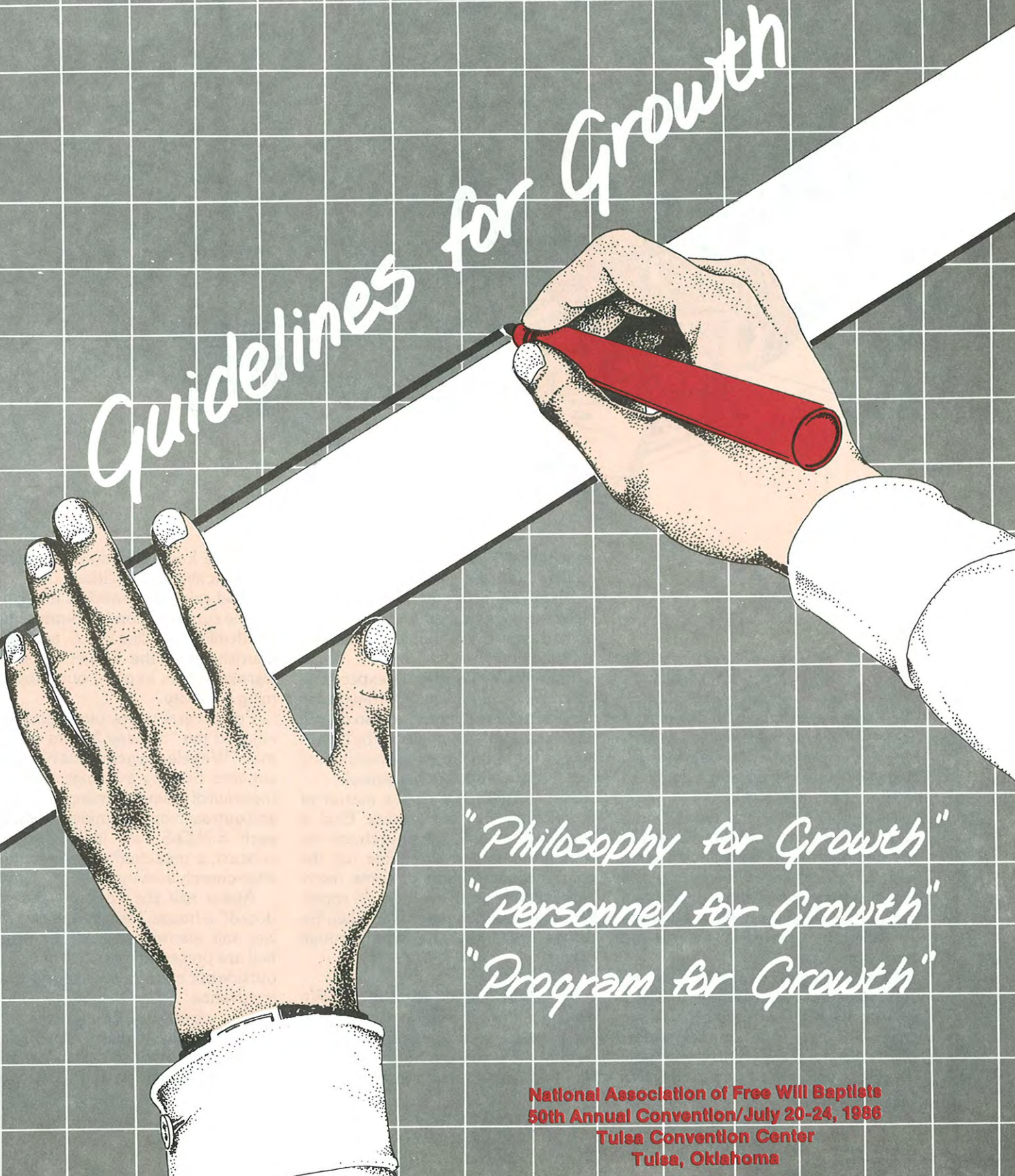


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This Summer We Grow



By Robert J. Morgan

An English poet spoke for a lot of pastors when she penned, "The summer comes with flower and bee,—Where is my brother gone?" Many of us preachers love spring, fall, even winter . . . but we could do nicely without that *other* season.

Ever notice that the word "summer" seldom slips from our ministerial lips without the accompanying term "slump"? Jesus called the fig tree the sign of summer's nearness. Lacking fig trees in the church yard, the numbers on the church board lead us to the same conclusion.

One beleaguered pastor, with an unusually sparse mid-summer's crowd, avowed he felt like the biblical judge Eglon who sat "in a summer parlor, which he had for himself alone." Others of us have turned Jeremiah's

lament that "the summer is over" into an item of praise.

Many churches in New England close for the summer, announcing on posted signs that services will resume in September!

Some of the slump is to be expected—even welcomed. Our hard-working families need vacations, and so do we. Pity the pastor who neglects the Lord's advice to "come apart for awhile and rest." Pity even more his family!

But too often, it isn't a matter of vacationing, but of vacating. God is bypassed for golf, the church for the campground, and the Bible for the boat. The dedication of some members is no longer than their ski ropes. What general can wage war when his troops are A.W.O.L. June through August?

But we needn't do nothing. We can pray, preach the gospel, plead for holiness and take advantage of the season. Solomon wrote, "He that gathers in summer is a wise

son." He knew that summer months offer exciting possibilities.

Most relocating families move during the summer months. Summertime youth ministries, like V.B.S. and camp, flourish. And the longer days and warmer nights expand our programming flexibility.

For several years our church has enjoyed the "Sunday Nights of Summer." We select a generous handful of summer Sunday evenings and pack them full of unique worship, fellowship and outreach opportunities. Typically, each S.N.O.S. will include a mini-concert, a preached message and an after-church activity.

About half the concerts are produced "in-house," using our own vocalists and instrumentalists. The other half are presented by Christians from outside our church, some booked well in advance.

Occasionally we'll devote the entire evening to the ministry of song . . . perhaps a children's musical or a sacred concert by a visiting artist.

Always we try to vary the style, using the best of classical, contemporary, traditional, and other types of music to meet needs and suit the tastes of our congregation.

The S.N.O.S. messages are brief, practical and serialized. Last year's theme was "My Problem is . . .," dealing with subjects like loneliness, depression and stress management.

This summer's series will be expositions from Proverbs entitled "Coping With Life." Specifically, we'll examine how to cope with anger, anxiety, adversity, ambition, apathy, alcohol and abrasive people. Because these services draw many visitors, the gospel is always set forth and an invitation extended.

The after-church activities are fellowship-oriented. We enjoy the usual ice-cream feasts, hot-dog fries and camp-fire songs. Last year we had "Lemonade on the Lawn" and a "Picnic in the Park."

Our most successful event last season was the "Meetin' at the Mansion," held on the stately grounds of the elegant antebellum McGavock Mansion up the street from our church. After an outdoor service from the sweeping porch, we went inside for tours and refreshments.

And there are films, skating parties, chili suppers, "Men's dessert nights," watermelon feasts, "kid's carnivals," open houses . . . the ideas are endless. Some work better than others and, yes, we've had a few flops . . . but not many.

Each evening's activity is sponsored by a different adult Sunday School class. That involves more people and keeps the social committee from self-destructing. Services begin at 6:00 p.m., conclude an hour later, and the fellowship times linger until the last rejoicing soul leaves.

We've found, of course, that publicity is essential. A specially designed brochure is mailed in late May, and our weekly newsletter fills in details throughout the season.

Children are included in our plans. One S.N.O.S. evening is usually devoted to our Bible school graduation. Many of our other hours include moments with the children in the pastor's "Kid's Korner." And they are always included in our after-service plans.

We've found a few snares to dodge. Originally, for example, we planned S.N.O.S. activities for every summer Sunday evening. That was too much of a good thing, and we quickly learned to limit ourselves to six or seven evenings a year.

We've also learned to "do it right." Nothing appalls people more than mediocrity. The challenges of the summer season demand extra prayer, extra effort and extra financing.

There's one final danger . . . that of attitude. The goal of S.N.O.S. is not to increase our statistics but to enhance our worship.

It's also to enable us to strengthen the saved and to save the lost. These evenings are designed to aid people in inviting their friends. But often too many of us count numbers like greedy David who sinfully numbered Israel, glorifying in the size of his domain.

Churches who compete statistically and pastors who brag loudly are missing the spirit of Luke in Acts, who rejoiced in the growth of the total church without pitting believers against one another. Do you really think Luke would have praised any man for having a "record" crowd on a "big" day?

The "Sunday Nights of Summer" is not a gimmick to draw crowds but a ministry to meet needs. As the genuine needs of modern sheep are touched by Spirit-filled herdsmen using prayer-bathed methods and Bible-based truths, the flock will increase in a God-honoring, not a self-congratulating, way.

It's exciting to watch. And it will happen even in the crazy, lazy, hazy days of summer. ▲



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The Angel at

By Sandra Hyatt

The feeling that I was lost started when I was 16. I had written a song called "Debate with an Angel," the account of a near suicide in which an angel intervened. One line voiced an unconscious plea: "To you my friends, I leave my soul, for I'm just lost in the beliefs I hold . . ."

I didn't know anything about God or that salvation was free for the asking. How could Heaven even exist when I could see no human justice around me? My stepmother and I certainly knew little of grace, mercy or love. She resented my presence, and I retaliated with cold intellectual insolence.

The breaking point came two months after my 18th birthday. I was trying to discuss some financial difficulties with my dad. As long as I can remember, I've wanted to be a teacher.

My hopes shattered when my stepmom came from the kitchen waving her spatula under my nose. "Your dad is not going to help you, and if you don't like it, there's the door!"

I was thrust into the world; my family relations were irreparable for almost two years. Those two years were spent in rebellion to an uncaring world. An unseen and unacknowledged Hand carried me, hid me and chastened me faithfully through this time. When I finally came to the end of myself, God sent an "angel" to me.

I was in a McDonald's in Norfolk, Virginia, on a beautiful June day—beautiful to others, burdensome to me. I had just informed God that He had to help me *today*, if He truly existed. The world had never seemed

so dark and wicked. I felt so hopeless and distraught that I could not leave the restaurant, though I had attempted to do so.

I gave up and started to take a seat with a group of strangers. But just then a woman reached out and grasped my arm. "Come and sit with my husband and me," she said. I politely obliged, not having the energy to refuse.

Mrs. Willis and her husband were Southern Baptists attending an annual convention in town. Her hair was pulled back in a pony tail, rather unbecoming for a woman in her 40's. She had been living out of her suitcase for several days and this did not help her appearance.

I was impressed by her boldness and kindness despite her looks, for in my world, only the best-looking dared to be so forward. (I saw Mrs. Willis three years later, and she was actually a very pretty woman.) God had prodded her to speak to me and she obeyed.

"Where do you think you will go if you die?" she asked. I told her that I would probably go to hell. Then the wellsprings burst and I wept uncontrollably.

She opened the Bible and read unbelievable things to me. God loved me! He sent His Son because of the way I am. This amazed me, and yet



I was gripped with fear by these new revelations.

She shared many scriptures with me, and then she and her husband bowed their heads and began to pray aloud. Everyone was staring in our direction.

My heart raced and my mind said, "You better leave now."

Then the Lord reminded me plainly, "Do any of these care whether you live or die?" I had to admit, they did not.

"Well then," came His reply, "you are hearing the truth for the first time. Listen to it!"

I bowed my head and asked for His forgiveness. My smallness and wickedness filled my thoughts, but His mercy and presence filled my soul that very hour.

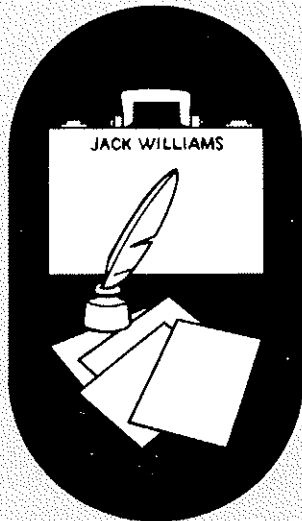
My prophetic song had come true. God sent His "angel" to me and my new life began. My strife and debate with God and man had ended. My soul was found, safe and secure in His love.

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Photo courtesy of McDonald's Corporation, Oak Brook, Illinois.

She Told The Longest Story

Briefcase



Monday evening, late. I'm back in Nashville on the downhill side of a four-day convention trip away from home. I cranked the office car and headed down Murfreesboro Road mumbling at the careless wag who left the gas tank empty—until I remembered that I was the last person to drive the car.

I stopped at a self-service station, pumped eight gallons of regular into the Volkswagen and tossed the office credit card to an attendant. She returned the card and waited for my signature.

"What's this 'National Association of Free' on here?" she asked.

I'd heard that question before. "Stands for 'Free Will Baptist,'" I said. "We ran out of room on the card."

"Oh," she chirped, "a Free Will Baptist church! I used to belong there."

I wrote the car tag number, signed the card and said, "I caught that 'used to belong.' What happened?"

She dropped her eyes, and the happiness drained from her voice, "You don't want to hear it. It's a long story."

But I did want to hear it, and told her so.

"Well," she hesitated, "when they took the bus away from Daddy, everything kind of fell apart... You wouldn't understand."

But I did understand. Her long story wasn't unique. Our communities are filled with people who "used to belong" to a Free Will Baptist church. Sometimes the reasons are as obvious as "they took the bus away from Daddy." Sometimes not.

