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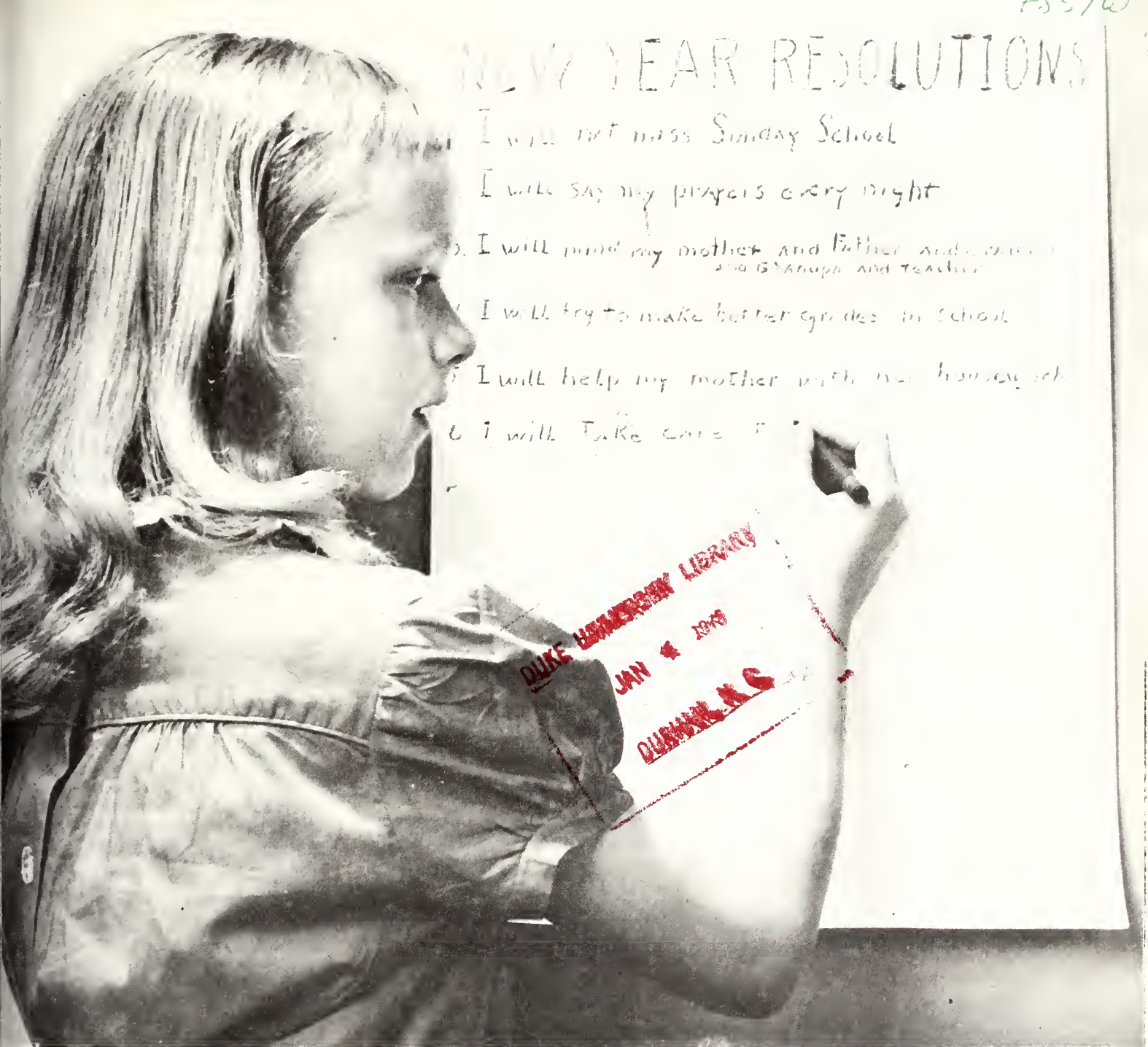


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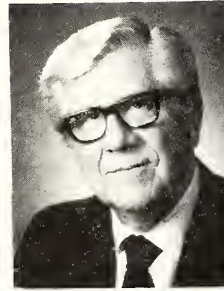


THE  
**FREE  
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BAPTIST**

*I SHALL PASS THIS  
WAY BUT ONCE;  
ANY GOOD THAT I  
CAN SHOW, LET ME  
DO IT NOW, FOR I  
SHALL NOT PASS  
THIS WAY AGAIN*

*—Selected*

# Editorial . . .



the Rev. C. F. Bowen

## The End of Pleasant Experiences

# WE LEAVE AND EDITOR MANNING RETURNS

These have been twelve weeks of pleasant and enlightening experiences serving as acting editor while Mr. Tommy Manning has been on leave of absence.

But like so many other good things this, too, must end.

In this last "editorial" let me express some sincere and honest feelings regarding those with whom it has been my pleasure to work, especially those in the editorial department of the Press.

First, thank you, Tommy, for asking me to do this. Your confidence in my ability was appreciated. I hope I have measured up somewhat to most of your expectations. Everyone welcomes you back.

Thank you, Mr. Reynolds, and the board of directors, for accepting Tommy's recommendation enabling me to serve. You have been a most understanding employer.

Thank you, Verna, for being the stabilizing influence and, I might add, the youngish matriarch, of the editorial department. Without your help I would have been more lost than I have been all along.

Thank you, Dr. Ben; I have learned much from you, and your invaluable editing has helped us all in more ways than you think.

Thank you, Sara, for being such a proficient liaison worker between the printing and finishing department and me. You have shown skills you yourself didn't know you had.

Thank you, Janie, for the numerous times you came to my rescue with timely ideas which revealed your amazing talents—and for your inimitable sense of humor.

Thank you, Marylu, for the times it has been my pleasure to observe your excellent skill in illustrating material in the department.

These have been closest to me, but I also thank those in the printing and finishing department, and everyone else who has been so patient with me and in some manner survived my many idiosyncrasies.

Now that the twelve weeks are up, you may all relax!

Let me sum it up by saying God bless you all with a prosperous New Year. I will not forget your love, your understanding, and your help.

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# CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE GOD-KIND

by Leighton Ford

**OUR NEW YEAR FEATURE ARTICLE** was written by Leighton Ford who is an associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. This is a condensation of a recent text for *The Hour of Decision* radio program.

**T**HE movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", was one of the latest box-office smashes. "Close Encounters" is the fictionalized account of a UFO—an unidentified flying object—which communicates with human beings by a series of musical tones.

The advertising for the movie explains there are three kinds of encounters with so-called UFO's. The first kind involves simply seeing one of these mysterious objects. The second kind of encounter means feeling the effect of it. But a close encounter of the "Third Kind" is a personal first-hand experience with a UFO.

Have you ever thought that Christianity involves a close encounter of the God-kind?

Christianity involves a personal, close encounter with the true and living God.

In John Chapter 17, Verse 3 Jesus describes His mission in the world as being that of bringing to people eternal life and He explains: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent."

This is life?

Can you say that you have really discovered the secret of life?

Some people say: "This is life," with a shrug.

Others say: "This is life?" with a question mark.

For many, life is a frustrating search that never ends.

For some, life is an "I-IT" relationship. It's summed up in acquiring things. But they forget about the rich man in Jesus' parable who acquired for himself lands, barns, crops, money and securities. God spoke to him and said, "You fool—a man's life does not consist in the abundance of things which he possesses." People who live in an "I-IT" relationship end up as hollow men. They shrink themselves to the scale of the things they worship.

For others, life is an "I-I" relationship. The worship of self—the belief that we create ourselves by the act of choosing. But the problem with "I-I" living is that it leads to isolation and loneliness. Dr. Paul Vitz, Associate Professor of Psychology at New York University says the worship of self makes it impossible to have long-term relationships which involve love and sacrifice.

We can move beyond life as an "I-IT" or "I-I" existence. We can see life as an "I-YOU" relationship. This is a step in the right direction—in a biblical direction. Thoughtful people realize that life must consist of more than acquiring things or worshiping self. We must move beyond ourselves and learn to love others.

This "I-YOU" relationship is an improvement, but still not the final answer. Worship things, you shrink yourself. Worship self, you isolate yourself. Worship others, you doom yourself to disappointment—for no human being is big enough to be worshiped. No matter who we love, they will eventually fail, get sick and die.

Are you looking for a dimension of living beyond what you have encountered? Then listen to what Jesus has to say about a close encounter of the "God-Kind."

Life, says Jesus, can be a fulfilling discovery—in a close encounter with God: "This is life eternal—to know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Notice that Jesus says, "This is life eternal"—present tense! Eternal life isn't merely something that happens after we die. It's a new quality, a new dimension of life that can begin now.

Life eternal, says Jesus, is a matter of an "I-THOU" relationship with the only true God.

Knowing God involves a close encounter. It means more than believing in a faroff power. It means more than knowing about God. It involves a personal relationship with God. It's a close encounter that transforms life.

How can we know God like that, you ask? We human beings are so small and God is so big. We are so rebellious and God is so good. How can rebels like us know a great and good God?

It would be unthinkable—unless God takes the first step! That's what Jesus meant when He said: "This is life eternal, to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." At a specific point in space, time and history, Almighty God visited the human race. The baby born at Bethlehem was God—the invisible God made visible in human terms—God revealing Himself in a close encounter.

God became man to lead us away from death into eternal life. He came not only to warn us about the danger of separation from God, but actually to take our separation upon Him. In perfect obedience He carried out the Father's will. On the Cross He took our death and guilt that in exchange He might give to us the eternal life of God himself.

But Jesus Christ is more than ancient history. Life begins when you discover the dimension of a present, personal relationship with Him as Saviour and Lord.

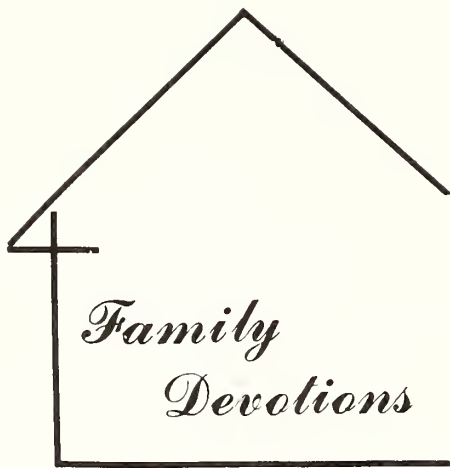
The movie, "Close Encounters," talks about three kinds of encounters. Ralph Hasten, in a brand new poem, applies that to Jesus Christ.

"Someone—perhaps a parent or a friend—or even a stranger whom we've met along the way, tells us of Jesus, so that, for the first time, we become at least dimly conscious of who He is, and suddenly we've made a close encounter of the first kind!

And then, because we want to know more of this Nazarene who called Himself the Son of Man, and of whom those who knew Him best remarked that He was indeed the Son of God, we go to church to learn of Him. . . . close encounters of the second kind!

And then the day arrives when we experience the friendship of the Master in that marvelous personal

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

Scripture Reading—Genesis 39:3

**RECIPE FOR A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

Take twelve fine full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they came from the great storehouse of TIME.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one Year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time; (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way) but prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving out this is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it), three of prayer, two of goodwill and one well-selected resolution. Put in a dash of fun, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour into the whole, love ad libitum and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with sweet smiles and a few sprigs of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is a certainty.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*How many of you promise your-*

*selves that you are going to do things differently or better for the New Year? Let's live up to those promises! Happy New Year to you!*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

Scripture Reading—Psalm 68:11

**A BOY'S TRIBUTE TO THE  
POWER OF THE WORD**

Dr. Moffat, the celebrated missionary to South Africa, tells the amusing story of a lad who had been converted by reading the New Testament. One day he came to Dr. Moffat in great distress to tell him that their big watchdog had got hold of the book and torn a page out of it. Dr. Moffat tried to comfort him by saying he could get another New Testament. But the boy was not comforted at all. "Think of the dog," he said. Dr. Moffat supposing the boy thought the paper would do the dog harm, said, "If your dog can crunch an ox bone he's not going to be hurt by a piece of paper." "Oh, Papa Moffat," he cried, "I once was a bad boy. If I had an enemy I hated him, and everything in me wanted to kill him. Then I got the New Testament in my heart, and began to love everybody, and forgive all my enemies; and now the dog, the great big hunting dog, has got the blessed Book in him, and will begin to love the lions and tigers, and let them help themselves to the sheep and oxen." What a beautiful tribute that boy, out of the simplicity of his heart, paid to the power of the Bible.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Why not start the year out right by remembering to read the Bible each day! Let the Word of God be a light to your life.*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 30:14

**IT WORKS**

A mechanic was called in to repair the mechanism of a giant telescope. During the noon hour the chief astronomer came upon the man reading the Bible.

"What good do you expect from that?" he asked. "The Bible is out of date. Why, you don't even know who wrote it?"

The mechanic puzzled a moment. Then he looked up. "Don't you make considerable use of the multiplication

table in your calculations?"

"Yes, of course," returned the other.

"Do you know who wrote it?"

"Why no, I guess I don't."

"Then," said the mechanic, "how can you trust the multiplication table when you don't know who wrote it?"

"We trust it because—well, because it works," the astronomer finished testily.

"Well, I trust the Bible for the same reason—it just works."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*The Bible speaks to all people, whether they are rich or poor, young or old. There are many answers to be found in the Bible.*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:8

**T.N.T.**

A minister recently sent a number of books, among them a copy of the New Testament, to be rebound. He was surprised on the return of the books to find on the backbone of the New Testament a label in gilt letters, "T.N.T." There was no room to spell out "The New Testament," so the bookbinder inscribed merely "T.N.T.," the first letters of the three words.

Not a bad name for the New Testament! It is T. N. T.—it is spiritual dynamite.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*There are many things which are deadly to plant in human life, but there are many things which are helpful in development and growth for survival. The Bible is one of these for the human being.*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**

Scripture Reading—1 Thesalonians 2:14

**POTENCY IN REPETITION**

It is said that in the Zulu churches of South Africa, it is the custom for the believers, both men and women, to go out after hearing the sermon and repeat as much of it as possible to anyone who will listen. *In giving the message to others, they retain more of it themselves and therefore receive a double blessing.* Is not this the way to get more of the Holy Spirit and all spiritual blessings from God?



#### PRAYER THOUGHT

How many of you can remember the sermon which your pastor preaches on Sunday well enough to repeat it to someone else during the week? You should listen! He may have things of importance to you.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Scripture Reading—1 John 4:15

#### WHEN HE CAME TO THE END OF SELF

A young lad was troubled in soul. He had attended some services where the preacher used many passages concerning the utter depravity of the human heart. The preacher quoted: "All have sinned"; "There is none righteous, no, not one"; "All we like sheep have gone astray"; "Dead in trespasses and sin." The lad refused the application of these Scriptures to himself. His philosophy was this: "I know there is some bad about me, but I am not utterly bad. I have just about as much good about me as bad." In this frame of mind, he sought salvation, but could not find it. For six months this striving in his soul continued, until finally he was so wearied with the struggle that he sat down beside the road to see whether he was really honest in his heart. The more he considered himself, the more he condemned himself, until finally he cried out: "O God, Thou art righteous. I am just utterly bad from head to foot. If You sent me to hell, that is what I deserve!" As soon as this confession had burst from his heart and lips, the Holy Spirit revealed the Saviour to him. He trusted his soul to Christ and went on his way with peace.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

When God calls us, we should answer promptly. We should never put off serving God and obeying His will.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Scripture Reading—James 5:16

#### TWO DIFFERENT MARTINS

At the beginning of the Reformation, Martin of Basle came to a knowledge of the truth, but, afraid to make a public confession, he wrote on a leaf of parchment: "O most merciful Christ, I know that I can be saved only by the merit of thy blood. Holy Jesus I acknowledge thy suf-

ferings for me. I love thee! I love thee!" Then he removed a stone from the wall of his chamber and hid it there. It was not discovered for more than a hundred years. About the same time Martin Luther found the truth as it is in Christ. He said: "My Lord has confessed me before men; I will not shrink from confessing Him before kings." The world knows what followed, and today it reveres the

memory of Luther but as for Martin of Basle, who cares for him?

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

Two people may have the same name, but it doesn't mean that they both are Christians. Please pray for the unsaved of the world.

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### THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

#### 96 Years Ago

R. K. Hearn was editor of *The Free Will Baptist* which in 1883 was being published in New Bern, North Carolina. The paper today does not carry commercial advertisements as were found in Editor Hearn's "organ" of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Here are some of the ads published 96 years ago:

**If you are suffering with aches and pains, call and get a bottle of Scott's Liniment on South Front Street (New Bern)**

A local store advertised a product by Hancock which appears to have been quite effective:

**We hear of a good many chills in the county. Hancock's Chill Pills will cure them. We have tried them**

And then this one:

**Shake no more. A sure cure: Hancock's Chill Pills**

Efforts were made even then to get new subscribers to the paper. This was an inducement to subscribe:

**We offer as a premium to all who will subscribe to *The Free Will Baptist* for one year and pay in advance. . . Dr. B. J. Kendall's Treatise on the Horse—97 pages of information concerning the Horse, his diseases, etc.**

Other ads offered various items every home should have—so they said:

**Don't go West young man. Stay at home and save your money by buying your dry goods, groceries, roots, and shoes, hats and caps, etc., from Humphrey & Howard (New Bern)**

**Make hens lay with Sheridan's Condition Powders—all other powders are worthless trash**

**Advice to mothers: Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once.**

In a section called "Local Items" were these bits of information: **The gentle zephyrs of summer will soon be whispering through the trees (This appeared on May 23.)**

**Our correspondents would do us a kindness if they would write more prose and less poetry**

#### 78 Years Ago

S. Z. Sharp wrote these wise words:

**A mother inclined towards the fashions has more influence over her daughters in directing them worldward than the minister has in directing them Heavenward**

**If some elders (pastors) would care as well for their congregations as they do for their farms, what a change it would make!**

# EVIL POWERS IMPERIL PALAWAN

*“Let us take that Name and claim that Power . . . A letter of prayer commitment from YOU would be encouraging . . .”*

by Missionaries  
Wayne King, Fred Baker

Brethren, we are fighting a real battle with the devil in the Philippines. We need your prayers and your support.

The devil has been hindering the work here in every way he can: opposing progress, causing delays, creating hardships, spreading confusion. But he didn't begin just yesterday. His assaults have been sharp and fierce every since this work began. And they seem to intensify all the time. We are engaged in spiritual conflict for the Philippines. Prayer is badly needed. We can possess the land for Christ or we can wander in "the wilderness" for another "forty years." The devil means business whether we do or not.

For three weeks Fred and I were hindered from going to Palawan to initiate the work there. Our first flight to Puerto Princesa City was suddenly canceled within minutes of its scheduled take off. Then a major typhoon destroyed part of a water reservoir causing our water supply to be cut off for days. This created problems for our families, resulting in further delay. Our trip was postponed for a third time when we had to wait a week to get ticket reservations.

Finally, everything was confirmed and we were ready to go. Then enroute to the airport we were caught in a massive traffic jam and vehicles slowed to a crawl. Consequently, arriving at the airport too late, we missed our flight again. One day later we were finally able to leave.

To us it was almost reminiscent of the spiritual confrontation that also blocked the answer to Daniel's prayer for three full weeks. Please read Daniel 10:12, 13. There truly seems to be a mighty evil spirit such as Daniel mentions in the above passage overruling Palawan also, and only earnest prayer and fasting can break his strong hold. And beloved, it MUST be broken if we are to do anything for God on Palawan.

The absence of running water and having to haul in some daily is a great hindrance to our moving on to more important matters of ministry. Just taking care of the daily household chores and providing for the families' needs is a time-consuming job in itself.

We have been without running water for four weeks now and the crisis continues. There is little water for washing clothes or dishes, or for taking baths. We wash clothes only once a week when nearly everything is dirty; we eat and drink from expensive paper cups and plates to save water in washing dishes. And we only use small buckets of

water for baths. We use rainwater and save the wash water to flush the toilets. However, insufficient water for this purpose has backed the sewage up in the drain pipes until it has started to come out the shower drain inside the basement bathroom and overflow.

In addition to hindering us from the work, Satan has delighted in creating hardships for us as well. Part of his ultimate aim is to lower the missionary morale and cause discouragement, for he knows the discouraged Christian is the defeated one.

We could tell of many other ways in which the devil has harassed and caused delay, but we do not share these things to evoke pity. This is not a plea for pity; it is a plea for prayer. Nor do we mention these matters to magnify the powers of Satan. He is a defeated foe and he knows it. But he comes with great wrath and fury in these last days (Revelation 12:12). The Apostle Paul warned against him (Ephesians 6:11, 13) and urged the Ephesians to stand against him. We are asking you to stand with us, brethren, and we ask you to pray with and for us.

We re-affirm the power of Jesus' shed blood in our behalf and the power of His name over evil. John said, ". . . Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Jesus said, ". . . I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). The strongholds of hell MUST give way when the Church of Jesus Christ moves forward like a mighty army in the power of His Name!

Let us take that Name and claim that power and "see the salvation of the Lord" upon Palawan. A letter of prayer commitment from YOU would be a great encouragement to us. You may send your letters to either of us **c/o Free Will Baptist Mission, P. O. Box 346, Greenhills, Rizal 3113, Philippines.** Prayer is the only answer and our only hope. It is the lifeline of our missionary program.

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*"FOR WE WRESTLE not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).*

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# THE REV. WALTER REYNOLDS

FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH near Farmville, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. He is the fifth to be accorded this recognition in our paper. Why not remember your pastor in the New Year by using this means of honoring him? The editor, Mr. Manning, will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise to him.

## FRIENDSHIP CHURCH HONORS PASTOR

by Gertrude Beaman



Mr. Reynolds

The Rev. Walter Reynolds came to us eleven years ago when a man of sound doctrine and good judgment was needed to take charge of our congregation. These two and other qualities have led us to depend upon him for his advice and counsel.

His concern that all come to a saving knowledge of the Lord is evidenced by his evangelistic messages each Sunday. When members of his congregation are sick in body or spirit, Mr. Reynolds is always nearby to offer comfort and prayer. He always thinks to do little things such as making an extra copy of a wedding ceremony or giving the bereaved family a copy of the service.

Since he has been with us, a Laymen's League and Young Woman's Auxiliary have been organized. Services have been increased from halftime to fulltime.

During his years here a new sanctuary and a fellowship hall have been added. The old church has been remodeled for use as a chapel.

In denominational work, Mr. Reynolds is well known, very active, and he is presently treasurer of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Board of Superannuation.

After returning from military service, he married Evelyn Furlough, and together they went to Nashville, Tennessee where he graduated from Free Will Baptist College. They have three children: Sammy, Judy, and Steve. Sammy is married and resides with his wife Cindy and daughter Casey in Raleigh where he is a landscape architect. Judy and Richard Reeves live in Raleigh with their two sons, Adam and Christopher. Richard works with the

Internal Revenue Service. Steve is enrolled at East Carolina University.

As we honor our pastor we also honor his loyal and faithful wife, Evelyn, who comes so regularly and serves in many ways. She teaches an adult Sunday school class, directs the adult choir, directs weddings and does many other

tasks too numerous to mention.

We just know that God sent Walter and Evelyn Reynolds to our church. It is our wish that they know of our great love, esteem, and appreciation for them.

In addition to being our pastor, he also serves as manager of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

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- How many gifts are there and what do they mean?
- Do you know what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit?
- What is He doing in the world today?
- How does the Spirit communicate with us?



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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## In Memory of the Late L. E. Ballard

*DURING THE RECENT quarterly meeting of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees, the following resolution was presented and passed in memory of the late Rev. Loy Everett Ballard.*

WHEREAS Loy Everett Ballard, born 1899, in the mountains of western North Carolina, spent the majority of his years as a loyal Free Will Baptist minister within the bounds of the North Carolina State Convention; and

WHEREAS he was a devoted servant of the Lord giving more than fifty years of his life to the Christian ministry in the Free Will Baptist Church, and

WHEREAS one of his major concerns was the training of persons of all ages for leadership and service to the local church through their participation in the Free Will Baptist League, an organization to which he devoted many years of labor as an organizer, leader, and a writer; and

WHEREAS he played an active role in establishing and promoting Cragmont Assembly, serving ten years as co-manager with his wife, and was affectionately known as "Pa" Ballard by thousands of young people who attended conferences at Cragmont, and

WHEREAS as Field Secretary of the State Sunday School Convention he provided tireless leadership for twenty-two years in the promotion of Sunday school work among Free Will Baptists, and

WHEREAS as an avid collector of memorabilia and other valuable historical materials about Free Will Baptists, he demonstrated his interest in and his public support of the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection at Mount Olive College, wrote about Free Will Baptists in denominational publications, and encouraged the gathering of materials for Free Will Baptist history;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees and Administration of Mount Olive College officially recognize the dedicated labors and lasting contributions of the late Rev. Loy Everett Ballard and that a copy of this resolution be given to his family, a copy be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Trustees, and a copy be sent to **The Free Will Baptist** for publication this twenty-first day of November, 1978.

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### SPRING SEMESTER DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 8 Resident Students Come to Campus
- January 9 Registration and Educational Advising
- January 10 Spring Semester Classes Begin
- January 15 Night Classes Begin  
Paul Palmer Classes Begin
- January 16 Paul Palmer Classes Begin at Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly



### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Candace Wilson of Kenly is Mount Olive College Student of the Week. A member of the last graduating class of Rock Ridge High School in Wilson County, Candace is a freshman at Mount Olive this year.

At 18 years of age, her ambition is to become a secretary for an attorney. Candace is majoring in the new legal secretarial science program developed within the last two years.

As a recipient of a faculty scholarship, Candace is participating in the Mount Olive College Academic Honors Program.

Candace's nominator describes her as "hard-working, friendly, and concerned for others."

She is a member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in Kenly and the daughter of Mrs. Agnes Wilson.

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### NIGHT CLASSES AT MOC

The following night classes will be offered during the spring semester at Mount Olive College beginning Monday, January 15:

#### Monday night classes (7—10 p. m.)

The Free Will Baptist Church  
Introduction to Sociology  
Introduction to Theatre  
Microbiology class or lab

#### Tuesday night classes (7—10 p. m.)

Introduction to Christian Education  
Introduction to Business  
English Composition

#### Wednesday night class (7—10 p. m.)

Microbiology (continued) class or lab.

Registration will be held the first night of class. For more information, contact: The Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone (919) 558-2502.

## PAUL PALMER COURSES FOR SPRING

The Paul Palmer Institute of Christian Studies, an outreach of Mount Olive College, will offer classes on campus at Mount Olive College and at Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly, North Carolina.

Monday night courses at Mount Olive College beginning January 15:

7-8:20 p. m.—New Testament, taught by Dr. Michael Pelt  
8:30-9:50 p. m.—Church History II, taught by the Rev. Sheldon Howard

Tuesday night courses at Rains Cross Roads church beginning January 16:

7-8:20 p. m.—Principles of Christian Education, taught by the Rev. Ed Gonzalez  
8:30-9:50 p. m.—Survey of the Old Testament, taught by the Rev. DeWayne Eakes

The eight-week courses are available at a cost of \$20 per course. Registration will be held on the first night of classes.

For more information contact: Frank R. Harrison, director, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone (919) 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

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### “HINDERED BUT NOT DEFEATED”

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

Every since the beginning of time God has had a program for man. It always operates on a perfect time schedule. Neither man nor the devil can stop it. But, throughout the years Satan has tried to hinder or to defeat God's plan. But God's plan will be finished on time. God always has the right person for the right job, in the right place, at the right time to overrule the powers of Satan. His will, will always be accomplished.

When the birth of Jesus was prophesied some four thousand years before it happened in (Genesis 3:15), Satan made it his business to make sure that it would never happen. Satan was behind the flood in his attempt to destroy all mankind, that the seed of the woman might not be born.

But God's program marched on. Noah and his family were preserved in the ark which kept the seed of the woman alive. In Genesis 11 we find man in the dark again as a result of Satan's effort to keep the seed of the woman from being born. But, God called Abraham saying, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3).

Christ was to come to this earth through the nation God made from Abraham. That was why Satan tried to destroy Israel. But prophecy is not guess work, it is the infallible Word of God, and it always comes true. Satan used all of his deceitful bag of tricks in an all out effort to block the coming of the Messiah, but Jesus was born in spite of all the devil could do. Israel became a nation in Egypt. The devil used Pharaoh as a tool to destroy Israel, but he failed. Pharaoh and his army were swallowed up by the Red Sea.

In 2 Kings, the devil used Queen Athaliah, the daughter of Jezebel (the only woman who reigned in either of the two kingdoms of Israel).

"And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all of the seed royal. But Jehoaheeba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain (2 Kings 11:1, 2).

Here the devil almost succeeded in destroying the royal line of the tribe of Judah. But always bear this in mind; when it seems that God's program is defeated, God always has a Joash in the closet. Athaliah reigned six years. Then little Joash was brought from his hiding place and crowned King. Athaliah was murdered and God's program rolled on.

In the Book of Esther we again see Satan through the wicked Haman trying to destroy all the Jews in his attempt to block the seed of the woman. Although God's name does not appear in the Book

of Esther, His all wise providence is seen.

The Prophet Micah had declared that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), and when we read Chapter 2 of Luke we see that it did happen, even though Satan had tried to prevent it for four thousand years. But now that He was born Satan knew that he must destroy Him. He used Herod the wicked king, to murder children from two years of age and not only in Bethlehem, which is five miles south of Jerusalem, but in Rama, which is north of Jerusalem. Thirty years later the devil offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, if He would fall down and worship him (Matthew 4:8, 9).

Satan did not want Jesus to die on the Cross, because the prophecy had declared that by the crucifixion of the Son of God the devil would be crushed. So the devil tried to kill Him some other way.

Not only did the devil try to prevent the birth of Christ and to kill Him after He came, but he tried to also prevent the Lord from rising from the grave.

They sealed the tomb; thus, we had a governmental barrier.

They set a watch; thus, we had a military barrier.

They rolled a stone before the door; thus, we had a physical barrier. In spite of all the devil could do, Jesus arose from the grave. Then He ascended back to the Heavenly Father. "And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:15). We believe this verse is referring to the battle fought between planet earth and the planet Heaven during the ascension of Jesus Christ, as the devil tried to hinder Jesus from returning to the heavens.

Now the devil has one more scheme and that is to defeat the second coming of Christ to the earth. "And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse and against His army" (Revelations 19:19). Satan hates the second coming of Christ because he will go bankrupt at this time. That's why the spirit of the anti-christ is working overtime, to gather the armies of the earth together to reject and destroy Jesus at His second coming. The Battle of Armageddon will be fought

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# Santa Visits Children's Home



**SANTA CLAUS, ALIAS JOHN CAPPS** of Friendship church, Wake County, and a group of Mount Olive College students from the Free Will Baptist Fellowship and Phi Beta Lambda organizations brought Christmas gifts to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex. "The look on those faces was worth it all," one student said. From left, math professor. Caroline Castlloe, Spring Hill church, Wayne County; Lynn Richardson, Smyrna church, Beaufort County; Donnie Rose, Pinetops; Janie Braswell, Daniels Chapel, Wilson; Lynette Turner, Spring Hill church; Belinda Ellen, Wilson; Santa Claus; Debbie Sharp, Marsh Swamp church, Wilson County; Kim Braxton, Wilson; Debra Wade, Hugo church, Lenoir County; and Martha Jo Vinson, LaGrange.

Ayden	130.00
Bethany	130.00
Black Jack	1,657.12
Cedar Grove	100.00
Daniels Chapel	75.00
Dawson's Grove	320.00
Dilda's Grove	5.00
Edgewood	205.00
Elm Grove	12.80
Free Union	416.36
Friendship	544.01
Greenville, First	260.00
Grimsley	170.00
Harrell's Chapel	305.00
Hickory Grove	40.00
Howell Swamp	10.00
Hugo	268.30
Hull Road	432.00
King's Cross Roads	1,959.66
LaGrange	549.75
Little Creek	20.00
Marlboro	163.68
Second Union	12.87
District Auxiliary Convention	28.00
Old Saints Delight	150.00
Ormondsville	1,069.35
Owen's Chapel	830.35
Peace	40.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	75.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	97.00
Pleasant Hill	320.00
Reedy Branch	630.00
Roanoke Rapids Mission	5.00
Rocky Mount	216.00
Rose Hill	198.50
Rose of Sharon	808.50
Spring Branch	320.00
Sweet Gum Grove	293.64
Tarboro	20.00
Walnut Creek	100.00
Watery Branch	300.00
Winterville	20.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$13,654.89</b>

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

NOVEMBER, 1978  
TOTAL: \$45,648.27

### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Corinth	\$ 10.00
Hickory Chapel	1,065.95
Malachi's Chapel	249.00
Mount Tabor	221.98
Auxiliary Convention	85.36
Union Meeting	17.30
District Sunday School Convention	41.64
Fifth Sunday Sing	119.00
Sound Side	187.86
Trinity	200.00
Union Chapel	90.95
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,289.04</b>

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Bethel	\$ 95.00
Casey's Chapel	445.75

Christian Chapel	5.00
Goldsboro, First	585.25
Hopewell	570.38
Johnston Union	28.00
Lanwood Chapel	50.00
Lee's Chapel	707.00
Mount Olive	45.00
District Auxiliary Convention	13.34
Oak Grove	550.00
Robert's Grove	26.00
Saint Mary's Grove	160.00
Shady Grove	515.00
Smithfield, First	250.00
Smyrna	125.00
Tee's Chapel	912.76
Wooten's Chapel	93.25
Yelverton Grove	339.83
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 5,506.56</b>

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	\$ 347.00
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### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Arapahoe	\$ 320.00
Bethel	332.00
Bethlehem	565.00
Bridgeton	189.00
British Chapel	12.00
Christian Chapel	325.00
Core Creek	109.42
Core Point	112.13
Croatian	100.00
Deep Run	411.69
Dublin Grove	83.00
Edwards Chapel	45.00
Folkstone	72.77
Free Union	25.00

Gray Branch	348.18
Holly Springs	300.00
Indian Springs	115.00
Juniper Chapel	57.08
Kinston, First	718.70
Lanier's Chapel	204.37
Long Ridge	75.00
Macedonia	50.00
Memorial	326.50
Moseley's Creek	25.00
Mount Zion (Pamlico)	375.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
Fifth Sunday School	
Convention	43.00
Auxiliary District Fund	105.00
Fifth Union	25.00
Third Union	50.00
New Haven	370.06
Northeast	191.25
Oak Grove	5.00
Otway	30.00
Pearsall Chapel	360.36
Pilgrim's Home	300.00
Pilgrim's Rest	100.00
Piney Grove	2.00
Reunion Chapel	150.00
Saints Delight	20.00
Sandy Plain	34.61
Sarecta	75.00
Smith's New Home	500.00
Sneds Ferry	100.00
Snow Hill	300.00
Sound View	25.00
Spring Hope	60.00
St. Mary's	40.00
Vanceboro, First	200.00
Verona	100.00
Warden's Grove	523.14
Welcome Home	25.00
Whaley's Chapel	203.90
White Hill	25.00
White Oak Grove	637.00
Wintergreen	20.00
Woodrow	160.81
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,087.97</b>

Mount Olive	101.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 737.00</b>

**ROCK FISH CONFERENCE**

Mount Moriah	\$ 25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

**TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

Roan's Chapel	\$ 100.00
Roaring Creek	59.73
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 159.00</b>

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Barnes Hill	\$ 144.31
Black Jack Grove	342.00
Branch Chapel	233.94
Calvary	375.00
Elwood Lane	178.23
Everett Chapel	511.02
Flood's Chapel	33.00
Free Union	200.00
Friendship	14.00
Holly Springs	800.00
Kenly	87.64
Little Rock	40.00
Marsh Swamp	617.16
Memorial Chapel	100.86
Micro	185.00
Milbournie	177.00
Mount Zion (Wilson)	20.00
District Auxiliary	
Convention	26.25
Youth Fellowship	25.00
First Union	100.00

New Sandy Hill	25.00
People's Chapel	144.00
Piney Grove	199.82
Pine Level	1,138.37
Pleasant Grove	1,515.00
Pleasant Hill	153.48
Rains Cross Roads	60.00
Rock Springs	58.83
Rosebud	117.75
Sherron Acres	150.00
Spring Hill	200.00
St. Mary's	225.00
Stancil's Chapel	508.46
Stoney Creek	75.00
Stony Hill	350.00
Trinity	840.00
Union Chapel	179.30
Union Grove	150.00
Unity	170.00
Watson's Grove	50.00
Wilson, First	1,305.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$11,845.42</b>

**OTHER STATES**

Laurel City Sunday School	\$ 32.59
Shelby, Ohio	70.30
Bim Ladies Aid	10.00
Boone County Youth	25.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 187.89</b>

**STATEWIDE**

Auxiliary	\$ 203.58
Historical Society	32.50
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 236.08</b>

**MEMORIAL GIFTS  
NOVEMBER, 1978  
TOTAL: \$120.00**

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**PREACHER'S DIARY**

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I visited Mrs. A, a hospital cancer patient, today. As I was expressing my sympathy and telling her of God's love for her, she interrupted and said, "Oh, I'm not worried; you see, I don't believe as you do. I believe in predestination; that is, whatever will be, will be, and there really isn't anything we can do to change that." (Yet she had just undergone lung surgery and had sworn off cigarettes!)

**PEE DEE ASSOCIATION**

Beaverdam	\$ 500.00
Cypress Creek	34.00
Emerson	164.02
First Union	70.00
Pireway	50.00
White Oak	100.67
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 918.69</b>

**PIEDMONT CONFERENCE**

East Rockingham	\$ 131.00
Highland Pines	300.00
Hopewell	80.00
House of Prayer	125.00



# The Sunday School Lesson

For January 14

## GROWING UP IN CHRIST

**Lesson Text:** Philippians 3:12-16; 1 John 4:13-21

**Memory Verse:** 2 Peter 3:18

### I. INTRODUCTION

The printed text for this lesson is from two New Testament books—Philippians and 1 John. The Philippian letter was written during Paul's first imprisonment. The Philippian Christians were a source of joy for Paul, for their great love, generosity, and steadfastness to God's commands. Yet the Philippian church was not free from problems. False teachers were troubling the brethren there, including some Judaizers, those who taught that righteousness came through performing the deeds of the law. It seems Paul had them in mind when he wrote the words of our text.

In his epistle, John the apostle also had to contend with false teachers of a different sort. By the time 1 John was written Gnostics were undermining the gospel by denying some of the central doctrines of the faith. Some of them denied the reality of the incarnation. Others denied the necessity for a Christian to lead a loving and holy life.

Both writers treat subjects that are most timely. Old heresies never die; they just put on new clothes and come back again. To ignore these threats is to court disaster.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Sometimes Christians get upset because they know that there is sin in their lives. We are able to see ourselves better than others see us, and we know that we fall short of what we should be. This causes a feeling of uneasiness unless we ask God's forgiveness, accept that forgiveness from day to day; and

then strive to do better. Even then, we will find that we still fall short. So the act of seeking God's forgiveness should be a daily concern for the Christian. But we must not stop there. We should go on and daily seek to do better than we did the day before. Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before only when we seek God's forgiveness for our failures and sins and do a little better than we did the day before. This means that every Christian should grow in grace. This should be a life-time experience for the Christian.

B. This tension over what we are and what we ought to be should serve as a stimulus for growth in grace. Growth in grace is the normal experience for a Christian. We are born into the family of God, but God expects us to grow in Christian grace and character. The Christian who does not do this is failing the God who saved him and is already backslidden.

C. Let us illustrate. Suppose there is born into a home a new baby. All the members of the family are happy to see him. They are anxious to know that he was born a normal baby. Most families have a pediatrician examine the infant to see that it is normal. Isn't it the responsibility of the pastor and the church to examine every new convert to see that he or she is, in fact, a normal Christian? If the child does not develop normally, the parents know that something is wrong. Then their joy turns to sadness. How do you think God feels over the failure of so many of His children to grow?

D. Our lesson today will deal with three very important matters: the need for the Christian to grow, the fact that this growth should show in his daily life, and some of the characteristics that this growth will bring to his life.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### II. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "God has ordained that human individuals begin life in this world as babies. Only two of the human race have entered otherwise, Adam and Eve. Under normal conditions and processes, and with proper care, nourishment, and exercise, a baby grows to maturity. Even Jesus followed this pattern (Luke 2:7, 52). Any deviation from the normal pattern of growth and development is cause for parental and family concern."—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. As Christians, we began as "babes in Christ." As Jesus told Nicodemus, we must be born again, spiritually. But Jesus did not intend that we should remain "babies"; on the contrary, we are to grow, even as natural babies: through proper care, the right spiritual nourishment, and diligent exercise.

C. We grow as Christians by taking care of our bodies so they will not dissipate. We grow spiritually by taking in the Word of God, feasting on its nourishing truths, and digesting its precepts. And we grow as Christians by exercising ourselves in Christian service.

D. The beautiful parallel between the growth of natural and spiritual babies is clearly set forth in God's Word. It is to be observed and faithfully followed each day of our experience with Christ.

E. By growing up in Christ, we fulfill the real purpose of life, especially the purpose of the Christian life. Salvation is completed with the New Birth, but Christian growth is continual, until we are taken to be with the Lord.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Animals and Man**—An animal grows physically, but very little otherwise; it ends life quite as it began life. That makes the animal different from man, who grows mentally, morally, and spiritually. People who grow and develop must grow with God. Their growth depends on a continuing response to God's revelation in Christ. Know Christ and grow. Ignore Him, and life ends as it began.

**Without Love**—D. L. Moody once said, "Take up the subject of love in the Bible; trace it through the Bible, and study it well. You will get so full of it that all you have to do is open your lips and a flood of the love of God flows out on the meeting."

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**





# STORY CORNER

## THE PROPHET'S CHAMBER

**L**ONG ago, there lived a lady who was very good. She lived in a little white house with her husband. They had no children. They had a beautiful garden in front of the house. In this garden the good lady had planted beautiful flowers. There were always some blooming at every time of the year. In this garden there were fruit trees and a nice big tree planted just to give a cooling shade during the hot part of the day. It was here, under this shade tree, that the lady loved to sit and tell stories to the children of the village.

All of the children loved this lady; they liked to come to see her often. They would bring her broken toys to mend. She would help them in their games. They especially liked for her to tell them stories about God and the beautiful world He had made.

Often she made sweet cakes for them and gave them fruit that grew on the trees in her garden. She loved the boys and girls very much, and wished for a little child of her own.

Everyone loved the lady. People knew of her goodness for many, many miles around. Whenever there was someone in need of help, she would try to go to them.

There was a prophet of God named Elisha that passed through this village on his travels. Whenever he passed that way, he always stopped to see this lady and her husband. Then he would usually eat with them.

One Sabbath afternoon she and her husband were sitting in the pretty

garden. On the Sabbath there was no work done in all of the country. Everyone used this day to rest and worship God. God had told them to set aside this day for Him. No one went into the fields; there were no stores open for trade; there were no sounds of carpenters' tools. Everyone was resting and thinking about God. In the morning they worshiped God, and in the afternoon the family rested and thought about all the things God had done for them.

It was on a day such as this that the wonderful idea came to the kind lady.

"My husband," she said, "do you not see that our flat roof would make a wonderful place to build a room?"

"Yes, it would be a good place. But why do you want another room? Do you have not enough for the two of us already?"

"Oh yes, there is room for us, but I was not thinking of us. I was thinking of our friend, the prophet. He has no home. When he travels about on business for the Lord, he is not assured of a place to sleep. We can build a room up there for him, and he can know that there will always be a place where he can rest and study, undisturbed, when he is near here."

"I think he would like that, my wife. You are kind to think of it. Let us build it with many windows so that he might have much sunshine to make it a happy room. We will make a stairway on the outside of the house so that he may enter and leave at any time and not be afraid of disturbing us."

"It will be a wonderful place. He can be alone, and God can speak to him."

"God has been good to us. He has given us each other to love, and health

and happiness. He has given us the things we need to make us comfortable. I am glad we can do this to show Him how grateful we are for all He has done for us."

"Maybe He will know, by this, that we are grateful. It makes me so happy to be doing something for another and especially for one who spends all of his life working for the Lord as Elisha does!"

A few days later the room was finished and the great lady went into it to decide what furniture should be there to make it comfortable. She worked long and hard; and when she had finished, she called to her husband, "I have furnished the prophet's chambers. Come and see how it looks."

In the room she had placed a couch, on which he could rest or sleep. There was a table for him to use in writing and a stool for him to sit upon. On the couch she had placed a bright spread that she had woven. On the floor beside the couch was a rug that matched the spread. At the windows hung bright curtains of the same pattern.

"It is beautiful, my wife. I am certain that the prophet will be comfortable here."

It was not many days before the prophet passed through the village and, as usual, he stopped to see these friends. He ate the evening meal with them.

While he and her husband talked, the good lady hurried to fix something for them to eat. She could hardly wait until he had finished, before telling him what they had done for him.

When he had finished, they took him to the rooftop to show him the room they had fixed for him.

"It is for you. We wanted you to have a place that you might rest and study."

Elisha thought the room was wonderful. "You have been so kind to me, and I know you are always kind to people! What can I do for you. Is there something you would like for me to ask the king?"

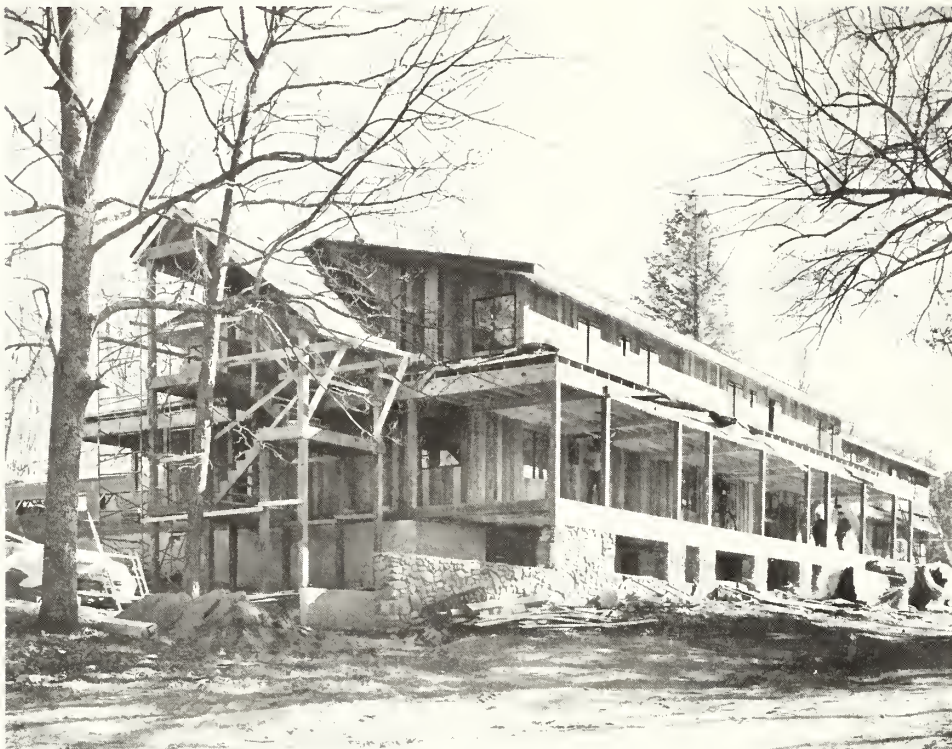
"Oh, no! There is nothing we want in return for this. We are perfectly happy as we are. We just wanted to do this to show God how thankful we are."

Elisha said, "I know how you love children, and you have none of your own. I shall ask God to send you a little boy."

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# Cragmont Assembly



*YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE your eyes if you were to visit Cragmont now. At left you see the front of the building, with the porch, some of the stone work, and the outside stairways.*

There has been much work done on the inside of the building that cannot be shown in pictures. As soon as the winter is over and weather conditions improve you should go to Cragmont and see for yourself what an improvement this building is going to make to our Camp.

It is very important that you continue to send your contributions so that we can pay for this work. Everything you and your church can send now will help us cut interest costs. Why not have your church send an offering soon?

If all goes well the building should be

completed by this summer and hopefully in full use. Make your plans to attend camp or have a retreat in 1979. A schedule and other information about your visits this coming summer will appear later. Keep Cragmont in your prayers!

*THIS IS A BACK VIEW of the building as if you were standing on the porch of the dining hall. On the right of this picture you can see the assembly room.*





## Story Corner

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"Surely there is nothing on this earth that could make us any happier," said the great lady.

It was just as the prophet had said. They had a little baby boy born to them. Their happiness was complete. They had a child of their own to love and care for.—**The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**

## NEWS NOTES

### Flowers at Free Union Church

The Rev. Frank Flowers, Route 2, Box 252-A, Pikeville, will serve the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Walstonburg as supply pastor until a new pastor is secured. The former pastor, the Rev. C. L. Patrick, resigned September 10 where he served for thirty years.

### Bonnie Farmer Breaks Leg

Bonnie Farmer, a longtime employee of the Children's Home and now resident of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Home, fell and broke her leg on December 13. If anyone wishes to send her a card, her address is Bonnie Farmer, P. O. Box 250, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

## Coming Events . . .

January 9—Central Conference Ministerial Fellowship to meet at the Three Steers Restaurant, Greenville, at 11 a. m.

January 9—Central Conference Ordaining Council meets at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, at 1:30 p. m.

January 9—Western Conference Ordaining Council meets at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, 10 a. m.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## FEATURE

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encounter we call 'conversion'. And thus we come to share in life's most complete and joyous experience: we join the joyous company of those who've known the thrill of close encounters of the third kind!"

Perhaps all of your life you have been looking. Perhaps all of your life you have been saying: "This is life?" You want to say: "This is life!"

God planned that today you should hear this word and come to realize that a close encounter of the God-Kind can happen for you and make life worth the living for time and all eternity!

## FEATURE FILLER

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at this time between the forces of the devil and the Lord Jesus Christ and will represent the strongest protest of the devil against God and his final effort to destroy the King of kings. But Satan cannot defeat God's program.

Jesus Christ was born on time; He lived on time; He preached on time; He worked miracles on time; He healed on time; He went to the Cross on time; He arose on time; And He will come back on time. Satan cannot stop Him. . . ." but satan hindered me" (1 Thessalonians 2:18). Satan can hinder at times, but he can never stop Jesus from coming again. The God that writes history in advance has already told the story, it will happen.

The world's political systems will fail. Religious cults will pass away. Man's philosophies and dogmas will prove false. But God's worldwide Spirit filled believers will abide forever. ". . . and the government shall be upon his shoulder: . . . of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end . . ." (Isaiah 9:6, 7).

## ALL OF GRACE

We cannot take any credit for our salvation; it is all of grace.

A little boy was asked by a personal soul-winner, "Have you found Jesus?" He looked up and said, "Please, sir, I didn't know He was lost; but I was, and He found me."

## GOD CHOSE US BEFORE WE CHOSE HIM

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Ephesians 1:4).

A great preacher once said, as he looked back on his evil life before he was saved. "God certainly must have chosen me before I came into the world or He never would have done so afterwards."

Dr. H. A. Ironside said, "He set His love upon us in the past eternity." Praise the Lord for that!

## DID GOD VOTE FOR YOU?

Someone questioned a believer on predestination or election. His answer was, "It's this way: the Lord voted for my salvation; the devil voted for my damnation; and I voted with the Lord and so we got into the majority."

## LAUGH CORNER

Truth is so valuable—most people economize when using it.

A man stopped a little boy and said, "What's the quickest way to get to the hospital?"

The boy answered, "Just close your eyes and cross this street, and you'll be there in a few minutes."

A newly rich man boasted to his friend, "I just paid \$5000 to have my family tree looked up."

"That was expensive, wasn't it?" his friend said.

"Well, it only cost \$2000 to have it looked up," he said, "but it cost me another \$3000 to have it hushed up."

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except to follow. Walk not  
beside Him, except to keep  
stride. Walk not before  
Him, except in humble  
obedience . . . .*

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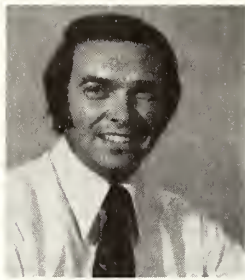
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## CATCHING STEP—WITH GOD!

How difficult it seems, and is, to be consistently Christian! However hard we try, however diligently we strive to maintain the outward appearance and inner strength, we fall short. We are human.

But let us not excuse all or everything by insisting that the human will is too weak, too unstable, too yielding to the temptations of the world. We can indeed excuse our frailties; we are certainly not sinless. Still, we **should not** and **cannot** alibi wrongdoing on the grounds that "He doesn't expect any more of us."

It is easy to say, "God, I **slipped**, but I'm human." It is harder to admit, "God, I've **sinned**; forgive me." While the first admission is honorable, the second is more honest and open-faced. And let no one, **no one**, dare suggest that he has not—sometime, somewhere—done wrong and tried to dismiss it as an understandable and not too terrible a misdeed.

Let us remember, though, that God watches, hears, reads thoughts, and knows actions even before they become happenings. As real as the mental assurance is that He understands, we must beware lest our mental appraisal of circumstances obliterates the convicting spirit of the heart. If the heart becomes softened to the dictates of the excusing mind, the whole conscience—that God-given governor—no longer trips the red signal of danger.

It is necessary that we quicken our step to keep pace with Him. It is necessary that we reexamine our hearts and minds to see what sort of men we are or have become. It is imperative that we reevaluate our motives, upgrade our values, and reinforce our spiritual fortresses.

He has promised from the beginning of time that **He will draw nigh to us if we will draw nigh to Him**. Let us resolve thusly.

Walk not **behind** Him, except to **follow**. Walk not **beside** Him, except to **keep stride**. Walk not **before** Him, except in **humble obedience** and constant heeding of His directives. And, because we are so human and so prone to sin, let us strive more than ever to become God-like. Then pray that the sinful shell will become emptier of self and fuller of Him.

Perhaps more than ever in the history of the world it is essential that mankind catch step with God. As I reassume my duties as editor, I am fully cognizant of **my** need; and henceforth I shall seek that **closer walk** and more **compatible step**. Let us all watch and pray, and march onward and upward with Him.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Memorial Service at Piney Grove for

# The Rev. L. E. Ballard

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard

A memorial service for the late Rev. L. E. Ballard was held on Sunday, December 3, 1978, during morning worship at Piney Grove (Original Free Will Baptist Church Beaufort County).

"Pa Ballard," who gave more than 60 years to the ministry, most of which was among churches and denominational enterprises in North Carolina, was called to his reward in Heaven on November 19, 1978.

L. E. Ballard was a former pastor of the Piney Grove church. His son, the Rev. Beverly Ballard, has served as pastor since 1976.

Recalling that his first time to hear a gospel sermon was from the lips of his father, the pastor declared that the last sermon that came from his father's lips was uttered in three parts on the morning of the last day of his life.

"He greeted me upon arrival at the hospital," Beverly explained to his congregation, "with a request 'son, hold my hand.'

"He seemed to already have one hand interlocked with the hand of his Saviour and wanted the hand of a loved one to encourage him along the way.

"The second request, hardly audible, was: 'Stay with me until the end.'

"I assured him I would be right there at his side. Jesus would have each of us to remain until the end with our lives dedicated to Him.

"Upon being told that I would stay with him, my earthly father said the last audible sentence very clearly: 'Thank You!'

"So appropriate was this statement as we approached Thanksgiving Day. Someone later remarked that he had used this two word statement so many times during his illness, when he became so dependent upon others for their medical and physical help. Every time a nurse came and went from his room he said, 'Thank You!'

"Just two days prior to Thanksgiving Day, L. E. Ballard's body was laid at rest in Greenwood Cemetery at Greenville, North Carolina. Someone approached me and declared, 'Don't suppose you have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving?'"

"On the contrary," was my reply. I began to think just how many things I really could be thankful for in the life of my deceased father. These I jotted down for use in this memorial service.

"First, I am thankful for a man who stood by his convictions and went on to

give of himself to his family, his church, his friends, his denomination, and Christian faith, but most of all gave unendingly to his Heavenly Father.

"Second, I am thankful for a husband and father, who suffered financially during the great depression, but never failed to provide for the needs of his wife and sons. Few know the extent to which he went to see that his family was provided the necessities of life.

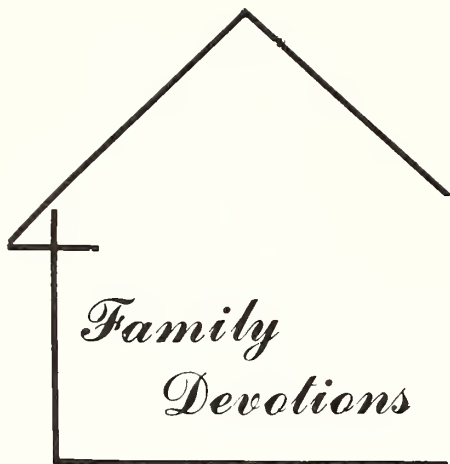
"Third, I am thankful for a servant of God, who failed not his calling as a minister; who declared the whole counsel of God; who, like Paul, fought the good fight of faith. He put his calling ahead of everything, never yielding to the temptation of becoming more wealthy in worldly gains by using his talents as a writer, printer, bookkeeper and teacher for purposes other than the cause of Christ. He often served with little material payment and sometimes without any pay or recognition.

"Finally, I am thankful for a leader, who served unselfishly in many capacities for the Free Will Baptist denomination over the span of half a century. He will be remembered for the more than 20 Sunday school conferences he directed at Cragmont and the other services rendered that monumental asset to our denomination; his service to the State Sunday School Convention as field secretary for 20 years; his work for the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation both as a employee for a period at the Press in Ayden and his writings; his part in the beginning of the Free Will Baptist League and over the years as a chief promoter of this phase of work; his service as chaplain and counselor at the Children's Home for a period during and immediately after World War II; his part in the Free Will Baptist Historical Commission and his support for Mount Olive College; his service as a member of the Home Mission Board, and his boosting missions, both Home and Foreign, along with all denominational enterprises.

"Surely these are among the more precious items I feel privileged to be thankful for at Thanksgiving, 1978."

The memorial service was concluded with a prayer that the fruits for the labor of L. E. Ballard will continue to be harvested for years to come and that the labor of love will long remain with each of these with whom he came into contact.





## SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Scripture Reading—John 3:16

### HAVE YOU THANKED HIM?

During the war a minister, going along a street in London, saw a wounded British soldier painfully hobbling along. Stopping him, the minister astonished the soldier by saying, "Thank you for being wounded for me." The man could only look his surprise. People had sent him cigarettes, and had given him entertainment, but no one before had ever thanked him for what he had suffered on others' behalf. Then the minister continued, "I know Someone who was wounded for you." "Wounded for me, sir?" said the soldier, now more surprised. "Who could that be?" "It was our Lord Jesus," replied the minister. "The Bible says, 'He was wounded for our transgressions.'" With that the man of God was on his way, leaving the soldier to think about the One who was wounded for him. I wonder if he ever thanked the Saviour.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*What is the most beautiful verse in the Bible? How about John 3:16? Did not Jesus die for us?*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Scripture Reading—Colossians 2:14

### IT TOOK CALVARY

An English soldier was converted in the trenches during the first World War and wrote home to his mother, "This war had to occur that I might be saved." The mother showed the letter

to her minister, remarking that her boy was unduly magnifying the importance of his salvation. The minister agreed with the boy. "Madam," he said, "not only this war, but Calvary, had to occur to save your boy." God used the wrath which raged both at Calvary and through that awful war experience to bring the lad to his Saviour.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Sometimes it takes a tragedy in the family to bring it closer together and to Christ who died for the sins of the world.*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Scripture Reading—Luke 9:23

### MADE WHITE BY THE BLOOD

One Christmas we had a tree which we trimmed on Christmas Eve. The whole lighting effect was to be accomplished with red bulbs, and, when our work was finally done, we turned out all the other lights in the room so that the bulbs on the trees should give out the only illumination. We saw a startling thing! Near the base of the tree was a poinsettia plant, having some red flowers and some white ones. When the other lights were turned out and the red lights turned on, it was absolutely impossible to determine which of the poinsettia flowers had red petals and which had white—they were all white in the red light. What a perfect illustration that was of what happens to our sins when they are washed in the blood of Christ! They may be as scarlet, but when the red of Christ's shed blood is applied they become as white as snow.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*What prettier flower than a poinsettia plant at Christmas? Have you ever considered the beauty of a Christmas tree as seen through the eyes of a child? There are always thoughts of lights of red and green and beautiful flowers that turn a man's heart to feel the good of the world and of a Saviour.*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Scripture Reading—1 John 1:7

### THE ONLY WAY TO REMOVE THE SPOT

During the first World's Fair, held

in Chicago over fifty years ago, there was an exhibit, or exposition, called, "The Parliament of Religions." Dr. Joseph Cook represented the Christian Religion. One by one, the representatives of the various world religions spoke in behalf of their beliefs. Dr. Cook was the last to speak. He turned to English literature for his example, and told the story of Lady Macbeth. In conclusion, he asked, "Gentlemen, does your religion have anything that will remove the spot of blood from Lady Macbeth's hand?" One by one, the various men shook their heads. There was a *negative* religion, not positive like Christianity. "Gentlemen," said Dr. Cook, "the religion of Christ has: 'The Blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from *all* sin' (1 John 1:7)." When he had finished the Bible verse, the great trained choir from Moody's church rose from the balcony and sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's oratorio, *The Messiah*.

"And He shall reign forever—  
King of kings, Lord of lords,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

And when the last hallelujah had been finished, Dr. Cook raised his head. All the representatives of the various other religions had filed out in the face of a religion like that!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How many of us have tried to wash our hands to wash away our sins? Only Jesus can wash away the sin in our lives.*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 8:20

### DEAD MEN?

Have you ever read "The Ancient Mariner"? I dare say you thought it one of the strangest imaginations ever put together, especially that part where the old mariner represents the corpses of all the dead men rising up to man the ship,—dead men pulling the rope, dead men steering, dead men spreading sails. I thought what a strange idea that was. But do you know, I have lived to see that time. I have gone into churches, and I have seen a dead man in the pulpit, a dead man as deacon, a dead man handling the plate, and dead men sitting to hear.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How many of you have been to*

church when the people seemed to be dead and didn't seem to respond to God's call? This kind of church needs spiritual awakening.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:1

### IN WHICH STAGE ARE YOU?

There are three stages of Bible study: first, the cod-liver oil stage, when you take it like medicine, because it is good for you; second, the breaded wheat biscuit stage, dry, but nourishing; third, the peaches and cream stage. Have you reached the third stage?

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Have you ever had to take medicine because you were sick? Some of it may not have tasted good, but it may have helped make you well. So it is with God, He heals you of your transgressions.*

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Scripture Reading—Acts 7:38

### THE WRECKING CREW

Two classes of people manifest themselves in every church. Some are constructive and others are destructive. Some are positive and others are negative. And what a difference their attitudes make in the work of Christ!

The immediate occasion of this family is the following which has just come to my attention:

A good thing to remember

And a better thing to do,

is to work with the construction gang

And not the wrecking crew."

The wrecking crew is usually present in church business meetings. If a proposal is made by the board or by an individual, the members of the wrecking crew are on their feet to oppose the measure. They never analyze a proposition constructively, but simply assume that the plan is to be resisted. They are "born in the objective case and kickative mood."

They are like the deaf brother who used to cup his ear in a business meeting and call out, "I didn't hear what the brother said, but I'm against it." To be sure, there are times in which we must oppose propositions and resist individuals on scriptural grounds, but there is no necessity for

opposing everything and resisting everybody.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How many of us have been to a business meeting in the church when there was a disagreement? It is true that people do not see eye to eye in all things, but there should be an orderly manner in which to handle such situations. Pray for togetherness in such meetings!*

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### NOTE OF THANKS

Mrs. E. C. Morris would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts, or any kindness which was done for her during the Christmas season. She fell on December 21 and broke one arm and fractured the other one. Her address is 1912 Taylor Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703, c/o W.

R. Banken. She asks that her friends remember her in their prayers.

## GOD, OTHERS AND ME

by Mrs. Vallie Coats

Dear God, feed to me the bread of life, and the water of life when I thirst. Help me to remember day, by day, to always . . .

Then help me think of others, always when I pray.

Help me lend a helping hand, as I struggle . . .

Please dear God, let me be last, as I serve . . .

May my service to Thee, grow more each day, by helping others all I can.

When I forget self and think of others, in this . . .

That's when I wake up and realize, I'm getting . . .

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 30 Years Ago

"A young minister is seeking a change in pastoral work. He wants a whole-time city charge. He is a man with a small family, and whose wife is qualified to render good service as a musician in church work.

"Any church or churches interested, please address communications to the editor of the Baptist paper."—Editor

"Last year March was made 'Revival Month' throughout the Free Will Baptist denomination in the United States. During the month there were dozens of revival meetings scheduled in the churches of the various states. The results, as reported, were very good, and great interest was shown in evangelistic work both among the rural and the city churches holding those revival meetings. . . ."—Editorial

"The Women's Auxilliary of Robert's Grove Church met with Mrs. Oscar Tew for the purpose of quilting quilts for the orphanage, and the women have quilted six quilts. Four of those quilts are for the orphanage and two are for members of the home. Each member took lunch, and all of the members had an old-fashion chicken pie dinner. The day was fully enjoyed by everyone."—By the Secretary

"Quite a number of times different people have asked us the question: 'What is the purpose of Cragmont?'

"The answer is simple. Cragmont was established for Religious, Educational and Recreational purposes. It is the result of a long-sought place, on the part of the Young People's Leagues, the Sunday School people of the church, and also the Woman's Auxilliaries. These church organizations had raised money for the establishment of an institution for spiritual training of the youth of the church."—Editorial

(Note: How many young people today use Cragmont in the summer? Isn't it a great enjoyment to both the young and the old!)



# THE WORD GETS THROUGH TO EASTERN EUROPE

NEW YORK, December 14—Nearly 12 million copies of Scripture have been openly and legally circulated among people in Eastern Europe since the end of World War II. In Poland alone people have received over 4 million Scriptures. This accomplishment is almost entirely due to the efforts of the United Bible Societies, an international fellowship of 59 national societies of which the American Bible Society is a leading member.

This figure includes 339,000 copies of Scripture for people in the Soviet Union. Twenty-five thousand additional copies of the Russian Bible are being imported through the European regional office of the United Bible Societies. Soviet authorities granted an import permit in November at the request of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptists in the Soviet Union. Five thousand concordances to the Bible will also be printed.

Bible Societies or councils exist in Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia. Bible Houses, where Scriptures may be purchased, are located in Budapest, Belgrade and Warsaw. In addition many of the national church groups themselves distribute the Word of God within their nations.

Recent activity has been impressive. A listing of only some of the developments include: Twenty thousand copies of an illustrated modern language Polish New Testament have just been printed in

Poland and are now in distribution. The Bible in modern Slovak, the translation of which took 35 years to complete, has been printed in Czechoslovakia. The Reformed Church Press office in Hungary has announced the publication of 10,000 copies of the Book of Psalms in a new Hungarian translation.

The Yugoslavian authorities have given permission for a new Slovenian translation of the four Gospels. The translation team expects to have a new Slovenian New Testament ready within two years. Albanian residents of Yugoslavia who speak Gheg, a dialect of Albanian, now have the Gospel of Matthew in their tongue, with work on other New Testament books proceeding. Finally, the four Gospels in modern Serbian, another language spoken in Yugoslavia, are expected to be published in early 1979, and the entire New Testament in 1980.

Observers of Eastern European church life have credited the increased Scripture distribution with the revitalization of many churches. Some trends noted include a large enrollment in Bible courses, a deepening spiritual life among believers, and an increase in church membership in a number of countries.

In the nations of Eastern Europe, as elsewhere throughout the entire world, the Word of God is being translated, published and distributed by the American Bible Society and its partners in the United Bible Societies.

## NEWS NOTES

### Catalpa Mission Has Revival



Roger Heath

The Catalpa Free Will Baptist Mission of Fayetteville, has scheduled a revival service for January 15 through January 19. The Rev. Roger Heath, pastor of the Faith Free Will Baptist Mission in Leland, will be the evangelist.

The pastor, the Rev. Alton Howard, and members of the mission, invite everyone to come and worship during these services.

### Rock Springs Church Welcomes New Pastor

On Sunday, November 5, 1978, the Rev. Johnny Boykin of Kenly, came to the Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, near Bailey, as a supply pastor through December 17; however beginning January 1, 1979, Mr. Boykin assumed full-time pastorate of the church. He is married to the former Mitzi Edwards. They are the parents of two daughters, Melissa and Joni. They are also members of the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson County. The church membership welcomes them to the church.

### Wintergreen Church Has Pennies for Missions

On January 1, 1978, the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, near Cove City under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Bobby Brown, began a "Pennies for Missions" drive. On the second Sunday of each month a special collection was to be taken with the amount collected going to Home Missions. For the first six months, the collection went to the State Home Missions; and for the second six months period, the offering went to the Eastern Conference Missions. At the end

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## PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I went to a local ministerial luncheon today. To my surprise, a young attractive black woman walked in with one of the young white preachers, and no good thing went through my mind. I noticed that she was carrying note pads and several books, and I thought; "to be sure, she's not going to be our guest speaker."

She turned out to be a graduate of Purdue University who had spent five years with "Vista" going into poor communities teaching the illiterate to read and write. Her salary is \$232 per month.

She was our guest speaker. Lord forgive me!

# Cragmont Assembly

by the Rev. Douglas Skinner,  
Manager-Promotion Secretary

We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed and happy new year. We also thank everyone who gave support to Cragmont during the past year. In this new year we will need your financial support more than ever before, and we pray you will not let us down.

The Cragmont Rally held on December 9, 1978, was not a success in terms of the number present. However \$761.12 was contributed to Cragmont that night, and every penny helps. As before, the state Women came through again for Cragmont. Their love, enthusiasm, and support of Cragmont made the Rally special to us. We really appreciate the women of our denomination. We also thank the Rev. Francis Garner for representing the Ministerial Association,

and the General Youth Conference and the Christian Cadets Conference for having parts on the program. Also the Youth of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, was a blessing through their special music led by the Rev. Craig Simmons.

During the next three months we want to visit as many churches as possible to spread the great news about Cragmont. We are available any day or night of the week to visit any meeting of the church. Please contact us at: 2517 Trull Street, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; phone (919) 243-2729.

Thank you again for your previous support. Continue to pray for Cragmont and its endeavors.

## MY SPECIAL FRIEND

by Michelle Burbage

There is someone very special,  
and I'd like to thank Him for all He's done.  
For there's been a lot of battles I would have lost,  
but with His guidance, the victory has been won.

He was there when I wanted help from no one,  
yet He pulled me through.  
He was there when I asked for His help,  
and He still does all He can do.

He has guided me through many experiences:  
I've learned things the hard way.  
I thank Him for all He's done for me  
each and every day.

This friend makes me promises,  
Many have come to pass; and now I see,  
Not only did He keep His promises,  
but He has given a lot more to me.

With Him I need no weapons:  
No knife, no gun, so sword.  
I would like to thank you "Special Friend,"  
He is **Jesus Christ our Lord!**

*(Miss Burbage is 17 years of age and is a member of Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Belhaven, North Carolina.)*

## THANK YOU, MR. BOWEN

When I left, I didn't worry. The Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, a long-time trusted friend and confidant, a capable writer, a noted scholar, and an unmistakably Christian gentleman was taking the reins.

It is not necessary to emphasize the excellent job Mr. Bowen did while he served as editor, nor to extol his service to the Press, the denomination, and all Christendom. But I cannot neglect this opportunity of expressing my sincere gratitude to him for his stimulating editorials, the notable improvements he made, and his spirit of humble yet knowledgeable leadership during my absence.

As I return to my desk, I do not propose to try to match the excellence of Mr. Bowen. His experience and capabilities far exceed mine. I am confident, nonetheless, that I have his prayers and good wishes as I again assume my post. I have always enjoyed and appreciated his expressions of concern and support. I have that same concern and support now.

So, thank you, Mr. Bowen, privately and publically. Our Father's richest blessings upon you and your family.

Sincerely,  
Tommy Manning

## DECIDE MY DECISIONS

Decide my decisions, Lord  
Choose every choice,  
Be Thou my eyes and ears,  
My lips and my voice.

Direct Thou my path, I pray  
Only in Thy will,  
With Thy wisdom, Lord  
Imbue and wholly fill.

Be Thou my conscience, Lord  
My soul and my heart,  
From Thy precious, perfect way  
I pray I'll not depart.

—Edward M. Brandt



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## Students Give Gift



**THE STUDENTS OF MOUNT COLLEGE COLLEGE, represented by Derek Smith, right, Student Government Association President, presented \$50 to Mount Olive College Dean of Students, Frank R. Harrison, to be added to the Operation Santa Claus program at Cherry Hospital and O'Berry Center of Goldsboro.**

### CAPE FEAR YOUTH GIVE \$640

The Cape Fear Youth Fellowship contributed \$640 to the building fund of College Hall at Mount Olive College in December.

"We are happy that Mount Olive College has chosen to build with others

in mind. This truly will be a great day for Free Will Baptists, as well as others, to have a place to conduct various meetings conveniently," commented Mrs. Lillian Stanley, Cape Fear Youth Leader from Raleigh.

### MOC SPRING SEMESTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The Last Day to Sign up for:  
Spring Semester Classes—Wednesday, January 24

Monday Night Classes—Monday, January 22

Tuesday Night Classes—Tuesday, January 23

Paul Palmer Courses on Mount Olive Campus—January 22

Paul Palmer Courses at Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly—January 23

For more information: write or call: Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, (919) 658-2502.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Nineteen-year-old Donna Moore from Walstonburg is Mount Olive College Student of the Week.

Before graduating from Greene Central High School in 1977, Donna became interested in working with juvenile delinquents from a case-worker in the Goldsboro area. She later decided to enter a professional field specializing in the problems of juveniles.

As a sophomore at Mount Olive College she is majoring in social work.

