idea of being wise. Even when there is little evidence to support one’s wisdom, the desire to be wise is still evident. It is noble desire to be wise.

However, it is a vain desire unless one is willing to subscribe to the basic requirements for wisdom. In the area of Christian endeavors, winning men to Jesus Christ is a basic requirement to make one wise.

To become wise in this respect, a person must be willing and able to reach others for Christ. Many have the desire to win others to Jesus Christ, but lack the determination needed to be successful. It is in this realm that we must ask God to help us have this determination.

Then, getting involved in a consistent plan of witnessing is the next step. Speak to your friends, associates, classmates and relatives concerning your faith in Christ. As the conversation progresses, inquire of them as to *their* relationship to Jesus Christ. Make sure your questions are clear and insist on the replies relating to their relationship to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Be tackful, sincere and well armed with selected Bible verses that will assist your presentation.

Winning others to Christ is not a task to leave to chance. Every Christian can be a good witness for Him. Many could be effective soul-winners. How about you?

By RICHARD CORDELL