Names and places change. Results don't. Whoever gets offended tells his children, his neighbors, his friends that the church is full of hypocrites. You know, it is a long story. And old, very old.

People drop out of church for the most uncreative reasons. And far too often we never know why. If we exerted as much effort *keeping* as we did *getting* converts, our membership rolls would be half again as large.

Who's most likely to disappear from your church? You'll be surprised at the list. Here goes.

The overworked. Strange as it seems, the "best" people may be the most likely candidates to exit. They've done too much for too long. The average overworked member holds five to seven jobs and handles them all so well that no one sees the pot about to boil.

For instance, "George" teaches a Sunday School class. He's also a deacon and a member of the Christian Education Board. He sings in the choir, chairs the program committee for the men's group, hosts a Tuesday night Bible study and leads a Thursday evening visitation team. Sound familiar?

One day he calls the pastor and resigns all his offices. The alarm goes out. George has backslidened! No, not really—he's probably burned out doing so many good things that he has no time for his family, himself or his spiritual upkeep.

The underworked. While "George" may leave because he's worked to death, "Fred" falls by the wayside because he's bored stiff. Fred expects the pastor to entertain him from the pulpit. He seldom reads his Bible and avoids church activities because "no one likes me." He doesn't volunteer for anything but hovers around the fringes of the church family. Fred will be gone a month before he's missed.

The Problem People. This group—the disillusioned, the discouraged, the broken in spirit—is desperate for emotional and spiritual support. They flutter from member to member gathering what sympathy they can from whoever will listen, and then they disappear.

They are the people we fight our battles to help, only to discover that sometimes they have needs we can't meet. They come to us hounded by years of frustration, betrayal and abuse. Then because one trip to the altar doesn't magically mend their shattered lives and erase the scars of a lifetime, they flee to a new congregation and tell their story to other eager ears.

And all our time and energy are tossed back in our faces with the accusation that we never really cared for them. The problem people disappear—and leave us twisting in the wind, our souls knotted by the guilt that we could not reassemble their lives. Yes, it's unfair, but it's part of the old story.

Are we doing what we can to keep those we win? Are we doing all we can to accept the fact that some, regardless of what we do, will leave?

Those who leave the church soon discover that there are no answers and no permanent solutions apart from God. Do we need a program to round up the drop outs? Perhaps, but first, I'd like to see us cheer up the despondent, lift up the overworked and stir up the underworked! ▲

Salvation Makes A House Call

By Mike Paramore

John chapter three records the familiar story of Christ's encounter with Nicodemus. For Dr. William Keiter of Kinston, North Carolina, the account has special significance because he strongly identifies with Nicodemus.

Both came to Jesus alone and at night. Both were highly educated, but in the words of Dr. Keiter "were too dumb to know how to get saved." Fortunately, however, both longed for God's kingdom.

For William Keiter, like many, God's simple plan of salvation was unheard in life's early years. His concept of salvation was the ever-popular theory that leading a good life would certainly guarantee a place in heaven. No one told him that he must accept Jesus as his personal Savior.

William Keiter attended prep school where church attendance was required, but was never taught how to be saved. Later, while enrolled in a church-supported college, he was required to attend chapel daily and

church on Sunday evenings but never heard how to be born again.

Never hearing anything else, Keiter's "good works theory" was constantly reinforced. Since he hadn't raped, robbed or murdered, he thought he was just fine. So far as he could determine, he was probably in the top 10 percent morally.

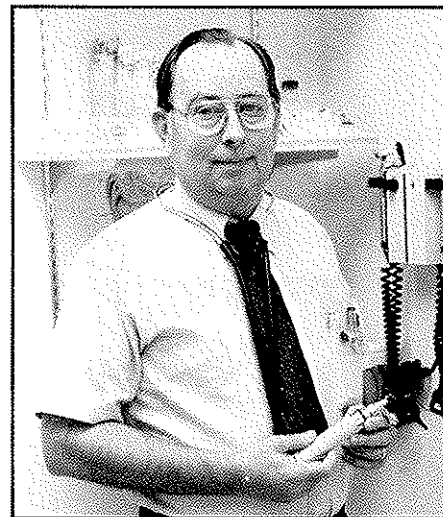
He graduated from medical school in 1960 and moved to New Haven, Connecticut for internship and residency. At this point in life, he did not attend church. Nonetheless, he felt that he was helping people through his profession and had a measure of good works to his credit.

From 1964 to 1966 Dr. Keiter practiced pediatrics in Alaska while serving in the United States Army. During this time, an emptiness crept into his life. He became disillusioned about life as the Vietnam war killed thousands of Americans and the crime rate in the United States rose sharply.

He sensed within himself a growing hostility toward people. Impatient and anxious parents were often insulting although he was trying to help their children. In general, life became a mess.

During this time he began to wonder about himself and if he really was the good person he had always thought. A growing concern over aging, death and what lay beyond plagued him.

In 1966 Dr. Keiter returned to Kinston to help his father, Dr. William Keiter, Sr., with his local pediatric practice. (The Keiter family has quite a medical background. His father, a pediatrician, married a nurse. His two brothers are both medical doctors and one brother married a pediatrician.) Dr. Keiter's father had operated what is now the Kinston Children's Clinic since 1935 and was happy to have his son back in Kinston working with him.



As the years passed, William Keiter's concern over his soul and his mortality intensified. He turned to the Bible in hopes of finding some answers for his despair.

He had first become interested in the Bible in the eighth grade when he took an elective Bible course. Although the plan of salvation was not presented in the class, he was fascinated by God's dealings with different Bible characters. Now at age 39, however, he began to read the Bible seriously. He was looking for solutions to bothersome questions.

Despite his determination to search the scriptures, Dr. Keiter found it difficult to understand the Bible's message. Even the notes in the Scofield Bible that he bought did not help much. Still, he studied diligently.

He soon learned that the book of Revelation dealt with the future. Since he was worried about his own personal future, he decided to read it and look for information that might have implications for his approaching years. The book was a real mystery!

Nonetheless, he did determine that a great battle was going to take place between God and Satan. Chapter 19



Dr. William Keiter in his Kinston, North Carolina office.

got his attention, and Dr. Keiter realized that he needed to know more about the Jesus described in that passage. Late one night after work, he prayed to understand the phrase, "Jesus died for my sins," and asked God to make Himself known.

Two days later Dr. Keiter had a strong impulse to browse in a local bookstore. His eye caught the front of a paperback titled *The Late Great Planet Earth*. He could tell by the cover that it dealt with Revelation and the end of time.

He bought the book thinking that it might help him understand more clearly the biblical book he found so intriguing. After reading the book, Dr. Keiter felt so enlightened that he looked for other books by Hal Lindsey. Soon thereafter, he had read *Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth* and *The Liberation of Planet Earth*.

The last book explained to him that a sinner is lost and unable to be in the presence of a holy God except through the finished work of Jesus at Calvary. Dr. Keiter realized that he was not a relatively good person on the way to heaven, but a condemned sinner on his way to hell. It was a revelation to him.

Late one night while studying the message, he asked God to save him. Salvation made a house call.

Almost immediately, the electronic church preachers started making sense and he soon gained a broader understanding of his salvation. His natural timidity kept him an electronic church member for almost six years.

But his growing guilt over not being baptized, and the encouragement of his television pastor to join a fundamental church caused him to start looking for a church home. When his wife Martha had an operation, he was frightened that God was running out of patience with him.

After visiting several Kinston churches in 1980, Dr. Keiter and his wife decided on Bethel Free Will Baptist Church pastored by David Paramore. He did not grow spiritually until he left the electronic church and got under the influence of sound preaching and good Christian fellowship. On July 20, 1980, Dr. Keiter was baptized at Bethel by his pastor.

Dr. Keiter remains a diligent student of God's Word. When he is not on call

at the hospital, he helps teach an adult Sunday School class. He and his wife are favorites of the people at Bethel and are loved and respected for their faithfulness.

Dr. Keiter gives credit for any spiritual growth to his "favorite preacher"—his pastor, David Paramore. He refers to Rev. Lee Whaley (assistant pastor at Bethel) as his "other favorite pastor."

Dr. Keiter feels that his spiritual growth has helped him in his medical practice. First, he has gained control over his anger and hostility. Even patients noticed a remarkable change in his disposition soon after his conversion.

Second, the Holy Spirit has strengthened him in stressful situations that frequently occur in the daily routines of medical doctors.

Third, Dr. Keiter has done work in the areas of diagnosis and treatment that he claims have been beyond his knowledge and intelligence. One such instance occurred when a 9-year-old child with a mild fever and a slightly red throat was brought to him.

Dr. Keiter had some question as to whether the child's neck was slightly stiff, indicating the possibility of meningitis. After several examinations, he

felt that the child's neck was not resistant to flexing. Dr. Keiter made a decision to send the child home with a prescription.

However, as he was writing the prescription, a feeling of extreme panic and fear came over him. This severe uneasiness caused him to reconsider his decision and do a spinal tap on the child. The child did have meningitis and was treated immediately for the problem.

Another example of the Holy Spirit's special assistance concerned a patient's diagnosis that had "intusception." Given the specifics of the case, two fellow physicians were quite puzzled as to how he had made the accurate diagnosis.

Although Dr. Keiter credits the Holy Spirit with helping him with difficult diagnoses, he always tests his hypotheses with appropriate lab tests, x-rays and consultations with other doctors. He is thankful that God has allowed man to discover truths in medicine and that God has given him the opportunity to study and use this information to help others.

Dr. William Keiter is no longer troubled over his soul, aging or even death. In fact, Dr. Keiter looks forward to the future with excitement. He expects the Lord's return in his lifetime. However, if he should die before this great event takes place, he has requested that "Victory in Jesus" be sung at his funeral.

What a difference in the life of this doctor when salvation made a house call!

One final point. Dr. Keiter insisted that the plan of salvation be included with the article. Here it is—

Romans 3:23—All men are sinners.

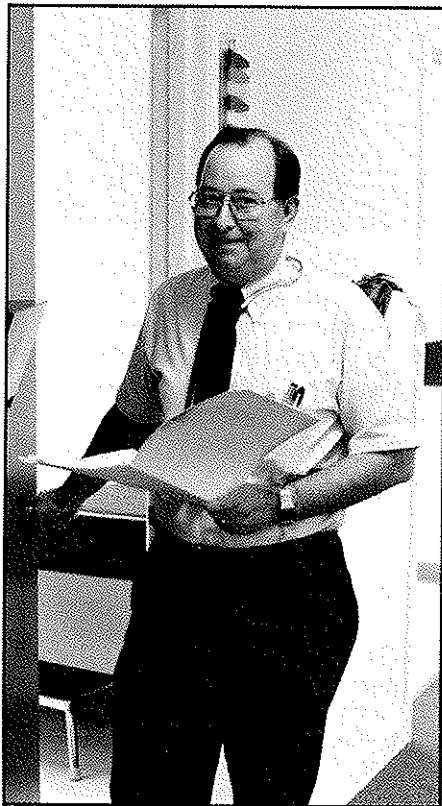
Romans 6:23—The outcome of sin is death, but God has offered man eternal life.

Romans 5:8—Christ died for us.

1 John 1:9—If we confess our sins, He will forgive us and cleanse us.

Romans 10:9-13—Men must call on the Lord to save them, believe on Jesus' death and resurrection, and confess Him.

Ephesians 2:8—Good works have nothing to do with salvation, but faith in God's gracious gift. ▲



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The View From Pisgah

Providing For Older Ministers



By Steven R. Hasty

Every faithful minister climbs Pisgah sooner or later. The journey spans a lifetime. Youthful optimism yields to mature objectivity as the trek across the sands of time stretches into 40 years instead of the four months many expected.

Each minister experiences disappointing "majority reports," bitter-made-sweet waters of Marah, and the battles won only by hands uplifted in prayer. Yet whatever his lot, as his shoulders stoop, the man of God learns to look for the divinely-provided morning manna with its characteristic sweetness as well as the hoped-for evening quail.

From high atop Pisgah's peak, lesser summits are clearly seen, while the dark caverns remain shaded from memory's view. In the brisk mountain air of accomplishment, the older minister is caught somewhere between retrospect and the fascinating prospect of things yet to come. All seems glorious for the victorious minister. But is it?

The Minister's Need

Where will he spend his last days? In a house or a hovel? While his health diminishes, will he work ensured that his declining usefulness is maximized? Or will he be snared by the meager fare of his limited circumstances?

The answer, to a large degree, depends on the local church. The average Free Will Baptist pastor now approaching retirement years spent most of his ministry without benefit of a Board of Retirement to which his church could send a regular contribution. Neither was there a generous company employer promising a stable pension after 30 or 40 years of service.

Instead, they had to do the best they could. Though they should have salted away a portion of their income for a retirement nest egg, most were busy making financial sacrifices so that their churches could have a full-time pastor.

For many pastors, it became impractical to provide for future retirement, especially in light of day-to-day struggles to raise their family. There were some, of course, who did it, but they were the exception.

For every man who found adequate provision, it's estimated that another hundred did not. From those who beamed forth the light of the Word to a dying world, there's a call now ringing o'er the restless wave, "Send some help, Lord, please!"

The church responded in the past. Back in the 40's and 50's, when so many men helped our rural churches step from monthly meetings to weekly meetings, the minister who moved into the community was provided a parsonage.

The itinerant farmer-preacher usually had his own home and income in a nearby community. On the other hand, the newly-called resident pastor who moved into a settlement from another region of the country, did not.