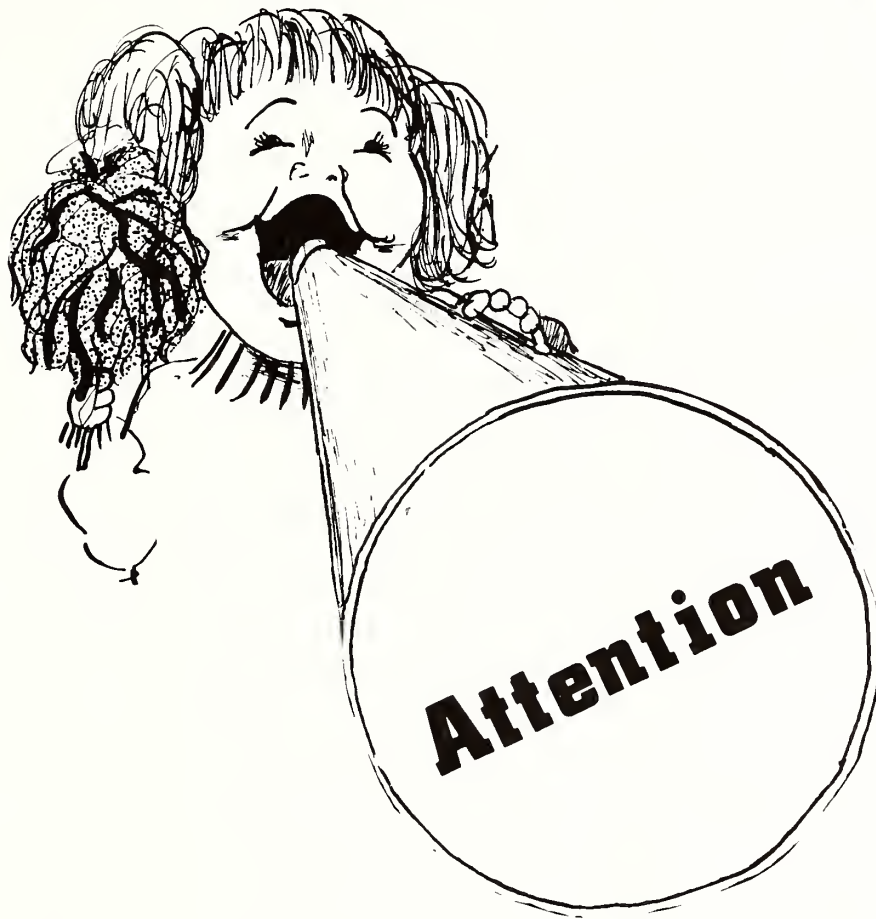
"I feel that really caring can make the biggest difference in the life of a delinquent," Donna said. "It also seems to me that reaching young people will be very rewarding," she added.

As a freshman last year, Donna was co-editor of the College yearbook, "Olive Leaves" and a participant in the Academic Honors Program.

As a sophomore, she is president of the Dorm Council and the International Club. She is also a member of the Student Government Association and the Young Democrats Club.

Donna is a member of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moore of Walstonburg.





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# Frustration in Evangelism Not Necessary

by  
Taylor Hill

I think evangelism has become one of the most frustrating businesses in all of the world, and here's why: Ministers and lay people are trying to copy other personalities.

There seems to be no end to the books and pamphlets that tell of what has worked so well for other people. Here's the way I see it: We are all unique, and different personalities and the things that work for others might not work for you.

Our Lord has told us expressly that our talents and abilities differ one from another as members of a body. I believe that we should teach and understand the basis in evangelism as taught and practiced by our Lord Jesus Christ and His biblical apostles, and then, allow each individual to go about getting the job done in his or her own way. It is imperative that the individual Christian feel comfortable and happy in his Lord's service.

I have always felt that it is very unfair to others for some so-called mastermind to try to come up with all the new ideas, and take all the credit when progress has been made.

Here are some basic rules in evangelism that I have found to be most effective:

- (1) Be yourself; not a counterfeit personality.
- (2) Use plain talk; people appreciate it.
- (3) Give your personal testimony.
- (4) Always go to help and not to condemn.
- (5) Don't be afraid, they are human just like you.
- (6) It is best to take someone with you.
- (7) Never evangelize by force.
- (8) Don't waste your time with those who don't feel a need.
- (9) Go to those who are in distress and are reaching out for help.
- (10) Understand that only a few of your subjects will be thank-

ful for what you have done for them.

Beloved, there are no easy ways nor short cuts in evangelism. There are some talkers and some doers, and it is always the doers that get results. May I suggest to you; go to that person today. Make that phone call today or write that letter that you have been putting off. Help that person that is in need, appreciate and learn from others but then use some of your own uniqueness as you go about your personal evangelism. And by all means, work closely with your pastor and seek his advice.

I am getting excited and anxious already as I write this article. Good luck and may God bless you as you go.

Recommended Scripture: Luke 4:18, 19; Matthew 25:35-40.

## IS YOUR LIGHT BRIGHT?

What is your wattage for Jesus,  
Maybe 50 or 75 watts?  
Do you really mean to tell me  
That's all the wattage you've got?

Make your life a bright light for Jesus,  
At least 100 or 150 watts,  
Let the world see you shining,  
And that you burn and burn pretty hot!

When you come to the end of life's  
journey,  
Only your best will have sufficed,  
So be glad you weren't a blackout  
Or a dismal dim bulb for Christ!  
—Edward M. Brandt

## MY OVERCOMER

Jesus is my overcomer,  
He overcomes my troubles,  
He gives me peace, He gives me rest,  
All my joy He doubles!  
—Edward M. Brandt

## ROMANS 8:26

Holy Spirit intercede,  
When it's help in prayer I need,  
Plead the wish for which I sigh,  
To God the Father up on high.  
—Edward M. Brandt

Love is giving for the world's needs,  
Love is sharing as the Spirit leads,  
Love is caring when the world cries,  
Love is compassion with Christ-like  
eyes.  
—Edward M. Brandt

Between the pew and the altar  
May I never falter,  
In confessing Christ my Lord,  
He saved me from sin  
And now lives within,  
My praise for Him is outpoured!  
—Edward M. Brandt



**The Family Bible Encyclopedia**, a comprehensive two-volume reference work which includes 2,000 persons, places, and terms from the Bible was released by David C. Cook Publishing Co. in September. The work is the result of five years of research by Berkeley and Alvera Mickelson, professors at Bethel Theological Seminary and Bethel College, respectively.

The encyclopedia contains much information which can only be found in works beyond the reach of children, yet is written in language suitable for either children or adults. Other scholars checked the work for biblical accuracy and readability.

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# A CAUSE TO DIE FOR

by Florence Bulle

HE was small and dark, and not very old. But her eyes were as steel as they looked into the face of the white man.

The minister spoke softly. "How old are you?" he asked.

"Sixteen."

"And your companions?"

"Sixteen."

"All six of them?"

"Yes."

"How do you girls dare to pass out your literature here? You must know that anyone caught distributing Communistic literature in this place has already been sentenced to death." Although he was only a visitor to this city, the minister knew that this decree was relentlessly carried out.

The girl did not hesitate. "We die for a cause! What do you die for?" She did not speak loudly, but the words rolled as thunder in the minister's ears.

Satan's agents under the hammer and sickle have accused America of being soft. If so, what about the church? Through the centuries, history has been written by the church militant; the pen has long since been laid aside.

While we shake our heads with exasperation at the Mohammedan who shrugs everything off with, "Allah wills it," we have taken to our rocking chairs with the same excuse.

Why? We have a new concept of religion!

In the past few years, religion has shed its stigma of reproach; it has reached a new crescendo of popularity. But what sort of religion? A philosophy that religion opens the door to health, wealth, and happiness.

And so it does! But not always in the way that the natural man would recognize.

Happiness? Yes—but often happiness mingled with scalding tears.

Health? Yes—but sometimes strength only for each day. Sometimes the furnace of affliction—or death.

Wealth? Yes—sometimes abundant material blessings. But sometimes not measured in dollars and cents.

I remember an evening caller I once had while I was confined to the hospital, bringing me news that thoroughly rocked me. An elderly lady from our church, on her way to prayer meeting had been struck by a car, her leg broken. Although her only means of transportation was to walk, and even though she lived a great distance from church, she had always been faithful in her attendance.

That very day I had been reading the 34th Psalm, and the 19th verse had been especially precious. "Many are the afflictions of the righteousness: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all." I was counting on Him to do just that for me.

But the verse which follows says, "He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken."

While John, in the New Testament points out that this Scripture was fulfilled at Christ's crucifixion, for the soldiers "broke not his legs . . . that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken," it brought to mind the various passages in the Bible that do seem to promise physical preservation for those who trust in Him.

I had known the miracle of healing in my own life and had witnessed in others, the miraculous intervention by God to protect them from danger. But I wasn't numb to my present condition, neither could I forget the little old lady, now lying in the hospital in traction, her leg broken on the way to prayer meeting. My thoughts were all wrapped up into one great big "WHY?"

Since God cannot lie, what was the answer? Why such a catastrophe happening to this child of God?

I thought of Stephen, "full of faith," lying in a broken heap, his blood making dark, wet patches in the dusty road. I recalled the martyrdom of John and Betty Stamm, beheaded by Chinese bandits, their tiny daughter left an orphan.

Yet God's Word says, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling" (Psalm 91:10).

Since God cannot lie, what is the answer to this paradox?

The Lord didn't give the answer to me at all once; even now I am sure that I only know in part.

Here I would share only briefly what I have learned, just two of the reasons.

The first, found in 2 Corinthians 1:4 is pinpointed in the phrase, ". . . that we

may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, . . ."

The second is found in 1 Peter 2:21: ". . . Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

But as to why, sometimes suffering and sometimes deliverance, I am not unduly concerned. I have learned to rest in the knowledge that God is still sovereign, and all that He doeth He doeth well.

To know that I am not immune to tragedy, simply because I am a Christian, does not exonerate or water down the promises of God.

To portray the Christian journey as one trouble-free joy ride is a gross error. There may be troubles, tragedies and doubts.

Job said, "I am full of confusion." But his faith shone through his confusion enabling him to add, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

There may or may not be a miracle of deliverance to affect the outward situation. The miracle may take place deep within the heart, when one not only accepts the will of God, but embraces it with delight, as the psalmist when he says, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: . . ." (Psalm 40:8). There's a vast difference, and the breach between the two attitudes can only be bridged by a miracle within, this time a revelation of truth.

Strength and courage to face suffering, persecution, or even martyrdom—even to embrace it—comes from knowing that we have a cause worth dying for.

Motley tells of Egmont the martyr, who, condemned to be beheaded, unfastened his collar on the way to the scaffold. When asked why he did this, he replied, "So they will not be detained in their work. I am ready."

Those who have walked with God through the years know that it is not an easy way. But since we would rather speak of our mountain top experiences than those which led through the valley, we are prone to impress men with the sublime rather than the commonplace.

Those who erroneously herald the Christian life to be one glorious mountain top experience, should stop and consider

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# The Sunday School Lesson

For January 21

## OUR HOPE RESTS IN THE TRIUMPHANT GOD

**Lesson Text:** Romans 8:18-25; John 14:1-3

**Memory Verse:** 1 John 3:2

### I. INTRODUCTION

Prior to his debate with Robert Owen on the truth of Christianity, Alexander Campbell was hosting the famous atheist at his farm. As they walked across a pasture, Owen noticed a cow resting in the shade, calmly chewing her cud. "Mr. Campbell," he said, "I am like that cow. Because I don't believe in God or judgment, I have no more fear of death than she."

"True, Mr. Owen," replied Campbell. He immediately added, "Like that cow you have no fear of death, but also like that cow you have no hope of eternal life."

Hope and justice are inseparably bound together. To place one's hope in a future that has no provision for justice is to make a mockery of everything Christianity stands for. One may deny that there is a future judgment, expecting thereby to avoid or escape it, but on the same basis such a person must forfeit his hope for eternal life.

Today's lesson features verses from two of the favorite texts of the New Testament; Romans 8 and John 14.

The eighth chapter of Romans comes as the climax of Paul's theological proposition that men are saved by grace through faith. Since men are saved by God's grace, those who are in Christ are no longer under condemnation and may hope freely and without fear.

John 14 comes near the end of the Last Supper. In this chapter Jesus extends gentle words of assurance to the apostles who have become increasingly perplexed as the meaning of His dire predictions have begun to sink in. How

comforting these words must have been as the apostles later recalled them in difficult times.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Man seems to have an instinctive or innate belief in immortality. It is very difficult for him to believe that life is a pilgrimage ending in the grave. Pagan peoples from the earliest times seem to have believed in some form of life after death. Where did these people who did not have a Bible get this belief? It appears that when God formed man out of the dust and breathed into him the breath of life that He gave man an awareness that there was something beyond this life.

B. The instincts of both man and beast were created in accord with certain principles. God gave Adam an instinctive craving for companionship, and to complement that desire He gave him Eve. God gave many of the birds an instinct to fly north and south in keeping with the seasons of the year. All of the inherent aptitudes of both man and beast are in accord with some other principle of creation. So we have every reason to believe that man's instinctive belief in life after death is not a figment of his imagination, but is in accord with his creation.

C. As man reaches out for some hope because of his instinctive belief in life after death, where can he find the facts? Man could never find the real truth about life after death unless God revealed it to him. How does God reveal the truth about life after death to us? There are two main ways. First, He gave us a type of it in nature. The whole drama of immortality is re-enacted in nature every spring. But man needs more than this. So God gave us His written Word, and we find the truth about our immortality in God's Word, the Bible. But God went even further and gave us an actual

demonstration of what happens when one dies. This demonstration is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

D. Just as Jesus Christ is God's last Word on other things so He is God's last Word on life after death. Man's only hope is in Him. Isn't this reason enough for us to look to Him and study all that God has revealed through the written Word as well as the living Word who is Jesus Christ?

E. Today we look into two passages of Scripture to study this hope that God has given to man through His Word, both written in the Bible and living in Jesus Christ. First, we look into the writings of the Apostle Paul in Romans; then we look into the writings of the Apostle John. This study should give us a greater assurance of our after-life, and should lead us to trust our Lord Jesus Christ more completely.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

At the heart of Christianity burns brightly the hope of eternal life beyond this realm of darkness. That is what we mean by "the Christian's hope"; a hope that this existence is not the end of it all. Someone has said that this life on earth is merely "the dressing room" for a greater life to come. This is why Christianity is the only true religion, it gives a hope that none other can give.

It is true that other "living religions" have a belief in a life after death. For instance, the American Indians believed in a Great Spirit, and a Happy Hunting Ground. Such is the belief of the black man in Africa, the Brahman in India, and the Islamic peoples. Every land and age and religion has held to a belief in immortality. But only Christianity has God's authoritative statement and blessed assurance of life beyond the grave.

Two Korean women stood watching a funeral of a missionary's little son.

"This is very, very sad," said one.

"Yes, it is very sad; but not so bad for them as for us," said the other. "They know something that makes them sure that they will get their children back someday. We know nothing about how to get ours back again."

In an uncertain age, when so many would discredit the Bible's teaching of the future state of beings, the Christian's hope of eternal life is "a very present help in trouble."

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)



# STORY CORNER

## THE LAST MAN

**L**ONG before the days of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; there lived a man named Noah. We are going to learn about Noah in our story today.

Do you remember how God made the beautiful Garden of Eden? And do you remember how He cast them out of it when they had sinned? After that, more and more of the people on the earth began to sin; soon it seemed to God that all of the people in the world were wicked.

God looked down from His home in the heavens and tried to find who were the good people left in the world. He could find only one man and his family who still loved and obeyed Him. This man was Noah.

God decided to destroy all of the wicked people and leave only the good ones. He would save Noah and his family to start the new world.

One day God called to Noah. Noah answered, "Yes, Lord. What would you have me to do?"

"I am going to destroy all of the world, Noah. But because you are good and still love me and follow me, I will save you and your family. You must do as I tell you."

God told Noah to build an ark. It was to be both a house and a boat. It was to be three stories high.

How the people laughed at Noah when he started to build the ark! As they passed by the place where he was working, they would laugh and point at him as they said to each other, "Noah has gone crazy. Whoever heard of building a boat here so far from the water. Where is he going to get the water to float it, or how is he going to get it to

the ocean?"

But all this time, Noah kept on working. He tried to tell them that God had said there would come a great rain. It would bring the floods, and all of the earth would be covered; but the people would not believe him. They had never seen rain. God had watered the earth with dew until then, and they thought Noah was crazier than ever.

Noah was six hundred years old when he began to build the ark. It is hard for us to believe, but people lived much longer in those days than they do now. Even though Noah was old, God gave him the strength to build; and, year after year, he and his sons worked on the great ark.

As he worked, Noah continued to preach to the people. He begged them to repent and turn to God so that they might be saved. But the people only laughed at him more than ever. They continued in their wicked ways.

After one hundred and twenty years the ark was finished. It had been built just as God had wanted. Noah stepped back to look at his work. Yes, it was a good job. They had it waterproof and plenty large. I imagine Noah wondered what they were going to put into this big ark. He knew that there was more than enough room in it for his family.

When it was finished, God told Noah to gather together the animals of the earth. He wanted a pair of every one there was. A male and a female. Then they were to take enough extra animals and grain to feed all of the animals and the people for a long time.

It took a long time, but Noah and his sons gathered a pair of every animal and bird that existed. Then they gathered food for all that was to be in the ark. They had food enough to last for a year.

Then the day came. God said, "Get into the ark. I am going to send the flood."

They climbed into the ark. Even as he climbed into it, I imagine Noah pleaded with the people one last time to turn from their wickedness and accept God. But even then, they would not listen.

There was one window in the very top of the ark. There was one door. After Noah, his family, and the animals were all safely in the ark, God shut the door and window and sealed them. The rains came. It rained so much and so hard that the rivers and oceans rose higher and higher. They soon were flooding the lands, and the people were running for higher ground. They climbed the mountains to get above the water. Some of them remembered Noah. They saw the ark rising with the water. It was floating. They went to it and beat upon the door. Noah wanted to open it to let them in but it was too late. God had sealed it. It could not be opened. Soon the water had risen so high that it had covered all of the houses. Then it rose higher until it had covered the mountains and trees.

After forty days and forty nights the rains stopped. For one hundred and fifty days the water stayed on the earth, then it began to go down. The ark came to rest on the top of a mountain that Noah named Ararat.

Finally Noah opened the window to look out. He still could see nothing but water. He took a raven and let it fly out of the window. The raven had strong wings and could travel far. It did not return. Then Noah sent a dove out. Because the dove could find no dry land to walk on, she came back.

A week later, Noah again sent the dove out. She returned again, but this time she had a leaf in her mouth. By this Noah knew that the water was below the treetops but was not down to dry land. He waited on.

Finally, God opened the door of the ark and told Noah to come out. He did, and the water was gone. The first thing Noah did was to offer a sacrifice to God to thank Him for saving them.

God promised Noah that never again would He destroy the earth with water: "I will put a rainbow in the sky so that when you see it you will remember my promise. Never again will I send a flood to destroy the earth."—**The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**



## GOLDA MEIR DIES

New York, New York, December 8. . .

The following is a statement on the death of Golda Meir, former Prime Minister of Israel, by Maxwell E. Greenberg, national chairman, and Benjamin R. Epstein, national director, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith:

"The story of Golda Meir, a Milwaukee schoolteacher, is the story of the Jewish State.

"Her life and work is the personification of the deathless spirit of the Jewish people and the eternal longing for their ancient homeland.

"She was a true pioneer. She began as a volunteer for Jewish causes. She worked as a farmer. During a particularly wretched period in her life, she took in washing. But there was no denying the realization of the Dream. She symbolized a 2,000-year-old Dream of the Jewish people—for freedom, justice, and dignity.

"It was a Dream to be shared. Eliminating the disparity between the haves and have-nots was a lifelong obsession for Golda Meir. As Foreign Minister and later Prime Minister of Israel, she shared Israel's technical and scientific developments with the Third World, particularly African nations.

"Through her leadership of an oppressed, minority people, she became a symbol for minorities everywhere. Women, in particular, admired and emulated her.

"Firm in her convictions, tough in adversity, she was beloved, too, for her simplicity, her humanity and her motherly regard for children. Receiving ADL's Joseph Prize for Human Rights in 1976, Golda Meir said, 'When peace comes we will perhaps in time be able to forgive the Arabs for killing our sons, but it will be harder for us to forgive them for having forced us to kill their sons.'

"Now at rest among the matriarchs and patriarchs of Israel, she lives on through her deeds.

"We share the grief of her son, daughter, and grandchildren, as well as the family of Israel who mourn today, and we recall:

"Many daughters have done valiantly, but you excel them all.'" (Psalms)

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that while Christ was transfigured on a mountain top, it was on Mount Calvary, He died.

Reading the lives of the great men of the faith, one is apt to think only of how gloriously they lived. The tears, the heartaches, the frustrations, the moments of despair have all but been forgotten in the face of final triumph. So we may conclude their life was one glorious shout of victory.

No doubt, beneath the surface of their soul there was constant tranquility, but that does not mean the storms did not, upon occasion, buffet them to their very foundation.

It is small wonder that many who seek the fulfillment in their lives of the new and modern concept of Christianity are disillusioned. They are not prepared for the humdrum of reality, or the struggle of conflict.

The old-time warriors of the faith have expressed a deep concern over the lack of stability among young converts. Many of them seem to be direct descendants of "On again, off again, gone again, Flanagan."

Could it be that they have never been challenged to a cause worth dying for?

Man by nature is easily challenged. Every modern invention is a testimony to that fact. It is also why small boys walk ridgepoles, and grown men attempt to scale hitherto unclimbed mountain peaks.

But a person who has never seen a mountain, would hardly be challenged to climb one.

Overprotective parents can thwart or kill their child's natural inclination to try the untried, simply by their attitude. The attitude of the church can fail to cultivate or even destroy the courage to "do or die," if it has merely proclaimed Christianity as the means to a physical Utopia, and never portrayed it as a battlefield that may run red with blood.

When a Bible college moved its location, the students found they had arrived before the bed frames. For a night or two the young people had to accommodate themselves with mattresses lying directly on the floor.

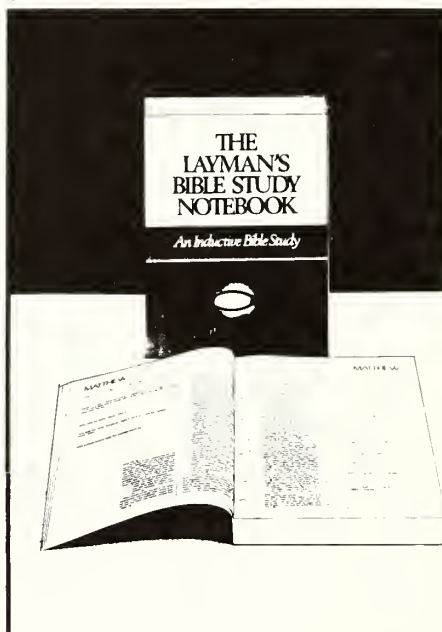
One mother, taking in the situation was visibly upset. Later, telling about the conditions, she sniffed, "My poor little girl! I was just about to the point of taking her back home with me."

This in a college which trains young people for the mission field! No wonder our young people are frightened at the thought of enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

There is no bed of roses at the foot of the cross. To be crucified with Him is to be identified with His suffering. The glory is all His!

A small boy, explaining why he has been watching the funeral pyres of the martyrs at Smithfield, said simply, "I want to learn the way."

It would be well to ask ourselves "Have we been misrepresenting the way, or do we no longer believe it is a cause worth dying for?"—Selected



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the first six months, the Rev. Taylor Hill was invited for a special service and a check was presented to missions. A check was also presented to the Eastern Conference Missions at the end of the second six months period.

## News from Carolina Bible Institute

Thirty-three men and women enrolled in the Evangelical Teacher Training (E. T. A.) Courses at the Carolina Bible Institute, Pine Level, North Carolina, on Tuesday night, January 2.

The applicants consisted of twelve women and twenty-one men, and were from eight different churches and five different conferences. They were from Johnston, Wayne, and Wilson Counties. There were five ordained and two licensed ministers in the group. Four of the applicants are already enrolled on the Institute; thus, this made an additional enrollment for the Institute of twenty-nine.

The courses which the group will study are "Old Testament Survey (History and Law)" and "Teaching Techniques." These are two of the six courses required by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association for the Preliminary Teacher's Certificate. The courses are twelve weeks in length with classes meeting once each week on Tuesday night.

It is the plan of the Carolina Bible Institute to offer two of the required courses each quarter so that a student may earn the Preliminary Teacher's Certificate in a nine-month period. The next series of courses will begin on March 27. Those interested in taking courses should write to the Carolina Bible Institute, Box 337, Pine Level, North Carolina 27568.

## Woman's Auxiliary

### ATTENTION! WOMEN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Happy new year to each of you! This article is to remind you that it is time for us to have our study course on Evangelism. The book which we will be

## During the Holiday Season

### *Children Had Parties*

The children of the Home were the recipients of numerous Christmas parties during this past holiday season. Area civic clubs, Sunday school classes, and individuals took this opportunity to share their happiness with us.

The Woodmen of the World, area Girl Scouts, and Mount Olive College students provided gifts and refreshments to our cottages. Individuals, like the employees of Export Leaf Tobacco

Company in Wilson, provided fruit baskets for the children. To list each individual or group that helped make our Christmas a success would take several pages.

They send a hearty thanks to each of you that gave of yourselves during this Christmas holiday season.

It is their wish that God will bless each of you in a special way during this new year.

## Taylor Hill Finds That

### *Raleigh Mission Needs You*

On New Year's Day, Taylor Hill talked with the Raleigh Mission's pastor, Ronnie Hall. He found Ronnie's situation to be very common in the mission work, but he was afraid that it would not be understood by Christians today. Mr. Hill thanked God for his mission experiences so that he could relate to Ronnie's circumstances.

Ronnie and Sue have worked hard in getting the Agape Mission started while carrying on another full-time job. They have made hundreds of contacts in approximately nine months and currently have a congregation of twelve in number. Two of which are teenagers and children of a fortuneteller.

But let's say to you as readers that Ronnie and Sue are not complaining, because they were told how it would be from the beginning and were willing to accept the challenge; as a matter of fact, it was their idea.

Yes, they need financial assistance, but they also need something more. They need and deserve your prayers, your kind gestures, and anything in the world that you can do to help and encourage them. Perhaps you might know someone in the Raleigh area that might help them.

The mission is located at 1701 Glen Eden Drive, on the northwest side of Raleigh. Ronnie's residence is 422 Barbour Street, Clayton, North Carolina. His phone number is 553-6070.

study is "How to Give Away Your Faith" by Paul E. Little. Please, study course chairmen of the different auxiliaries, encourage your women to attend. I am sure they will receive a blessing from the study. This will count as a study for your auxiliary, if some of the members attend.

There will be five speakers to bring the study. They are as follows: Mrs. C. B. Hansley, Mrs. Rod Jones, Mrs. Sarah Styron, Mrs. Manley Jenkins, and Mrs.

Jane Johnson.

The study course will be at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, January 27 from 10 a. m. until noon, so bring a sandwich for lunch and the host church will furnish the drinks and desserts.

The church is located at 314 West Lenoir Avenue or at the corner of College Street and Lenoir Avenue.

Mrs. Woodrow McCoy  
Study Course Chairman



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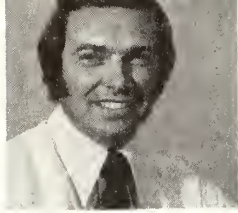
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LIFE HAS NO PROMISE OF ITS OWN. IT BORROWS  
FROM SOMETHING GREATER.





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Editor

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# Editorial . . .

## DEATH: A PART OF THE HARMONIOUS WHOLE

Most people make all kinds of preparations for the future. Life insurance, savings accounts, bonds, houses, lands: all types of material securities are laid aside for the years to come.

Plans are made to do this job or that job. Personal promises are given with the full intention of living up to and carrying through with them. Aspirations are courted and striven for; aims are set; dreams are dreamed; in all seriousness the portion of life that is left is structured in accord with the hope that a reasonable measure of it remains.

Suddenly, we are hit with that realization, that long-suffering reminder that life has no promise of its own. As noble as our plans are, as careful as our schemes, there is only so much that we can control. We do plot our course—and we choose it—but all too often in error.

I was reminded recently of man's obsession with preparation for life and his little regard for death—the inevitable. All of us dread the thought, even attempt to deny the fact that someday death will call. We attempt to dismiss it from the logical mind, though we know that of all things it is the most certain. Only during times of funerals do we really consider that we, too, must pass that way.

There is little, if anything, pleasant about the thought of death. Bryant suggested that we should look upon it as not too foreboding a happening. Few of us (except the very saintly members of our number) "sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust" can, as Bryant suggests, "wrap the draperies of our couch" about us and "lie down to pleasant dreams."

Those of us who are so fortunate as to have such close communion with God can enter this eternal state with **assurance**, if not without fear.

The unknown frightens the stoutest of men. The darkness of uncertainty looms ever before us. It mocks us; it taunts us; it threatens us. We wait, hating the bidding, knowing nonetheless that someday it will be our time to answer.

Why the pessimism? Why address such a dismal, ominous subject when we've scarcely entered the new year? Because **we must deal with reality**. We must not neglect the reminder, however lamentable, that our span here—even in its largest measure—is for a brief while.

Daily, even hourly, we must be in readiness—readiness to leave and to go.

Because of God, that journey to the other side can be a release. This very minute—whether it presages life or death—is a part of eternity.

George Papashvily put it this way: "Birth and death, instead of being two irreconcilable parts, form a harmonious whole." It is therefore our duty, while we are blessed with life, to experience it in view of what is to come. Then, death—whenever and wherever—can lighten rather than make heavier our burden.

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# DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

submitted by DeWayne Eakes

If we are spiritually sensitive people, genuinely concerned to follow the Lord in our lives, then frequently we will find ourselves faced with questions such as How do I know what God's will is for me in this situation? and What would the Lord have me do here? Particularly when the circumstances are complex and the response we should make is not at all obvious, we may feel frustrated and anxious, at a loss as to which way we should go. The potential for experiencing a deep confusion seems to increase when the decision to be made involves an issue of magnitude, such as a choice of vocation. If our uncertainty grows severe enough, we might even be tempted to despair. And such despair can lessen the most necessary element in the discernment process—our faith.

I offer a few suggestions drawn from Scripture and Christian common sense that may help in avoiding the more serious pitfalls and in reducing our anxiety at moments of decisions.

When trying to discern God's will, it is very important that we understand how we actually conceive the will of God. We should look at times and situations in the past when we have been confronted with the need to make a choice and ask, How did I view God's will? Often the answer will reveal that we tend to think of God's will as a directive, a law to be carried out to the letter, a detailed step-by-step blueprint to be followed. Such a legalistic view creates within us tremendous pressure for making the right choice. For when we conceive of God's will in an absolute way, then we believe that there is only one right way to choose. And if there is only one right choice, then even the simplest decision can be burdened by overtones of salvation and damnation. Every choice can become a crisis, a moment of judgment.

Such a view of God's will does not seem harmonious with the one which the Scripture gives to us. Instead, we find that there is only one great choice among many lesser choices.

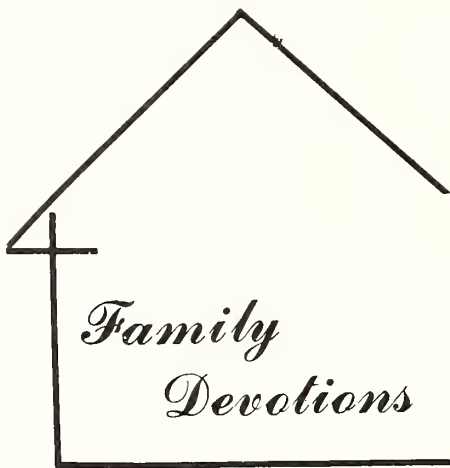
Moses, when he had given all of the commandments and ordinances—the lesser choices—to the people of Israel, declared to them: "See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. . . . I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days, that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them" (Deuteronomy 30:15, 19, 20). To choose life, to choose the way of loving, obeying, and cleaving to the Lord is the one great choice.

This means that, more than any single law or rule in life, God's will is a way of life. God's will is a direction, a movement to be entered into, a general orientation that characterizes how we live. It is a way of life that is productive of yet deeper life, a direction whose flow is from God back to God. It is a life marked by a loving relationship with the Lord, by a careful listening and responding to him, and by a continual holding fast to the source of all blessings.

Jesus said this most clearly in these words: "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:40). The will of God is that we believe that Jesus is our personal Lord and Saviour. Christ is our way, our truth, and our life. He is the vine and we are the branches; apart from Him we can do nothing. Understanding that there is but one great choice—the choice to live or not to live for Christ—has the liberating effect of putting all of our other possible choices into a proper perspective. Every other choice we make is necessarily secondary to the one great choice. Not one of them can be of greater priority, magnitude, or importance than our single choice for the way of Christ.

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## Family Devotions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:11

### WHAT CHANCES HAVE YOU?

A legend is told of a dying man to whom Satan brought a parchment containing a list of the man's sins throughout all his life. His actions were pictured and the story was made vivid to him as the tempter demanded an answer to this question, "Where are your virtues among so many sins? What chances have you in judgment before God?" The dying man answered, "You have not kept the full account. That is only the debit side. There is a credit side. Opposite your dark picture, you should have painted a Cross and opposite that long list of sins you have should have written these words: 'The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.' " At the mention of the Name of Christ and the efficacy of His Blood, Satan vanished.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How long has it been since you attended a Communion service in your church? Let's not forget what it symbolizes.*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:8

### BIBLE KICKS ME

A heathen Chinese gave a gift Bible back to the missionary. "Every time I read it," he said, "it kicks me."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How many of you have been to a church when you felt as if the minister was talking to you? Maybe you needed it!*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

Scripture Reading—Romans 16:16

### WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

I spoke one night on "Where are the dead?" My audience, I think, expected me to deal with the question of the future state. They were greatly surprised. Declaring that ninety percent of the dead were in the churches, I gave them quite a few facts to think over. There are big dead churches everywhere, and to them the Lord's injunction certainly applies. "Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Are you going to a dead church? Maybe you need to help it wake up and work for Christ.*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**

Scripture Reading—Psalm 45:10

### NEEDED: "A PEACE CONFERENCE WITH THE PRINCE OF PEACE!"

The late Arthur Brisbane, world-renowned columnist and journalist, wrote: "We may sweep the world clean of materialism. We may scrub the earth white of autocracy. We may carpet it with democracy, and drape it with the flags of republicanism. We may hang on the walls the thrilling pictures of freedom—here the signing of America's independence, there the thrilling portrait of Joan of Arc, yonder the Magna Charta, on this side the inspiring picture of Garibaldi. We may spend effort and energy to make the world a Paradise, itself where the lion of capitalism can lie down with the proletariat lamb. But if we turn into that splendid room, mankind with the SAME OLD HEART, 'deceitful and desperately wicked,' we may expect to clean house again not many days hence. What we need is a 'peace conference' with the Prince of Peace!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Prince of Peace can handle any situation in the world. He can change the most wicked group of people.*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

Scripture Reading—Luke 4:36

### THE BOOK CONQUERED

Some years ago a Spaniard found a torn book by the side of a railway. On reading it he soon found it was an ordinary book, but he did not know that it was part of the Bible. The words so interested him he decided to follow its teachings, and so pleased was he with his new found treasure that he called in his neighbors, and read to them out of the Book. One day the orchard next to his was sold, and the new owner turned aside a water course that had also watered his land, and it was not long before his trees began to suffer. His friends told him what he ought to do to punish his neighbor, but no, he would not think of doing any harm. He would stand by his Book. One morning, going into the orchard, he noticed in a far corner one tree quite fresh and green. At once he got his spade and dug around, and to his joy found a spring of water, and soon ditches were carrying the life giving water to all corners of his orchard. The Book had conquered.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible says that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. God will bless us richly for doing so.*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

Scripture Reading—John 3:16

### NOT ONLY FOR THE DYING

Mr. Tompkins was obliged to stay overnight at a small country hotel. It was shown to his room by the one boy the place afforded, a colored lad. "I'm glad there's a rope in case of fire," commented Mr. Tompkins, he surveyed the room; "but what about the idea of putting a Bible in the room in such a prominent place?" "Dat aint intended for use, suh," replied the boy, "in case de fire am too far advanced foh yo' to make yo' escape suh." The Bible is not only for the dying, it is for the living. It shows the way of life to all; it shows how to walk in that way of life. It should be read daily, and studied as a treasure map.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Jesus said that whosoever believeth*

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in Him will have eternal life. To live forever men should read God's Word.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 3:3

#### THE DEPTHS OF THE BIBLE

"I am glad there is a depth in the Bible I know nothing about," says Mr. Moody; "that there is a height there I cannot climb to if I should live to be as old as Methuselah; I venture to say that if I should live for ages on earth I could only have touched its surface. I pity the man who knows all the Bible, for it is a pretty good sign he doesn't know himself. A man came to me with what he thought was a very difficult passage, and he said:

" 'Mr. Moody, how do you explain this?'

"I said: 'I don't explain it.'

" 'But how do you interpret it?'

" 'I don't interpret it.'

" 'Well, how do you understand it?'

" 'I don't understand it.'

" 'But what do you do with it?'

" 'I don't do anything with it.'

" 'You don't believe it?'

" 'Yes, I believe it. There are lots of things that I believe that I do not understand. In John three, Christ says to Nicodemus: "If you do not understand earthly things, how can you understand Heavenly things"? About my own body I do not understand. I don't understand nature; the world is filled with wonderful things I don't comprehend. Then why should I expect to know everything spiritually?'

" 'But men ask, 'How can you prove the Book is inspired?' I answered, 'Because it inspires me.'"

"That is one of the best proofs. It does inspire us.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*There are many answers to be found in the Bible dealing with everyday problems in life. Why not read it to find your answers?*

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**JANUARY IS  
RETIREMENT HOMES  
MONTH**

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# NEWS & NOTES

## White Oak Church Observes Brotherhood Meeting



Ron Taylor House

The brotherhood of the White Oak Free Will Baptist Church of Bladenboro held its regular monthly meeting on December 4, 1978. The guest speaker was Ron Taylor House, representative from Bladenboro. He gave a very interesting talk concerning county and state affairs.

## Youth Sunday at Friendship Church

Youth Sunday was observed on December 31 at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County. The morning worship services were directed by Jason Tyson with Susan Beamon as pianist.

The "Doxology" was sung as the call to worship by the youth choir which also rendered special music by singing "Pass It On" under the direction of Johnny Lewis. "As We Come to Thee in Prayer" was sung by the youth choir before silent meditation and prayer.

The young children of the church sang with Gladys Oakley as leader and Verna Heath playing the piano. Lorraine Moore led the responsive reading, "New Year's Day."

Ushers for the service were Edward

Tyson, Greg Sutton, Ken Kirkland, and Gerald Padgett.

Flowers were provided by the Young Woman's Auxiliary and were dedicated by Johnny Ellis to the congregation for faith, service, and attendance during the year.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, pastor of the church, was introduced as if he were a "guest speaker" and was recognized by the Young Woman's Auxiliary with a book placed in the church library in his honor.

## Elwood Lane Church Has Special Day



H. Paul Jenkins

On December 31, 1978, there was a very special day at Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis. After forty-one years of dedicated service, the Rev. H. Paul Jenkins is retiring as pastor. Special services were held to express love and appreciation for the many services which he has rendered through the years.

Mr. Jenkins has been pastor of Elwood Lane church continuously as an ordained minister since August, 1937, and has guided the church through steady growth. The church has an active membership of 149. Eight ministers have been licensed and ordained under his leadership. His new address is Bostian Avenue, Kannapolis, North Carolina.

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## THE REV. TRUEMAN ROBERT BROWN

*WINTERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, near Cove City, honors its pastor this week. He is the sixth to be accorded this recognition in our paper. Why not remember your pastor by using this means of honoring him? The editor, Tommy Manning, will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise to him.*



### WINTERGREEN CHURCH HONORS PASTOR

On July, 1977, Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, near Cove City, was blessed with a truly dedicated man of God, the Rev. Trueman Robert Brown. Bobby, his wife, Betsy, and their two children, Robin and Sissy, are an asset to our community.

During the past 18 months the Sunday school attendance has increased from 66 percent to 82 percent of total enrollment. Sunday morning worship has gone up 25 percent and Sunday evening worship, 35 percent. Prayer meeting attendance has increased by 25 percent, and the tithes and offerings are up 10 percent. A total of 36 souls has been saved or rededicated and 13 new members have been received by baptism or by letter.

Brother Bobby has organized several new programs: a puppet ministry which is a delight to the adults as well as to the children, League Bible courses on "How to Be a Soul Winner" and "Old Testament Survey," a penny collection for missions one Sunday of each month (\$1,008 collected in 12 months), and Sunday school attendance drives in which banners were given to the top two classes quarterly. Several singing groups have also been organized, and a remodeling project for the fellowship hall has been started.

Along with preaching three services each week, Brother Bobby teaches the League Bible class and the teenage Sunday school class. He has held eight revivals and taken part in seven weddings.

In the eighteen months of his being the pastor of Wintergreen, the church has had three barbecue suppers, two bazaars, and two harvest Sundays. These activities have brought in a profit

of \$25,000 to the building fund of the church program.

Brother Bobby has completed his 1978 college credits with a 2.5 grade average and has taken and passed the Eastern Conference Ordination Exam. He was ordained at the Ordination services at Wintergreen church in August, 1978.

His wife, Betsy, is active in the Woman's Auxiliary and is assistant teacher for the young adult class. She has co-directed the Christmas program for the past two years. She has also worked very hard with the bazaars.

Brother Bobby says, "The Lord has truly blessed us during this time and we look forward to many more blessings."

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 17 Years Ago

"How many kinds of people in the world can you name? There are only two kinds, saved and unsaved. Which are you?"—Selected

"The Sunday school is the hope of the church. More than that, it is the hope of the individual, the family, society, and the nation.

"Aware of its importance, church leaders with a vision have emphasized the Sunday school as the evangelistic arm of the church; and as a result, some of the major denominations of today have grown rapidly during the last fifty years."—Editorial

"I can give you a prescription that will bring revival to any church on earth:

"First, let a few Christians themselves get thoroughly right with God.

"Second, let them bind themselves together to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down.

"Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ.

"That is all!"—R. A. Torrey

"A mother and her young son were shopping at a supermarket! The young boy, desiring to help his mother, picked up a package of something and brought it over to her.

"'Oh, no, Honey,' mother cried. 'Put it back. You have to cook that!'"  
—Selected

## RETIREMENT HOMES

Recent statistics show that our world's population today is made up of more older people than a decade ago. In fact, the age group that we call "retired persons" or "senior citizens" is increasing by leaps and bounds. You and I will join their ranks one day, if the Lord carries or we do not meet with an early death.

Retirement Homes, who needs them? We all do. We may not have to live in one ourselves, but a relative or close friend might. Our parents, pastors who have lived in parsonages all their lives, and countless others may need Retirement Homes in their retiring years. For those of us who are young, buying a house is still no problem, even though houses are quite expensive and expected to get even more expensive. However, those members of our society who are nearing retirement today and do not have that dream house yet are going to find it very difficult to purchase one on Social Security money. The answer is retirement communities like the one our denomination has begun, low-rent apartments for the able, rest homes, and, possibly, even nursing care for those who cannot care for themselves. All of us may pass through all three of these stages. The early years of retirement are usually enjoyable. There is time to do all those things we always wanted to do. We are able to cook our own food, do our own laundry, and go shopping when we please. Then come

the years when we'd just as soon somebody else did all those things for us. Many persons will have to face some part of their lives bedridden. Nursing homes are a financial disaster for many families, and the care is often second-rate. Who needs a place to retire? Many of us will. Some of us will need one or all of the above services.

God gave visions to great men of old. Out of these visionaries came the leaders of God's people. Great men of vision set in motion Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes so that our people could have a place to retire in dignity. During the month of January, "Retirement Homes Month," pause to give thanks for this ministry that promises us all the opportunity to live out our years of leisure in comfortable housing. Also, send an offering to help make this ministry all its founders envisioned it would be and all God intended it should be.

### RETIREMENT HOUSING AVAILABLE

In order to help the Retirement Homes Board determine how much space they need to make available, we would like for any of our people who feel they would be interested in coming to the Retirement Homes to live in the next six to eight months to let us know. There will be no obligation. If you feel that you may be the slightest bit interested, write to the Executive Director, P. O. Box 250, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557 today!

### HOLLY SPRINGS AUXILIARY GIVES TO CHILDREN'S HOME

The Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church Woman's Auxiliary, Route 2, Kenly, received credit for clothing and household supplies in the amount of \$257.52.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. T. C. Farmer wishes to announce that he has moved. His new address is Route 3, Box 380-A, Bladenboro, North Carolina 28320. He may be reached by phoning 863-3792. His old address was 1506 Washington Avenue, Weldon, North Carolina 27890.

## DID YOU PRAY YET TODAY?

Did you pray yet today?  
Have you whispered words of praise  
To your Father up in Heaven  
For His many wondrous ways?

Did you pray yet today,  
And all your problems share  
With your gracious God, the Father,  
Who always loves and cares?

Did you pray yet today,  
And with your lips rejoice?  
Oh, do it now, right now, my friend,  
With a thankful, humble voice.  
—Edward M. Brandt

## TIME

by Vallie Coats

Selma Free Will Baptist Church

Many things we compare in life,  
both good and evil, we see,  
There are riches and wealth abounding  
and many in poverty.

Some reach fame and fortune,  
which others may never find,  
But there's something in life that's fair  
for all,  
and it's our amount of time.

There are twenty-four hours in a day,  
and for all it is the same,  
The rich man has not a minute more  
than the man who has no fame.

So let us decide when comparing  
the things in life we find,  
The amount of time, which is equal for  
all,  
and what I should do with mine.

## Children's Home

### PIANOS NEEDED

A number of our children are taking piano and need an instrument to practice on. Several of our cottages need a piano. The ones we now have are old and beyond repair. Anyone wishing to donate a piano or who would like to contribute to the repair and/or purchase of pianos for our boys and girls are requested to write or call Mr. Humphrey at (919) 235-2161 or write him at P. O. Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557 right away.



### ATTENTION

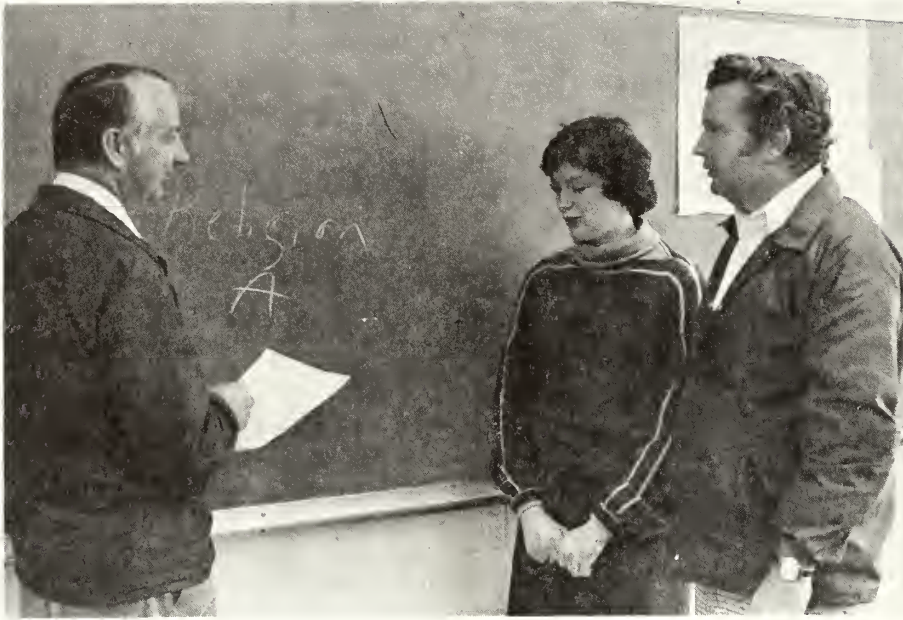
The Rev. Royce Reynolds, Route 2, Walstonburg, North Carolina 27888, is the newly elected secretary of the Ordaining Council of the Central Conference.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## Two Joneses in College



**THE REV. EMMITT E. JONES, right, pastor of Grant's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Wayne County, stands with his daughter, Jackie, center, a freshman at Mount Olive College, and the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, professor and Acting Dean of Students at Mount Olive College. Jones lacks only two courses from graduating.**

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### FREE WILL BAPTIST PASTOR STUDIES NIGHTS FOR DEGREE

The Rev. Emmitt Jones of Mount Olive may be graduating from Mount Olive College with his daughter, Jackie.

Emmitt, whose first college course was taken in 1954 when Mount Olive was still known as Mount Allen Junior College, lacks only two courses from receiving his Associate in Arts degree.

"I've taken night courses over the years, mostly to keep up with people and what is happening around me," Emmitt commented.

After his initial course, Emmitt did not re-enter college until the fall of 1968, the same year he entered the ministry. In 1969, Emmitt was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister and has served at

Grant's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on highway 55 ever since.

"If I have an ambition, it is to help the smaller churches like Grant's Chapel, who can't support a full-time minister, but want services every Sunday," he explained.

Emmitt was born and raised in the Mount Olive area. His grandfather, the Rev. F. E. Jones, a Free Will Baptist minister, lived with his family until Emmitt was nine years old.

"I can remember learning the 23rd Psalm while sitting on my granddaddy's knee," Emmitt recalled, "I believe he greatly influenced my decision to enter

the ministry."

In 1958, Emmitt married Annie P. Sutton, also of the Mount Olive area. Besides 18-year-old Jackie, the Jones children include 19-year-old William, who will enter the Marine Corps in February and 14-year-old Gary, a freshman at Mount Olive Junior High School.

Jackie, a 1978 graduate of Southern Wayne High School, entered Mount Olive College as a pre-nursing major last fall.

"I can't say I didn't influence Jackie to attend Mount Olive," Emmitt said. "After all these years, I know most of the faculty on a first-name basis and it is really less expensive for me than any other school in the area."

This year Emmitt is serving as Moderator for the Third Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference of the Free Will Baptist Church.

"I am prejudiced toward the College not just because it is a Free Will Baptist College but because it is nice to know I can call the College President (Dr. W. Burkette Raper) and ask a question if I need to know some information."

Although Emmitt stands on the threshold of receiving his associate degree, he claims, "I already feel the need for more education to do better with my church and my job."

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### NINETEEN FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Nineteen Free Will Baptist students have been named to the Dean's List at Mount Olive College for the fall semester 1978.

To qualify for the list, a student must achieve higher than a "B" average with no grade below a "C" in any subject.

The following Mount Olive College students received this recognition.

Bernice Kay Barbour, Malinda Su Johnson, and Anna Christin Stephenson, all from Hopewell church in Johnston County; Cindy Lynelle Harrison from Hull Road church in Greene County; Alice Lynn and Kenneth David Hines both of Winterville church in Pitt County; and Jacqueline Jones from Grant Chapel church in Wayne County.

Also, Teresa Dawn Kelly, and She McKay Slaughter from Holly Springs

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# NEWS NOTES

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## Drug Seminar at Wintergreen Church

On January 18, at the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Cove City, there will be a "Drug Seminar" at 7 p.m. All pastors and laymen in the area are invited to attend. On the program are the Marine Investigators from Cherry

Point Air Wing who will provide slides, movies, and displays. Also on the program will be the newly elected Craven County Sheriff, Pete Bland, who will tell what people can do as individuals to fight the evil in the county and community.

## Special Services at Hugo

The Sonlite Singers of Winterville will present a program of song and

testimony at the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, near Grifton, on January 14, at 7 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend this special service.

## JANUARY IS RETIREMENT HOMES MONTH

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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Church in Carteret County; Sonya Faye McCoy from Hugo Church in Greene County; Cynthia Lynette Padgett from Mount Olive church in Martin County; Debra Lynn Parrish from Sidney church in Beaufort County; and Denise Jane Howell from Johnston Union in Johnston County.

And, Wanda Joy Russell from Sound View church in Carteret County; Mrs. Vickie Barfield Singleton from First Church, Beulaville, in Duplin County; Mrs. Kathryn Teal Steadman from

Rockingham church in Rockingham and Rosebud Church in Wilson; Debora Jean Thompson from Yelverton Grove church in Johnston County; Mrs. Gail Miles Trump from Casey's Chapel church in Wayne County; and Mary Lynette Turner from Spring Hill church in Wayne County.

## DR. RAPER TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Blakely, Georgia, on Sunday, January 21, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

## GOD, OTHERS AND ME

by Vallie Coats

Dear God, feed to me the bread of life,  
and the water of life when I thirst.  
Help me to remember day by day,  
to always put Thee first.

Then help me think of others,  
always when I pray.  
Help me lend a helping hand,  
as I struggle along life's way.

Please dear God, let me at last,  
as I serve my fellowman.  
May my service to Thee, grow more each  
day,  
by helping others all I can.

When I forget self and think of others,  
in this world of turmoil and strife,  
That's when I wake up and realize,  
I'm getting great joy out of life!

## ALUMNI OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The annual Mount Olive College Alumni Association Banquet and Meeting will be held Saturday, March 31. At this event, the annual Alumni of the Year award will be presented to the Mount Olive College alumni demonstrating the most outstanding contributions to Mount Olive College, their church, and their community.

Anyone can nominate a Mount Olive

College alumnus for the honor by filling out the form below and attaching a letter of recommendation. The nominee does not have to be a graduate.

All nominations must be mailed to the Alumni Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, no later than January 31, 1979. Do so today.

## HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

### NOMINATION FORM—ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

I wish to put the name of \_\_\_\_\_, class of \_\_\_\_\_ in nomination for "Alumni of the Year" award.

In your letter of nomination, you might include the following areas:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Activities     | <input type="checkbox"/> Present Employment           | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Achievements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> College Alumni Participation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Achievements  | <input type="checkbox"/> Present Status of Family     |   |

Signature of Person Making Nomination

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

College Class





Treasurer's Report from

# Cragmont Assembly

November, 1978

Balance Brought Forward November 1, 1978 \$ 1,921.37

Receipts

**Albemarle Conference**

Albemarle Sunday School	
Convention	\$ 6.00
Albemarle Union	18.30
*Albemarle Woman's	
Auxiliary Convention	42.00
Free Union	<u>21.00</u>

\$ 87.30

**Cape Fear Conference**

*Hopewell Auxiliary	10.00
*Johnston Union Auxiliary	20.00
Mount Olive	100.00
*Powhatan Auxiliary	20.00
Smithfield, First	50.00
*Auxiliary	10.00
*Victory Mission Auxiliary	<u>20.00</u>

230.00

**Central Conference**

*Aspen Grove Auxiliary	15.00
*Bethany Auxiliary	30.00
Central Conference Mission Board	
(in memory of Rev. L. E.	
Ballard)	15.00
*Mrs. Wayne Cox (in memory of	
Mrs. Frances Hansley Rublein)	25.00
*Daniels Chapel Auxiliary	10.00
*Dawson's Grove Auxiliary	20.00
*Dilda's Grove Auxiliary	10.00
Edgewood	30.00
*Edgewood Auxiliary	50.00
Elm Grove	150.00
*Elm Grove Auxiliary	58.80
*Free Union Auxiliary	33.86
Friendship Sunday School	25.00
*Friendship Auxiliary	103.38
Greenville, First	150.00
*Grimsley Auxiliary	32.00
*Central Auxiliary Convention	198.00
*Harrell's Chapel Auxiliary	10.00
*Hickory Grove Auxiliary	10.00
*Howell Swamp Auxiliary	22.00
*Hugo Auxiliary	25.00
Hull Road	300.00
*Hull Road Auxiliary	12.00
*King's Cross Roads Auxiliary	50.00
*LaGrange Auxiliary	40.00
*Marlboro Auxiliary	25.00
*Ormondsville Auxiliary	20.00
*Owen's Chapel Auxiliary	10.20
*Peace Auxiliary	5.00

*Piney Grove, (Pitt) Auxiliary	\$ 10.18
Reedy Branch	
Mrs. Graham T. Olive	50.00
*Rocky Mount, First, Auxiliary	10.00
*Rose Hill Auxiliary	20.00
Rose Hill Sunday School	25.00
*Mrs. Alma W. Buck	25.00
*Saratoga Auxiliary	30.00
Saratoga Sunday School	33.93
Second Union	12.87
*Spring Branch Auxiliary	20.00
*Winterville Auxiliary	<u>50.00</u>

**Eastern Conference**

Bridgeton	23.00
*Bethlehem Auxiliary	50.00
*Beulaville Auxiliary	20.00
*Christian Chapel Auxiliary	5.00
Crab Point	15.00
Fifth Union	25.00
*Macedonia Auxiliary	12.50
*Moseley's Creek Auxiliary	20.00
*Mount Zion (Pamlico) Auxiliary	20.00
*Piney Grove Auxiliary	2.00
*Russell's Creek Auxiliary	5.00
*Saint Mary's Auxiliary	155.00
*Saints Delight Auxiliary	20.00
*Sound View Auxiliary	15.00
Wardens Grove	209.25
*Wardens Grove Auxiliary	25.00
*Wintergreen Auxiliary	<u>45.00</u>

**Pee Dee Conference**

White Oak	
Thomas and Hattie Bright	<u>100.00</u>

**Western Conference**

*Bethel Auxiliary	20.00
*Free Union Auxiliary, Nash	20.00
First Union	150.00
Flood's Chapel	5.00
*Little Rock Auxiliary	50.00
Marsh Swamp	
Mrs. Eula Boyette	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fulghum	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. James B.	
Hunt Sr.	26.00
Milbournie	23.00
Mount Zion, (Nash)	
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bass	25.00
People's Chapel Sunday School	5.00
Pine Level	200.00
Pleasant Grove	382.00
Sunday School	362.30
*Pleasant Hill Auxiliary	50.00
Pleasant Plain	
Mr. and Mrs. Derwood G. Jones	
(in honor of their	
daughter, Fonda)	100.00
*Mrs. Emma P. Sasser	25.00
Selma	

*Mrs. Ada B. Sasser	\$	25.00
Sherron Acres		100.00
Auxiliary		100.00
*Spring Hill Auxiliary		20.00
Stoney Creek Ambassador Sunday		
School Class		310.00
Unity, (Durham)		25.00
*Western Auxiliary Convention		200.00
Wilson, First		250.00

\$2,522.43

\$1,772.22

**Others**

Christmas Cards (29 boxes)	59.00
North Carolina Department of	
Revenue (Sales Tax refund)	253.36
North Carolina State Auxiliary	
Convention (Christian	
Service Fund)	203.59
(Life Award Fees)	140.00
Sale of Gas Heaters	20.00
Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Skinner	
(for kitchen range in	
manager's apartment in	
new building)	358.75

1,034.70

Total from churches and individuals

\$ 6,413.40

Borrowed first loan from

  Church Finance Association

45,500.00

Total for Which to Account

\$53,834.77

\*Part of \$1,881.92 contribution from  
North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary  
Convention.

666.75

Disbursements

Operational Expenses	\$1,057.45
Burress Insurance Agency	18.00
C. Cliff Meyer, Inc. (Third Partial	
Payment on New Building)	45,562.00
Sears Roebuck (Kitchen Range for	
New Building)	358.75
Transfer to Main Building Fund	2,840.85
Transfer to General Savings	<u>1,600.00</u>

100.00

Total Disbursements

51,437.05

Balance on Hand, December 1, 1978

\$ 2,397.72

**EARMARKED FUNDS**

General Fund	\$2,397.72
General Savings	2,439.94
Main Building Fund	<u>4,711.97</u>
Total in Bank	\$9,549.63

(\$844.43 for dishwasher)  
(\$1,470 in honor and memorial  
funds)

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Treasurer  
Route 1  
Sims, North Carolina 27880

Coming . . .

**PUPPET SHOW**

February 12, 1979

7:30 P. M.

Free Will Baptist Press





# The Sunday School Lesson

For January 28

## THE STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE AND WORK

**Lesson Text:** Nehemiah 2:11-18; John 15:1-5

**Memory Verse:** John 15:16

### I. INTRODUCTION

A cowboy who had become a Christian was once asked what he thought constituted Christian stewardship. "Wal," he drawled, "I reckon some folks think stewardship is hangin' around the ranchhouse and glad handin' the boss. Or maybe on Sunday gittin' all dressed up and gittin' out a guitar and strummin' a tune and singin' praises to the boss. Leastwise, that's the way a lot of Christians act."

"Let me tell ya," he continued, "iffen I acted thata way, I allow as how the boss would right quick tell me to git my wages and git."

"No sir! Real stewardship is gittin' out on the range and roundin' up the strays, and brandin' the yearlin's, and makin' sure the water holes are clean, and keepin' the rustlers away from the boss's herd. Doin' what the boss wants you to do, that's real stewardship."

Nehemiah had just received bad news from Jerusalem. The Jews who had returned to Palestine following the Babylonian captivity had rebuilt the temple, but they had never been able to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. As a result, they had suffered harassment at the hands of their enemies.

Nehemiah was so saddened that the king under whom he served, Artaxerxes of Persia, questioned him. Learning of his burden, Artaxerxes gave him permission to return to Jerusalem and so Nehemiah set out for Jerusalem in the year 444 B.C. The portion of the lesson text taken from Nehemiah begins with his arrival in Jerusalem.

The second portion of the lesson text

is taken from the Gospel of John. It is a part of Jesus' farewell discourse with the disciples on the night in which He was betrayed.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Today we begin a new unit of study called "The Stewardship of Life and Work." Two passages of Scripture, one from the Old Testament and one from the New, have been selected for study today. Before we begin a detailed study of these texts, let us take a closer look at the background of each of them.

B. The Old Testament Book of Nehemiah takes its name from its principal character and traditional author. Nehemiah was a cup-bearer in the palace of the King of Persia. While there he heard about the great struggles that were going on back in the home country. He might well have thought that these struggles did not concern him, but when the struggles were brought to his notice, he turned to constant prayer. Nehemiah must have known that the conditions were brought about by the sins of the people, but he also knew that God had promised a time of restoration. As he prayed, he became conscious of God's call to go back to the home country and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. The story of how he did it is the story that is told in the book. If you have not read the Book of Nehemiah lately you will find it worthwhile to sit down and read this short book through at one sitting.

C. The New Testament passage is taken from the Gospel of John, Chapter 15, as part of the closing of the last discourse of Jesus to the disciples. In the preceding chapter, the final sentence is "Arise, let us go hence." Jesus' departure seems to prefigure His resurrection. Thus we may conclude that this parable of the vine and the branches which we shall study shows us how we should live as His people in the

resurrection life which is ours through Him.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In the past lessons we have discussed how we become new persons in Christ, how we develop spiritually in Him, and how as redeemed souls we have a great hope in the eternal verities of God's Word. In these last five lessons we shall study how we may respond to the blessing of God in Christ by rendering to God and man a service worthy of our calling.

B. Here is a beautiful story worth telling again: A woman who lived in a poor village planted a flower garden in front of her house. She gave the neighbors seeds, helped them to weed and dig, gave them advice, and encouraged them to send flowers to the county fair. She changed the tone of the village by her example and her service. Here, then, is a great secret: do something to help somebody, no matter how small the service may seem, and you will open the floodgates of joy for those whose lives you touch.

C. We often sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and this we should do. We should do it because we are redeemed by His grace. But the greatest praise we can offer God is to be of service to people who need the beautiful touch of our mercy and love. It is a useless Christian who rejoices in His salvation but who never bothers to help others find it. In this and the following lessons we hope to hear the call to stewardship and service and to respond to that call with ready hearts.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Service Unites**—A great churchman used to say, "Doctrine divides, but service unites." Why a call to service? As we work we are like two horses hitched to a plow; they do not fight while they pull together.

**Servants of All**—Archaeologists found an ancient piece of metal on which was the sculpture of a bullock; and on one side was a plow, and on the other an altar. Underneath was the inscription "Ready for either—to toil or to be sacrificed." What a marvelous motto for Christian service!

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

# PALAWAN BIBLE INSTITUTE PURPOSES

There is only one Protestant, evangelical Bible school on the whole island of Palawan and it is in a remote location. There are no such schools in Puerto Princesa City where our Palawan Bible Institute, or PBI, will open about March of this year.

## Aims and Objectives

The institute will operate in the concept of the Great Commission and will be based on the words of Paul to Timothy: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). Thus the aim and objective of PBI will be the teaching and training of men and women who, in turn will teach others.

This teaching will consist of more than doctrines and philosophies; it will direct students to a whole way of life—to help them become better Christians and citizens. The Bible will be the basis for everything taught, and those qualified will receive either the Ministerial or the Christian Education diploma, depending upon the type of training received.

## The Two-Year Program

Instead of using a short-term program of three or four months, students will be required to take the two-year program of training. Several distinct advantages grow out of such a program.

1. It will provide more time for study and training, thereby extending the experience of the student's "whole way of life." In short, it gives more time to assimilate what is learned and make the program more practical.

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*IN PART 2 ON THE PALAWAN BIBLE INSTITUTE, a vital part of our mission endeavors in the Philippines, C. F. Bowen, foreign mission board member and editor of COMMAND, takes the reader further into the plans for the school. His statements are largely based on the more complete descriptive plan for PBI as provided by Missionary Wayne King.*

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2. It will give more time to assist students in many areas of study which a short-term program could not do. More personal attention will be afforded.

3. It will give more time to help students learn valuable skills as well as Bible subjects. These skills will help them render better Christian services.

4. It will give more time to students to engage in self-help in order that they may gain funds to continue in school. The additional skills they learn in self-help will enable them to train others when they return to their people.

The Bible supports the idea of teaching Bible students certain skills. Even though the Apostle Paul was a learned man, he found it advantageous to learn a trade. When he ran short of funds he could always fall back upon his skill as a tentmaker. Wayne King says, "That's why we feel that incorporated within the training of every student who attends PBI should be the acquisition of some skill or trade which he can fall back on for support if it should be needed during his ministry."

Some of the skills or trades PBI plans to teach are: agricultural training; carpentry skills; secretarial skills such

as typing; handicrafts such as wood-carving, basket weaving, metalcraft, and the like; and mechanical work. When the student returns to his people he will not only have a splendid knowledge of the Word of God, but will also be able to help his people find a better way of life.

These skills may not necessarily be a part of the overall curriculum, but will be "picked up through the work opportunities at the school," as Wayne points out.

## The Need for Space

We have a location for the school but may need more space which we hope will be made available through your gifts and your prayers.

Space will be needed for classroom facilities, a chapel, a dining hall, dormitories for boys and girls, a few low-cost apartments for married students with families, two or three houses for missionary families and other personnel. We have some of these facilities now, but with your assistance we will secure the rest. At the present time we can accommodate approximately ten or twelve students. There will be others. We are assured of that.

Space will also be needed for crops, the proceeds from which will rapidly make PBI self-supporting. Foodstuff grown here would help cut expenses for students and faculty. All sorts of food crops can be grown on Palawan, as well as livestock.

In our next article we will discuss textbooks, student life, entrance requirements, and work opportunities. Pray for PBI and plan now to increase your support for foreign missions that we may be able to achieve these goals.

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*'And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also' (2 Timothy 2:2).*

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# YOKEFELLOWS MOVEMENT

## Of Eastern North Carolina

P. O. Box 1612

Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

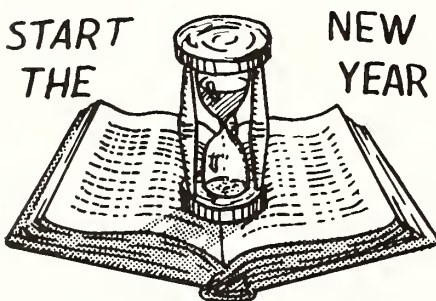
Dear Fellow Believers,

Most of you probably know the Yokefellows Movement was first a dream and then started by Dr. D. Elton Trueblood. Yokefellows is a movement for the encouragement of personal involvement in dynamic discipleship in the Kingdom of God. It is not an organization, but rather a movement which extends a call to the true New Testament concept of Christian living.

We are very fortunate in being able to secure the services of Dr. Trueblood during the month of February. He will be with us for lectures, dialogue groups, etc. Perhaps the highlight of his visit with us is to be a special banquet on February 23 beginning at 7 p.m. Dr. Trueblood will be speaking to this gathering at Mount Olive College. His theme will deal with what we can believe about the Christian Faith in such a time as this. Dr. Trueblood is a firm believer in what he terms "post-denominationalism" for this area. He is one of the most renown speakers in America. This is a rare opportunity and we hope you will avail yourself of it. Please try to send your registration very soon. You are among the first to receive this invitation which we have to limit, so please respond right away.

We are looking forward to the learning and thrilling experience it will be to have this great Christian spokesman with us, and we hope you will be among those who share in this opportunity.

In Christian hope and service,  
John Kenerly, Co-Chairman



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### TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF DR. D. ELTON TRUEBLOOD FOR EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA YOKEFELLOWS MOVEMENT

**Note:** All public meetings are definite. (\*\*)

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|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Thursday: February 22 | 11 A. M.            | Address the student body of Mount Olive College.  |
|                       | 7:30 P.M.           | Discussion group in dorm. (To end in good religious fashion—no later than 9:30 P.M.)          |
| Friday: February 23   | **10:30 A.M.        | Sermon at Madison Avenue Baptist Church located in Goldsboro, North Carolina.<br>All Welcome. |
|                       | 3-5 P.M.            | Address and dialogue with faculty Mount Olive College.  |
|                       | **7 P.M.            | Yokefellows Banquet<br>All Welcome—on a limited first come basis.                             |
| Saturday: February 24 | **10 A.M.           | Autographing of Trueblood books Wayne Bible and Bookstore. Goldsboro North Carolina.          |
|                       | Afternoon<br>2 P.M. | Meet with Yokefellow Board for discussion.  |
| Sunday: February 25   | **11 A.M.           | Speak at local gathering in Rocky Mount North Carolina.                                       |
|                       | **7:30 P.M.         |   |

\*\*We hope you can be present at the special banquet as well as at the other public meetings and gatherings.

#### BANQUET REGISTRATION

#### YOKEFELLOWS MOVEMENT

P. O. Box 1612  
Goldsboro, N. C. 27530  
(Response requested immediately.)

Place: **Mount Olive College**

Note: To be held at downtown campus located on highway 117 business

Time: 7 P.M.

Cost: \$6 per person (No additional offering, etc. will be received on this evening.)

When: February 23, 1979

Speaker: Dr. D. Elton Trueblood

Come, and enjoy a good meal and hear one of America's greatest spokesmen for the Christian Faith. We promise this will be a time to remember.

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATING HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

*This article by Mr. Hill was written for  
DEVOTION but was inadvertently  
omitted. Our sincere apologies.*

—The Editor

by the Rev. Taylor Hill

I believe that if our people fully understood what our real purpose is they would rally to this cause without hesitation. Our auxiliaries have helped a great deal but there is still a great deal more that needs to be done. What many of our people fail to understand is that we Home Missions and Church Extension are promoting every phase of our denominational work and are doing all we can toward being self-supporting. More important than building new church buildings, we are reaching many souls that your church would never be able to reach. It is our purpose also to help any of our organized churches that might be in distress. There have been cases where we have assisted in church

payments and in one case we reopened a church after it had been closed down. Our purpose is to help our common cause in every way possible.

In the summer of 1978, we sponsored a Christian summer camp for deaf children that was very badly needed here in North Carolina. It was a first-time experience for most of the children. At least one child accepted Christ and many of them cried when it was time to leave. The Camp was directed by the Rev. and Mrs. Dale Albertson of the Free Spirit Mission at Wilson, North Carolina. We hope to make it an annual event. I am convinced that our people will learn to

appreciate Home Missions and Church Extension even more as they see our missions develop into strong churches and become a real asset to our denomination. Several of our missions are already doing more for our common cause than many of our old established churches. Our auxiliaries throughout the state have been very kind and beneficial to this work and deserve a lot of praise. With your help we have come a long way in a very short time. Please, don't forget to pray for us and that as one body in Christ we may become even more united and fruitful. Our Lord said, "Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8).

## PREACHER'S DIARY

by  
Taylor Hill,  
Home Missions Director

Pastor "S" took me through his church and showed me their beautiful sanctuary, educational and recreational facilities: they really were nice. He told me about the pride his congregation had in their building and how willing they were to make sacrifices to pay the debt off.

I said to him, "I hope to see you at our ministers' summer camp next July." He said, "I probably will not be there, because I can't afford the expense of it." I asked, "Won't your church pay your way?" The total expense would be less than \$100. He said, "I'm afraid to ask!"

**CRAGMONT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS WILL  
MEET**

with

**SUMMER CONFERENCE DIRECTORS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1979**

**10 a. m.**

**ELM GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA**



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MIDDLESEX, NC 27557  
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**JANUARY**

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# **RETIREMENT HOMES MONTH**



**GOAL: \$10,000**

*These Funds Will Enable Us To  
Begin Our Second Duplex*

**Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc.  
PO Box 250  
Middlesex, NC 27557**

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# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1979, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA



**Prayer: that intangible something that lifts,  
nourishes, and renews!**





Cover Photo by  
Johnny Taylor

# Editorial . . .

## PRAYED IN FULL

As often as it has been said, it still merits our attention: People have forgotten how to slow down, how to be alone. We have forgotten, or disregarded, the reminder to "Be still and know that I am God."

Activity sweeps us this way and that until we find ourselves being pulled and pushed in a dozen directions at once. As one person candidly put it, we **meet** ourselves at every turn.

We resolve that we will slacken our pace; we know that we are burning ourselves out—and all too frequently for no just cause. Next week will be different, we contend. Right now there are things that **must** be done. When we've finished certain tasks we will take a break, a rest of sorts, and then we will have that needed time for contemplation.

Alas! Day after day, week after week, and (if we are fortunate) year after year we continue to live at the same pace. We accomplish as much as we can in as little time as we can set aside, allocating a few minutes for this, an hour for that, and projecting all kinds of plans for future time spans which are expected but certainly not guaranteed.

It is seldom that the person bent on constant "doing" allows himself time for careful thought! He ignores the advice of Aristotle to become the ideal man through self-examination and solitude, to accord for self a solitary but not selfish slot in time.

The person bent on constant doing somehow feels that it is wrong to draw aside for a few moments of idleness. Rest time is considered wasted time—but, whatever happened to the belief that there must be a renewal of body, spirit, and soul?

Some authorities call this self-diversion "escape time." Escape time (at once a luxury and a need) takes many forms: a walk after lunch, a few moments of pleasant conversation, a short daydream, and yes—**prayer**.

Prayer: the key to a happy, secure inner life, that intangible something that lifts, nourishes, and renews! Yes, more things **are** wrought by prayer than the world dreams of. But prayer has been pushed back into the closet somewhere, hidden from self and others, until desperation causes us to seek it out, dust it off, and put it into use.

We **pay** for everything we use, everything we consume. Why then do we avoid **prayer**? We expect to make payment when payment is due; though we complain about expenses, we realize their necessity. Somehow and for reasons known and unknown, we have not ascribed to **prayer** the same importance. Actually, prayer has greater importance. Of **necessity**, people pay in full; of necessity people should, but very seldom do, **pray** in full.

Consider the words of Johnielu Barber Bradford:

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# THOUGHTS ON THE LIFE OF THE REV. ARTHUR BOONE CHANDLER

**BORN, JANUARY 14, 1916  
DECEASED, JANUARY 8, 1979**

**by W. Burkette Raper  
President  
Mount Olive College**



*A. B. Chandler*

HERE are three things a man can do with his life.

First, a man can do nothing. He can simply take life as it comes and make no particular response to it. Such a man is like the tramp who keeps his back to the wall. He is neither for anything nor against it. He simply sits in the seat of indifference, moves with the tide, and does whatever is convenient and popular at the moment. Arthur Boone Chandler did not seek this kind of life.

A second use of life is to live it for one's self. One can devote himself to fame or prestige in the eyes of his fellow man or one can seek to accumulate for himself wealth and advantage over others. Such a person measures life by what he has, which is perishable, rather than by what he is, which is eternal. Arthur Boone Chandler did not seek this kind of life.

A third use a man can make of his life is to commit it to a cause beyond himself. Such a man invests his life in what is eternal and Arthur Boone Chandler was that kind of man. His life was not a noisy thing, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing. Rather his life was deep, and for that reason it was characterized by tranquility and peace.