But what about now? As he awaits that "house not made with hands," will some human hands help provide him and his wife a home at this last stop alongside the highway to Heaven?

One Church's Example

A case in point is the Bellview FWB Church of Colquitt, Georgia, when Pastor Damon Dodd retired. Damon and Sylvia Dodd were the first married students to arrive at Free Will Baptist Bible College when it opened in 1942. They graduated in the college's first graduating class of 1944.

This couple served our denomination long and well, pioneering many ministries that we now consider essential. For instance, Brother Dodd was one of our first executive secretaries, traveled extensively as the first Home Missions director, while conducting revival meetings as an evangelist. He also served as missionary to Cuba alongside the legendary "Pop" Willey.

Until recent years, he served on the Board of Trustees at Free Will Baptist Bible College and was a frequent contributor to *Contact*. He authored at least five books, beginning in 1958 with the publication of *The Free Will Baptist Story*.

A major portion of his later ministry was spent pastoring three Georgia churches—First FWB Church in Savannah, New Home and Bellview FWB Churches outside Colquitt. He retired in 1985, acknowledging that marginal health no longer permitted full-scale involvement in the rigorous ministry of pastoring. While planning to continue in the areas of pulpit supply and writing, the most immediate question was, "Where do I live now?"

While in the midst of purchasing a home in another city, which was equi-

distant between two daughters, the Dodds were asked by the Bellview Church to stay in the Colquitt area. The church offered to purchase any home for them. It seemed too good to be true.

It wasn't. They were shown a three-bedroom, two-bath home built in 1979 and located on two acres of land formerly owned by a long-time, personal friend who had been a prominent church member and leading figure in the community.

The Dodds favored the country setting, though the church was prepared to purchase a home closer to town if that would have suited them better. The house was well-built, insulated and carpeted throughout.

Sitting in front of an open fireplace, Brother Dodd related the terms of the arrangement in response to my request. The home was to be theirs as long as either of them lived, though the deed was in the church's name. The local congregation accepted responsibility for maintenance of the home and provided insurance. The Dodds paid only their utilities.

Multiple Benefits and Options

There are many reasons why churches are beginning to respond to the needs of these older ministers. It can best be described as a "spiritual boomerang." More than just helping the ministerial couple, several immediate and long-term benefits may be realized by the local congregation. Such an arrangement:

1. Enables the elder minister to serve the needs of senior church members as health permits.
2. Provides continuity in the church's ministry, a sort of bridge between the past and present.
3. Provides the church with a good reason to make a financial investment for the future so that:
 - a. the church can plan and provide for a multiple-staff potential,
 - b. the church may add to the total acreage owned where it is located.
4. Allows lay people to express gratitude—those who were ministered to begin to minister.

The church which aims at nothing usually hits it. If it does not plan for growth, it will not grow. The opposite is also true. A house formerly bought for and used by a retired ministerial

couple can be an important asset, if and when the church decides to hire a minister of music, youth minister or associate pastor.

The idea has several variations. The church should decide whether it would be possible and advantageous to pay cash and escape the interest incurred through financing, or whether to arrange for short or long-term payments, thereby maintaining a cash reserve.

Other questions should be considered as well. Should the house be church-owned or minister-owned? Should it be located adjacent to the church property, across the street or across town? Perhaps two or more smaller churches could join in a cooperative venture.

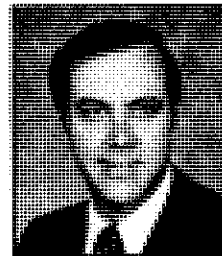
It is not inconceivable that a state association may wish to accept a land donation for such a retirement complex or purchase the land outright. They may wish to locate it near the state office where there is strength, or in an area where strength is needed.

Such a project, like our youth camps would have to start small and expand later. Youth camps and retirement villas could be located on the same complex, providing the residents and transients with the flavor of the old camp meetings of a by-gone era.

Just a Hint

Brother Dodd said it best: "If there were just a hint in the right direction, there are several churches that would be flattered to have the opportunity to make an offer like this to a retired minister."

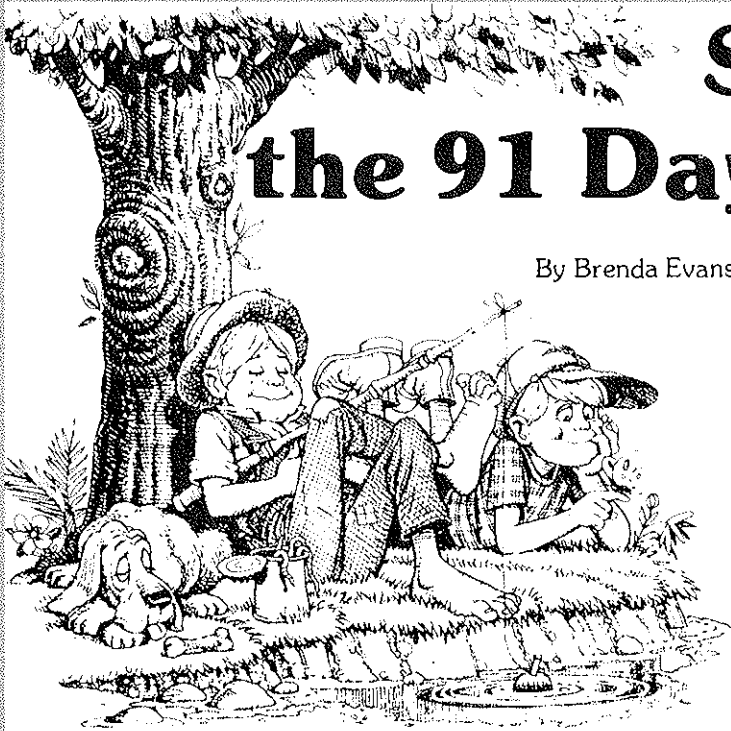
How many others are nearing Pisgah's summit? Is there a faithful couple who has forsaken houses and land for Christ's sake living in your city or state? Or could it be the one who preached in your church's pulpit last Sunday? ▲



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Surviving the 91 Days of Summer

By Brenda Evans



By the middle of June when I should be crooning, "Summertime, and the living is easy," I'm usually screaming *fortissimo* at the kids, biting my nails again and praying for Labor Day to come early this year.

What to do with three sons, an untrained cocker spaniel, two kittens and four fishbowls of guppies for the 91 days of summer vacation is—to put it mildly—challenging.

From my friends' and my own experience, I've learned a few survival tactics that help ease me through those 13 weeks between report cards and the beginning of a new school year.

At the top of my list is *making plans*. I sit down in May with the dogs, cats, guppies, my husband and children to decide on 13 things to do during summer vacation—one per week. I ask for suggestions and offer choices so that the final list of ideas is not my plan, but our plan for the summer.

As you might suspect the first suggestion they make is usually a big, expensive vacation. But by the time the session is over the vacation trip is whittled down to manageable size.

If the boys are willing to work at neighborhood chores to earn money for the trip, then the plans are expanded a bit. Our idea is: First we work, then we play.

The remaining 12 suggestions include at least one thing only one

or two family members really want to do. The rest of us give in and agree to make the event fun just to please that person.

We also try to make one plan that includes helping someone outside our family. It might be washing windows for a widow or widower, distributing advertising for a mission church or Vacation Bible School, or taking a lonely child to the zoo.

When we settle on an activity, we schedule it on the calendar. Giving the boys a say in the planning holds down the whining. And if our older children opt to work, they participate only if they are free to do so.

Quiet-time projects such as reading and certain hobbies are not on our list because those are year-round activities at our house. In fact, deciding what to do each summer usually follows at least one of these five criteria:

1. Is it something most of us want to do?
2. Is it something we've always wanted to do but never have?
3. Does it cost nothing (or almost nothing)?
4. Is it out-of-doors?
5. Is it an active, not a passive, activity?

Like most red-blooded American families, camping trips have been on our list most summers. We prefer short ones at nearby farms, lakes or national forests. Away from crowds. We prefer overly friendly cows, farm pond turtles and screaming peafowls to noisy campgrounds.

In fact, a saying among us is that no family can fully appreciate how com-

plicated ordinary life can get until they spend a rainy weekend in a 12' x 16' tent.

Over the years some of our favorites have been:

—one day hikes into national forests complete with back packs and cooking gear.

—amateur spelunking in *safe* caves at a nearby state park.

—picnics livened up by a scavenger hunt. (Each person has an hour to find a rock larger than an egg but smaller than an orange, blades of three different kinds of grass, a beetle with a red spot, five different kinds of leaves—no poison ivy, please, a nuisance bug such as a fly, roach, tick, flea, a piece of moss, an earthworm, and a garter snake.)

—building tree houses.

—walks along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers watching barge traffic.

—visiting nearby historical sites, festivals and fairs.

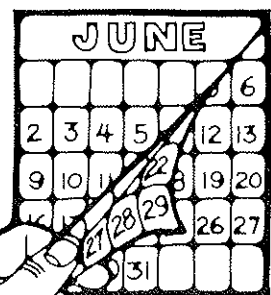
—watching the reenactment of Civil War battles at various battle sites in the south and midwest.

—backyard campouts reinforced with insect repellent for the mosquitos with 47 teeth and hummingbird wings.

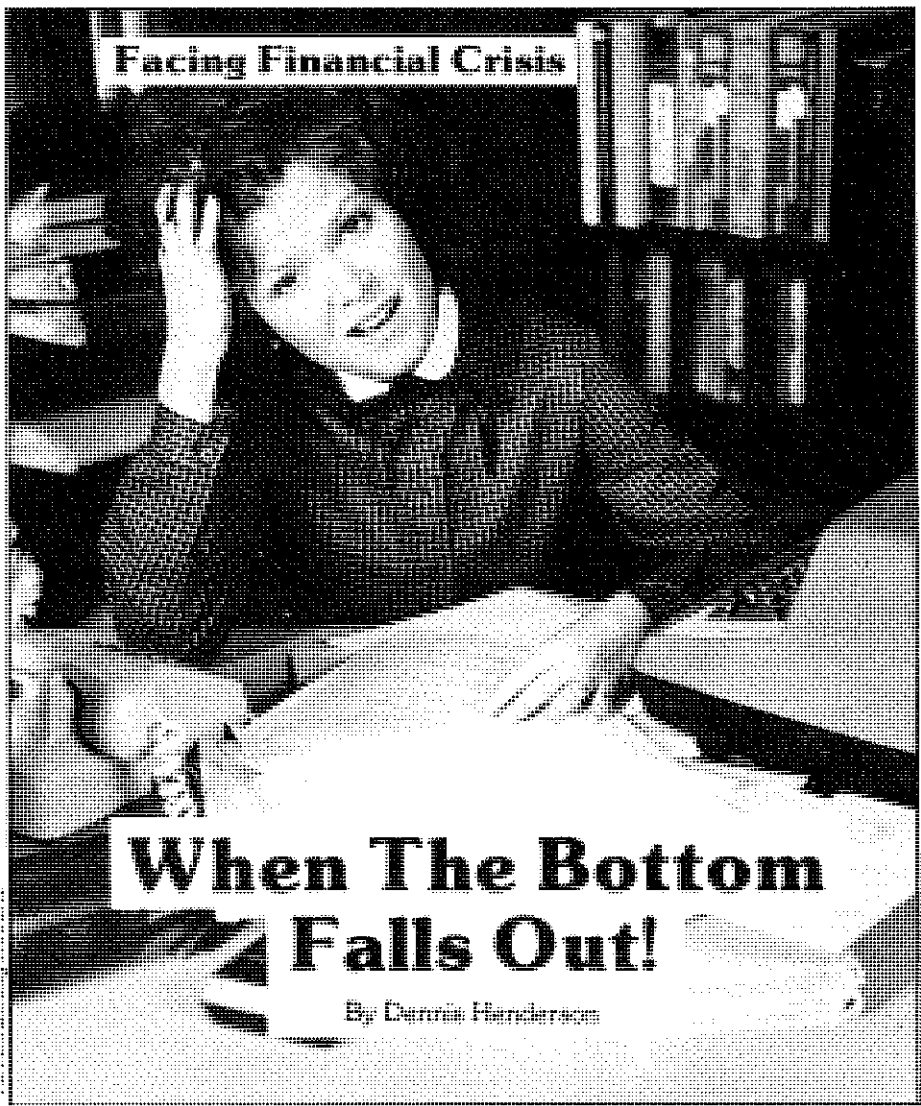
—exploring creeks and small rivers for interesting plant and animal life.

Our summer activities are for fun and relaxation. Sometimes they are educational or spiritually uplifting, too. But if the car quits on the interstate or it rains, we count on that as the *real* beginning of our summer adventure.

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Facing Financial Crisis



When The Bottom Falls Out!

By Dennis Henderson

Defeated! That's what his slow walk into the room shouted. His head bowed and his shoulders drooped. His voice reminded me of a slow, dripping faucet; the words slipped from his mouth in a monotone.

A young man in his 30's, he had come to a Christian counseling center for help. It fell my responsibility on that day, as a practicum counseling student, to counsel this client.

Before long I felt as bad as he did. His story was overwhelming. The discouragement he expressed in words and actions made me feel he had been fitted for and was now wearing a concrete suit. Somehow, I had to chisel through and free him from this bondage.

What could pull a man down to such despair? By his admission, for the first time he was unable to control his

life; his business was going under. Where once he had been an achiever, he could now only struggle to the office. After arriving he would sit for hours staring at stacks of bills and orders as fear paralyzed him.

At home his mind constantly focused on his failure. He withdrew from his wife and children and found himself contributing little to his Sunday School class which had been a place of great ministry for him. "And now," he said, "I don't know what to do."

Emotional Effects of Debt

A financial crisis is potentially one of the most devastating blows a person can encounter. The origins of financial reverses may vary, but the feelings that accompany them do not. Defeated, helpless, hopeless, fearful, failure—all are descriptive of a person gripped by financial crisis.

The rich young ruler who left Jesus sorrowful because of his many riches exemplifies the potential powerful impact that money can have in our lives (Luke 18:23).

It's not difficult to understand why professionals have come to view the response to financial loss in the same emotional arena as the loss of a loved one.

In her classic work *On Death and Dying*, Elizabeth Kubler Ross suggests a stage theory concerning the process of human grief. She contends that feelings of denial are followed by anger, bargaining, depression and, finally, acceptance. Though some may skip stages and others may bog down, in general, people tend to pass along these emotional paths.

Both human loss and financial loss include a process on the emotional level. The victim of financial loss must not be expected to immediately express acceptance. The well-meaning comforter who does not comprehend this principal is destined to heap further suffering on his/her friend.

The time necessary to process emotions related to financial loss will depend upon the individual as well as the nature of the setback. It is clear, however, that acceptance is the essential objective.

As Christians, we can be assured that at some point during our financial trauma it will be possible to claim Romans 8:28, knowing that God will make all things work together for good for them who love God. This promise of God's control brings peace that the world cannot give (John 14:27).

There is no value that can be placed on the knowledge that God will not allow anything into my life that I cannot bear. He will, instead, provide a way of escape so that I may be able to bear it (I Corinthians 10:13). This point of realization and acceptance does not occur at the same time for every believer. Eventually attention must be focused on action to overcome financial reversal.

Overcoming Debt

Our society is characterized by a mentality that creates the ingredients for financial setback.



FALLS OUT (From page 11)

Howard Dayton states in his book, *Your Money: Frustration or Freedom*, "The modern American is a person who drives a bank-financed car over a bond-financed highway on credit-card gas to open a charge account at a department store so he can fill his savings and loan financed home with installment purchased furniture".

Pressure, tension, anxiety grow as debt accumulates. Hospital bills, failed investments, auto breakdowns and home repair are just a few possible sparks that may ignite a wildfire of emotions related to finances.

How can this explosion be avoided? The simple answer is to get out of debt. In *How You Can Manage Your Money*, John Warren Johnson declares that you can escape the trap of debt if you set your mind to it. Here are steps he suggests:

1. Make a complete list of all people and institutions to whom you owe money and how much.
2. Add up those amounts so you'll have an idea of the size of the total problem.

3. Make a list of all of the monthly payments you have promised to make. Add these up to see how much you have committed yourself to pay every 30 days.
4. Start giving a set percentage of your income to God every Sunday.
5. Have a garage sale. All cash from this sale should then be sent to your creditors to reduce your installment debt.
6. Add no new debts under any circumstances.
7. Have a "plastic party." Cut up all credit cards and determine to buy with cash only.
8. Discipline yourself to set aside 25 percent of your take-home pay to reduce installment debt. Checks should then be a proportional percentage of what you owe each creditor.
9. Write a short note to each of your creditors; explain the predicament you are in and what you are going to do about it.
10. Stick to your plan tenaciously. Remember, this plan includes total abstinence from purchasing anything else.

Obviously the road to financial freedom is not easy, but it will work if you don't quit!

There are special circumstances where bankruptcy becomes an alternative. Certainly scripture supports a Christian paying his debts. This responsibility every believer must assume. The fact is, however, Christian couples have been forced into bankruptcy.

Dayton explains, "... but once again, the only responsibility of a faithful steward is to do our part. And our part is to diligently try to pay back debts, to try to avoid bankruptcy and to recognize that God's part is to control the circumstances surrounding a potential bankruptcy.

There are principles to live by that will be helpful in avoiding many financial setbacks, according to Larry Burkett in *Your Finances In Changing Times*.

First, learn daily to surrender to God every financial decision large or small. Second, accept God's wisdom for every decision. Third, the tithe should be given as the minimum testimony to God of His ownership. A fourth suggestion is to seek other people with whom to share, even if it requires a sacrifice to do so.

By the way, remember the guy in the suit of concrete? Together we worked through his depression to the point of acceptance. Through a slow step-by-step process, through prayer and practical action, he found hope, direction, and freedom.

Are you facing financial struggles? There is hope. God sometimes uses another person to give us counsel. Don't hesitate to share your dilemma with a friend or a qualified financial advisor.

Financial freedom can be ours if we can learn to discipline ourselves and seek first His kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). He promises to meet all our needs, drawing from His limitless resources (Philippians 4:19).▲

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Getting Serious

By Floyd Wolfenbarger

We must get serious about serious things. Our society is geared in such a way that we are too serious about frivolous things.

People can easily part company with someone who doesn't root for the same ball team. We spend months securing permits, buying supplies, putting coats of tung oil on our musket so that we can brave the cold and shoot a deer.

Duck hunters, bass fisherman, chess players, golfers, hog callers, hoop shooters and sports fans all have something in common. We are prone to take frivolous things too seriously.

This error is bad enough, but it's compounded by the fact that we treat serious matters frivolously. Prayer, Bible reading and witnessing are important matters to the Christian faith, but are often treated as if they were trinkets—nice to have but certainly not critical.

In America, every 23 seconds a teenage girl gets pregnant. Every 23 seconds an unborn child is murdered. Every 23 minutes someone is killed in an auto accident caused by drunkenness. It's difficult to generate any passion to stop the sky rocketing influence of secular humanism in our schools, on TV or in the media.

As grave as these matters are, we go laughingly through life sitting in our comfortable pews. When Jesus engaged the Old Dragon in the conflict which would crush the serpent's head, His sweat became as great drops of blood. He was serious, and His disciples slept. He pleaded more than once for them to watch and pray. However, they returned to their slumber. You see, they had some serious dreaming to do, probably about fishing.

Let's get serious about serious matters!▲

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Theme: "Guidelines For Growth"



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50th Annual Session/July 20-24, 1986 Tulsa Convention Center Tulsa, Oklahoma

THEME: "Guidelines For Growth"

MODERATOR: Bobby Jackson

MUSIC COORDINATOR: Blaine Hughes

ORGANIST: Debbie Burden

PIANIST: Frank Breeden

REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Yvonne Wolfenbarger

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Radisson Excelsior

CONVENTION OFFICE: Tulsa Convention Center
Arena Show Office

SUNDAY MORNING/July 20

10:00-10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL (Adults) Convention Center
Arena

Presiding: Robert Owen
Music: Southeastern Free Will Baptist College

Adult Teacher:

10:00-10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL (Youth) Radisson Excelsior

Primary/Junior: Fort Smith Council Oak Room
Puppet Team

Teen: YET Team International Ballroom

10:45 Intermission

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP (Adults) Convention Center
Arena

Presiding: Robert Owen
Song Service: Danny Thomas
Call to Worship: Southeastern Free Will Baptist College

Offertory: Frank Breeden
Solo: Beverly Riggs

MESSAGE: J. D. Norris, Jr.

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP (Youth) Radisson Excelsior
Primary/Junior Church: Council Oak Room
Allen & Jill Pointer
Teen Church: Len Davenport International Ballroom

SUNDAY AFTERNOON/July 20

3:00 REGISTRATION for National Convention and WNAC Convention Center
Gallery

3:00 REGISTRATION for National Youth Conference Westin Hotel
Plaza Foyer

4:00 Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal Convention Center
Arena Stage

5:00 Usher Orientation Convention Center
Arena Back Stage

SUNDAY EVENING/July 20

7:00-8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE Convention Center
Arena

Presiding: Millard Sasser
Song Service: Cliff Donoho
Special Music: Free Will Baptist Bible College

Offertory: Truth & Peace
Solo: Fred Hall
Speaker: Carl Vallance

8:30 Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal Convention Center
Arena Stage



PROGRAM (From page 13)

8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Gallery
8:30-10:00	NYC Registration Continues	Westin Hotel Plaza Foyer
9:00-11:00	NYC Activities (See National Youth Program)	Westin Hotel

MONDAY MORNING/July 21

7:00	NYC Breakfast (staff, judges and officials)	Westin Hotel Studio 304
7:30-9:00	Master's Men Board	Radisson Excelsior Westminster Room
8:00-8:45	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast	Radisson Excelsior Philbrook Room
8:30	Registration Continues	Convention Center Gallery
8:30	NYC Competitive Activities (See National Youth Program)	Westin Hotel
9:00	GENERAL BOARD Convenes	Radisson Excelsior Buckingham/Windsor
9:00-10:30	Foreign Missionary Orientation	Convention Center Arena Back Stage
9:00-11:00	WNAC Nominating Committee	Radisson Excelsior Dover Room
9:00-11:45	WNAC Executive Committee	Radisson Excelsior Gilcrease Room

MONDAY AFTERNOON/July 21

12:00-12:45	WNAC Executive Committee Luncheon	Radisson Excelsior Philbrook Room
12:00-1:15	General Board Luncheon	Radisson Excelsior Remington Room
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities (See National Youth Program)	Westin Hotel
1:30	GENERAL BOARD Reconvenes	Radisson Excelsior Buckingham/Windsor
1:30-2:30	WNAC Seminar Theme: "Women and Church Growth"	Radisson Excelsior Manchester/Geneva
3:00-4:00	WNAC Presidents and Field Workers	Radisson Excelsior Russell Room
3:00-5:00	Home Missions Church Planters Rally Speaker: Roy Thomas	Radisson Excelsior Buckingham/Windsor
4:00	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena Stage
5:00	Learner/Adventurer Picnic	Williams Center The Picnic
5:00	Instrumental Ensemble Practice	Convention Center Arena Stage

5:00 EXHIBIT AREA OPEN Convention Center Exhibit Hall-A

MONDAY EVENING/July 21

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Arena
	Presiding: Doice McAlister Song Service: Randy Sawyer Call to Worship: Oklahoma Ministers Quartet Music: Mass Adult Choir/Doug Little, Director	
	Session Called to Order and Moderator Introduced: Waldo Young, Clerk	
	Report of Committee on Committees: Bobby Jackson, Moderator	
	Welcome to Tulsa: Connie Cariker Oklahoma Executive Secretary	
	Offertory: Herman Hersey	
	Solo: Malcolm Fry	
	MESSAGE: "Philosophy For Growth" Bob L. King	

7:00-8:30	NYC Keynote Service	Convention Center Assembly Hall
	Speaker: Howard Gwartney	
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall-A
8:30	Men's Chorale Rehearsal	Convention Center Arena Stage
8:30-10:00	Registration Continues	Convention Center Gallery
9:00-11:00	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Westin Hotel Oklahoma North
9:00-11:00	Youth Activities	Convention Center Assembly Hall
10:30	Exhibit Area Closed	

TUESDAY MORNING/July 22

7:00-8:15	Music Ministries Breakfast	Radisson Excelsior Woodward Room
7:00-8:30	Home Missions Board Breakfast	Radisson Excelsior Philbrook Room
8:00	NYC Activities (See National Youth Program)	Westin Hotel
8:30	Registration Continues	Convention Center Gallery
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall-A
9:00	WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION	Convention Center Assembly Hall
	Presiding: June Rolan, President	

9:00-11:00 BIBLE CONFERENCE Convention Center
Arena

Presiding: Connie Cariker
Song Service: Joseph Cutler

9:00 Music: Hillsdale FWB College
Speaker: R. E. Pixley

10:00 Music: Southeastern FWB College
Speaker: Brian Atwood

11:10 WNAC Missionary Service Convention Center
Message: Sherwood Lee Arena

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/July 22

12:15-1:30 Friends of Hillsdale College Radisson Excelsior
Luncheon Manchester/Geneva
Speaker: Billy Melvin

12:15-1:30 State Leaders Luncheon Radisson Excelsior
Remington Room

1:00 NYC Competitive Activities Westin Hotel
(See National Youth Program)

1:30 WNAC Reconvenes Convention Center
Assembly Hall

1:30-3:30 BIBLE CONFERENCE Convention Center
Reconvenes Arena

Presiding: Norwood Gibson
Song Service: Jerry Pilgrim

1:30 Music: Watchmen Quartet
Dan & Teresa Runion
Speaker: Wayne Phillips

2:30 Music: Free Will Baptist Bible College
Speaker: Nuel Brown

4:00 Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal Convention Center
Arena Stage

5:00 Instrumental Ensemble Practice Convention Center
Arena Stage

5:00-6:45 WNAC Fellowship Dinner Radisson Excelsior
International Ballroom

TUESDAY EVENING/July 22

7:00-8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE Convention Center
Arena

Presiding: Ralph Hampton
Song Service: Raymond Lee
Call to Worship: Hillsdale FWB College
Offertory: Mass Adult Choir/Doug Little, Director

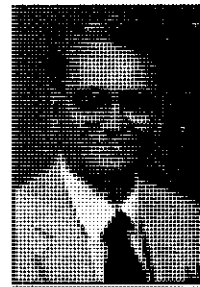
Solo: Carla Williams

MESSAGE: "Personnel For Growth"
Frank Wiley

8:30 Exhibit Area Open Convention Center
Exhibit Hall-A

8:30 Men's Chorale Rehearsal Convention Center
Arena Stage

8:30 Historical Commission Convention Center
Arena Show Office



Pixley



Phillips



Atwood



Brown

8:30-10:00 Registration Continues Convention Center
Gallery

9:00-10:00 Learner/Adventurer Activities Westin Hotel
Oklahoma North

9:00-11:00 Youth Banquet Westin Hotel
Plaza Ballroom

10:30 Exhibit Area Closed

WEDNESDAY MORNING/July 23

7:00-8:30 Master's Men Breakfast Radisson Excelsior
Speaker: Kevin Parrish Buckingham/Windsor

8:00-12:00 NYC Competitive Finals Westin Hotel
Plaza Central/South

8:30 Exhibit Area Open Convention Center
Exhibit Hall-A

8:30 Registration Continues Convention Center
Gallery

9:00-12:00 CONVENTION BUSINESS Convention Center
SESSION Arena

Moderator's Message: Bobby Jackson

Report of Credentials Committee
and Seating of Delegates
Partial Report of General Board
Partial Report of Nominating Committee

REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS
(Board members are elected at conclusion
of each report.)