Arthur Boone Chandler loved his church and for a period of more than thirty years, he gave it a breath of service few men can equal.

When the cause of Christian higher education presented itself, he was in the front rank of those who responded.

During the long winter months of 1952-53 he travelled weekly from eastern North Carolina to Black Mountain to be a member of the first faculty of Mount Olive College, and when the first Board of Trustees was chosen for the College, in a session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists here at Marsh Swamp church in 1953, Boone Chandler was one of the nine elected to serve. His interest in the College and his commitment to it have continued and will live on.

The major thrust of his ministry was to be in the pastorate as a shepherd for the children of God. Included in his pastorates were: First Free Will Baptist Church of Portsmouth and Calvary church in Virginia; Hickory Chapel, Trinity, Mount Olive, and Free Union churches in the Albemarle Conference of North Carolina; Gum Swamp, Faith, and Bethany churches in the Central Conference; Robert's Grove church in the Cape Fear Conference; Oriental church in the Eastern Conference; and Marsh Swamp church in the Western Conference.

Along with his pastoral services, Boone for many years was a writer of Sunday School literature for the Free Will Baptist Press, a medium that has extended his ministry to thousands of young people in many states.

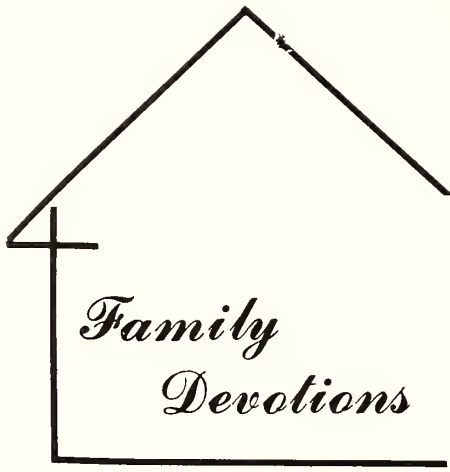
In addition to his own ministry, Boone supported and encouraged his beloved wife, Minnie, in her outstanding work for the promotion and development of Cragmont Assembly, a program dear to the heart of his church.

In addition to his church, he served his nation for eight years as both an enlisted man and as a commissioned officer at home and abroad.

He lived among us as one who served, and now he joins with the Apostle Paul in saying to us: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8)."

**HE LIVED AMONG US AS ONE WHO SERVED, AND NOW HE JOINS WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL IN SAYING: "... I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, ..."**





## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Scripture Reading—1 John 5:7

### DR. HOWARD A. KELLY'S REMEDY FOR TAUT NERVES:

A woman of nervous temperament visited the world-renowned physician, Dr. Howard A. Kelly. The cares of life threatened her physical strength and even her reason. Having given her symptoms to the physician, she was greatly astonished at his prescription: "Madam, what you need is to read the Bible more!" "But, Doctor—" began the bewildered woman. "Go home and read your Bible an hour a day," the great man reiterated with kindly authority, "then come back to me a month from today."

At first, the woman was inclined to be angry. But she reflected with a pang of conscience that she had neglected the daily reading of God's Word, and "the secret place of the most High," where formerly she communed with her Lord. In coming back to her God, and His Word, the joys of her salvation returned. When she presented herself to the doctor a month later, he said, "Well, I see you have been an obedient patient. Do you feel as if you needed any other medicine now?" "No, Doctor, I feel like a different person. But how did you know what I needed?" Taking up his own worn and well-marked Bible, he said, "If I would omit my daily reading of God's Word, I would not only lose my joy, but I would lose my greatest source of strength and skill . . . Your case called not for medicine, but for a source of peace and strength outside your own mind. My prescription, when tried, works wonders!"

## PRAYER THOUGHT

Many people go to a doctor and in turn have to take medicine, but the best remedy for some ailments is the Word of God.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Scripture Reading—John 17:5

### LITERATURE'S SOURCE

So closely is the Bible allied with the literature of the world that DeWitt Talmage said, "Every great book that has been published since the first printing press was lifted has directly or indirectly derived much of its power from the Sacred Oracles. Milton's 'Paradise Lost' is borrowed from the Bible; Spencer's writings are imitations of the parables; John Bunyan saw in a dream what Saint John had previously seen in a vision; Macauley crowns his most gigantic sentences with Scripture quotations; Walter Scott's characters are Bible men and women under different names; Hobbs stole from this 'Castle of Truth' the weapons with which he afterward attacked it; and the writings of Pope are saturated with Isaiah. The Bible is the fountain of truth from which other good books dip their life."

## PRAYER THOUGHT

How many of you have read these famous writings and have seen the similarity of characters? Why not read your Bible more every day?

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Scripture Reading—Job 23:12

### FOR LIMITED PACKING SPACE

A certain Christian traveler was packing his suitcase when about to proceed on a journey, when he remarked to a friend: "There is still a little corner left open in which I desire to pack a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a telescope, a book of poems, a number of biographies, a bundle of old letters, a hymnbook, a sharp sword, a small library, containing thirty volumes,—all these articles must occupy a space of about three by two inches." "How are you going to manage that?" queried his friend, and the reply was, "Very easily; for the Bible contains all these things."

## PRAYER THOUGHT

Do you pack your Bible when you go on a trip? If you don't, why not start packing it when you have somewhere to go.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Scripture Reading—John 5:38

### WEALTH UNTOLD!

Precious things of wealth untold,  
Stores of silver and of gold,  
God hides oft within the ground,  
Till by seeking they are found.  
In His Word He's hidden, too,  
Riches that He means for you.

Search the Scripture's precious store  
As the miner digs for ore,  
Finding wisdom not of earth,  
Far above a ruby's worth.  
Search, and you will surely find  
Treasures to enrich the mind.

Search the Scriptures every day,  
Search, and find there hidden away,  
Like a pearl within its shell,  
Promises that fears dispel.  
Search, and find God's words impart  
Treasures to enrich the heart.

Search the Scriptures, finding there  
Christ, its chiefest Treasure rare,  
Through whom God makes wealth  
abound  
In each life where He is found.  
Search, and find what Christ will do  
To enrich all life for you.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

What more beautiful book than the Bible? It has such beautiful stories as the story of Ruth, the birth of Jesus, and the love of a shepherd boy named David.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Scripture Reading—James 1:12

### WHEN AN INFIDEL CORROBORATED SCRIPTURES

"David, a man after God's own heart!" said an infidel, "a pretty specimen; a liar, an adulterer, a murderer." "You are a proof of the truth of God's Word," quietly answered the one to whom the words were addressed, "for the Bible says that Nathan said to David, 'By this

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ed thou hast given great occasion  
the enemies of the Lord  
blaspheme.' ”

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*There are many people in the Bible  
at sinned, but didn't God forgive  
em? Won't He also forgive you?*

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:16

#### MORE ZEAL THAN CHRISTIANS

“We will not accept into mem-  
bership anyone with any reservations  
whatsoever,” declared Lenin, the  
founder of Russian communism. “We  
will not accept into our membership  
anyone unless he is an active,  
disciplined, working member in one  
of our organizations.”

“I wonder how far we would get if  
we applied that to our church  
if nobody allowed in church  
membership unless he is an active  
worker, disciplined and proven in one  
of the organizations?”

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Are you an active worker in the  
church? Do you attend Sunday school,  
Bible study, auxiliary meetings, and  
church meetings of the church? If you  
aren't, why not start the year out right  
by being there when the church doors  
open!*

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Scripture Reading—Titus 1:9

#### “THERE IT STANDS!”

(A Tribute to the Indestructibility  
of God's Word)

Century follows century—There it  
stands.

Empires rise and fall and are  
forgotten—There it stands.

Dynasty succeeds dynasty—There  
it stands.

Kings are crowned and un-  
crowned—There it stands.

Emperors decree its ex-  
termination—There it stands.

Atheists rail against it—There it  
stands.

Agnostics smile cynically—There it  
stands.

Profane prayerless punsters  
parody it—There it stands.

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Unbelief abandons it—There it  
stands.

Higher critics deny its claim to  
inspiration—There it stands.

The flames are kindled about  
it—There it stands.

The tooth of time gnaws but makes  
no dent in it—There it stands.

Infidels predict its abandon-  
ment—There it stands.

Modernism tries to explain it  
away—There it stands.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible stands through all the  
storms of life. It can bring you much  
joy. Try reading it every day!*

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Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.

## A SINGLE TEAR

Nancy Frost Rouse  
Lucama, North Carolina

Yesterday  
a single tear  
nudged its way  
down the nose  
of time  
into the  
silent sewers  
of regret,  
caught a moment  
in the throat of death,  
and touched  
the cheek  
of  
God.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 20 Years Ago

“The Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, near Winterville, North Carolina, held a special dedicatory service for its parsonage on Sunday, November 30, 1958. The choir rendered a special entitled ‘Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart,’ and Miss Barbara Griffin sang ‘Bless This House.’ The rest of the service consisted of the burning of the note, a responsive reading and congregational hymns.

“The pastor of the church is the Rev. Walter Reynolds.”—News Notes

“A loving father, who was a minister, said to his two little girls as he went away, ‘When I return, I will bring you two beautiful dolls!’ The girls seemed to live only for the return of their father. The day finally arrived for his return. Dressed in their best clothes, they went to the railway station. Running into the arms of their returning father, they cried out, ‘Father, where are the dolls?’ ‘O dear me,’ he sorrowfully exclaimed, ‘I forgot them!’ The faces of his little girls looked like blown-out lamps! Sensing their keen disappointment, he said to them, ‘My dear little girls, you may go downtown and select any two dolls you want, and I’ll pay for them.’ One of the little girls, knowing the father’s sorrow because he had disappointed them, said ‘Daddy, don’t feel badly. I would rather have you than all the dolls in the world!’”

“Our loving heavenly Father would rather have you and me than all of our gifts: ‘For I seek not yours, but you’ (2 Corinthians 12:14).”—Selected

“Said Babe Ruth, world-famed baseball player, about an aged minister, ‘Most of the people who have really counted in my life were not famous. Nobody ever heard of them, except those who knew and loved them. I knew an old minister once. His hair was white. His face shone. I have written my name on thousands of baseballs in my life. The old minister wrote his name on just a few simple hearts. How I envy him! He was not trying to please himself. Fame never came to him. I am listed as a famous home-runner, yet beside that obscure minister, who was so good and so wise, I never got to first base!’”—Selected



# A FISHERMAN'S PULPIT

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

AND it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake Gennesaret." Evidently, at the beginning of His discourse, Jesus was preaching on the shore of the lake. The press of the crowd apparently forced to the water's edge, and He sought another location from which to speak. Therefore, we read, "He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land." Jesus always put first things first. First, it was necessary to draw the attention of the people to the Word of God. A man has to be converted before he can become a citizen of the Kingdom of Christ. The first matter of importance is to evangelize. After the evangelization comes the shepherding care of the evangelized. No amount of juggled reasoning can relieve any Christian of the responsibility of persuading (see Acts 26:28) and compelling (see Luke 14:23) people to become Christians in conformance to the will of Christ. Before Jesus called others to be "fishers of men" (see Mark 1:17), He demonstrated Himself a burning passion for the souls of the lost. He did not try to bulldoze people into the kingdom, but with winsome ways and logical reasoning, He opened before them the opportunities of eternity. Whether He preached from a fishing boat or from a mountain promontory, He constantly pleaded for the souls of men. His example is ours to follow.

Jesus had a seaside audience. "And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship." Since this area was densely populated, we are not surprised to note that multitudes followed Him and listened intently to Him. Mark tells us that "the common people heard Him gladly" (Mark 12:37). However, the enemies of Jesus did all they could to keep the people from hearing Him. We are to draw the attention of the people to this same Christ and to the message He has given. Men still want the truth.

When Jesus climbed into the boat,

"His fisherman's pulpit," He preached His message of hope and faith. He preached until the raging torment in men's bosom was stilled. He preached until their fear had quieted. He preached until their faith had reached up and touched the hem of His garment. He preached until women dried their tears and men hushed their voices. He preached until little children sat enraptured and transfixed in His divine presence. And when He got through He turned to Simon and said, "Simon, I thank you for lending Me your boat. Now launch out into the deep and let down your net for a catch of fish." I believe Simon looked at Jesus and said, "That was a very powerful sermon You just

preached. I've never heard anything like it. You are a good teacher, but, I can see that You don't know much about fishing. I was raised on the blue waters of Galilee. I'm a commercial fisherman and I know these waters like You know your own backyard. We have toiled all night and haven't caught one fish. So, Lord, maybe You had better stick to preaching and leave the fishing to me." The Bible says that Simon went out as Jesus told him and that they caught so many fish that their nets broke, and he had to call for his partners to come and help.

We should never doubt the words of Jesus. We should lend Him our boats to use. Listen, when we give something to Jesus and He climbs into our fishing boats and goes fishing with us, we are going to catch a net-breaking, bottom-sinking load of Bible deliverance, peace and happiness and the joy unspeakable and full of glory that only Jesus can give. He knows exactly how to direct men to success, to prosper and to receive the things in life they need most.



## The Rev. Ray Wells

SELMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Selma, honors its pastor this week. He makes the seventh to be recognized as "Pastor of the Week" in our paper. Your pastor could be the next one to be honored. The editor, Tommy Manning, will be happy to assist you making this a pleasant surprise to him.



Ray Wells

### A PASTOR MUCH RESPECTED AND ADMIRER

by John H. Pittman III

The Rev. Ray Wells hails from Wilson, North Carolina. He was licensed to preach in 1966 and ordained by the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in 1967. He supplied Ivory Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson and then pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church in Williamston, North Carolina, before coming to the Selma Free Will Baptist Church in Selma in April, 1971.

Mr. Wells, in his day-to-day life in the service of our Lord, wears many hats. First, and foremost, he is the complete madras minister and spiritual leader of the Selma church, a duty that he loves and involves himself in to the utmost. He is a very active worker in the Western Conference where he is a member of the Planning Council and also chairman of the Home Missions Board. He has worked on the committee revising **The Statement of Faith and Discipline of Original Free Will Baptists.**

Mr. Wells is interested in the community as a whole. Recently he and other ministers persuaded the Selma Town Council to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the sale of pornographic literature and the showing of "X" rated movies within the community. He is an active member of the Volunteer Chaplain's Association. His inter-denominational group receives training and course study in psychology and social work counseling under the Johnston County Mental Health Center. Each member is called on to perform chaplain duties within the county.

Pastor Wells belongs to several civic organizations and is an active member of the volunteer fire department.

The church has undergone a face-

lifting during the pastorate of the Rev. Ray Wells. Recently it has been remodeled on the interior of the sanctuary, air-conditioned in the educational building, and given a wonderful new organ.

Pastor Wells is a devoted, faithful, and loving husband, father, son, and brother. Mrs. Julie Wells, the pastor's wife, a great asset to his ministry, is also a registered nurse with the Johnston County Home Health Agency. They have two children: Alice, a third grade student at Selma Elementary School and Daniel, a

five-year-old preschooler.

Mr. Wells graduated from Mount Olive College, received his B. A. Degree in Religion from Atlantic Christian College and is currently completing requirements for his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. He will graduate in December of this year.

Yes, Pastor Wells is much admired and respected by the whole community. Those within the ministry and lay members of other denominations view Pastor Wells as being what he is, "a man of God." His schedule and daily commitment to God and his fellowman is great, but we think he is equal to the challenge. We are very grateful for and proud of our pastor, the Rev. Ray Wells.

### Oldest Member and Deacon Honored

## Alton Tilghman

by the Rev. Bobby Brown

The Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Cove City, would like to honor one of the oldest members of the church. He also serves the church as one of its deacons. His name is Brother Alton Tilghman. He has been an active member of the church for over forty years.

He has served the church in many areas as Sunday school superintendent, teacher of the adult men's class, a delegate to the union meetings and Eastern Conference meetings, and a deacon. This past year he served as chairman of the board. He has served the Lord and his church more years than our average member has lived.

Brother Alton is always ready to share

his testimony of the saving grace of the Lord. He still holds on to his "first love"—experience. So in a day when so many people are lukewarm, it is a blessing to know a true saint of God who still is on fire for the Lord.

As a husband of fifty years and a devoted loving father, he lives his life for Christ before the ones he loves. He is a real blessing. If every Free Will Baptist church had men to call on to serve as Brother Alton has we would be a much stronger denomination.

As pastor, I am grateful for Brother Alton and his light in our church and community. May it continue to shine till the Lord comes.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## Spring Schedule For New Creations

The New Creations, a singing and witnessing team of Mount Olive College students, will present programs in the following churches during the spring semester.

January 21	11 A. M. 7 P. M.	Mount Zion Free Will Baptist (Pamlico County) Holly Springs Free Will Baptist (Newport)
January 28	11 A. M. 7 P. M.	Free Union Free Will Baptist (Pinetown) Saints Delight Free Will Baptist (Bridgeton)
February 4	11 A. M. 6 P. M.	Community Free Will Baptist (Weldon) Pinetops Baptist (Pinetops)
February 11	11 A. M. 7 P. M.	Smyrna Free Will Baptist (Beaufort) Sound View Free Will Baptist (Newport)
February 18	11 A. M. 7 P. M.	Rock Springs Free Will Baptist (Bailey) Hull Road Free Will Baptist (Greene County)
February 25	7 P. M.	Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist (Greenville)
March 4-11		Spring Holidays
March 18	11 A. M. 7 P. M.	Trinity Free Will Baptist (Pantego) Hugo Free Will Baptist (near Grifton)
March 25	11 A. M. 7 P. M.	Free Union Free Will Baptist (Nash County) Peace Free Will Baptist (Pinetops)
April 1	11 A. M. 7 P. M.	Kenly Free Will Baptist (Kenly) Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist (Lucama)
April 8	11 A. M. 7 P. M.	Mount Zion Free Will Baptist (Roper) Union Chapel Free Will Baptist (near Pantego)
April 15		Easter Holiday
April 22	11 A. M. 7 P. M.	Friendship Free Will Baptist (Middlesex) Spring Hill Free Will Baptist (Goldsboro)
April 29	11 A. M.	Friendship Free Will Baptist (Greene County)

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**HE WALKS WITH ME**

by Vallie Coats  
 Selma Free Will Baptist Church

Jesus walked with me today,  
 He'd often tried before,  
 Many times He knocked to enter  
 but I always closed the door.

I know just when it happened  
 I had firmly pushed Him outside,  
 But somehow my stony heart opened  
 and I asked Him in to abide.

The deeds of wrong, I'd done each day,  
 I couldn't let Him see,  
 Old feelings began to slip away  
 while He walked with me.

The hasty words of hurt each day,  
 I couldn't let Him hear,  
 I didn't want to utter them  
 since I felt Him near.

The things I felt of others,  
 the envy, jealousy, and blame,  
 I see them oh, so different now  
 my feelings aren't the same.

I've never known such peace within,  
 since I turned from my life of sin,  
 I should've opened the door much sooner  
 to let my Saviour in.

Oh, how different life can be  
 if the door you open wide,  
 It's sweeter, richer, brighter by far  
 if you let Him dwell inside.

to the attitude that the Bible is only "an ancient book of history and moral precepts recorded by man." The total study response to the "ancient book" concept was 22.1 percent.

The nationwide survey, commissioned by the Christian Bible Society to study Bible reading and study habits, Bible preferences, and Bible ownership, was done by the National Family Opinion, Inc. during the month of October, 1978. The 5000 families studied were preselected to conform to the latest available U. S. Census Data for population density, geographic distribution, age, family income, and family size.

In response to a question on preference for a specific version of the Bible, 56 percent of the Baptists in the survey chose the **King James Version**, twice as much as all other versions combined. **The Living Bible** (14.3 percent), the **Revised Standard Version** (4.3 percent), and the **Good News Bible** (3.6 percent) were the others most preferred by Baptists in the study. Baptist preference for the King James Version was higher than for all other denominational groupings except Pentecostals.

Also, Baptists indicated a higher level of Bible reading than the national average. 47.8 percent of all Baptists indicated that Bible reading was a part of their regular life pattern. This is slightly higher than the national norm. However, in the category of "regular" readership, Baptists scored well above the national average of 9.7 percent; 13.2 percent of all Baptists indicated that they read the Bible between 11 and 25 times a month.

The study revealed that better than 98 percent of all American homes contain at least one Bible, and the national average is nearly 4 Bibles per home.

The nationwide survey also confirmed the estimates that many people are participating in some kind of small group Bible study; 31 percent of the families studied had at least one member involved in regular group Bible study, and the statistics on group participation remained constant for nearly all denominational groups.

The Christian Bible Society is a public foundation whose purpose is to promote the reading and study of the Bible through research, public media, and church programming. The ministries,

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**ENDORSE BIBLE AS WORD OF GOD**

A substantially higher percentage of Baptists affirmed biblical inerrancy than the national average in a recent study of Bible reading habits released by the Christian Bible Society; 72.2 percent of the Baptists in the nationwide study identified the Bible as being "the inspired Word of God and completely true." In contrast, out the national study of all respondents from all denominations, only 44.6 percent affirmed the Bible as inspired and completely true.

Only 17.3 percent of the Baptists said the Bible was inspired but "may contain factual errors." The response from all other groups to the "factual error" position was 27.6 percent. The lowest response for Baptists (9.7 percent) was

**NEWS NOTES**

**Gospel Sing, Otter's Creek Church**

There will be a gospel sing at the Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, on Saturday, January 27, at 7:30 p. m. The featured singers will be "The King's Messengers" of Pikeville. Everyone is invited.

**NOTICE**

This is the last call to get your material in the 1979 Yearbook. The information must reach the Free Will Baptist Press by January 31, 1979, in order to be published.

—The Editor



## Home Has New Business Manager



*Mrs. Constance Corbett and the Rev. Larry T. Crowe*

Mrs. Constance Corbett joined the staff of the Children's Home in October of 1969. She served faithfully as office manager and bookkeeper of the Home until the first of the year. She leaves the Home to join her husband in the family greenhouse business.

The Rev. Larry T. Crowe became the new business manager of the Home on January 1, 1979. Mr. and Mrs. Crowe served as houseparents in Rodgers Cottage during 1978. They have two sons, Jeffrey, 14, and Eric, 11. Mr. Crowe is an ordained General Baptist minister. He attended Oakland City Bible

College in Oakland City, Indiana, receiving the B. S. Degree in Religion. He received the M. Div. from Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest in 1978.

Mr. Crowe's accounting training came earlier, after which he was employed by General Tire Corporation for ten years as supervisor and cost accountant.

Mr. Crowe pastors Lee's Chapel Baptist Church near Middlesex. We are very fortunate to have him on our administrative staff at the Home. If you have any questions about your contributions, feel free to call him.

### ATTENTION EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH SPONSORS

The following letter along with your spring report blank has been mailed to you the week of January 14. If you did not receive yours, check with your 1978 Woman's Auxiliary president, church clerk, or pastor. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Youth Sponsors,

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus.

The following is information concerning our work and the up-coming convention.

1. Spring Convention, Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, March 17, 1979, 10 a. m. -12:30 p. m.

2. Bible Bowl Quiz, Book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge." This may be

purchased from any Bible bookstore (\$1.25). The Books of Romans through Revelation will be used. I will send you a copy of the rules if you request them.

3. Declamation Topic, "Lord, You Light Up My Life."

4. Essay Topic, "Youth, Helping the Church Grow."

Rules are the same as always. The may be found in any YFA or AFC program book. I must know if you plan to have Bible Bowl Team, Declamation, or Essay by February 10. This information will enable us to plan the program and get the prizes. I will need a copy of the declamations and essays by March 1, 1979. The essays will have to be judged before the convention.

5. Projects: **District**, Camp Vandemere; **State**, College Hall, Mount Olive College. Please send or bring a gift for these to the convention.

6. Report Blank, Bring your report blank to the convention or mail it to me in order that we might have a report at the convention. A place on the report blank is allowed for each auxiliary (YFA, AFC, Cherub). A \$1 registration fee per auxiliary (\$1, YFA; \$1, AFC; \$1, Cherubs) is required in order to be a member of the convention. Include this fee with your report blank.

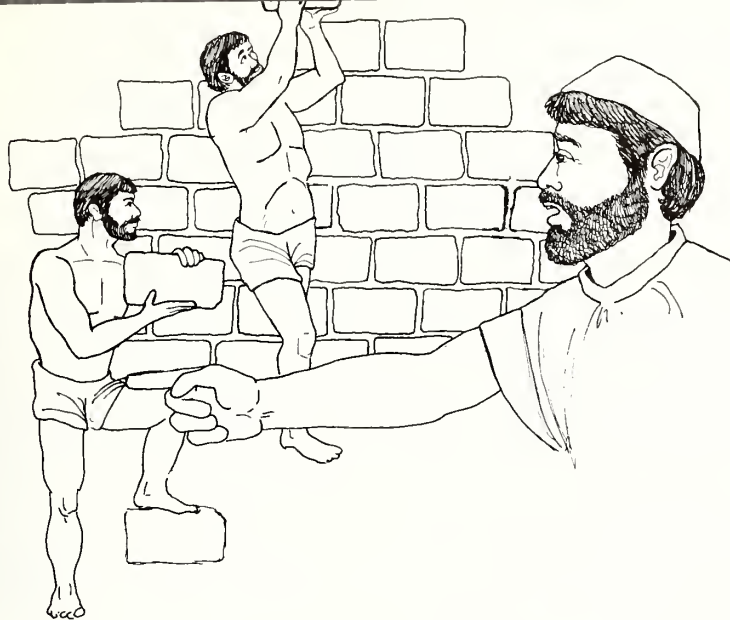
I will not write again concerning the convention. Please watch the Free Will Baptist paper for announcements. Feel free to write or call me anytime.

Please pray for your officers and the convention. God bless you!

Margaret Arce  
Eastern District Youth Chairman

### NOTE OF THANKS

The Rev. and Mrs. Herman Wooten would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who remembered them with love offerings and prayers during the Christmas season. Mr. Wooten remains at home and is reportedly not doing too well. The continued prayers and good wishes of friends and acquaintances will surely be appreciated. The Wootens reside at 104 Avery Street, Garner, North Carolina 27529.



# STORY CORNER

## NEHEMIAH AND THE FALLEN WALLS

**M**ANY hundreds of years ago the Jewish people sinned greatly. Because they had become so wicked, they were defeated in battle and many of them were made captives of the enemy. They were taken far away to the land of the enemy as slaves.

One of these captives became important in the court of the king. The king was actually a kind man; he had made this Jew his cupbearer. His duties were to serve the king all of the food he was to eat. Doubtless, the cupbearer would taste the food before the king so as to make certain that the king did not get any poisoned food. He also carried the king something to drink when he was thirsty. The Jew, Nehemiah, was a friendly person, and the king liked him.

One day, when he came before the king, he looked very sad. They had never, since he had come to them, seen Nehemiah looking so sad. He had always seemed to be so happy!

The king began to try to get Nehemiah to tell him what was troubling him.

Nehemiah could not help looking sad. He had had news from his home in Jerusalem that troubled him greatly. He decided to tell the king about it:

"A few days ago, I met my brother. He had just returned from our home in Jerusalem. He said the people there are

in trouble. They are poor; their city is in ruins; they are being treated badly by the enemies about them; and the worst thing of all is that the wall around the city is completely torn down. They have no protection.

"When I heard, O King, I sat down and wept. But I remembered to ask my God for help. I prayed. I asked the God of Heaven to hear me. I told Him that we had sinned and we knew that it was wrong. But He had said if we turned from our wrong-doing and trusted in Him He would help us."

The king asked, "What can I do to help, Nehemiah?"

"Let me go to my people for awhile," he answered. "Send me to rebuild the city and the wall."

And so the king did as Nehemiah had requested. He not only sent him, but he gave him letters to allow him to pass safely through the lands between the countries. He also gave him a letter to the keeper of the king's forest. It said that Nehemiah was to be allowed to get the timber needed from the forest.

After the long hard journey back to his own country, Nehemiah sat on his donkey, looking over Jerusalem, the ruined city. He saw that the stories told to him by his brother were true. The city was in shambles. The wall was down.

Back in the times of our story, the

people built walls around their cities to keep out their enemies. They felt safe when the great wall was around them. But the people of Israel had been defeated and captives for so many times they did not seem able to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. It was open to anyone who might want to come in.

Nehemiah went into the city and said, "Come, let us rebuild the wall!" He told them of how the king had sent him to do this.

The people were very happy. They busied themselves and started gathering the timber for building the gates. Before long they were starting up with the great wall.

Of course, the enemies would not let them work in peace. At first they made fun of them, saying, "Look at those feeble Jews. The wall they make will not keep anything out." But as they did not see the Jews give up, they began to get angry. They banded together and decided to attack before the wall was finished.

Nehemiah heard of the plans and told his people, "Be not afraid. Remember the Lord." He began to prepare them for battle. They worked with their swords at their sides. Seeing this, the enemies decided not to attack but to try to trick them.

They sent messages to Nehemiah to come over and meet with them. But Nehemiah was too smart for them. Four times he sent word that he was busy.

After fifty-two days the wall was finished. The gates were set up and fixed so that the enemy would be held out.

I think that many times afterward, Nehemiah and the Jews thanked God for making possible their safety. — **The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**

### PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

Mr. "R" told me that he and his wife were separating. After extensive counseling, I found that it was just another typical case of selfishness on the part of both, they not realizing that it takes a lot of giving and taking for a marriage to work.



# The Sunday School Lesson

For February 4

## DISCIPLES IN THE WORLD

**Lesson Text:** John 17:18-21; 1 Peter 3:8-16

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 5:16

### I. INTRODUCTION

George Whitefield, the great British evangelist who was a contemporary of John Wesley, did not confine his efforts to any one denomination. In one of his sermons he cried out, "Will there be any Anglicans in Heaven?" His answer was a resounding no. A murmur swept through the crowd, indicating that some had been offended by his answer, but Whitefield continued, "Will there be any Presbyterians in Heaven?" Again the answer was no, and once more many expressed their displeasure. But the evangelist was undeterred. "Will there be any Congregationalists in Heaven?" Again the reply was negative. "Will there be any Baptists, any Lutherans, any Roman Catholics in Heaven?" One after another he named various denominations in his questions. Each time Whitefield's reply was no.

"Then who will be in Heaven?" he finally asked. "Only Christians, my friends, only Christians!" He went on to point out that one's commitment to Christ, not his loyalty to a denomination, was the basis for reaching Heaven.

If Whitefield's sermon was needed in his day, how much more so in ours when divisions within Christendom have been compounded. He knew that evangelism was crippled by a divided church. When, and only when, Jesus' prayer for the unity of His followers is fully answered can we hope to reach the whole world with the good news.

The first portion of the lesson text comes from John 17, which records Jesus' great intercessory prayer on the night in which He was betrayed. We do not know the exact place where Jesus uttered this prayer, but it occurred somewhere between the upper room and

the Garden of Gethsemane.

The second part of the lesson text comes from Peter's first epistle. No precise date can be ascribed to the epistle, although many authorities date it before A.D. 65. The recipients were Christians in Asia Minor, the majority of whom were Gentiles, who were undergoing, or about to undergo, persecution.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. From the time of Christ, Christians have faced the problem of their relationship to the world. Some have answered this question by complete withdrawal and living a monastic life completely separated from the world. Since Jesus told His disciples that they were the "salt" of the earth, this does not appear to be the right course to follow. How can one have the effect of salt upon the world unless there is some contact? Others have said that our belief is all that matters and the way we live in this world doesn't matter. This has caused them to accept the practices and policies of this evil world. Since Jesus told His disciples that they were to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16), this does not appear to be the right course for the Christian. To determine exactly just what is the right course is not always easy.

B. In this lesson we will explore this question of the Christian's proper relationship to the world. As we think about this problem, we will be looking very carefully at two passages of Scripture. The first is taken from the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus in John 17, and the other is taken from the First Epistle of Peter. It is our prayer that as we study we will form some conclusions that will aid us as Christians in living in the right relationship with this present evil world.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. What do we mean when we say that Christians "have to be in the world but must not be of the world"?

B. Jesus taught His disciples that they were to be in the world, but not of the world (see John 17:16). They were to be the salt of the earth (see Matthew 5:13), and as such must come into contact with what was to be salted; that is, the world itself. They were to be bright and shining lights, but not under a bushel (see Matthew 5:14, 15).

C. Christians, like money, must be in circulation to do any good. But we must do as James urged, keep ourselves "unspotted from the world."

D. The Christian may go into seclusion at times, for purposes of meditation and devotion. Jesus himself often withdrew from the crowd, and even from His own followers, to pray and commune with the Father. But the Christian must not stay too long on the mountaintop; there is work to be done down in the valley. Like his Master, he must go about doing good, living such a life and rendering such service as will help make this a better world.

E. While we are in the world we should have a message that will bear on world conditions, culture, and certain morality. We can do this only as we make contact with the world, and not if we seclude ourselves from other people. In our lesson today, we will see Jesus' point of view on this.

—**The Advance Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Three Important Decisions**—It has been said that the three most important decisions that a young person has to make in this life are these: (1) We must select a life master. We will either be mastered by material things, pleasure humanism or some of the other worldly things, or we will be mastered by the Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. Each of us must decide who or what will be our master. (2) We must choose a life mate. Who will you spend your life with? Don't make a decision based on the emotions of the moment; think about the future. (3) We must have a life mission. What will be your one big goal in life? These are important decisions. They are decisions that each one must make for himself or herself.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. SPENCER

In the early morning hours of September 31, 1978, God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, called Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Spencer, of Columbia, North Carolina, to their eternal home. They had lived together in love and devotion for 32 years, and they died as they had lived, together.

The passing of this couple was a great shock to those who knew them and their paths have left empty spaces in the hearts of the many friends and relatives who were privileged to know and love them. There is a void in the hearts of the children and grandchildren that can never be filled in this world. There is an empty pew in the church that speaks eloquently of the love they felt for that church and their many years of faithful service to the Lord. There is a vacancy in the community where they lived, and the county and in many other places; for Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were good neighbors and highly respected citizens. We are all diminished by this loss.

Throughout his lifetime Mr. Robert Spencer was active in church work. In his early youth he joined Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church where he served in many capacities. He was a member of the Board of Deacons for well over sixty years, taught the Men's Bible class for more than forty years, and led the choir. He represented the church on the Board of Directors of the Children's Home in Middlesex as long as his health permitted, and worked hard to further the welfare of unfortunate children.

In all his endeavors Mr. Spencer enjoyed the help and encouragement of his devoted wife. She was always there to lend a hand and encourage him in his good work. Because she was willing to do service above self and to sacrifice her own time and effort he was able to give freely of his time and resources to the work of the church.

Mr. Spencer was a man of ability and versatility. In addition to his religious activities, he was an outstanding educator. He was a teacher, then an administrator, and a member of the county Board of Education. In every

situation he performed his duties with distinction. He was also active in politics and held the office of county accountant for many years. In addition to all this he tended his farm as long as he was physically able.

While Mr. Spencer was busy with his many tasks, Mrs. Spencer was always at his side, doing her share to keep everything going. She played the piano at church services when the regular pianist was absent, and cheerfully performed the duties that fall to the wives of Free Will Baptist deacons. She made their home an attractive, pleasant place, where visiting ministers, friends and relatives found a ready welcome and good food. When Mr. Spencer's health began to fail she spent most of her time caring for him. She became a loving companion, nurse, cook, housekeeper, gardener, and chauffeur all in one. She rarely left his side unless it was necessary.

It is fitting that in death, as in life, they were not separated but were allowed to go within hours of each other. No doubt that was the way they would have wanted it. We who are left to mourn our loss may take comfort in this beautiful thought by Joseph Auslander:

There is no death; O, heavy heart believe it!

Earth, sun and sky in golden chorus shout it.

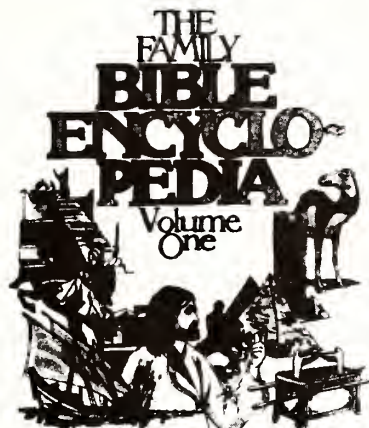
Cast sorrow in the fires of Spring, nor grieve it:

Life is reborn in love; ah, can you doubt it?

—Mrs. Hortense Swain

### Churches and Ministers Available

The Rev. Larry Higgins announces that he is available for pastoral duties, either part-time or full-time. He may be reached by calling 638-4038 or at 1801 Rhem Avenue, New Bern, North Carolina 28560.



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**The Family Bible Encyclopedia**, a comprehensive two-volume reference work which includes 2,000 persons, places, and terms from the Bible was released by David C. Cook Publishing Co. in September. The work is the result of five years of research by Berkeley and Alvera Mickelsen, professors at Bethel Theological Seminary and Bethel College, respectively.

The encyclopedia contains much information which can only be found in works beyond the reach of children, yet is written in language suitable for either children or adults. Other scholars checked the work for biblical accuracy and readability.

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## EDITORIAL

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I started early with my chores,  
But even so I started wrong.  
My labor yielded me no gain—  
I should have started with a song.

I battled time this trying day  
To find my efforts were a loss;  
I had to leave some plans undone—  
Tasks multiplied and I grew cross.

Tonight I ponder while I rest—  
All day I fought rebellious tares.  
Yet that has always been my lot  
When days do not begin with prayers.

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<b>Cape Fear Conference</b>		
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Lee's Chapel Sunday School	27.62	
Smithfield, First	50.00	
Victory Mission	<u>53.29</u>	\$ 180.91
<b>Central Conference</b>		
Central Conference Layman's League	76.52	
Daniels Chapel	250.00	
Dilda's Grove Sunday School	44.39	
Edgewood (in memory of the Rev. L. E. Ballard)	15.00	
Fourth Union	14.29	
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Douglas Skinner (personal phone calls)	42.00	
Southern Bell (credit)	7.60	
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Skinner (on refrigerator for manager's apartment in new building)	<u>300.00</u>	366.10
Total Receipts from Churches and Individuals \$ 4,634		
Second Loan from Church Finance Association 55,000		
Withdrawal from Main Building Fund 2,644		
Total for Which to Account <u>\$64,688</u>		

Disbursements		
Operational Expenses	\$ 1,403.14	
Burress Insurance Agency	83.70	
McRoy Insurance Agency	136.00	
W. E. Stewart and Sons, plumbers (Winterizing Cragmont)	176.00	
C. Cliff Meyer, Inc. (fourth partial payment on new building)	57,649.00	
Transfer to Main Building Fund	<u>2,189.77</u>	
Total Disbursements 61,637		
Balance on Hand January 1, 1979 <u>\$ 3,043</u>		

EARMARKED FUNDS		
General Fund	\$ 3,043.97	
General Savings	2,439.94	(\$844.43 in dishwas fund)
Main Building Fund	<u>4,252.74</u>	(\$1,985.00 in honor and memorial fund)
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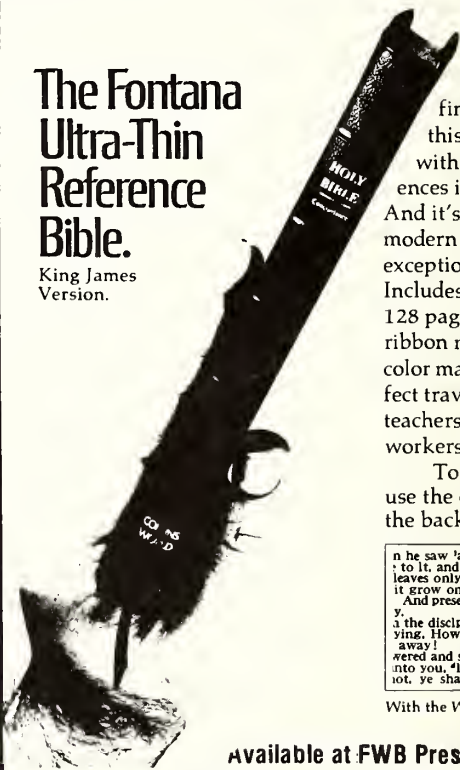
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# Editorial . . .

## THE LITTLE SELF

Being little in self and courting no earthly fame most often exemplifies true greatness. He who is able, in self-containment, to recognize himself as a mere person, an infinitely small being, and who puts no great stock in honors is truly great.

The great shall be small; the small great: Christ issued this proclamation to His generation and all generations to follow. And though men have distorted His vision and misrepresented His intention for them, the truth remains. No person who feigns greatness will ever enjoy the status.

It is not good to equate wealth, power, or education with greatness—though these “conditions” do often afford one prestige and the admiration of his peers. Applause-seekers abound, and the noise of applause (deserved or undeserved) strikes music in the heart. Regrettable as it is, applause is too often directly proportional to the amount of wealth, power, or education one has, and certainly relished by those who receive it.

In view of this, these questions must be considered: What good is wealth without charity? What good is power without humility? What good is education without wisdom? Men usually insist that they mean to do right by everyone. They do not purposefully allow their good fortune to affect their attitudes and actions to the point of thinking themselves better than others—or do they?

Mark it well. All of the noble intentions in the world are just so much chaff in the wind when they are not exercised in deed.

To think is good; to do is better; to accomplish is best. And the accomplishment of anything for the right cause should make one thankful rather than desirous of glory. Too often glory swells the chest, dulls the mind, and narrows the perception.

A sense of satisfaction is needed. It is healthy. All people like to achieve worthwhile ends and find contentment in having “done something.” Danger lies in too great satisfaction, in particular that satisfaction that knows no limit and bursts the seams of logic and which makes “self” bigger than it is.

Some people never are satisfied at **anything** they do; they strive ever harder and higher until they become obsessed with the idea of greatness—yes, **greatness**. Pride takes over, conquers, and eventually destroys.

We would not suggest that man sell himself short or underpraise his worth. A feeling of inadequacy can be just as harmful (and hurtful) as a feeling of superiority. A midpoint, where one has confidence in his abilities and recognizes as well the fact of his limitations, is desirable. While there are a fortunate few who reach this balance, the majority of men either suffer from a deep feeling of inferiority or a superego. A larger number probably bend under the latter burden.

Lest anyone misunderstand our aim here, let us hasten to suggest that being little in self is **not** the same as having a feeling of inferiority (the complex so often explored by psychologists). Being little in self means, rather, expressing modesty where and when it is appropriate. Being little in self means being content in whatever “estate” one finds himself. Being little in self means showing one’s willingness to let another, more qualified person, take his place.

The difficulty of carrying forth the ideal projected here need not be emphasized. It is doubtful that any man (or woman) has known or ever will attain that standard of excellence. But somebody—yea, even **all** of us—ought to try. The little self contains more of Christ!

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# History of ELM GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ayden, North Carolina

*This information is provided by Mrs. Kristie Bailey, obtained from interviews, church minutes, and a work done by the late Pheddie Worthington.*

THE beginning of Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Ayden, dates back at least as far as 1830. The first worship services and gatherings as a church were held in an old log schoolhouse located approximately a quarter of a mile south of the present church. Among the early founders were Mr. and Mrs. Nehemiah Garris, and Mrs. Jabe Manning, Susan Bodwen Davis Garris, Nancy Bowden Manning, and Katie Harper. This group of founders was successful enough in organizing a church body that by 1840 they built a church of their own. They built the church in the place that is currently known as Elm Grove. There were no trees except two gum trees on the site. Nehemiah Garris set out the elm trees, for which the church is named.

The first deacons were Nehemiah Garris Sr., and Jeff Sexton. Following them were William C. Little, Jack Smith, Grant Dail, Guilford Stocks, Elias Garris, Shade Smith, Charlie Worthington, and Bennie Murphy.

A log building was constructed by the members. Because there were no sawmills at that time, the timber was moved by hand with a rip saw. A box pulpit was built and placed at the east end of the church. There were three doors, on the south, north, and west. Wooden shutters, rather than glass, were used at the windows. There were three aisles of seats. Susan Garris made candles of tallow to have light in the church. After the Civil War, she also placed a Bible in the church. That Bible still belongs to the church.

In 1859 the General Conference made plans to hold a Union Meeting in three districts. They were to meet on five Sundays. Elm Grove was to have the first Union in the second district. Later it became known as the Second Central Union Meeting. The first conference that was held at Elm Grove church was in 1864.

Later in 1867 the Conference advised the black members to unite and form churches of their own. However, if any wished to remain enrolled in the church they were free to do so as "private members." One black member, Allen Cox, remained a member until his death in 1917. He is remembered as one of today's members to have been a faithful Christian.

Elm Grove had an organized Sunday school before the Civil War. They met seasonally (when it was not too cold). Nancy Manning was the earliest superintendent of the Sunday school. It was difficult in those days to keep a program of Sunday school going. It is recorded that they organized a Sunday school many times. Some lasted only a few years. Mrs. Sue Beddard and Mrs. Molly Garris are remembered today for their faithful efforts to keep a Sunday school organized. In 1919 the church was able to organize a Sunday school again. This time it has continued to the present. The Rev. J. C. Moyer was the pastor when this school began. The first superintendent was John Thomas Beddard Sr. (son of Mrs. Sue Beddard).

In addition to Sunday school, public school and a singing school were taught in the church. The Bible and the Blue Back Speller were the two books used. The first singing school was taught before the Civil War. The pupils paid the teacher, although many taught without charge. The Rev. M. C. Prescott was among them.

The church was remodeled in 1876. Backrests were added to the seats, making them more comfortable. After the completion of the remodeling program the General Conference met at Elm Grove again.

In 1898 and 1899 the church was remodeled again. Mrs. Sue Beddard, who often filled in for the church's pastor during the winter due to his bad health, encouraged the members to consider the physical needs of the church. As a result, glass windows replaced the wooden shutters; new seats and a new pulpit were added; a new floor made the church warmer in the winter; and two doors were placed in the west wall making two aisles; and glass oil lamps glowed for the first time. Asa Garris and his sons sawed the lumber and built the seats. Others who helped were Lafalle Cox, Jerry McLawhorn, John A. Fleming, and Elisha Lang.

In 1922 the glass lamps were replaced with gas lights.

*(Turn the Page)*



Even greater lighting became a reality in 1929 when the church was wired for electricity. Electric lights made the night services more enjoyable. Also in 1922 the Ladies Aid Society was organized by Mrs. Katie Jackson. The officers were: President, Mrs. J. T. Beddard Sr.; Vice President, Pheddie Worthington; Secretary, Nora Garris; Assistant Secretary, Mollie Garris; and Treasurer, Sue Beddard.

In 1926, while Elder M. C. Prescott served the church as pastor, the church was moved back from the road, replastered, and underpinned. The two doors in the west end of the church were removed and double doors placed in the center of the west end. Elisha Garris and his sons did most of this work. The double doors and two aisles were two characteristics that were carried over to the design of the new church that was built between 1945 and 1952.

A League was organized in 1926 by the Rev. M. C. Prescott. This League lasted a few years. In 1941 it was reorganized by Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr.

In 1933 the members of the church purchased paint, and government N.R.A. workers painted the building. A ditch was dug on the back line of the church property; the stumps were pulled up; and trees were planted. Many of the trees were given in memory of friends and relatives of church members.

In 1944 the members began to feel the need to improve their church facilities. It was discussed whether or not to remodel again or to build a new church. By 1945 the dilemma was resolved. A motion was made to build a new church. The motion passed with the approval of most members and a building committee proceeded to make plans for the new church. In November, 1945, the old church was moved aside and work was begun on the new building. No money was borrowed for this project. The members were to do the work as they were able to raise the funds. The Rev. J. C. Moye was pastor when the construction began. Many building materials were donated. On July 13, 1946, the pastor asked the male members to be ready to meet the train to unload bricks to be used in the new building. There was only one truck among the members. A tractor, trailers, and mules were used to help transport the thousands of bricks to the building site. On April 10, 1948, it was reported that they had only enough money to last for two or three weeks. Once again the members came through with the funds. Those unable to contribute financially gave of their time helping to actually build the church.

In 1951 Johnnie Humbles became Superintendent of the Sunday school. He is remembered as an outstanding church member. While he was superintendent the attendance increased and the offerings more than doubled. With church members like Mr. Humbles, the members managed to complete the building of the new church in 1952. No money was borrowed and no contracts were needed. With the exception of limited hired labor for special needs, the members built the church. Many labored long hard hours to be able to have worship services in the new building.

On the second Sunday in July 1952 the first services were held there. The Rev. J. C. Lynn was the pastor at this time. Ironically, the first funeral to be held in the new building was that of Mr. Johnnie Humbles, one of the men who worked very hard building the building.

During Mr. Lynn's ministry, the church began having a full-time pastor in 1954. He led the Ladies Auxiliary to sponsor

a program of Christian education for the young people, and Youth Fellowship Auxiliary (YFA) was organized.

The church voted to begin work on a parsonage to be located beside the church in August of 1954. It was completed in 1955. Dedication services for the church and parsonage were held on Easter Sunday in 1958.

An organization for the men of the church was begun in 1961 during the pastorate of the Rev. Wayne Smith. They were known as "The Master's Men." Later, they reorganized to form a Laymen's League.

In 1966 there was a need to have a Christian education program for the small children. A "Children's Auxiliary" and an "Ambassadors for Christ" group was organized. They meet monthly at the present for Christian education and fellowship. During the Christmas season, they bring cheer to the sick and shut-in members of the church and community.

In 1965 a program was begun to build a fellowship building. Again the members did most of the work. In 1977 the fellowship building was remodeled and now the church enjoys a beautiful building in which youth meetings, auxiliary meetings, and many other meetings are held.

Elm Grove has licensed three men to preach who are not ordained Free Will Baptist ministers. They are the Revs. C. I. Patrick, Bill Futch, and Bruce Jones.

The church supports all phases of the Free Will Baptist denominational activities. One of the ways the church does this is by special offerings. Most of the support for the church as well as for the enterprises comes from the members giving faithfully of their means each week. A special fund-raising project for the Children's Home is sponsored by the family of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wade Sr. Since 1970, the Wade family has prepared dinner for everyone who comes to Elm Grove on designated Sunday in November. This dinner is given in honor of their wedding anniversary. In lieu of gifts the Wades ask for donations to the Children's Home. More than \$2,300 was raised through this dinner in 1978.

The following pastors have served Elm Grove: the Revs. Jesse Shackford, Bomb Hart, Thomas Moore, Oliver Harp, Matthew Manning, William Kornegay, William Bilbro, B. May, Arch Tyson (1879), E. D. Hathaway, Nile Manning, J. C. Branch (1897), Henry Cunningham, R. K. Hearn, F. McLawhorn, and Bob P. Hill.

Also, the Revs. John Phillips (1893), B. B. Albritton (1894), R. F. Stillely (1896-97), Charlie Vause (1898-99), Callis Little (1900), E. T. Phillips, Wilson Lupton (1901), I. Burroughs (1902-03), Lewis Worthington (1904), Sid Jones (1905), Phillip Woodard (1909), Herbert Goodwin, L. Smith, S. H. Stryron, Lloyd Vernon (1914), John Saw (1915), J. C. Moye (1919-22), and M. C. Prescott (1925-30).

Also, the Revs. M. A. Woodard (1931), C. J. H. (1932), J. E. Wooten (1933-34), D. A. Windham (1935-37), L. Davidson (1938), J. E. Wooten (1938), Phillip Woodard (1939-41), N. B. Barrow (1941-43, 59-60), J. C. Moye (1952), Frank Davenport (1952-53), J. C. Lynn (1953-59), N. Barrow (1959-1960), Wayne Smith (1961-62), Norman (1962-66), Paul Williams (1967), Bobby Bazen (1967-74), Kemery Ard (1969-74), and Gary M. Bailey (1974—).

# THE REV. W. C. OVERTON

MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Roper, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. He is the eighth to be accorded this recognition in our paper. Your pastor could be next. Our editor, Tommy Manning, will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise to him.



The Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Overton

## A FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED SERVANT

The members of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Roper, North Carolina, would like to honor their pastor, the Rev. W. C. Overton of Ahoskie, better known as Charlie. He has been a faithful and dedicated servant in the church since September, 1962. At that time, he held church services at Mount Zion on a part-time basis, because he also held part-time services at Rose of Sharon church. Under his direction, however in 1969, the church decided to go full-time and he has been our full-time pastor ever since.

Mr. Overton was born on November 2, 1922, in Hertford County at Harrellsville, North Carolina. He later moved to Gates County where he graduated from Robesonville High School. At the age of sixteen, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and united with the Brick Missionary Baptist Church. At the age of 22, he married Mary Wiggins Gamblee of Ahoskie, North Carolina. He then transferred his membership to Kory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. It was there that he began working in the church and held the office of its first youth director. He was also a Sunday school teacher, song leader, and chairman of the deacon board. He organized a male chorus, male quartet, singing people's choir, and was also the Sunday school superintendent for three years. He helped to put the church on a full-time work and was on the committee to help build the first parsonage.

Mr. Overton answered the call to the ministry in 1951 and was ordained at Giloh Free Will Baptist Church in 1952. His pastoral work began at Sound Side and Gum Neck churches. He has also

served as pastor at Union Chapel and Rose of Sharon churches. In November, 1977, we at Mount Zion honored Mr. Overton with a surprise birthday and a 15-year anniversary party. At that time, we thanked him for the many accomplishments our church had achieved in his 15 years of service to our church. Under his leadership, our church has gone from part-time to full-time ministry, has added on two new classrooms and bathrooms, has installed central heating and air conditioning, put in beautiful stained-glass windows, put on a new roof, and painted the church inside and out. We are now in the process of putting in new wall-to-wall carpeting.

During his pastoral work, Mr. Overton has studied several commentaries, taken

several Bible study courses, and read many religious books. However, he says that the King James Version of the Bible is the best of all to study.

He has served in all the offices of the Albemarle Conference. Now, he is serving as Moderator of the Union Meeting, chairman of the Ordination Board, and is a member of the Executive Board.

As for Mrs. Overton, she is a dedicated Christian. She has so willingly sacrificed her time with her husband while he fulfills his call to the ministry. They are the parents of two children: Charles Wesley of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Mrs. Carl (Barbara) Reith of Baltimore, Maryland. The Overtons have four grandchildren.

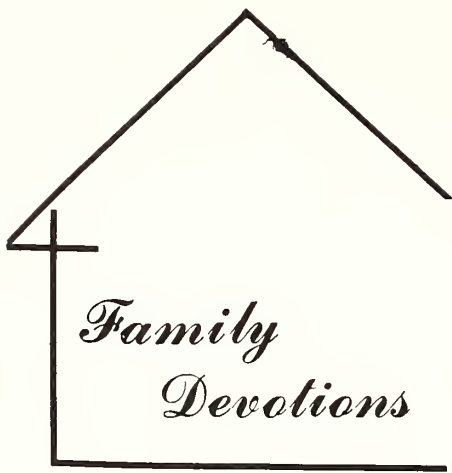
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Scripture Reading—Psalm 19:9

STOPPED BY A SMILE

Miss C. Leffinwell, a missionary in China, gave the following account of deliverance from death by the Boxers: "There was a lady missionary whom the Boxers told to kneel down and have her head cut off. She knelt as told, but as she did so, she looked up into the man's face and actually smiled. As she looked at him a moment, thus smiling, it seemed as if his face began to change and to reflect the smile. He stepped back a little, and then continued to withdraw, together with his companions, until after a little they all fled, leaving the ladies alone. As the Boxers were retreating the leader turned and said to her: 'You cannot die. You are immortal.' If her face had shown fear, they would have killed her without hesitation. I suppose the smile seemed supernatural. She afterward said, 'I did not know that I smiled.'"

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Have you ever thought what a smile can do for you? It can win you a new friend, your life, or it might help win you a job. Try smiling instead of frowning! God likes to see His people happy.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 1:29

FAITH IS NOT CLINGING—  
IT IS LETTING GO

Somewhere we have read a story like this. A traveler upon a lonely road was set upon by bandits who robbed

him of his all. They then led him into the depths of the forest. There, in the darkness, they tied a rope to the limb of a great tree, and bade him catch hold of the end of it. Swinging him out into the blackness of surrounding space, they told him he was hanging over the brink of a giddy precipice. The moment he let go he would be dashed to pieces on the rocks below. And then they left him. His soul was filled with horror at the awful doom impending. He clutched despairingly the end of the swaying rope. But each dreadful moment only made his fate more sure. His strength steadily failed. At last he could hold on no longer. The end had come. His clenched fingers relaxed their convulsive grip. He fell—six inches, to the solid earth at his feet! It was only a ruse of the robbers to gain time in escaping. And when he let go it was not to death, but to the safety which had been waiting him through all his time of terror.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*How many of you have ever watched a baby first starting to walk? The baby will want to hold on to someone else's hand, so he won't fall, but when the baby becomes sure of himself he will turn loose the hand of guidance and walk by himself. How happy the baby is to know that he can walk by himself! We need to hold on to Jesus' hand for our support!*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Scripture Reading—Luke 10:40

THE DIFFERENCE

The one thing which distinguishes the gospel of God's grace and extinguishes the religions of the world is that in the religions of the world the blood is flowing from the devotees to the gods to appease them, but in Christianity the blood is flowing from God to the sinners.

"See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?"

God himself meets His own requirements in the death of Christ. He is not acting apart from Him, therefore His action is God's act.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The blood of Jesus Christ made a difference in our lives, because He shed His blood that we might have eternal life. The old things of life are washed away and our sins are gone, if we love and obey Him.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:11

THE ONLY SOLVENT

In the chemistry class we learned how acids act on different substances. In the course of our experiment the professor gave us a bit of gold and told us to dissolve it. We left it all night in the strongest acid we had, and tried combinations of acids, then finally told him we thought gold could not be dissolved. He smiled. "I knew you could not dissolve gold," he said "none of the acids you have there will attack it; but try this," and he handed us a bottle labeled "Nitromuriatic Acid (Aqua Regia)." We poured some of its contents into the tube that held the piece of gold; and the gold that had resisted so easily all the other acids quickly disappeared in the "royal water." The gold at last had found its master. The next day in the classroom the professor asked, "Do you know why it is called Royal Water?" "Yes," we replied, "it is because it is the master of gold, which can resist almost anything else that can be poured on it." Then he said "Boys, it will not hurt the lesson today if I take time to tell you that there is one other substance that is just as impervious as gold; it cannot be touched or changed, though a hundred attempts are made upon it. That substance is the sinful heart. Trials and affliction, riches and honor, imprisonment and punishment will not soften or master it. Education and culture will not dissolve and purify it. There is but one element that has power over it—the blood of Christ the Saviour, the aqua regia of the soul."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Gold is a precious jewel; it was brought as a gift for the baby Jesus many years ago and it has remained precious to man. Man enjoys it and it many uses in jewelry and money, but there is a gift far more precious than riches of gold and that is the gift of Jesus Christ.*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians  
:34

### TOBACCO POUCH AND PIPE GOES

I was once staying with another man, a pastor. I had said nothing about smoking,—I never do single out men,—I had not alluded to the habit; but one day we were walking along a street that led over a river, and to my surprise as we got to the apex of the bridge he took his tobacco pouch and pipe and threw them over, and said:

“There, I have settled that.”

Then, turning to me, he said: “I know, Mr. Meyer, you have said nothing about it; but for the last few months God has been asking me to set a new example to my young men, and he said: ‘Why should not I do as I like, and they as they like?’ God was marching me, and I was fighting him, but it is all settled now, sir, it is all done now.”

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Do you feel that God is telling you to stop doing something that you have been doing which you didn't know was wrong or sinful in your life? Why not march your heart and pray about the matter!*

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 29:21

### BIBLE PENETRATION

No one has a better chance to learn how the Bible finds men out than the missionaries. And what testimonies they give.

Once when Dr. Chamberlain had had to the natives of an East Indian tribe the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, an intelligent Brahmin said to him, “Sir, that chapter was written by one of your missionaries about us Hindus; it describes us exactly.” But nobody disputes that that chapter was written by the apostle Paul eighteen hundred years before our missionaries went to India.

At another time a learned Chinese was employed by some missionaries to translate the New Testament into Chinese. At first the work of translating had no effect upon the scholarly Chinese. But after some time he became quite agitated and

said. “What a wonderful book this is!” “Why so?” said the missionary. “Because,” said the man, “it tells so exactly about myself. It knows all that is in me. The One who made this book must have made me!”

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*There is a story for each of us in the Bible. There is a love story and there is also a set of rules by which one is to live and obey. These rules are called the Ten Commandments. There are also told many stories about Biblical figures like David, Ruth, Daniel, Jesus, and Paul, just to name a few. There is also a story for you that can touch your life. Why not read the Bible every day and see the difference it can make in your life!*

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:23

### NOT THE PAINTINGS, BUT THE VISITORS

There is no city in the world, perhaps, where the treasures of art are more appreciated than Florence,

Italy. It is told that an American visitor to the Pitti Palace in Florence, after viewing some of the paintings there, said to his guide: “Are these the great masterpieces that everyone tells me about? I don't see much in them to arouse such enthusiasm.”

“It is not those paintings that are on trial, sir,” the guide answered, “but it is you, who view them.”

So it is with the Word of God. Sometimes we run across scoffers, men who sneer at divine revelation, who say, that they cannot get up much enthusiasm about the Bible. But the Bible is not on trial. Whether men believe it or not, it is the Word of God, “which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Peter 1:23).

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How many of us have said that the Bible was hard to understand as we try to read it? Why not try reading it word for word instead of by sentences! The words might mean more to you and your understanding.*

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## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 25 Years Ago

“I have just finished reading next Sunday's S. S. lesson from our Free Will Baptist Adult Quarterly, and I cannot refrain from writing a word of praise for your work as editor. I have noticed before a difference and thought I would write you a word of commendation, but just failed to do so. With no reflections on former editors (they have always been good) but to me they (the quarterlies or lessons) are so much more easily understood than they once were.

“It could be, I am seeking more diligently to understand the Scriptures than ever before, but anyway I feel that when a person has been a blessing to you, you should let them know it and that is the reason I'm writing.”—Mrs. Dona Kate Harrell, Savannah, Ga.

“The average minister preaches to 70 percent empty pews.”—Selected

“New Sunday school rooms are under construction at the Black Jack Church, Greenville, North Carolina.”—Tid-bits

“Less than 5 percent of Americans go to church on Sunday nights.”—Tid-bits

“I have been reading THE FREE WILL BAPTIST for many months and I greatly enjoy it, especially the poem page. I am not a poet although I aspire to be.

“Enclosed are two poems which I have written and if you think worthy, and could print them it would mean a lot to me. These two poems were written straight from the heart in a moment of deep meditation.”—Mrs. Iris Dudley Carley, Beaufort, N. C.

“The church needs a revival! As far back as we can remember, we have been hearing that cry. Some have gone far enough to say that a revival is all that can save America. Slogans and catch phrases have been coined: ‘Revival is Imperative,’ ‘Evangelize or Fossilize,’ and ‘It's Revival or Revolution.’ We agree, as do other Christians, that a revival is needed. But sometimes we wonder if America knows what a revival is and whether we would recognize one if it came. . . .”—Editorial



## TRIBUTE TO ADA AND ROBERT SPENCER

by Virginia Bridgman

I wish to express my appreciation to all my friends and relatives who showed so much kindness in the recent death of my mother, Ada, and my stepfather, Robert.

We were blessed with so many wonderful blessings and had such a beautiful relationship. As recently as December 9, they were here visiting me in my home in Hampton, Virginia. We had such a special visit, full of the holiday spirit. We enjoyed being out during the day shopping and then later had a lovely dinner together with lots of laughter and joy. The next morning my mother called to say Robert's last words before sleeping that night were, "What a wonderful day." What a lovely memory for me, one of several.

I was home visiting with them four days before their deaths, and due to the cold Mother had, I insisted on her seeing her doctor, which we did, to get the medication she needed. Although she was not feeling her best at that time, her humor was good and we had an enjoyable day with lunch out. Even though Robert had a speech defect, he said grace aloud that day in the restaurant. His most familiar grace was so loud and clear; every person in the restaurant bowed his head. What a feeling of pride I had. Both my parents were true witnesses for Christ every day of their lives. As I left them that day, it seemed their good-bye's and embraces were more tender than those in the past. It seemed so much more special. Now looking back, I realize how very special it was and it will long live in my memory. I talked with my mother the next two days following my visit with them. All these contacts I count as blessings.

In an article that recently appeared in the local papers and in **The Virginian-Pilot**, there seemed to be some mix-up concerning the members on my mother's side of the family. May I clarify that at this time. No mother and daughter could have had a more beautiful relationship. We exchanged letters twice weekly and I phoned them once a week. She stayed in touch daily with her four sisters and her one brother and his wife. Their grief is a lonely one, for as we grow older, we realize the importance of a beautiful

family relationship.

For twelve years, my mother and I lived with my aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Spencer. That part of my life will always be special to me. Many times I felt God had bestowed many blessings upon me for me to have such special people loving me. Then my mother married Robert in 1947. I chose to remain and live with my aunt and uncle. However, through the years Robert grew to love me as one of his own. He told me so many times that he and my mother were sharing a beautiful world together and I found a closeness more than ever with God knowing He has taken them to His special world.

My heart is heavy, but I have visions of their happiness. I brought home with me one of their special belongings, their little dog, Tricksey. She is a joy to us for we feel my parents' presence through her and she is adjusting to her new home just beautifully.

Although death was more than two hours apart, a lovely vision enters my mind; Robert leaving to enter God's world and looking over his shoulder and my mother following. Knowing how truly happy they are makes my grief easier to bear.

## REALITIES

Nancy Frost Rouse  
Lucama, North Carolina

They never promised me a rose garden  
not because they didn't want me to have  
one,  
but because they  
didn't have one  
to give.

God does.

## AUXILIARY MEMBERS PLEASE NOTICE

Missions funds should be sent  
to your district auxiliary missions  
chairmen, rather than directly to  
the Rev. Joseph Ingram. Follow  
your usual procedure so that your  
auxiliary will receive proper credit  
for its contributions.

## Coming Events .

February—Entire Month Designated,  
the State Convention as Christian  
Education Month

February 19—Board of Trustees  
Meeting, 9:30 a. m., Mount Olive  
College, Mount Olive

February 21—Children's Home Board  
Directors Meeting, 9 a. m.  
Children's Home, Middlesex

February 21—Retirement Homes Board  
of Directors Meeting, Children's  
Home, Middlesex

## SUNSET

by Vallie Coats  
Selma Free Will Baptist Church

Twilight, a peaceful time to me  
A hush and stillness over the land  
The glorious blaze of a sunset  
Painted by the Master's hand.

The majestic beauty of the mountains  
Speaks of God's splendor to me,  
The loveliness of nature around us  
The rolling thunder of the sea.

Evening time is a time to be still  
Or walk with God by bubbling streams,  
To feel the beauty and wonder of earth  
To be filled with peace beyond  
dreams.

## SMILE

by Vallie Coats  
Selma Free Will Baptist Church

Let's carry a cherry smile today  
and not go around with a frown,  
A smile is a lovely thing to see  
but a scowl can put you down.

The fellow you meet on the street today  
just might need a little lift,  
He would feel a little happier inside  
if we use God's smile as a gift.

A smile is contagious, and others can  
share  
the smile that you gave to them,  
A frown can wound another inside  
but a smile is really a gem.

So let's make the world a brighter place  
and not put our fellowman down,  
Your cup will surely run over with love  
with a smile instead of a frown.

# Home Missions



*Union Grove Youth*

On January 14, the Union Grove Youth, Route 2, Fremont, served as host to Home Missions and Church Extension. They presented their musical program and served popcorn and drinks for refreshments. Taylor Hill reports that it was a very cordial and happy occasion. The Union Grove church is pastored by the Rev. Bobby Jones.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS COURSE

The Rev. Joe Ingram will teach a course on the Missions in the Free Will Baptist Church, at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, near Greenville, each Wednesday night at 7:30 during the month of February. The members of the church and the pastor, the Rev. Bobby R. Taylor, invite everyone to attend.

### NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank each church, Sunday school auxiliary, superannuation, or anyone that has sent us gifts or cards during the Christmas season or any other time of the year. But most of all I wish to thank you for your prayers. We have already seen so many prayers answered and are still seeing your prayers answered. I am still weak and cannot walk without aid, but praise the Lord for His wonderful grace and power. Please keep us on your prayer list that God's will be done in our lives. Our love and prayers go out for each of you and may God bless you. Come to see us.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wiley Ferrell  
601 Tower Street  
Selma, North Carolina

## JANUARY IS RETIREMENT HOMES MONTH

### A FRIEND INDEED

by Taylor Hill



*Left to right: Jimmy Brinn, Thomas Clayton, Gregory Clayton, and the Rev. Charles Parrish.*

It's a beautiful sight to behold when a pastor moves on to another field under

such pleasant conditions. The Rev. Charles Parrish, pastor of the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, near Belhaven, has just recently answered the call to the Victory Mission at Hope Mills, North Carolina. In the process of moving, Mr. Parrish had to enter the hospital for open heart surgery. The people at the Sidney church insisted that the Parrishes remain in their parsonage at no cost until his recovery. They stayed by his side and did all they could for him and his family just as if the move was not taking place.

In order to help the Home Mission Program, there were three men in the Sidney church who transported a load of furniture in order to help hold down the cost of moving. Our hats are off to the kind brethren of the Sidney church. The Rev. Parrish's new address is 5873 Columbine Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28306.

### ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL

In a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Sunday School Convention, it was decided to change the L. E. Ballard Retirement Fund to the L. E. Ballard Endowment Fund.

We encourage all Sunday schools to continue to contribute \$25 to the L. E. Ballard Endowment Fund. This change will be recorded on the report blank that will be mailed to each Sunday school. Please mail this contribution with your report blank.

Marvin R. Waters  
Secretary,  
State Sunday School Convention



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## Elton Trueblood to Come to Eastern North Carolina



*Dr. Elton Trueblood*

Dr. Elton Trueblood, renowned author, lecturer and founder of the International Yokefellow Movement, will be at Mount Olive College for a banquet Friday, February 23, at 7 p. m. in the auditorium on the downtown campus.

Reservations to attend are being accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve a place, send \$6 (per person) to Yokefellow Movement of Eastern North Carolina, P. O. Box 1612, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Other activities featuring Dr. Trueblood are:

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|-----------------------|--------------|---|
| Friday, February 23   | —10:30 a. m. | Madison Avenue Baptist Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina (sermon)                     |
|                       | —7 p. m.     | Yokefellow Banquet (Mount Olive College Auditorium) reservations only                   |
| Saturday, February 24 | —10 a. m.    | Autographing of Trueblood books at Wayne Bible and Bookstore, Goldsboro, North Carolina |
| Sunday, February 25   | —11 a. m.    | Goldsboro Friends Church  |
|                       | —7:30 p. m.  | Rocky Mount Friends Church  |

The public is invited to attend these events.

### COLLEGE APPEARANCES

Dr. Trueblood will also be appearing at the College for a special address to the student body during a special service Thursday, February 22, followed by a discussion group in the dormitories Thursday evening.

An address and dialogue are also scheduled for Mount Olive College faculty Friday, February 23.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Eighteen-year-old Tammy Williamson of Wilson is Mount Olive College Student of the Week.

Before coming to Mount Olive last fall Tammy was a member of the last graduating class at Rock Ridge High School, now known as James B. Hunt Jr. High School.

As a freshman, she is majoring in the legal secretary program, a specialized two-year career orientation offered under the secretarial science division.

"I wanted to attend Mount Olive College because it was small and personal and because I heard the legal secretary program was very good," Tammy said.

In the summer, Tammy worked at the police department in Wilson keeping criminal records which heightened her interest in law.

"If I still find legal work a challenge after I get started as a legal secretary, I want to become a paralegal (someone who is trained to research records and prepare documents for lawyers)," she added.

While in high school, Tammy served as president of the Future Business Leaders Club. This year she is vice president of the college business organization, Phi Beta Lambda.

"I'm looking forward to becoming president next year," Tammy said.

Tammy attends Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Williamson.

*Tammy Williamson*



## **PRESIDENT SELECTED TO BOARD**

Mount Olive College President, W. Arkette Raper, was selected as one of six to serve on the board of directors for the Mount Olive office of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company.

The new bank office opened in a temporary building in downtown Mount Olive last May. The new bank building is scheduled to be completed by March of this year.

Included in the directors is Mount Olive Mayor, Ray McDonald, and several prominent businessmen.

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## **NEW CREATIONS TO SING**

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of songs and testimony at Community Free Will Baptist Church, in Weldon, on Sunday, February 4, at the 11 a. m. worship service.

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## **CHURCH AUXILIARIES**

### **EVENTS FOR ROBERT'S GROVE AUXILIARY**

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. with Martha Sue Tew opening the meeting with prayer. The group had 24 present. They began with enthusiasm to plan different events for the first quarter of 1979. The first to be planned is a study course, which will be the last of February, with special emphasis on revival which will be the first week of March. A Pre-Easter Program was discussed for the latter part of March.

Then a lesson, "To Renew Our Covenant," was presented by Mrs. Brenda Tyndall. What better way to start the new year! There were songs sung during the evening. They included "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" and "Let Others See Jesus in You." A closing prayer was given by the Rev. A. B. Bryan, after which a period of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Mary Lynn Honeycutt and Mrs. Ann Barefoot. Mrs. James Spell is the publicity chairman of the auxiliary.

## **Time to Retire for**

# *A Useful Servant*

by the Rev. Charlie Overton

A few years ago, a famous baseball pitcher said to me, "As bad as it may seem the time comes when you have to hang up your glove." This is certainly true in life as much as we love the Lord and want to labor in the fields of His service. The time comes to many when we will have to surrender our responsibilities to others who are strong in body, because weakness has overtaken us, and so it has Brother Isaac Furlough.

In the fall of 1934, I left my homeland at Hobbsville, North Carolina, in Gates County to reside in Ahoskie, North Carolina. Leaving my church at Warwick, which was a Missionary Baptist, I became a member of Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, near Ahoskie, North Carolina.

I began taking an active part in the work there and the Albemarle Conference where it was my happy privilege to meet Mr. Isaac Furlough from Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina, whom I found to be a servant of the Lord and a born-again Christian.

Brother Furlough and I have shared some wonderful fellowship together as we labored together in the Albemarle Conference. He is a man who was very loyal and faithful to the Lord's work, a man whom you could always depend on, who never shirked his duties as he went about to serve his Lord and his fellowman.

He served as treasurer for the Albemarle Sunday School Convention for about forty-two years. He was a lay-speaker for the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Roper, North Carolina, for several years. During that

time he helped the church in a spiritual way as well as its growth. But for this man of God that wasn't enough to do for his Master. He spoke at the prison camp of correction on Sunday mornings for a number of years. Brother Furlough invited me to speak there on several occasions which I found to be a joy and pleasure. Besides all this, he was pianist at his church for many years and gave a part of his time to singing with a male quartet. God blessed this man's work, because Brother Furlough is a humble servant and obedient to the divine will of God.

Now Brother Isaac has reached declining health and can no longer perform the duties that he once so faithfully filled; however, he is still a blessing to be around. I visited with him last Sunday, and as we retraced some of the past fond memories, and I listened to him praise the Lord, it was a joy to be in his presence.