Executive Office: Melvin Worthington
Home Missions: Roy Thomas
Master's Men: James Vallance
Board of Retirement: Herman Hersey
FWB Foundation: Herman Hersey



PROGRAM (From page 15)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/July 23

12:00	REGISTRATION CLOSES	
12:00-1:15	Foreign Missions Advance Luncheon	Radisson Excelsior Manchester Room
12:00-1:15	FWBBC Alumni & Friends Luncheon	Radisson Excelsior Buckingham/Windsor
1:00-2:00	Youth Seminars	Westin Hotel
1:00-2:00	Youth Workers Seminars	Westin Hotel
1:30	CONVENTION BUSINESS Reconvenes	Convention Center Arena
	Scripture Reading and Prayer Assistant Moderator: Ralph Hampton	
1:35	REPORTS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS (continued)	
	Foreign Missions: R. Eugene Waddell Free Will Baptist Bible College: Charles Thigpen Sunday School & Church Training: Roger Reeds Commission For Theological Integrity: Leroy Forlines Radio-TV Commission: George Lee	
2:00-3:00	Youth Service	Westin Hotel Plaza Central/South
3:30	General Board Final Report Partial Report of Nominating Committee Election of General Board Members	


4:00	Business Session Recessed	
4:00	Men's Chorale Rehearsal (or immediately following business session)	Convention Center Arena Stage
5:00	Friends of Southeastern College Dinner	Radisson Excelsior Buckingham/Windsor
5:00	Instrumental Ensemble Practice	Convention Center Arena Stage
5:00-6:30	Youth Workers Dinner	Westin Hotel Oklahoma South

WEDNESDAY EVENING/July 23

7:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE	Convention Center Arena
	Presiding: Billy Walker Song Service: Blaine Hughes Music: Watchmen Quartet Men's Chorale/Vernon Whaley, Director	
	Missions Offering: Billy Walker	
	Solo: Ted Wilbanks	
	MESSAGE: "Program For Growth" Richard Cordell	
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall-A
9:00-11:00	NYC Awards Celebration	Convention Center Arena
10:30	Exhibit Area Closed	

THURSDAY MORNING/July 24

7:00	Sunday School Board Breakfast	Radisson Excelsior Philbrook Room
8:30	Exhibit Area Open	Convention Center Exhibit Hall-A
9:00	NYC Devotional/Prayer Time	Westin Hotel Plaza South
9:00	CONCLUDING BUSINESS SESSION	Convention Center Arena
	Scripture Reading & Prayer Assistant Clerk: Keith Burden	
	WNAC Report: Mary R. Wisheart Historical Commission Report: David Joslin Report of Committees: —Registration —Budget —Resolutions	
	Nominating Committee's Final Report	
	Election of General Officers	
11:45	Adjournment	
12:15	Exhibits Closed (or 30 minutes after convention adjournment) ▲	



**July 13
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NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

19th Annual Conference/July 20-24, 1986

Westin Hotel/Tulsa, Oklahoma



THEME: "Treasures of The Heart"—(Matthew 6:21)
NYC DIRECTOR: Jim Lauthern
NYC ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: Len Davenport
NYC REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Janita Warren
NYC MUSIC COORDINATOR: Lisa Wallace
NYC HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Westin Hotel—Williams Center

SUNDAY MORNING/July 20

10:00-10:45	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Radisson Excelsior
	Primary/Junior: Fort Smith Puppet Team	Council Oak Room
	Teen: YET Team	International Ballroom
11:00-12:00	MORNING WORSHIP	Radisson Excelsior
	Primary/Junior Church: Allen & Jill Pointer	Council Oak Room
	Teen Church: Len Davenport	International Ballroom

SUNDAY AFTERNOON/July 20

3:00	NYC Registration	Westin Hotel Plaza Foyer
4:00	Mass Youth Choir	Convention Center Arena Stage

SUNDAY EVENING/July 20

7:00-8:30	MAIN CONVENTION SERVICE	Convention Center Arena
8:30	Registration Continues	Westin Hotel Plaza Foyer
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Westin Hotel Oklahoma North
9:00	Youth Activities	Westin Hotel Plaza Ballroom

MONDAY MORNING/July 21

7:00	NYC Breakfast (staff, judges and officials)	Westin Hotel Studio 304
8:30	Bible Bowl Assembly ALL Teams and Coaches	Westin Hotel Oklahoma South
	Bible Tic Tac Toe Assembly ALL Teams and Coaches	Westin Hotel Oklahoma North
	Music & Arts Assembly ALL Participants and Coaches	Westin Hotel Plaza South
9:00	NYC Competitive Activities	Westin Hotel
	Bible Bowl	Oklahoma South
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Oklahoma North
	Bible Sword Drill, Grade 4	Plaza North
	Music & Arts, Section 1	Plaza South
	Music & Arts, Section 2	Plaza Central
10:00	Bible Memorization, Grade 1	Plaza North



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PROGRAM (From page 17)

MONDAY AFTERNOON/July 21

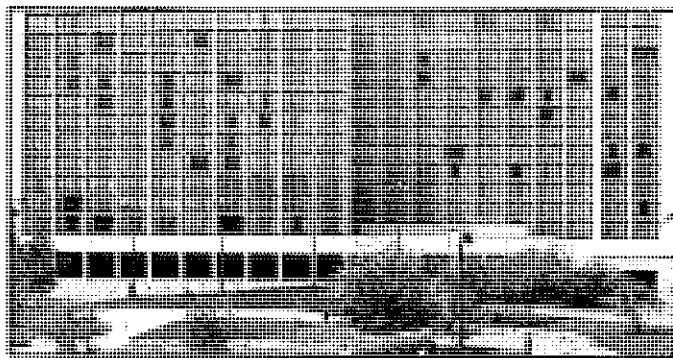
1:00	NYC Competitive Activities	Westin Hotel
	Bible Bowl	Oklahoma South
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Oklahoma North
	Bible Sword Drill, Grade 5	Plaza North
	Music & Arts, Section 3	Plaza South
	Music & Arts, Section 4	Plaza Central
1:00	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Westin Hotel
2:00	Bible Memorization, Grade 2	Westin Hotel Plaza North
5:00	Learner/Adventurer Picnic	Williams Center The Picnic

MONDAY EVENING/July 21

7:00-8:30	NYC Keynote Service Speaker: Howard Gwartney	Convention Center Assembly Hall
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Westin Hotel Oklahoma North
	YouthFest '86 Concert	Convention Center Assembly Hall

TUESDAY MORNING/July 22

8:00	NYC Competitive Activities	Westin Hotel
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The Westin Hotel—NYC Headquarters

**Attention Parents:
Nursery services
will NOT be
available during
the 1986
Convention.**

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	Bible Bowl	Oklahoma South
	Bible Tic Tac Toe	Oklahoma North
	Bible Sword Drill, Grade 6	Plaza North
	Music & Arts, Section 5	Plaza South
	Music & Arts, Section 6	Plaza Central
8:30	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Westin Hotel Suites 304/306
9:00	Bible Memorization, Grade 3	Westin Hotel Plaza North

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/July 22

1:00	NYC Competitive Activities	Westin Hotel
	Music & Arts, Section 7	Plaza Ballroom
	Music & Arts, Section 8	Oklahoma South
1:00	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Westin Hotel Oklahoma North

TUESDAY EVENING/July 22

7:00-8:30	MAIN CONVENTION SERVICE	Convention Center Arena
9:00	Youth Banquet	Westin Hotel Plaza Ballroom
	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Westin Hotel Suite 304/306

WEDNESDAY MORNING/July 23

8:00	Bible Competition Finals	Westin Hotel Plaza Central/South
9:00	Learner/Adventurer Activities	Westin Hotel Oklahoma South

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/July 23

1:00	NYC New Guidelines Seminar NYC Staff	Westin Hotel Plaza Central/South
	Youth Seminar-A "Friendship:" Jeff Stegall	Westin Hotel Oklahoma South
	Youth Seminar-B "Developing Spiritual Gifts:" Dean Stone	Westin Hotel Oklahoma North
2:00	Youth Sharing Service	Westin Hotel Plaza Central/South
5:00	Youth Workers Dinner Speaker: Blaine Hughes	Westin Hotel Oklahoma South

WEDNESDAY EVENING/July 23

7:00-8:30	MAIN CONVENTION SERVICE	Convention Center Arena
9:00	NYC Awards Celebration	Convention Center Arena ▲

WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

51st Annual Session/July 21-22, 1986

Tulsa Convention Center/Assembly Hall Tulsa, Oklahoma

THEME: "God's Wonders For Tomorrow"

SCRIPTURE: "And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you" (Joshua 3:5).

HYMN: "Faith Is the Victory"

MUSIC COORDINATOR: Marguerite Kern

ORGANIST: Debbie Burden

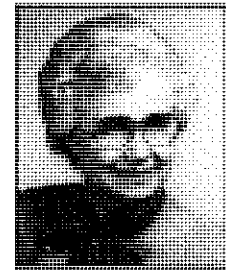
PIANIST: Marian Pilgrim

REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN: Fredda Davis

WNAC HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Radisson Excelsior



Wisehart



Pursell

SUNDAY AFTERNOON/July 20

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| 1:30 | Registration Committee :
Orientation | Convention Center
Gallery |
| 3:00 | REGISTRATION | Convention Center
Gallery |

MONDAY MORNING/July 21

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| 8:00-8:45 | WNAC Executive Committee
Breakfast | Radisson Excelsior
Philbrook Room |
| 9:00-11:00 | WNAC Nominating Committee | Radisson Excelsior
Dover Room |
| 9:00-11:45 | WNAC Executive Committee | Radisson Excelsior
Gilcrease Room |

MONDAY AFTERNOON/July 21

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| 12:00-12:45 | WNAC Executive Committee
Luncheon | Radisson Excelsior
Philbrook Room |
| 1:30-2:30 | WNAC Seminar: "Women and
Church Growth"
"Enlisting More Women:"
Martha Everson
"Helping Together By Prayer:"
Tillie Oliver
"Studying For Action:"
Diane Thomas
"Doing Something:"
Linda Harvey | Radisson Excelsior
Manchester/Geneva |
| 3:00-4:00 | WNAC Presidents and Field
Workers
"God's Wonders For Tomorrow"
National Officers and Staff | Radisson Excelsior
Russell Room |

TUESDAY MORNING/July 22

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| 9:00 | WOMAN'S NATIONAL
AUXILIARY CONVENTION
Presiding: June Rolan
Song Service: Marguerite Kern | Convention Center
Assembly Hall |
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| 9:15 | Devotion: Vada Lee
Solo: Donell Wilson | |
| 9:30 | Welcome: Vickie Hidde
Creative Arts Contest Awards: Lorene Miley
Credentials Committee Report/
Seating of Delegates
Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report:
Mary R. Wisehart
Resolutions Committee Report
Appreciation Committee Report | |
| 11:10 | WNAC MISSIONARY SERVICE | Convention Center
Arena |
| | Song Service: Marguerite Kern
Trio: Debbie Burden
Carla Williams
Brenda Webb
Message: Sherwood Lee | |
| 12:00 | Recess | |

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/July 22

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| 1:30 | Song Service: Marguerite Kern | Convention Center
Assembly Hall |
| | Registration Committee Report
Oklahoma Women's Choir: Starlet Holmes, Director
"The Wonder of Children"
Kenwood Children's Choir
Ramona Hendrickson, Director | |
| | Lynette Morgan, Africa
Charolette Tallent, France
Linda Callaway, Spain
Judy Lytle, Panama
Molly Barker, Uruguay | |
| 3:00 | Adjournment | |
| 5:00 | WNAC Fellowship Dinner
Speaker: Cleo Pursell | Radisson Excelsior
International Ballroom |

**REQUESTS FOR TICKETS TO MEAL FUNCTIONS
1986 National Convention**

Number	Meal	Total
_____	Learner/Adventurer Picnic \$2.50 Monday, July 21/5:00 p.m. Williams Center/Lower Level	\$ _____
_____	Music Ministries Fellowship Breakfast \$6.00 Tuesday, July 22/7:00 a.m. Excelsior Hotel/Woodward Room	\$ _____
_____	Friends of Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon \$10.00 Tuesday, July 22/12:15 p.m. Excelsior Hotel/Manchester-Geneva	\$ _____
_____	WNAC Fellowship Dinner \$11.50 Tuesday, July 22/5:00 p.m. Excelsior Hotel/International Ballroom	\$ _____
_____	Youth Banquet \$9.00 Tuesday, July 22/9:00 p.m. Westin Hotel/Plaza Ballroom	\$ _____
_____	Master's Men Breakfast \$7.00 Wednesday, July 23/7:00 a.m. Excelsior Hotel/Buckingham-Windsor	\$ _____
_____	FWBBC Alumni & Friends Luncheon \$8.50 Wednesday, July 23/12:00 Noon Excelsior Hotel/Buckingham-Windsor	\$ _____
_____	Youth Workers Dinner \$8.00 Wednesday, July 23/5:00 p.m. Westin Hotel/Oklahoma South	\$ _____
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DIRECTORY UPDATE

CALIFORNIA

Stanley Griggs to Earlimart Church, Earlimart
Jerry Barron to Santa Paula Church, Santa Paula from Mexico as missionary

ILLINOIS

Larry Clyatt to First Church, Benton from Fellowship Church, Antioch, TN

NORTH CAROLINA

Mance Cason to First Church, Morehead City from New Home Church, Colquitt, GA

OKLAHOMA

Marvin Harris to Purcell Church, Purcell
D. H. Rudd to Hoyt Church, Hoyt
Allen Moore to North McAlester Church, McAlester from Hoyt Church, Hoyt
Curtis Linton to Northside Church, Tulsa from Crystal Hill Church, Lawton
Leon Sheppard to Silver City Church

TENNESSEE

Daryl Ellis to Cross Timbers Church, Nashville from Bethel Church, South Roxana, IL

OTHER PERSONNEL

Mark Williford to First Church, Jesup, GA as music and youth director

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The Housing Bureau will not take phone reservations. For information & inquiries ONLY, call (918) 582-1230.

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2. WESTIN HOTEL—WILLIAMS CENTER (NYC Headquarters) Parking—\$4.00 per day Children under 18 free	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$65	\$65	\$10
3. HOLIDAY INN—CONVENTION CENTER Parking—free Children under 12 free	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$50	\$50	\$5
4. EXECUTIVE INN Parking—free Children under 12 free	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$36	\$36	\$5
5. DARBY LANE Parking—free	\$36	\$36	\$36	\$36	\$36	N/A

*The above rates do not include tax.

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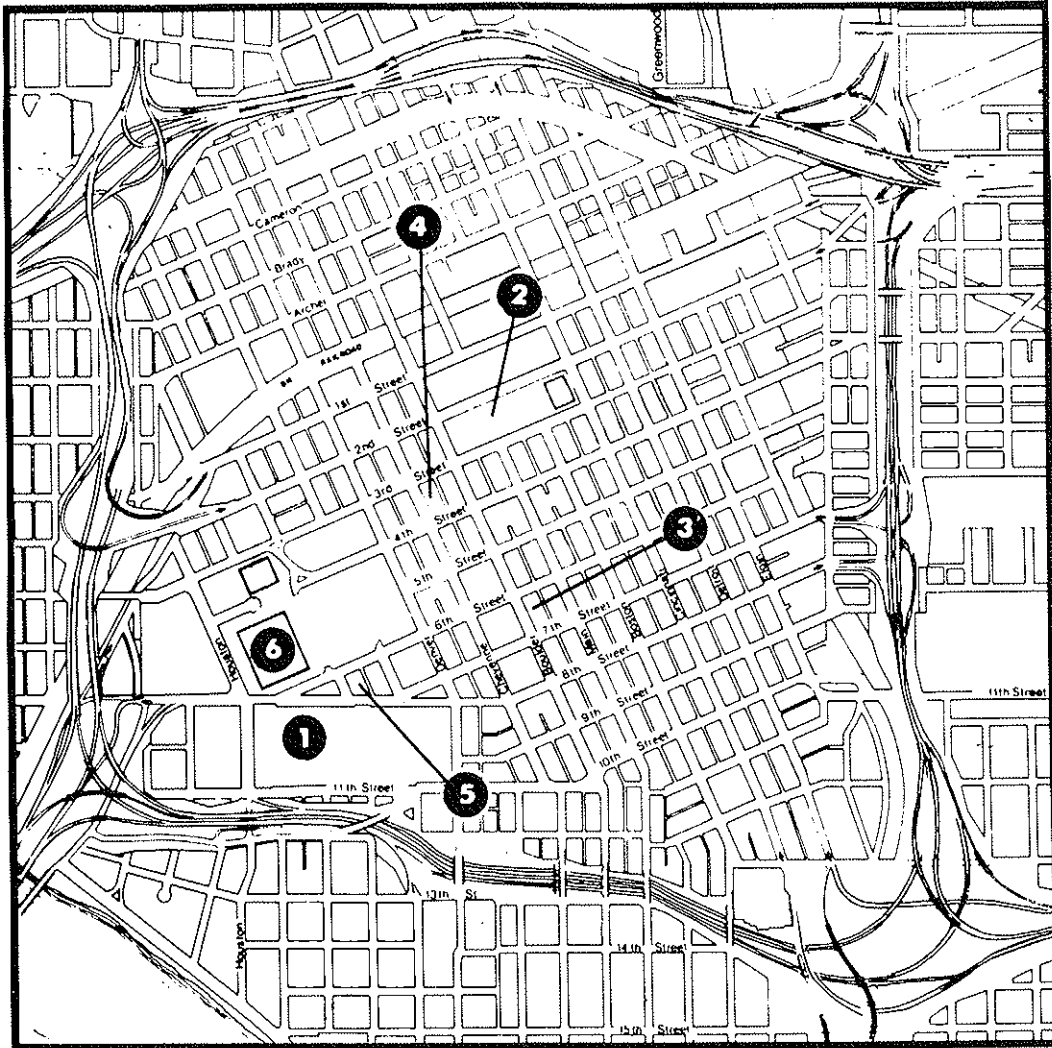
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newsfront

RANDALL HOUSE BOOK EXPLORES ANOREXIA

NASHVILLE, TN—A new Randall House book to be released in July tells the heart-rending account of a young pastor's wife's struggle with anorexia, according to Assistant Director Harold Harrison.

The book, *Battling Anorexia (A Deadly Trap)* by Anita Haney, is a first-person account by a Free Will Baptist minister's wife. The chapters reveal her terrifying ordeal with anorexia nervosa, a problem that affects up to one million young men and women in America. Death claims 15 percent of that number—150,000 lives.

Anita Haney, a Bible College graduate, daughter of a Free Will Baptist pastor, mother of three, records her puzzling, obsessive experiences in vivid, non-technical language. Her style of writing takes the reader into her inner thoughts and evokes warm understanding and empathy.

Anita was named First Prize Winner in Tennessee by *Good Housekeeping* magazine's "Things My Mother Taught Me Contest." Her prize-winning essay appears in the June issue of that publication.

Anita makes her home in Knoxville, Tennessee, where her husband Ken Haney pastors Forest Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Battling Anorexia (A Deadly Trap) retails for \$5.95.

ILLINOIS ADOPTS TARGET 90, ADVANCE PROGRAMS

DECATUR, IL—Delegates to the 24th annual Illinois State Association voted to adopt both the Target 90 and Foreign Missions Advance programs March 21-22, according to Promotional Secretary David Shores.

The Target 90 program commits the 46 churches and 3,400 members to a five-year growth strategy. Likewise, delegates accepted a \$45,000 Illinois goal in the Advance program which will raise \$1 million for foreign missions.

Six speakers preached sermons and gave devotions developing the "Fellowship" theme. Pastors Max Courtney,

Loyd Crain and David Shores shared preaching duties with NAE Executive Director Billy Melvin on the program.

Officials said that more than 120 attended the two-day conference. In other business, delegates commended Donald Wildmon and the National Federation For Decency.

Reverend Loyd Crain was elected moderator for 1986-1987, replacing out-going moderator Daryl Ellis who has accepted a pastorate in Tennessee.

The 1987 state association will meet March 27-28 at Crossroads FWB Church in Effingham.

BOOK DEALERS MEET, ELECT OFFICERS

NASHVILLE, TN—The annual Free Will Baptist Book Dealers Fellowship met March 11-12 in Nashville at Randall House Publications.

Officers elected for 1986-87 include: President—Bill Pitts (Ohio); Vice President—Victor Neuenschwander (Georgia); Secretary/Treasurer—Becky Beverly (Tennessee).

Tuesday afternoon the book dealers attended two seminars presented by Art Blakely of Scripture Press Publications. The seminars concerned

reaching church markets and increasing store sales. Bill Foster, promotional manager, gave a presentation of forthcoming Randall House products.

Wednesday afternoon's agenda included seminars by Mark Plunkett of Standard Publishing Company on selling church supplies and teaching aids and VBS preview.

The meeting concluded with dinner, compliments of Randall House Publications.

LOCAL CHURCH DELEGATE'S CREDENTIALS

THIS CERTIFIES THAT _____

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Baptists from _____
(Name of church)

_____ of _____
(District Association) (City) (State)

_____ Pastor Clerk or Secretary

IMPORTANT: This form properly signed and accompanied by a \$10 registration fee entitles a local church delegate to register for voting privileges.

newsfront

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BIBLE COLLEGE ALUMNI ELECT OFFICERS

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College Alumni Association re-elected Reverend Billy Gene Outland president during its March 11 meeting in Cumberland Cafeteria. Other officers elected include R. Randall Riggs, vice-president; Mary Belle Creech, secretary; Clara Picirilli, treasurer; and Leroy Welch, member at large.

President Outland's opening remarks recognized alumni members, honorary members, home and foreign missionaries, Board of Trustee members, faculty and staff.

The association received four honorary members during the banquet/meeting: Mrs. Mary Davidson, Mrs. Mildred Munsey, Reverend and Mrs. Winston Sweeney.

Phil Long provided dinner music and Bert Tippet sang a solo. The Class of 1961 presented the program and were later recognized by the body.

The group also recognized the classes of 1985, 1976, 1966, 1956 and 1946.

Dr. Charles Thigpen addressed the group, thanking them for attending, and Ronald Creech, director of development, updated the alumni project.

SIXTH ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SET

NASHVILLE, TN—The Sixth annual Free Will Baptist slow-pitch softball tournament sponsored by Randall House Publications will be played August 1-2 at Shelby Park just off I-265 in Nashville.

Space in the tournament is limited to 32 teams. Applications are now being accepted. The registration fee is \$85 per team.

According to tournament manager Clarence Lewis, competition begins August 1 at 1:00 p.m.

For further information about the tournament, write or call Clarence Lewis at P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217. Phone (615) 361-1221.

HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE MEETS

NASHVILLE, TN—The Free Will Baptist Hymn Book Committee met February 18-20 at the National Offices to begin the process for publishing a new Free Will Baptist Hymn Book as commissioned by the National Association last July. Discussions resulted in the formation of a strategy for compilation of the hymnal which is targeted for release in July 1988.

Chairman, Dr. Vernon Whaley, said that the Hymn Book Committee is seeking input from a broad base

through the work of seven sub-committees and a questionnaire to pastors, music leaders and denominational leaders. Free Will Baptists at large are invited to send titles of hymns they would like the committee to consider for the new book to: Hymn Book Committee, c/o Executive Office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

The Hymn Book Committee will meet February 2-7, 1987, to make final selections to be included in the new book.

BIBLE COLLEGE CATALOGS AVAILABLE

NASHVILLE, TN—Copies of the 1986-87 Free Will Baptist Bible College catalog are available to prospective students and Free Will Baptist pastors. To get a copy, please write or call:

CATALOG
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205-0117
(615) 383-1340

225 ATTEND FWBBC WELCOME DAYS

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College hosted 225 prospective students and their sponsors for spring Welcome Days on campus April 3-5, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, coordinator.

"The largest state representation was 66 from North Carolina," he said. "The greatest number from one church was 13 from Peace FWB Church in Wilson, North Carolina," he added.

In all, 58 churches in 14 states were represented. Fifteen Free Will Baptist churches sent prospective students for the first time since the college began the semi-annual Welcome Days program, noted Dr. Hampton.

By state, the following numbers attended Welcome Days:

Alabama	18	Michigan	2
Arkansas	16	Missouri	8
Florida	5	North Carolina	66
Georgia	9	Ohio	17
Illinois	36	South Carolina	10
Indiana	14	Tennessee	12
Kentucky	5	Virginia	7

The 1986-87 Welcome Days are scheduled for November 20-22, 1986, and April 2-4, 1987. The college welcomes church groups. For more information on the event, please write or call:

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The Daughters of American Revolution gave meritorious high school awards to **Marsha** and **Sue Nichols**. Both girls are members of **Lowe's Chapel FWB Church, Newport, TN**. Pastor **Frank Russell** said the girls work in the church library, and that the award was based on good citizenship, courage, leadership and patriotism.

Contact welcomes the **Enlightener**, publication of **First FWB Church, Ypsilanti, MI**. **David Kirby** pastors.

Los Angeles Dodger starting pitcher **Orel Herschiser** spoke at a Master's Men breakfast in March and shared his Christian testimony with men from **First FWB Church, Vero Beach, FL**. **Randy Bryant** pastors.

When **Christ's FWB Church, Corpus Christi, TX**, called **Joe Buttgen** to pastor last July, the church averaged 22 in Sunday School. Since that time Sunday School attendance rose to 43. Late this spring the group recorded 101 in worship service and 64 in Sunday School.