I am writing this about my fellow co-worker because I believe in giving roses while you live. I do not know Brother Isaac's favorite verse of Scripture. It may be a part of Numbers 10:29 which reads, "Come thou with us, and we will do the good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." It was Brother Isaac's desire to do good, and to help others. I do believe his favorite chapter is John 14.

To say the least about Brother Isaac, the life he lived has been a challenge to many. I pray that God will richly bless him and shelter him under His protecting way.



# The Sunday School Lesson

For February 11

## CHRIST AT WORK THROUGH US

**Lesson Text:** Matthew 16:13-21; John 14:12-14; Matthew 28:18-20

**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 2:9

### I. INTRODUCTION

The Duke of Wellington once attended a lecture where a theologian was denouncing missions. The lecturer pointed out that missions were an economic drain on the churches and that missionaries often went into primitive areas and upset the native cultures, causing chaos and strife. It would be better, he argued, to permit them to continue in their own benighted ways.

The old general listened for a while and then arose to challenge the speaker. "What were the final orders our Master left?" he asked.

"Well," stammered the speaker, "He said to go into all the world and make disciples."

"That's the way I've always understood it," came the Duke's reply. "I'm no theologian. I'm a soldier, and as a soldier I know that my first duty is to carry out my commander's orders. When my commander gives me marching orders, I march. All I can say to you, sir, is look to your marching orders!"

All three portions of today's text are familiar passages. The first comes from Matthew 16, Peter's good confession. This incident occurred near the end of Jesus' Galilean ministry, when tensions and expectations had reached a peak. From this point on Jesus began in earnest to prepare the disciples for His death.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. One of the attributes of God is omnipotence. This means that He is all-powerful. Another one of His attributes is omniscience. This means that He is all-

wise. When you combine these two, we see that God has the knowledge and ability to do anything. This means that God could have created this universe in some other way, but in His wisdom He chose to create it just as He did. This means that God could accomplish whatever He wants to accomplish without the aid of man. To say otherwise would be to limit the power of God. But God saw fit to have a plan that required the aid of men. Since the creation of mankind, God has seen fit to do much of His work through man. To say that this is not a good plan is to question the wisdom of God.

B. Instead of questioning the power and wisdom of God, mankind should rejoice in the fact that God wants to use us to accomplish His work here on the earth. In this lesson, we are going to take a closer look at what a great privilege God has given us by letting us have a part in His work. Furthermore, we will see something of what God intends to accomplish through us and our responsibility in the matter.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. When Christ was on earth He spent a little more than three years establishing the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men. Many rejected His kingdom, while others accepted it. But the main point is that He began the work of evangelizing the world, and then left the rest of it for His disciples, including you and me.

B. After His resurrection He presented Himself to many witnesses and bade them continue His work of saving souls. Then He ascended to the Father where He is now, at God's right hand. But He did not leave us to carry out His work alone. He is still working through us to help us achieve the task He assigned. That help comes through the Holy Spirit, who dwells within our

hearts—if we are believers and followers of His World.

C. Christ promised that we would accomplish great things in the world through the power of His indwelling Spirit. If the work fails, it will not be the fault of Christ or the Holy Spirit; it will be because we have failed to be used by Him to accomplish His purposes. If the work succeeds because of our obedience to the heavenly calling, Christ has promised us His ultimate victory, which will give His followers meaning, direction, and assurance of their lives.

D. The Christian can have no higher privilege than that which comes through yielding his life to be used by Christ. The world is dying for lack of the help that can only come through Christ and those who are fully committed to Him.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Think About This**—Dr. R. A. Torrey once said that if one person were saved each year, and that person won another to Christ the next year; and the next year two won two others for Christ, and so on, that in thirty-three years the entire world would be saved.

**Fishing for Men**—Why is personal soul-winning sometimes called "fishing for men"? Perhaps because Jesus told the disciples to follow Him and He would make them to be fishers of men. But there may be another reason. There are many comparisons between soul-winning and fishing. See if you can think of some ways that these two things are alike.

**Soul-Winning**—The following reasons have been given why every Christian should be a soul-winner: (1) he has been entrusted with the gospel (1 Thessalonians 2:4); (2) he has "put on the new man," that is, is the regenerate man (Ephesians 4:24); (3) he is Christ's messenger (1 Corinthians 5:20); (4) he has a personal commission from God (Matthew 28:18-20).

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### THANK YOU NOTE

The family of Arthur Boone Chandle wishes to thank all of our many friends for each act of kindness shown us during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

—Minnie Chandle

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# Story Corner

## HELP IN BATTLE

**L**AST quarter we had a story about how Moses led the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. God led them through the wilderness and to the land of Canaan. There, they had to fight many battles to take possession of the land God had promised them. For the next two weeks we are going to learn about some of these battles and see what ways God helped them and how He gave the victory to the Jews, even when they were fewer than their enemies.

The first, and probably easiest, of these battles was the battle of Jericho. At the time of this battle, the leader of the Israelites was a man named Joshua. He was a great man; he loved God very much. He tried always to do as God wanted.

Jericho was a large city and was surrounded by a high wall. The Jews could find no way to get inside. Joshua went to the Lord in prayer. He asked the Lord to show them how to win Jericho.

God told Joshua just what to do. The Jews followed God's instructions. On the first day they were to march around the city only one time. The priests, seven of them, were to go before the ark of God, carrying seven trumpets made of the horns of rams. (The ark of God was a chest in which Moses had placed the tablets God had given him containing the Ten Commandments.)

They were to repeat this six days; but on the seventh day, they were to march around the city seven times. On the seventh time around, Joshua was to give the signal, the priests were to give loud

blast on the trumpets, and all the people were to shout as loudly as they could.

On the first day, they marched around as they were told, only one time. Then they returned to the camp. This they did for six days. On the seventh day they started out, as usual, but they did not stop after the one trip around. They continued to march around for seven times. On the seventh trip, Joshua gave the signal and the priests all lifted the



trumpets to their lips and blew loudly. At the same time, all of the people of Israel shouted as loudly as they could and a most amazing thing happened. The wall of the city of Jericho fell to the ground. The people inside of the city were too amazed and started to fight well and the Children of Israel won the battle.

God ordered that all the city and everything in it were to be burned, everything but the vessels of gold, silver and brass. They were to be dedicated to

God and put into the treasury.

The next battle that was to be fought after Jericho was the battle of Ai. The army of Israel marched into battle and were defeated. They could not understand why God had allowed them to be defeated. Joshua went to God again in prayer and asked why this had happened. God told Joshua that His instructions about the city of Jericho had not been followed by every one of the Israelites. He said one man had failed to destroy everything he had found.

Joshua sent men to search the camp and find the one who had disobeyed God. They searched every man and every tent. They questioned everyone.

Finally they found the guilty man. His name was Achan. He confessed that he had kept a beautiful Babylonish garment, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold. They were buried in the earth under his tent.

Joshua sent men to dig them and bring them to him. Then he called all of the people together. He placed all of the things and Achan and his family before them. The people of Israel took rocks and stoned Achan and all of his family; then they, and the things he had taken, were burned. God had ordered them completely destroyed.

After this the Jews again marched into battle against Ai. This time God was with them and they were victorious. They won the battle and captured Ai. They had taken possession of a little more of the land God had promised would be theirs. — **The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION?**

## PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

Twenty-five year old S. was found dead in a motel room today. He came to see me yesterday for spiritual help but his visit was cut short by his interfering friends. He said, "They're calling me so I'll have to go, but I'll be back because I really do need help."



# NEWS & NOTES

## Reedy Branch Church Helps Fire Victim

One Wednesday night early in January, Martha and Beth Karachun were at choir practice at the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville. When they arrived at home after choir practice, they found it in flames. Everything was destroyed, including many precious things that money cannot replace.

The people of the Reedy Branch church along with its pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson, believe in showing their love and concern rather than just talking about it; therefore, on Sunday night, January 14, the people of the church got together in the evening service and showered Martha and Beth with gifts and also with their love. They presented them with \$700 and many gifts of blankets, sheets, pillowcases, towels, kitchen utensils, etc. Martha and Beth were overcome with joy and so were the people.

Martha and Beth came to the Reedy Branch church several years ago and have been very active in all phases of the church work. It speaks of their faithfulness inasmuch as they were at God's house when the disaster struck.

## Reedy Branch Church Honors Board Member

Mr. Elbert Averett of Greenville has been a lifelong member of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, and has been very faithful as long as his health would allow him to be. Several years ago, arthritis made it impossible for him to attend as much as he would have liked to and now he is unable to attend at all.

He has served as a member of the official board meeting and never missed a meeting until he became ill. He was not an outspoken person but a very concerned member. His presence gave the group stability.

In a meeting of the official board recently, it was decided to honor Elbert for his faithful attendance and service. On Monday, January 15, the pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson, went by to see Elbert and presented him a plaque. There were tears of joy, because he had been given his flowers while he could see and smell them.

The Averett family has been a very prominent family and a very active family in the Reedy Branch church; and Elbert had a brother, Eugene, who served for many years on the board prior to his death. He also has a brother Amos Averett who is serving at the present time.

## Stancil's Chapel Church Has Piggy Bank Collection



*The Rev. J. B. Godwin with girls and boys of Stancil's Chapel Church.*

The girls and boys of Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, sponsored a "Piggy Bank Collection" in November for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex. The youth collected over \$100, and presented their banks at the altar during a Sunday morning worship service. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, commended their work, and led the youth in an altar prayer.

## Sarecta Church Gives Awards

The Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church, near Kenansville, awarded Sunday

school pins for perfect attendance records recently. Receiving the pins were: Roy Dunn, 30 years; Bill Smith, 21 years; Herbert Jones, 24 years; Herman Jones, 24 years; Carol Taylor, 21 years; Barbara Smith, 16 years; Mildred Jones, 20 years; Shirley Jones, 7 years; Lynn Bolin, 6 years; Darla Brock, 7 years; Shelva Jean Brock, 7 years; Kirby Bolin, 5 years; Jeffrey Jones, 5 years; and Jennifer Jones, 1 year. The Rev. N. B. Barrow is pastor of the church. Mr. Charlie Brock was last year's Sunday school superintendent and Mr. Cecil Jones is this year's.

## Youth Revival at Owens Chapel Church

There will be a youth revival at Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, February 2-4. The Rev. Swade Benson is the pastor of the church. The time of the services is: February 2 and 3 at 7:30 p. m., and on February 4 at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The speakers for these meetings will be Rev. Edwards, Keith Cobb, and James "Stump" Cale. This revival is being sponsored by the YFA of the church. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Biblical Crosswords

(Answers to Last Week's Puzzle)

### Across

1. Red
4. Ye
7. Gone
8. Sepulchre
10. Sermon on Mount
14. Thomas
17. Verb
18. Pontius Pilate

### Down

1. Resurrection  
(Correction: Resurrection)
2. Nigh
3. Wine
5. Golgotha
6. Kiss
9. Plow
11. Olive
12. Tribute
13. Joseph
15. Omri
16. Step
19. Toi
20. Son
21. Lot
22. Ten

# Friendship Church Has Adopted Son



*Jerry and Darlene Langston*

Jerry Langston was the adopted son of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, sponsored by the woman's auxiliary there during the 1960's. He lived his early years at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex. After graduating from high school in Middlesex, he went to New York to live with his mother and has worked in a hospital there ever since, except for two years when he served in the military. He has a great testimony concerning his work with elderly mental patients. He had a privilege of sharing his experience with the woman's auxiliary members at Friendship church this fall, when he returned to North Carolina for a visit with his bride, Darlene.

During their stay in North Carolina, the Langstons made their headquarters with Stanley and Nancy Edwards Holloway,

and Jerry Smith, in Wilson, also alumni of the Children's Home.

Jerry and Darlene were married July 29 at Grace Baptist Church, Lake Grove, New York, where he moved his membership and was baptized again before they were married. They live on Long Island.

During the visit, the Langstons spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Odell Edwards. Mrs. Edwards was president of the auxiliary in 1967, when Jerry moved to New York. Mrs. Geneva Wilder, Mrs. Virginia Wilder, and Mrs. Emma Maiden were also visited by the Langstons.

During his visit, there was also a meeting of the woman's auxiliary of the church, and the Langstons were overjoyed with the presentation of shower gifts and money.

## HEART SUNDAY

February 11 has been proclaimed as "Heart Sunday" by the Free Will Baptists of the Central Conference Sunday School Convention, second district.

Bruce Gray, president, urges all Sunday Schools to promote "Heart Sunday" and strive for 100 percent attendance. The Sunday school superintendents are asked to report on their activities and attendance when the Convention meets in April.

## FRIENDSHIP CHURCH TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE FOR PASTOR

The Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, is planning to have open house for its new pastor, the Rev. Paul Grubbs. Mr. Grubbs is a student at the Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. The open house will be held the first Sunday in February (February 4).



### The Family Bible Encyclopedia

a comprehensive two-volume reference work which includes 2,000 persons, places, and terms from the Bible was released by David C. Cook Publishing Co. in September. The work is the result of five years of research by Berkeley and Alvera Mickelson, professors at Bethel Theological Seminary and Bethel College, respectively.

The encyclopedia contains much information which can only be found in works beyond the reach of children, yet is written in language suitable for either children or adults. Other scholars checked the work for biblical accuracy and readability.

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## PRAISING THE LORD FOR DOLLARS: EXPLORING POSSIBLE DECEPTION IN TV MINISTRIES

Nothing sickens me any more than all this "Praise the Lord" stuff and its "Please send money or we'll go under" campaign. TV ministries have their value to be sure, but when possible deception is used to amass great fortunes for the promoters and/or host ministers, it's a little more than I, personally, can stomach.

I witnessed the tearful pleas of PTL personality extraordinaire, Jim Bakker (via television), a short while back (and several times since) concerning the inevitable collapse of his Praise the Lord organization. Though I did not hear the remark, it is reported that he said during subsequent telecasts that he and his wife, Tammy, were selling everything they owned, including their house, in order to avoid imminent disorganization of the ministry.

It is interesting, though I don't know how significant, that Bakker's somewhat overly enthusiastic wife still sports her diamonds in grand fashion and takes on the appearance of a Hollywood celebrity rather than the unassuming image of a minister's wife. Before I get whipped into shape by supporters of the Bakker club, let me hasten here to add that I don't worry too much about the obvious display of diamonds and the Hollywood image. It just seems inconsistent to plead near bankruptcy while one wears what appears, at least, to be more than a few expensive diamonds and clothes. If the gems are mere costume jewelry, I suggest they let it be known lest some unknowing soul like me mistake them for the real thing. It is not inconceivable, however, that many people are impressed by this showiness and are thereby made more susceptible to the possible suck-in.

A praise the Lord smile, shout, and an occasional amen don't bother me too much, so long as they are sincere. But I find it impossible to believe that a legitimate enterprise such as the PTL "club" (a name originally associated with the corporation) could and would stoop to the pleading of hard times and then up the salary of its leader. Sure, the cost of living is rising, but Mr. Bakker and his wife should be able to fare sumptuously on their reported \$70,000-a-year combined salary. If they are putting a sizable portion of that salary back into the corporation, then that's another story entirely. But no one seems to be able to ascertain his (or their) donations or contributions.

The impressive Johnny-Carson-type Mr. Bakker and his co-host a la Ed McMahon, Henry Harrison, come on strong. The "Here's your PTL president, Jim Ba-a-k-ker," smacks so loudly of the late-night secular counterpart that one wonders whatever happened to originality or creativity. To pattern a religious TV program after a secular one may be people-pleasing, but we wonder if it's God pleasing! If Christ is the cause (and He is purported to be), the emphasis seems misplaced if not altogether disregarded.

The *Charlotte Observer*, a newspaper printed in the North Carolina city where the PTL Television Network ministry is based, reported recently that there has been some question as to Mr. Bakker's fund-raising campaigns for overseas missions in

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## The House Of the Lord

by the Rev. Edward C. Taylor  
St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church

This message was preached recently at the Cape Fear Union Meeting and a motion was carried that it be sent to the Press for publication.

HOW many times are these words heard anymore? How often do we say them and really mean them? In visiting the elderly and shut-ins, they often say they would be happy if God would permit them to attend their church just one more time. I believe they are sincere. I hear similar statements from those who are in the hospitals and in the homes while recuperating from illness. They say if God will only restore their normal health to them they will be happy to go to church and serve Him to the best of their ability. Then I see these same people get able to go back to work, shop in town, and take vacations, but when I look for them in the place to receive the happiness they expressed a desire for their pew is empty.

I hear many say they receive true spiritual blessings from attending church, but let a little rain fall, the weather get chilly, the sun get a little warm, their pew too is empty and the blessings that God has in store for them cannot enrich their lives. Something is wrong when a born-again Christian does not find happiness in attending the house of the Lord. Due to the great falling away of our time we should examine this relationship with the church. I believe

the church was put here for a purpose because of the One who bought it and the price He paid for it.

David at a very early age had found a relationship with God that was superior to most people's. The Scripture does not give the details of his early life in attending God's house, but as a teenager we find him in the hills of Judea singing praises to God and finding rich experiences with him. These were always in an expression of happiness. God chose David and anointed him to be a king. David's life not only revealed the close relationship he had with God, but also the happiness he found in serving Him. It was David who was responsible for the Ark, Israel's sacred chest, being moved to Jerusalem and for that city becoming the religious center of that time. During this time David's relationship with God was a happy part of his life. He found joy in going to the house of the Lord.

David later fell victim to the tempter and by this severed his relationship with God and his fellowman. No doubt David tried to keep this a secret, and probably did for a while. He still attended the house of the Lord but the joy and happiness was no longer there. He realized the place of worship was the same, those around him were still finding happiness in attending. Then he began to realize the trouble was within himself. When he was willing to repent, God was willing and waiting to forgive him. His memories of the past now became a part of his present life. He was then truthful and happy when he said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).

Examine your personal relationship with the church. Is it a joyful experience to attend or is it a dreaded one that you have to force yourself to do? Could it be that there is something in your life that is wrong? Something that you are not willing to repent of? Could it be that you feel guilty because you cannot get along with your neighbor? Or is it that you cannot look for the blessing that is yours because you are in too big a hurry to leave so you can eat your lunch and go off to the golf course or do something you feel is more important? I believe we have become a people that desire to be entertained rather than to worship. We should try to fit our life into the church rather than trying to fit the church into our life. When we do this we can say as did David, I am happy to have the opportunity to go into the house of the Lord.

This verse does not call the place of worship a church. It calls it a house of the Lord. This term was often used in the Old Testament. I believe that perhaps then as well as now that there was a difference. All houses of the Lord are churches, but all churches are not houses of the Lord.

Men of God have always found strength and hope in worshiping with other Christians. Jesus at the age of twelve was found in the temple and throughout His life at the appropriate

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**"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD" (Psalm 122:2).**



time He was found in the house of the Lord. He was always a part of the service. Most of us want all the benefits of the church but we want to let someone else do all the work and all the giving. There has never been a single pew installed in the church that was labeled "do nothing." There is no office or position by that title. But it seems many of our churches have turned into a "Do Nothing Society." If there were not a sufficient amount of God's mercy and grace for the minister and a few dedicated saints the church would soon die.

If we want to have our joy restored we must do as David did, repent and get sin out of our lives, forgive our neighbor and ask his forgiveness, then ask God to give us understanding of his will for our lives, and the courage and grace that is needed to do it. It is a sin to deprive ourselves and others of the joy of salvation that we find in worshipping the Lord.

Jesus found life's direction and purpose in worship. He found at Jerusalem people who were living in a dream world. They had no sense of spiritual direction. Life was aimless and dull. Chapter 19 of Luke's Gospel tells the story of Zacchaeus, a man who lived only for power, possessions, and pleasure. When Jesus saw him hiding in the sycamore tree and called him to come down, Zacchaeus met the Master face-to-face, and this changed the entire direction of his life. His purpose in life was no longer a selfish, self-serving life, but he became a self-builder through service to God and others.

Jesus was able to look into the hearts and minds of people. He never judged a single person for what he was or for what he had been. Instead he saw them for what they could be. He knew the talents and resources of each one. He called unlearned men like Peter, and James, and John who knew nothing about life except fishing. He said, "Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). This is what He wanted them to be. It is what He wants us to be. He saw the hardened heart of Saul of Tarsus and knew he could become Paul the Apostle. Jesus knew the development of these resources could give strength that would honor and glorify God.

Jesus knew the value of human life. He knew many would give up because

their estimate is too low. In speaking to His own people in the synagogue in Nazareth He gave to them and to us the purposes of life and worship, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18, 19).

Your service in life is worth much to the Kingdom of God. Worship makes a difference in our life. It gives a renewal of faith working through love and causes us to grow in grace and in knowledge of

Christ.

Some religions offer only faith and say it will make you happy without doing anything. Some offer works without faith and say it really doesn't matter because it is action that counts. Jesus offers salvation and this is the link that ties faith and works together in God's love. Works alone lack vertical dimension that links life with the divine. Jesus offers us life empowered by God which enables us to master that life in this world and offers life eternal in the world to come to those who will accept Him. Worship to God should be as much a part of our lives as eating and sleeping. It can be if you will only let it.

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## NEWS NOTES

### Leagues to Meet at Christian Chapel

"Building on the Solid Rock" is the theme that has been selected for the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues to meet at Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, near Pink Hill, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 10, 1979. Again this year the project of the convention is to give money for the new building at Cragmont. Although the building will soon be completed, a great deal of money is needed to repay the loan and to furnish the building.

Each league is requested to send at least \$75 or as much as possible, to the convention for the state project. Leagues are also reminded that the suggested contribution toward the expenses of the convention has been raised to \$10 (or more).

A regular feature of the convention is the Junior and Intermediate Sword Drills. Study materials were passed out at the convention last year, or were mailed to each league afterwards. However, if any league needs copies of the study material, they may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Norman Ard, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572. Only one contestant from each league should enter.

The Executive Committee has planned the program to conclude at 12:30, followed by lunch. There will be no afternoon session. Therefore, when report blanks are received from the corresponding secretary, it is urgent that

the reports and contributions to the convention plus the money for the state project be mailed in so that the information can be tabulated before the convention is in order to lessen the work of the Digest Committee. Reports and funds for the state project should be sent to Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville, North Carolina 28590.

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### Gospel Sing, Free Union Church

Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Greene County, will have a Gospel Sing, on February 11, featuring the Psalms Quartet, from the Greenville area. The time of the service is 7 p. m. Everyone is invited.

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### Saints Delight Church to Have Barbecue

There will be a barbecue dinner at the Saints Delight Free Will Baptist Church, Aurora Road, New Bern, on Saturday, February 10, 1979, from 11 a. m. until 7 p. m.

## PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

"I am determined that I'll not go through this again!" he yelled at his young wife as he jumped up and left the dinner table. The incident finally ended in a divorce. It was finally disclosed that she said something that reminded him of his wife of his previous marriage.

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## What Education Means At Mount Olive College

February is designated as Education Month. At Mount Olive College, education means service to God, the church and the community by offering the highest quality of liberal arts education within a Christ-centered atmosphere.

The educational objectives at Mount Olive College are defined in terms of the quality of life which it desires students to develop while attending.

### Faculty Study Too

Because the College is dedicated to providing the most effective means of faculty assistance to students, MOC faculty attend on-campus seminars by guest lecturers through educational opportunities such as the ACCTion program.

For example a recent seminar held in January featured two visiting professors from a South Carolina College presenting views on "Education in a Technological Age."

### Educational Opportunities Vary According to Needs

The College programs have expanded through the years to offer opportunities for every student's needs.

Academic courses are offered through day class schedules for five-, three-, and two-day weeks. Evening courses are offered Monday and Tuesday, 7—10 p. m. for persons unable to attend during the day. Mount Olive also offers extension programs at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

### Cooperative On-the-Job Training

The Cooperative Education program is an optional opportunity for students to cut educational costs while integrating classroom study with practical work experience in industry, education, business or government work. Students

aspiring to rise quickly in a desired field may find this program especially desirable.

### Special Grants Available

Special grants are offered for ministers and wives as a service to the Free Will Baptist Church. Other scholarships and grants are offered through individual programs of study such as art, music, or athletics as well as merit scholarships. Church matching scholarships are available for all Free Will Baptist students.

### A Student's Point of View

MOC Sophomore Denise Powell, an accounting major who plans to attend North Carolina State University next year, expresses her feeling about Mount Olive College:

"I've found Mount Olive a place where I am strengthening my academic studies and also my spiritual commitments before I must attend a large university. I realize that when I reach N. C. State, I will not have professors who are willing or able to give me time like they do here."

Denise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Powell of Smithfield, and is a member of Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church.

### Institute Studies Available

Another outreach in church services is the Paul Palmer Institute of Christian Studies.

As a service to those ministers and laypersons seeking deeper study into the Free Will Baptist Church and the Christian's walk, the Institute offers in-depth study courses on and off campus to meet these needs and desires.

Certificates are available for those interested or courses may be taken for self-fulfillment only.

### Education? Just Ask

Persons interested in broadening their educational outlook are always welcome to inquire at Mount Olive College. Either write or call: Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina (919) 658-2502. Someone is waiting to answer your questions.

### DID YOU TRY TO CALL MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE?

If you tried to call the main telephone number (919) 658-2502, at Mount Olive College during the week of January 22 and did not get an answer, it was not that we ignored your call or were on vacation. On Sunday night (January 21) a transformer on the New Campus burned out and left the Henderson Building, which houses the administrative offices and Moye Library without electricity until Thursday night (January 25).

Except for Monday morning, classes continued un-interrupted by being re-assigned to temporary locations in the Chapel, dormitories, and on the Downtown Campus.

The College appreciates the cooperation of its personnel and students in making the necessary adjustments during this period and we especially appreciate the personal services of Mr. Emmitt Jones, a foreman with Carolina Power and Light Company and a part-time student at the College, for his initiative and hard work in helping to locate and install a new transformer.

W. Burkette Raper

### NEW CREATIONS TO SING

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of song and testimony at Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, in Beaufort, on February 11, at the 11 a. m. worship service. The Rev. Charles Richardson is pastor.

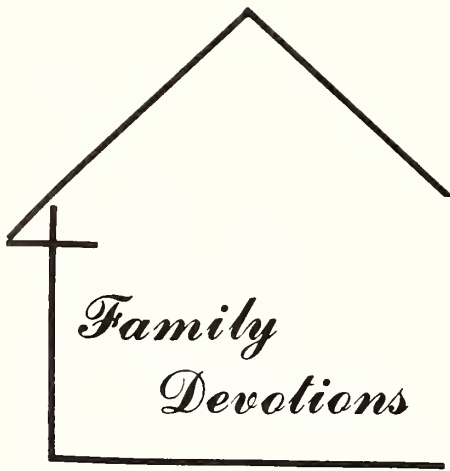
The gospel group will appear at Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, near Newport, for the Sunday evening service beginning at 7 p. m. The Rev. Gurney Chase is pastor.

### DR. RAPER TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak on

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## Family Devotions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

Scripture Reading—John 3:16

**"I KNOW NOW HOW"**

"I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe,  
Could in the Godhead be,  
I only know the manger child  
Has brought God's life to me.

"I know not how Calvary's Cross  
A world from sin could free.  
I only know its matchless love,  
Has brought God's love to me."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*There is not a more beautiful verse in the Bible than John 3:16! It is considered the greatest and most used passage in the Bible. It is the first verse in the Bible that a child learns to say. It stays with you when you are old and gray. Why not whisper it right now!*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

Scripture Reading—Luke 7:42

**MOTHER'S ABUNDANT PARDON**

Out in a certain town in Pennsylvania there was a young man who got tired of home and the farm; so he went to the city. He ran wild and plunged to the depths of sin. His parents had never heard from him. By and by sin began to pall, and he wondered if he could find welcome if he went back. So he went to work, and obtained enough money to take him back home. When he got to the old home station, he was so ashamed of his rags that he boarded the train again and went on a few stations farther. Then he sat down and wrote a letter home. It was the first in years. He confessed how sinful he had been, and asked his parents' forgiveness.

He told them he would be coming by the next day, and if they would forgive and welcome him again, they should hang a sheet on the clothesline as a token. What did the mother do? She got all the sheets in the house and hung them on the line. That was the sign of abundant pardon. And that is just how God does things—on a large scale.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*How many of you remember the story of the prodigal son? Did not his father welcome him back into the fold? Jesus will welcome His sheep back into the fold.*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 11:28

**HOW THE WORD WAS CUT  
INTO HIS HEART**

When the Christians in Lahore, India, wanted to stamp Matthew 11:28 on the back of Gospels they had printed, they found they could not obtain a rubber stamp with which to do it. The only way to obtain this stamp with the words of the Lord Jesus on it, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," was to get a clever Mohammedan to cut the words in rubber for them. This follower of the false prophet did a good job for the saints. He also cut according to instructions the address of the church in the rubber. But while the Indian was doing his work on the soft rubber, God by His Spirit was doing a work in the heart of this Oriental. What was the surprise and joy of the missionary when the rubber stamp was finished to hear the Mohammedan say: "While I was cutting those words in the rubber, God was cutting them in my heart."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Have you ever been so downhearted and blue that you could not sleep? You should take your burdens to the Lord in prayer. He will comfort you.*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:11

**ONE TO DIE BY**

Lady Powerscourt lay dying in her castle. A friend who was on intimate terms with her came into her room.

and said, "How are you today, Lady Powerscourt?"

"Very well; I will tell you what I have been thinking of. I have been thinking that one needs a great many scriptures to live by, but only one to die by."

"And what is that, your ladyship?"

"The only scripture that a person needs to die by is this: 'The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth from all sin,' and that verse was never sweeter to my soul than at this moment."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Are you prepared to die? Do you hope to live with Jesus? Are you a Christian? Prayer will help you concerning this matter.*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:8

**THE WHY OF THE  
REFORMATION**

In the dawn of the English Reformation, when the great Bible, just translated, stood on its desk chained to a pillar in the cathedral, the people gathered in throngs, and standing on the stone floor, listened attentively, hour after hour, and if the reader paused would cry out, "Read on! Read on!"

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*What more pleasure can a person have than from reading the Bible? He can find the answer to many problems and the ways to deal with them.*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 25:11

**WHEN THE TRUTH HURTS**

Years ago, before "civilization" had penetrated the remote regions of Africa, a white man presented a mirror to the chief of a tribe. He did not know what it was. He looked into it and saw a frightfully ugly face; then sensing that he was seeing the image of himself he dashed it to the ground and broke it into fragments. Someone might say of him, "He was only a savage; an educated person wouldn't be so foolish." Wait a moment! In the city of Boston, at a society of artists, was mentioned one who painted beyond the skin-deep beauty and expression of his subjects, and where

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he character warranted it had brought out the latent traits and portrayed almost the very soul of the person. Among his patrons was a Boston lady. When she received her portrait from him, she studied it while. Then she recognized the fact that the artist had laid bare her true character on the canvas. Furiously she seized a knife and cut the face from the painting and destroyed it. Why should an african slave and cultured Bostonian both act in this extraordinary manner? Is it not that men and women of all sorts cannot bear to be told the truth about themselves?

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*How many of you have looked in the mirror and have seen a face that you didn't like and you wanted to change it? Can you really change your personality? You can change and be a Christian, if you aren't already!*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:27

**REMISSION OF SIN**

D. L. Moody had a great many friends among the high officials in the United States. One day he met the governor of a certain state, who said, "Moody, I have decided to respond to a petition of a great many people to pardon a well-known criminal. You are offering pardon to all sinners, I would like you to take my pardon to this man."

When Moody went, all the men were called together in the chapel, and Moody said, "I have a pardon for one of you. I do not know you by face, but here is the name."

Oh, what a breathless interest! Those five or six hundred men scarcely breathed, wondering, "Is it for me?"

When Mr. Moody read the name of the man, something like a shriek came out of the crowd. It was almost more than the man could bear. Mr. Moody talked to him later and offered him remission of his sins *through faith in Christ.*

The governor had a legal right to pardon that man. He gave the document to Mr. Moody, who announced the pardon in the name and with the authority of the state and nation. The governor remitted, and Mr. Moody announced the governor's remission. Only in that sense can any man remit sins.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Jesus will pardon your sins just by believing in Him and trusting Him as your Saviour. What a wonderful person He is!*

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**ATTENTION WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES**

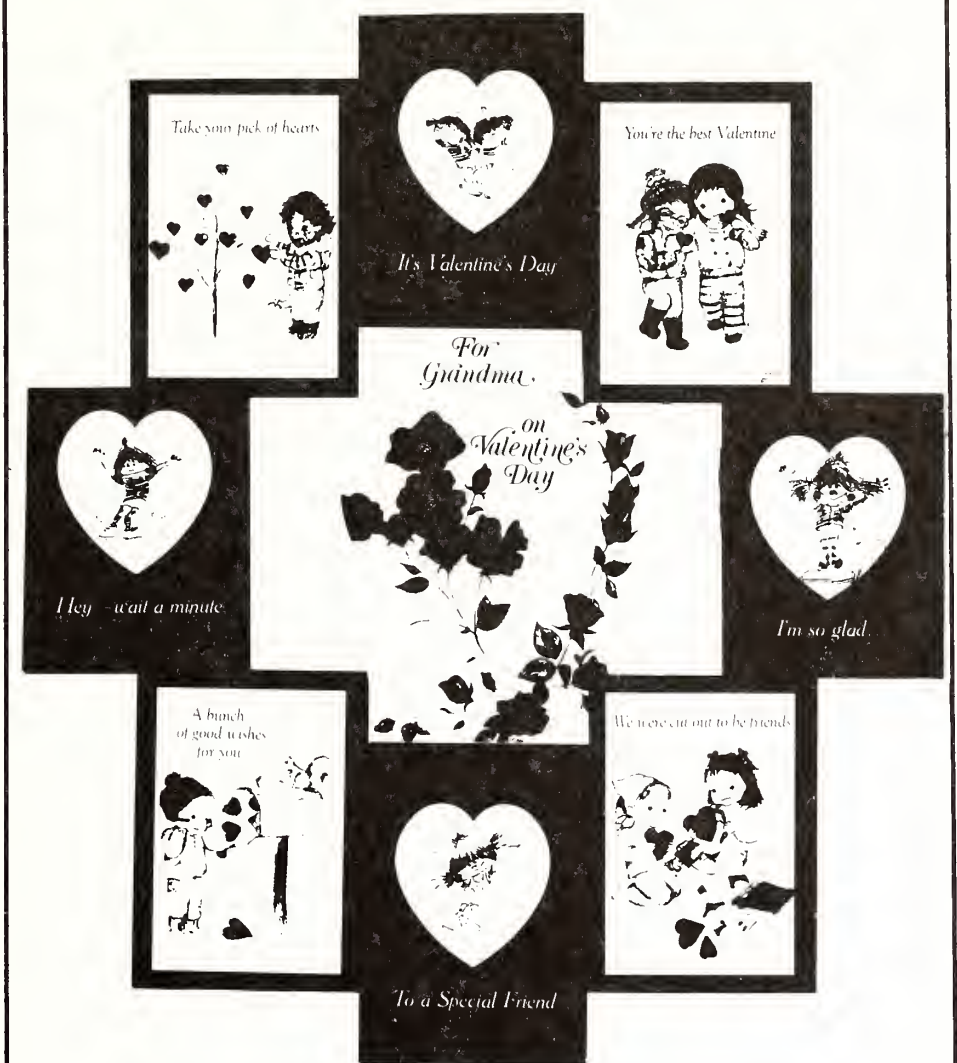
Now is the time for you to collect your per capita dues, if you have not already done so. These dues should be collected during the first months of the year, in

time to be sent to your district treasurer before, or in time for your district convention. The dues are \$.40 per member per year.

Send these dues to your district treasurer; she will keep \$.20 and send \$.20 to your state treasurer. It is necessary that you cooperate in this as these dues provide a part of the funds for the operational expenses of your convention. Singly we can do very little; together we can accomplish much. Let us continue to work together. Thank you.

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser  
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*LITTLE ROCK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Lucama, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. He is the ninth to be accorded this recognition in our paper. Your pastor can be the next one honored. Our editor, Tommy Manning, will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.*

### CHRISTIANITY IS CARING

by Mrs. D. W. Rose

DeWayne Eakes has been our pastor for nine and one-half years at Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, in Lucama, North Carolina.

He was graduated from Mount Olive College in 1967 after finishing at Charles B. Aycock High School in 1965. Then he went to Atlantic Christian College, in Wilson, North Carolina, for two years and came to our church in July 1969.

He was licensed to preach in June, 1964, at his home church, Stoney Creek, Goldsboro, North Carolina, and ordained there October 14, 1965. He was supply-pastor at Hillsberry church in Clinton, North Carolina, while he was at Mount Olive College. He served Rooty Branch church at Mount Olive, and Casey's Chapel, Goldsboro, for three years, 1966—1969.

He married Carolyn Sullivan in August, 1966, who was an LPN at Forest Hills, a private nursing home in Goldsboro. She continued work for a while.

She is a real teammate to him and we have come to know them as just that, a team.

Their one child, Kevin, was born on October 10, 1971, on a Sunday morning. He is in the first grade at Lucama Elementary School. He is a member of the Cherub choir, and of Junior church which meets during regular church hour in the educational building.

My pastor is a born leader and a well-rounded person. He is available to every member of our church, and the people of

the community call on him also. They call for "your pastor," and it soon becomes "my friend, your pastor." Hospital visits are high on his list of daily and weekly schedules. It is a full schedule, because we are a full-time church; but he finds time for an unhurried telephone request or is ready to go at a moment's notice in an emergency.

He sees that the Free Will Baptist paper is available in the vestibule every week, the Upper Room for daily devotions, and many books and pamphlets for interesting reading. This is in addition to the church library.

He is always inviting people to go to denominational meetings and he says, "Come go with me. I'll be glad to have some company." He has served on conference, district, and state level committees. You may see him at the registration table or serving on the resolutions or nomination committee. He has served on the Cragmont Publicity committee, and is presently a member of Cragmont board. He works hard for Mount Olive College projects and encourages our youth to attend. Several times he has been chosen to help ministerial students in pre-graduation pastoral experiences. He will be teaching winter semester in the extension course of the Paul Palmer Institute. He is currently a member of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society and is also on the committee for the **Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Free Will Baptists of North Carolina** as a

representative from the Western Conference. He supports Home Missions and Foreign Missions and encourages our participation. He is secretary of the Western Conference Ordination Board for the second term.

With the permission and encouragement of our church, he attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. We believe he is a credit to the denomination and an example of how one person can reach so many people on so many levels. He earned a Master of Divinity degree in December, 1975, but considers it not beneath himself to put on jeans, go out to help cut up wood with other men of the church, put up paneling, mow grass, or play ball.

He was a volunteer when the Wilson County Crisis Center was formed. He is treasurer of the Wilson County Ministerial Association and through this group has devotions one month during the year at Wilson Memorial Hospital.

He involves as many people as possible in the work for the Lord. He learns from "little birds" if one can type, play piano, tell a story, draw a stick picture, plan a menu for a fellowship supper, make taffy candy, or be a delegate to the convention on a day off from work, "do" windows, stain cabinets, drive a car, or ride a lawn mower.

He might ask someone to lead Junior church, young people's group, sing in the choir, help with nursery children

during services, etc. Some of us have found that we have two or more talents. This builds up interest in the total work of the church.

He has promoted the organization of a young couples' class at Sunday school, men and women softball teams, a choir workshop which led to the hiring of a choir director, a marriage counseling class for engaged couples; he also had a couples marriage growth group study and a new members' class on church doctrine. He has a quarterly meeting for the Sunday school teachers to look into the themes of the following thirteen Sundays and some possible methods of appeal to all ages. This same orientation process is used for new ushers, new trustees, and new deacons. He is putting into practice some techniques for dealing with all ages and all jobs to be done. He has been a student of the educational course on clinical pastoral work at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, under a chaplain there and also studied in the Life Enrichment Center in Raleigh. He saw a need for an early breakfast meeting with the church men and any non-church men at a local restaurant. You may find him anywhere.

He has a study desk at his home and a study room at the church, both with telephones so he can be reached easily. He studies for his sermon early in the week and gets out a church bulletin.

He is a dedicated man of God, wholly surrendered, who gives "the way of salvation" every Sunday. He uses all translations of the Holy Bible, because all of them tell us the same message: that God loves us and we should love Him, repent of our sins, and get to work loving other people. He has often said he is never quite satisfied unless we have done our best, and he includes himself in that by setting a good example of tithing his salary and in giving or asking for suggestions. He is quick to say, "I appreciate what you are doing and I'm glad I can depend on you."

We have written and adopted a local church constitution, and our church history was printed by the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina, as a part of our "centennial" celebration in 1971.

During his years here, the church building has had a face-lifting inside and out. Stained-glass windows have been added; a new roof and aluminum siding

to the whole building; the sanctuary and classroom in the adult department have been recarpeted and an organ purchased; a complete new lighting system has been installed, and inlaid floor covering has been put in the educational building. This past year the need for a fellowship hall was realized in the building of "Heritage Hall" which gives us extra Sunday school rooms, a dining-assembly area, kitchen, and two bathrooms.

The parsonage has had a new roof, added double carport, utility room, and one-half bath, and a new heating and air conditioning system.

Mrs. Eakes has worked part-time this year at Carolina Clinic in Wilson and is now at the Medic Home working two or

three days a week. She taught a crafts class to our church women on Chrismons (religious symbols) for our beautiful Christmas tree last Christmas. She is treasurer of our local woman's auxiliary and led in the formation of Circle No. 4 for the younger women of the church and is secretary of the Children's Home Board of Directors. She promoted the idea for an appreciation banquet in November for our women in the church over 70 years old.

We are thankful for this couple both as a team and individually, for their efforts and devotion to our church program. We honor our Lord who surely will reward them with a "harvest in due time if they faint not." God give us the strength to follow this untiring leader.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 15 Years Ago

"Felton C. Godwin of Newton Grove, North Carolina, was ordained into the Free Will Baptist ministry by the board of ordination of the Cape Fear Conference at services at Oak Grove church, Sampson County, North Carolina, Sunday evening, December 29."—**News and Notes**

"The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, will be host to the Second Western District Youth Rally on Saturday night, February 1, at 7:30. Every Free Will Baptist youth, as well as adults, are especially urged to attend this meeting. Films taken at Cragmont Assembly will be shown. It should be of special interest to you to see the assembly and its activities."—**News and Notes**

"Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Johnston County, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, January 26, as Mount Olive College Day, the Rev. Ed Miles, pastor, has announced. President W. Burkette Raper will speak at the 11 a. m. worship service."—**Christian Education**

"Beulaville Church—Beulaville, North Carolina—If I were you, I'd be a Christian. I would be a member of the church. I would own a personal copy of the Bible and read it daily. I would witness and tell others about Christ. I would be a tither. I would realize that my faith is a weapon that God has given me to fight sin and overcome the devil."—**Bits from Church Bulletin**

"When making Life Membership Awards, send the money (\$25.00) to Mrs. Raymond Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, North Carolina. Also notify Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury, of the person's name and whether they are using gold-filled pins or 10k gold pins. The woman's auxiliary pins are to be ordered from the Free Will Baptist Press."—**Woman's Auxiliary News**

"Registration for the spring semester brought 34 new students to the campus of Mount Olive College and pushed the total enrollment for the year to 260. This year's student body shows a fifteen percent increase over the 229 students who enrolled during the 1962-63 academic year."—**Christian Education.**



# Home Missions



*Joint Baptismal Service*

On January 28, three missions of the Fayetteville and Hope Mills area held a joint baptismal service. They were: Haymount Mission, Catalpa Mission, and Victory Mission. Director Hill reports that two-thirds of our new home missions converts are saved during the home visitation program.

The Victory Mission is to be commended for giving their incoming pastor, the Rev. Charles Parrish, their full moral and financial support before he was able to assume his duties because of illness. Their outgoing pastor, the Rev. Bobby Murray, has done an outstanding job and expects to remain in home missions work.

## HAYMOUNT MISSION REPORTS SUCCESS

The Haymount Mission of Fayetteville responded to an evangelistic outreach program as presented by their pastor, Taylor Hill. They reported a thirty percent increase in attendance for the last two weeks in January.

The Rev. Dale Albertson of Free Spirit Mission reports that they have a special evangelistic program underway.

## QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 1978—December 31, 1978

### ALBEMARLE

Albemarle District Sunday School Convention	\$ 4.00
Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention	107.00

Albemarle Union Meeting	6.00
Cape Colony Mission	50.00
Free Union	163.00
Hickory Chapel	182.11
Mount Tabor	56.00
Mount Zion	70.00
Piney Grove	25.00
Sidney	106.09
Union Chapel	113.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 882.89</b>

### CAPE FEAR

Bethel	\$ 31.00
Cape Fear Conference	38.51
Catalpa Mission	25.00
Goldsboro, First	110.00
Haymount Mission	600.00
Hopewell	74.53
Lee's Chapel	40.00
Palmer Memorial	63.01
Powhatan	20.00

Riverside	500.00
Shady Grove	28.50
Smithfield, First	170.00
Tee's Chapel	75.00
Victory Mission	8.39
Wooten's Chapel	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,808.94</b>

### CENTRAL

Aspen Grove	\$ 10.00
Ayden	35.00
Bethany	62.46
Black Jack	107.50
Daniels Chapel	270.00
Dilda's Grove	10.00
Edgewood	87.53
Dawson's Grove	20.00
Elm Grove	250.00
Free Union (Greene County)	10.00
Friendship (Greene County)	474.01
Greenville, First	235.00
Grimsley	81.87
Harrell's Chapel	225.00
Hickory Grove	34.25
Howell Swamp	5.00
Hugo	120.00
Hull Road	285.50
King's Cross Roads	28.65
LaGrange	16.00
Little Creek	11.50
Marlboro	10.00
Ormondsville	20.00
Otter's Creek	221.38
Owens Chapel	5.00
Peace	19.25
Piney Grove	20.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Reedy Branch	389.74
Roanoke Rapids	2.50
Rocky Mount, First	195.00
Rose Hill	100.00
Rose of Sharon	12.50
Saratoga	160.00
Second Union Sunday School Convention	100.00
Spring Branch	10.00
Tarboro, First	300.00
Watery Branch	15.00
Williamston, First	104.00
Winterville	266.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,339.91</b>

### EASTERN

Antioch	\$ 100.00
Arapahoe	462.74
Beaufort Mission	35.00
Bethlehem	10.00
Bethel	20.00
Beulaville	120.00
Bridgeton	58.00

Christian Chapel	5.00
Crab Point	66.00
Core Creek	30.00
Dublin Grove	10.00
Faith Mission	77.64
Fifth Sunday School Convention	10.00
Fifth Union Meeting	25.00
Holly Springs	135.00
Juniper Chapel	20.00
Kinston, First	20.00
Macedonia	83.00
Mount Zion	50.00
Oriental	14.00
Pearsall Chapel	87.50
Pilgrim's Home	150.00
Pilgrims Rest	42.00
Piney Grove	143.82
Saints Delight	324.58
Saint Mary's	180.00
Sandy Plain	985.64
Sound View	50.00
Spring Hope	21.00
Third Union District	25.00
Wardens Grove	109.63
Warsaw, First	24.45
Welcome Home	250.00
Whaley's Chapel	206.70
Wintergreen	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,986.70</b>

**INDIVIDUALS**

Adcox, John	\$ 10.00
Aycock, Ralph	100.00
Ballard, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E.	15.00
Brinson, J. C.	20.00
Caton, Jesse	10.00
Coats, C. M.	25.00
Creech, Sharlene	10.00
Crumpler, Larry and Cathy	10.00
Duncan, Lester and Nancy	40.00
Fowler, Edna	25.00
Furlough, D. H.	10.00
Harris, Dennis I.	60.00
Hill, John David	10.00
Hill, Taylor	20.00
Kennedy, Arthur	100.00
Phillips, Luby and Alice	10.00
Slone, Clifford	15.00
Thompson, Cooper	50.00
Toler, W. H.	50.00
Woodall, Johnny	20.00
Yates, Joseph and Doris	70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 680.00</b>

**PEE DEE**

Cypress Creek	\$ 17.00
Emerson	500.00
Freedom Mission	200.00

Mount Calvary	50.00
Oak Grove	266.01
Pee Dee Association	172.47
Pee Dee Union Number 2	100.00
State Youth Convention	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,455.48</b>

**PIEDMONT**

Baptist Road Cathedral	\$ 50.00
Heritage Mission	71.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 121.90</b>

**WESTERN**

Barnes Hill	\$ 200.00
Branch Chapel	500.00
Calvary	100.00
Durham, First	20.00
Everett Chapel	122.30
First Western District Sunday School Convention	25.00
First Western Union	100.00
Flood's Chapel	13.00
Free Union (Nash County)	20.00
Fremont	100.00
Kenly	15.72
Little Rock	313.75

Mount Zion	25.00
People's Chapel	7.01
Pine Level	280.00
Piney Grove	75.00
Pleasant Grove	98.39
Rains Cross Roads	10.00
Rosebud	192.00
Saint Mary's	430.19
Selma	25.00
Sherron Acres	150.00
Spring Hill	20.00
Stony Hill	75.00
Trinity	350.00
Unity	25.00
Western District Youth Fellowship	25.00
Western District Auxiliary Convention	13.12
Wilson, First	187.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,517.48</b>

**OTHERS**

North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary	
Christian Service Fund	\$ 135.71
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$16,929.01</b>

**MOUNT OLIVE**

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Christian education and the work of Mount Olive College at the 10 a. m. service of Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, in Ahoskie, Sunday, February 11. He will also preach at the 11 a. m. worship service.

The Rev. Robert May is pastor.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

For February 18

## EXTENDING RECONCILIATION AND REDEMPTION

**Lesson Text:** Colossians 1:9-20

**Memory Verse:** Colossians 1:10

### I. INTRODUCTION

In a **Peanuts** cartoon strip little Linus stood at a window watching it rain. As the rain continued, Linus' concern began to grow. Soon he was so upset that even Lucy noticed. "What's your problem?" she asked.

"This rain," he replied. "If it keeps on raining, it will flood the whole world, and we'll all drown."

"Nonsense," answered Lucy. "God promised in the Bible that He would never send another flood over the whole world."

"Oh, what a sense of peace and relief that knowledge gives me," responded Linus.

"Yes," concluded Lucy, "sound doctrine has a way of doing that."

Our lesson deals with reconciliation and redemption, two subjects of crucial importance if the world is to know peace. Yet the church is often not able to offer reconciliation because it has been disrupted by false doctrines. All kinds of human schemes have been proposed to save man from his predicament, yet because these plans are not based on God's Word, they cannot succeed.

Let this lesson be a call for men to search the Scriptures to find God's will for them. Then let them gain the strength and courage to commit their lives to that cause.

This lesson comes from Paul's Epistle to the Colossian Christians, written about A.D. 62 during Paul's first Roman imprisonment. Paul's letters to the Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Philemon, were written at about the same time and are sometimes referred to as his "prison epistles."

Colossae was located in the western part of Phrygia in Asia Minor not far from Laodicea. Since it was a major trade route through Asia Minor, the city had enjoyed a flourishing trade in wools and dyes. However, by the time this letter was written the city was already suffering a decline in its commerce.

Paul apparently had not visited the church at the time he wrote this letter (2:1). However, he had contact with the church through some of his companions who may have preached there during his three-year ministry in Ephesus. He sent his letter by Tychicus, who was returning to Colossae with the converted slave, Onesimus.

Paul was concerned about the Colossians because in their midst a type of false teaching had developed that threatened to subvert the Christian faith. A good deal of the letter is given over to refuting its teachings. Paul met the false teachings, not with an appeal to the Old Testament Scripture nor to his own authority, but with a presentation of the majesty and authority of Christ.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Since all of our Bible text for today is taken from the Epistle to the Colossians, let's take a few minutes to get acquainted with the epistle as a whole. First, we will take a look at the Colossian church to whom the epistle is written. Second, we will think briefly about the writer of this epistle. Then, finally, we will try to determine the reasons for his writing the epistle to this church at that time.

B. The Bible does not contain any record of the establishment of the Colossian church, in fact, Colossae is not even mentioned in the Book of Acts. Therefore, all of the information we have about the Colossian church must be derived from the epistle itself. The

founder of this church was probably Epaphras, "who is for you a faithful minister of Christ" (1:7), and himself (Colossian 4:12).

C. The Colossian church was troubled by a dangerous heresy that threatened its well-being. We do not know all of its tenets, but it seems to have been both Judaic and Gnostic in character. There was an insistence on legalism and ritualism on the observance of holy days, and on asceticism. The congregation also practiced angelolatry, the worship of angels, and believed in the inherit evil in all matter.

D. The Pauline authorship of this epistle has been questioned. Bible scholars now seem to agree that it was written by the Apostle Paul. Evidence for this comes from within the epistle itself and from the witness of early Christian writers. So we may say with some assurance that the Apostle Paul was its author, who wrote after hearing from Epaphras the disturbing news about the heresy of Colossae.

E. The theme of this epistle to the Colossians is the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Curtis Vaughn, in his book **A Study Guide to Colossians**, says, "Each of Paul's letters has some salient thought. For example, in Romans and Galatians the central theme is justification by faith; in Ephesians, the unity of the church as the body of Christ; in Philippians, the joy of Christian living; in Thessalonians, the doctrine of last things. Colossians proclaims the absolute supremacy and sole sufficiency of Jesus Christ."

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

The story of William Carey, the pioneer missionary to India, holds a fascination not only for missionaries, but also for all other Christians who are inspired by knowing someone who has fully committed his life to God.

William Carey was a cobbler before undertaking his life's work. In the early days of his career he kept a map of India before him in his shop, stopping every so often to study it. He longed to go there to preach the gospel.

He did a great deal of preaching and teaching while still a cobbler, with the result that his trade dwindled. One day a

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# Priority Quotas

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard

**A**RE we meeting our quotas?

This question was posed recently to an Original Free Will Baptist Church. The membership had seen financial reports that showed its active support financially to the denominational enterprises had been better than most.

As pastors, most of us urge our churches to pay their share in meeting the expenses of operating the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex; Mount Olive College; Pragmont Assembly; the Superannuation plan; the Sunday School Convention; Home and Foreign Mission programs and projects; the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation; and Church Finance, along with efforts of the conferences within the North Carolina State Convention.

This we should do. Perhaps all of us aren't doing as much as we should in our financing these denominational functions.

But, what has happened to an all important quota that every church should set: our quota of saved souls?

Recently we heard a conversation between some ministers of various denominations. The concern was over the changes of recent years in revivals. It soon surfaced that few real 'evangelistic' meetings were held, even among churches that have thrived off such meetings in the past.

'Why is it that no one, or at least very few, walk the aisle to a tearful rendezvous with the Holy Spirit at an altar dedicated to prayer for the lost?' was a question posed by one minister.

Another asked: 'Why is it we put little emphasis on people getting right with God and so much emphasis on people joining the church?'

Only a few years ago instead of the one-week-long protracted meetings we now hold in our Free Will Baptist churches, people were afraid to set a limit on the working of the Holy Spirit. A meeting would be announced with a beginning date with the understanding among the people that the ending date would be left open until it was ascertained just how much interest would be shown.

I'm no old man, but I can recall in my adult lifetime some meetings held in Pitt, Beaufort, Pamlico, and Craven Counties when layworkers, as well as host pastors, would not dare say a so-called "Revival" would be held during six or seven nights.

Revival began as much as two or three weeks before the scheduled services as cottage prayer meetings were held in homes. During the evangelistic meetings, there would be prayer and praise meetings held in the mornings; pastors would arrange (whenever possible) to get evangelists on local radio or interviewed in the local newspapers; visitation teams would begin knocking on doors of the community a week or more ahead to (first) talk to people about their salvation; and (second) about attending church during the meeting.

It was at Lowlands in the early '50s that we saw during a revival in the Free Will Baptist church there such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that several older persons, some hardened

fishermen, came to know Christ. There were prayer services half an hour before the evening meetings; and one or two nights, some of the more concerned remained an hour or two after the meetings to join in ardent, fervent prayer for the lost.

The results: over 20 were claimed as first-time converts, with the average age in the 40s. People in the church and community were revived to the extent that the revival continued for years.

Just last fall, in a revival at one of our churches, the pastor urged his people to come out 20 minutes early each evening to gather for prayer. He earnestly felt led of God to get his people on their knees to pray for the lost and the spiritual condition of some members.

The first night, the pastor and a deacon were the only ones in the designated prayer room. The second night saw only the pastor on his knees. Then, the third night, no one met. It was dropped for lack of interest.

This is only an example of the failure of people to be concerned in meeting the "quota of lost souls saved."

What is the quota for each saved person to reach? The quota is unlimited. But, it stands to reason that if every born-again Christian would win only one soul for Christ, there would be much rejoicing in Heaven.

The number "seven" has been used as a number to indicate "completeness" and although God requires us to replenish the earth through nature's processes, the term "fourfold" has been connected with this. Therefore, most hang onto the idea that each man and woman should have four offsprings.

In recent years, with suffering rampant among nations that have let the reproduction cycle get out of hand, medical science and family counselors have urged that family sizes be diminished to only two children.

So, if we reproduce spiritually and each child of God is able to see only two others truly born again, just think how this would bring about a lasting imprint upon the Christian cause.

With this in mind, it would be hard to say what a "chain reaction" of this immensity would mean to the church. We can only hope that every person would pass along the story of salvation to at least two others, with positive successes.

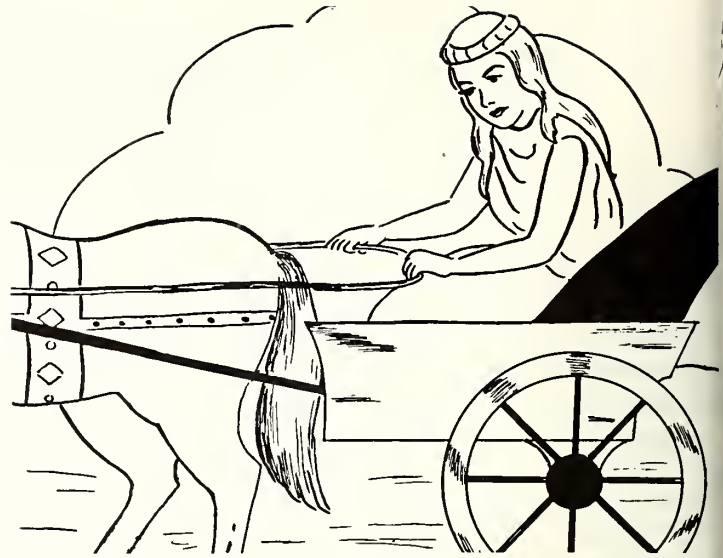
If we are to see such a Spiritual awakening in our homes, churches and our denomination, along with the whole protestant evangelical movement, we are going to have to rely more and more on the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the kind of praying that has through the years brought positive results.

Prayer cannot be confined to a certain time and place. The psalmist writes (Psalm 55:17) "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice." Luke records (11:9) "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Surely we need more "prayed down" revivals.



# Story Corner



## A WOMAN WINS THE BATTLE

**T**ODAY we continue with the battles the Israelites had to fight while they were taking possession of the land promised to them by God.

Joshua was leading the Jews against the people called the Amorites. During the battle, God decided to help the Jews a little and He sent large hailstones. This hail fell on the heads of the Amorites so large that they killed them.

The battle was still raging, and Joshua saw that night was coming. He knew that if they did not win the battle before night it would give the enemy a chance to rest and gather together the rest of its men. It would also give them a chance to plan what they would do to defeat the Jews. Joshua knew that the enemy was almost beaten. It would not be a hard thing for the Jewish armies to do if night did not come just then. So Joshua looked up into the heavens and commanded, "Sun stand thou still!" Wonder of wonders, the sun did stand still!

The sun stood right where it was for almost another whole day. Night held off to give the Jews a chance to defeat the Amorites. Of course, God was the One who caused the night to stay away. He heard Joshua and knew why he wanted more sunlight. God granted Joshua's command. The Israelites won the battle because the enemy did not have the advantage of night to rest and plan.

During the battle, five of the enemy kings hid in a cave. Joshua and his men found them there. Instead of taking time out to go in and capture them, they rolled great rocks in front of the opening to the cave and left them there until the battle was over; then they came back and got them out. They hanged them from five trees. At night they took them down and buried them in the cave where they had been hidden.

Long after Joshua died, Israel was ruled by a woman. They were still fighting battles. God was still helping them.

During one of the battles while Israel was judged by the prophetess, Deborah; the battle was against a commander named Sisera. The Jews were winning the battle and Sisera was beginning to be afraid that they would capture him and kill him. He fled from the battle. While he was running away, he

became very tired. He was passing the tent of a man that he thought was a friend, Heber, the Kenite. He stopped for a rest.

Heber's wife, Jael, invited him in. She said, "Do not be afraid."

He went into the tent and lay down to rest. He called Jael to come and get him some water. She brought some milk instead; then she covered him with a blanket.

He said to her, "Stand there in the door while I sleep. If anyone asks you if you have seen a man here, say that you have not."

When she was sure that he was very soundly asleep, she slipped into the tent where he was. She had a hammer and a huge nail that her husband used in putting up the tents. She placed the nail against his head; then, lifting the big hammer, she drove it into his temples. She nailed him to the ground. There he died; and when the battle was over, the Israelites found him.

These are only a few of the times when God helped Israel in their battles. If you would like to read about more of them, they are found in many of the books of the Old Testament.

Let us review for a moment some of these we have studied.

The first was about the battle of Jericho. God made the walls of the city fall when the priest blew on the trumpets and the people shouted; then the Israelites could enter and destroy the city.

The second was the battle of Ai. The armies of Israel were defeated at first because of the disobedience of one person. When that person had paid for his sin, the armies could again be victorious.

Third, we learned about God sending the hailstones on the heads of the Amorites and killing some of them, and Joshua calling upon the sun to stand still. It did for another whole day and the battle was won for Israel.

The last battle was won by a woman. Jael nailed the head of the king, Sisera, to the ground and won the battle for Israel.

God promised the Children of Israel that this wonderful Land of Canaan would be theirs, but they had to fight and work

or it. God promises us that wonderful things shall be ours, but He expects us to work for them and fight for them if it is necessary. He will help us, just as He helped the Israelites; but He requires that we love Him and obey Him at all times. —**The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Friend approached him and admonished him for neglecting his business.

"Neglecting my business?" said Carey, looking at him steadily. "My business is to extend the Kingdom of God. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses."

As a Christian, whatever our occupation in life may be, our first obligation is to live our commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. And what is that commitment? It is to be an ambassador for Christ, telling men about the redemptive work of our Saviour, and bringing them into a state of reconciliation with God.

We are not called to a life of special privilege, we are called as witnesses for Christ and are to give our lives to serving others. There can be no greater life commitment, and there can be no greater rewards than those which come with obedience to that commitment.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### V. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Commitment Means Sacrifice**—A commitment means sacrifice. A committed employee gives up some of his rights and privileges to get a job done. A committed employer gives up some of his profits to be generous with his employees. A mother often gives up some of her time and luxuries so that the children can have more. If we are committed to Jesus Christ, we should be willing to give up some things for Him and His kingdom. What have you given up for Christ?

Once King David went to buy a site for an altar of sacrifice. The owner of the site welcomed him, but waved away the money for the property.

"Take the place for nothing," he said. "Take also my oxen for the offering; take the wooden threshing tools for the fire. I give them to you freely."

"No!" said David. "No, I will not make a sacrifice that cost me nothing."

**Commissioned**—A missionary was asked, "I suppose you like living in Africa very much?" He said that he did not and was then asked further, "Why did you go then?" A committed person could answer nothing less than what he replied. "I do not like the filth of Africa. My wife and I have high cultural desires. I do not like crawling over goat refuse to enter a hut. I do not like associating with ignorant and filthy people. But I was not called to go to people I like but to a people who need the gospel." God's command says go, and our love for Him constrains us.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

## SOMEONE CARES

by Nancy Frost Rouse  
Lucama, North Carolina

Silent fear  
Oft shed tears  
No one hears.

Burning tares  
Healing prayers  
Someone cares.

## Editorial . . .

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regard to his (Bakker's) keeping of "on-the-air promises" of providing missionaries with monies. It was reported that pledged donations for overseas ministers were used instead to finance other projects and to pay bills "at home."

There have been other allegations as to mismanagement, if not downright deception on the part of leadership in the corporation. And while Mr. Bakker begs for more money and pleads hard, hard times, it is said that the multi-million-dollar enterprise is far from being in the jam claimed. Bakker is reputed to be a convincing, well-meaning fellow, who, while not quite coming through as true blue, has a talent for overstating his problems, which, perhaps to his way of thinking are as real as his ability to switch off and on that winning smile. His exaggerated zeal works to his benefit, as do the popular "Christian" entertainers who appear so frequently on his show.

We have no quarrel with Mr. Bakker or his PTL organization except as he and it may be using deceptive means to fill his (and their) coffers, and possibly for the wrong reasons. We cannot help but allude to the parable in the Scriptures of the man who set out to pull down his barns to build larger ones to accommodate his vast harvest. As we remember the story, the Lord told the man that on that very night his soul would be required.

Take heed, all TV ministers: The use of deception is not the proper way to win souls for the kingdom. Worse than that, God's judgment in such matters will certainly be more severe than man's!

## Coming Events . . .



February—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

February 19—Board of Trustees Meeting, 9:30 a. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

February 21—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

February 21—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, Children's Home, Middlesex



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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## Information—Suggestion Meetings

February is "Christian Education Month" for the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and Mount Olive College would like to use this month to share information on its services and to ask our churches for suggestions on the future directions of the College.

### Purpose of Meeting

#### Our Information: An Update on Mount Olive College

- Educational and Denominational Services Available
- Status of College Hall and Plans for Campus Development
- Perspective on Senior College Status

#### Your Suggestions Regarding:

- Goals and Priorities for the Future
- Evaluation and Recommendations Regarding Annual Dinners and Financial Support
- Church-College Relations—How We Can Help Each Other

### Who Should Attend

Pastors  
College Dinner Chairmen

Church Officers  
Interested Laypersons

### When and Where

Counties	Place	Time
Washington, Tyrrell, Martin Pasquotank and Chowan	Mount Tabor Church Near Creswell	Friday, February 9 7:30 P. M.
Pitt and Edgecombe	First Church, Greenville	Saturday, February 10 10 A. M.
Wilson and Nash	First Church, Wilson	Monday, February 12 7:30 P. M.
Craven, Pamlico, Beaufort and Carteret	Saint Mary's Church New Bern	Tuesday, February 13 7:30 P. M.
Lenior, Greene, Jones	First Church, Kinston	Friday, February 16 7:30 P. M.
Johnston, Wake, Durham	Johnston Union Church Near Smithfield	Thursday, February 22 7:30 P. M.
Wayne, Duplin, Sampson, Harnett, Onslow, New Hanover and Cumberland	Mount Olive College (Rodgers Chapel)	Monday, February 26 7:30 P. M.

President W. Burkette Raper and other representatives from the College will be at each session.  
(If you find it more convenient to attend a session other than the one listed for your county, please do so.)

### A Time for Learning, Sharing, and Christian Fellowship



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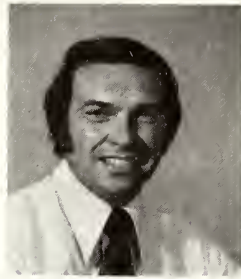
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## I'M SORRY—NOW, WILL YOU LET ME GO?

It is curious to note the increasing number of criminals who, after having been caught, vow that they have experienced a change of heart. They plead plaintively before the judge or jury and promise a different lifestyle if the sentence is light or if the charges are dismissed. To be a little blunt, they'd probably be fools not to suggest an inward change—at least so far as the public is concerned. But such mockery should not be honored by even the most liberal of thinkers.

It is worse than bad for one to use Christianity to bargain his way out of trouble, but is not beneath the dignity of some to cry penitential tears and avow a Christian experience for their own gain. And while some pleas may be legitimate, we can't help suspecting that Christ becomes a mere convenience for some, to be presented as the Friend and Enlightener when nothing else avails.

This hypocritical presentation of discipleship does sway some judges. Other less impressionable or more experienced magistrates can see through the tear-filled eyes and humble postures of the offenders.

While it is conceivable that a change of heart may be real, the crime cannot be undone; and it makes one wonder whether the sentence should be lessened. The **hardened** person certainly will be weighed more heavily in the balances, but the guilty though sincerely penitent person should not be let go with a mere slap on the wrist.

It seems a travesty of justice to allow "I'm sorry; I'm a changed man" make everything right. The pronouncement is not that hard to make under the gaze of a judge or in the face of probable fine, imprisonment, or both. Under pressure, a man or woman will likely try anything to disguise or dismiss his guilt. Moreover, to avoid incarceration, some people will **swear** to anything. A hand on the Bible and one raised heavenward are not significant enough to make some tell the absolute truth.

Only when confronted with the sting of punishment do some people produce conscience or a semblance of such. Only when punishment is imminent do some people modify their belligerence and pretend humility.

We are certainly not heartless. We would not suggest that the book be thrown at everybody who makes a mistake. There are degrees of error; there are little and big crimes. But even though "to err is human," wrongdoing cannot be excused. To rebuke slightly and allow a criminal to go his happy way really does little to help him. There is little favor, if any, in turning one's back to a misdeed.

We must consider the **offended**. All the "I'm sorrys" and "I'll never do it agains" will never undo the hurt suffered by the victim. In the interests of fair play and justice and forgiveness and the Christian model, we must rebuke, reprove, chastise, exhort, and direct the erring. A comforting pat on the back coupled with a reprimand can help, but something firmer is needed. In the spirit of love, we chasten; the Lord projected the idea that he chastens those whom He loves. We are to do no less.

So let's beware the pseudo-repenters. Give every man his due. Gauge the balances honestly. Each man is responsible for the consequences of his decisions anyway—whether those decisions are good or bad. The Supreme Judge is not impressed with insincere repentance. In fact, He is appalled by it! If there is a change of heart, let it be proved rather than accepted at "face" value.

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# God's Grace

by the Rev. Graham Faucette



**A**BRAM received the promises and benefits of God's grace before the law was given. His faith was shown in acts of faith, not in keeping the law. So he is the example of how we can act in faith and be completely righteous by God's grace.

In both Galatians and Romans, Paul taught that the law could not bring salvation, but the law helped to prepare us to receive the salvation that God promised to Abraham before the law. The law brought the knowledge of sin, showed that all men were guilty and lost, so that God could offer righteousness as a gift to anyone who would believe Him and receive it.

When one studies the first chapter of James, he finds the law is like a mirror. I can look in a mirror and see where the dirt is on my face. Then I can take a washcloth and wash the dirt away. The law shows one where the sin is, so that he can come to Jesus to be washed. No one can claim the favor of God as a right he deserves. The law proved that we all deserved to be condemned to death. Therefore, our only hope is in being received by God on the basis of the goodness that He shows toward men who do not deserve it.

The law spoke also of a system of forgiveness and remedy for sin. The sacrifices of the law offered atonement and pardon. The gospel of righteousness without full obedience to the law was witnessed in the law and the prophets (Romans 3:21). By the merits of full obedience, no one was ever saved under the law; but in showing their faith by acts that accepted God's mercy, some were forgiven and saved before Christ came, but

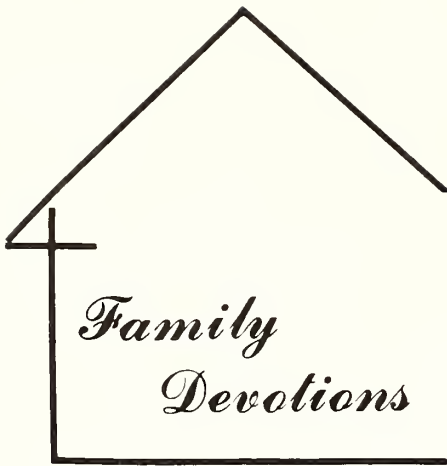
it was on the basis of the atoning death of Christ, applied to them because of their faith (Hebrews 10:10).

The law furnished outlines and illustrations of the system of salvation and of fellowship with God under the new covenant of grace. The tabernacle was designed to be a pattern (type) for shadowing the work of Christ and the relationship of Christians to God as priests. Many ceremonies and rules of the law were shadows of things to come, object lessons to teach basic concepts and to inculcate feelings about pollution and cleansing, about holiness and the dread of being unacceptable to God.

The law proved the need for redemption, promised the Redeemer, outlined and illustrated the plan for redemption. It leads to salvation through faith in Christ (2 Timothy 3:15). The law kept those who lived under it in a kind of bondage. They were restrained in some degree from the excess of evil that would have been practiced without the law. But even the righteous deeds they did were not done freely out of the desires of a good nature, for they were under a sort of compulsion. They did not have the spirit of Sonship that is provided in the new covenant and that allows men to walk in freedom in the spirit (Galatians 5).

Grace is the most active, operative, working principle in the universe. The favor of God is sufficient to guarantee everything that a Christian can really need. Grace is favor, and not right or obligation, and therefore, all grace is free, unmerited favor.





**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Scripture Reading—Romans 10:9

**SOMETHING IN IT  
AFTER ALL**

There is nothing that so takes the joy out of life like unconfessed sin on the conscience. I once heard the late Dr. F. E. Marsh tell that on one occasion he was preaching on this question and urging his hearers on the importance of confession of sin, and, wherever possible, of restitution for wrong done to others. Afterward a young man came up to him and said: "Pastor, you have put me in a sad fix. I have wronged another and am ashamed to confess it or to try to put it right. I am a boat-builder and the man I work for is an infidel. I have talked to him often about his need of Christ and have urged him to come and hear you preach, but he scoffs and ridicules it all. In my work copper nails are used because they do not rust in the water, but they are quite expensive, so I had been carrying home quantities of them to use on a boat I am building in my backyard." The pastor's sermon had brought him to face the fact that he was just a common thief. "But," said he, "I cannot go to my boss and tell him what I have done, or offer to pay for those I have used. If I do he will think I am just a hypocrite, and yet those copper nails are digging into my conscience, and I know I shall never have peace until I put this matter right." One night he came again to Dr. Marsh and exclaimed, "Pastor, I've settled for the copper nails, and my conscience is relieved at last." "What happened when you confessed?" asked the pastor. "Oh, he looked queerly at me, and then said, 'George, I always did think you were just a hypocrite, but now I begin to feel there's something in this

Christianity after all. Any religion that makes a dishonest workman confess that he has been stealing copper nails, and offer to settle for them, must be worth having."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*"Thou shalt not steal" is one of the Ten Commandments which God gave to Moses. These laws still are true today.*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 2:14

**JUST AS I AM**

A little girl, anxious about her soul, waited at the close of one of Moody's meetings. One worker advised her to "Read the Bible." Another to "Pray to God." In agony of soul she went home, got on her knees, and cried, "O Lord, I cannot read, I cannot pray; so take me as I am."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Many of us have sung the song, "Just As I Am" as an invitation. How many of us have accepted the invitation to come to the Saviour? He is waiting for you.*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Scripture Reading—Romans 3:25

**"HE DIED FOR ME!"**

Testified Ned Wright, a converted drunkard and thief:

"Previous to the Boer War I was sitting in a saloon in London drinking and gambling when a recruiting serjeant of the Army came in and asked me to join the army. I was so drunk I did not know what I was saying or doing. I told him I would, so he took me to the Barracks, where I was rigged out in a full soldier's uniform. It was not until the next morning that I realized what I had done.