The **Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir** and **Evangel Players** toured four states March 13-23. The choir conducted 12 services in **North Carolina**, while the drama team held 10 services in **Alabama, Georgia** and **Florida**. The groups raised more than \$22,000 for the college and reported 30 public decisions for Christ. The group also contacted hundreds of prospective students.

Sunday School superintendent **Ben Freeman** presented a 22-year perfect attendance plaque to **Anthony Deason**. Mr. Deason is a member of **Blackland FWB Church, Oil Trough, AR**. **Lester Harp** pastors.

Pastor **Terry Forrest** of **First FWB Church, Monticello, AR**, was elected to the Christian Civic Foundation Board of Directors. The board of directors is composed of 150 individuals from numerous denominations in Arkansas who supervise the work of the foundation. Arkansas promotional director **David Joslin** serves on the executive board of the foundation. The Christian Civic Foundation is an organization aggressively opposed to the use of alcohol and drugs, and to take an active stand against gambling and pornography.

There is a big sign on a vacant lot in the 2700 block of South High Street in **Columbus, Ohio**. Ohio Executive Secretary **Alton Loveless** says the sign indicates the future site of **Ambassador Bible Book Store** and the **Ohio Free Will Baptist state offices**.

Pastor **Wylie Perkins** reports 10 conversions, six baptisms and four new members at **Samantha FWB Church, Leesburg, OH**.

Charles Aliff announced his call to preach earlier this year. While it is not unusual for God to call men to preach from Free Will Baptist churches, Charles Aliff is somewhat unusual. Brother Aliff is 13 years old. He is a member of **Faith FWB Church, Cleveland, OH**. His pastor is **Shelby Ball**.

Church reporter **Sharon Jordan** reports 11 conversions, 10 rededications and 11 baptisms at **Espyville FWB Church, Marion, OH**. **Delmar Marks** pastors.

The **Bloom FWB Church, Wheelersburg, OH**, celebrated their 75th anniversary. **Paul Oppy** pastors.

While some might question whether a local pastor ought to conduct revival services in his own church, you will never hear members of **Puritan FWB Church, Hamden, OH**, complain. Pastor **Merlin Teets** conducted a three-week revival at the church. The results—35 people were saved.

Pastor **Billy Joe White** says that **Wellington FWB Church, Wellington, OH**, added 11 new members.

Home missionary **Jim Mertz** announced that the name of the new mission work in **Wentzville, MO**, is **Crossroads FWB Church**. The new work conducted its first services on March 2 at the Sheraton Hotel in Wentzville.

The senior citizens group from **First FWB Church, Farmington, MO**, celebrated their fifth year of monthly meetings. The group (called WFR—Worship, Fellowship and Refreshments) average 50 in attendance each third Saturday night of the month. **Don Richmann** is the group leader and sponsor. The group adopted Proverbs 17:22 as their motto: "A joyful heart is good medicine."

Pastor **Allen Moore** of **North McAlester FWB Church, McAlester, OK**, says he and 12 to 16 men meet each Monday morning at 6:00 for prayer before the week starts. He said he expects to have between 20 to 25 before the summer is over. The group averages 180 in Sunday School, but had an attendance of 282 on Roll Call Sunday in March.

Harold and **June Critcher** conducted a two-day seminar for ministers and their wives at Norman Baptist Assembly in Norman Park, Georgia. Georgia Executive Secretary **Herbert Waid** said that 46 registered for the retreat. The sessions focused on family relationships.

The Oakhill General Baptist Church has united with the Central Area Quarterly Meeting of Oklahoma's First Mission Association. We welcome the **Oakhill FWB Church** and pastor **Donald Bickham**.

Pastor **David Archer** said that **Faith FWB Church, Glenpool, OK**, hopes to become self-supporting this month. The group averages 110 in Sunday School and 57 on Wednesday night.

The **Tahlequah FWB Church** relocated, built a new facility and changed its name. The church is now known as **Memorial FWB Church, Sulphur, OK**. **Lewis Jeffries** pastors.

The **Times-News**, a Kingsport, Tennessee newspaper carried a seven-column story in its March 23 edition about Free Will Baptist pastor **Winston Sweeney** and his holy land tours. Reporter Mary Kiss interviewed pastor Sweeney who said, "It's my hobby. I don't hunt, fish or play golf. I go to Israel."

State Senator **Jim Butcher** was guest speaker at **Emmanuel FWB Church, Wabash, IN**, on March 16. Pastor **Brian Atwood** said that Senator Butcher is active in the Christian Legal Society and in his local church where he has taught Sunday School for 15 years.

Everyone who attended the 40th anniversary celebration at **Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River, MO**, received an 18-page anniversary booklet highlighting the church's history, listing charter members and detailing the events of the day. Pastor **Wayne Phillips** said special surprise guests included Missouri State Representative **Bob Ward** and State Senator **Danny Staples**. Letters of greeting and commendation were read from Governor **John Ashcroft** and President **Ronald Reagan**. Home Missions staffer **John Gibbs** preached the anniversary message.

The church parsonage and kitchen dining area were flooded when the Yuba River levee broke in February and flooded **Olivehurst FWB Church, Olivehurst, CA**. Pastor **Sherman Wren** and several church families began the difficult task of cleaning up their homes after the flood subsided. Numerous people had to be evacuated to Beale Air Force Base until flood waters could be brought under control.

Mike Gaggia pastor of **Liberty FWB Church, Cottonwood, CA**, reported rolls of twisted wire left on his front porch at 4:00 a.m. by those who opposed his stand against abortion.

Pastor **Tommy Street** reports 15 new members at **Oak Grove FWB**



CURRENTLY (From Page 25)

Church, Charlotte, TN. Attendance increased from the twenties to 111 on a special miracle Sunday boost. The group began two children's churches and currently have more than 35 children enrolled.

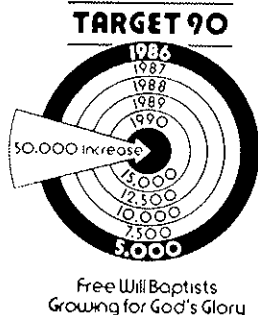
Graduating high school students at **Hollywood FWB Church, Hollywood, FL**, were informed that a scholarship-loan fund had been established to provide tuition for Free Will Baptist youth who attend a Christian college. **Larry Montgomery** pastors.

First FWB Church, Beaufort, NC, conducted their annual missionary conference in February and received more than \$11,000 in faith promises. The church adopted 10 missionaries to receive the funds. **Henry Van Kluyve** pastors.

Pastor **Mike Mutchler** of **Grand View FWB Church, Oregon City, OR**, reports 23 conversions. He said attendance consistently averages over 100 for worship services. The group averages distributing 1000 pieces of literature per week on a door to door basis. The church also started a drug and alcohol program to win those addicted to drugs and alcohol. The group also has a jail ministry and go once a month to a nursing home to conduct services. Both the pastor and his assistant are signed up as chaplains for the local sheriff's department.

Sunday March 2 marked the 25th anniversary of the "Light of Life Broadcast" conducted by Pastor **Lester Horton** of **Fairwood FWB Church, Fairfax Station, MD**. The program is aired each Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:00 from Warrenton, VA.

Evangelist **Tim York** said that **Evangelism Today** aired its first television program February 15 from channel 61 in Ashland, KY. Evangelist York spoke from Ephesians 2. The second program was aired March 29. ▲



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Alabama	\$ 161.33	\$.00	\$ 161.33	\$.00	\$ 2,398.00
Arizona	.00	.00	.00	.00	29.65
Arkansas	.00	3,476.39	3,476.39	3,078.03	13,062.01
California	.00	821.29	821.29	699.68	2,516.22
Florida	.00	1,525.47	1,525.47	2,544.94	5,251.27
Georgia	2,750.10	.00	2,750.10	3,006.71	9,356.40
Idaho	.00	.00	.00	131.60	.00
Illinois	4,033.68	650.19	4,683.87	6,183.51	21,024.98
Indiana	444.86	.00	444.86	519.65	1,545.21
Kansas	.00	65.30	65.30	113.04	238.53
Kentucky	.00	330.74	330.74	266.00	873.90
Maryland	.00	.00	.00	90.00	.00
Michigan	2,524.22	258.98	2,783.20	3,692.61	17,272.40
Mississippi	36.77	115.08	151.85	116.47	1,127.10
Missouri	1,523.20	8,504.53	10,027.73	8,097.71	20,807.35
New Mexico	.00	.00	.00	.00	57.38
North Carolina	2,684.90	425.00	3,109.90	1,445.71	5,629.02
Ohio	409.00	1,956.00	2,365.00	2,358.40	7,108.00
Oklahoma	27,663.06	9,489.96	37,153.02	37,263.14	125,724.66
South Carolina	517.40	.00	517.40	.00	1,420.92
Tennessee	162.40	215.00	377.40	1,250.09	5,381.94
Texas	9,354.39	1,029.32	10,383.71	4,198.92	31,764.93
Virginia	40.00	10.00	50.00	151.80	1,178.75
West Virginia	5,395.05	210.90	5,605.95	3,637.18	10,413.82
Totals	\$57,700.36	\$29,084.15	\$86,784.51	\$78,845.19	\$284,182.44

DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Office	\$ 710.25	\$14,076.69	\$14,786.94	\$14,142.68	\$ 44,360.82
Foreign Missions	38,721.59	3,451.71	42,173.30	37,571.86	145,592.53
FWBBC	1,917.97	3,451.71	5,369.68	6,494.33	19,749.18
Home Missions	14,212.84	2,701.33	16,914.17	12,335.45	51,191.25
Retirement & Insurance	62.42	2,101.05	2,163.47	2,719.92	7,543.34
Master's Men	41.32	1,950.98	1,992.30	2,528.40	6,861.53
Commission for Theological Integrity	44.57	150.07	194.64	207.07	603.88
FWB Foundation	210.41	900.47	1,110.88	1,157.14	3,517.00
Historical Commission	42.71	150.07	192.78	207.07	596.74
Radio & TV Commission	107.72	150.07	257.79	201.81	701.75
Hillsdale FWB College	1,541.44	.00	1,541.44	1,247.58	3,229.45
Other	87.12	.00	87.12	31.88	234.97
Totals	\$57,700.36	\$29,084.15	\$86,784.51	\$78,845.19	\$284,182.44

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ON LITTLE LANES

BY DONNA MAYO

This was Marty and Megan's first youth camp. They had a great week packed with classes and services, hikes and horseback riding, camp-outs and cook-outs.

On the first day, all the campers had been divided into two teams—the Mustangs and the Braves. The teams competed all week in swim meets, archery, volleyball, relay races, canoe races and even watermelon-eating contests.

On Friday afternoon, the Mustangs and the Braves were tied. Which meant that whoever won the softball game would be the champions for the entire week.

The sun was hot as Marty and Megan took the field, along with the other Mustangs. The Braves scored two runs in the first inning. By the bottom of the sixth inning, the score was tied at five.

Marty was pitching for the Mustangs. He walked the first two batters and struck out the third. The fourth batter hit a double, the fifth hit a home run. Marty struck out one batter, and the last one popped out to the shortstop.

Finally, it was time for the Mustangs to bat. They were behind seven to five. This was their last chance. If they didn't score, or if they only scored one run, they would lose the game and the week-long contest. If they scored two runs, the game would go into extra innings. If they scored three runs, the Mustangs would be crowned Camp Champs.

The Mustangs' first batter struck out. The second batter, Tony Phillips, hit a fly to left field, but the fielder missed it, and Tony ran to first. Then it was Marty's turn to bat.

"Get a hit!" yelled the Mustangs.

"You can do it!" cried Megan.

"I've got to do it," said Marty to himself as he stared at the pitcher. The

pitcher released the ball and Marty swung with all his might.

"Yay!" cheered the Mustangs as the ball soared over second base. Marty was on second and Tony on third.

The next batter grounded out at first.

"Oh no," groaned Marty as he saw the next batter walk to the plate. "It's all over now." The outfielders started coming in closer.

"It's up to me. The Mustangs are counting on me," thought Megan as she picked up the bat. "I can't let them down. But why me?"

"Ball one!" called the umpire. Megan was nervous. "Just get on base," she told herself.

Megan watched as the second pitch sailed over the plate. "Strike one!" called the umpire.

"Watch the ball," called Marty from second base.

"Hit us home," yelled Tony from third.

"I'm going to die," moaned Megan to herself as the pitcher threw another ball. She swung at the next pitch, but missed it. The next pitch was inside, and Megan had to jump back.

"Oh, I should have let it hit me," thought Megan. "Then I'd at least be on base."

The count was two strikes and three balls. The pitcher was winding up. "I can't stand it," screamed Megan in her mind. The pitcher released the ball and Megan shut her eyes.

"Swing!" she heard Marty yell. Megan swung hard, and then . . . she heard it . . . the sound of her bat smacking the ball. Her eyes popped open as the Mustangs screamed.

"Run! Run, Megan, run!" they yelled. Megan had never hit a ball so far. It flew over the heads of the

outfielders who had come up closer when they saw a girl at bat.

Tony and Marty made it home. Megan was nearing third. "Keep running called Marty. "You can make it!"

Megan ran on. "I've never hit a home run in all my life!" she thought as she stepped on home plate.

"Yay!" cried the Mustangs.

"You're out!" cried the umpire.

"What?" screamed the Mustangs.

Why the second baseman still had the ball. He had never even thrown it to the catcher.

"You're disqualified," explained the umpire. "You never touched first base."

Megan's eyes filled with tears. The Braves won the game and were given trophies for being Camp Champs. Megan ran through the woods and down to the lake. She couldn't face the other campers. She sat on the pier—staring out across the shimmering lake and wished she were dead. Then she cried and cried and cried.

Megan didn't know how long she stayed there, but she suddenly realized that the golden sun had turned orange and was sinking below the pines. She hurried back to camp and found that she had missed supper and that the evening service was about to start.

Megan slipped in just as they started singing. "If I can just make it through this service, then Mother and Dad will be here and I can go home," she thought.

The camp evangelist, Brother Larkins, took his place behind the pulpit. Megan looked at the floor. She felt like everyone was watching her. "Oh no, what did he say?" she thought, suddenly at attention.

"That's right," said Brother Larkins, "I'm going to preach about softball." Megan turned pink, then red, then (continued on page 30)

TEEN Scene

Have you been on a treasure hunt lately? Come join 1,800 youth from across our denomination as this adventure begins July 20, 1986. Tulsa, Oklahoma is the general map destination. The Westin Hotel, the Williams

TREASURES of the HEART



Center and the Tulsa Convention Center are prime treasure locations.

Here are a few clues to rouse your interest. The starting point for this treasure hunt is the Sunday morning Sunday School class as you participate in a special "Treasures of the Heart" program. More treasures will be gleaned in the youth morning worship service when Len Davenport shares the Word.

Much treasure can be claimed in each of the Sunday through Wednesday evening worship services. A special "youth only" service will be conducted Monday evening in the Tulsa Convention Center Assembly Hall. Howard Gwartney will preach.

This service will feature youth choruses, youth special music and a presentation by the Youth Evangelistic Team from Greater Tulsa Association churches.

Each evening afterservice will spotlight times of fellowship and special events. Sunday evening features a genuine "Treasure Hunt." Monday evening's YouthFest '86 presents a musical concert featuring Lisa Wallace and Doug Little.

Tuesday evening will be the Youth Banquet highlighted by an entertaining melodrama. Wednesday evening afterservice spotlights competitive activities winners as the NYC Awards Celebration concludes the conference.

But wait, we are not through with all the clues yet. There's the excitement of Bible Competition and the Music and Arts Festival Monday through Wednesday.

Each morning begins with a youth devotional time called "Heart Treasures." Start your day with other youth as we investigate the treasures of truth, testimony, wisdom and righteousness.

Wednesday afternoon activities include two youth seminars. Dean Stone will lead the "Developing Your Spiritual Gifts" session. Jeff Stegall will conduct a "Friendship" seminar.

Wednesday afternoon also features a unique youth-sharing service where youth from across the denomination will provide music and testimonies as well as give thanks to the Lord.

Many other times of fellowship, fun and even food are a part of the 1986 National Youth Conference. A youth-oriented sales booth, "Treasure Chest," will provide youth materials and souvenirs.

Share this treasureable experience with us. For more information contact Youth Ministries Division, Randall House Publications, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217.

See you next month in Tulsa. That's July 20-24. ▲



Especially
For Young
Preachers

Have a Garden

"He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread" (Proverbs 12:11).

Not too large. Most young preachers do not have the time for a garden any larger than 30'x30'. But from just a few tomato plants to several rows, the young preacher will benefit from growing vegetables in his back yard.

1. Good therapy. After preparing messages, visiting and handling church administration, it's refreshing to concentrate your attention on something that doesn't talk back but grows exactly where you put it. Sowing seed and watching God produce the fruit of your labors is exciting.

2. Good exercise. A back yard garden demands walking, bending, pulling and perspiring. It doesn't cost as much as golf or bowling. In fact, this exercise is an investment that pays good dividends.

3. Profitable. Besides the delicious, nutritional vegetables, the gardener will save several hundreds of dollars in his food bill.

4. Opportunity for witnessing. Neighbors talk more freely to a gardener. Across-the-fence witnessing can be most effective. Even sharing some of the fruit of the field softens the heart of an unsaved neighbor who has some reservations about the preacher next door.

5. A blessing to others. Sharing vegetables with older members of the congregation can be a personal blessing as well as providing some of their needs.

6. And how? Rent or borrow a tiller. Don't buy. Take a soil sample. Choose the best spot. Don't till too big a spot. Plan your rows. Buy and sow the seed. Put leaves around the plants for mulch to keep out grass. Enjoy the vegetables.

Next Month: Read Three Books at a Time

Dennis Wiggs



**NICARAGUAN EXILE IMPRISONED
FOR USING 'THE FOUR
SPIRITUAL LAWS'**

KANSAS CITY, MO (EP)—Jimmy Hassan, director of Campus Crusade in Nicaragua, told a press conference at the 44th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals that he was imprisoned because his office reprinted and distributed copies of the Spanish translation of "The Four Spiritual Laws."

Hassan, in exile from his native Nicaragua, was a practicing attorney and then a judge before going to work with Campus Crusade. Hassan was imprisoned Oct. 31, 1985, and charged with being an "instrument of capitalistic imperialism." His imprisonment alternated between a tiny cell ("four hands by four hands") and the "cold room," a refrigerated cell.

Hassan says he was threatened with death, and that an officer held an empty gun to his head and pulled the trigger. He was offered freedom if he would "confess he was a agent for the CIA." He said he saw other Christian workers being held naked in tiny cells and "cold rooms."

Hassan and his family were able to flee Nicaragua in December due to an administrative clerical error. He appealed to American Christians to help Christians in Nicaragua, but did not suggest military aid to the Contra rebels. "I would like to see North American churches directly aid churches in Nicaragua," he said.

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purple—almost. She touched her palm to her cheeks to make sure that they weren't on fire.

"I know you think that what happened to Megan today was pretty awful," said Brother Larkins, "but it could have been worse."

"Yeah," whispered Marty to Tony, "she could have been playing in the World Series."

"Megan thought she had made it home," continued Brother Larkins, "but she was surprised to learn that she had been disqualified. You know, some people think they are on their way to a heavenly home, but when their lives come to an end, they'll find that they've been disqualified. They'll only hear, 'Depart from me, for I know you not.'"

**COURT WILL TRY TO DEFINE
'RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY' FOR IRS**

CINCINNATI, OH (EP)—Is "religious activity" a broad enough term to include a Christian ministry involved in finding Christian homes for children, or does the term refer only to the actual conduct of worship? That's the question the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit will decide here, in a case that pits Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc. against the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS contends that church organizations do not necessarily enjoy the tax benefits of churches, and on this basis assessed \$29,665.12 in penalties against the children's home for failure to file Informational Return Form 990. The IRS was ordered to return the money, and is appealing that decision.

Speaking for the IRS, Ray Hepper said, "Religious activity is limited only to the conduct of worship." He explained, "We do not question that Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes are providing Christian homes for children. This activity is child care. Their religious motivation to do this is not relevant."

Frank Ingraham, representing the homes, said, "Child care is . . . a religious activity motivated by religious concern. Religious activity is functional rather than motivational." Ingraham accused the IRS of ignoring the mandatory tax-exemption for churches and their organizations imposed by Congress, and said the position of the IRS would strike the story of the Good Samaritan from the Christian faith.

At an August 1984 trial in U.S. District Court for Middle Tennessee, a jury agreed with the children's homes, finding that the homes' principal activity is "exclusively religious," and therefore the homes are exempt from IRS filing requirements. A memorandum issued that year by Judge L. Clure Morton declared the homes an "integrated auxiliary" of Tennessee Baptist churches.

The judge at the appeal took the case under advisement and will release a written decision at a later time.

"These folks may have run all the bases—they may have been baptized, they may pray and read their Bibles. They may even do good deeds, but if they skip first base—salvation—they won't enter heaven."

"Megan was pretty disappointed when she didn't make it home safely, but that is nothing compared to the sorrow of missing heaven. Boys and girls, if you have never asked Jesus into your hearts, if you have never touched first base and asked the Savior to cleanse you from your sins, then please do it now."

Megan's sadness had been turned to joy, for she knew that she was on her way to heaven. And what's more, four other children received Christ as their Savior because of her mistake and a wise preacher's analogy. ▲

**FOUR ADULTS IN TEN INVOLVED
IN SOME RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY**

PRINCETON, NJ (EP)—More than four adults in 10 (41 percent) have recently taken part in at least one religious activity beyond simple church attendance, according to a Gallup poll commissioned by the Christian Broadcasting Network.

The study showed a leveling out of religious activity involvement after a significant increase between 1978 and 1983. For instance, Bible study group involvement increased from 19 to 26 percent during those years, but has remained constant since then.

Some 26 percent of American adults, or 46 million adults (projected), are involved in a Bible study group. Religious education involved 21 percent of adults, while 18 percent said they were involved with prayer and meditation groups.

Of adults surveyed, 14 percent said they were involved in witnessing, 10 percent cited involvement in missionary work, nine percent said they engaged in evangelism activities.

Healing was practiced by six percent of those polled, prophecy by four percent, and speaking in tongues by three percent. Three percent of adults questioned said they were involved in the charismatic movement.

**COLSON CALLS FOR REVERSAL OF
WISCONSIN CHAPLAINCY RULING**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—The head of the nation's largest prison ministry group urged Wisconsin governor Anthony Earl to reverse the state's decision to reduce prison chaplaincy programs.

In a telegram sent to the Governor Wednesday, former presidential aide Charles Colson, now chairman of Prison Fellowship Ministries, criticized a decision by the Department of Health and Social Services to cut in half the number of prison chaplains and to use religious coordinators with no denominational ties, rather than clergy, as chaplains.

"Limiting the number of chaplains and removing clergy from these roles will create a spiritual vacuum in many of the institutions," Colson said. "The evidence demonstrates that crime is a moral problem and that spiritual regeneration is one of the few elements that can arguably be linked to reduced recidivism."

Colson's Prison Fellowship works in 428 prisons in the U.S., involving more than 36,000 volunteers in prison ministry. Colson said that while volunteers have a "positive impact," on prisons and prisoners, the greater influence of a chaplain is needed.

"Pastors are both the on-site pastors for prisoners day in and day out, and the key to organizing and admitting volunteers," Colson explained.

Colson cited an unsuccessful effort by the Federal Bureau of Prisons to turn chaplaincy services over to volunteers. That experiment resulted in the hiring of more federal chaplains than ever before. "Save Wisconsin the trouble of finding out the hard way," Colson urged the governor. "Reverse this decision and give your full support to the chaplaincy in Wisconsin."



Obedient Offspring



THE SECRETARY SPEAKS

By Melvin Worthington

There's nothing sadder than young children who disobey their parents or older children who disrespect parents after becoming adults. Self-willed children guarantee unhappiness for themselves and inflict sorrow on all who try to help them.

Boys ashamed of their fathers mouth degrading epithets which shame themselves and their parents. Girls frequently look upon their mothers as part of the household furniture provided so that they might be free from responsibility to engage in frivolity.

The Bible speaks pointedly and often—"Honor thy father and thy mother." Paul declared, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

There is a sacred relationship between parent and child. Those who abuse it do so to their sorrow.

The Representatives

Obedient offspring recognize that parents are God's representatives. When a child is young and his mind unable to grasp the most elementary of ideas, God is revealed to the child through his parents as role models.

God is to the adult what parents are to the child—law giver, lover, provider and controller. Under God, parents structure their children's existence. A child's attitude toward his parents indicates his attitude toward God.

The Relationships

Obedient offspring are careful to maintain good family relationships.

They are aware that they owe their existence to their parents. Children recognize that as long as they depend on their parents for maintenance of life they must obey them.

When a child is born into the world it is helpless, dependent on parents for everything. The parents are superior in knowledge and power, as well as the source of all good for the child. Parents protect, cherish, clothe, feed, educate and endow the child. All this good is bestowed unselfishly. Love given to children by parents is mysterious and probably the most perfect analogue of the love of God.

The closest relationships on earth are within the boundaries of the family.

The Requirements

Obedient offspring obey their parents in adolescence and give them

honor during their adulthood. Jesus set the example when He was subject to His parents (Luke 2:51).

Children should conform to the wishes and be controlled by the judgments of their parents in all cases where such submission does not conflict with higher obligations.

When a child reaches adulthood he must act apart from parental control if he is to develop mature character. Honor does not cease, but rather takes on a new form. Although the child is not required to obey as an adult, he must still respect and reverence his parents.

The Reward

Honoring and obeying one's parents helps the child to learn self-control, obedience to law, submission to authority and respect for rules of health. He will become a law-abiding citizen and a productive worker.

The child who sets aside parental and divine authority cultivates a law-breaking character. He probably will become a self-willed man, defying laws of man as well as God. Such a life undermines one's health, the community and the home, and tends to shorten life and forfeit the gifts of God.

Jonathan Edwards was correct: "I now plainly perceive what great obligations I am under to love and honour my parents. I have great reason to believe that their counsel and education have been my making; not withstanding in the time of it, it seemed to do me so little good." ▲

The Secretary's Schedule

June 1	Victory FWB Church Goldsboro, NC
June 2-3	North Carolina State Association
June 3-5	Missouri State Association
June 6-7	West Virginia State Association
June 8	Prince of Peace FWB church Huntington, WV
June 11-12	RCMA Board Meeting Long Beach, CA
June 12-14	California State Association
June 15	Clovis FWB Church Clovis, CA
June 20-21	Indiana State Association
June 27-28	Ohio State Association
June 29	Urbana FWB Church Urbana, OH

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