"Soon after this the Boer war broke out and I was to be drafted out to South Africa. I did not want to go, but a friend was wanting to go badly, who had been refused by the doctors. So we agreed that he should take my name and uniform as we were about the same in height and build, and I should take his name and clothes.

"It was not long after, that it was reported Ned Wright had been killed."

At this juncture of his address I well remember he paused for a moment, looked all over the church, and then

said, " 'He died for me.' Had I not exchanged with him I would have stood in the same place that he stood. I would have received the same bullet that he received, He died for me."

"Jesus the Son of God came down upon earth, took upon Himself our human flesh that we might be clothed with His righteousness, was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, conquered death and hell, and has risen victorious for our justification "He died for me."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Would you have been willing to die for your friend just as this soldier did? Jesus died for all His children because He loved them so. Who else would suffer as He did on the cruel Cross? Praise God for our salvation!*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

Scripture Reading—1 John 1:7

**THE FORGOTTEN SCAR!**

Down South where his memory is still revered they tell you this story of the late General John B. Gordon. Years after the Civil War, Gordon was a candidate for the United States senatorship. The day came when his name was to be put in nomination in his state legislature. In that body was a man who had been a comrade of Gordon during the war. But for some reason the latter had incurred his resentment and the man had decided to vote against the general. When the time came, the roll was being called for the voting. Presently this old soldier's name was reached, and he arose to cast his vote against the man with whom he had fought all through the great struggle of four years. General Gordon was seated at the time upon the Speaker's platform in full view of the legislators. As the man arose his eyes fell upon a scar upon Gordon's face, the mark of his valor and suffering for the cause to which he had literally given his life-blood in battle. Immediately the old soldier was stricken with remorse. As he saw this token of the sacrifice and suffering of the man by whose side he had himself fought he cried out with great emotion: "I cannot vote against him; I had forgotten the scar—I had forgotten the scar!"

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*How many of you have seen pictures of how Jesus died on the Cross? Did you see where His sides and*

ands had been pierced? Remember, was for you that He died.

#### THURSDAY, FEBREUARY 22

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:12

##### GLORYING IN THE CROSS

All who have heard the sacred hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," love it; and it adds to its beauty to learn about how it was written. Sir John Bowring, the noted naturalist, linguist, statesman, financier, was the author. This gifted man was at one time the governor of Hong Kong. It was he who invented the florin, a two-shilling piece greatly used in England. He could write in thirteen different languages and dialects. His education was of the right sort, for it led him to a deeper worship of the Crucified One.

One time when he was in the Orient, he was gazing at a tract of land which had been devastated by an earthquake. He noticed the tower of a church standing among the ruins, and on the top of the tower a cross. The sight of this prompted him to write the great hymn.

##### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Is the cross the landmark for a church? It could be because it was on the Cross that Jesus died for our sins. How many churches do you see that have a steeple with a cross?*

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Scripture Reading—1 John 1:9

##### ALL LIFE CHANGED

An influential Chinese who held high office in the educational life of China accepted Christ. He had magnificent prospects before him: position, influence, opportunity, all were his. The study of the New Testament brought to him the conviction that Christ was the Saviour of men, and his Saviour. After a period of struggle and of counting the cost, he determined upon his confession before men. His dearest friend pleaded with him earnestly, agonizingly. He pleaded in vain. Then he urged him to secret discipleship. "Bow to the tablet of Confucius; it is only an empty form, and you can believe that you like in your heart." It was a struggle, but he replied: "A few days ago one came to dwell within my heart; He has changed all life for me forever. I dare not bow to any other, lest He depart."

##### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Jesus can change all life. He can change the poorest man into a Christian. A person can change by believing Him.*

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Scripture Reading—Nehemiah 9:14

##### A CONTRAST IN BRIDGE BUILDING

The old town bridge of Tzompantepec had given its humble service since the days of Cortes. No longer could it be depended upon to carry the townspeople with their daily burdens. The authorities announced that all men should gather the following Sunday to build a new bridge. The small group of Protestants had been taught to honor the Lord's Day. Together they discussed the serious problem of their new standards, so different from those of their neighbors. Though few in number, they presented themselves before the village president, offering to build half of the new bridge

if only they might be granted the special favor of doing the work on a weekday. Surely the Lord hears the earnest prayers of His children! The request was granted. The Sunday building was a fiesta. Old and young brought their skins of pulque. As the day wore on, bridge building was mixed with carousing. This dilapidated half of the bridge is now compared with the Protestant half—well constructed by a few Christian workers whose consciences would not permit them to build bridges on Sunday!

##### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A bridge will not be any good if it is half constructed. It must be constructed all the way across, so cars, trucks, or whatever can cross over to the other side of the road. This is also true with a Christian. He must give his heart wholeheartedly to God and work for Him. Are you working wholeheartedly for Him?*

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## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 13 Years Ago

"The district presidents of woman's auxiliary conventions are asked to meet with the state executive board on January 22 at 10 a.m. at Parker's in Wilson. Please bring with you your district chairman of the "Woman of the Year" to meet with us at one o'clock.—Mrs. J. C. Moye

"Once a little boy was playing in the woods. When he called aloud he heard the echo of his own voice and thought another boy was mocking him. He was very angry. He ran to his mother, saying that a naughty boy had called him hard names. His mother said, "Go out and call, 'I love you,' and see if you do not get the same reply." The treatment we get from others is often an echo of the way we treat them.—John Three Sixteen

"A fifth Sunday night singing will be held at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Nash County, North Carolina, on Sunday, January 30, beginning at 7:45. Everyone is invited to attend and take part in the singing.—News and Notes

"Sunday, April 24, has been set for 'Grand Open House' on the new campus of Mount Olive College. The Henderson Building and the three-unit dormitory complex will be open for guided tours from 2:00—4:30 p.m.

"All friends of the college are cordially invited."—Christian Education

"Please send all your monies for the work and support of the North Carolina State League Convention to the new treasurer, the Rev. Raymond Jones, 1708 Liberty Street, Durham, North Carolina 27700."—Notice to Leagues

"The Youth Fellowship of the Eastern Conference will be held at Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina, Saturday evening, October 15. The fellowship will begin at 7:30, with Mrs. David W. Hansley, state youth chairman, as the guest speaker. All the youth of this area are urged to attend. Visitors are also welcomed.—News and Notes



The Rev. David Hansley, President of the State Convention, encourages a group of representatives from Wilson area churches to plan a great Foreign Mission service in the area. This group set as a goal for the service, 700 in attendance with an offering of \$6,500. This service will be held at Beddingfield High School, Wilson, North Carolina, February 26, 1979, at 7:30 p. m. Make your plans to attend.



## PLANNING FOR FOREIGN MISSION SERVICES

*submitted by Joseph Ingram*



Upper picture shows a group of ministers in the Durham area as they make plans for a service to be held at Sherron Acres church on March 9, 1979, at 7:30 p. m. A goal for attendance is set for 300 and an offering of \$1,600.

Pictured at right shows ministers and their wives in the Morehead City area that plan for a service to be held on February 27, 1979, 7:30 p. m. Tentative plans for this service is for the Beaufort Elementary School, Beaufort, North Carolina. A goal of 300 in attendance was set for this service. Make your plans to attend.



## The Rev. Ray Williamson

ROCK OF ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Pamlico County, honors its pastor this week. He is the tenth to be accorded this recognition in our paper. Your pastor could be next. Our editor, Tommy Manning, will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise to him.



The Rev. Ray Williamson

### ROCK OF ZION CHURCH HONORS PASTOR

Submitted by the Woman's Auxiliary

In Luke 11:9 we read, ". . . Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; and knock, and it shall be opened unto you." We at Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church did just that, and true to God's Word we received a man of God to shepherd our flock.

The Rev. Ray Williamson came to us in April of 1977. He came from Enfield Baptist Church where he was Youth Minister and Director of Education. Brother Ray is a native of Edgecombe County, the son of Melvin and Sarah Williamson. He is a graduate of Tarboro High School and the North Carolina State University where he majored in Forestry and Agricultural Economics. Upon graduation he became 4-H agent in Lenoir County and served there about three years before becoming youth minister in Enfield. He served Rock of Zion church as a licensed minister under

the guidance of the Rev. Graham Lane until his ordination on May 11, 1978. Since coming here he has studied at Mount Olive College.

Brother Ray's time is filled with three Sunday services, the teaching of the Young Adult's Sunday School Class, Wednesday night study course and choir practice, and the Thursday night visitation program, but never is it too filled for him to show love and concern for the troubled, the sick, the bereaved, and the lost. His concern is not just for those in his immediate area but for those in the surrounding areas as well. Both the young and the old and the in-betweens are blessed by his visits.

We have found him to be a very versatile person; there seems to be no limit to his talents. We hear him sing a lovely melody and minutes later preach a sermon that stirs our very beings.

Under his leadership, the Men's Fellowship has become a very active part of the church. Many projects have been initiated and completed by this group.

Many improvements have been made to the church during Ray's time here, but we count most his accomplishment in the feeling of unity and spirituality felt in our church and community.

Ray married Evelyn Alford of Tarboro on November 22, 1970. They have a son, Brad. Evelyn plays a large part in the Woman's Auxiliary. This year with her help and encouragement, we had our most successful bazaar.

We feel very strongly that Ray and his wonderful family were sent to us by God. They are much loved and appreciated by not just those of the church but the area as well.

## Coming Events . . .

February—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

February 19—Board of Trustees Meeting, 9:30 a. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

February 21—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

February 21—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, Children's Home, Middlesex

March 2—North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists Mid-Year Spiritual Life Banquet, 7 p. m., at the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, meal will be buffet style at a cost of only \$3.50 per person.

**FEBRUARY  
IS  
EDUCATION  
MONTH**

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. James Warren, of Kinston, North Carolina, announces that he is available for a full-time or part-time church. Brother Warren is a member of the Eastern Conference and is in good standing with his conference. Any church desiring to talk to Mr. Warren may call at 527-1648 or write the Rev. James Warren, 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501. He will be glad to come to your church any Sunday or Wednesday night. He will accept a full-time or part-time church.



# NEWS & NOTES

## Heaven Bound Group at Rosebud Church



*Heaven Bound Group*

The Heaven Bound Group from Kinston, North Carolina, will be in concert Friday night, February 16, at 7:30, at Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Wilson, beyond Firestone. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Your Support Is Needed

The parents and concerned friends of the children at the school for the deaf at Wilson are trying to get legislature to approve to build a high school for them at Wilson on the same campus with the elementary school. Currently, the state of North Carolina has three elementary schools to serve its deaf children. They are located at Morganton, Greensboro, and Wilson, but there is only one high school for the whole state, this being located at Morganton. People around Wilson are convinced that a second high school is needed to decrease commuting distance as some children must travel in excess of 600 miles to visit families for the weekend. This would allow children more time to spend with their families and also to continue family involvement in school-sponsored activities, P.T.A. meetings, and in general to keep all in touch with their children and the children with their families.

As concerned people there is awareness that this is a "Hearing World" and deaf children must learn to live in it, but they can do this in a school for the deaf much better where they can get communication skills and a good education that teaches them how to live in a "Hearing World." Therefore, a high school is a very real need for these children.

Mrs. Billy Taylor, of Williamston, states, "We would like very much to have your support and help in getting this proposal passed. Please write letters to the Governor and your State Senator and Representatives in support of a new high school for the deaf."

## Through the Holidays at Robert's Grove Church

On Monday night, November 20, 1978, the woman's auxiliary of Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1,

Dunn, North Carolina, held a Thanksgiving night of prayer at the church. Mrs. Brenda Tyndall was in charge of the program, and gave a very inspiring talk. After the service, the group met in the fellowship hall for refreshments. About 40 people attended the service.

The Vanguard Class Number honored the senior citizens of the church with an appreciation dinner on Sunday night, November 26. A family-style dinner was served on tables lighted with kerosene lamps. After the meal, Peyton Lee sang a special entitled, "Love: Thou Me" and Bobby Johnson introduced his brother, the Rev. Billy Johnson as speaker of the hour. This was followed by remarks by J. T. Faircloth, and Mrs. Brenda Tyndall dismissed the group. A large crowd attended the dinner and enjoyed the evening of fellowshiping very much.

The woman's auxiliary also sponsored a Children's Home benefit drive and this event ended on the second Sunday in December (December 10). The total amount given was \$2,377.66. This included clothing, bed linens, towels, food, money, and many other household items.

Then on Sunday night, December 10, the young people gave the Sunday school Christmas program. It was a very good program and congratulations are due to Mrs. Carolyn Tew, Mrs. Frankie Wrench, Mrs. Susan Faircloth, Mrs. Brenda Tyndall, and Debra Tew for doing a fine job.

The congregation decorated a Christmas tree with their love gifts to Christ for His birthday on Sunday, December 17 during the morning worship service. This was a meaningful experience and there was netted a total of \$568.89.

The evening service for the day was given over to the chancel choir, and their presentation of the cantata entitled, "Down From His Glory." It was well prepared, and brought excitement and thrills to every one present.

The woman's auxiliary held its Pre-Christmas night of prayer on Monday night, December 18. Mrs. Ann Barefoot was in charge of the program and used "The Meaning of Christmas" as the topic for her talk. It was an inspiring program. There were about 40 people attending this service.

The youth choir and quartet were in charge of the special music in the worship service on December 24. They did a splendid job.

During the month of December, the Sunday school classes and different organizations of the church body were busy with their Christmas parties, caroling, and delivering "sunshine baskets" to the aged, and shut-ins of the community. At each gathering, there was fun and excitement as well as fellowship.

#### Mrs. Dianne Riley to Speak

Mrs. Dianne Riley will speak at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, on February 18. Mrs. Riley will teach the adult Sunday school class. She will also speak at the 11 a.m. worship service. Everyone is invited.

#### Four in Christ Sing at First Church, Warsaw

The Four in Christ of New Bern will be singing at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Warsaw, February 17, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### Rosebud Layman's League to Sponsor Senior Citizens Day

The Layman's League of the Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church, located three miles north of Wilson on Highway 301, will sponsor "Senior Citizens Day" on Sunday, February 18, 1979 at the church.

All Senior Citizens, age sixty and over, will be presented with a white carnation upon entering the sanctuary for the 11 a.m. worship service. Some of the Senior Citizens will give their testimonies as a part of the morning worship service.

The Rosebud Quintet and others will offer a message in song during the 7 a.m. worship service. This will be followed by a reception in the fellowship building in honor of the Senior Citizens.

The Layman's League extends a warm welcome to everyone to join them in honoring the Senior Citizens of the church throughout the day. Bruce Steadman is the pastor and Dale Crabtree is President of the Layman's League.

#### Western District Youth Convention

The Western District Youth Convention will be held Saturday, March 17,

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1979, in Rodgers Chapel on the campus of Mount Olive College. Registration will begin at 9:30 a. m. with the business session getting underway at 10 a. m. Special guests for the day will be the Heaven Bound Singers from Kinston, North Carolina. There will be a day of fellowship and inspiration for the youth of the Western District.

The Essay and Declamation contest winners will be announced during the day. The topics for this year along with

the contest rules are listed in the AFC and YFA program books. Copies of the entering declamations and essays must be in Mrs. Alane Vester's possession by March 3, 1979. This is also the time to turn in all money that has been collected for the state youth project.

Send your essays to: Mrs. Alane Vester, Western District Youth Chairman, 1210 South Tarboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina 27893.

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**Treasurer's Report from**

**North Carolina  
Free Will Baptist  
Woman's Auxiliary**

**End of Third Quarter  
January 31, 1979**

Balance in Bank, October 31, 1978 \$3,567.57

**Receipts**

General Funds:			
Contributions	2.00		
Life Award Fees	35.00		
Promotional (CSF)	104.93	141.93	
Denominational Enterprises		<u>7,871.37</u>	
Total Receipts			8,013.30
Total for Which to Account			<u>11,580.87</u>

**Disbursements**

Convention Expenses and Allocations		680.90	
Denominational Enterprises		<u>7,871.37</u>	
Total Disbursed			8,480.27
Balance in Bank, January 31, 1979			<u>\$ 3,100.60</u>

**Banks**

Branch Banking and Trust Company (checking)	\$ 100.60		
Church Finance Association	<u>3,000.00</u>		
Total		<u>\$3,100.60</u>	

**Denominational Enterprises Report**

	Itemized	Received	Disbursed
Church Extension (Home Missions)		773.24	773.24
Foreign Missions:			
General	34.25		
Designated:			
Mexico	225.00		
Bakers	574.41		
Kings	20.00		
State Project (equally divided, among missionary wives)	633.94	1,487.60	1,487.60
Central Conference Mission		10.00	10.00
Mount Olive College:			
General Fund	388.02		
Alice E. Lupton Scholarship	31.50		
State Project	720.50		
Books	15.00	1,155.02	1,155.02
Free Will Baptist Children's Home:			
General Fund	1,374.73		
Clothing	185.00		
Allowance	10.00		
Child Support	230.00		
State Project	509.43		
Birthday Club	20.00		
Christmas Gift	100.00	2,429.16	2,429.16
Superannuation		259.63	259.63
Cragmont Assembly Building Fund		482.50	482.50
Retirement Homes, Inc.,		180.00	180.00
Anna Phillips Loan Fund		4.89	4.89
Life Membership Fees (Cragmont)		140.00	140.00
Church Finance Association		5.00	5.00
Christian Service Fund: (*)			
Missions	209.85		
Mount Olive College	209.85		
Children's Home	157.39		
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Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, **Treasurer**

**SUCCESSFUL STUDY COURSE**

I want to thank each woman that attended the study course on the book, "How to Give Away Your Faith" which was held January 27, 1979, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, in Kinston, North Carolina. We could not have had a study course if you had not been there. Your presence was appreciated. Those that did not attend truly missed a blessing.

We have five speakers, each did a great job in presenting their topics. There were 18 churches represented with 80 women in attendance.

We are thankful for our women of the Eastern District Auxiliary Convention and for the work they are doing for our denomination and our Lord. May the Lord bless each of you.

Mrs. Woodrow McCoy  
**Study Course Chairman**

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please note a change of address for the Rev. James E. Howard from Route 1, Box 115-A, Merritt, North Carolina, to Route 3, Box 71-C, Newport, North Carolina 28570. His new telephone number is 223-5467.

On January 8, 1979, the Rev. Paul Grubbs changed his address from 441 Durham Road, Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587 to Route 1, Box 46, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557. His telephone is 269-8077.

**REALITY PRAYER**

by Nancy Frost Rouse  
Lucama, North Carolina

Lord,  
if I've come to life  
with expectations too high,  
let me down gently  
and temper my disillusion  
with hope.

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

ount Olive, North Carolina

## Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges



Mount Olive Students

Eight Mount Olive College students have been named to the 1978-79 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES. Pictured from left, are, Gerald Herring from Casey's Chapel in Goldsboro; David Hones from Winterville Free Will Baptist Church; Derek Smith of Goldsboro; Helena G. Jordan from Mount Olive; and Pamela Sue Johnson from Calvary church in Wilson. Not present when picture was taken were Kathy L. Koonce and Rose Marie Rand, both of Richlands; and William Christie Moore of Goldsboro.

### NEW CREATIONS TO SING

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of song and testimony at Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, in Bailey, for the worship service at 11 a. m., Sunday, February 18. The Rev. Johnny Boykin is pastor.

The group will present a program at the 7 p.m. worship service at Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, in Greene County. The Rev. Leon Grubbs is pastor.

### DR. RAPER TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, in Wilson, Sunday, February 18, at the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. worship services.

### DR. TRUEBLOOD SPEAKS

On Friday, February 23, Dr. Elton Trueblood will speak in the Mount Olive College auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets must be reserved by sending \$6 per person to Yokefellows Movement, P. O. Box 1612, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

### PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I told my people that I would like to see them excel in good works and make themselves to be just as attractive as possible, for slothfulness and ugliness are very unsightly regardless of their form. God said to Job, "Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty" (Job 40:10). The only time that I can ever recall a dressed-up person not being attractive was when a lady came to church with her wig on backwards.



# The Sunday School Lesson

For February 25

## THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PREPARING FOR MISSION

**Lesson Text:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

**Memory Verse:** Acts 1:8

### I. INTRODUCTION

As a freshman I went out for the university track team. After several weeks of hard work, I wanted to impress the coach with my enthusiasm, and so at the end of practice I approached him and asked, "Coach, is there some exercise I can do that will help me?" Secretly, I was hoping that he would suggest something a little less rigorous than what I had been doing up to that point.

After a moment's thought, he replied, "See that track out there?"

"Yes, sir," I replied eagerly.

"Well, get on it, start running, and keep on running," was his response. In other words, if one wants to improve his running, he has to run. There are no shortcuts.

It is the same with Christian growth. There are no shortcuts. To live more like Christ, we must spend each day working and praying at it.

We learn to do the Lord's work by doing it. But God has not left us totally on our own when it comes to doing His work. He gave us leaders—apostles, prophets, and others—to assist us. He gave us the Scriptures to guide us. And He gave us the church, where, as we work together, we also grow together.

Paul, as he often does, turns from theology to the practical application of that theology. He is concerned that his readers walk worthily of their calling, maintaining the God-given unities as they walk. To this end God has given various ministries to assist struggling Christians.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. If you and I could sit down and talk for ten minutes, when the ten

minutes were over, what would be my opinion as to what was closest to your heart? Jesus Christ does not leave us in doubt about what was uppermost in His mind and heart. He gave the Great Commission to His disciples, and the Holy Spirit thought it was so important that it is recorded in the Bible five different times. This is the only thing that Jesus ever said that is recorded in the Bible that many times. This should tell us something of its importance.

B. Our lesson today has to do with the church preparing to carry out this Great Commission that the Lord gave; therefore, it seems fitting at the beginning of the lesson to look at the five places where this commission occurs in the Bible and note that the Lord gives us a wonderful promise connected with it each time that it is repeated in the New Testament.

C. The first time this Great Commission is mentioned in the New Testament is in Matthew 28:18-20: ". . . All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. . . ." Here the Lord promises His presence. There is a sense in which the Lord is with every Christian, but here is a distinct promise of His presence in a unique way if we are busy carrying out the Great Commission.

D. The second reference to the Great Commission occurs in Mark 16:15-18, when Jesus said to the apostles, ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with

new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Here is the promise of His protection. Note that five things are mentioned here that His apostles were to have victory over: devils, languages, serpents, poison and disease.

E. The third time that the Great Commission is mentioned is in Luke 24:46-47, when Jesus said to a group of disciples, ". . . Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among nations beginning at Jerusalem." Here Jesus outlines the program: first, the suffering of the Saviour on the Cross; second, the Resurrection of Christ from the dead; and then the preaching of His name among all nations. Where is this program to begin? At Jerusalem.

F. The fourth citation of the Great Commission occurs in John 20:19-23: "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus unto them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so I send you." Here the Lord promises peace to His disciples when they are busy carrying out the Great Commission.

G. The fifth reference to the Great Commission occurs in Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Here is the promise of the power that the disciples would need to make the message effective.

H. Our Bible text for today is taken from Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. As we study this passage we will see how God prepares the church for its mission and what we as members of the church are expected to do.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

## II. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In his book, **Missions in the Free Will Baptist Church**, the Rev. C. F. Bowen quotes Wayne King, our missionary to the Philippines, who in turn quotes the definition of the word missionary from a publication called **Reaching Out**. "A missionary is a Christian involved in sharing the love of Jesus and the message of salvation in Him at home, at school, and even to the ends of the earth."

B. Commenting on this, missionary King says, "In **that** sense of the word, every **Christian** is to be a missionary. I heartily agree. You can and you should be a missionary right where you are. I hope you are." (Incidentally, if you have not read this book you should secure one from the Director of Foreign Missions, the Rev. Joseph Ingram, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530. The price is \$1.00.)

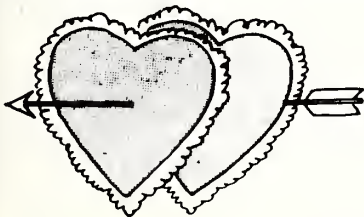
C. Whether or not you are ever called to some region beyond our homeland, the fact remains that God has called everyone to carry out His mission in the world "as a servant people." We have a mission to perform and the Holy Spirit will empower us to carry it out. Jesus told us to go into all the world and witness for Him, and He has assured us that He will go with us, even unto the end of this age.

D. How well we understand our mission and the power behind it will determine how well we obey our own "heavenly vision." It is appropriate that this theme should conclude the lessons for this quarter.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

## V. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

Someone has said that three things are needed to win others: (1) knee oil to help us pray for them, (2) a strong index finger to point the way to God, and (3) shoe leather to be used in going to the unsaved with the gospel of salvation. We may sometimes let up on these three, but we must never give up. With these materials anyone can win others to Christ!—Adapted



## Cragmont Is Yours—

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by the Rev. Douglas Skinner

Cragmont Assembly, Inc. was founded by the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and has served the denomination for almost 35 years. However, many of you have not taken advantage of this YOUR camp.

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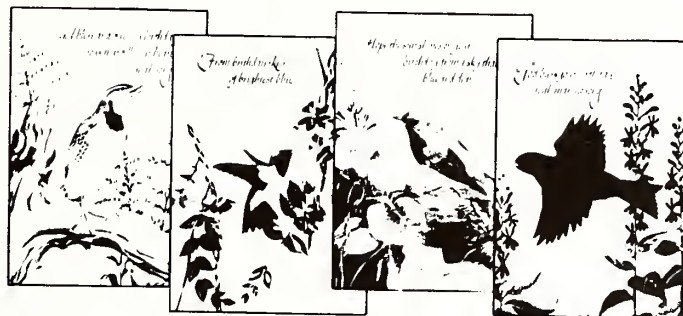
traveling through the mountains may stay overnight. So you as a Free Will Baptist will fit into one of these services Cragmont offers. We wish to encourage you to use these facilities since they do belong to you.

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## STORY CORNER

### RUTH, THE FAITHFUL

EVERYONE loves a pretty girl, especially if she is as kind and good as she is pretty. Our story today is about a girl who is very kind and good. Her name is Ruth.

Ruth lived in the land of Moab; she had fallen in love and married a Jew. His family had moved to her land because there was a famine in the land of Judah. There was not enough food for the people, and the plants would not grow. His father was named Elimelech and his mother was Naomi. He had a brother, also.

When the time came for them to marry, Mahlon and his brother, Chilion, married two of the girls in the country where they now lived. Ruth and Orpah were the names of the girls.

They were very happy for a time, but the misfortune seemed to happen quickly to the family. The father, Elimelech, and the two boys died.

Naomi, the mother, decided to return to the land of Judah where she had first lived. When she decided to go, she told the wives of her two dead sons, "You are young; go back to the home of your fathers; some young men will want you for their wives. There is no need for you to stay with me. I am going back to my own country. I pray that the Lord will be kind to you as you have been kind to me."

The girls did not want to leave her, but she persuaded and Orpah kissed her

and left to go to the home of her father.

Naomi turned to Ruth, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people. You go ahead and do the same, so that I might leave for my homeland. I hear that the Lord has been good to the people in Judah, and the famine there is over."

Ruth put her arms around her mother-in-law and said, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, I will die, and there shall I be buried: the Lord do so to me and more also, if anything but death part thee and me."

Naomi saw that nothing would make Ruth change her mind, and she was glad. It would have been lonely on the trip back to Judah; and after she got there, she would have had no one to live with her.

So Ruth and her mother-in-law went back into the land of Judah. When they got there, they had a hard time finding enough to eat. They were only two women in a land where men owned the land.

They were very poor and did not have money enough to buy food. Ruth was out walking and trying to find a way to get food for herself and Naomi when she stopped to watch the reapers in a field.

To herself she said, "They are wasting so much. There is much dropping behind them as they gather. It

is enough to feed the two of us. I wonder if it will be all right for me to go and pick up what they are leaving?"

She went into the field and started gathering the grain that was left by the reapers.

Boaz, the owner of the field, was looking over the work of his reapers and happened to see Ruth. He said to the overseer of his fields, "Who is the girl that gathers after you?"

"It is the Moabite that came back with Naomi."

Ruth, seeing them, asked permission to gather. Boaz gave her permission, and she continued to gather. He told her also to come in at lunch time and eat with the rest of the women in his house.

After she was gone, he turned to the overseer, "Be sure that enough is left behind for her. See that no harm comes to her."

Day after day, Ruth gathered grain in the fields of Boaz.

He watched her and found that he was falling in love with her.

She told Naomi who owned the fields where she was getting so much grain. "Boaz, my daughter, is our kinsman. Go to him and tell him who you are."

Ruth did, and Boaz told her he had found out how wonderful and kind she had been to Naomi who was getting too old to care for herself. "Only a person who was very good would have done these things. You are young. You could have stayed in your country and found another husband to take care of you. But instead, you came to a strange land, with an old woman, just because you knew that she needed someone to take care of her."

Boaz loved Ruth more and more each time they met. He made the necessary arrangements and then asked Ruth to marry him. Naomi approved of the match and Ruth and Boaz were married.

Now, instead of having to gather the grain that was left by the reapers, Ruth was the wife of a wealthy man. Naomi lived with them.

Some time after they were married, Ruth and Boaz had a baby. They named him Obed. Naomi, a happy grandmother, spent the rest of her life caring for and playing with the grandchild she had wanted.

This child, Obed, was to be the grandfather of the great king, David, whom we will learn about later in the quarter.—**The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**

# On Saying "Yes" "No" and "Wow!"

Someone has said that the difference between a healthy and an unhealthy person is that the former can say "yes," "no," and "wow," while the latter says "maybe," "I hope so," and "so what"! In other words, the healthy person is intelligently decisive and has not lost the capacity to be surprised by the wonder of life.

Indecisiveness is an evidence of a poorly adjusted personality. It is often associated with "that old tired feeling." Often it isn't clear whether the psychic exhaustion is due to the indecisiveness, or whether the indecisiveness is caused by the exhaustion. To be repeatedly trapped on the horns of dilemmas is obviously an uncomfortable and tiring position.

Presumably there is nothing necessarily sinful about being indecisive unless it relates to our relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ and the doing of His will. But habitual indecisiveness certainly does not represent the Christian ideal. Our Lord gave us a perfect example of One who could make up His mind. And above all, He set His face like a flint" (Isaiah 50:7) to do His Father's will. And this included going up to Jerusalem to suffer on the Cross for you and me.

The Bible is a great text on the science of choice, which has been called the science of sciences." By command and by example we are challenged to choose the Lord Jesus Christ and His will as our ultimate loyalty. Bible personalities exemplify the truth that to choose is to live, and to live truly as a real person is to choose wisely. Examples include Joshua, Elijah, Ruth, Moses, the Apostle Paul, and many others. What we do at the major crossroads of life not only reveals what we are but it also has a great deal to do with what we shall become.

How can we cultivate a capacity for discriminating decisiveness?

1. We can follow the wise counsel of William James and cultivate a certain amount of self-discipline for its own sake. Keep the faculty of effort alive in you by little gratuitous exercise everyday,"

said James. "That is, be systematically heroic in little unnecessary points, do every day or two something for no other reason than its difficulty so that, when the hour of dire needs draws nigh, it may find you not unnerved and untrained to stand the test." The will, like every other aspect of the personality, is subject to the laws of habit formation. Every worthy resolve, carried out, results in a stronger moral character.

2. Gather all available facts bearing on the decision, organize them, and select those that are pertinent. Write down the pros and the cons. Consider alternative means of solving the problem. Then decide!

3. But postponing a decision may itself be a wise decision. This is not the same as indecisiveness. Forming premature decisions is often the most dangerous mistake a person can make. A provocative bit of advice by Chester I. Bernard makes this point clear: "The fine art of executive decisions consists in not deciding questions that are not now pertinent, in not deciding prematurely, in not making decisions which cannot be made effective, and in not making decisions which others should make."

4. Recognize that courage is a crucial ingredient. President Andrew Jackson once said, "One man with courage is a majority." The main reason for unhealthy indecisiveness, with its psychic exhaustion, is a lack of courage. Such persons are like the man who, in the parable told by Jesus, buried his talent (Matthew 25:25). They are afraid.

Life is full of calculated risks. In all major decisions, such as choosing a mate or a vocation, we must be prepared to lose as well as to gain. Even love itself may be thought of as vulnerability. Sacrifices are involved in all important decisions, whichever way we choose.

Above all, we need a comprehensive master choice to give the indispensable dimension of directedness to our lives. That master choice, we believe, should be the Lord Jesus Christ and His way.—Paul T. Culbertson.

## THE DREAM

Vallie Coats  
Selma Free Will Baptist Church

I never really believed in dreams  
with life they had no link,  
But I dreamed a dream the other night,  
that made me stop and think,

I dreamed the judgement day had come,  
we were all at the great divide.  
The group to Heaven was very small,  
the other was oh, so wise.

The words the Father said to me,  
I couldn't believe were true,  
"Depart from me, you're none of mine,  
you're one I never knew."

I looked my Savior in the face  
and said, "I served You true."  
He said, "You lived a selfish life,  
your deeds were oh, so few."

"You really only thought of self,  
and hoarded your lands and gold.  
There were others who suffered, and had  
not enough  
and were often hungry and cold."

I began to tremble and weep, as I said,  
"A tenth I gave to Thee."  
"You gave for self glory, and prestige,"  
He said  
"Your gifts were never for me."

The saddest words He'll ever say is,  
"Depart I never knew."  
With head hung low, I was oh, so sad  
for what He'd said was true.

It was only a dream, but oh, I'm glad  
there's another chance for me,  
To walk humbly, and serve Thee Father,  
and give my all to Thee.

Give me the strength and courage, Lord  
to work for Thee, each day  
To enjoy the abundance You've blessed  
me with,  
and be grateful when I pray.

May I live my life for Thee, dear Lord  
until the race is won,  
Perhaps, You'll say, "well done, my  
child,"  
when my work on earth is done.

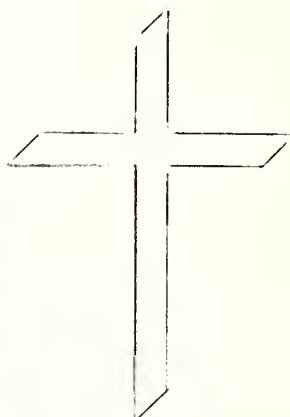
When I see my Savior face to face  
what a glorious day that will be,  
And the most joyful words, He'll ever say  
is, "You belong to me."



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**A CHILD: OUR GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCE**



## BLESSED INNOCENCE— A CHILD'S VIRTUE

The blessed innocence of childhood is perhaps our greatest natural resource. Of serious concern is that we bombard these little ones daily with perplexities of such magnitude that, except for their unbounded resilience, they **and** their innocence would be utterly destroyed.

We expose them to the terrors of life: war, poverty, shame, crime, and degradation before they have first seen beauty and calmness and goodness. We alibi such atrocities as "realistic," and, yes, they are. And while we would not advocate shielding childhood from the inevitable, we do not believe that the horrors should be imposed. Evil days shall come all too quickly, and all too clearly. Often, we of the adult generation are the facilitators, if not the advocates, of that evil.

Mental or emotional abuse is just as bad as, if not worse than, physical abuse. And however unwittingly, we frequently make for these little ones a literal hell on earth. Paradoxically, they are perhaps the closest thing we have to Heaven.

And the proverbial millstone is hung around our necks when we consider—much less propose—offending one of these little ones whom Christ suffered to come unto Him, saying, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Woe be unto anyone of us who ravages their minds and bodies or rapes their souls with sufficient evil to destroy their faith in humanity. And woe be unto us if we don't take measures to **prevent** such cruelty. How devastating for them to fix their eyes on us only to be disillusioned because of our several indiscretions—intentional or unintentional as these indiscretions may be.

Gentleness of nature is wanting in nearly every one of us. It is a refreshing experience to be in the presence of a child, even for a moment. There, we find goodness in everything, no meanness of purpose, absolute trust, obedience to the higher ideals of which many of us have lost sight.

It is interesting that the United Nations has designated this year as the International Year of the Child. For some reason the child is seen as an important "institution." Who can deny the worth of those little ones who break and mend the heart at the same time? Who can discount the importance of malice-free temperament and self-forsaking humility? Who can look at even the most unattractive of these and not feel a tug at his heart? Who can look into their eyes and not wither under their pleading? Only the most hardened, uncaring of persons can willingly harm them. Only the foolishly "courageous" would set out to do them intentional hurt.

As for "rights," every child deserves affection, love, and understanding. Every little one has the right to be brought up in the spirit of peace and brotherhood, to be afforded adequate nutrition and medical care, access to education, guidance toward being a useful member of society, and encouragement toward developing individual abilities. Every child deserves a name and nationality, and the right to make decisions for himself at such a time as he feels he is ready.

It is important that we do not rob children of their identities, but rather that we guide them toward a development of such. As we exemplify citizenship and proper behavior, we promote in them the conservation of that resource we find so valuable: peace and goodwill.

May we, with the poet, pray this prayer:

"O God, make **me** a child  
Like (this) child here—  
Pure, guileless,  
Trusting thee with faith sincere."

Thereby, we may preserve for ourselves and all future generations at least a small measure of innocence. It is very much needed.

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# In Remembrance

## of the

# Rev. Arthur Boone Chandler

written by Mrs. Patsy Lucas  
submitted by Marsh Swamp Woman's Auxiliary



*The Rev. A. B. Chandler*

### A SERVANT OF GOD

MARSH Swamp Free Will Baptist Church has been blessed in many ways through the years. We were indeed blessed the day God sent the Rev. Boone Chandler to be our pastor in the fall of 1977.

He was a stranger to most of us when he came and although he was with us but a little over a year he made an impression on our lives that will live on in our memories for years to come.

He brought with him his devoted wife, Annie, and together their ministry has been an inspiration to us as we came to know and love them.

He was a faithful steward of God who brought peace, unity, and love into our church. His works and life were a living testimony of God's love. He was a man of integrity with an insight of understanding for all mankind. He was a simple man, but he possessed the intellect of a scholar, and used his talents to serve God instead of seeking worldly gains.

He was a man of great character who was blessed with a natural wit that few can possess. He amused us often with his wit, which always added to the enjoyment of his messages and knowing him as a friend. His messages were filled with God's love for us and God's marvelous plan of salvation, which were based on his vast knowledge of the Bible.

His ministry was deeply enriched by his love and knowledge of poetry and literature which he often shared with us. He amazed us many times with his total recall of poems and other literary works which he would recite from memory. He

delighted our hearts with stories of growing up in Kentucky, serving his country in the armed forces, his teaching during the early days of Mount Olive College, the many churches he had pastored, and his beloved wife and children. He never failed to give God thanks for all the blessing in his life.

He was a good man, who loved God, his fellowman, his country, and his family.

On January 8, 1979, God in his infinite wisdom called the Rev. A.B. Chandler to his Heavenly reward. We know that our loss is truly Heaven's gain. He was a dedicated servant of God, who even though he was not feeling very well, spent his last day of life in service to God. Knowing him as we did, we are sure that he would have wanted it no other way.

We thank God for his life and ministry and though we here at Marsh Swamp knew him only one of his 63 years, he inspired all our lives, for indeed he was a man of God. Let us always remember the Rev. A. B. Chandler with the words of God found in Revelation 14:13: "... Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

### DEDICATION SERVICE FOR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS JANUARY 14, 1979

The various activities of the church call for a variety of leaders among its members. These activities and leaders

are all necessary to better serve God. This is the very reason that our Sunday school was established.

On January 14, Janet Barnes and Vickie Brame came dedicating themselves, after having been called into the teaching ministry of our church. "Ye are my witnesses," saith the Lord," and my servants whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe me. And these words which I command thee this day shall be upon thy heart.

"Upon you is placed the care and religious training of our little children, who are just coming to understand the meaning of our Heavenly Father. It is an exceedingly important age and their whole lifetime could hinge on the training they are receiving in their homes, schools, and church. Their church training for a while is in your hands.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, we charge you to promise God and this church that you will faithfully and to the best of your abilities accept the duties and responsibilities of teachers in our Sunday school. That you will strive earnestly to be regular in attendance, diligent in your lesson study, faithful to the rules of our church, always try to be a good example, and always seek to develop Christian character in those whom you teach.

"Will you now accept this pledge of dedication?"

(Teachers' response) "Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Saviour."

*(Turn the Page)*



"May God bless you in your service. There is a prayer of dedication that we should pray at this time. This prayer should not only be for these new teachers, but for each one of us who are members of this church today.

"During the past week we have suffered a great loss in our church. We loved the Rev. Chandler and know that our loss is Heaven's gain. When we lose someone we love it gives us the opportunity to take a look at our own lives and realize how many things we need to do and how short a time in which we have to do them. The Rev. Chandler's life and ministry should serve to inspire each one of us to rededicate our lives to God today."

#### Prayer of Dedication

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Take my hand and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

—Frances R. Havergal

#### Closing Prayer:

"Our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee this morning thanking Thee for all the blessings of life. Thank Thee for our church and Sunday school. Bless these that have come this morning dedicating their lives to Thy service. Be with them and guide them. May the words they say and the things they do be pleasing in Thy holy sight.

"Bless Mrs. Chandler and her family. May Thy love give them peace and serve to strengthen them during the days

ahead. Be with our church as we mourn for the loss of our pastor. O God, we thank Thee for the time he was with us, the peace, unity and love he brought into our church. Thank Thee for his messages filled with Thy marvelous plan of salvation and his vast knowledge of the Bible. Thank Thee God for his wit, which added so very much to his ministry. Thank Thee for his knowledge and love of poetry and literature which he often shared with us and deeply enriched

his messages. O God, thank Thee for his life and ministry which inspired all who came to know him.

"Bless our church in the days ahead as we strive to continue in our service to Thee. May the things we say and the things we do always serve to promote Thy kingdom here on earth. Amen."

(Dedication service taken in part from Handbook of Dedications, Church World Press, Inc., Cleveland 13, Ohio.)

#### Praise to the

## Willard B. (Tom) Hinnant Family

by John H. Pittman III

With your permission I wish to praise the honorable and respected Willard B. (Tom) Hinnant family of the Selma Original Free Will Baptist Church, Selma, North Carolina.

Mr. Tom is, as are his entire family, a dedicated Christian. He is a church trustee and a deacon, a devoted and loving father, husband and grandfather, as well as a neighbor and friend, who cares for his fellowman. This patriarch of a family that can be counted on by God, church neighbors, the community, and the nation, is a warm compassionate, soft-spoken man. He is a visible promoter of and an outstanding example of the Christian father and family man in our country today. Mr. Tom is a friend of education, both private and public, with two daughters, Ann and Julie, plus a son-in-law, Billy Taylor, who teach in Johnston County public schools. His daughter, Jane, also a college graduate, who majored in education, recently married and is now living near Winston-Salem, North Carolina. His son, Will Jr., is a senior in business administration at Campbell College.

The whole family is held together with the cohesiveness that makes them a

strong solid team by that most gracious and devoted servant of our Lord, Mrs. Kathleen Hinnant. They all help in much needed positions and offices that are essential to the functioning of a church. All are fine teachers. Julie is our organist. Ann has stepped into the position of the choir director for adults and children. Miss Jane and brother Will when home join Mother Kathleen in our very fine choir.

As a recent honor Mr. Hinnant has accepted the very honorable position as trustee for Mount Olive College at Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Our community of Selma has undergone and is still being changed, having a much needed facelifting. Mr. Tom Hinnant as a Christian businessman, independent contractor, and consultant, has lent his knowledge and experience to this most successful endeavor.

Today our children need heroes, those that are outstanding examples of what is the Christian family ideal! I submit to you the Willard B. (Tom) Hinnant family of Selma, North Carolina, to emulate or draw from. They are as good an example as can be found in America today.

## *Praise the Lord, One Step Closer*

by the Fred Baker Family



Many things have to be done when you move into a new country. One of those things is the need of a vehicle for transportation. Many things have to be considered in securing transportation. What will the vehicle be used for? What kind of roads and terrain will it be driven on? Which vehicle will be the most economical to operate? What vehicle will meet all these expectations? Is that model readily available for purchasing? How much does it cost? Then, where is the money coming from? These are some of the questions we began to seek God's counsel about even before leaving the United States.

God answered one of those questions last past summer at Cragmont at the Ladies Auxiliary Conference. On Friday night at their mission service, the Ladies Auxiliary committed themselves to raising the needed money for the vehicle for the Baker family and the Bible school in Palawan. Their offering that

night moved them on to a wonderful start, and was a beautiful testimony of their commitment and love to Jesus Christ. Words just cannot express the encouragement and inspiration that this was for us, the Baker family. We rejoice in the Lord for each of you that has had a part in praying and giving for the purchase of the vehicle. We are confident and trusting Christ that the rest of the funds will come in.

After studying the situation here and seeking God's counsel we have purchased a Ford Fiera 120XL high-side pick-up with roof. It has folding benches in the back so it doubles as a van, with a capacity of 15 passengers. The vehicle is equipped with clear plastic curtains in the back to be let down in case of rain. The Fiera has a 1,600 four-cylinder engine with a four-speed transmission. You can tell from the picture that it is built high off the ground for going into those hard-to-get-to places. It also has a

luggage rack on top of the cab. Standard equipment also includes 6-ply tires, overload springs on rear and heavy duty suspension all around.

Kim and Stevie have really enjoyed riding in the back where they get plenty of air. We are thankful because truly we are one step closer to being settled in.

We want to give God all the praise, honor, and glory for locating this vehicle, for helping us to purchase it, just a week or so before a 5-percent price increase, for giving us guidance, and for moving in the hearts and lives of His people half way around the world to provide this vehicle for His work here in the Philippines. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone of you at home that are continuing to work so hard to complete this project. May God richly bless each of you is our prayer.

## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHUCK HARRISON**

*Submitted by Mona Patterson  
Grantsboro, N. C.*

Our loss was Heaven's gain on the night of January 5, 1979, when God called Bruce Carlton Harrison III home. A handsome 16-year-old red-haired boy better known as "Chuck" bade farewell good-bye to none, for in the midst of an auto accident the gate just opened, and a gentle voice said, "Come."

Chuck grew up in Arapahoe and attended the Free Will Baptist church

there. He accepted Christ as his Saviour on April 16, 1975 and was baptized later by the pastor, the Rev. Bobby Jones. All money given in his memory has been turned over to the YFA in which he once participated.

Chuck was a quiet person, but had many friends who are so thankful God allowed him to pass their way. He especially enjoyed tinkering on old cars, playing basketball, and helping his dad build boats. He proved his love for his family by being obedient, and would want them to continue living each day as it comes and to the very fullest, doing God's will.

To all his teenage pals Chuck now says, "Come See Me!"

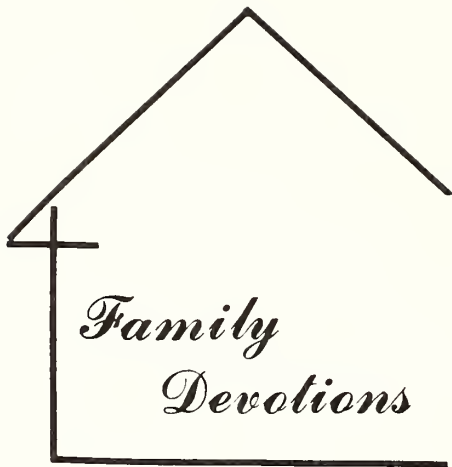
Somewhere beautiful  
Sweet and blessed  
There's a place of peace  
Where Chuck can rest.

From this world  
Of pain and strife  
It was God's will  
To take his life.

We don't know why  
We can't understand  
But he was led to Heaven  
By God's guiding hand.

In our mind  
The memories will stay  
Until in Heaven  
We join him someday.





## Family Devotions

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians  
11:28

**"IT MATTERS TO HIM!"**  
My child, I know thy sorrows,  
Thine every grief I share;  
I know how thou art tested,  
And, what is more—I care.

Think not I am indifferent  
To what affecteth thee;  
Thy weal and woe are matters  
Of deep concern to Me.

But child, I have a *purpose*  
In all that I allow;  
I ask thee then to trust Me,  
Though all seems dark just now.

How often thou hast asked Me  
To purge away thy dross!  
But this refining process  
Involves for thee—a cross.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It matters a great deal to Jesus what we do with our lives, especially when we are children learning the facts of life. Remember that always God will take care of His children.*

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Scripture Reading—John 3:16

#### CHRISTIANS LIVING THE CHRIST LIFE

I had a room to rent, and a Jew desired it and referred me to a neighbor with whom he had boarded. She advised me not to take him, but the words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren," kept ringing in my ears. I knew I must let him have it. John 3:16, printed in large, glowing

letters I hung where he could see it each time he entered the house, and prayed much that I might lead him to know Jesus Christ. The Jew borrowed my Bible to read, and later told me he believed in my Jesus. He said, "The Jews are looking to see if they can find any *Christian* living the Christ life."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*When we are Christians, we should live as God wants us to live and obey His commandments.*

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Scripture Reading—Genesis 1:18

#### A LITTLE GIRL'S ANSWER

The King of Prussia, while visiting a village in his land, was welcomed by the school children of the place. After their speaker had made a speech for them, he thanked them. Then taking an orange from a plate, he asked: "To what kingdom does this belong?"

"The vegetable kingdom, sir," replied a little girl.

The king took a gold coin from his pocket and asked, "To what kingdom does this belong?"

"To the mineral kingdom," said the little girl.

"And to what kingdom do I belong, then?" asked the king.

The little girl colored up deeply, for she did not like to say "the animal kingdom," as he thought she would. lest his Majesty should be offended. Just then it flashed into her mind that "God made man in His own image," and looking up with a brightening eye she said: "To God's Kingdom, sir."

The king was deeply moved. A tear stood in his eye. He placed his hand on the child's head, and said, most devoutly: "God grant that I may be accounted worthy of that Kingdom."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*God created both the animal and the mineral kingdoms. What a great place to live on this earth! What a more beautiful place it will be when we see Jesus in Heaven!*

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:8

#### DANNY'S BEST FRIEND

As Mother's Day drew near Miss Smith asked her first-graders, "Who is your best friend, children?"

Danny's hand popped up with a quick jerk for he was positive he knew the answer.

"All right, Danny," said his teacher kindly, "Stand up and tell the children who your best friend is?"

"It's God," answered Danny with finality.

"Well, yes," said Miss Smith. "That's right, Danny, but who is your best friend at home? Who does everything for you and cares for you at home?"

"There was no hesitation in Danny's voice as he answered "It's Jesus."

Happy boy, blessed mother whose child is taught to put the friendship of the Father-God and the love of Jesus Christ even above the friendship of Mother.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*What greater friend can a person have than Jesus? He cares for you always even when your earthly friends and relatives are gone.*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:9

#### HOW MOODY WON THEM

"What will you have?" asked a saloon keeper of Moody, "These children for my Sunday school," Moody replied. Said the saloon keeper, "If you come down here next Thursday night, and meet the boys in the infidel club, which meets here, you may have the children." Said Moody, "Agreed! I'll be here!" Moody was there. He opened the meeting by saying, "Gentleman, it is our custom to open our meeting with prayer. Tommy, jump on that barrel and pray," whereupon Tommy perched himself on the barrel, turned his little face up toward Heaven, and how he did pray! As the tears stole down his cheeks the more tenderhearted beat a retreat, and finally those more rock-like, subdued by the pathos and spiritual power of the occasion, slowly retired, until there was none left except the barkeeper, Moody and the praying boy.

"That will do, Tommy," exclaimed the evangelist. "I claim the children," said he, turning to the father. "They are yours according to contract," replied the father, "but it is a queer way to fight."

"It is the way I win my battle," said Moody. He had instructed the boy not to cease praying until he had prayed them all out. It was a piece of strategy

ill of tactfulness. The reality, the  
enturesomeness, the tact of such a  
man is worth emulating.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Often God plays wonders with  
little children. He may use them to  
win souls for Him. He could be using  
our child.*

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Scripture Reading—Psalm 89:30

#### THE CHAP AT HOME

To feel his little hand in mine,  
So clinging and so warm,  
To know he thinks me strong enough  
To keep him safe from harm;  
To see his simple faith in all  
That I can say or do,  
To sort o' shames a fellow,  
But it makes him better, too;  
And I'm trying hard to be the man  
He fancies me to be,  
Because I have this chap at home  
Who thinks the world o' me.

would not disappoint his trust  
For anything on earth,  
For let him know how little I  
Just naturally am worth.  
But after all, its easier  
That brighter road to climb,  
With the little hands behind me  
To push me all the time.  
And I reckon I'm a better man  
Than what I used to be  
Because I have this chap at home  
Who thinks the world of me."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How many of you have followed in  
our father's shoes? Did you like to  
lay with them when you were a  
child? He had big steps to fill, but we  
tried so hard to walk the way Daddy  
did. Are you walking as Jesus would  
have you walk?*

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 2:9

#### A PIECE OF PLASTIC CLAY

"I took a piece of plastic clay  
And idly fashioned it one day,  
And as my fingers pressed it still,  
It moved and yielded to my will.  
I came again when days were passed;  
The bit of clay was hard at last,  
The form I gave it still it bore,  
But I could change that form no more.

"I took a piece of living clay  
And touched it gently day by day,  
And molded with my power and art  
A young child's soft and yielding  
heart.

I came again when years were gone;  
It was a mind I looked upon:  
That early impress still he wore,  
And I could change that form no  
more."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*God created man in His own image.  
He breathed unto his mouth and man  
became a living soul. God made man.  
Man should love God because of this.*

Devotions used by permission,  
Knight's Master Book of New  
Illustrations, Eerdmans Press.

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. James Warren, of Kinston, North Carolina, announces that he is available for a full-time or part-time church. Brother Warren is a member of the Eastern Conference and is in good standing with his conference. Any church desiring to talk to Mr. Warren may call at 527-1648 or write the Rev. James Warren, 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501. He will be glad to come to your church any Sunday or Wednesday night. He will accept a full-time or part-time church.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 10 Years Ago

"The Western District Youth Fellowship will meet January 25 at the Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Sims, North Carolina. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m., and everyone is invited to attend."—News and Notes

"Due to the increase in the cost of busses, food, and other services for Cragmont Assembly, the conference fees have been raised to \$35 per camper to be effective with the 1969 season. Our youth are urged to register early for the conference of their choice. Board of Directors, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina.—Important Notice

"Rains' Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church near Princeton, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, April 20, as 'Mount Olive College Day,' according to an announcement by the Rev. William E. Futch Jr., pastor. President W. Burkette Raper will teach the young people's Sunday school class at 9:45 a. m. and will speak at the 11 a. m. worship service."—Mount Olive College Happenings

"The Rev. Edward W. Miles began his duties as newly elected superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, June 1. Mr. Miles was born in Coward, South Carolina, December 19, 1922; and since that time he has proven his worth as a Christian leader."—Free Will Baptist Children's Home Information

"If you have not received your fall report blank for the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention which will be held at the Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina, September 25, please let me know and I will send you one. Several have been returned due to incorrect addresses. Mrs. Nelson Simpson Sr., P. O. Box 55, Bridgeton, North Carolina 285190."—Attention! Eastern District Local Woman's Auxiliary Secretaries



Treasurer's Report from

# Cragmont Assembly

Submitted by Mrs. A. B. Chandler

January, 1979

(\*Funds submitted through Woman's Auxiliary treasury.)

Balance Brought Forward January 1, 1979 \$ 3,043.97

Receipts

**Albemarle Conference**

Free Union	\$ 21.00	
Mount Zion	25.00	
Sidney	37.94	
Sunday School Convention	11.00	
Union Meeting	17.26	
Union Chapel	<u>28.05</u>	\$ 140.25

**Cape Fear Conference**

Bethel Woman's Auxiliary in memory of the Rev. L.E. Ballard	25.00	
Daly's Chapel		
*The Rev. and Mrs. Foy Futrelle	50.00	
Hopewell	48.41	
Lee's Chapel Fellowship Class	40.00	
Palmer Memorial	40.92	
Riverside	100.00	
Robert's Grove	250.00	
Shady Grove		
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wooten in honor of A. F. Ballance, teacher of Challenger's Sunday school class	10.00	
Victory Mission	43.43	
*Wooten's Chapel Youth	<u>25.00</u>	632.76

**Central Conference**

Mrs. L. E. Ballard in memory of the Rev. L. E. Ballard	100.00
Bethany	16.21
Burress Insurance Agency	100.00
Daniels Chapel	
Mrs. Hattie Everton in memory of the Rev. A. B. Chandler	10.00
Dilda's Grove Sunday School	40.41
Edgewood	30.00
Elm Grove	100.00
Friendship Sunday School	25.00
Fourth Union	19.43
Hugo	50.00
*King's Cross Roads Youth	155.87
Otter's Creek	135.82
Owens Chapel	200.00
Reedy Branch Sunday School	42.00
Rocky Mount, First	90.00
Rose Hill Sunday School	25.00
Second Union	13.11
Tarboro, First	200.00
Williamston, First	23.00

Winterville

\*Miss Leah McGlohon

**Eastern Conference**

Cabin in memory of the Rev. L. E. Ballard  
 Crab Point  
 Fifth Sunday School Convention  
 Folkstone  
 The Rev. Lawrence Higgins in memory of Rev. A. B. Chandler  
 Jackson Heights  
 Juniper Chapel  
 Miss Velma Morris  
 Miss Vera Morris  
 Mrs. Mabel Rowe  
 Mrs. Leona Tripp  
 Mrs. J. T. Wilson  
 Macedonia  
 May's Chapel  
 Northeast  
 Oriental  
 Mrs. Bertha Thompson in memory of Rev. A. B. Chandler  
 Piney Grove  
 The Rev. and Mrs. Larry J. Crumpler  
 Saint Mary's Woman's Auxiliary in memory of Mrs. Bertha Griffin  
 Sarecta  
 \*Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Summerlin  
 Smith's New Home  
 Third Union

**Pee Dee Conference**

White Oak  
 Thomas and Hattie Bright

**Western Conference**

First Union  
 Flood's Chapel  
 Free Union Auxiliary  
 Friendship  
 Little Rock  
 Marsh Swamp  
 \*Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt Sr.  
 \*Mr. and Mrs. Roney B. Bunn Jr.  
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 Mrs. Patsy Lucas and Jeff in memory of Rev. A. B. Chandler  
 Mr. and Mrs. Abner Miller in memory of Rev. A. B. Chandler  
 Youth Fellowship Auxiliary in memory of Rev. A. B. Chandler  
 Milbournie  
 Piney Grove  
 Rains Cross Roads  
 \*Ola Mae Williams

		Rosebud	20.00	
5.00	\$1,390.85	Saint Mary's		
		Edward's Real Estate	500.00	
		J. P. Watson Sunday School Class in		
		honor of the class	76.20	
5.00		Second Union	72.50	
0.00		Selma	25.00	
0.00		Sherron Acres	100.00	
		Spring Hill		
5.00		*The Rev. and Mrs. William Dale	100.00	
4.52		*Stoney Creek Woman's Auxiliary	50.00	
0.00		*Sincere Sunday School Class in honor		
0.00		of Pluma Sullivan	25.00	
0.00		Unity, Durham	50.00	
5.00		Wilson, First	250.00	
0.00		*Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Skinner	50.00	
5.00		Mrs. Kathleen Pipkin in memory of the		
5.00		Rev. L. E. Ballard	25.00	\$2,122.70
0.00				
0.00		<b>Others</b>		
4.00		Cash at Cragmont Rally	40.25	
		Christmas Cards (1 box)	1.50	
0.00		Interest Accrued on Savings	109.65	
		Douglas Skinner, phone calls	25.00	
5.00		Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Skinner (to close out		
		1978 camp)	134.73	
0.00		Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Skinner (on		
		refrigerator for manager's apartment)	115.95	
0.00		Anonymous in memory of the Rev.		
0.00		A. B. Chandler	5.00	
0.00	\$2,453.52	Mr. and Mrs. Bud Caldwell in memory of		
		the Rev. A. B. Chandler	10.00	
		Mr. and Mrs. Winston Everett in memory		
		of the Rev. A. B. Chandler	10.00	
0.00	100.00	Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in		
		memory of the Rev. A. B. Chandler	25.00	477.08
0.00		Total Receipts from Churches and Individuals		\$ 7,317.16
5.00		Church Finance Association,		
6.00		Third Loan Advance	60,000.00	60,000.00
0.00		Withdrawal from Savings	3,000.00	3,000.00
0.00		Total for Which to Account		\$73,361.13
		*Total Cragmont Rally Offering, \$761.12		
0.00				
0.00		Disbursements		
5.00		Operational Expenses	\$ 1,809.13	
		Sears, Roebuck and Company (Refrigerator		
		for manager's apartment)	415.95	
0.00		Accrued Interest Transferred to Savings	109.65	
5.00		Transferred to Main Building Fund	3,892.32	
		Transferred to General Savings	1,605.88	
25.00		C. Cliff Meyer, Inc., Fifth Partial Payment	63,390.00	
		Total Disbursements		\$71,222.93
5.00		Balance on Hand, February 1, 1979		\$ 2,138.20
		EARMARKED FUNDS		
00.00		General Fund	\$ 2,138.20	
23.00		General Savings	4,071.98	(\$844.43 in dishwasher fund)
30.00		Main Building Fund	5,228.55	(\$3,571.20 in Honor and
				Memorial Funds)
5.00		Total in Bank, February 1, 1979	\$11,438.73	



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## Applies for Admission



**MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR, Russell W. Duncan, left, reviews College benefits with Christine Gray, right, who is applying for admission; and her mother, Mrs. Jesse J. Gray, center left; and sister, Patricia. The Gray family from Newport attend Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church.**

Applications are now arriving for the 1979-80 academic year. Students interested in applying or visiting the Mount Olive College campus should contact: the Admissions Office at (919) 658-2502.

### INFORMATION-SUGGESTION MEETINGS

In conjunction with Christian Education Month, the remaining Information-Suggestion Meetings are scheduled to give church members the opportunity to discover College services and to make suggestions on future directions for the College.

Counties	Places	Time
Johnston, Wake, Durham *Pitt-Edgecombe	Johnston Union church	February 22 (Thursday) 7:30 p. m.
Wayne, Duplin, Sampson, Harnett, Onslow, New Hanover, Cumberland	First church, Greenville	February 24 (Saturday) 10 a. m.
*Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, Pasquotank, Chowan	Mount Olive College (Rodgers Chapel) Mount Tabor church	February 26 (Monday) 7:30 p. m. February 27 (Tuesday) 7:30 p. m.

\*Please note the change of dates of the Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, Pasquotank, Chowan meeting and also the Pitt-Edgecombe meeting; they were rescheduled due to weather conditions.

### NEW CREATIONS TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of gospel songs and testimony at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, in Greenville, Sunday, February 25, at the 7 p. m. worship service.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor is pastor.

### DR. RAPER TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, near Wilson, Sunday, February 25, at the 11 a. m. worship service.

The Rev. David C. Hansley is pastor.

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Nineteen-year-old Glenn Moore of Walstonburg is Mount Olive College Student of the Week.

Last year, Glenn was elected treasurer of the Freshman Class. This year as a sophomore, he is working on a program in business administration. He is active in the Young Democrats Club and participates in the College work-study program.

As a result of a high school science project, Glenn became quite interested in rocks. He is also an avid collector. "I got interested in classifying different rock forms six years ago and the interest never left me," Glenn said. The result of his efforts are several glassed cases of gems and minerals.

Glenn is a 1977 graduate of Saratoga Central High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore of Walstonburg.

They attend Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Glenn Moore



# NEWS & NOTICES

## **Upcoming Activities for First Church, Rocky Mount**

A weekend Youth Revival will be held February 23 through 25. Craig Simmons, youth pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, will be the guest speaker on Friday and Saturday nights. Charles Warren, who was reared at the Children's Home and is an active member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, will be speaking during the 11 a. m. worship hour on Sunday, February 25. On Sunday night, the New Life Singers from Wilson, will be rendering a program of gospel songs and testimonies. The night services will begin at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

On Sunday, March 4, at 2:30 p. m. the First Free Will Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, will have a great celebration. It will be the 50th birthday of the church, having been organized in February, 1929. Various historical reports of the church will be given on this special day. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. The pastor and congregation of the church would like to extend to all former members and former pastors a cordial invitation to attend.

## **Layman's League Fellowship, Central Conference**

The Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will be having its quarterly meeting, Monday, March 5, 1979, at 8 p. m. This meeting will be at the King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, northeast of Farmville, on county road 1245. Mr. Laeford Heath is the secretary-treasurer of the Layman's League.

## **Central Conference Youth Convention**

On Saturday, March 17, there will be a meeting of the Central District Youth Convention at Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina.

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The time of the meeting is 10 a. m. District officers will be elected. Continued support of the \$3,000 goal for the district project, which is Mount Olive College Hall, at Mount Olive, is appreciated.

## **Western District Youth to Meet**

The Western District Youth Fellowship meeting will be held on Saturday, February 24, 1979, at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, near Clayton. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

## **New Pastor at Elwood Lane Church**



*The Rev. Wayne Watson*

The Rev. Wayne Watson, a native of South Carolina, assumed the duties as pastor of Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, on February 4. Before coming here, he was pastor of Heritage Free Will Baptist Mission, Charlotte, North Carolina, for five years.

The Rev. Watson and his wife, Lorine, and children, Jackie, Michelle, Donald, and Teresa, have moved into the church parsonage at 2114 Bertha Street.

## **The Rev. H. Paul Jenkins Succumbs**

The Rev. H. Paul Jenkins, former pastor of Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, passed away February 15, after suffering a critical illness for several days. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 17, at the Elwood Lane church (where he had pastored for 41 years). Our readers are asked to remember the family in prayer during this time.

## **Reedy Branch Church Honors Pianist**

On Sunday, February 11, Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, honored Miss Pamela McLawhorn with a surprise miscellaneous bridal shower. Pam was overjoyed with the presentation of gifts of china, sheets, towels, etc.

Pam is one of our dedicated youth of the church. She has played the piano for our opening assemblies and Bible school. Pam also is one of our talented altos in the choir and an assistant Sunday school teacher.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLawhorn. Pam will be married March 10 to Clifton Brock Jr.

## **Leagues to Meet at Christian Chapel**

"Building on the Solid Rock" is the theme that has been selected for the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues to meet at Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, near Pink Hill, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 10, 1979. Again this year the project of the convention is to give money for the new building at Cragmont. Although the building will soon be completed, a great deal of money is needed to repay the loan and to furnish the building.

Each league is requested to send at least \$75 or as much as possible, to the convention for the state project. Leagues are also reminded that the suggested contribution toward the expenses of the convention has been raised to \$10 (or more).

A regular feature of the convention is the Junior and Intermediate Sword Drills. Study materials were passed out at the convention last year, or were mailed to each league afterwards. However, if any league needs copies of the study material, they may be obtained by writing

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# The Sunday School Lesson

For March 4

## PAUL'S CONCERN FOR THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; 13:10, 11

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 16: 13, 14

### I. INTRODUCTION

Paul's work at Corinth is recorded in Acts 18:1-18. He labored there for perhaps as much as two years (vv. 11, 18). The message of Jesus was received by many with faith and was evidenced by their baptism.

Many difficulties arose in the church after Paul had been absent for a while. He had heard of their problems, probably from people coming from Corinth, and had read of them in letters sent him from there. (See 1 Corinthians 1:11; 5:1; 7:1; 11:18.) The letter we know as 1 Corinthians seeks to deal with these difficulties and to lay down principles applicable to them. Second Corinthians is a follow-up letter seeking to supplement the first and to correct misunderstandings it may have caused.

—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The lessons for this quarter, a study of Paul's Corinthian letters, will explore what it means to be a member of the Christian community and how Christian faith applies to relationships within the church, to personal and social morals, and to life in an increasingly secular society.

B. These lessons are divided into three units of study. The first, entitled "Life in the Christian Community," is composed of five lessons. The second, "Worship in the Christian Community," also consists of five lessons. The last unit, "Ministry of the Christian Community," has three lessons.

C. As we read in Acts 18:1-18, soon after coming to Corinth on his second missionary journey, Paul met two Jews, Aquila and Priscilla, tentmakers, who soon became his friends. Paul, being of the same vocation, must have felt especially drawn to this couple. They listened attentively as he expounded the truth of the gospel to them. They received the Word and became Christians.

D. Silas and Timothy later arrived in Corinth to bolster Paul's strength. After the Jews in the synagogue rejected Paul, he formed a church in the home of Titus Justus to nurture the souls that had been saved. This church grew rapidly. It was composed of all kinds of people: the wealthy and the poor, the ignorant and the learned. All of these people had been snatched from the lowest depths of sin and vice. Paul stayed in Corinth eighteen months, working night and day, seeking to get the church of Corinth on the solid foundation of the Word of God.

E. As soon as Paul left Corinth, satanic forces went to work. The church was torn by strife, factions, and immorality. Many problems arose which greatly curtailed the work of the Lord. Someone from Corinth wrote to Paul about their problems and perhaps asked for help. We know this from 1 Corinthians 1:11, "For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you." This epistle was Paul's answer.

F. Paul did not immediately answer their specific questions (1 Corinthians 7:1: "Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me . . ."). He had heard through other sources about problems that existed in Corinth, and he wanted to talk about these matters first.

G. Paul's epistles present us with some difficulty. We do not have the letter that he was answering, nor do we know

all the facts about the writing of the Corinthian letters. Yet because they are letters from one friend to another they present a warm, cordial presentation of the gospel of our Lord. As we study these epistles, be sure to take these things into consideration.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We look upon the church as the hope of the world, but too often we want all its blessings on our own terms. They will not come that way. Only as Christ is accepted and obeyed as Saviour and Lord, will these blessings come to us. Men spend hours arguing for Christ, but will hesitate to live one minute for Him. It is living for Him that counts.

B. He is no "needy" Saviour; we do Him no favors by joining His forces. He is Victor, and we can share in His victory if we wish, but on His terms. His orders must be obeyed. They must be the guides to our devotion, and we show our willingness to be good soldiers of the church by showing genuine concern for all its programs.

C. The concerns of the Corinthians were more for themselves than for Christ and His program of spreading the gospel. As we look at their church, perhaps we may see our own reflected in it.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Beloved in the Lord**—One Christmas Eve, during World War I, many American and German soldiers went out into No-man's-land and sang Christmas carols together. The higher officers were furious. When the command to stop such fraternizing was given, it was added that no one could fight a man whom he loved in the Lord. Love was about to end a war.

**Friendship**—The late Dr. Will Houghton once told a story about two girls who were working their way through the Moody Bible Institute. Jobs were allotted by seniority. It so happened that one girl was called in and told that she could take a better position which would pay several dollars more per week. She asked, "What about my roommate?" She was told that her roommate would take the job she now held. The young lady replied, "My roommate is much in need of financial help. I would like to keep the job I have now and let her take the better job."

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

## The Rev. David W. Hansley

DALY'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Route 1, Seven Springs, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. He is the seventh to be accorded this recognition in our paper. Your pastor would be next. Our editor, Tommy Manning, will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise to him.

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### A VERY DEDICATED MAN

*Submitted by Rose Jones and Julia Hill*



*The Rev. and Mrs. David W. Hansley*

The Rev. David W. Hansley, the pastor of St. Mary's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Seven Springs, North Carolina, needs very little introduction to the Original Free Will Baptist people. He is loved and respected by all who know him. He is truly a very dedicated man of God, who has served well our church and our denominational enterprises.

Brother Hansley has served our church as pastor for four years with sound doctrine and helpful spiritual guidance. He is faithful and understanding of the spiritual needs of our members in sickness and sorrow. His messages each Sunday are truly scriptural and inspirational.

During his ministry, we have greatly improved our fellowship building, and he has been faithful in helping with this project. If there is a word that best describes Brother Hansley, it surely has to be "faithful."

We thank God for sending a minister of his wisdom and judgement to be our pastor. As we honor the Rev. David Hansley, we would like to also honor his good wife, Elizabeth, better known to many, very affectionately, as "Ma" Hansley.

Mrs. Hansley is very active in youth work. She is State Youth Chairman, and she gives the YFA and AFC each a week at Cragmont during the summer. She

teaches the intermediate class of our Sunday school, sings in the choir, and is one of our YFA sponsors.

They are both willing and faithful to do anything they can for the betterment of our church. Their lives truly depict faithful dedication to God and His work.

Brother Hansley has served on many denominational committees during his forty-eight years of service for the Lord. He is still very active, serving as moderator of the Eastern Conference, a member of the examining board, chairman of the board of the Free Will Baptist Press, and a member of the Home Mission Board.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hansley have one daughter, Mrs. Nettie Woodall, and one son, David Charles. David Charles is a Free Will Baptist minister who is currently president of the North Carolina State Convention. The Hansleys have four grandchildren.

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## Coming Events . . .

February—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

February 21—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

February 21—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, Children's Home, Middlesex

March 2—North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists Mid-Year Spiritual Life Banquet, 7 p., m., at the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, meal will be buffet style at a cost of only \$3.50 per person; registration, 6:30 p. m.

March 17—Eastern District Youth Convention, Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

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MONTH**





# STORY CORNER

## THE LAST MEAL

**M**ANY, many years ago, there was a wicked king of Israel named Ahab. He and his wife, Jezebel, set up idols and worshiped them instead of the real God. Naturally this displeased God. He became very angry with them and told His prophet Elijah to tell them that He would not send rain upon the earth in the land of Israel for a long, long time.

The people would have a famine because there would not be any rain to water their crops. There would soon be nothing to eat. God told Elijah to go up to the mountains to a certain place and hide from Ahab. It would be impossible for Elijah to get any food, so God told him that He would send ravens to feed him.

Elijah did hide from the angry king. Each morning and each night ravens would come to his hiding place to bring him bread and meat in their bills.

He got his water from a brook near the hiding place.

After a long time of no rain, the brook dried up. Elijah had no water and would soon die of thirst. He asked God what he must do, and God said, "Go down to the city of Zarephath. There is a widow that I have prepared to take care of you."

Elijah went down to the city. As he neared the gates, he saw a woman at the well. He said to her, "Get some water for me to drink."

As she started to get it for him, he asked her also to bring him some bread.

"But I have only enough meal and oil to make bread for me and my son this one time. Then we must die, for there is

no more food to be had. I am a widow and have nothing more."

"Make the bread for me first; then there will be enough meal and oil for you and your son."

The woman went into her house with the sticks that she had gathered to make the fire. She looked into the barrel where she kept the meal. There was just enough for one piece of bread. Sadly she scraped the bottom.

Then she went to the jar where she kept the oil. Again there was just enough for the making of one piece of bread. She emptied it. She made the bread for the prophet, even though it took all of the food she had.

After she had taken it to Elijah, he told her to go back and make bread for her and her son.

"But Sir," she said, "there is no more meal, and I used all of the oil in the bread for you."

Elijah shook his head, "I told you there would be enough to feed you and your son after you had fed me. Go and look again."

She did. There, to her amazement, was more meal in the barrel! She hurried to the jar. There was more oil! Quickly she used it to make more bread. Then she went again and looked into the barrel. Again she was surprised because there was still more meal and in the jar, there was more oil.

She hurried to the prophet to tell him what had happened. He told her, "As long as there is a famine in the land, there will be enough meal in the barrel and oil in the jar to feed us."

So Elijah stayed with the widow and her son. She continued to be surprised

each day as she went to prepare bread. The meal was always there and enough oil was always in the jar too.

Elijah was known to do many miracles, also. One day the little boy the widow fell sick. He was so very sick. Instead of getting better and being well, he died. The widow was so very sad! Her husband was already dead, and now her only son. It seemed to be more than she could bear.

She ran to Elijah and told him what had happened. Elijah took the boy up into the loft where he was living and laid him on his own bed. He knelt beside the boy and prayed to God. He stretched himself over the boy three times and said, "O Lord, my God, I pray Thee, let this child live again."

The Lord heard Elijah, and the boy started to breathe again. Elijah took the boy and brought him down out of the loft to his mother. She was so happy to have her boy with her again!

Elijah continued to live in the loft, and the widow continued to feed him.

Finally, the news of the wicked things that the king was doing were too much for Elijah to take. He had to come out and face the king and his very wicked wife.

Ahab, the king, had wanted a certain vineyard. But the man would not give it to him or sell it. It made the king very unhappy. Queen Jezebel secretly ordered that the man be killed. Then she told Ahab to go and claim the vineyard.

It made Elijah so angry to think that the king would kill a man just for a vineyard that he went to tell Ahab he would not be allowed to live much longer. God was displeased with him and was going to see to it that he was killed in the same spot as the man from whom he wanted the vineyard.—**The Story House (F.W.B.)**



# NEWS NOTES

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Mrs. Norman Ard, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572. Only one contestant from each league (Junior League and Intermediate League) should enter.

## Revival at Watery Branch Church

Revival services will be held at the Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Stantonsburg, March 11 through 17 beginning at 7:45 p. m. The Rev. Robert Durham, pastor of Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, will be the evangelist. Special music will be presented each evening. The pastor of the church is the Rev. A. G. Smith. Everyone is invited to attend.

## CHURCH AUXILIARIES

### ATTENTION EASTERN DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS

Greetings in the name of our Lord! Our Spring Convention is just around the corner, March 22 at Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church, Onslow County. Please make this known in your local auxiliaries and encourage them to attend the convention. If you cannot attend in person, please represent by letter to our district secretary, Mrs. Matthew Prescott, Route 1, Box 294-A, New Bern, North Carolina. Remember the stronger we are the more we accomplish for our Lord. Your presence makes us stronger.

Mrs. Rena W. Kirk  
Vice President  
Eastern District

### ATTENTION

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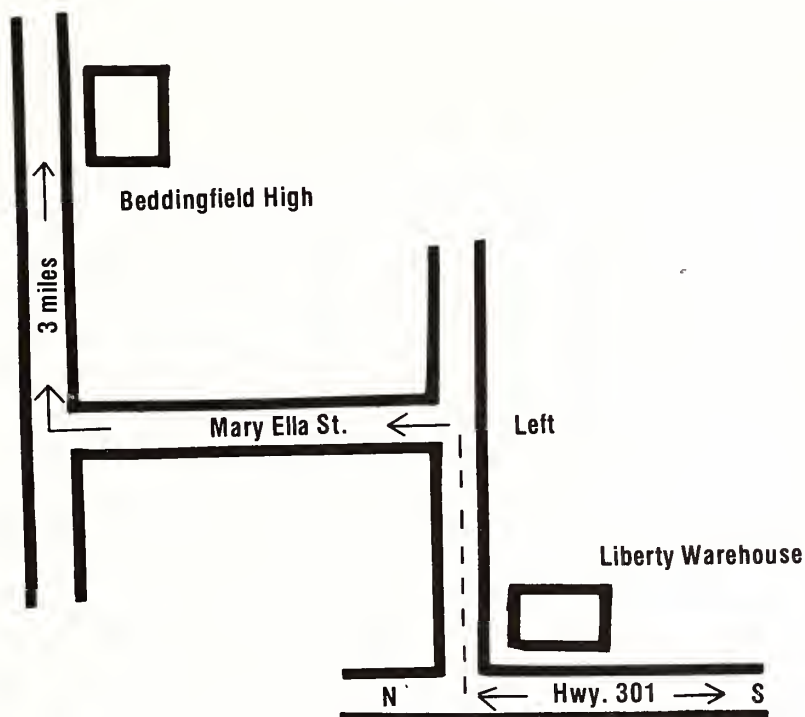
# Wilson Area Original Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Service

**At: Beddingfield High Auditorium, Wilson, N. C.**  
**Time: Monday, February 26—7:30 P. M.**

**Goals**  
**700-Attendance**  
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## MY PRAYER

by Edna W. Fisher

Tomorrow, dear God,  
If there is a tomorrow,  
Unleash my soul,  
Let it fly to the ends of the earth.  
Let me live, breathe, feel,  
And especially love.

Remove the caps  
From the springs of my soul;  
Let your love  
Through me,  
Pour out and engulf me,

Overflow onto each soul  
Mine touches,

So that I may become  
A stream of love,  
Through life,  
Leaving behind,  
Pools of comfort,  
Eddies of service,  
Lagoons of sharing,  
And cross the bar  
On flood tide.



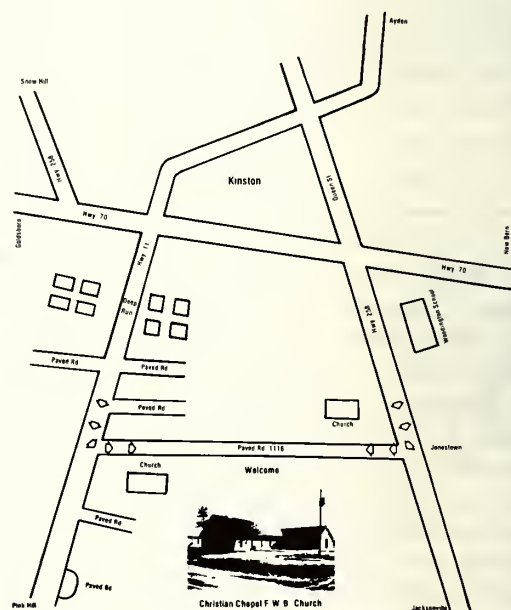
# NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUES

## CHRISTIAN CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Near Pink Hill

March 10, 1979

Convention Theme: "Building on the Solid Rock"  
 Convention Scripture: Matthew 7:24; Psalm 18:2  
 Convention Song: "Wise Man and Foolish Man"  
 Convention Pianist: Miss Marla Ard

- 9:30—Registration (Fee \$10)
- 10:00—Chorus Singing, Mrs. Dianne Riley
  - Devotions, Beaverdam League
  - Welcome, Christian Chapel League
  - Response, Aspen Grove
- 10:15—President's Remarks, the Rev. Bobby R. Taylor
  - Appointment of Committees
- 10:20—Christian Cadet Conference Report, the Rev. Tommy Evans
  - Hymn, "The Solid Rock"
- 10:30—State Sword Drill, Mrs., Margaret Ard, Director
- 10:50—Chorus Singing
- 11:00—Business Session
  - Awarding of Certificates
- 11:30—Singspiration, Miss Leah McGlohon, Director
- 10:50—Worship Service, Janie Sowers and the Rev. Norman Ard
- 12:30—League Song
  - League Benediction
  - Lunch



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# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1979, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

The conscience of evangelism compels one to  
move from the classroom into the field . . .





## Evangelism, Where Is Thy Conscience?

Guest Editorial  
by Scott Sowers

(Mr. Sowers is pastor of Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina, a member of the Credentials Committee of the Eastern Conference, and an advisor to the State Youth Committee. He is the 1971 winner of the World Peace Talks.)

Evangelism is an oft-spoken word. The trouble is, among Original Free Will Baptists it is more often spoken than practiced. We have challenged ourselves to change talk into action by the adoption of a five-year program of evangelism at the 1978 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. The Executive Committee should be commended for laying a foundation to promote obedience to the command of Jesus for the church to reach the world. The question is, How will our churches respond to the call to evangelism? It is our opportunity and responsibility to carry out that which we voted to do at our Convention!

Some have simply ignored the need for evangelism while others have only had a distorted conception of the meaning of it. Population statistics bear out the fact that if churches are to even hold their own, they cannot rely on births within the church to cover losses. For some people, obedience to the Great Commission ends with inviting friends to church. Evangelism is more. An invitation to any place where the gospel is being preached, taught, or explained is definitely a part of evangelism. But it is only a part. Evangelism is not just saving souls either. True evangelism will produce new converts, but it should also produce disciples. Evangelism involves **reaching, winning, teaching, and training**. The combination of these four elements should produce Christians who are growing and who are involved in the evangelism process.

People must be reached before they can be won to Christ. There are still too many who fail to earn the right to share the gospel before they buttonhole an individual and literally drive him away. Jesus always reached out to people, often ministering to the physical before the spiritual. In order to encourage others to come to Christ we should show that we are really concerned about them, not just our ego. Our actions will speak louder than our testimonies.

The most obvious part of evangelism is winning people to Christ. Once a person has found the cure for sin, he will be eager to help others find that same cure. Many times our churches are reaching large numbers of people without making any real effort to win them to the cause of Christ.

Auxiliaries, Sunday school classes, and other groups are reaching people. Many of these groups are filled with people who have never made a commitment to Christ. The church has more to offer than friendship, fellowship, or any multitude of gimmicks. It should offer the greatest thing available to mankind; the hope and joy of salvation. The gospel message should be woven into every program where non-Christian people are present. Each person must make his own decision concerning salvation, but God has directed the church to keep before people their opportunity to choose.

For many, evangelism stops at the altar of conversion. If we really believe that it is possible to fall from grace, then we are compelled to carry evangelism further. In order for a Christian to grow, he must be fed spiritually. Just as a small baby is dependent upon an outside source for food in his early life, the church must provide spiritual milk for the babes in Christ. Evangelism includes helping the new convert become involved in a study of the Word of God. It also includes a program of continuing education to provide meat in order to help Christians continue to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. The church must not be satisfied with reading and commenting on the Bible; the church must help cultivate a love for God's Word.

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# The Rev. Robert M. May

HICKORY CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Ahoskie, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. The Rev. Robert May is the twelfth to be accorded this recognition in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Our pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be glad to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.



The Rev. and Mrs. Robert May

The Rev. Robert May came to Hickory Chapel in July, 1962. Except for an absence of a few months in 1969, he has been pastor of the church since July, 1962. The church has made many accomplishments since Mr. May became pastor, none of which can be compared to the many souls that have been won to Jesus Christ. Some of the accomplishments are as follows: The membership finished paying for the church (which was built in 1958), bought additional church property, built picnic shelter and tables, built and paid for a new modern parsonage, remodeled old parsonage and converted it into a township hall which was named "May Township Hall" in honor of Mr. and Mrs. May, began supporting a full time missionary in Mexico, and increased giving to all denominational enterprises.

Mr. May conducts many revivals each year, but always has someone to fill in for Wednesday night prayer service when he is away.

He visits the sick of the church wherever they are in the hospital, whether in the local hospital or one several hundred miles away.

Mr. May is very well liked and respected in the area and is called upon to assist and conduct many funerals of people who are not connected with Hickory Chapel. He also counsels with many couples and persons who are not members of the church, as well as his own church members.

He was honored as Minister of the Year in 1967 by the North Carolina Ministerial Association; he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press, and a member of the Dairing Council of the Albemarle

Conference, has served as moderator of the Albemarle Conference for a number of years, and served two consecutive terms as president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

As Hickory Chapel honors its pastor, the membership also honors his loyal and faithful wife. Mrs. May has worked faithfully and lovingly by his side and filled in for him on many occasions when he was away in revivals. She has been given many talents and has spent untold hours

in practicing with our two choirs, playing both the organ and piano as the need arose. She also works with several trios and individuals in the church assisting in special music presentations. Hickory Chapel's musicians have realized great progress, as she has taught music to young people of the church as well as those of surrounding communities.

Surely God has richly blessed Hickory Chapel by sending this dedicated and consecrated couple to work with its members!

## Coming Events . . .

March—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

March 2—North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists Mid-Year Spiritual Life Banquet, 7 p., m., at the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, meal will be buffet style at a cost of only \$3.50 per person; registration, 6:30 p. m.

March 3—"Missions-Evangelism Conference," Co-sponsored by Foreign Mission Board and Woman's Auxiliary of North Carolina

March 4-17—Foreign Missions Rallies, Places to Be Announced

March 10—North Carolina State League Convention, Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Pink Hill

March 17—Eastern District Youth Convention, Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

March 22—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

March 28—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

March 31—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

March 31—Annual Alumni Meeting and Banquet, 5:15 p. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive





# THE FULL GOSPEL: WHAT IS IT?

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard  
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**W**HAT does it mean to be a "Full Gospel Church"?

There is a movement, widespread among churches claiming to be "fundamental" and "evangelical," to establish the "Full Gospel" ministry. For the most part, those who align themselves with this movement consider that this is "the way" to a better standing with God.

Still, there is considerable confusion among those who call themselves "Full Gospel." Some say they believe in the full gospel, and because of this, they incorporate all the "gifts" promised in 1 Corinthians 12. Others say that they are "Full Gospel" preachers because they "declare the whole counsel of God."

Since there is no reference (that we could find) to "Full Gospel" per se in the Scripture, we can only consider what we do find to substantiate this belief.

We find Paul writing in Ephesians 3:19 of being "filled with all the fulness of God." In this sense, any truly born-again believer qualifies. In John 1:14 there is a reference to Christ (the Word made flesh) being "full of grace and truth," and if we have Christ as our Saviour and constant companion, we too are "full of grace and truth."

Paul also writes to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:5) and urges him to "make full proof of thy ministry." Anyone serving Christ in the pulpit and imparting the fullness of "His riches" is doing his best to make full proof of his ministry. Seeking to save the lost is proof of carrying out the mission Christ gave us.

Now there are references in Acts 6:3, Acts 7:55, and Acts 11:24, to men being "full of the Holy Ghost"; and it seems in these references that those of the Full Gospel Movement find the basis for their organization.

The indwelling of the Holy Ghost in each life, the way most Free Will Baptists believe, depends entirely upon one's salvation. When we accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, He comes into our hearts; and since He is

inseparable from the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit also comes into our hearts.

There are those who would have us believe that our acceptance of Christ as Saviour is the "first step" or the "first work of grace" in the plan of salvation. These people insist that the plan of salvation also incorporates an "infilling of the Holy Ghost" and an additional blessing which would give us the gift of "speaking in tongues."

I recall hearing the late J. Randall Bennett, one of our leading ministers and educators, in the Eastern Conference, speak of this to a group of licensed ministers. Brother Bennett illustrated his point by saying:

"When you go to purchase a new automobile, what would you think of a dealer selling you a beautiful car which had no engine, nor transmission to make it go? Do you think God, in His infinite wisdom, would upon our acceptance of Him into our lives only provide an empty shell? And, do you think it would be right for the auto dealer to make you come back and purchase separately an engine and then at a later date a transmission before you would have a whole car?"

"Surely when we accept Christ as Saviour, we get a full dose of salvation. It is complete. Of course, like the auto needs to return for periodic servicing and repairs, our lives in Christ will need renewed blessings as we continue along the narrow way."

This philosophy makes sense to me. The "works of grace" philosophy, it seems to me, would be confusing to a new convert. I recall when I was a youngster having attended a church in which the doctrine of gifts was not only accepted but urged upon all. When the

invitation was given, a lady minister came to my side and asked me if I was saved. I told her I was. Then she asked "Have you had the baptism of the Holy Ghost?" This really confused me. I must have looked at her strangely, because she then urged me to come down and let her pray for me.

I went to the altar with the lady and bowed while she prayed. I prayed too but I felt just as much at ease with my salvation after I prayed as I did before. There was something else to get, though I was earnestly willing to receive it. After some time, the lady whispered into my ear, "Do you feel like you have the Holy Ghost?" I nodded. She then whispered, "Well stand up and shout, Maybe you'll receive the gift of tongues."

I stood up and I seemed to be swept up in an emotional flood because I do remember having cried. However, I could only admit the truth. I certainly felt no differently.

At that stage, the evangelist called me aside and talked with me. I stuck by my statement that I felt satisfied with my salvation. They gave up on me that night. But, people who believe so adamantly in their philosophy as do these people do not give up easily. They had me back at the altar at least two more times during that revival meeting, which, incidentally I was attending with relatives in whose home I was visiting that week. I never questioned my own salvation status and thus would not give in to this "new-to-me philosophy."

It is understandable, then, that many young converts may be persuaded into accepting this philosophy either as an emotional feeling or because they want to "get off the hook" from their persuader. How sincere is this type of

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"**

(Romans 1:16).

ceptance? In recent years I have been in contact with some young people who profess having this type of salvation, and when they are with others of like belief, who profess like belief, they stand by their belief. However, when in public or around those of other faiths, these same young people have let down their guards and some have even gone so far as to deny that they really believe in the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Ghost or speaking in tongues.

So, if the Full Gospel Movement is to survive and is to thrive off the "several works of grace" theory or philosophy, when those who will replace its founders will have to be better indoctrinated than some of the youths we have met.

We summarize by going back to the first sentence of this writing: What does it mean to be a "Full Gospel Church"?

If it means not being ashamed of the whole gospel of Christ, any Free Will Baptist church and minister should qualify. If it means employing all the gifts promised in 1 Corinthians 12, when if we believe the Bible to be the infallible Word of God, any of our churches and church people should qualify.

If it means declaring the "whole counsel of God", being "filled with all the fulness of God", or being "full of grace and truth", and making "full proof" of the ministry, again we should qualify.

And, lastly, if by being "full of the Holy Ghost" through accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and thereby accepting the Holy Ghost to fill our hearts and lives, we qualify as born again believers.

BUT, there is a point of separation between our beliefs and the beliefs of those who spearhead the Full Gospel Movement. This point of separation apparently comes with the philosophy of the manifold "works of grace."

Also, before we get too "worked up" over this "movement," let's examine who benefits from the springing up of Full Gospel Businessmen Associations and affiliated groups. Without getting personal and mentioning names, we must realize that the profits gained from the monetary receipts from memberships and literature sales go, for the most part, into fattening the purses, of certain individuals and not church denominational enterprises.

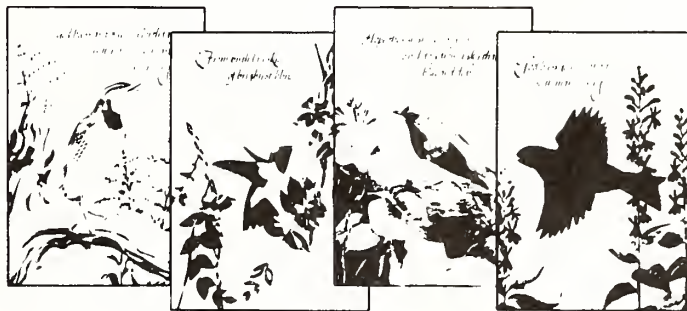
## EDITORIAL

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Perhaps the weakest link in the Free Will Baptist chain of evangelism is training. We would not be very happy if we were expected to begin a new job without being trained first. Yet that is exactly how the church has treated its members in relationship to the work of the ministry. Most Christians have been told enough that they should evangelize. Many are waiting to be trained. Some have launched out only to be frustrated by their lack of success. Jesus trained the apostles before he sent them out. Evangelism training should be provided in each of the four steps cited—reaching, winning, teaching, and training. Any church that takes its ministry seriously will have to develop a good training program. It should be remembered that training includes teaching but moves from the classroom into the field.

There is a reason in addition to definition that I feel has been significant in our failure to evangelize. Several years ago someone said that Free Will Baptists have failed to evangelize because of a lack of belief in the reality of hell. While this may be true, I believe that the problem is related but different. The problem seems to be a failure of seeing sin for what it is. To many Christians, sin is a word that refers to fun that God forbids us to participate in. We need to reaffirm that sin is evil! Sin destroys our well-being, our body and our relationships with each other as well as with God. There is no need to be apologetic in sharing our faith with others. When we see sin for what it really is, then we can recognize that we are not just asking people to endure the drudgery of Christian living in order to enjoy "pie in the sky." We are showing them how to be set free from sin and have the added bonus of life eternal. There is no better life than that which we find through Christ. Pass it on!

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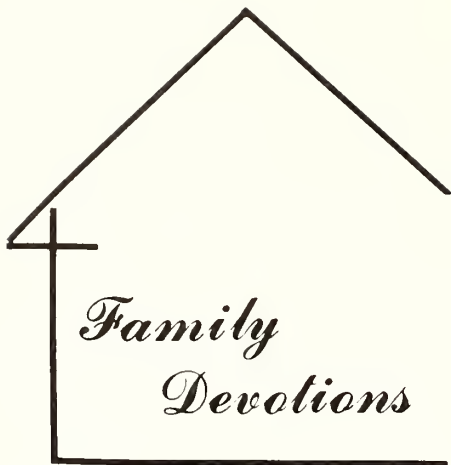


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## SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Scripture Reading—1 Thessaloni-ans 5:14-18

### THAT MOST DISCOURAGING BOY

Some years ago a manufacturer of Scotland told the Sunday school teacher of a class of poor boys that he would get them each a new suit of clothes. The worst and most unpromising boy in the class was a lad named Bob. After a few Sundays he was missing. His teacher hunted him up, but found his new clothes torn and dirty. The manufacturer gave him a second suit, but after attending once or twice, Bob again absented himself. Utterly discouraged, his teacher reported to the manufacturer that they must give him up. But he wanted to try him once more, and gave him a third suit if he'd promise to attend regularly. Bob did promise, and attended faithfully, and later found Jesus as his Saviour. The end of the account is that that discouraged boy—that forlorn, ragged Bob—became the Rev. Robert Morrison, the great missionary to China, who translated the Bible into the Chinese language, and by so doing opened the Kingdom of Heaven to the teeming millions of that country.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Persistence may not guarantee success, but it may very well bring about a measure of achievement. In the Christian life it is especially necessary that one never give up.*

## MONDAY, MARCH 5

Scripture Reading—Matthew 9:35-38

### THE WOLF PREFERS LAMBS

Dr. W. B. Riley told of spending a

brief vacation years ago on the premises of a Scottish sheep herder. His host had met him courteously at the station, but in the long drive to the ranch had seemed strangely disinclined to talk. There had seemed to be a heavy burden on his heart. Pressed for the reason for his silence, the old shepherd had wept as though his own children had been snatched from him. "I lost sixty-five of my best lambs last night," he said. "Wolves got in." The sympathetic pastor expressed his own grief over this great loss of his friend's. "And how many sheep did they kill besides?" he asked. The shepherd looked surprised. "Don't you know," he answered, "that a wolf will never take an old sheep so long as he can get a lamb?" The "lambs" are being cruelly ruined by the enemy of souls today. Who is there with the shepherd heart to weep over this loss, to set about to bring to the lambs and the sheep the protection that is to be found only in Christ?

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Didn't Jesus, the Good Shepherd, search diligently for the lost sheep? We, too, should search for the lost of the world. The search is not hard, for they are all around us, their hearts yearning for a better way. It is our duty to bring others into the fold.*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:1-6

### "A MAN IN THE MAKING!"

There comes a boy a-down the pike,  
Sauntering along, so careless-like;  
Scuffing the dust with a brownied foot;

His pockets bulge with woodland loot.

Thinking, dreaming, he moves along  
Scarcely aware of the linnet's song.  
All unaware of the powers awaking,  
A boy today; but a man a-making.

Who can but love that jaunty air,  
The roguish smile, the mop of hair,  
The graceful tilt of that torn brim.  
A style that's only just for him.  
Don't be fooled by outward show,  
There's something fine you ought to know.

Etiquette laws he may be breaking;  
Never-the-less, here's a man a-making.

O, laddy-man, could you but see  
The character that you may be,  
And deeply purpose in your heart

In noble life to play a part.  
If all of us who smile at you  
Would lend a hand to help you  
through

And all together use the plan,  
That changes a Boy to a noble Man.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Oh how valuable an investment are our children! May we cherish every opportunity, however small, to help them toward character development.*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Scripture Reading—Mark 9:33-37

### DIAMONDS

"A diamond in the rough,  
Is a diamond sure enough;  
For before it ever sparkles  
It is made of diamond stuff!  
Of course some one must find it,  
Or it never will be found;  
And then some one must grind it.  
Or it never will be ground;  
But when it's found, and when it's  
ground,

And when it's burnished bright,  
It sparkles everlastingly.  
Just shooting forth its light!  
Ah, teacher in Sunday school,  
Don't say, 'I've done enough.'  
That worst boy in your Bible class,  
May be a diamond in the rough!  
Perhaps you think he's grinding you,  
And maybe you're right,  
But possibly you need the grinding,  
To finish you out bright!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Diamonds are said to be the most precious of gems. Just as diamonds require polishing before their true beauty is evident, so do Christians need the touch of the Master's hand. Then we can truly shine for Him.*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Scripture Reading—Colossians 1:2-10

### LACKED GOOD HEALTH, YET GAVE GOSPEL TO MILLIONS!

Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, had a good Christian father, a happy and prosperous home, plenty of books and food, suitable clothing, a careful training, and above all, much love. But he was without one earthly blessing—good health. He was often too ailing to go to school until he was eleven, and then was absent because of illness much of the time, until the attempt was abandoned. He obtained

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post as a bank clerk when he was fifteen. But in two years he had to relinquish it because of persistent inflammation in his eyes. Then he was converted, in answer to the prayers of his mother and sister, through reading a tract concerning the finished work of Christ. But how could such a frail little fellow be of much use in extending the Kingdom of God? When he was twenty-one he sailed for China, the only passenger on a cargo boat, to carry God's message of salvation to the millions of that vast land. Before he died of old age his God had used him to found the China Inland Mission, and lead out a thousand other missionaries to open land China to the Gospel.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Let's remember to support our missionaries today in prayer as well as by giving of our resources. God will richly bless us for doing so. However weak or unhealthy we may be, Christ can use us for His glory. Nothing that we have ventured for Him can ever be considered worthless.*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9**

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:12,

**HE DIDN'T SLEEP**

One night just before the late Captain Bickel was retiring to rest he met at the deckhouse door a ruffian who had been wonderfully converted on one of his voyages. Mr. Bickel, was very tired, but he had a little talk with the man. He asked him if he would take a Bible to a certain man on the morrow. He shook his head. "No, no, Captain; he does not need that." "But why not?" "Because it is too soon. What is your Bible, and thank God! it is now mine; but it is not his Bible." "What do you mean by that?" "Why simply that he has another Bible; you have his Bible; he is watching you. As you fail, Christ fails. As you live for Christ, so Christ is revealed to him." Writing on this incident, Captain Bickel said: "Friends, I did not sleep that night. I have been called a thief, liar, foreign spy, traitor, devil, in public and private, and had not been punished; but to face this. 'As you live, so Christ lives—in that man's soul, in that house, in that village, in four hundred villages. As you fail to live for Christ, Christ is crucified again.' What wonder that I slept not!" All of us are being watched by someone. What kind of a witness do we give by our lives?

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*We are our neighbor's Bible. By our attitudes and actions we teach lessons that are more lasting than those which are read. It is important that we live accordingly.*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**

Scripture Reading—John 8:12

**WORTHLESS UNLESS SEEN**

I would not give much for your religion unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. A lighthouse sounds no drums, it beats no gong; and yet far over the water its friendly spark is seen by the mariner.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*The light of Christ can be seen in His children. That light should be shared so that others can be guided toward an acceptance of His mercy and grace. "Send the beam across the way..." exhorts the song.*

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**FAREWELL, BUT NOT GOOD-BYE**



*Chuck Harrison*

Pictured above is the late Bruce Carlton Harrison III, better known as "Chuck," who was called to his heavenly reward January 5, 1979. A member of Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church, sixteen-year-old Chuck was described as a model teenager and citizen, a real credit to his generation.

**ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Sunday School Convention, it was decided to change the name of the L. E. Ballard Retirement Fund to the L. E. Ballard Endowment Fund.

We encourage all Sunday schools to continue to contribute \$25 to the L. E. Ballard Endowment Fund. This change will be recorded on the report blank that will be mailed to each Sunday school. Please mail this contribution with your report blank.

The State Sunday School Convention will meet at LaGrange School, Railroad Street, LaGrange, North Carolina, on April 21. The report blanks will soon be forthcoming.

**Marvin R. Waters**  
Secretary

State Sunday School Convention

**BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION RECEIVES GIFT**

The Rev. David C. Hansley, pastor of Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, recently presented the Board of Superannuation with a gift for the Ministers' Widows Fund program. The gift, a check for \$150, designated \$50 each to the two most recent ministers' widows, with the remaining \$50 to go to the next widow.

Along with this initial gift, the church pledges a \$50 donation to the program upon the death of any minister participating in the Ministers' Widows' Fund program.

Daniels Chapel joins with the Board of Superannuation in a challenge to all our churches to send a gift of \$50 **NOW** for the next widow of any minister participating in the Ministers' Widows' Fund program, and also to pledge an additional gift of \$50 whenever a participating minister dies.

**Walter Reynolds**  
Director-Treasurer  
Board of Superannuation



# My Doctrinal Position

by the Rev. R. N. Hinnant

There is one God. He is the Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe. God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is infinite in holiness and other perfections.

Christ is the eternal Son of God. Jesus was God Incarnate, conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

God, the Holy Spirit, is the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit inspired men of old to write the Scriptures, and He enables men to understand their truth. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, He exhorts to fulfill righteousness, and He metes out judgment. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption, and always exalts Christ.

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.

God created man in His own image. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God, and brought sin into the world. Through the temptation of Satan,

man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable him to full the creative purpose of God.

Salvation is the redemption of man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. It is by the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross that man is able to obtain eternal redemption.

Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace, whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart brought about by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin. This repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God.

Faith constitutes belief in and acceptance of Jesus Christ, and commitment of the entire life to Him, as Lord and Saviour.

Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners, who repent, and believe in Christ. That is to say,

justification affords man that "just as though (he'd) never sinned" status.

Sanctification is the experience, and beginning of regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purpose. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerated person's life.

Glorification is the culmination of salvation, and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

A New Testament Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the three ordinances of Christ, and committed to His teachings.

God, in His own time, and in His own way will bring the world to an end. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth. The dead will be raised, and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

## OPEN LETTER TO YOUTH LEADERS

Dear Church Leaders,

Planning has begun for the Second Annual Camp Vandemere Junior-Senior Weekend. Last year our weekend was tremendous for those who attended. We want to encourage you as church leaders to let your young people know about this retreat. You may do these things to help us in our effort to "serve the Lord."

1. Please send us the names of your high school students.

(Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors.)

2. Begin to tell them about our weekend which has been tentatively set for May 18-20.
3. Ask your church to consider providing for your students to attend the retreat.

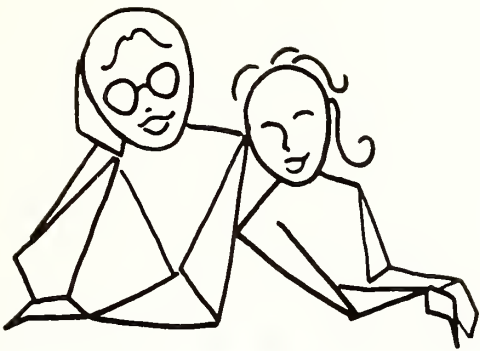
This year's weekend will be planned on the same general order as last year. We do plan to have many more campers this year and the retreat is set for a month later this time. More information may be found in the May 24, 1978 issue of the "The Free Will Baptist," con-

cerning the activities of last year's retreat.

More information of this year's weekend will be forthcoming in the "Baptist" and to you. We thank you for your concern and cooperation in this matter. Questions may be directed to the above address or phone number. Please send list of names to the following address: Calvin A. Heath, Route 3, Box 225, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Calvin A. Heath  
Director

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# STORY CORNER

## DAVID: THE GIANT KILLER

A few lessons ago, we learned about a little boy who was devoted to God and lived in His house. He was Samuel, the judge. Our story takes place during the time Samuel was judge over Israel.

The people were not satisfied with just a judge; they looked around them, and all of the other countries had kings. They went to Samuel and told him to find them a king. Samuel asked the Lord if it would be the thing to do. God told him it would be, and showed Samuel the man He had picked out to be the king. The new king was named Saul.

Saul was a tall man. He stood head and shoulders above any other. At first, Saul was a good king; but as he became more and more powerful, he became more and more wicked. He began to disobey the Lord.

God was not pleased with Saul. He decided that He would not allow the family of Saul to continue to be the rulers. He would start another line of kings.

In our last lesson we studied about Ruth. She was the great-grandmother of the person God has chosen for the new king.

God told Samuel that He was displeased with Saul and wanted Samuel to anoint a new king over Israel.

"But who will I anoint?"

"Go to the home of Jesse. He has a son I have picked out to be the new king."

Samuel went to the home of Jesse and asked to see his sons. "God has chosen one of your sons to be the next king over Israel."

Jesse was pleased and honored, "But which of my sons? I have eight."

"God will tell me which is the right one. Have them pass before me."

One by one they came before Samuel. Each time, Samuel said to himself, "Surely this is the one"; and each time God said, "No."

Finally, after they had stopped coming, Samuel turned to Jesse and said, "This is not all. Have you no more sons?"

Jesse replied, "I have but one other. He is just a boy. He is out in the pastures, keeping my sheep."

Samuel had them send for David. When he appeared before Samuel, God said, "This is the one. Anoint him."

David was ruddy, healthy and good-looking. When you saw him, you would especially notice his beautiful eyes.

Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David as the next king of Israel.

Saul, the king, was becoming very wicked, and his conscience would bother him at times. He would become very upset and only beautiful music would be able to calm him.

David played the harp. When he played, it seemed as if the very air would stop and listen; it was so beautiful! Saul heard of this little shepherd boy who could play such music. He did not know that God had anointed him to be the next king.

Saul sent for David to play for him when he became upset. David came, and his music had a soothing effect on the king; it would calm him and make him feel so wonderful; Saul loved David and made him his special armor-bearer. David's duty was to carry the shield

before the king into battle to keep enemy spears and arrows from killing the king. When they weren't in battle, David would be with the king to play for him.

Israel entered into war with the Philistines, and David's older brothers had to go with the army. His father was old and needed help with the sheep. David went home to help while the brothers were at war.

It seemed as if the army of Israel was going to be defeated. Israel had camped on a mountain and the Philistines were on the next mountain. There was a valley between them. Down in the valley, the Philistines had sent a man. He was challenging the Jews.

This was no ordinary man. He was a giant. As we have told you, King Saul was taller than any other in Israel; but this man was far taller than Saul. He was a little over nine feet tall.

He cried out to the Jews in a loud voice, "Choose a man and send him down to fight me. If I kill him, you shall be our slaves. If he kills me, my people shall become your slaves."

All of the Jewish army was afraid, even the king. No one would volunteer to fight the giant, Goliath. Each day, Goliath would stand in the valley and call to them.

During this time David's father, Jesse, was anxious to hear news from his sons at the battle front. He did not have a way to hear the news of battles. There were no radios, televisions, telephones, or even newspapers. This was long, long before the days of these inventions. The only way news could be carried was by someone riding on a donkey or walking.

Jesse packed a basket of food and sent David with it to the army camp. David was to deliver it to his brothers and find out how they were faring.

While David was talking to his brothers, Goliath came out again as he had done for forty days. He again spoke the same words. The Jewish soldiers were afraid and fled.

David asked what was happening, and he was told that Saul had offered to give his daughter as a wife to the man who would fight Goliath; he would also make him a rich man.

David was very angry because the soldiers were so afraid. He told them that they should go and kill Goliath. His brothers became angry with him. They thought of him as a boy talking as if he

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Revival at Hugo



*The Rev. Robert May*

Revival services are scheduled for the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, March 12 through March 16. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Robert May from Ahoskie as the evangelist. There will be special singing each night. The church membership and the pastor, the Rev. Tom Miller, extend an invitation to everyone to attend.

## Hopper Brothers and Connie First Church, Wilson

The Hopper Brothers and Connie will be in concert at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, on Thursday night, March 1, at 7:30. The church is located on the corner of Granger and Barnhill Streets in Wilson and the pastor, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox, and the congregation extend an invitation to everyone to attend the service.

## Revival Services at Robert's Grove Church

Revival services will begin on Monday night, March 5, and will continue through Friday night, March 9, at

Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina. The Rev. Edward Taylor, pastor of Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Benson, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan. Services will begin each night at 7:30. The church membership invites everyone to attend these services.

## White Oak Grove Auxiliary Holds Meeting

The Ladies' Auxiliary of White Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, LaGrange, met on February 5. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president. The group was led in prayer and Scripture was taken from Psalm 37.

The roll was called, and there were 18 members present and six visitors. After the dues were collected, each chairman gave her report. The program, "God Calling Yet, Committed Women," was presented by the program chairman.

The group was honored to have two Eastern District officers present; they were Mrs. Happy Taylor, president, and Mrs. Adaline Gray, missions chairman. Mrs. Taylor gave a very inspiring slide presentation on Camp Vandemere. Mrs. Gray spoke briefly about our foreign missions program.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. A social hour followed.

## Grimsley Church Youth Service

On February 11, the young people of Grimsley church had complete charge of the service. The theme of the service was "Standing Up for Jesus." Pianists for the service were Beth Ann Dail, Lisa Burress, and Valerie Wood. The candles were lit by Ray Burress. The call to worship was given by Mr. Rudy Moyer, followed by the choral response, "Nothing Is Impossible." Special music was presented by the following groups: Ann Dail, Tonya Tyson, and Valerie

Wood sang "Greater Is He That Is in Me"; Lisa Burress, Beth Ann Dail, Andy Wood, Bruce Dail, Keith Murphy, and Chris Gray sang "I Wonder How It Felt"; Mrs. Terry Thomas sang "I Asked the Lord"; and the Youth Choir sang "Jesus Is Coming Soon." A very inspiring youth sermon for the booster band was given by the Rev. Don Fader; the booster band members were Brad and Ray Burress, Peggy Dawn Cook, Su Ann Dail, Charly Tyson, Corey Dail, and Darlene Vick. Prayers for the worship service were presented by Rudy and Randy Moyer, Chris Gray, and Skeeter Morris. Ushers for the service were Kenneth Dail and Robert Earl Hill. The Scripture was read by Joy Vick. The highlight of the hour was the morning message delivered by Mr. Randy Moyer. The benediction was pronounced by Andy Wood. Other participants of the youth service were Angie Murphy, Jerry Dail, Lisa Jones, Lee Jones, and Stuart Darden. Directors of the service were Mrs. Carole Burress and Valerie Wood. Twenty-nine young people participated.

## The Rev. Paul Jenkins Dies



*The Rev. H. Paul Jenkins*

The Rev. H. Paul Jenkins, who retired as pastor of Elwood Lane Original Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, on December 31, 1978, after serving there forty-one years, died Wednesday, February 14. He had been seriously ill one week. He was 66 years old and resided at 421 South Bostian Avenue, Kannapolis. Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m., Saturday, Feb-

ry 17, at the Elwood Lane church  
the Rev. Wayne Watson, pastor  
Rev. Fred Rivenbark, moderator of  
Western Conference; and the Rev.  
Therrell. Interment followed in the  
Penlawn Cemetery, China Grove.  
ministers of the Free Will Baptist  
churches were in an honorary group at  
service.

The Rev. Jenkins was a native of  
vie County, and the son of the late  
Henry Jenkins and Mrs. Margaret Nance  
Jenkins. He had made his home in  
Annapolis since 1926. During his  
ministry at Elwood Lane church, eight  
men from the church were ordained to  
the ministry, and the church showed  
steady growth. He was also an active  
member of the Western Conference  
and was active in the Cabarrus County  
Eagle Club. Surviving are his wife, Mrs.  
Therine Gentle Jenkins; one daughter,  
Mrs. Betty Jo Yost; three sons, Henry  
"Billy", Pernell, and Richard; two  
daughters, Glenn, and Fred Jenkins; and  
several grandchildren.

#### Middlesex Church Honors Pastor



Reception Honoring Paul and  
Teresa Grubbs, pastor of Friendship  
Free Will Baptist Church.

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church,  
Route 1, Middlesex, held an open house  
in the fellowship hall of the church from  
7:30 until 4 p. m. on Sunday, February 4,  
honoring its pastor and his wife, the Rev.  
Paul Grubbs and Teresa, who began their  
ministry there the first of January. The  
Rev. Grubbs is the son of the late Rev. H.  
Grubbs Sr. and Lillian Grubbs of  
LaGrange. He is a graduate of Mount  
Olive College and received a B. A. degree

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from Atlantic Christian College. Present-  
ly, he is a student at Southeastern Bap-  
tist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Mrs. Grubbs is the daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. L. R. Caroon of Lowland. She  
is also a graduate of Mount Olive College  
and is presently employed with the North  
Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance  
Company in Raleigh.

Many friends and neighbors came to  
welcome the young couple and wish  
them happiness in their new venture in  
the church and community. The  
fellowship hall was beautifully decorated  
using a valentine motif.

The hostesses for the reception were  
members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the  
church. Judy Strickland is president of  
the auxiliary.

#### Revival Services Planned At Holly Springs Church

Revival services will begin on Monday  
night, March 5, and continue through  
Friday night, March 9, at Holly Springs  
Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly.  
The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of Bethany  
Free Will Baptist Church, will be the  
guest speaker. Services will begin each  
evening at 7:30.



The Rev. C. L. Patrick

The Rev. W. Royster Martin, pastor,  
and the church membership invite the  
public to attend. There will be special  
music each night.

## STORY CORNER

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were brave and strong. They tried to  
send him away.

But David went to King Saul and  
offered to go and fight the giant.

Saul told David that he could not go  
and fight the giant because he was so  
young. "Goliath has fought in wars since  
he was a youth."

But David told the king of lions and  
bears he had killed while he was tending  
the sheep. "The Lord delivered me out of  
the paw of the bear and He will deliver  
me out of the hand of this Philistine."

Saul gave his permission and bade  
David put on his armor so that he could  
be protected from the great spear of  
Goliath. David tried it on, but it was so  
big he could not move. Saul gave him his  
spear, bow and sword; but they were so  
heavy and big that David could not use  
them.

David would not try to take them. He  
took his shepherd's staff in his hand and  
carried his sling. On his way, he picked  
up five smooth stones from beside the  
brook.

When Goliath saw David coming, he  
was angry. He thought the Israelites  
were making fun of him by sending a  
boy. He called to David, "Am I a dog that  
you should come after me with a stick?"

David called to the giant, "You come  
to me with a spear, a sword and a shield;  
but I come to you in the name of the Lord  
of Israel. This day will the Lord deliver  
thee into mine hand; and I will smite  
thee, and take thine head from thee; and  
I will give the bodies of the Philistines  
this day unto the birds of the air, and to  
the wild beasts of the earth; that all the  
earth may know that there is a God in  
Israel."

This made the giant very angry. He  
ran to meet David with his spear. David  
took a small smooth stone from the bag  
on his shoulder. He put it in his sling and  
threw it. The stone hit Goliath right  
between the eyes in his forehead. He fell  
to the earth dead. David ran and stood  
upon the giant, took his sword out of the  
sheath of Goliath and cut off his head.

When the rest of the Philistines saw  
what had happened to Goliath, they fled.  
The Jews ran after them and killed  
them.—The Story Hour (F.W.B.)



# The Sunday School Lesson

For March 11

## BUILDING ON CHRIST

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 3:11

### I. INTRODUCTION

Temples! We think of soaring spires, of columned aisles, of marble plazas or courtyards. We see mystic, shadowed alcoves where priestly figures walk on errands of religious service. The Jews were all aware of the great temple at Jerusalem, the pride of the Hebrew's heritage. The Greeks and Romans, likewise, admired the great temples erected to their deities. Among them were the fabulous temple of Artemis, or Diana, at Ephesus and the symmetrical temple of the goddess Athena, the Parthenon, at Athens.

Paul said, however, that there was a temple of God more enduring and more blessed than any of these. The people who yielded their lives to Jesus were being fitted into a temple in which God, himself, was pleased to dwell. This was not a temple made of marble and granite, wood and mosaic. No, it was a living temple of human personalities who were fitted together and made lovely in the sight of God. He does not dwell in "temples made with hands" (Acts 7:48; 17:14), but He **does** dwell in the temple made of lives given to His Son.—

**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. When one reads the Bible text for today, it becomes obvious that Paul is describing a judgment. So it is important in the very beginning that we get this matter of judgments clear in our minds.

B. The last part of the "Olivet discourse" (Matthew 25:31-46) describes the judgment of "all nations" and not of individuals. These Gentile nations are to be judged on the basis of their treatment of Christ's brethren, "the Jewish Remnant who will have preached

the gospel of the kingdom to all nations during the tribulation" (**The Scofield Reference Bible**, page 1036, note 1). But this is not the judgment from the Great White Throne (Revelation 20:11), in which those sinners who reject Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour will be eternally damned. For those who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, their sins are judged on the Cross and His death becomes the penalty that was paid for our sins. But there is a present, daily judgment of sins for the Christian. Because we are the sons of God, He looks upon our sins and daily chastises us. Has God ever chastised you?

C. However, there is a judgment for the Christian after death, that of stewardship. Have we been faithful in the use of the things which the Lord has entrusted to us? Have we built upon the foundation, Jesus Christ? After death, the Christian will face the Judgment Seat of Christ (Romans 14:10 and 2 Corinthians 5:10). This is definitely the judgment referred to in the Scripture for today's lesson.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In his search for something upon which to build his life, man has turned to many different "foundations" but many times has ignored the one foundation, and one only, which is Christ.

B. Some have turned to philosophy for the answer to their needs. The word means "the love of wisdom." But man's wisdom, however great some of it is, will not take the place of the wisdom of God as found in Christ Jesus.

C. Others have turned to science as their foundation. Without attempting to belittle the great scientific achievements of man, we must say that too often the discoveries of science have not brought happiness, but instead have often created insecurity and fears. This is true

because science knows nothing of the love of God.

D. Still others have turned to education for their foundation. Education is important; it has opened many doors to better living, and many have found more complete life with it. But a Ph. D. is not as important as a B. A. (born again experience).

E. And then there are those who have trusted in a personal morality as a foundation upon which to build their lives. This "foundation" makes a man a good neighbor but in the final analysis he will find that all his personal righteousness is "as filthy rags" in the sight of a holy God who receives only those who have been redeemed by the saving grace of His only begotten Son.

F. There are other so-called foundations, but the one that is sure still remains as the only one. Christ Jesus is that foundation, and we are safe only as we build upon Him.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Christ the Sure Foundation**—A father received a letter from his son at college telling him of the revolt against God and Christianity, stating how one professor had had much to say on the subject. The father wrote in reply, "This professor may think what he pleases, but he cannot get rid of Jesus Christ. This world was made by God, and the sooner we see this fact the sooner we will have peace of mind."

**Adequate Foundation**—In a certain neighborhood a new school was to be built. The "small fry" of the community gave careful inspection to the work. The area was cleared and the footings begun. After a week of work the building ceased. For several days there was much inspection, measuring, and study by engineers. Later the boys in the neighborhood learned that the foundation had been started with the wrong set of plans. To the dismay of the "small fry" in the neighborhood, the plans were changed and the first foundation destroyed and a larger foundation built. Every building and every life must have the right foundation.

**Inadequate Foundation**—I once had a friend who had a new store built. He had not been in the building long before the walls began to crack. One day he showed

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

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## PROGRAM ON CULTS SET

A program entitled "Youth and the Cults" will be presented at Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, on Sunday, March 4, at the 11 a. m. worship service. The public is invited to attend.

The speaker is the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, Chaplain and Acting Dean of Students at Mount Olive College. The Rev. Clifton Rice is pastor.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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them to me and said, "The contractor tried to pull a fast one and save some money on the foundation where it wouldn't show, but it didn't work."

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

Is your life's house a beautiful mansion or just a shack? It depends upon what you have used to build the house and how you have built it. God has plenty of gold, silver, and precious stones with which to build our life-houses on the foundation which is Christ. Why then should we be content to build a shack out of wood, hay, and stubble?

Let it be understood, however, that whatever beautiful materials we use to build our lives, they must be selected by Christ himself, for we are not wise enough to make the best choices. He will give us the wisdom to choose the right material for He wants to be glorified in the house we build.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. James Warren, of Kinston, North Carolina, announces that he is available for a full-time or part-time church. Brother Warren is a member of the Eastern Conference and is in good standing with his conference. Any church desiring to talk to Mr. Warren may call at 527-1678 or write the Rev. James Warren, 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501. He will be glad to come to your church any Sunday or Wednesday night. He will accept a full-time or part-time church.



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<b>ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>
Albemarle District Convention	\$	\$ 61.86
Corinth		10.00
Free Union	271.00	25.00
Gum Neck	40.00	100.00
Hickory Chapel	250.55	
Malachi's Chapel		50.00
Mount Tabor	100.89	65.50
Mount Zion	100.00	
Piney Grove	50.00	120.00
Plymouth, First	46.70	
Saint Paul	281.05	
Shiloh	55.00	
Sidney		139.11
Sound Side	30.00	50.00
Total	<u>\$1,225.19</u>	<u>\$ 621.47</u>

<b>BLUERIDGE CONFERENCE</b>		
Cedar Hill	\$ 12.94	\$ .00
Total	<u>\$ 12.94</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>

<b>CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE</b>		
Bethel	\$	\$ 20.00
Casey's Chapel	300.00	
Goldsboro, First		10.00
Haymount Mission		76.95
Hopewell	21.00	87.02
Johnston Union	9.00	273.00
Lee's Chapel		245.33
Palmer Memorial		122.76
Pleasant Grove	60.00	
Riverside	150.00	
Robert's Grove	115.82	300.00
Saint Paul	200.00	
Smithfield, First	250.00	
Tee's Chapel	45.41	
Victory Mission		66.92
Total	<u>\$1,151.23</u>	<u>\$1,201.98</u>

<b>CENTRAL CONFERENCE</b>		
Aspen Grove	\$ 221.85	\$ 167.00
Ayden	255.00	55.00
Bethany	87.42	25.00
Black Jack		227.70
Cedar Grove	150.00	
Community	85.70	
Daniels Chapel	980.00	
Dilda's Grove	530.42	
Edgewood	637.75	190.00

Elm Grove	2,387.47	
Fourth Union	97.17	
Free Union	173.63	198.00
Friendship	413.66	48.00
Greenville, First	40.00	10.00
Grimsley	106.00	
Gum Swamp	50.00	376.00
Harrell's Chapel	60.00	
Hickory Grove	27.00	521.00
Hugo	110.00	
Hull Road		288.00
King's Cross Roads	86.06	55.00
Little Creek	110.00	
Marlboro	25.00	
Ormondsville		8.00
Otter's Creek	212.36	231.00
Owens Chapel	50.00	200.00
Peace	372.00	
Piney Grove	237.22	
Reedy Branch	25.00	258.00
Rocky Mount, First	42.00	
Rose Hill		531.00
Rose of Sharon	64.00	
Saints Delight	10.00	
Saratoga	10.00	
Second Union		13.00
Tarboro, First	149.00	375.00
Williamston, First		142.00
Winterville	434.59	55.00
Total	<u>\$8,240.30</u>	<u>\$3,985.10</u>

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Antioch	\$	\$ 300.00
Bethlehem	24.00	
Beulaville	450.00	150.00
Cabin		217.00
Christian Chapel	100.00	
Core Creek	100.03	95.90
Crab Point	15.00	
Deep Run	100.00	
Dublin Grove	150.00	
Edwards Chapel	45.00	
Ephesus	5.00	
Faith	65.00	
Fifth Eastern		39.00
Fifth Union Youth Meeting	10.00	75.00
Folkstone		500.00
Friendship		250.00
Gethsemane	150.17	
Gray Branch	27.50	
Hillsberry	30.00	
Jackson Heights Mission		433.50
Kinston, First	55.00	5.00
Lanier's Chapel	10.00	10.00
Macedonia		500.00
May's Chapel	150.00	272.10
Memorial Chapel		35.25
Mount Pleasant	100.00	
Mount Zion (Onslow)	50.00	
Mount Zion (Pamlico)		84.00

New Bethlehem	131.25	
New Haven	38.31	130.85
Northeast	75.47	64.99
Oak Grove		60.00
Oriental	48.00	
Parshall Chapel	200.00	
Prigms Home	164.08	
Reynolds Grove	101.52	
Rock of Zion	25.00	72.51
Shady Branch	133.50	
Shady Plain		200.00
Saint Mary's	260.00	
Third Union District		50.00
Union		58.68
Winchester, First		59.06
Woodlands Grove		168.56
Westside	360.00	
Whaley's Chapel	25.00	
Total	<u>\$3,199.49</u>	<u>\$3,831.97</u>

**THE DEE CONFERENCE**

Everdam	\$ 25.00	\$
ypress Creek		66.50
Miscellaneous	172.48	
Oak Grove	168.90	
Union Number 1		49.80
White Oak		35.00
Total	<u>\$ 366.38</u>	<u>\$ 151.30</u>

**EDMONT CONFERENCE**

Baptist Road Cathedral	\$ 95.00	\$ 68.55
East Rockingham		90.88
Heritage Mission	86.90	
Holy Cross	25.00	
Opewell	100.00	40.00
Total	<u>\$ 306.90</u>	<u>\$ 199.43</u>

**ROCKFISH CONFERENCE**

Miscellaneous	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ 112.50</u>
Total	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ 112.50</u>

**THE RIVER CONFERENCE**

Sharing Creek	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ 62.52</u>
Total	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ 62.52</u>

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Barnes Hill	\$ 800.00	\$ 25.00
Branch Chapel	200.00	775.97
Curham, First	100.00	
Wood Lane		22.56
Herrett Chapel	246.52	98.62
Fellowship	25.00	
First Union Conference		100.00
Wood's Chapel	75.00	
Edmont		275.00
Friendship	200.00	100.00
Penly	60.00	5.00
Little Rock	760.70	10.00
Marsh Swamp	424.79	55.00

Memorial Chapel	100.00	
Milbournie	389.89	825.26
Miscellaneous	25.00	
Mount Zion (Nash)	118.41	
New Sandy Hill	117.07	161.92
People's Chapel		10.00
Piney Grove	125.00	
Pine Level	301.50	5.00
Pleasant Grove	90.00	55.00
Pleasant Hill	54.76	102.11
Pleasant Plain	62.30	127.00
Rains Cross Roads	150.00	
Rock Springs	20.00	
Rosebud	165.00	5.00
Saint Mary's	575.06	
Second Union		72.50
Selma	50.00	
Sherron Acres	150.00	175.00
Stancil's Chapel	47.28	39.70
Stoney Creek		1,500.00
Union Chapel	32.50	144.72
Union Grove	563.17	62.50
Unity	12.75	50.00
Western District Fellowship		25.00
Wilson, First	<u>82.12</u>	<u>1,264.00</u>
Total	<u>\$6,123.82</u>	<u>\$6,091.85</u>

**OTHER STATES**

Bim Ladies Aid	10.00	\$ 10.00
Boone County Youth	25.00	
C. B. Hall Quarterly Meeting	100.00	
Laurel City Sunday School	169.00	75.40
Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist		250.00
Totals	<u>\$ 304.00</u>	<u>\$ 335.40</u>

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

**DECEMBER, 1978 TOTAL: \$225.00**

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**“Christians are not sinless,  
but they should sin less.”**



God Hears and Answers Prayers

## Foreign Missions

by the Fred Baker Family



Water Again

"O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised: . . ." (Psalm 96:1-4). Everyone must join us in praise to God for God has done great things for us in the Philippines. "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Luke 11:9, 10). God's Word is so true. Some time ago we asked you, in an article on the work in the Philippines, to pray for several things in God's work here. One of those things was the water shortage we

were having. With praise and thanksgiving we report that God wonderfully has heard and answered that prayer. About the time most of you read that article and begun to pray, we began to get an abundance of water which had continued unto this date. We know it is a direct answer to your prayers. Now we want you to join us in praising and thanking God for the answer. We want to thank each of you personally for your prayers of intercession for us.

There are still many things we need your prayers for. Continue to pray for the other hindrances in the work. Pray that many souls will be won to Christ this year as we strive to start the Bible school and to plant some new churches.

We received a very few letters from some of you pledging your prayer support and concern for the work. Praise

God for each of you. We want to thank each of you that took time to write. Your letters were such an encouragement to us. Most of all thanks from the bottom of our hearts to everyone for your prayers. May God richly bless everyone of you in our prayer.

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### NEW ADDRESS FOR BAKERS

The Bakers have a new address. It is the following: The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Baker, P. O. Box 98, Puerto Princesa City 2901, Philippines. All correspondence to them should be addressed as such.

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### MISSION RALLY

The Third Union and the surrounding area is sponsoring a mission rally on Sunday, March 4, at 6:30 p. m., at a Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Pink Hill. The program will consist of special music, a short update on the status of both the Denominational Foreign Missions Program and the Eastern Conference Home Missions Program, and a message by the Rev. Norman Ard.

This is an opportunity for our local churches to make a coordinated effort for the support of our missions effort. Everyone is invited.

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### THE LIGHTHOUSE

by Lorraine Smith  
Pink Hill, North Carolina

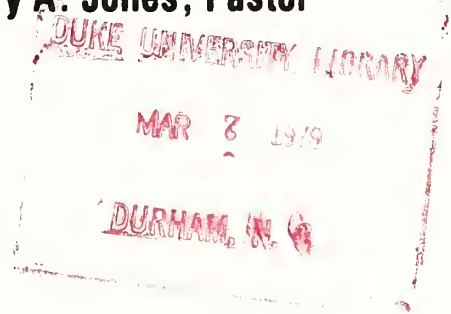
Broken lives, torn hearts;  
O'Lord, hear our plea,  
Save us from this wretched world,  
Set our feet on higher ground.  
O'Lord, teach us to pray,  
Let us not be defeated in a world of care,  
For the lighthouse sends out a beam,  
To guide us in from the dark sea.  
O'Lord, up and believe,  
The Father does care for his own,  
And some day when this life is over,  
We shall meet him on the other shore.

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# SMITH'S NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Editorial . . .*



Tommy Manning  
Editor

**DON'T KEEP OUT OF REACH!**

Anyone who has taken any medicine or has had the slightest contact with even non-prescription drugs has personally noted or been advised of the label warning "Keep this (and all other medicine) out of the reach of children."

The idea behind this safety precaution is, of course, protection, an effort to prevent a child's possible exposure to something that could prove harmful, if not fatal. Manufacturers of containers have gone so far as to produce child-proof tops for bottles, which, interestingly enough, have in many cases proven to be adult-proof as well.

There have been reports of elderly patients actually dying because they were unable to loosen the cap and take the necessary heart pill or some other mandatory dose. To counterplay that sadness, there have been reports of an equal, if not greater, number of children who have eaten "candy" medicine from the easy-to-open containers and have died.

While reading the label of some over-the-counter drugs for headache and upset stomach, I was hit smack in the face with that "Keep out of the reach" injunction, but my thoughts settled on something quite different and apart from the medical-health precaution. Two specifics came to mind with such intensity that I pondered for some time.

First, while it is indeed necessary to keep harmful substances from children lest they damage their physical well-being, it could prove more important to prevent their access to the evil "medicines" of life which can cause them irreparable spiritual harm. In fact, the importance of keeping such harms out of their reach cannot be overstressed. Some society builders, so-called, insist however on the "exposure-strength" theory—the idea of "shock it to them" and make them aware.

To reaffirm an earlier stand, I must take issue here. I insist that evils come upon them soon enough, and it is our duty to counter those evils, if not prevent them.

Second, and almost a converse of the first thought, we must place some things within **easy reach** of children. We must not deprive them of ourselves or our ability to direct them. Few of us consider ourselves sagacious enough to propose all the answers, but most of us can provide something of value. Most of us have experience to our credit, and though the experiences may not have been mind-exploding or world-shaking, they must have taught us something. We can pass this knowledge on to the junior members of society.

No, they do not accept advice too willingly. And when it is imposed, their inclination seems to be to refuse it. Therefore, there is an urgency of getting to them while they are young, before they become hardened against the counsel of the years.

Educationally, we offer so much to the young persons of the world. We want their minds and bodies to develop to their greatest potentials. Is it not as necessary to assist them toward sound spiritual development?

If the Bible is of any value (and of course it is!), there is a plain and simple message of utmost relevance: "Train up a child in the way he should go." This is one medicine that should not be kept out of reach.

Herein, prevention and cure go hand in hand.

# SMITH'S NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Route 1  
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Harry A. Jones, Pastor

ON August 24, 1894, Elders H. Cunningham and W. I. Smith met with a group of people in a community known as Pickidily to organize a Free Will Baptist Church.

The Pickidily School was used as their meeting place. Later in the year, John B. Noble gave an acre of land to build a meetinghouse, which is the site of the present building.

Members gathered together to cut down trees and hauled them to the lot to be sawed into timber. The only cost of the first church building was the nails.

Elder Cunningham was called to pastor the newly organized church (which was named "Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist") and served until 1899. William Brown was elected as the first clerk and Jessie Tyndall as treasurer.

The following ministers served the church as pastor from 1899-1943: J. E. Howard, 1899-1901; Elder Cunningham (recalled), 1901-1916; G. W. Kennedy, 1916-1921; Lloyd Vernon, 1921-1925; J. R. Davenport, 1925-1928; G. W. Kennedy (recalled), 1928-1930; Clifton Rice, 1930-1934; A. L. Davidson, 1934-1938; Bruce Barrow, 1938-1939; N. D. Wiggs, 1939-1940; and L. H. Wetherington, 1940-1943.

During 1944-1945 (under the ministry of N. D. Beaman), a new building was completed. This building met the needs of the congregation until the ministry of Clinton Lupton, 1945-1948. A rapid growth was realized, and this brought about another building program.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick was called in 1948 and served through 1952. During this time seven classrooms were added to the rear of the building.

The church continued to grow under the leadership of C. L. Coates, 1952-1954.

Another building program was begun under the direction of Robert M. Fader, 1954-1958. This project was funded by the Lord's Acre Program and four classrooms and a vestibule were added to the front of the building.

The Rev. Willie Stilley was called to serve 1958-1959; and he was succeeded by the Rev. J. B. Starnes, 1959-1960. During this year a baptistry was built by the men of the church. Robert M. Fader was recalled as pastor and served from 1960 to 1966.

Harry Grubbs, a Mount Olive Student and licensed minister, was called to serve the church as pastor 1966-1967, and was ordained during his pastorate. An outdoor bulletin board and sign were presented to the church that year.

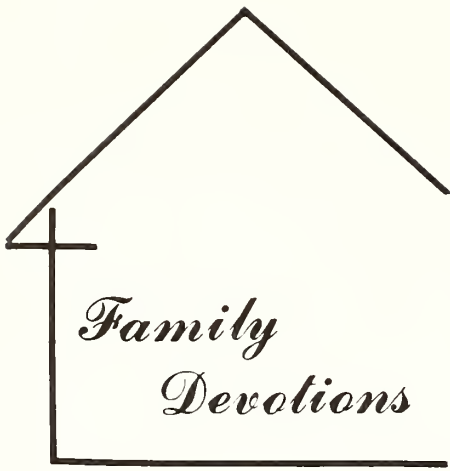
During the period of 1967-1973, under the leadership of the Rev. Andrew Hill, a fellowship hall was started and completed. A special fund was set up, and plans were made to purchase new church furniture.

The Rev. Bobby Harrell was called to pastor 1973-1978. In 1977 new heating and air conditioning were added, aluminum siding put on the building, and new carpetry laid throughout.

The Rev. Harry A. Jones began serving as pastor, January 1, 1979.

The church membership is 227, with a Sunday school enrollment of 106. The church program includes Wednesday night prayer meeting, a women's auxiliary, and an AFC. The church membership and its pastor praise God for His bountiful blessings, trusting Him for an eventful and prosperous future.





## SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Scripture Reading—2 Samuel 19: 31-41

### GREAT MISSIONARY SAYINGS

"The world has many religions, it has but one Gospel"—George Owen.

"All the world is my parish"—John Wesley.

"I see no business in life but the work of Christ"—Henry Martyn.

"Fear God and work hard"—David Livingstone.

"We can do it if we will"—The Men of the Haystack.

"We can do it and we will"—Samuel B. Capen.

"The bigger the work, the greater the joy in doing it"—Henry M. Stanley.

"The lesson of the missionary is the enchanter's wand"—Charles Darwin.

"The work of winning the world to Christ is the most honorable and blessed service in which any human being can be employed"—C. F. Schwartz.

"I am in the best of services for the best of Masters and upon the best terms"—John Williams.

"Nothing earthly will make me give up my work in despair"—David Livingstone.

"The greatest hindrances to the evangelization of the world are those within the church"—John R. Mott.

"Prayer and pains, through faith in Jesus Christ, will do anything"—John Eliot (on last page of his Indian Grammar).

"What are Christians put into the world for except to do the impossible in the strength of God?"—General S. C. Armstrong.

"Let us advance upon our knees"—John Hardy Neesima.

"Tell the king that I purchase the

road to Uganda with my life"—James Hannington.

"I am not here on a furlough, I am here for orders"—Hiram Bingham, Brooklyn, October, 1908.

"The medical missionary is a missionary and a half"—Robert Moffat.

"Every church should support two pastors—one for the thousands at home, the other for the millions abroad"—Jacob Chamberlain.

"I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ"—Livingstone's resolution made in young manhood.

"Win China to Christ and the most powerful stronghold of Satan upon earth will have fallen"—Mr. Wong.

"The word 'discouragement' is not to be found in the dictionary of the kingdom of heaven"—Melinda Rankin.

"We are the children of the converts of foreign missionaries; and fairness means that I must do to others as men once did to me"—Malthie D. Babcock.

"We cannot serve God and mammon; but we can serve God with mammon"—Robert E. Speer.

"The prospects are as bright as the promises of God"—Adoniram Judson.

"Your love has a broken wing if it cannot fly across the sea"—Malthie D. Babcock.

To these statements I would like to add one statement of mine own—namely, "Unless our arms are twenty-five thousand miles in circumference-reach, they are too short."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Jesus had great faith. It has spread to all parts of the world, thanks to missionaries working and proclaiming God's way of living. Pray for our missionaries today—in Mexico, India, the Philippines; as well as, those here at home.*

## MONDAY, MARCH 12

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 20:9-22

### TEN WAYS FOR A LONG LIFE

1. Eat a good diet, low in calories, but generous in proteins, vitamins, minerals and liquids.

2. Keep the body and mind free of waste.

3. Get adequate rest.

4. Have daily periods of freedom from regular routine and avoid accumulated fatigue.

5. Avoid the consuming fires of anger, jealousy, hatred and fear. They raise the blood pressure, strain the heart and impair the mind.

6. Preserve a sense of pride in your job and remember that it is a privilege to work. Maintain physical fitness.

7. Cultivate a sense of humor. It relaxes tension, diminishes anxiety, promotes friendship and imparts joy to lessen the load of the day.

8. Maintain companionship with your friends and community. Isolation is one of the great curses of old age leading to depression.

9. Increase your participation in community affairs.

10. Keep growing mentally with added years. Keep the proper incentive: The will to live.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Form a habit of reading your Bible each day. It can act as a very present help for you in times of trouble and will strengthen your life. Pray that everybody will find comfort or consolation by reading it.*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Scripture Reading—Mark 9: 38-50

### HORSEFLY PET WINS

In Shelton, Connecticut, in October 1953, Dickie Munson, 14, won first prize for the most unusual entry in a pet show. He displayed a horsefly in a cage carved out of a cork.

More unusual would be some of our habits put in a cage so they could hurt not nor handicap any more.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Let not your heart be a habitation for sin or transgressions. Put your trust in God. He will help you overcome evil or the iniquity in your life. Pray that God will help you in this matter.*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Scripture Reading—Psalm 103:1-10

### FORGETTING

One day the landlord of a block of flats called on one of his tenants, a young artist.

"The rent of your rooms is six months behind," he commenced

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at times being what they are, I can't want to be hard on you. I'll tell you what I propose to do. I'll meet you halfway—forget half the debt. How about that?"

The tenant smiled gratefully. "That's fine!" he said, "and I'll forget the other half."

Both halves forgotten! Any two halves make a whole. And the whole that some people owe me has been forgotten. And what I say, others can say, too.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Pray that Christian people may not come oblivious to and careless about their work in the Lord's kingdom. May they always be ready to serve Him every day.*

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:1-

#### YOUTH MUST BE WON

The honorable and wise J. Edgar Hoover, diligent director of the F.B.I., speaks sober truth in these words: "Godless forces of totalitarianism tempt to lure our boys and girls into the fear, the injustice and misery of slavery under dictatorship. . . . Wherever they go they contaminate the cause of the indifference and apathy of our citizens. As a result our America is at the crossroads." This teaches that youth must be won for the cause of righteousness.

Dr. Wilbur Chapman once tested a meeting where 4,500 were present. The result showed: 400 became Christians before ten years of age; 600 between sixteen and twenty; 25 became Christians after thirty years of age. 1,875 were unsaved.

This teaches that youth must be won.

Nineteen out of every twenty who become Christians do so before they reach the age of twenty-five.

After twenty-five, only one in 10,000.

After thirty-five, only one in 50,000.

After forty-five, only one in 200,000.

After fifty-five, only one in 300,000.

After sixty-five, only one in 500,000.

After seventy-five, only one in 1,000,000.

This teaches that youth must be won for God.

Lord Byron once weepingly said:

Untrained in youth my heart to tame,  
My springs of life were poisoned.

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This wail warns that youth must be won to disciplinary devotion to right living while, like Rehoboam of old (2 Chronicles 13:7), they are young and tender.

We must win our youth to "fear the Lord from their youth," to trust God from their youth (Psalm 71:5), to remember their Creator in the days of their youth (Ecclesiastes 12:1), to observe God's commandments from their youth (Matthew 19:20), to flee youthful lusts (2 Timothy 2:22), to let no man despise their youth (1 Timothy 4:12).

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Youth of today can be described as vigorous and energetic, but tomorrow they will be described as being mature or mellow adults with a sense of perfection. Pray that our youth of today will make great leaders for God tomorrow.*

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 19:18-23

#### "BEAR DOWN"

The University of Arizona has a beautiful campus, gymnasium, and stadium. On both sides of the standing room of the gymnasium in tremendous letters is printed: "BEAR-DOWN." These were the last words of Captain Button of the 1926 Arizona team just before he died in an auto accident before Arizona's final game.

Yes, *Bear Down*.

Not bad advice for the Lord's work!

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*There are many ways in which you can serve in the kingdom of God. You can carry flowers or food to a sick friend. You can attend church regularly. You can read your Bible daily. Why not toil today for God by doing something for Him?*

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Scripture Reading—Titus 1:1-12

#### BIBLE STATISTICS

Books of Old Testament—39.

Books of New Testament—27.

Total number of books—66.

Chapters in Old Testament—929.

Chapters in New Testament—260.

Total number chapters—1,189.

Verses in Old Testament—33,214.

Verses in New Testament—7,959.

Total number of verses—41,173.

Words in Old Testament—593,493.

Words in New Testament—181,253.

Total number of words—774,746.

Letters in Old Testament—2,728,100.

Letters in New Testament—838,380.

Total number of letters—3,566,480.

The shortest chapter is Psalm 117.

Ezra 7:21 contains all the letters of the alphabet except "j."

Esther 8:9 is the longest verse.

John 11:35 is the shortest verse.

There is no word of more than six syllables in the Bible.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Isn't it remarkable how many statistics the Bible can provide? Did you have any notion of these facts? How many did you know? Pray that the Bible, God's Word, will be an enlightenment to your life and your comprehension of it will be broadened.*

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## FAITHFUL SERVANT

by Mrs. Beulah Whitson

We are walking down the road to Christ alone,

Each step we take just leads us closer home;

While angels watch with eagerness to share

That heavenly mansion waiting over there.

As we walk the way, we'll hear Him say,  
Love my children, they need your help today.

So many are sick and have no peace of mind,

Minister to them and treat them very kind.

Watch and pray for those who've strayed along the way,

And lead them back into my fold today.

Bear one another's burdens and you will find,

My yoke gets easier all of the time.

Oh! What joy twill be just to hear Him say,

"Come, ye blessed receive the crown you've won.

For the lost souls you won along the way,  
Faithful servant thy work is well done."



## The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser

PLEASANT PLAIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Route 2, Selma, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser is the thirteenth to be accorded this recognition in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A DEDICATED SERVANT

The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, not only professes a vital, living faith, but lives it every moment of every day.

A faithful, dedicated servant of God, Mr. Sasser has touched lives from every walk of life. He has preached from pulpits across the state, visited the afflicted in hospitals, conveyed words of hope to the outcasts of society, and then gone home to a Christian family.

His philosophy is to see something good in everyone, to win as many souls as possible to Christ, and "to do as much good as I can while I can."

As a child growing up in Selma, Mr. Sasser was converted to Christianity and became a charter member of Selma Free Will Baptist Church. He was graduated from Selma High School and attended Norfolk Business College. He received a BCS degree in business administration from Strayer College of Accounting in Washington, D. C. Later he attended Mount Olive College.

Mr. Sasser married the former Miss Hilda Gray Batten of Johnston County. She has an AB degree earned at East Carolina University. They have two sons, Raymond Travis Jr. of Winston Salem and Wiley Gray of Selma, and two grandchildren.

A young man called of God, Mr. Sasser became an ordained minister of the Western Conference of Free Will Baptists on July 27, 1955. He was ordained in his home church in Selma.

Among his many services to his denomination, Mr. Sasser served as the president of the State Sunday School Convention for 17 years. He was a member of the Executive Committee and part-time field secretary. Weekend

travels from the mountains to the coast were designed to promote the Sunday school program. He also served as president of the State League Convention for two years.

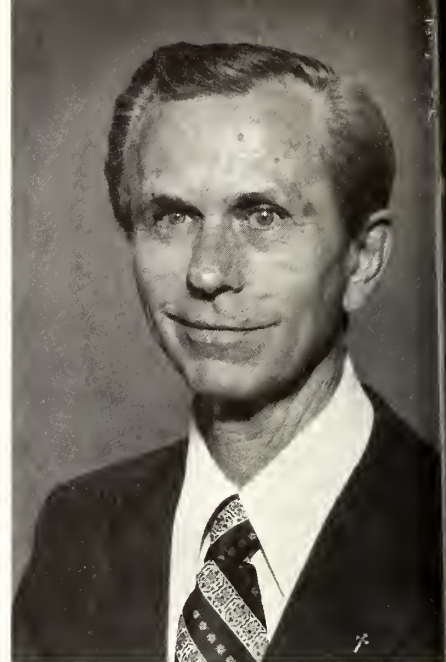
Mr. Sasser is currently serving on the Board of Ordination in the Central Conference and is secretary-treasurer of the Central Conference Board of Missions. He is on the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees and is the director of organization for the State Sunday School Convention.

On July 27, Mr. Sasser will conclude 24 years as an ordained minister of the gospel. He served the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, for 17 years. He has pastored Stony Hill church in Nash County, Rose of Sharon in Bear Grass, and is now pastor of Pleasant Plain church, Route 2, Selma.

In addition to his work in the ministry, Mr. Sasser is the comptroller of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden.

On January 14, 1966, while pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, Mr. Sasser was recognized as "Denominational Minister of the Year." He was selected for the honor from a field of 28 ministers who were nominated by their individual congregations. The decision of the judges was based on service to his local church, services within the denomination, and civic and community services.

Through his ministry 267 new members were added to the Tarboro church, 203 by profession of faith and 64 by letter. Another contribution was a Sunday school manual he compiled upon instruction of the State Sunday School Convention. It was the first manual



The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser

written for Free Will Baptists. Mr. Sasser has also served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and chairman of a building committee.

Mr. Sasser came to Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church at a dark hour. Without a shepherd, the flock was straying into strange pastures. Dissension was evident and God's work was being neglected.

Mr. Sasser came on August 3, 1975 as a visiting speaker and stayed until April 10, 1976. At that time, he accepted the call of the church to preach full-time.

A \$12,000 note had been issued on October 29, 1974 to build the fellowship hall. The indebtedness was paid and a note burning was conducted on November 28, 1976.

As the nation celebrated the bicentennial, Mr. Sasser led an old-fashioned church service. He proclaimed dignity and pride in living in America and thanksgiving to God for his goodness.

Under the leadership of Mr. Raymond T. Sasser, Pleasant Plain has become a church on the move for God. A new piano was dedicated to the glory of God at Christmas, 1976. During 1977 the grounds were landscaped and a roof was replaced on the educational building. New flags for the sanctuary, a public address system and pew cushions were improvements made during 1978.

Ground was broken on February 11 for still another project. A nursery, two bathrooms, and a kitchen are being

added to the fellowship hall. When completed the church and hall will become one unit.

Since Mr. Sasser came to Pleasant Plain, four babies have been dedicated to God. The church has added 2 new members and many have

rededicated their lives to service for Christ.

Pastor Appreciation Day was observed on Sunday, June 19, 1977. Tribute was paid to Mr. and Mrs. Sasser for their loyalty to the cause of Christ. The fruits of their labor are more evident today.

God has blessed Pleasant Plain by sending his servant, a man who does not make demands, but who says, "Let us," and then proceeds to work.

The respect and honor Mr. Sasser has earned are received with humility and love. His living faith is an inspiration to his flock and a glory to God's cause.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 5 Years Ago

"Mrs. Charlie Harris and Mrs. Morell Jones Jr. were certainly welcomed guests at the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute, El Paso, Texas, the first week in October, 1973. Mrs. Harris, mother of Mrs. Mattie Link, missionary to Mexico, and Mrs. Jones are members of the Dawson's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Scotland Neck, North Carolina. The Links really enjoyed having them as visitors and hope they will be frequent visitors."—Welcomed Visitors at Mission Institute

"Please note the change of address for the Rev. and Mrs. C. J. (Joe and Faye) Barrow. Their new address is 5200 South Buckner Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75227. All correspondence to them should be directed to this new address."—Change of Address

"All high school seniors and juniors are encouraged to attend High School Day on Saturday, February 23, 1974, at Mount Olive College. The schedule will begin at 9 a. m., with registration, followed by campus tours, refreshments, conferences with the faculty, and a luncheon courtesy of the College. Free Will Baptist students are especially encouraged to join in the activities scheduled. Mount Olive College provides a quality academic program while emphasizing a concern for each student as an individual."—Mount Olive College Happenings

"The Black Jack Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, presented the 'Life Membership Award' at its last meeting which was held on Wednesday night, January 16, 1974, to Mrs. Virginia Arnold Hudson."—Our Church Auxiliaries

"It is almost time once more to outfit our children in spring clothing and any financial help you can offer will be greatly appreciated. We now have 74 children growing by leaps and bounds, it is often difficult to buy clothes that will properly fit; therefore, we ask you to please send your contributions to the Children's Home, earmarked for the clothing fund. This would be a good project for a Sunday school class or auxiliary and any amount, great or small, can be put to great use."—Free Will Baptist Children's Home

"The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues will meet on Saturday, March 9, 1974, at 10 a. m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Durham. We have not yet reached the \$600 goal we set for the state project—Communications Project for the Links. We need \$229.50 by convention time. Each league is requested to send another \$25 if possible to me, Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville, North Carolina 28590, before the convention. If you cannot send this much, please send what you can. Thank you for helping to reach this goal."—Attention Leaguers!

"The Rev. Douglas Skinner announces that he is available for pastoral duties in North Carolina. He returned to North Carolina March 1, 1974, after completing his education at Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing 2517 Trull Street, Wilson, North Carolina 27893, or by phoning 243-2729."—Churches and Ministers Available

### Inflation Affecting

## Church Extension

by the Rev. Taylor Hill

Church extension is becoming more and more complicated. Our income is on the decrease and the value of the dollar continues to fall while the cost of living is going up.

The cost of land and construction and high interest rates have hampered the purchasing power of small missions and church groups. Pastors are being forced to take other jobs to supplement their income and some are living up to a hundred miles away from their congregations. It seems obvious that we are going to have to learn to live without some of the services, conveniences, and luxuries that we have enjoyed in the past and lay people are going to have to become more involved. Servants who are willing to sacrifice are also becoming more scarce these days. All these changes are forcing us to become less formal and more flexible but not necessarily for the worse. History has proven that hard times can hamper the church, but it usually causes true Christians to become stronger and even more determined.

**I am only one,  
but I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
but I can do something.  
And what I can do  
I ought to do  
and by the grace of God  
I WILL DO IT.**



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## College Receives Grant



**DR. W. BURKETTE RAPER**, right, President of Mount Olive College, receives a \$500 grant from Jim Babb, Manager of Sears in Goldsboro, as part of an annual grant program to private colleges by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. "Mount Olive is grateful to be included in the Sears Corporate program of support to higher education and the significant investment it makes in the quality of life in our nation," Raper commented.

### DUNCAN ACCEPTS POSITION

Russell W. Duncan has accepted a position with the Customer Service Program, at Carolina Power and Light Company, in Mount Olive.

Duncan, who is a 1969 graduate of Mount Olive College, has served as Director of Admissions at the College since 1974.

"My experiences at Mount Olive

College, both as a student and as an employee, have provided strong personal relationships with the faculty and staff which I will always genuinely cherish," Duncan said.

Originally from Whiteville, Duncan is the son of Mrs. Rachel Duncan, President of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary. He and his wife, Mona, have one son, Russ, and a second child is expected in April.

### PAUL PALMER COURSES BEGIN MARCH 12

The Paul Palmer Institute of Christian Studies will continue with a second eight-week program beginning Monday, March 12. Courses will be offered on the Mount Olive College Campus and also at Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama.

Courses beginning March 12, on the Mount Olive College Campus include "Life and Letters of Paul" at 7 p. m. taught by Dr. Michael Pelt, and "Pastoral Care" at 8:30 p. m. taught by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison.

On March 13 at Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, the course entitled "Old Testament" will be taught at 7 p. m. by the Rev. DeWayne Eakes.

Each course is offered at a cost of \$20. For more information, contact: Frank R. Harrison, Director; Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone, 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

### MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM OF STANLEY WORKS

Friends of Mount Olive College who are employed by Stanley Works of New Bern will be pleased to know that the company has a matching gift program for colleges and universities. Under this program the company will match \$2 for every \$1 contributed to Mount Olive College by an employee of the Stanley Works. The company will match on a dollar-for-dollar basis contributions by its employees up to \$1,000 annually.

### MRS. RILEY TO SPEAK

Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will speak at Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Saratoga, on Sunday, March 11, at the 11 a. m. worship service.

The Rev. Luther Bissette is pastor.

### ATTENTION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERS

New Auxiliary Pins  
\$10.95

# Children's Home

Free Will Baptists  
and

The International Year of the Child 1979

Every child should have the right to affection, love, and understanding; the right to adequate nutrition and medical care; the right to free education; the right to full opportunity for play and recreation; the right to special care; if handicapped, the right to be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities; and the right to be brought up in a spirit of peace and brotherhood regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national or social origin. These rights were declared by the United Nations 20 years ago. On the anniversary of this declaration the United Nations has designated 1979 as the "International Year of the Child."

Free Will Baptists dedicated themselves to the protection of the rights of children more than 60 years ago. Since that time more than 700 boys and girls have had the opportunity to become all that God created them to be. Ours is a changing world. The needs of children have changed as well; at least they appear to have changed on the surface.

The basic need of children has and always will be adults in their lives who are fit to be loved and fit to be imitated. Food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education are necessary, but for a child to grow up a whole person he must grow up with faith and confidence in himself, his family, his country, and in God.

Success in child care is no longer measured in how many children the agency has in its care. Rather, success is measured by the quality of care offered regardless of the number of children. This is the major reason why the staff is growing and child care population is decreasing in all child care agencies today. What children need is people, a family, a group to which they can belong. This group must be small enough so that each member has some time of his own—a little "lap" time, a time for that secret talk, or a time for confiding. If we have failed children

through the years at the Children's Home it has been because we tried to be too much to too many. Today, many circumstances have reduced our child care population in our cottages. This reduction in the number of children per staff member is a step in the right direction. Children are receiving more personal attention, more adult attention, more exposure to the adult model after which they can pattern their lives. Both the male and female model is available through housefather and housemother teams.

Cost? Yes, it costs more this way. How much is a healthy child worth? We spare no expense to ensure our own children have an opportunity to grow up whole persons. Those of us who live and work at the Children's Home feel that the children in our care deserve as much as our own children. In fact, the children who come to us, bruised and hurt, bearing the social, emotional, and spiritual scars of abuse, neglect, and the multitude of social sins plaguing our society need more than our own children in order to succeed.

Food, clothing, shelter, adequate facilities for recreation, and all the other basics of life are needed by the children who live at the Children's Home, but more than all this they need adults, Christian men and women who are fit to be models. Our children grow up to be like us. Our Children's Home has adequate facilities. It is our prayer that God will continue to send us Christian men and women to serve as houseparents, counselors, administrators, maintenance personnel, visiting families, and all the other types of persons needed to provide adult models for our children.

In this International Year of the Child, we at the Children's Home are rededicating ourselves to our Lord and to ensuring that every child in our care has a "Christian Home." If it's a Christian home first, then, all of their rights will be ensured.

# Retirement for Others

Dear Mr. Humphrey,

I am sending a check to the Free Will Baptist Retirement Home Fund. I know there are many of our ministers that have given the best part of their lives for our beloved denomination. Some of these may not have a home when they retire. I think a place for Retirement Homes for our denominational leaders is a wonderful thing. Mr. Moretz and I bought land in Swannanoa and built a house after he retired. I may not need to rent one of the units, but I would like to help others to have a home when they retire.

Very sincerely,  
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz

Mrs. Moretz's letter reflects the gratitude of one whom God has blessed. To express her gratitude, she gives so that "others" can live as comfortably as she does. Recently one of our ministers said to me, "It's the only hope I've got." You may never need to live at Middlesex, but some of our brothers and sisters will. Remember the Retirement Homes in your prayers and your giving.



## THROUGH THIS WORLD

by Lorraine Smith  
Pink Hill, North Carolina

Through this world of woe,  
I'll rise to heights unknown  
There to proclaim eternal love.  
By the mist of morning sun,  
I can see visions of that heavenly throne.  
The love of one who loved me more  
Beyond human capacity to understand.  
The lightning flashes and the thunder rolls,

But there is no fear when God is near.  
This world is a stepping stone,  
And life is our testing ground.  
If our life proves a worthy soul,  
Then death is one giant leap.  
While rising from the valley,  
I'll sing the greatest song of love.  
There in glory I shall belong,  
To a family that shall never part.





# NEWS & NOTES

## Friendship Church to Have Revival



*The Rev. C. L. Patrick*

The Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, will have revival services March 19 through March 24 at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, will be the guest evangelist. The Rev. Walter Reynolds is the pastor of the Friendship church. Everyone is invited.

## Youth Revival Scheduled

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, will hold a weekend youth revival March 9 through March 11. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Craig Simmons. Evangelistic services for Friday and Saturday evenings will begin at 7:30 preceded by prayer sessions at 7. The evangelistic service for Sunday evening will begin at 7, preceded by a prayer session at 6:30. Special music will be presented each evening of the revival with the youth choir from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, as the special guest on Saturday evening.

Cottage prayer meetings were also held Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 p. m. in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Franks, and Mrs.

J. W. Pierce, in preparation for the revival.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Valentine Banquet

The Young Woman's Prayer Fellowship of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, sponsored a valentine banquet, on Tuesday, February 13, at 7 p. m., in the fellowship hall of the church. Red roses and red candles were used on the tables along with other valentine decorations following a red and white color scheme.

The 90 guests were welcomed by Mrs. Linda Davis, President of the Young Woman's Group. A short devotion was given by the Rev. Craig Simmons followed by the invocation by the Rev. Clyde Cox.

Following the banquet several people received honors: They were: the couple married the longest, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilkins (married 50 years); the couple with the most children, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Moore (who are the parents of six children); and Mrs. Maggie Woodard (who is the mother of six children).

Kent Howell then entertained the group with some juggling stunts followed by a special presentation of the Newlywed Game.

Finally, the guests joined together in singing a few old-fashioned love songs and were dismissed. It was a wonderful night of fellowship and will long be remembered by everyone who attended.

## Rock-a-Thon, First Church, Wilson

The Girl's Auxilliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, sponsored a rock-a-thon for Cragmont on Friday night, February 16, in the fellowship hall of the church. The girls rocked from 8 p. m. Friday night until 8 a. m. Saturday. They raised approximately \$600 which will be used to furnish one of the rooms in the new building at Cragmont.

The leaders of the group are Mrs. Linda Davis and Mrs. Sandra Pearson.

Thanks go to all the girls who worked hard to make the rock-a-thon a success.

## Open House for New Fellowship Hall

The East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina extends a cordial invitation to all friends and former members of the church to attend a dedication and open house for the new fellowship hall. The new facility will be named Memorial Hall, in loving memory of all the deceased members of the church. The time of the service will be 3 until 5 p. m., on Sunday, March 11. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Walter Carter.

## Youth Banquet at Holly Springs



*Tommy Davis, Georgianna Porter, Samuel Mason, Renee Mills, Wendy McCain, Johnny Gurganus and Barbara Lane.*

The youth at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Nine Mile Road, Newport, North Carolina, had their Valentine banquet on Friday, February 16. A king and queen were chosen from each youth group of the church. They included: Tommy Davis and Georgianna Porter from Cherubs, Samuel Mason and Renee Mills from the AFCs, Wendy McCain from the Junior YFAs, and Johnny Gurganus and Barbara Lane from the YFAs. Georgianna Porter and Tommy Davis were the over-all king and queen for collecting the most money. There was a total of \$300 collected. The proceeds will go toward paying the expenses of the youth of the church who are going to Cragmont. A special thanks goes to each young person who helped in any way.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

# In Loving Memory of Mrs. Bessie Pelletier

Submitted by Mrs. Geneva Pelletier

On February 9, 1979, God called home one of His children, Mrs. Bessie Pelletier. Mrs. Pelletier (my mother-in-law whom I called "Mother"), was 69 years old and she was from Newport, North Carolina.

Mother was the daughter of Lawrence and Mollie Garner Barnes. Her mother died when she was only 9 years old. Her mother had to raise her children with the help of relatives, friends, and most of all, the Lord. Mother was married to the late William Levi Pelletier. He died June 17, 1976.

Her funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Sunday, February 11, 1979, at the Bell Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, North Carolina. The Revs. Gurney Chase, Clifton Stryon, Foster Reynolds, and Mr. J. M. Russell officiated at her funeral. She was buried in the Gales Creek Cemetery.

She was a homemaker. She is survived by three sons, Lyon B. Pelletier of Newport, Lawrence (Larry) Pelletier of Salem, Virginia, and Oneil Pelletier of Hubert, North Carolina; and eight grandchildren. She is also survived by 2 brothers and 2 sisters: William Langhorn Barnes of Hampstead, Joe C. Barnes of Newport, Mrs. Frances Jordan of Newport, and Mrs. Ralph Wilkins of Beaufort.

Mother was a member of the Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina and was very active until the last 6 years of her life when her health and her eyesight were not good. She had a major heart attack in the summer of 1978.

She worked hard in her church for many years. She was very active in the auxiliary and the vacation Bible school program each summer. She was the director of the Christmas plays for many years, a Sunday school teacher, the secretary of the Sunday school, and the clerk of the church. She never complained about any job the church gave her to do. She would always say, "I will do my best with the help of the Lord."

To me she was more than just my mother-in-law; she was a friend. She

was a lovely person who was clean, friendly, and wonderful. She was also a wonderful grandmother, and her grandchildren loved her dearly.

I miss her very much and I know I will as long as I live. I will never forget her, but I know that our loss is Heaven's gain, because God called and gathered another of His roses.

I would like to close this with a saying that fits her life, and I would like to think it was written for her:

"If any little thought of ours,  
Can make one life the stronger;  
If any cheery smile of ours,  
Can make its brightness longer  
Then let us speak that thought today,  
With tender eyes a glowing.  
So God may grant some weary one  
Shall reap from our glad sowing."

The above poem was copied from a book entitled THE TREASURE CHEST.

## Coming Events . . .

March—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

March 4-17—Foreign Missions Rallies, Places to Be Announced

March 10—North Carolina State League Convention, Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Pink Hill

March 17—Central District Youth Convention, Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

March 17—Eastern District Youth Convention, Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

March 17—Western District Youth Fellowship Convention, Rodgers Chapel, at Mount Olive College, beginning at 10 a. m.

March 22—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

March 28—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

March 31—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

March 31—Annual Alumni Meeting and Banquet, 5:15 p. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

## CORRECTION, PLEASE

The service announced in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST last week in which Dianne Riley was to speak at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, was incorrectly dated for February 18. It should be dated for March 18. Please note this change in date.

## OUT OF THE HEART

by Mrs. Beulah Whitson

Out of the heart comes things from above  
Out of the heart comes peace, joy, and love

Out of the heart the Saviour bestows  
All of His goodness to friend and to foe.

As a man thinketh into his heart  
The Bible says is he good or bad.  
So let's take note of all of our thoughts  
Because He is keeping a record today.

When we're unkind it comes from our heart—

Our ways and actions first get a start.  
Let's look inside of our hearts today,  
And see their contents before it's too late.

What thoughts are you thinking today?  
Remember what God's Word does say,  
As he thinketh in his heart  
So is he—right from the start.

## PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I have learned that marital problems usually stem from one or more of three major categories: (1) money problems; (2) poor sex relationships; (3) carrying grudges; and these are usually not mentioned unless uncovered by a counselor.





# The Sunday School Lesson

For March 18

## DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 5:9—6:8

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 1:10

### I. INTRODUCTION

In the discussion of problems, whether in our church or home life, there have been times when we have often become impatient with generalities. It may have been said that the atmosphere of our worship service is dull and unsatisfactory, or that our homelife is too hurried and impersonal. But we want to know just what there is about the worship that is not helpful, what can be done to make it really different? If our home activities are too chaotic, how can things be made less tense or so organized that they proceed with greater discipline?

Paul came to the place in his Corinthian letter where he needed to point out the particular problems they faced. They **were** saints and called of God. It was also true there were disputes and disagreements within the Christian community. Paul now took up the specific ways they were experiencing tensions between their Christian ideals and their practical living.

Every individual and social group must be subjected to discipline. This word originally meant simply to teach or to instruct students. But it has come to stand for various methods or actions by which the subjects of it are conditioned, directed, and made more effective. So one disciplines oneself in excluding sweets or fats from one's diet. The athlete is disciplined to train for certain physical actions and to exercise and work out in particular ways. The soldier is disciplined to obedience and the control of his life in certain ways. The school insists on a certain number of days in attendance and certain mental efforts

in various areas of study if credit for work is to be given.

Paul indicates that the church must also be aware that certain standards must be maintained if Christian discipleship is to have any meaning. While all may come to Jesus as they are—in their sins and need—they come for forgiveness and cleansing. They cannot continue as they were without undermining the foundations of the temple of God. Persons **come** to Jesus as sinners, but they **continue** in Him as those who are saints. Of course, growth and change may not come all at once, but it must come. The need to exhibit a changed life is so vital to the welfare of the church that failure to do so must result in disciplinary action by the Christian group.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. In the first four chapters of 1 Corinthians, Paul has pleaded for unity among the brethren in the church, but beginning here in Chapter Five he makes an abrupt change and begins to talk about the disciplining of those wayward members who refuse to live the kind of lives that Christians should live.

B. As you teach this lesson you will become aware, if you have not already done so, that there is a great difference in the church over this matter of church discipline. There was a time in the history of the church when members were dealt with for the smallest offence. There are those who believe that the church should still do this. On the other hand, most churches today never discipline a member for any offence. And there are those who feel that this should be the practice of the church. It seems that, somewhere between these two extremes, there is the right course for the church to take in the discipline of members.

C. It is interesting to observe the offence that Paul is talking about here. Verse 1 of the fifth chapter of 1 Corinthians he tells us, "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife." Nowhere does Paul say that every sin of offence should be dealt with by the church, but this was an open, overt act that was commonly known. When Paul says that it was "commonly reported" he does not mean that it was just a matter of idle gossip, but that it was well known among all of the people that this sin was being committed.

D. In this lesson, we will not undertake to cope with the method of dealing with a member that is involved in such a sin. This is clearly spelled out in the church discipline as well as in the Word of God. We will look at the Bible text above with the hope of gaining some principles for Christian discipline that can be applied generally in the church.

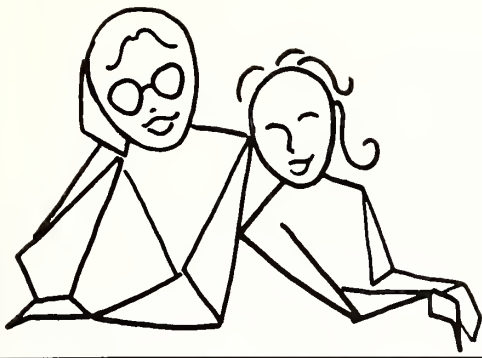
—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In the two previous lessons we have mentioned several times one of the troubles in the Corinthian church—dissension and dispute. References to this will be found in 1 Corinthians 1:11-17 and in other places throughout Paul's letters to this church.

B. But there was an even graver problem, that of base immorality. Some of the members of this church were very carnal, so much so that Paul found it difficult to counsel with them (see 1 Corinthians 3:1-4). But he did give his best to them by way of advising and instructing them. If any church needed discipline within the fellowship, this one did. It seems rather strange to speak in this manner about a church of Jesus Christ, but one must remember, as Paul did, that even though we are saved by grace we are still in the flesh and may be dominated by its influence. This means that we, too, may be carnal (a word from the Latin meaning flesh). As long as we live in these bodies of flesh we will be engaged in a death struggle against carnality, but we can win the victory only through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

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# STORY CORNER

## JONATHAN AND DAVID: DEVOTED FRIENDS

LAST week we learned about David and the way he killed the giant, Goliath. Naturally, King Saul was pleased with David. Here a young boy had done what none of his army could try to do. He himself had been afraid.

King Saul had a son named Jonathan. When Saul took David back home with him, Jonathan and David became great friends. They loved each other as much as if they had been brothers. Perhaps they loved each other more than they could their own brothers. David went back to live in the house of the king, and Jonathan shared his clothes with him, even his sword and bow. Saul sent David on errands when he needed someone brave and faithful. All the people of the kingdom loved David.

Soon the people began to sing about David. They sang: "Saul has slain his thousands but David his ten thousands."

Saul heard this; and because he was sometimes wicked, he began to be jealous of the way people sang of David. He wanted them to think that he was the greatest fighter in the land, but they knew that he had been afraid of the giant and David had not. David was the bravest man in the land.

Saul was in one of his bad moods and called for David to play the harp for him. While David was playing, Saul kept thinking of the songs that were being sung about David, and he decided to try to kill David; then the people would think that he was the bravest and strongest man again.

He had a javelin, a kind of spear, in

his hand. When David was playing, he threw it, trying to pin David to the wall and kill him. But the Lord was with David; twice he dodged and escaped. Saul became afraid of David because he knew that the Lord was with him. Saul wanted to get David away from him; so he made David the captain over a thousand of the soldiers. The Lord continued to be with David, and he did well as the captain.

David loved the daughter of the king and wanted to marry her; but Saul wanted David killed. He was afraid to do it because he knew that the Lord was with David; so he decided to use his daughter as a trap for David. He knew that if David could fight the Philistines there would be a chance that he would be killed. He told David that, if he would kill one hundred Philistines alone, he could marry Michal, Saul's daughter.

David not only killed the hundred; he killed two hundred; then he presented himself to the king to marry his daughter. Even after they were married and he was Saul's son-in-law, Saul hated David. He tried to get Jonathan and all of his servants to kill David.

Jonathan loved David and went to him to tell him to hide: "My father is determined that you shall die. Let us find a secret place for you to hide. I will go to my father and see if he is still angry and wants to kill you."

Because of Jonathan, Saul said that he would not kill David; then David returned again to the house of Saul.

Saul again became jealous and wanted to kill David. Michal, David's wife, found out Saul's plans and helped David escape down the side of the wall through a window; then she took blankets and

made a dummy to put in his bed so that they might not know he had gone.

Saul was very angry when he found that he had been tricked by his own daughter.

Again Jonathan went to David to help him hide from the king. They arranged a signal that would let David know if it was safe for him to return to his home. Jonathan was to come to an area near David's hiding place and practice shooting arrows. When he got three into the air, he would send his servant to find them. If it were safe for David to come out, he would say to the servant, "The arrows are on this side of thee." But if the king was still of a mind to kill David, Jonathan would say, "Behold, the arrows are beyond thee." David was to go away and try to keep hidden from the king.

When Jonathan went before his father and asked about David, Saul was very angry with him. He knew that Jonathan knew where to find David, and he said, "You shall never be king until David is dead. Go and bring him to me." Jonathan refused and Saul was so angry that he threw a javelin at his own son. Jonathan knew that Saul would never change his mind about David now; therefore, he went to the fields near the place they had appointed.

Taking his bow and three arrows, he shot them into the air toward David's hiding place; then he said to his servant, "Go and find the arrows." When he had gone Jonathan called to him, "Behold, the arrows lie far beyond thee." The servant went to find them, and David knew that it would not be safe for him to return. He came out of his hiding place to say good-bye to his dearest friend.

They kissed one another and wept; then Jonathan said, "Go in peace, and may the Lord always be with us."

David left and hid himself in a cave; Jonathan returned to the city.

Later, David gathered together the men of his army and went into the land of Moab. He brought his mother and father. If you remember, Moab was the home of his great-grandmother Ruth. He left them there and wandered around in several countries.

Saul banded together some men and went out to find David to kill him, but David would not fight him. Twice, David

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## STORY CORNER

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had an opportunity to kill Saul, and twice he refused.

Going into the land of the Philistines, he lived there for a year and four months, until Saul was dead; then he returned to Israel to become the king, as God had anointed him.

Jonathan had been killed in a battle and Saul had killed himself in the same battle. David grieved for them especially for his beloved friend, Jonathan.

David reigned for many years as king of Israel. — **The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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C. If He helps us win the battle, however, it must be through divine discipline which may at times be very painful to us, especially when we are not quite willing to let go of our carnal desires. But His discipline is always good for us, just as the discipline of a wise parent is good for his or her children.

— **The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Denial of Self**—St. Francis of Assisi was born the son of a wealthy merchant. He lived a normal boyhood under the care of an adoring father who pampered him. He became a frolicsome youth. He set out to engage in every sin and to live high and wide. When suddenly he felt the hand of God upon him, he surrendered to the ministry, and so completely renounced his father and his wealthy way of life, that he literally stripped off every garment. Standing naked before the Bishop, he dedicated himself to sacrificial service. Sacrifice and denial were ordinary events in his life style. One can never accomplish anything worth while in this life without it.

**Separation Needed**—The very famous Methodist missionary Dr. E. Stanley Jones was witnessing to a group of Indians. He pleaded with them to tell him why they would not accept Christ and become followers. One young man answered, "We love your Christ and think He is wonderful, but the Christians we know are not like Him."

— **The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

## Quarterly Yoke Letter

submitted for publication by Frank R. Harrison

Dear Friends:

When, in November 1978, news of the Jonestown tragedy reached the general public a common reaction was one of puzzlement verging on disbelief. How, it was repeatedly asked, could such an event occur? How could it be that hundreds of Americans would engage in mass suicide and murder, at the command of the leader of their supposedly ideal community?

Now, looking back at the tragedy from the vantage point of elapsed time, we can see that the sense of mystification, once so widespread was almost entirely wrong. As we think more carefully we see that the disastrous event in South America, far from being mysterious, was the logical outcome of a development which had already taken place in Indiana and California. The right understanding of this development is extremely important for all who care about the survival of our civilization, and particularly for those who face the future from a Christian perspective.

The steady movement toward disaster is best understood when we realize that the story is one of general **uprootedness**. Many of those who died were the "Flower Children," liberated, as they supposed, from the moral standards of the local communities from which they had fled. For many of these for whom there was no real sense of meaning, the first reaction was a feeling of liberation. For a while they rejoiced in their empty freedom, which included sexual promiscuity and the drug culture, but this was a position which, in the nature of events, could not be long maintained. Spiritually hungry, they looked for sustenance, and it appeared to them that they had found it in the leadership of the man who had started life in Randolph County, Indiana. **The empty house, as Christ taught us, cannot remain empty. The effort to maintain a spiritual vacuum permanently is literally impossible.**

Because Christ's parable of the empty house is not well remembered or even widely understood, it is worthwhile to repeat it here. The parable is preserved for us in both Matthew and Luke, the Lucan version being as follows:

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none he says 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first" (Luke 11:24-26).

If we did not realize it before, we know now that people whose lives are meaningless will **grasp** for a meaning and will, in many instances, accept it uncritically. The counter-culture is restless without an answer. It is important for us to try to see why Jim Jones appeared to have an answer to the needs of the spiritually uprooted. We need to understand partly because we can be sure that the Jonestown tragedy is not the last of its kind. If enough of our generation understand, some calamities may however, be avoided.

Part of the initial puzzlement in the general public arose from misunderstandings. Many supposed, for example, that the People's Temple was a church, in the ordinary sense of the word, and that James Jones was an avowed Christian. Both suppositions were false. Furthermore, many thought of the settlement in South America as an agricultural mission, similar to the missions which many of us support by our giving. It was naturally supposed that the settlement had been established to lift the economic and spiritual level of the surrounding population. It was, by contrast, a **commune**, organized specifically to enable citizens to escape from the problems of North American culture.

Though he began as a Christian, James Jones moved farther and farther to the left, so that he soon became a Marxist, accepting the totalitarianism which Marxism necessitates. Indeed, the South American scene was a frankly temporary abode, with the U. S. S. R. as the ultimate destination. What began as a flaming idealism, especially in regard to race and poverty, led, by its own

lectic, to acceptance of the necessity of tyranny, in order to make the idealism a reality. Absolute freedom, which carries within itself the means of its own destruction, led, by irreversible steps, to the abolition of freedom.

The whole story shows how vulnerable is the inconsistent the popular philosophy. If, as so many claim to believe, there is no real right, but only the passing references'' of finite men and women, what reason is there to claim that Jones is wrong? According to this popular philosophy, the critics of Jones do what they may like to do, and Jones did what he pleased. If he liked personal power and the cultivation of obedient followers, what is wrong with that? If there's nothing good but bad but thinking makes it so, by what standard can the dictated suicide be criticized?

The debacle cannot be understood unless we realize that James Jones began as what we normally call an orthodox liberal. So much was he a part of the liberal establishment that he was even given public office by the government of one of the cities in which he lived. He was known as a friend of the poor, a vigorous proponent of civil rights, a staunch champion of racial justice. In this crusader role, he was able to deliver a large bloc of votes to the party of his choice.

One key to an understanding of the complex situation is the recognition, in the Jones philosophy, of a clear separation between social ethics and personal ethics. Very firm in regard of race, he was conspicuously infirm in regard to sex. Indeed, he acknowledged the fatherhood of a child of one of his female followers. Matters of moral integrity were trivial compared with matters of social justice. This helps us to see why even murder could be logically condoned, because individual life seems unimportant in the effort to achieve an ideal social order.

Enough time has elapsed since the November holocaust to allow us to see it in some intellectual perspective. We can look at it more calmly now than was possible at first, and we can see that the root of the problem is philosophical. Jones and his followers were religious, not in the sense of belief in Almighty God, but in the sense of absolute commitment to a Cause. This involves absolute obedience to the Leader's

command whenever the Marxist ideal is supposed to be at stake. In short, what we have observed, to our horror, is not lack of faith, but far too much faith. What is so pathetic is that all of the actors in the terrible drama seem to have supposed that they were doing something noble. These pathetic people clearly thought that they were dying for a cause.

The mass suicide in Guyanna is the gruesome conclusion of the saga of the flower children. The cutflowers **did** wither. Cut off from the complex of social influences of home, church, family doctors, aunts and uncles, where could they go? They fled to a minor dictator and to death. As always occurs, the drift to extreme socialism led straight to a new tyranny. If people are absolutely uprooted they soon become easy targets for the claims of new messiahs.

What occurred in a South American jungle on November 18, 1978, should serve as a powerful warning to every thoughtful person that our responsibility is to bring meaning to as many lives as possible before it is too late. We have good reason to suppose that one means of doing this is the promulgation of the total gospel of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully,  
D. Elton Trueblood

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Entire Bibles were published for the first time in two new languages. Kate in

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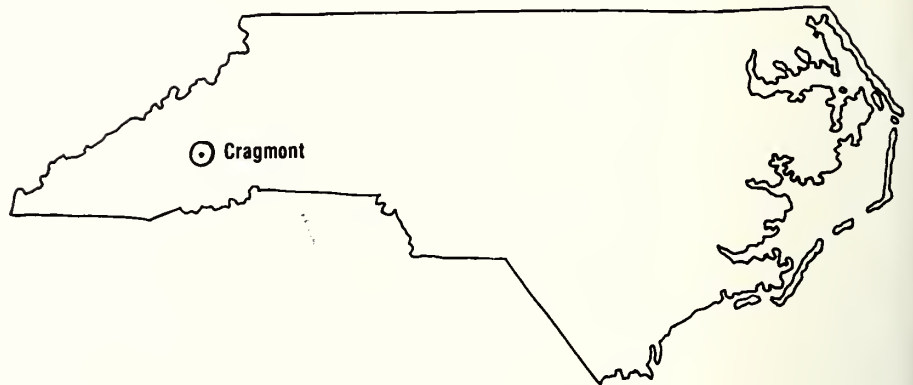
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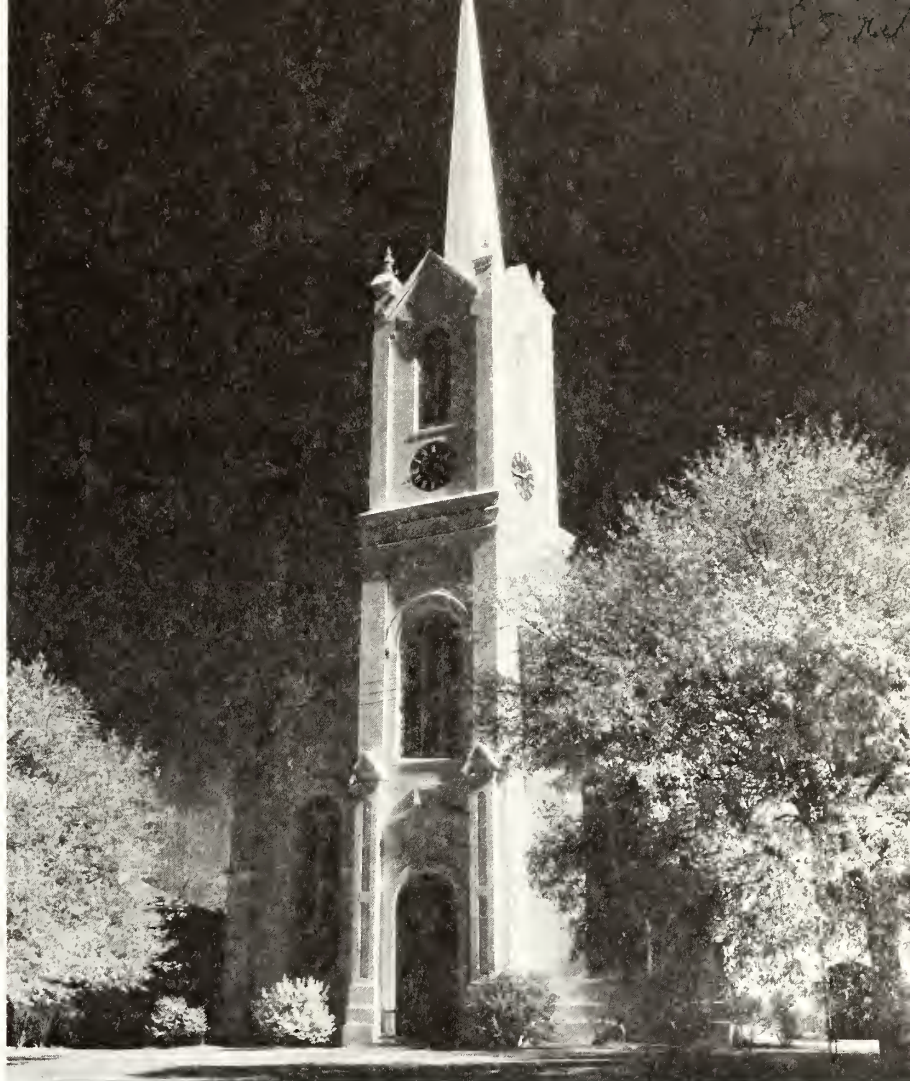


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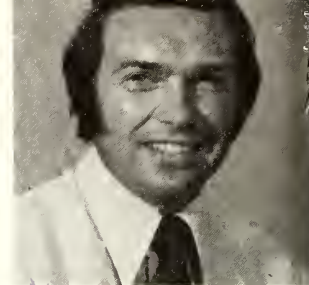


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**LOCKED OUT!**

(A Consideration of Churches with Locked Doors)

I read recently about a woman who, after suffering many physical and emotional afflictions, sought refuge in a motel room where she contemplated taking her life. Not being able to muster up the last ounce of whatever was needed to pull the trigger, she desperately searched for a church in the late-night hour, hoping to find in the sanctuary some reason for living—some reason for carrying on, despite the seeming impossible impositions that life held for her.

After some aimless walking in the large southern city, she stumbled upon a church, which at first glance appeared to cast a ray of hope in the wilderness of hope and despair. With eager hands, she grasped the knob, hungrily anticipating the peace that lay on the other side of the door.

The door would not budge, even against her furious efforts. It was locked. A sign outside announced to the woman that the evening services had been cancelled and there on the spot, in front of the door of the Lord's house, the woman pulled out her gun, shot and killed herself. The bullet passed through her body and lodged in the locked door.

Such an occurrence, even if over-dramatized, should sober us and cause us to sit up and take notice. A church door locked? Why? There are various reasons, some very valid and some not so valid.

If I had **my** way, no church would ever be locked (and I am glad to report that some congregations do **not** lock their sanctuaries). I personally have found solace, consolation, and sundry other benefits from being able to enter my church at will. Many times have I had my most memorable and meaningful worship experiences during the late-night or early-morning hours when, during times of need or desire, I would enter His house alone and spend an hour or two in meditative communion with God.

Though I have never known such pressing problems as to cause me to consider taking my life, I can well imagine the desperation of one so bent—and how lamentable, to say the very least, that one who, in a final effort of self-preservation, found herself locked out of His comforting sanctuary. **Locked out!** How the taunting refrain must have sounded and resounded in the echoing halls of her mind!

We are all aware that some churches in large cities and nearly everywhere else have suffered vandalism. This reason is one cited for locking the doors. Some church trappings are so expensive (and some people have so little regard for or reverence for the Lord's property) that it has become advisable, if not necessary, to lock out intruders. Which is more valuable, though, the **costly adornments** or the **souls** who might find refuge in the hallowed place? Surely God dwells in grand cathedrals, but He dwells as well in the lowly chapel which is devoid of all superficial reminders of Him. He dwells **any** and **everywhere**, surely; but some people (the poor, troubled lady included) find Him more easily in a house set apart for His worship.

I am fully cognizant that my personal dismay will not prompt churches to unlock their doors to the risk of the dangers without. I just think it sad that a church—**any** church—must find it necessary to lock out a possible passer-by, who, like the needful woman, might find therein the small glint of hope and strength to go on living.

Each of us can be a church, for we have admitted that God is **not** confined to **buildings**. Such acknowledgement behooves us to be a beacon for Him. Who knows? It is conceivable that someone, somewhere, sometime, might come to us with his problem, seeing in **us** that small ray of hope. If we can provide that hope, it is possible that we might stop a bullet or something worse.

Think on these things. Don't keep anyone locked out!

# RECIPE FOR REVIVAL

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard  
Greenville, North Carolina

A few years ago all the television networks featured some kind of "cook show." It seemed a competitive thing to do and these shows were popular among housewives and farm cooks.

We find in God's Word a recipe for a successful revival. If we were to "cook" a revival, what would the main ingredients be?

Three of them, we feel, are: (1) Praying; (2) Preaching; and (3) Power.

In other words, the kind of angelic meeting, or revival, we need might be termed; (1) A Prayed-Down Revival; (2) A Preached-Up Revival; and (3) A Powered-In Revival.

Since I was a youngster, having been brought up in the church, I have heard my father and other ministers and evangelists declare from their pulpits the need for a "great sweeping revival" in our land.

Today, as we learn of increased crime, the commission of pornographic literature into an open market, lack of attendance in our churches, permissiveness toward the use of harmful drugs and alcohol, and loose morals among both young and old practicing forward sins (sic) on every hand, it is obvious that not only is there a need for widespread revival, but **WE HAVE GOT TO HAVE A SPIRITUAL REVIVAL** if we are to see our nation survive.

It does not take a wise man to realize that everything in the American way of life; that life so dear to the American heart which has felt the blessings of God shed upon it, are the results of the obligation proclaimed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

We can have a revival. God has promised us a spiritual awakening if we only meet the conditions. Isaiah 40:31 says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they

shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." The key here is to "wait upon the Lord" or keep attuned to His will in our lives so that we might be used; let us "mount up with wings as eagles."

## A Prayed-Down Revival

Oh, how we as the people of God need to use mighty, prevailing, intercessory prayer again; not just the ordinary kind of praying, but praying that will not let go until the fire from Heaven falls. In the pages of Holy Writ, we find God's account of things that have been wrought in the past by prayer. Whatever God has wrought in the past through His people and by His mighty power and in answer to the heart-cry of His people, "who day and night beseech the throne of Almighty God" with their prayers; I believe He will do again. My Bible says He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

If we are to pray down revival, we must begin with ourselves. We in the church—the true believers—preachers, teachers, deacons, as well as the rank and file of members—need to do some honest confessing of our own sins. We must be right with God ourselves before we can expect others to listen to our testimony and our urgings to accept Christ.

George Stephens, that great evangelist who lived around the turn of the century, said in a meeting back in 1916—with all the passion of his soul—that everyone of us who names the name of Christ needs the courage to face our lives on our knees while God turns on the searchlight. Oh, how we need that kind of praying!

While the disciples tarried there in the

Upper Room to be "endued with power from on high" (read Luke 24), I believe they were almost continually in prayer and communion with God. We see that when the time came (see Acts 2) they were in one accord and were able to be used of God.

Just as we need praying like that done in the Upper Room, we need such praying as Daniel did down by the river in Babylon. In Chapters 9, 10 of the Book of Daniel, we hear him say, ". . . I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth and ashes" (Daniel 9:3), and then, "I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh or wine in my mouth. . . till three whole weeks were fulfilled" as he cried to God. At the climax of that heart-cry when Daniel was pouring out his very soul to God, you hear him say, "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God; for thy city and thy people who are called by thy name." There one can hear the sob and the sigh of a broken heart. At a cry like that, it is no wonder that God sent the angel Gabriel from Heaven to that man of God.

## A Preached-Up Revival

Just as sure as there never has been a great revival that was not born in prayer, there never has been a great sweeping revival that did not come in by mighty, earnest, red-hot, passionate preaching of the whole counsel of God. Paul declares (1 Corinthians 1:21) ". . . it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" and I am just old-fashioned enough to believe that that is still God's plan.

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**"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6).**



In other words, let us put legs on our prayers and get out and reach others with the gospel of Jesus Christ; let us bring them into contact with the revival fires from Heaven.

We can preach by crying out against sin. This can be done by word of mouth, or we can reach out through the printed word, the passing out of gospel tracts. We shirk our duty as true believers if we neglect to cry out against sin. The command is still as Isaiah put it in Isaiah 58:1: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, . . ." We need to "lay the axe to the root of the tree" as the Word declares. John the Baptist set the example by warning the people to "flee from the wrath to come" (Luke 3:7).

As we interpret God's Word, preaching is not confined to those who occupy the pulpits. Preaching and witnessing are synonymous in the Christian language. All born-again children of God are told to "go and witness" and one doesn't have to be a "man of the cloth" to witness.

Yes, we need to preach or witness of the love of God and the grace of God and the long-suffering of God and the mercy of God toward a suffering, sin-cursed world; and we need to remember that God is love, that God is mercy, that God is grace, that God is long-suffering, and that He is all these things in Jesus Christ. But, outside of Jesus Christ, our God is still a consuming fire. He is still a God of wrath. He is a God in whose face the fury of wrath arises at the sins of ungodly man.

Men need to know that God will punish sin. They need to be told of the natural and total depravity of the human heart, and the utter hopelessness of men apart from the new birth. They need to be warned of the consequences of sin. They need to have it thundered in their ears that there is a judgment coming for those who sin. They need to be taught from the Word of God that sin will bring judgment, retribution, heartache, the wrath of God, and that it will separate a soul from God and send it to Hell.

We need to stand up and speak out against sin and not apologize for it. When a man accepts Christ he does not need to apologize for witnessing for his Saviour.

#### **A Powered-In Revival**

While as witnesses for the cause of Christ, we can do great wonders by

getting prostrate before God in prayer for revival. While we can cry from the rooftops and use all the modern methods of telling the world about the need for revival: NOTHING, I repeat, NOTHING can really bring down the reviving fires from God unless the Holy Spirit be in it! Acts 1:8 gives the promise of Christ: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

You may own an expensive limousine or some foreign-built sports car. You may have it sitting in your drive all shiny and ready to go. You may have new tires, a new battery and have it completely serviced for a long trip. You may have your luggage packed in its trunk. But, unless that battery is hooked up properly as a power supply; unless your motor has been tested and proved; and more than anything else, unless there is adequate fuel, you'll go nowhere. There **MUST BE POWER AND PROPER FUEL** before a motor-driven device can motivate. There must be power provided by the Holy Spirit before a successful evangelistic effort can come to our churches.

Now, in conclusion, we must ask ourselves an all-important question: "Are we ready for revival?"

We are not ready unless we have prepared through prayer, preaching, and the power of God. Each of us, especially those in the positions of leadership, must answer this question as we look forward to the many spring revivals planned in our churches, or the annual fall revivals customarily held.

## **PREACHER'S DIARY**

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I am having a hard time convincing people of our present generation the importance in doing what they say. A man's word has been his bond since his creation, but most people's words are not worth very much these days. It is just another fulfillment of prophecy, but it hadn't ought to be so among Christians. I, for one, still believe that a man is no better than his word.

## **ATTENTION CHURCHES PARTICIPATING IN SUPERANNUATION GIFT PROGRAM**

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Respectfully,  
Walter Reynolds,  
Director-Treasurer  
Board of Superannuation

## **PEACE**

by Mrs. Luther Tugwell

I have been to the top of the mountain,  
I have been down to depths of despair  
Whatever the situation,  
My Lord was always there.

He promises not to forsake us  
If we obey His command.  
So friends, put your trust in Him,  
He will always hold your hand.

It is a wonderful feeling, friends,  
Words can't explain it.  
You have to have peace within,  
If you want to proclaim it.

So through your times and tribulations  
Just put your trust in God—  
He will help you and give your salvation  
As in this life you trod.

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The Editor

## The Rev. Marvin R. Waters

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. The Rev. Marvin R. Waters is the fourteenth to be accorded this recognition in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A FAITHFUL SERVANT

submitted by Mrs. Mary F. Harris



The Rev. and Mrs. Marvin R. Waters

The Shiloh Original Free Will Baptist Church is indeed fortunate to have as its pastor a dedicated servant of God, the Rev. Marvin R. Waters.

Mr. Waters began the pastorate of our church, as well as Trinity church at Wintego, on a part-time basis in 1973 while a student at Atlantic Christian

College. In 1974, he became the first full-time pastor of Shiloh church.

He was born in Plymouth, North Carolina, August 28, 1953. He is a graduate of Williamston High School. He graduated from Mount Olive College in 1973 with an A. S. Degree, and Atlantic Christian College in 1975, with a B. A.

Degree in religion and philosophy. In 1977, he obtained his Master's Degree in education with a concentration in counselor education from East Carolina University. While attending Mount Olive College, he was awarded the Jordan Citizenship Award, and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Fraternity of the Junior College. In 1977, he was awarded the Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of America Award.

Mr. Waters was licensed to the ministry by the First Free Will Baptist Church in Plymouth in November, 1972, while a student at Mount Olive College. He was ordained in November, 1973, at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, North Carolina.

Our pastor participates in all phases of our denominational work and is an avid supporter of all denominational enterprises. He is a young man with firm beliefs who is willing to stand up for those beliefs. He has served a four-year term as Clerk of the Albemarle Union Meeting. He is the present Clerk of the Albemarle Conference and Secretary of the State Sunday School Convention. In addition, he serves on the Foreign Missions Board of the North Carolina State Convention and has served on the Treatise Revision Committee representing the Albemarle Conference as an alternate representative.

Mr. Waters is also an active participant in community affairs and is highly respected by all in the Pinetown community. He is presently serving as President of the Beaufort County Ministerial Association and Vice-President of the Beaufort County Chaplains Association.

In addition to challenging and thought provoking messages each Sunday, our pastor conducts Bible study each Wednesday night. He is blessed with a beautiful voice and sings in the church choir. He regularly visits with the sick and shut-ins, both in the homes and hospitals. This is true not only for our church members, but others in the community as well. He stands ready at all times to lend spiritual guidance. Counseling is a particularly satisfying part of his ministry and he is always available for those services when needed. Church bulletins are prepared for our pastor for distribution at Sunday services.

Since Mr. Waters has been serving

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# Uncles Can Be Fathers

by Marilyn Hall

**A**UNT Gertrude led the way up the steps of the big white farmhouse. "Your room is at the end of the hall," she said shortly, holding the screen door open for Sam who followed her in.

Sam was small for a ten-year-old and tired from his long trip, but he picked up his heavy suitcase and pillow and followed his aunt's directions. The room he entered was almost as stern as the sound of his new mother's voice. The sparse furniture and white spread, curtains, and woodwork reminded him of a hospital. Why couldn't he have been sent to his Aunt Chrissy, his mother's younger sister?

Sam busied himself with hanging up his clothes as he pushed the ugly memories from his mind. He wondered about the requirements of his new home. Would he have to go to church and sit through family devotions and comb his hair before meals? Maybe things would be different here. He glanced out the window and noticed a basketball net hanging from the shed in the backyard. Sam loved basketball.

Suddenly the tragedy flooded his mind again. Mrs. Hillary coming over to tell him that both of his parents had been killed in an accident. The arrival of Aunt Chrissy to help make decisions. The funeral. The long-distance phone calls. And then that long lonely week with Aunt Chrissy trying to sell the house and all the packing and throwing away. It couldn't have ended any worse, for Sam was scared to death of airplanes and had seen his Aunt Gertrude only once before in his life. And he had **never** even visited a farm!

A man's booming voice disturbed Sam's thoughts. "Hello, hello, hello," it said, echoing through the house. Uncle Joe had always announced himself this way after he discovered years ago that it brought the children running from every direction. Sam brushed the tears away just as Uncle Joe came into the room.

"Hello there, Sammy boy. Glad to have you with us." He shook Sam's hand, man-to-man. "How was your very first plane trip?"

"Oh, it was all right, I guess," answered Sam, startled at his uncle's blustery entrance. His father had been a soft-spoken man. Sam hesitated, holding back the tears.

Uncle Joe went on. "You know I could never get myself up in one of those birds. Always took the train or car myself. Don't really know what it's like, but I'd like to. You can tell me about it while we wash up."

Sam followed his uncle into the bathroom, wanting to talk about the terrible fear that had gripped him throughout the trip, but his throat ached and no words would come. They washed together in silence and then Uncle Joe handed him the other end of the towel. As he did so, he found himself looking down into tear-filled eyes and a face pinched with pain and helplessness.

Without a word he wrapped his big comforting arms around his nephew, pulling him down to the edge of the tub. Sam sobbed his heart out for a few minutes, and when he pushed himself away, he realized Uncle Joe's voice wasn't so loud any more.

"Something you want to say, Sam?" asked the older man.

"Sam wiped his eyes on the towel. Maybe he could pretend he was talking to his grandfather. Sam didn't have one, but he had heard that you could talk to grandfathers. He decided to give it a try.

"Uncle Joe, I didn't want to leave home. And I'm afraid of airplanes too. They said it was a good flight, but not for me—it was awful! You say you're afraid to fly too?"

"Yup, never got over it. Plan to, though, definitely plan to."

"But I'm afraid of elevators and bridges and strange places. And I don't think Aunt Gertrude is all that glad I've come here to live."

"First things first, Sam. You know the Good Book says that the Lord will provide for us. That means He will care for us."

Sam recalled the gathering arms of Uncle Joe a few minutes before. Then he remembered from Sunday school about God working through people. Uncle Joe went on.

"You know I was raised in the c too, and I used to be afraid of all kind animals. But I wouldn't trade farming anything in the world now. Childh fears don't last forever, Sam. And as Aunt Gertrude, first impressions can mighty undependable. It's true, fo pay attention when they're around b but she won't expect more than a per can give. She sets a fine example of w hood and motherhood for all of us. Yo get used to her in time too. Sam l heard that Uncle Joe's three children had college educations and fine jobs a families. Back home Uncle Joe's s cessful family life had often been topic of conversation at fan gatherings.

"Come on, I smell roast beef a gravy." As he turned to leave, he pick up the comb and smoothed his thin h handing it purposefully to Sam when was through. Sam obediently combed hair.

"Sit over here, Sam." Aunt Gertrude motioned to the chair on her right as th entered the dining room. The lavish arr of homecooked food whetted Sam's appetite, and he sat down eagerly.

Uncle Joe said the blessing, but n before Sam had noticed the family Bib at the far end of the table.

When he had finished his last bite chocolate cake, Uncle Joe picked up t Bible and began to read.

"Let not your heart be troubled. Y are trusting God, now trust in me. The are many rooms up there where r Father lives, and I am going to prepa them for your coming." Sam wonder what kind of a Bible Uncle Joe used. was different from the one at home a he found himself listening more close "When everything is ready, then I w come and get you, so that you c always be with me where I am. If th was not so, I would tell you plainly Sam believed those words even thou they sounded a bit different. "I am t Way—yes, the Truth, and the Life. Ask the Father for anything, using name and I will do it."

Sam could feel the old frighteni thoughts recede, those days of ter

ing into the background. He really have a home, a home where Jesus ve, and then a heavenly home, too, would be permanent where his cher and father would be waiting. And heavenly Father who wanted to answer er and would never die or go away. even though Uncle Joe might be a old, he hadn't forgotten about small s and their needs. He decided that es could be fathers if they had -even older ones.

Uncle Joe closed the Book in quiet yrence.

Sam, after you have helped me with dishes, we'll go out to the shed," t Gertrude said after a proper silence. ve stored some materials out there would make a fine bedspread for a s room. You can go through Kenny's gs too. I think his sports equipment out there along with a big bulletin rd and an old bicycle."

Sam looked puzzled as he began iring the table. "Aunt Gertrude, who enny?" he said hesitantly.

His aunt continued running the hot er into the sink, loading the dishes at same time. "So they never told you ut Kenny? Well, perhaps you were little. Kenny was our fourth child. He d of leukemia eight years ago when he s twelve." Sam wondered how his t could sound so matter-of-fact. He his throat tighten up again, but there sn't time now to think about it. ere's a towel, Sam, we'll be through 15 minutes, that's half the time it es me by myself. Fifteen minutes is a savings."

They worked in silence while Sam ight about some important things. y folks had to bear griefs too, but it n't keep them from loving others. en the Scripture Uncle Joe had read d given him a new feeling about God. wouldn't be so bored any more at the spect of family devotions and Sundayool. And Aunt Gertrude needed him. sn't she rattling the dishes un-cessarily now to hide her tears? And cle Joe needed him too—a big fellow e Uncle Joe, afraid of flying!

When they had dried the dishes, the o of them stepped out on the back rch into a summer sunset. Aunt Ger-ude picked up the dead leaves from her orite plants as Sam looked over his w surroundings. The door to the shed od open as if it were waiting for them. cle Joe could be seen down at the rn getting things settled for the night. rough the field in the other direction

Sam saw someone walking. A boy? A small boy? Sam waited and watched. It was a boy his size. And he was carrying a basketball and headed straight for the house.

"My house," thought Sam, feeling a new peace inside him and a fresh mood of expectancy as he followed Aunt Gertrude out to the shed.

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### NOTE OF SYMPATHY

The family of the Rev. H. Paul Jenkins acknowledges with deep appreciation to everyone, especially the ministers, for all they did for us during our time of sorrow. Thanks for all the cards, flowers and prayers from everyone. Continue your prayers for us at all times.

The family of the late  
Rev. H. Paul Jenkins

## Coming Events . . .

March—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

March 4-17—Foreign Missions Rallies, places to be announced

March 17—Central District Youth Convention, Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

March 17—Eastern District Youth Convention, Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

March 17—Western District Youth Fellowship Convention, Rodgers Chapel, at Mount Olive College, beginning at 10 a. m.

March 22—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

March 28—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

March 31—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

March 31—Annual Alumni Meeting and Banquet, 5:15 p. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

April 3—Ordaining Conference of the Central Conference will meet at 10 a. m., Free Will Baptist Press, anyone having business with the ordaining council should appear at this time

April 21—State Sunday School Convention, LaGrange Elementary School, Railroad Street, LaGrange, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

April 28—State Youth Convention, Wilson Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

## INSTALLATION SERVICE SPRING HILL CHURCH

On February 11, 1979 at the Sunday evening worship service, an installation service for the Youth Group of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, near Goldsboro, was held. The service was held by candlelight, with the colors of the YFA, AFC, and Cherubs (which are gold, light blue and royal blue) being used.

The YFAs, AFCs, and Cherubs marched in and took their seats as a prelude was played. Prayer and the message for the occasion were offered by the pastor, the Rev. William Dale. Special music was rendered by the YFAs, AFCs, and Cherubs. An introduction of the Installation Officers was given by Chris Hill. Rachel Turner, Vice-President of the Woman's Auxiliary, installed the youth. A prayer of dedication was given by Mrs. Alma Dale. The youth group is under the direction of Mrs. Ester Howell Vick. The following officers were installed: President, Fay Parrish; Vice-President, Clark Parrish; Mission Chairman, Ricky Braswell; Educational Chairman, Janet Walton; Study Course Chairmen, Lynn Cole, Joan Radford, Robin Ackiss, Paulette Whitley, Rose Barnes; Program Prayer Chairman, Joyce Barnes; Benevolence Chairman, Bud Walton; Recording Secretary, Judie Austin; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Brenda Mitchell; Out Reach Secretary, Gloria Baswell; Pianist, Adrienne Cole, Vickie Huffman; Youth Chairman and Sponsors, Kaye Woodard, Crickett Dail; and Youth Director, Ester Howell Vick.

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## HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

Due to the illness in the family of one of our houseparents, the Children's Home is in need of a houseparent couple at this time. We need dedicated Christians who are willing to learn. The children in our care have had a tough life. It takes skills, which can be learned, by those who sincerely want to help children.

The housefather would do general maintenance on campus during the day. We especially need someone who does carpentry work and can paint.

If you are interested please call (919) 235-2161 and ask for Mr. Lane or Mr. Humphrey.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## Dr. Trueblood Is Guest

by Bev Herring

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, renowned lecturer, author, educator, and founder of Yokefellow International, spent several days at Mount Olive College in individual sessions with students, faculty, and staff members.

Often referred to as one of the most distinguished theologians and Christian writers of today, Dr. Trueblood was the speaker at a special Convocation service for the College family.

In his remarks he proposed that a person today can come closer to an understanding of the wisdom of Plato than the students he taught in 4 B. C.

"We are not limited by his age of experience, but can have all his wisdom because it is recorded for us to study as much as we choose," he said.

He also quoted Abraham Lincoln who praised the written word as being "the greatest invention of man."

"To be great at whatever you choose to do, you must first soak yourself in models that represent that greatness," Dr. Trueblood explained.

Using several examples, he stated, "If you want to be a great musician, associate yourself with the music and written stories of the great musicians of the world. Let them be your models."

In describing the necessity of absorbing knowledge, Dr. Trueblood warned against the limitations of reading only contemporary materials. He likened them to cut flowers that look pretty for awhile, but lack the depth of roots to sustain constant growth.

An open discussion with faculty and an informal fireside chat with students were among the several opportunities to visit with Dr. Trueblood.

At a special banquet, Dr. Trueblood addressed a public gathering of about 200 persons on "The Future of the Christian Faith."

In his opening sentence, Dr. Trueblood explained that "the future of the Christian faith depends on our meeting the conditions God has given us."

The International Yokefellow Movement, founded by Dr. Trueblood

crosses denominational barriers in "yoking" Christians together into disciplined servants of Christ.

Dr. Trueblood outlined the essence of being a yokefellow in the four characteristics of commitment, fellowship, ministry, and discipline.

He first compared the characteristic of commitment to Christ to the commitment of marriage.

"In Christian marriage there is no contract—no keeping an end of a bargain, but a complete bold giving of oneself. And so it is with the commitment of a Christian life to Jesus Christ," he stated.

In explaining the characteristic of fellowship, Dr. Trueblood quoted the words of Christ "... where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

"We all know those who say they are nearer to God in the forest than in church," he said, "but they would not have the idea that brought them to God without having fellowship with others."

Interjecting a bit of humorous reality on Christians and the church, Dr. Trueblood added, "You know why the church is not perfect. Because you're in it."

The third characteristic Dr. Trueblood described is ministry.

"I believe there is a big mistake in believing if you want to be a dedicated Christian, you have to be a minister," he continued. "We are all ministers of the Christian faith in whatever profession we are involved in."

He outlined the role of the minister as one who "draws out" the ministry of others and helps to teach them to practice it.

The fourth and final characteristic is discipline.

"A yoke is the harness that disciplines; it limits us to what the master desires," the Yokefellow Founder explained. "The only power worth anything is power under control. Empty freedom is nonsense," Dr. Trueblood stated.

In explaining the essence of discipline of Christ's freedom, he quoted the Scripture describing the condition of real freedom in Jesus Christ.

"... If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31, 32).

In a final statement, Dr. Trueblood expressed optimism for the future of Christian faith because in the Yokefellow Movement alone, he was finding men and women joining together in a Christ-centered faith.

### NEW CREATIONS TO SING

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of songs and testimonies, at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday morning, March 18, in Pantego. Bryant Hines is pastor.

The New Creations will present another program of songs and testimonies at the evening worship service of Hugo Free Will Baptist Church at 7:00. Hugo church is near Griffith. The pastor is the Rev. Tom Miller.

### MRS. RILEY TO SPEAK

Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will speak at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, in Roper, Sunday, March 18, at the 10 and 11 a. m. worship services.

The Rev. C. W. Overton is pastor.

### DR. RAPER AT MARSH SWAMP

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will conduct the Sunday services at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, in Sims, during the month of March. Visitors are welcome.

### JUST A REMINDER

Paul Palmer Institute courses are open to persons at a cost of \$20 per course on:

Monday nights on the Mount Olive College Campus

7:00—Life and Letters of Paul

8:30—Pastoral Care

Tuesday nights at Little Rock Church in Lucama

7:00—Old Testament

For more information, contact: Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; or phone, (919) 658-2502 (Office or 658-9363 (Home)).

## ALBERS SILKSCREENS ON DISPLAY

Twelve silkscreen prints by Artist Josef Albers will be on display in the Anderson Building at Mount Olive College March 8-28. The public is invited.

Albers named the works Formulation-articulation because he formulates a concept of colors and then articulates them. The display is designed to train the eye to see colors and their visual relationships to each other. The silkscreen print offers the maximum control in color reproduction.

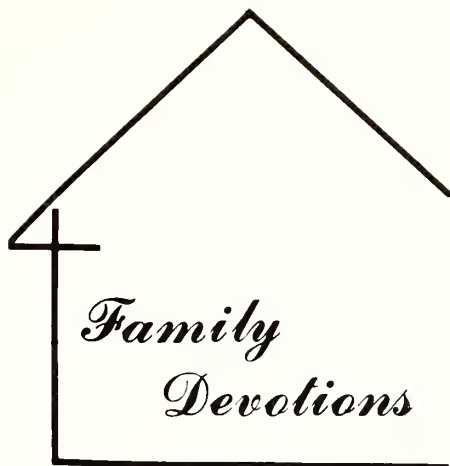
Although he spent most of his life in the United States, Albers was born in Germany in 1888. He attended the Royal Art School in Berlin.

After coming to the United States, he became a professor of art at Black Mountain College in North Carolina. He subsequently resigned to take a post as chairman of the department of design at Yale University until 1958.

Albers' work in the graphic arts brought him a wide group of admirers and students among creative artists and art connoisseurs.

He was the recipient of several art awards and five honorary doctorates, including one from the University of North Carolina.

Although relatively unknown to the general public, Albers has been called "one of the dominant figures in art during the second half of the century."



**SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

Scripture Reading—1 John 3:1-24

### WALKING AS GOD WANTS

Mazzini says: "The times that have ceased to believe in God may continue illogically to speak of progress and duty, but they have denied the first of its basis and robbed the second of its sanction."

And somebody, making comment on these words, taught us that when we become materialistic and "bow down to a mud god" and live by the ethics of pleasure, not duty, then justice will forsake the laws our fathers left us, and liberty will fade from our institutions, glory depart from library and chapel, and peace pass from the American home.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The "peace that passeth understanding" is not available in the materialistic gains of the world. It is found, rather, in closer communion with God—and often in having a closer walk.*

**MONDAY, MARCH 19**

Scripture Reading—1 John 1:1-10

### IF

If you are not saved—you are lost.

If you do not pray—you have no power.

If you are not meek—you are haughty.

If you are not humble—you are proud.

If you have no peace—you have no rest.

If you have no rest—you have worries.

If you have no joy—you get despondent.

If you have no hope—you are discouraged.

If you are not honest—you are deceitful.

If you lose your temper—you commit sin.

If you are not merciful—you are hard-hearted.

If you have no forbearance—you lack patience.

If you are discourteous—you are inconsiderate.

If you use profanity—Satan uses your tongue.

If you have hate in your heart—you are a murderer.

If you do not love the brethren—you do not love God.

Yes! And:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8, 9).

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14).

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15).

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*There are many conditions to living a wholly, consecrated Christian life. Let us examine ourselves, remove the hindrances, and fortify ourselves with spiritual arms that we might live successful Christian lives.*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20**

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

### TIME—BANK OF LIFE

If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400, that carried no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and finally every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent—of course!

Well, you have such a bank and its name is "Time." Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off—as lost—whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries no balances. It allows no balances. It allows no overdrafts. Every day the bank named "Time" opens a new account

**Come One, Come All  
to the  
Central District  
Youth Convention  
Saturday, March 17  
Community Free Will  
Baptist Church  
Weldon, North Carolina**



## FAMILY DEVOTIONS

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with you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against tomorrow. You must live in the present—on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Living each day to its fullest by investing every good thing we can into its twenty-four hours is so important! Only as we live for God can we expect lasting benefits. And we should live in the present, profiting from yesterday's mistakes; and though we can look forward to tomorrow, we should allow it to take care of itself.*

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:105-112

#### A COLERIDGE COMMENT

Grown gray, grown gray, reading the story of the Prodigal Son, Coleridge, his heart greatly moved, his throat full of sobs, said:

It finds me, it finds me,

This Divine Book is a mould that fits my heart.

The Bible is a book like the needle to the North Pole—it points to Heaven. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Within that awful volume lies

The mystery of mysteries!

And better had they ne'er been born,

Who read to doubt, or read to scorn.

And those who put question-marks after the eternal affirmations of the Bible are guilty of showing forth "the dopy drivell of rheumatic brains."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible has proven innumerable times to be the answer to besetting problems. Within its covers lie a formula for positive living and the great affirmation: "For God so loved the world." How thankful we should be to have the plan of all plans so readily available.*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 13:1-3

#### CAMPAIGN FOR CONCERN

Prince William of Orange led his people in a war that lasted thirty-seven years. King William of Spain offered him fabulous sums of money and offered to put him in line for the Spanish throne. But Prince William

sent back this message which is embalmed in the hearts of the Dutch people and which illumines the pages of history: "Not for wife, nor children, nor lands, nor life will I mix in my cup one drop of the poison of treason." For his country he cared.

Let us, in wisdom and courage like unto his, show that we care for the souls of men—for the progress of our church. A campaign for concern we need and must have!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Few of us, however dedicated, would risk our lives for the cause of Christ. But if mankind is willing to die for his country, should he not be as willing to die for his Lord? It is a sobering thought to be sure. Let us pray for added strength to champion His cause!*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:1-17

#### CHIPPEWA COMMANDMENTS

In Oscoda, Michigan, Rev. John Siler gives the Ten Commandments the Chippewa Indians had in the long ago. They are:

1. Never steal, except from an enemy.
2. Respect the aged and harken to them.
3. Be kind to the sick and deformed.
4. Obey your parents.
5. Be modest.
6. Be charitable.
7. Be of good courage suffer in silence.
8. Avenge personal and family wrongs.
9. Be hospitable.
10. Pray to the Great Spirit.

Many people criticize some of these Chippewa commandments and at the same time look upon God's Ten Commandments as ghostly whispers of a dead age.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Though we live under grace, we should not—we cannot—ignore God's Ten Commandments. If we live by the standards set forth therein, and if we receive Christ into our hearts, we can indeed live the model life He expects and demands. Let us pray for His strength accordingly.*

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Scripture Reading—John 15:1-15

#### PENNY TRUTHS

A one-cent piece has the United

States stamp on it, and the government is back of it as truly as a ten-dollar gold piece. So with truth. God is back of all truth. But some people seem content with penny truths and never go in for ten-dollar truths. Still, in the realm of truth, many have thoughts "as trifling as hobby horses"—and speak things "empty and trifling like little dogs biting one another."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How often have we labored over the idea of "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel"? The truth of the matter is that we do often become bogged down with trivialities, ignoring the really important guides to Christian living. Let us seek His counsel so we may go forward, living His great truths and adhering to the principles that compel the world's notice.*

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## PASTOR OF THE WEEK

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Shiloh church, a new baptistry has been installed, a parsonage built, and also a new fellowship and educational building. More importantly, many new members have come into the church.

Working together with our pastor is his wife, the former Peggy Stocks. Mrs. Waters teaches sixth grade English at Beaufort County Elementary School in Pantego. She serves as our church organist and worked for the establishment of a Children's Church program at Shiloh. Peggy has held an office in the Ladies Auxiliary, is a former Sunday school teacher, and has led in workshops at the State Sunday School Convention. She has also written a program study for the Ladies Auxiliary book, "Devotion". At present, Mr. and Mrs. Waters are working on a new church directory committee in an effort to produce the first Shiloh Pictorial Church Directory.

The members of Shiloh church thank our God for directing this dedicated minister to our church.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## Church Auxiliaries

### CHARTER MEMBER HONORED

by Elizabeth G. Whitley  
President of Rock Springs  
Auxiliary

Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Bailey, North Carolina, recently honored a charter member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the church. In recognition of her faithful service, a Life Membership Certificate and Award were presented to Sister Myrtle Brown. She became a member of the Woman's Auxiliary 43 years ago while the late Rev. W. A. Hales was pastor of the church. She was secretary and treasurer for many years. She is now study course chairman. She has also been a Sunday school teacher and a Bible school worker. For many years she has played the piano for Sunday school and church services.

Myrtle's greatest characteristic is faithfulness. God needs more Christian women that are as faithful as she. We human beings are special to God and have been placed here for a special work. Sometimes the struggle for us to get a job done is hard and rough. The task seems so big, but with faith in God and Jesus Christ, we can succeed in anything we undertake to do. Therefore, it should be the desire and aim of each Christian to surrender his life to Jesus and allow Him to be our Lord as well as our Saviour. There must be more to a person's salvation than just idle talk and Myrtle proves this to all of us. Each time after returning from the hospital or sickness at home, her desire is to be immediately back in church or auxiliary meetings. This makes us love her for what she is and for the warmth and sincerity that we share with her. Our theme song is "Give of Your Best to the Master." It is Myrtle's testimony that we give of our best to our Master whenever and wherever we have the opportunity to serve Him.

### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

The Annie McPhail Auxiliary observed "Family Night" with a covered-dish supper held in the fellowship hall of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church,

Newton Grove, North Carolina, on February 7, 1979.

This was also the 86th birthday of Mrs. Bettie W. Lee, one of the oldest ladies in the church. After having sung "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Lee, the auxiliary members presented her a beautiful birthday cake made by one of the ladies. Mrs. Lee was also given a nice gift. Words can never express the blessings that each one present received by just seeing how happy Mrs. Lee was as she has honored.

When the supper ended, there was another treat. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warwick showed slides of their recent trip to France. This, too, was very interesting and educational.

### EVANGELISTIC STUDY COURSE

An evangelistic study course sponsored by the Annie McPhail Auxiliary was held February 22, 1979 at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove, North Carolina. Mr. Ed Womble of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Goldsboro, was the speaker and his inspiring talk was enjoyed by all. Visitors from Saint Paul, Shady Grove, and the First church of Goldsboro also attended. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 7 Years Ago

"Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Ayden, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, February 6, as Mount Olive College Day. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will deliver the morning message at 11 a. m. He will also teach a Sunday school class at 10 a. m. The Rev. David Charles Hansley is pastor of the church."—Mount Olive College Day at Little Creek

"When sending pictures to be used with articles for publication, please send only sharp back and white prints. Color snapshots do not reproduce well. Also, please do not request the return of pictures unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank You. The Editor."—Notice

"On Monday, February 28, all Original Free Will Baptist ministers living in Pitt County, North Carolina, or pastoring Original Free Will Baptist churches in Pitt County, are urged to meet in the Board Room of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation building in Ayden for the purpose of organizing a Ministers' Fellowship. The meeting will be held at 10 a. m., with all future meetings being held the fourth Monday of each month. Please keep this date in mind and plan to be present!"—Pitt County FWB Ministers' Fellowship

"The Spring Eastern District Youth Convention will be held at the Bridgeton, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, March 18. Registration will begin at 9:30 a. m., and the meeting will convene at ten o'clock. Registration blanks and a dollar registration fee per auxiliary must be submitted to Mrs. Melody R. Wall, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572, prior to the meeting or must accompany delegates to the meeting."—Our Church Auxiliaries

"Sometime ago the Children's Home published a Thanksgiving Honor Roll of those churches and/or organizations that gave at least \$1 per member during the month of November, 1971. It has been called to our attention that the following groups were overlooked: Dilda's Grove Church, Dilda's Grove Sunday School, Dilda's Grove Woman's Auxiliary, Otter's Creek Church, and Pleasant Grove Sunday School (Erwin). We offer our sincere apology for these errors. Any others who were missed are urged to contact the superintendent. In the meantime, we express our sincere appreciation to everyone for your wonderful support."—Information about Free Will Baptist Children's Home



# The Sunday School Lesson

For March 25

## GOD'S GIFT OF SEXUALITY

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 6:15-20;  
7:3-7

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 6:19

### I. INTRODUCTION

Our society is very conscious of sexual matters. Sexual attractiveness is exploited for the promotion of perfumes, cosmetics, and hairdos. It is also used in the advertising of automobiles, tires, furniture, and many other products. Most of the time clothing is sold not on the basis of its durability, warmth, or comfort, but on its effect in making one "more feminine," "more masculine" or "more alluring."

Books, movies, television dramas, and magazines focused on sex have flooded the commercial market. All the aspects of sex have been vigorously exploited. Struggles over public control of pornography and heated debates over what really is obscene are characteristics of our time.

In taking sides on the issue, many people go to one extreme or the other. Some, for example, hold that it is improper if not utterly sinful, to have any open discussion of the topic.

At the opposite extreme are those people who flaunt sex everywhere they go, making it sordid and filthy. What city in the United States doesn't have a "Sunset Strip," where prostitutes, strip tease shows, "skin flicks," and "porno" shops are the way of life? Very few. And that is sad, because this treatment of sex is a perversion of God's original plan.

Sexual acts are possible only because God made us as He did. Marriage is divinely planned and it involves sexual attraction and expression. In the Bible the Song of Solomon shows us that kisses, delight in the human body, and the physical expression of love are part of

marriage by God's design. The God-created power, beauty, and delight of sex within marriage must be conserved and saved from all that would defile it.

For many years Corinth had a great temple, located on a lofty rock shelf outside the city, dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of love. To the pagan mind, this love was synonymous to sexual passion. Nearly one thousand prostitutes served as priestesses in the temple of Aphrodite and gave part of their earnings for the support of the temple. This, in turn, gave them status as being more than ordinary harlots.

Since Corinth was an important transshipment center, the city was thronged constantly by sailors, merchants, and travelers. It soon became a center of vice. There was much drunkenness and carousing. It is said that in dramas at Rome "Corinthian" characters were always depicted as lechers and drunkards.

Corinth is sometimes contrasted with Athens in terms of the life-styles and emphases of their inhabitants. Athens was famous for its universities, libraries, and art treasures. It was the "city of the mind." Corinth was famous for its opportunities for pleasure and sensuality. With all the emphasis on physical indulgence, Corinth could well be called the "city of the body." Within this framework Paul wrote the words found in our printed text for today.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Let the aim of this lesson be to give your class members respect for the human body because it is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

B. Christ in His earthly life set for us an example of keeping our bodies clean and pure for the Father's service.

C. You will want to deal with the fact that the body is not in itself sinful, but

that it is a gift from God and should be used in a manner that is pleasing and acceptable to Him.

D. You will want also to discuss the fact that the human body is important because it is the tool with which we serve the Lord in this world; therefore, it should be kept as clean and healthy as possible. Here you might want to discuss the sin of gluttony. Is it sinful for a Christian to continually overeat to the extent that he is so overweight that his body is damaged?

E. God has given humans sexuality for a purpose; discuss with your class what this purpose is, and the dangers of misusing or perverting this great gift from God.

F. Some of the common sins in Corinth in Paul's day are catalogued in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. If you read this list, you will see something of the kind of society in which the Christians at Corinth had to live and against which Paul warned these Christians in the verses discussed below. It is not uncommon to hear people say that our present age is the most sinful age of all history. Of course, there is much sin on every hand today, but to say that it is the worst in the history of the world is to show a great ignorance of things as they have existed in the past. The Christians at Corinth had to face a terrible society, and this society had affected the church. This is why Paul wrote to them as he did.

G. Jesus once said, ". . . because iniquity shall abound, the love of many will wax cold" (Matthew 24:12). In other words, it is possible to allow the "chilly" atmosphere of the world to "cool" one spiritually. This is the very thing that Paul is warning against in our lesson today.

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. One of the Apostle Paul's most profound statements is found in our lesson text today. He said, ". . . your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you . . ." (1 Corinthians 6:19).

B. His words produce a powerful argument. The Holy Spirit is the gift of God to His children, and He dwells within the human body which is a gift of God to us. Thus the human body becomes more than mere flesh and blood; it is mortal, yes, but the

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# Story Corner



**SOLOMON, THE WISE KING**

**D**AVID was a good king. It is true that he made mistakes. Some of the mistakes were very bad. He wanted to build a temple for God; but because of these mistakes or sins, God would not allow him to do this. He promised him that his son, who would be the next king, would be able to build the temple.

Just before David died, God told him to have his son, Solomon, anointed as the next king of Israel.

When Solomon became king, God came to him in a dream, and said, "Now that you are king, ask for anything that you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have been good to my father, David, as he was righteous and upright. Now that you have made me king in his place, I am as a little child. I do not know what to do. I am to rule over your people who are so numerous that they cannot be counted. Give me understanding in my heart to be able to judge your people so that I may know good from bad."

God was so pleased that Solomon had asked wisdom

instead of riches, long life or victory over his enemies, that He said, "Because you have not asked for riches, a long life, or honor among men, but have asked wisdom instead, I will give these to you also. I will give you a wise heart and an understanding one. You will be wiser than any man has ever been, and there shall never be another as wise as you. If you walk in my ways and keep my laws and commandments as your father did, you will live long."

Solomon was indeed a wise king. To problems that seemed to have no answer, he found solutions. There were many problems to be solved for his people. One of these will show how very wise he was.

There were two women living in the same house who had babies of the same age. One day, they came to the king and one of them said, "During the night her baby died. While I was asleep, she removed my baby and replaced it with her dead one. Now she claims that the living one is hers. It is mine."

The other woman cried out, "No! She is not telling the truth. This is my baby!"

The king could not tell which one was telling the truth. Both of the babies had looked alike. Therefore, he decided on a plan that would find out for him.

"Servants, bring to me a sword." It was brought to him and he said, "Let us cut this living baby into two pieces and give each of them a half."

One of the women was agreeable, but the other one was the real mother and she would rather have let the other woman have her child than see it killed. She called out, "Please! Do not kill it. Give it to her if you must, but do not kill it."

Solomon looked at her and said, "This is the true mother. Give the baby to her." He knew that no real mother would be able to stand by and see her baby killed over such an argument.

The people of the land heard of this and said, "Truly Solomon is a wise and great king."

Solomon was allowed by the Lord to build the temple. It was a great and beautiful temple; he worked seven years in building it.

The news of the great king spread far and wide over the whole world. Many people came to see this wise man for themselves. Among these that came was the Queen of Sheba. She came to ask him many questions and see just how wise he was.

When she had questioned him at great length, she declared that he was, indeed, the greatest and wisest man on the earth. She brought him many gifts.

Not only was Solomon the wisest king on the earth; he was becoming the richest. God had promised him wealth, and he was becoming very wealthy.

When Solomon was getting old, he strayed away from God. He had married many women from foreign countries, and each of them had a different god. They wanted Solomon to build places for them to worship their gods. The Lord had forbidden anyone to worship another God. They could only worship Him. But Solomon had one weakness. It was the love of women. He did as they had wished. God was displeased with him and declared that the kingdom would not stay in the family of Solomon. He would allow the son of Solomon to reign for a time; then He would give the kingdom to someone else.—**The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**

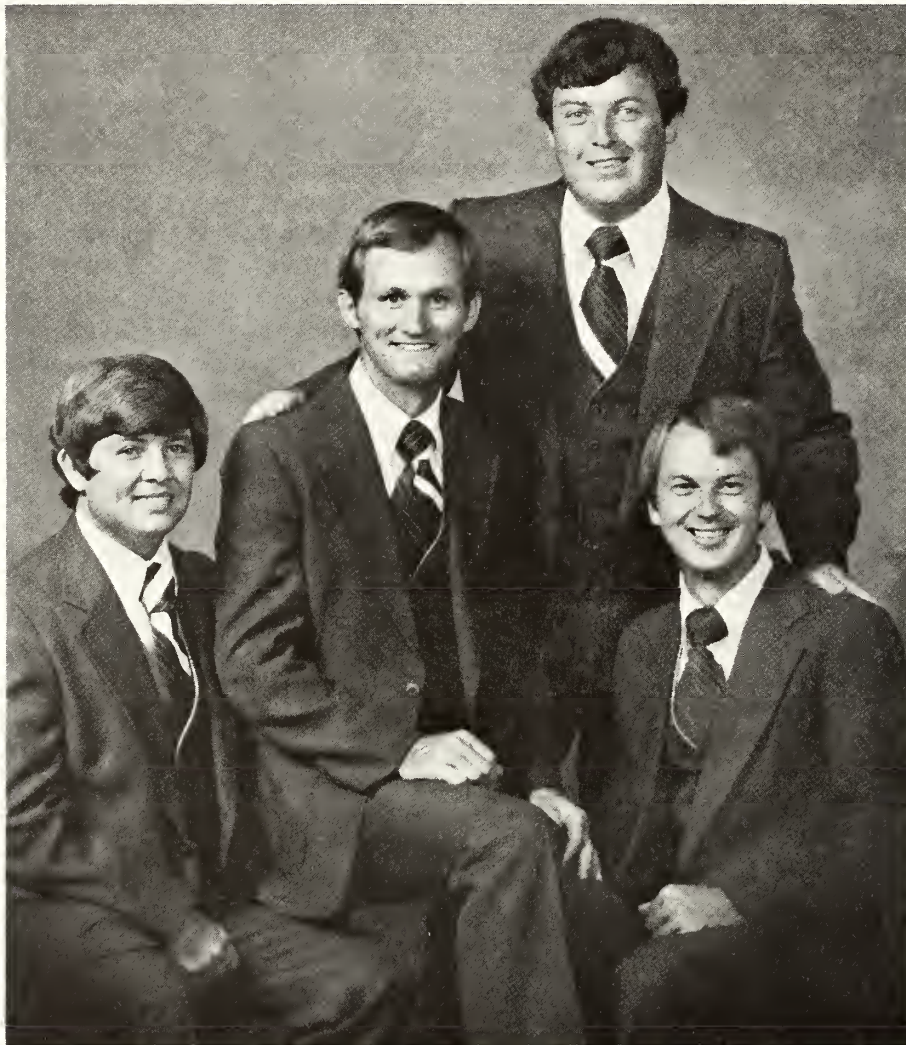


# NEWS & NOTES

## Revival at Mount Zion Church

The congregation of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, invites everyone to join in its spring revival, March 26 through March 30.

Prayer services begin at 7:30 p. m. with the song service beginning at 7:45. The Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, will be the guest evangelist.



*Heaven Bound Group*

The Western District Youth Fellowship Convention will be held on Saturday, March 17, in the Rodgers Chapel, on the campus of Mount Olive College. The business session will open at 10 a. m. The theme for the convention is "The Joy of the Lord." Special guests for the day will be the Heaven Bound Singing Group from Kinston. The afternoon session will

include the crowning of a "Ms. Western District."

Lunch may be purchased at a local restaurant, or if anyone wishes to bring his lunch, the Student Center will be open.

All youth of the Western District are encouraged to attend this very special day.

## Revival at Kenly Church

Spring revival services will begin March 19 and continue through March 23, at the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly. Services are nightly at 7:30, with the Rev. Frankie Flowers, of Goldsboro, as the evangelist. The Rev. James V. Joyner is the pastor of the church. Special music will be rendered each evening. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Grimsley Church Sponsors Rock-a-Thon

On Saturday morning, February 17, young people, as well as old, gathered at the Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, near Maury, to participate in a rock-a-thon. Participants rocked for eight hours and raised \$300. Proceeds from the rock-a-thon are being sent to Mount Olive College Hall. The rockers included Beth Ann Dail, Lisa Burress, Lisa Jones, Angie Murphy, Joy Vick, Bruce Dail, Su Ann Dail, Valerie Wood, Mrs. Carole Burress, Mrs. Mamie Dail, and Mrs. Nancy Murphy. Mrs. Ann Dail graciously waited on the crew all day. A delicious spaghetti dinner was served to all participants and observers.

## First Church, Warsaw Announces Revival

Spring revival services will begin at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Warsaw, on Monday evening, March 19, continuing. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The Rev. A. G. Smith will be the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Mickey Whitfield, and the church extend to everyone a cordial invitation.

## Little Rock Church Revival

Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, announces its spring revival, March 19 through March 23. Prayer groups will assemble at 7:15 each evening and services will begin at 7:30. The Rev. Harold Jones, pastor of Living Waters church, Pikeville, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. A nursery will be provided each evening.

Music for the services will be provided by the Little Rock Chancel Choir under the direction of Mr. Randy Barham as well as by the following groups: Monday, Mrs. Yvonne Horton; Tuesday, the Master's Quartet from Living Waters; Wednesday, the Miracle Trio from Daniels Chapel, Mr. Randy Barham, the Little Rock Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. Mary Katherine Rowe;

and Friday, the Spring Hill Trio from Oldsboro. Everyone is invited to these services.

### Revival in Progress at Grimsley Church

Revival is in progress at the Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, near Maury, through March 16, at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Bob Fader is the guest evangelist. The pastor of the Grimsley church is Don Fader, son of the evangelist. The public is invited to attend the remainder of these services. Special music is rendered each evening.

### Oak Grove Church Revival

Revival services began March 12 and will continue through March 16 at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Oldsboro. The Rev. Marvin R. Waters is the evangelist. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Jimmy Webster of Pinetown. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

### Calvary Church to Have Revival

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Oldsboro, will hold its spring revival, March 19, through March 23. The guest speaker for these services will be the Rev. Charles Renfrow, pastor of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Kenly. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling. There will be special music each night and a social hour after the services on Friday night. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Revival Services Happening at

#### Oak Grove Church

Revival services began on Monday night, March 12, and will continue through Friday night, March 16, at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove. The Rev. Joseph H. Ingram, Treasurer of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is the guest evangelist. Services begin each evening at 7:30. The Rev. C. Felton Godwin, pastor of the church, and the membership invite everyone to attend.

### Central Conference WA Convention

The Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville, North Carolina, on March 28. Mrs. Francis Carraway is the

president. The theme of the convention is "Grow in Grace." The Scripture is taken from 2 Peter 3:18. Miss Leah McGlohon is the music director and Mrs. Nannie Dunn is the pianist. The program is as follows:

#### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration  
10:00—Hymn, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"  
—Devotion, Mrs. Jannette Spain  
—Welcome, Mrs. Donna Simpkins  
—Response, Mrs. Polly Eubanks  
10:15—Greetings, President  
—Recognition Time  
—Business Period  
—Missions, Miss Leah McGlohon  
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries  
—(Mission Money and Pennies for Cragmont)  
—Children's Home, Mrs. Jane Tripp  
—Retirement Homes  
—Love Offering  
—Hymn, "Grace Greater Than Our Sins"  
—Free Will Baptist Press, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill  
11:40—Special Music, Local Church  
—Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. Jane Tripp  
—Morning Message, the Rev. Frank Brinson  
12:00—Benediction  
—Lunch

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn, "My Saviour's Love"  
—Prayer  
—Youth Chairman, Mrs. Dot Dail  
—Presentation of Declamation Winner  
—Presentation of Essay Winner  
—Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Albert Proctor  
—Cragmont, the Rev. Douglas Skinner  
—Special Music, Miss Leah McGlohon  
—News from Mount Olive College, Mrs. Dianne Riley  
—Anna Phillips Loan Fund, Mrs. Bertha Harris  
—Life Membership Award, Mrs. Kristie Bailey  
—Business Period  
—Installation of Officers, Mrs. Bill McLawhorn  
—Time of Renewal  
—Hymn, "O That Will be Glory"  
3:00—Adjournment

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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presence of the Holy Spirit within it makes it a temple, the dwelling place of God on earth.

C. This being true, then, the body—God's gift to us—should be kept clean and pure in order to glorify God. Is this to be only a spiritual purity, or does it also apply to the way we keep our physical bodies clean?

D. If our bodies are a gift of God to us, we must recognize that we are not our own for, we are "bought with a price," and that price is the blood of Jesus Christ.

E. While we live on this earth we represent God as His ambassadors, His witnesses, the testimony to His saving grace. Whatever we do for God must be done with our minds and bodies. Therefore, every care should be taken with the body. This involves the use of the body, the temple of the Spirit, with regard to sexual experiences. Since our bodies are "members of Christ," it is unthinkable that we would make them "members of an harlot." It is most important that we know how to keep the body holy for Christ.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Our Bodies the Temple of God**—Why is it true that people will refuse to do many things in a church building that they do elsewhere? They would say because the church is the house of God. We ought to respect it. This is true, but it is also true that our bodies are the temple of the Lord because He lives in them. Yet we are willing to use our lips for ugly words, our eyes to look on evil things, and our energy to run in forbidden paths. The fact that our bodies are the temple of God should be a great incentive to be clean.

**God Wants to Use our Bodies**—We do not know why God decided to use human bodies to accomplish His work on this earth, but He does. No one can be saved without the use of a third human instrument to get the gospel somehow to the sinner. For any kind of work that God wants done on this earth, He always depends on human beings. Are you willing for God to use you?

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)



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Workshops will be held for teachers to explore creative ways of sharing lessons of the '79 Sunday school quarterly. Also, an administration workshop for superintendents will be held.

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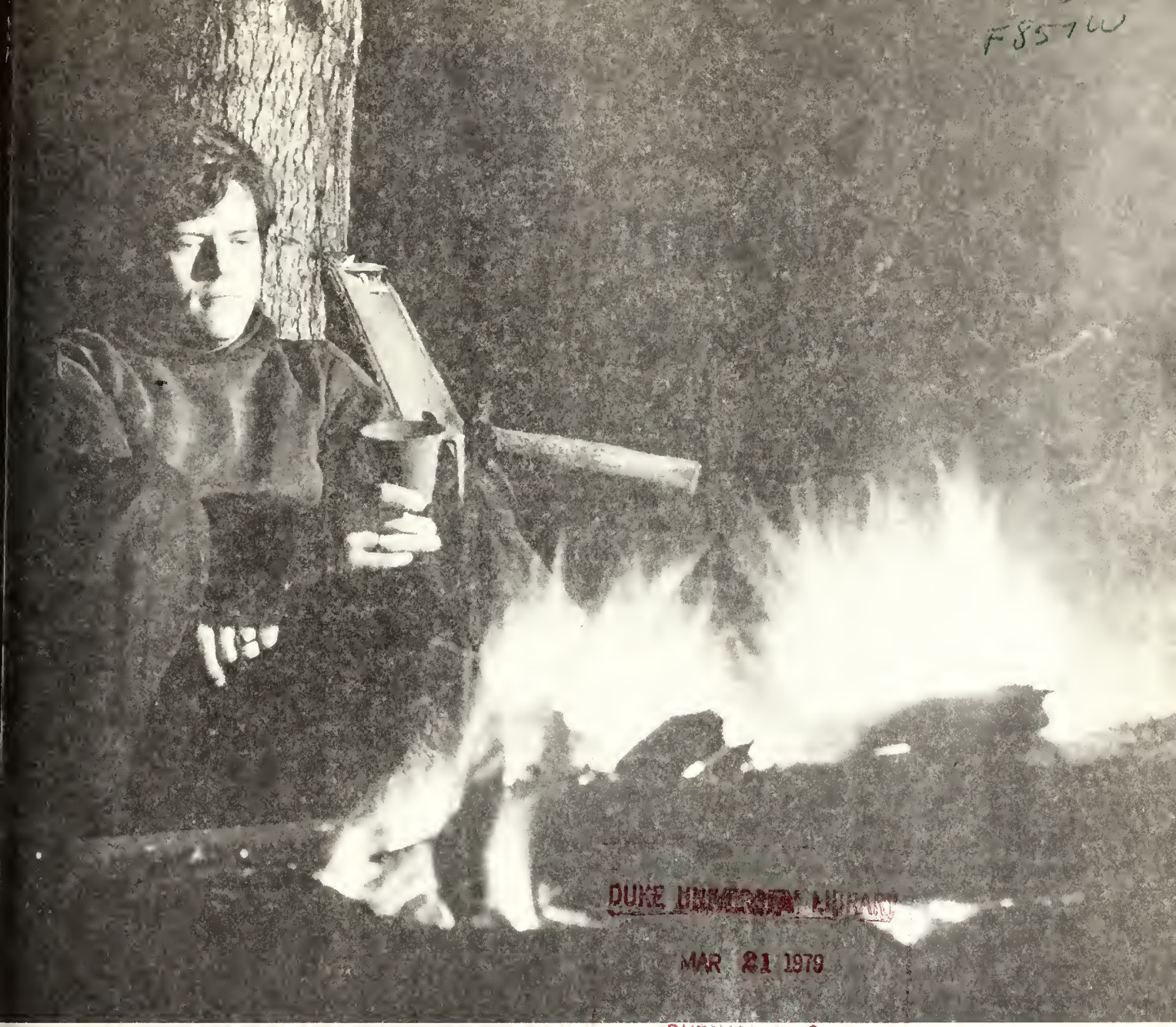
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# Shout in Church?

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard  
Greenville, North Carolina

A conversation between two ladies waiting in a doctor's office attracted my attention recently. They were seriously discussing the matter of shouting, speaking in tongues, and other activities called "spiritual activities" in church. The two concluded that portion of their conversation which I overheard by agreeing to something like this: "In most churches now, if someone so much says 'A-men' everyone stares with curiosity at the one who says it."

Later, we were visiting in a hospital room and something was said about the "stiffness" of church members. One said to me, "Pastor, seems you can hardly get a person to 'amen' your message in our church nowadays."

It is true, it seems even some of the congregations which formerly were known as "shouters" have little such activity except during an evangelistic service or when the minister asks someone to say an "amen" or draws out "hallelujah."

Free Will Baptists in the extreme eastern and western portions of North Carolina have always been known to show more emotions in their worship than some other churchgoers. Of course, it must be noted that in these geographical areas, our churches are smaller. Then too, we must also note that not only is this emotional approach among churchgoers prevalent in the Free Will Baptist churches, but also in Southern Baptist, Methodist, and Pentecostal congregations.

Is there a place in our churches for shouting, for displaying emotions and for handclapping, handraising, and the saying of an "amen" occasionally?

Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica: "Quench not the Spirit." What did he mean by this admonition? We believe he meant for the church to act within the direction of the Holy Spirit.

There is definitely a difference in acting in the direction of the Holy Spirit and "shouting" just because it is customary, or because a speaker stirs up a surface emotion.

Let us declare, at the outset, that we certainly believe that if the Holy Spirit is directing our worship and we feel like shouting or holding up our hands and singing the praises of God, then we should do just that. We feel that if this is of the Holy Spirit, no one will be taken in surprise, because what He, the Holy Spirit, does for one of us in united worship, He will do for most of us.

But, we recall while ministering in South Carolina that we were invited on one occasion to visit and sing in a Pentecostal Holiness church. The pastor, whom we had learned to love through fellowship in the local ministerial association, was a very practical, as well as saintly, man. He warned us that the song we planned to sing might cause some "emotional outburst" among the members of his congregation, but also told us he would take care of the matter and see that we weren't disturbed in our singing.

The pastor told us later how he had "curbed" his shouting and handclapping, foot-stomping members on occasions when they interrupted with the worship service. He had once tried to "preach above" this activity, or else just pause until it was over. Then he decided this was an encroachment upon the service and distracting, much less elongating the time of the service at the expense of some who had to work on the third shift in a nearby mill.

"I merely halted them one time and reminded them of two Scriptures," he told me. Then he pulled two 12 by 14 inch cards out from under the pulpit. On one he had printed: "When I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer (Lamentations 3:8)"; and on the other, he had in large readable type: "Let all things be done decently and in ORDER (1 Corinthians 14:40)."

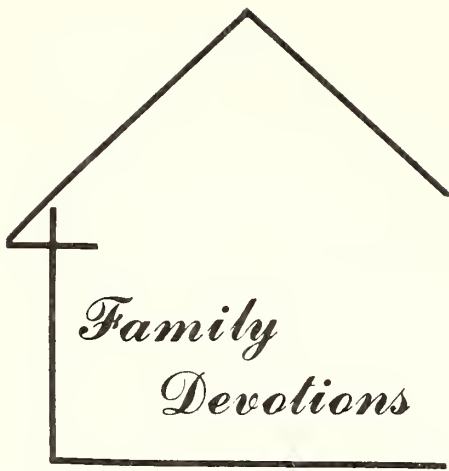
"After I stopped my shouting members the first time and explained that they were not carrying on under the direction of the Holy Spirit because it was His will that we worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth, I had little trouble with them, or those who didn't leave my congregation for another. Thereafter, I would merely pull out these cards when they began their demonstrations and they'd sit down and shut up," the pastor explained.

So, when we find that the show of emotions deprives genuine worship then we must agree that this is not the "moving of the Holy Spirit" because the Spirit of God does not work against Himself.

When I was a boy and my dad pastored churches in western North Carolina, we lived in Asheville not very far from what we called then a "holymollers" church. It really was not a church, but a store building with the front windows painted over with white paint. Well, the paint wasn't very hard to scrape off and it was on the outside. Some of the boys in the neighborhood urged me to join them and "go watch the show" one Friday night.

**"Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:19).**





SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Scripture Reading—Revelation 1:1-10

PERSONAL SERVICE

God said, "I will send thee . . . that thou . . ." That was a call to *personal service*. A physician once said that he kept himself in health by going to see his patients. Whenever he discontinued this and required his patients to come to him, or when he tried to abandon his practice, he speedily became lethargic, stupid, dull. But when he resumed his efforts, and tried and tested his powers, he recovered his strength and vigor. So many Christians would find spiritual health and strength in trying to bring others to Jesus.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The greatest service one can render to his fellowman is that of acquainting him with Christ—the answer to all problems. May each of us strive to make Him better known through exemplary living.*

MONDAY, MARCH 26

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:16-20

MEN—TO LIVE

When an invasion of France by the Duke of Brunswick was imminent, Charles Jean Barbaroux sent to the municipality of Marseilles in June, 1792, this message: "Send me six hundred men who know how to die."

Today, we look on fields "white already to harvest" (John 4:35). We know "the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few." We hear Jesus say: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

Therefore, we would say: "Send us thousands and ten of thousands of men and women who know how to live—folks who will be 'always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body'" (2 Corinthians 4:10).

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Living the life—the Christ-centered, Christ-directed life—is the most important thing any of us can do. Who knows what favorable influence we may cast? Let our prayers be concentrated on rendering better service and drawing closer to Him.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Scripture Reading—John 3:1-14

LAST CHANCE

When the famous minister, Phillips Brooks, was critically ill years ago and not expected to recover, visitors were not permitted to see him. Bob Ingersoll, the famous agnostic, who didn't know that visitors were not allowed, called at the hospital and asked to see Dr. Brooks. He was told that visitors were not permitted, but that they always reported to the patient when friends called. When the sick man was told that Mr. Ingersoll had called, Dr. Brooks insisted that he be allowed to come in.

When Mr. Ingersoll entered the room, he said: "I appreciate this very much, but why do you see me, when you deny yourself to your other friends?"

"Well, you see," replied Dr. Brooks, "I feel confident of seeing most of my friends in the next world, but this is my last chance to see you."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*How dedicated a servant, that even during the last moments of life he chose to witness to one who was lost! May each of us take inventory of our own dedication. Have we the needed concern to witness to the very end? Have we the desire to bring all to that saving knowledge?*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:28-36

ANCIENT PISTOL SHOOTS

From London, England, comes the news that an antique silver ladies-type pistol which had lain in an attic for two hundred years was being handled the other day by Mrs. Kathleen Brown, 73. "Isn't it pretty," said Mrs.

Brown, holding it out for others to see. The pistol went off and shattered the right eye.

So there are those who have thought there was no harm in the booze bottle and wine cup. But how many homes and bottles have been shattered by the bottle—and how many mighty men have shattered their lances on the wine cup.

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup" (Proverbs 23:31).

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Of the "accepted" evils of social alcohol is perhaps the greatest cause of unhappiness. Its destructive force is almost immeasurable. No home remains untouched, however directly. Pray for diligence to fight the evil, in word and action.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:34-43

SALESMAN AND GRAVES

In Trento, Italy, an eager beaver traveling salesman was under arrest on charges of ordering several dozen tombstones for living persons. Police said Gianfranco Ruberti admitted forging the orders. They quoted him as saying he had been hired by a tombstone firm only a short while ago and wanted to impress the company with his efficiency. By the time Ruberti's alleged excess of zeal was discovered, the company had a pile of unwanted tombstones on its hand.

But I know salesmen, even liquor sellers, who rush many to the grave as, for money, they dispense liquor damnation—as they lay wait for blood and lurk privily for the innocent and swallow them up alive as the grave (Proverbs 1:11, 12).

PRAYER THOUGHT

*"Wine is a mocker." This truth we have learned and have seen evidenced of. Liquor, in its many forms, has opened an early grave for many innocent people. Let us pray for strength to abstain from the evil liquid and to advocate abstinence to our neighbors.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 26-32

ONE BULLET DID IT

In Kansas City, November 24, 1904 (Continued on Page 11)

## The Rev. Royce Reynolds

SPRING BRANCH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Walstonburg, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. The Rev. Royce Reynolds is the fifteenth to be accorded this recognition in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A GREAT LEADER

submitted by Mrs. Ruby Ellis

On July 1, 1975, the ministry of the Rev. Royce Reynolds to the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, began. This is surely a ministry God had prepared him for as the fluence and impact of this work already it could not have been ordained by man one.

Spring Branch has truly been blessed by the leadership of God's servant, Royce Reynolds. Everyone in his congregation feels the work of the Holy spirit as he works, ministers, and delivers God's message to them.

We cannot begin to measure the extent of his ministry to the church and community, as we cannot measure God's love and mercy for His servants. The most meaningful and powerful growth has been the spiritual growth. When Mr. Reynolds began his ministry with us, we were having services twice monthly. On November 1 of that year, we began full-time services with a continual growth each week. During this time we have experienced the joy of receiving twenty-seven new members who under his sermons have yielded their hearts to the calling of the Holy Spirit and accepted Christ. Twenty-two have come by letter to join the fellowship of our church. With his spiritual growth, we have witnessed many times altar services where the young and the old alike have prayed and wept together in love for their needs and those of other members of this church family. We have experienced a more open and meaningful commitment to kneel before God. We will never be able to see visibly what spiritual blessings we have received from this man, God's servant.

Members of this community, as well as the church, have come to appreciate Mr. Reynolds and his family. He is often called to families for counseling, weddings, funerals, and to participate in school and civic affairs.

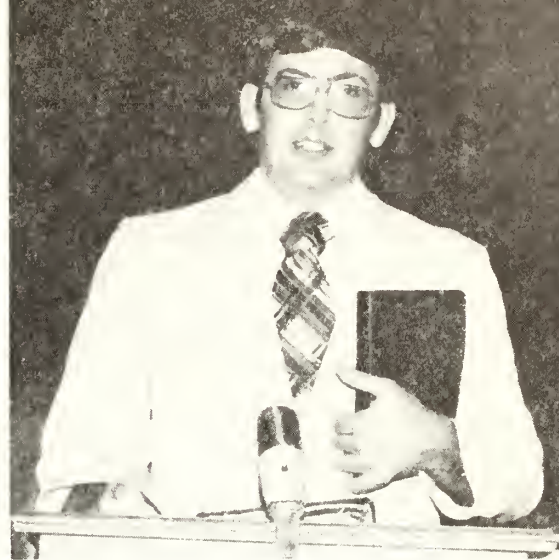
As we have beyond measure grown spiritually, we have also experienced physical growth. During his ministry, we have renovated the interior of the sanctuary and added a baptistry. The church has been covered with a new roof, the grounds have been landscaped and all new shrubbery planted. Our latest project is the enlarging of the parsonage. Central heating and air-conditioning have also been added.

Mr. Reynolds came to us from Mount Olive where he was enrolled in classes for sometime. His wife, Fleedie, has also been a special blessing to us with her

### CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

As of July 1, 1979, the Whaley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, located at Hargett's Crossroads in Jones County, will be without a pastor. Any minister desiring to be considered for this position please write or call Mrs. I. W. Taylor, Church Clerk, Route 2, Box 437, Richlands, North Carolina 28574, or phone 324-4323.

The Rev. Wayne Watson announces that he now pastors Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, 1914 Central Drive, Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081. He resides at 2114 Bertha Street, Kan-



The Rev. Royce Reynolds

musical talent for special singing. She delivers a "little sermon" each Sunday to the children of the congregation and as this has given them a special place in the services, she also has the attention of the entire congregation as well. They came to us with their daughters, Charlene and Velvet. Since being with us, God has blessed them with another lovely daughter, Kelly.

We at Spring Branch church know that God gave us His special blessing by sending the Rev. Royce Reynolds and his family to us.

Mr. Reynolds, we love you and thank God for the work you are doing among us. Yes, you and your family are part of us and our prayer is for God to continue to bless you as you sow His seed, as He promises to reap the harvest.

napolis, North Carolina 28081. He may be reached by phoning 933-2002 (home) or 933-2307 (church).

#### NOTICE

Any church or institution wishing to be featured as "Church or Institution of the Month" in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, please notify us as soon as possible. There are openings for you.

The Editor

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?



# Editorial . . .

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“When the storms of life are raging,  
stand by me;  
When the storms of life are raging,  
Stand by me;  
When the world is tossing me  
like a ship upon the sea,  
Thou who rulest wind and water,  
stand by me.

“In the midst of tribulations,  
stand by me;  
In the midst of tribulations,  
stand by me;  
When the hosts of hell assail,  
and my strength begins to fail,  
O Thou mighty God of battles,  
stand by me.

“In the midst of faults and failures,  
stand by me;  
In the midst of faults and failures,  
stand by me;  
When mine eyes grow dim in death,  
and I draw my latest breath,  
O Thou God of all the ages,  
stand by me.”

It is not often that I leave a TV program feeling blessed or closer to my Maker. On this occasion, I did. I am thankful, even, for the tears that came unbidden during the tender, yet praise-laden rendering of the natural, unaccompanied solo.

That haunting yet comforting plea, “Stand by me,” says it all. We cannot add more, except to repeat: “O Thou God of all the ages, stand by me!”

And thank you, Michael Landon, for helping us know that He will!

## BIBLES DISTRIBUTED OFFICIALLY THROUGHOUT RUSSIA

NEW YORK, March 7—Consignments of Bibles—officially imported by the Baptist church—are being distributed to churches the length and breadth of Russia.

The Soviet authorities granted the import permit for 25,000 Russian Bibles and 5,000 concordances to the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in Moscow last October. The Council is the main Protestant body in the U.S.S.R.

The books were supplied by the United Bible Societies, the international fellowship of which the American Bible Society is a supporting member, which is now raising funds to pay the cost of the shipment estimated at \$75,000. News

has come from Moscow that these Bibles are now reaching church members throughout the U.S.S.R.

The books cleared customs on the 25th of January and in one week 60 percent of them were distributed to the churches. The Bibles are already in the hands of Christians in places as far apart as Kiev in the Ukraine and Novosibirsk on the northern edge of Siberia—as well as in Moscow and the Baltic area.

Some Baptist church superintendents traveled long distances to collect their supply of Bibles personally. Two brothers came all the way from Alma Ata in Kazakhstan near the Chinese border to get the books for their congregation. As they checked in at the Moscow airport

with 1,000 Bibles they had to Aeroflot an extra charge for kilograms of excess luggage.

“We’ve had a really wonderful reaction from all our churches,” said Rev. Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All-Union Council, in a phone call from Moscow to the information office of the United Bible Societies in Stuttgart, West Germany. “We praise God that He has blessed us in this way.

“May I express, on behalf of all believers in the Soviet Union, very many thanks for this great gift from the Bible Societies,” he added.

Mr. Bichkov stressed that the Bibles were not being supplied only to Baptist churches. Small quantities had already been given to the Lutheran, the Orthodox and the Seventh-Day Adventist churches—and even to the Pentecostal churches which is still illegal in the U.S.S.R.

“Would there ever be a chance for the Bible Societies and Baptists to make further official shipments into Russia,” he was asked. “Well of course I hope so,” Mr. Bichkov replied. “The official channels seemed to me to be both open and very sympathetic.”

## CHRISTIAN'S GOAL OF CONFIDENCE

by Lillie Ruth G. Fowler  
submitted by Mrs. Iva McPherson

(1) To provide all things honest in the eyes of God and men.

(2) To maintain decency, good conduct, respect, clean conversation with all.

(3) To owe no man anything but love to him.

(4) To have clear conscience before God and man.

(5) To take advantage of no person on his lack of understanding or knowledge.

(6) To wrong no person or cause divisions or strife. (Be a peacemaker.)

(7) To walk in truth and light.

(8) To set affections on things above and not on earth. (Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all other things will be added unto you!)

(9) To ask forgiveness in true repentance of all persons and God and make restitutions for all wrongs forgiving all.

(10) To help toward the good and right whenever and however I can. (Be ye not partakers of other men's sins).

## Church Auxiliaries

### CORE CREEK AUXILIARY PRESENTS ADDITIONAL LIFE AWARD

submitted by Mrs. Lillian Heath



Mrs. Woodrow McCoy

Core Creek Woman's Auxiliary honors one of its faithful members with an additional Life Membership Award. She is Mrs. Woodrow McCoy, better known to her friends as Edith.

Edith came into the church several years after she married her devoted husband. She learned much about our Free Will Baptist doctrine while going with her husband to union meetings and conferences. She joined the church and became faithful and dedicated. She loves her church very deeply and supports all of its activities, both locally and denominationally.

She is a faithful auxiliary president, choir member, nursery teacher, and prayer-program chairman. She is now serving as study course officer in the Eastern District. She has served as benevolence officer in the state auxiliary work. The service of loyalty and faithfulness is what she renders.

Edith serves her church and community by visiting the sick and shut-ins. She welcomes newcomers into the community with a material gift given with love. She contributes to all community events. We have known her to sew and give aid to the unfortunate. She is always encouraging our youth to attend Christian

camps and to continue their studies. She lends a helping hand to the old as well as the young. She has a kind word for everyone and is willing to share her interests with others.

Mrs. McCoy is an inspiration to our ministers and their wives. Her home is always open with a friendly atmosphere for all those that come by. Her love and devotion for God truly speak through her actions that she is a dedicated Christian who shows a deep love and concern for others.

We are deeply grateful for all her efforts. They have not been in vain. Her life is a good example for each of us to follow and we appreciate the service she renders to our auxiliary, to our church, and to our community. May God bless you, Edith, as you continue in His service.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed towards his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:10).

### PIEDMONT DISTRICT MEETING

The Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention will meet on March 31, at the Baptist Road Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. Registration will begin at 9:30 a. m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a. m. Pat Taylor is secretary for the Piedmont District.

### PEE DEE SPRING CONVENTION

The Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention will be held at the White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina, on April 7, 1979, at 9:30 a. m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. T. C. Farmer, pastor of the White Oak church. Mrs. Louise G. Dudley is the corresponding secretary of the Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary District.

## Coming Events . . .

March 22—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church, Holly Ridge

March 28—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Gum

Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville

March 31—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Baptist Road Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, registration at 9:30 a. m.

April 3—Ordaining Conference of the Central Conference will meet at 10 a. m., Free Will Baptist Press. Anyone having business with the ordaining council should appear at this time.

April 4—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Kenly Free Will Baptist Church

April 7—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, 9:30 a. m.

April 11—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks.

April 12—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown

April 21—State Sunday School Convention, LaGrange Elementary School, Railroad Street, LaGrange, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

April 28—State Youth Convention, Wilson Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

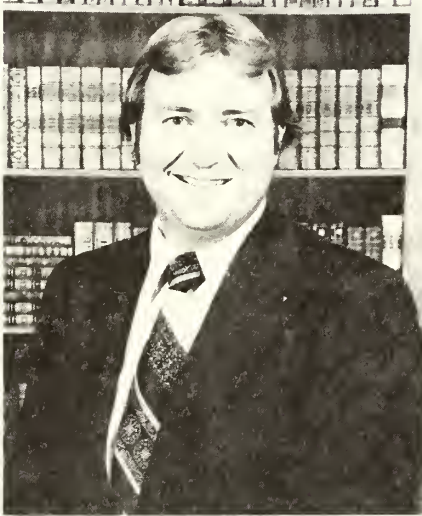
## Children's Home BARBEQUE SUPPER FOR HOME

On February 17, 1979, the Brotherhood of the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Newport held a barbeque supper with all of the proceeds going to the Children's Home at Middlesex. President Gilbert Slaughter and Vice-President Artis Garner spearheaded the project this year. Otto and Otis Slaughter prepared the barbeque. The members of the Brotherhood and the members of the Holly Springs church sold tickets. All the proceeds from the ticket sales were given to the Children's Home. All of the meat, slaw, bread, etc. was donated by the people of the church and the Brotherhood members. This year's dinner raised a grand total of \$2,067.27 for the Children's Home.



# NEWS & NOTES

## Ormondsville Church to Have Revival



*The Rev. Scott Sowers*

Spring revival services will begin March 26 and continue through March 30, at the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina. Services are nightly at 7:30, with the Rev. Scott Sowers, pastor of the Marlboro church, as evangelist. The Rev. Jack Mayo is the pastor of the church. Special music will be rendered each evening. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## Revival at Powhatan Church

The members of Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church near Clayton, invite everyone to attend their spring revival, March 19 through March 23, at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. L. E. Godwin Jr. is the guest speaker.

## Tee's Chapel Church Announces Revival Services

Revival services will begin at Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, on Monday, April 2, continuing through April 6. The Rev. Ed Miles, pastor of Casey's Chapel church near Goldsboro, will be the guest evangelist. Services will begin at 7:30 p. m. with special singing. The Rev. Billy

Nowell is the pastor of Tee's Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Sound Side Church to Have Revival

There will be a week-end revival at the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church near Columbia, North Carolina, March 30 through April 1. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, with Phil Wood as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs, and the members invite everyone to attend these services.

## Spring Revival at Owens Chapel Church

Revival services will begin on March 26 and will continue through Saturday, March 31, at Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina. Services will begin at 7:45 p. m. Prayer rooms open at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Rex Edwards, pastor of Edgewood church, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing each night. The church membership and the pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson, extend an invitation to everyone to attend.

## Piney Grove Church to Have Revival



*The Rev. Fred Rivenbark*

Revival services will be held at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church,

Route 1, Kenly, April 9 through April 13 at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Fred Rivenbark will be the guest speaker. The Rev. Charles Lynwood Renfrow is the pastor of the Piney Grove church. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Wintergreen Church Announces Spring Revival



*The Rev. Johnnie Bullman*

The Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, will hold its spring revival, April 9 through April 13. Services will begin nightly at 7:30, with prayer rooms opening at 7 p. m. There will be special music. The Rev. Johnnie Bullman, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a friend. The Rev. Bobby Brown is pastor of the Wintergreen church.

## Gospel Sing at Otter's Creek Church

There will be a gospel sing at Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, on Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p. m. The featured singers will be "The Limestone Trio." Everyone is invited to attend.

## First Church, Smithfield Announces Revival

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield, North Carolina, announces its spring revival services to begin on Sunday, March 25 and continue through Thursday, March 29. The services will begin at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, pastor of the Pine Level church, Pine Level, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. The pastor of



First church is the Rev. L. B. Woodall  
Everyone is invited.

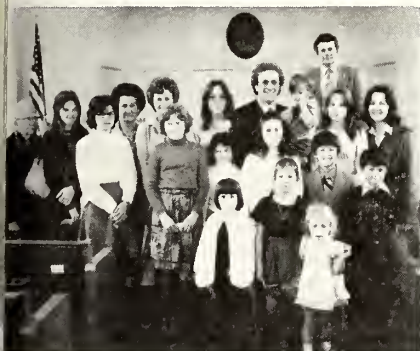
### Stony Hill Church Announces Revival

The Rev. Lester Duncan will be the guest evangelist at the spring revival services for Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Middlesex, March 26-30. There will be special music each night. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

### Daly's Chapel Church to Have Revival

Revival services will begin on Monday, March 26 and will continue through Friday, March 30, at the Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, LaGrange, North Carolina. The Rev. Leon Grubbs, pastor of Hull Road church, will be the guest speaker. There will be special singing each night. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Foy Futrelle is the pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### Awards Sunday School Pins



### Perfect Attendance Awards

The Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church awarded Sunday school perfect attendance pins to the following people on March 11: Julia Brigman, 1 year; Ginger Taylor, 1 year; Peggy Dixon, 2 years; Brad Williamson, 2 years; Lela Cahoon, 3 years; Tammy Carawan, 3 years; Jean Dixon, 3 years; Melanie Dixon, 3 years; Billy Cahoon, 3 years; Stephen Prescott, 4 years; Michael Dixon, 5 years; Judy Cunio, 7 years; Tammy Taylor, 7 years; Jessie Cunio, 8 years; Melanie Patterson, 8 years; Mona Patterson, 8 years; Carolyn Brigman, 8 years; Teresa Taylor, 9 years; Judy Carawan, 9 years; Ray Williamson, 16 years; Evelyn Williamson, 19 years; Iris Dixon, 22 years; Elizabeth Paul, 25 years; Sina Mayo, 30 years; and Kermit Mayo, 30 years.

### Baptismal Services at Eastwood Church

Baptismal services were held at the end of the regular services on Sunday night, March 11. The Rev. Bobby Murray conducted the services and baptized six candidates. God has truly blessed the church recently with either rededications or decisions being made in the last four services.

## FEATURE

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Seems this group of people enjoyed their "services" on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. They had no daylight meetings. We arrived at the "church" just about dark and after the door had been closed and seemed all had gone inside who were going inside, we moved to places in front of the windows where the paint had been scratched off to provide "peep" holes.

Perhaps this "snooping" was not a "proper" thing to do, but curious youngsters do improper things sometimes. At any rate, I got a phase of my religious education that night. The participants in the "show" that went on inside that store building will never know the impression they left on this youngster

who grew up to answer the call of God to the gospel ministry.

After a couple of "gospel songs," the words of which were not recognizable, they were dancing in the aisles. Then the lights went out and only the light that showed through an upper portion of the front windows from a nearby streetlamp offered a shadowy effect. By this light, I could see forms of people lying in the aisles and about the "altar" of the makeshift auditorium.

This was an extreme of emotional "worship" which I hope never to be identified with. On the other hand, neither do I wish to see our denomination go too far to the other extreme—that which would place us in a category with those who worship in formalities, and those who often deny the power of God.

In the years I have been involved in the Original Free Will Baptist denomination, I have found most of our churches go along with an orderly worship in line with the direction of the Holy Spirit. I am happy with this and feel comfortable with this type of worship. If I didn't, I'd exercise my "Freedom of Will" and move elsewhere.

## 13 Years Ago

### THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

"The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will meet January 17, 10 a. m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston. Ministers who are pastoring churches in the Eastern Conference but are not members of the Conference are notified to meet with this board."—News and Notes

"The Rev. Austin Carter, director of public relations at Mount Olive College, will be guest minister at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina, for both morning and evening services on Sunday, February 27."—News from Mount Olive College

"The Woman's Auxiliary of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, at its February meeting, honored its president, Mrs. Mary Alice Howell, as the 'Woman of the Year.' Mrs. Howell will represent the Pleasant Grove Auxiliary in the 'Woman of the Year' contest to be held soon, competing with chosen ladies of other auxiliaries whose chief aim and purpose in life it is to please and serve the Lord. During the meeting, Kenneth Jones, a student at Charles B. Aycock High School, sang a solo, 'The Lord Is My Shepherd.' The auxiliary members would like to express to Mrs. Rose Bowen their appreciation for such a well prepared yearbook of programs, and to the ministers and Mrs. Pipkin who supplied the material for each month's program."—Our Church Auxiliaries

"The Rev. Raymond Sasser of Tarboro, North Carolina, will conduct revival services at the Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, beginning on Monday night, March 28, and continuing through Friday night, April 1, at 7:30. Special music will be featured each night. The pastor, the Rev. Harold Jones, and the church invite you to attend each service."—News and Notes



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## Presents Check



A check for \$15,000 was given to Mount Olive College this week by Wachovia Bank and Trust Company City Executive William W. Raynor, left. Accepting the gift is James B. Hunt Sr., College Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Pictured beside Hunt are College President W. Burkette Raper and Wachovia Regional Vice-President Eugene B. Hardin Jr., of Raleigh.

### WACHOVIA BANK PRESENTS \$15,000 GIFT

A special gift to Mount Olive College in the amount of \$15,000 was made on March 4 by Wachovia Bank and Trust Company.

William M. Raynor, city manager of the Mount Olive office of Wachovia Bank, made the presentation to James B. Hunt Sr., Chairman of the College Board of Trustees, and President W. Burkette Raper, during the luncheon session of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

In making the presentation, Raynor stated, "This gift represents Wachovia's commitment to the Mount Olive area, of which Mount Olive College is such an integral part. Even though Wachovia is a new citizen in Mount Olive, it is our desire to be a meaningful member of the community and to add to its growth."

Also attending the luncheon with the Trustees were Eugene B. Hardin Jr. of Raleigh, Regional Vice-President for Wachovia; Glenn Helms of the Goldsboro office; and members of the Mount Olive Wachovia Board.

In expressing appreciation on behalf of the College, Chairman Hunt said, "This gift by Wachovia is a significant investment in Mount Olive College and we pledge to use it to strengthen and expand our educational services to the people of eastern North Carolina."

### NEW CREATIONS TO SING

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of songs and testimonies at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, in Nash County, on Sunday, March 25, at the 11 a. m. worship service. The Rev. Lester Duncan is pastor.

The New Creations will present a program at the Peace Free Will Baptist Church, near Pinetops, at 7 p.m. The Rev. L. B. Manning is pastor.

### HIGH SCHOOL DAY IS COMING

The Spring High School Day, planned for April 7, is just around the corner. Churches are encouraged to bring a

busload of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors for the planned activities. There will be campus tour, question and answer sessions on college life and academic programs, as well as luncheon with entertainment by the Mount Olive Singers. Registration will begin at 10 a. m.

### REMINDER TO ALUMNI

Make your plans now to attend the annual Mount Olive College Alumni Banquet and Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 31, in the College auditorium. Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. and the dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is \$2.50 per person. Checks should be sent to: The Alumni Affairs Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Larry Joseph Crumpler Jr. announces that his address has been changed from Route 1, Box 59, Albertson, North Carolina 28505 to Route 2, Box 293-A, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. All further correspondence should be made to the new address.

### CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Johnny Sexton announces that he has resigned as pastor from the Cape Colony Free Will Baptist Mission. He would like to thank everyone who supported him in this work. "May God add His richest blessings among you," he states and hopes that his work will be complete at this mission. Any church desiring his services may contact him by phoning 793-2782 or by writing Route 1, Box 254, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962.

If God is not first in our thoughts in the morning, He will be last in our thoughts in the day.

# THE BOOK CORNER

by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison  
Mount Olive College

*The "Book Corner" will be a regular monthly feature in order to bring to the attention of our readers some good books that are worth the time and effort to read. There are many excellent books on the market, and there are some not worth the paper on which they are printed. Reading is a way of Christian growth and nurture. It can acquaint one with the great saints and figures of the past and enlarge one's perspective for the future.*

*The Christian faith is not a new movement. It is a way of life which God seeks to draw His creation to Him and ultimately to fulfill His divine purpose in creation. Reading some of the best Christian literature can help one understand that purpose better and participate in that purpose more effectively.*

*To love God with the mind is just as imperative as any New Testament command and is not an option to be debated by serious and committed Christians who seek to be effective disciples of Jesus Christ in the world.*

*The Company of the Committed* by Dr. Elton Trueblood, Harper and Brothers, Publishers, 1961, 113 pages. (Reprinted).

What is the real meaning of Christian commitment for a Christian in this age? This is the question Dr. Trueblood seeks to answer in this excellent little book. This book is packed with a clear call for a living faith in Jesus Christ that makes a difference in human life.

The chapter entitled "The Necessity of Commitment" is clear in its challenge and central point of reference: "A Christian is a person who confesses that, amidst the manifold and confusing voices heard in the world, there is one voice which supremely wins his full assent, uniting all his powers, intellectual and emotional, into a single pattern of self-giving. That voice is Jesus Christ. A Christian not only believes that He has; he believes in Him with all his heart and strength and mind. Christ appears to the Christian as the one stable point or fulcrum in all the relativities of history." (Page 45).

This book is not for Christians who want Christianity only as a "spectator sport," or as a religion that will make them comfortable in complacency. No indeed! The author clearly states that "the vocation of witness" is the vocation of every Christian and that ". . . the church is intended as a concrete answer to the prayer that laborers be sent forth to the harvest. The company of Jesus is not people streaming to a shrine; and it is not people making up an audience for a speaker; it is laborers engaged in the harvesting task of reaching their perplexed and seeking brethren with something so vital that, if it is received, it will change their lives." To this I would only say, "Amen!" (Page 45).

This is a book for serious churchmen, be they laity or ordained clergymen. It might well be used as personal reading or in the midweek study. Its challenge is clear and its message demanding: the great need is for men and women who can say with the man who had been blind, "One thing I know, I was blind, but now I see." There is no substitute for a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ as Lord, out of which comes a life of discipline, study, worship, and witness as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the world.

Any books reviewed by Mr. Harrison may be ordered from the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, or any of its branch stores).

## FAMILY DEVOTIONS

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I read in a Kansas City newspaper of what W. I. McFall, eighty years old, did with one shot from a rifle. He went into his backyard to kill a cat. He killed the cat all right, but the same bullet also killed six large pullets. All were shot in the head—and only one shot was fired.

But in the human family, I have known of one lie, traveling here and yon, from careless lips and a poison pen, doing more harm in hurting human hearts. No wonder false lips are an abomination unto God.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*An untruth seriously told or written and carried by careless lips and heard by eager ears can do irreparable harm. Pray that none of us will be guilty of spreading rumors. Moreover, let us be careful always to tell the truth. Let none of us be found guilty of telling a falsehood—about anyone or anything.*

## SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Scripture Reading—Romans 5:1-15  
TOWN OF MATCHES

In Houston, Texas, Denver R. Bain has put more than 120,000 kitchen matches and an estimated three thousand hours into building his match town. The first structure was started sixteen years ago and completed about a year later. It took three thousand matches. Bain, a retired worker, who works part time as a plant protection man, said that most of the town was built in the last three years. In this toy town, no houses of God are found in which to worship. But I know big cities with many houses of God which thousands never enter to worship—as they, with base ingratitude, translate freedom of worship to mean freedom from worship.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*One reason churches are empty is because mankind is indifferent to the needs of his own soul! How sad that we too often wait until the time of crisis to seek refuge in His house. "Take time to be holy! Speak oft with thy Lord!"*

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# The Sunday School Lesson

For April 1

## FREE TO SEEK THE GOOD OF OTHERS

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 10:23  
—11:1

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 9:19

### I. INTRODUCTION

Once the major choice of accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour has been made, it seems we have very few decisions to make in our Christian life. We have His Word to guide us. We need only to direct our lives in His way and all will be well. We are surely going to avoid stealing, taking God's name in vain, adultery, murder, undue materialism, lying, etc. We are going to strive to be honest, reliable, pure in speech and act, forgiving, generous, and loving. All this is self-evident and tends to make us believe there are very few questions of a moral or ethical nature left for us to settle.

This is especially true if we find our life in Christ developing within a strong and vigorous congregation. This community of faith will subtly but surely influence our attitudes and actions in many areas of our lives. For example, if the general attitude is that Christians do not go to the movies or play cards, or that women do not wear earrings, or that no leader in the church uses tobacco, then these matters will likely be settled in our minds.

The potential problem arises when one who has lived in this particular environment moves to an area where the attitudes are different. Uniting with a congregation there, he may be surprised to find some apparently dedicated Christian women who wear earrings—who even have their ears pierced! Some dedicated Christian young people may yet play cards on occasion. In some churches there are some active workers who use tobacco. At once there

is an uneasy feeling. What really is the Christian thing to do? How should one treat or deal with those who seem to have no scruples about what one has assumed to be wrong?

This is the type of problem we all face in our Christian conduct. There are multitudes of questions that are really matters of opinion. What should one do on the Lord's Day? How much should one spend on clothes, an automobile, a vacation, a home? Should one help in an office party or dinner where liquor will be served? All these and thousands of such questions must be answered by Christians. This lesson deals with the factors that should be considered in making these decisions in everyday life.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The slavery of sin keeps us from serving others as we ought; but being saved frees us to serve others.

B. Even those who are Christians must discipline themselves if they are to adequately serve others.

C. The society in which we live brings many pressures upon Christians. Each one must learn some effective way to cope with these pressures.

D. What happens when God's people compromise their convictions? Be sure to deal with this question.

E. You should point out that the only way that we can serve God in this world is by serving our fellowmen.

F. In the first part of 1 Corinthians 10, Paul warns against temptations faced by the Christians of Corinth. He exhorts them not to follow the example of those ancient Israelites, their spiritual progenitors, who fell from grace through idolatry, fornication, and complaining of their lot during their flight from Egypt. Paul knew that the temptations facing the Corinthians were not unique to them alone among mankind. He also knew that

God always provides a way of escape every temptation as long as men remain faithful to Him. Christians holding that faith have attained thereby a liberty which they did not have before.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In 1 Corinthians 3:5-8 Paul estimated that he and Apollos had the part to play in the work of the Kingdom of Christ, but they were not responsible for the results. The increase was to come from God.

B. Christians will not be held responsible if their efforts come to naught, but they are responsible for their efforts. If we do our honest, earnest best to do God's will we may leave the rest with Him.

C. We are not charged with the responsibility of bringing the world to Christ, but we are commissioned to take Christ to the world. We are not ordered to bring men to the Cross, but to lift Christ up and He will draw all men unto Himself.

D. What we are saying here is that Christians have freedom in Christ to acclaim Him as their Saviour, but with that freedom is responsibility. Christ did not set us free, in other words, just to be free; He gave with that freedom a sense of duty to perform His will in our lives.

E. It appears that the Corinthians had another sin: selfishness. They felt no responsibility toward their neighbors. They ate and drank as though they saw fit with no apparent concern for the well-being of others. Paul tried to reach them with the words, "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth" (1 Corinthians 10:24). Let us permit His words to reach us that we might learn the true meaning of freedom in the Lord Jesus Christ.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### KNOWLEDGE

God is judge of all intents of every heart, and it is He who will execute judgment for all wrong-doing. Man can hide from some of the people, but no man can hide from or make a mockery of God. God searches the intents of every man's heart, and all things are known to Him.



# Story Corner

## ESTHER: THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN

**L**ONG, long ago, there lived a Persian king who was also king over the Jews. He was, in fact, king over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces. He decided to give a feast for all of his princes. It was a grand feast. At the same time, his beautiful queen, Vashti, was giving a feast for all of the women of the royal house.

The feast had been continuing for seven days, and the king was full of wine. He decided to send for the queen to show herself off in front of the princes. He was proud of her beauty and wanted the others to see how beautiful she was. He sent for her; but she, being very busy with her own feast, refused to come. This made the king very angry. He declared that she would never again be seen by him, and that he would have another for his queen.

He issued a decree that all of the young girls in the kingdom were to be brought before him to pick the one who would become the next queen.

In one of his provinces there was a beautiful Jewish girl named Esther. She lived with an uncle named Mordecai. When she passed before the king, he thought that there had never been one so lovely. He chose her to be his queen. He did not know that she was Jewish.

Mordecai stayed close to the king's palace in order to keep an eye on Esther and see that she was well. While he was there, he heard of a plot against the life of the king. He told it to Esther, and she, in turn, told the king. The men were found and hanged upon a tree.

The person next to the king in authority, Haman, was revered and bowed to by all the people except Mordecai. This made Haman hate all of the Jews, for he knew that Mordecai was a Jew; but he did not know he was the uncle of the queen. He sought to kill all of the Jews.

He talked the king into issuing an order that all of the people who had laws other than those of the king should be destroyed. The Jews had the laws that God had given them, and they must keep these laws. Therefore, according to the decree of the king and Haman, they must all be destroyed.

Haman ordered that all of the Jews be killed. Mordecai was very upset about this. He knew, that with him and the rest of the Jews, Esther, the beautiful queen, would also die. He told Esther about it. She knew that she must go to the king and

tell him that she was Jewish. She must get him to change the orders. She must save her people.

There was a law that no one went to see the king unless he or she had been sent for by the king. If anyone entered without being sent for, it meant certain death, unless the king held out his golden scepter in welcome.

Esther knew that she must risk this. The lives of all of her people were at stake.

She said to Mordecai, "Go, gather all of the Jews in the city together. Fast for me for three days; neither eat nor drink. I and my maids will fast, too; then I will go before the king."

On the third day, Esther put on her royal robes and went to the court of the king. When the king saw her, he held out the golden scepter to her in welcome. He said, "What may I do for you? Anything that you ask shall be yours, even if it is half of the kingdom."

Esther invited the king and Haman to a banquet at her apartment.

Haman was so elated with the invitation to a banquet with the king and queen that he had the gallows made to hang Mordecai.

That night the king could not sleep; he was reading over the records. He found that it was Mordecai who saved his life by telling the queen of the plot against him. He asked Haman, "What honor shall be given to a man who delighteth the king?"

Haman thought the king meant him and he said, "Let the royal robes be put upon him and the royal horse be brought for him to ride and the royal crown be set upon his head. Let him ride throughout the city so that all of the people shall know that the king is delighted with this man."

Much to the dislike of Haman, the king ordered that he do this for Mordecai. This made Haman hate Mordecai even more.

At the banquet of the queen, the king again asked what he could do for her. Esther asked the king to spare her life and that of her people. The king did not know what she was talking about, and she explained how the decree that he had allowed Haman to make would mean that she and all of her people would lose their lives. He did not know until then that she was a Jew.

The king was so angry that he would not allow himself to speak. He arose from the banquet table and went into the garden to think what he would do.

While he was gone, Haman fell at the feet of Queen Esther and begged for his life; for he had not known that she was a Jew. He had not known that she was the niece of Mordecai, the man he had hated so.

The king returned, and it made him even angrier to see Haman there with his wife. He ordered that Haman be hanged on the scaffold that Haman had built for Mordecai.

The king exalted Mordecai in the place of Haman and made him the prime minister of all of the kingdom.

He also gave authority to all of the Jews of the land to kill the men who had followed Haman and were their enemies.

There was great rejoicing among the Jews. Their God had heard them and had been with the queen. He had caused the king to deliver them from their enemies again.—**The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**



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### PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

Pride was the subject for discussion at a ministerial seminar. I was one of the very first to speak out. I said, "If there is anything in the world that I am not, it is being proud. That is one thing that I have overcome." After a moment of silence, one of the brethren looked straight into my eyes and with a solemn voice asked, "Brother Hill, are you saying that you are proud that you are not proud?"

### 'A HOUSE OF MEMORIES'

by Emily H. Hefner  
In memory of her father,  
Robie R. Harper  
(who died March 12, 1967)

The wind whistled softly through the trees  
As I walked home alone;  
The day had quickly passed on by  
And I was going home.

Home to a house where love abides  
And hatred never shows;  
Home where inner peace, and love,  
And joy ever grows.

My home is one where parents know  
How children feel at times;  
They understand the problems of youth,  
Foreign matters, and crime.

It's a home where we can live a life  
Of luxury, labor, and loss;  
Luxury is least important  
And labor counts but dross.

Loss is the greatest within my home  
Because one member is gone;  
My father died twelve years ago  
And left us all alone.

I still have memories of him to share  
With family, and friends alike;  
I'll never forget for a minute  
The love he showed that night.

That night when I left him and went far away  
To a home that was strange and new;  
I loved my father with all my heart,  
And I knew he loved me too.

He opened his eyes before he died  
And looked into Mother's eyes;  
She knew that he was going away,  
But he saw her before he died.

I'll never forget my father  
For a minute a single day;  
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Tommy Manning  
Editor

## THE SEARCH NOT ENDED

Several years back it was the thing for young people to try to "find" themselves, as they termed it. And many of them put their parents and friends through all kinds of torment in the process.

Some rebelled against all logical reasoning, left home in a huff, struck out emotionally and physically at superiors: the so-called establishment, any form of authority, all manner of control or discipline; and with a well-meaning but somewhat lopsided attempt, they sought to turn the world around.

Change was the thing, and it mattered little how radical the change was. What was important was that things were not right the way they were and something had to be done! And, they had the answer.

Those who could not make the necessary adjustments as quickly as they hoped or who were unable to rearrange things to their liking decided to drop out, to disappear until things were altered to their fancy. They would drop back in when things were right.

Some went on to lives of crime, engaging in all manner of evil. Some hit the drug scene and were hit harder by it. Some of the fortunate found answers in constructive philosophies, while others—all the worse for it—found what they thought to be the solution in the occult and its numerous variations, sects, and other weird, satanically-influenced clubs or organizations.

Many sold not only their birthrights but their hearts for less than a mess of pottage. Some gave their lives for useless causes. Some murdered and maimed in the name of love. In trying to provide or find the solution to problems, they more often created (for themselves and others) crisis situations that defied all resolution. And a generation of vipers bit and fed upon them, poisoning them—their minds and bodies, even their immortal souls—while promising the world as a footstool.

Sollicitous "charmers" are still with us. Though we have advanced in some respects from the dropout syndrome of the late 60's and early 70's, persons are still dissociating themselves from the norms of society. Things have become so confused and issues so irreconcilable that one wonders now what the "norm" really is. Psychologists, in trying to clear up misconceptions, admit that they have no definitive explanation. What is normal for one person is not necessarily normal for another.

The ever-present question, "What makes him tick?" begs for an authoritative answer. But that answer is hard to come by. So-called "kinky" or sick stimuli evoke emotional and physical pleasure for some individuals, while others are violently repulsed. These stimuli wear a pleasant facade, but mask an evil of the grossest order.

Masochism, sadism—you name it. And there's more. Even the most experienced psychologists haven't been able to ascribe a name to all the inordinate activities engaged in or the psychological thoughts conjured in the psyche of unbalanced individuals. All this—from self-imposed isolation and seclusion to crowd-gathering, from abstinence to promiscuity, from ultra-conservatism to open liberalism—all this was and is a part of the search.

The search has not ended, for even today people are trying to find themselves. And many of them put others and themselves through torment in an effort to achieve self-identification. All such searchers aren't sick, either.

It's too bad that people haven't "found" themselves in Christ. They can, you know.

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# History of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church

New Bern, North Carolina

Rod Jones, Pastor

submitted by Mr. Steven J. Hill

URING the 1700's, New Bern was a flourishing community in the Royal Colony of North Carolina. It was the second town in North Carolina to be settled and was soon to be the capital of the colony. Most of the colonists attended the King's church (Christ Episcopal Church.) Anyone who believed in any other doctrine than that of King George III was looked down upon as an outcast. Tensions grew between the different groups of people who wanted to worship God in their own ways.

In 1740, six Baptists of New Bern petitioned the Craven County Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas to register and to build a church. The court, then conducted by a rival faction, ended the appeal by accusing the delegation of various misdemeanors. The appellants were placed under individual bonds of 20 pounds each, and three of the men were sentenced to public whipping.

After the church members requested the benefits of the Act of Tolerance, the destruction of the first church began the following September. This church building was used until it was burned during the Revolution. The congregation then met at the home of the pastor, a Mr. Anderson. After the death of the pastor, the church grounds, which had been used as the pastor's garden were sold by the son of the pastor, reportedly for a suit of clothing. Whatever became of that first congregation after the death of the pastor is unknown. The spirit of the Free Will Baptists of New Bern, if any indeed remained, was at a low ebb.

The next actual record of the church is in 1828; the church has in its possession a deed dated March 11, 1828 from John Creekman to the Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Society of the Town of New Bern. This small plot of land was located on Fleet Street, and was deeded in consideration of \$1. The date of the construction of the church is uncertain, but by

1829, a small 20 x 40 foot frame building was in use. By 1841 the church had a total of 46 members. It is uncertain who the pastors were during these years, but in 1850, John Creekman, the same who deeded the lot to the Free Will Baptists, described himself as the pastor of the New Bern Free Will Baptist Church.

On March 14, 1862 the city of New Bern fell to Federal Forces. The city was fired upon and apparently the New Bern church was burned, for it was no longer there when the Federal Army left New Bern.

In 1868, the General Conference of Free Will Baptists appointed John L. Gaskins, Noah Gaskins, and Furney Fulcher as trustees of the vacant lot in New Bern belonging to the Free Will Baptists and directed that they hold the lot until further directions. In 1881 Elder Rufus K. Hearn was allowed to build on the vacant lot. The Free Will Baptist Press was then moved to this lot with Hearn as its editor.

By 1884, N. B. Gaskins, R. F. Stilley, W. H. Slaughter, and J. F. Heath were appointed as the building committee for the purpose of erecting a church. The pastors of every church in the conference were to request each member of their congregations to contribute ten cents toward the building of the church. However, by 1885 Rufus Hearn was authorized to sell the Fleet Street lot because the church was apparently meeting some place else or had ceased to exist. Evidently, the lot was not sold.

In 1892, the Rev. R. F. Stilley, who lived a few miles from Bridgeton on the north side of the Neuse River, began holding religious services in the home of Bryce Anderson on upper Pollock Street.

It was during one of these services that Mr. Anderson was converted and was baptized in the Neuse River at what was then known as Lewis' Ferry, later taking membership with the Free Will Baptist church.

Others were added until an organization was perfected, consisting of the new converts and several families of like faith who had moved in from other places. The Rev. Wilson Lupton was called to the church and soon after, the membership decided that they must have a church building. A small wooden plank church was built on the Fleet Street lot. Mr. Lupton, with the assistance of others, did the work and took great pleasure in the growing interest of the membership.

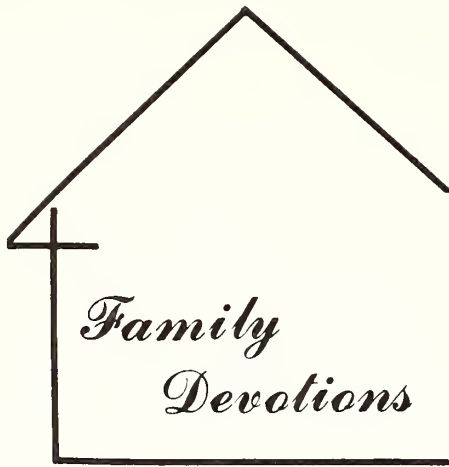
The Rev. L. B. Stilley, son of the first pastor, was next called to the pastorate. He was a young man of rare talent, a good speaker and of splendid personality. He was able to render efficient service during his ministry and had the joy of seeing a continual growth in membership during his stay.

Some time between the years of 1893 and 1899, the name of the church was changed from New Bern Free Will Baptist Church to Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church. It is uncertain why the church chose this name. One theory is that most members of the congregation felt sufficient attachment to Christ Episcopal Church, to which some of their ancestors belonged, to name their church Saint Mary's in commemoration of a connection with the Episcopal church. Under the new name, the church continued to grow and God continued to smile with favor and grace upon these people.

By 1909, the members decided that they must have a bigger church. According to a history written by Mrs. Alice Lupton, a contemporary. "When the cost had been reckoned, the strength of the church weighed, the obstacles viewed from various angles, these loyal ones said, 'WE WILL BUILD'. On Thanksgiving Day, 1909, the old wooden church was razed. On December the 10th, following, the first brick was laid for the new structure." The

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## SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 20:11:15

### PETER'S SWORD

"Then, Simon Peter having a sword, drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear!"

Peter learned that there is a time when it is too late to draw a sword. And is there not a time when it is too late to offer apologies, too late to frame words of sympathy, too late to bring flowers, too late to shed tears, too late to whisper words of endearment? Who of us wants tears or dears or flowers after we are dead? Who wants folks to draw swords for us—after awhile?

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*After one has suffered his demise it is too late to say or do all the kind things we'd intended. Why is it that mankind remembers the good only when the one so remembered can realize no benefit from the remembering? Let us pray for a good dose of "caring," and let us dispense it according to God's prescription!*

## MONDAY, APRIL 2

Scripture Reading—Matthew 25:14-30

### STRANGE SWIMMING

Penguins are strange birds. They use their wings for swimming instead of flying. So, in a way more ridiculous than the penguins which use their wings for swimming, do some use talents meant to be used for God's glory, in service to the devil.

Addison said: "A man of great talents, but void of discretion, is like Polyphemus in the fable, strong and blind, endowed with an irresistible force, which for want of sight is of no

use to him." Just as penguins use their wings for swimming instead of flying, so many use their talents so in reverse from God's purpose—making steam shovel abilities do teaspoon work.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How blessed are we who have been given talents! To whom much is given, of him much is required. May we remember this truth when we apply our abilities toward the propagation of His gospel.*

## TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Scripture Reading—Romans 1:14-25

### PALM-TREE VIRTUES

Of all the trees on all continents, the palm-tree is most useful. The encyclopedia tells us that there are eight hundred different uses for the palm-tree. Yet sometimes there are eight hundred "good-for-nothing" people in churches. What fruit into God's Kingdom basket would fall—if each of the eight hundred were good for eight hundred uses!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If all members of all churches worked to their capacities, just think of the good fruits that could be harvested for His Kingdom? Let us pray for each other (and ourselves) that we might bear the fruits of righteousness.*

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:9-16

### BLESSED BOOK

A young Christian, packing his bag for a journey, said to a friend, "I have nearly finished packing. All I have to put in the bag yet are a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer, and a set of books I have been studying." Then he placed his Bible in a corner of the suitcase and closed it.

All this—and more—is the blessed Word of God which God has magnified above His own Holy name (Psalm 138:2).

If this young man had put in a can of honey and a bag of gold, he would have included something else that the Bible is.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible is certainly more than a*

*guide to proper living, but if it were used for that purpose only, what difference would be seen in the life of the user! More valuable than silver and gold, more necessary than food and drink, the Bible provides all things—for all time.*

## THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Scripture Reading—John 1:1-14

### COPPER OUTPUT

Montana's copper mines have yielded more than seven billion pounds of ore representing about 10 percent of the total output in the United States since about 1845.

Sometimes I wonder if the output of service in our churches doesn't come from 47 percent of our members. If we not do God's work in our churches on less than 50 percent of our ability? Please answer. Then weep.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is a sad but sure fact that most of the work done in the church is performed by the smaller percentage of the membership. The majority sit back, criticize and direct, but do little else to promote the work. May we pray for concerted efforts and united causes!*

## FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Scripture Reading—Mark 10:13-16

### TORREY TALKING TENDERLY

"It is easiest to lead a child from five to ten years to a definite acceptance of Christ."

"I rejoice in the work done in rescue missions, where we see the wrecks of manhood and womanhood changed into noble men and women. But this is not the work that produces the most satisfactory Christians. The younger we get a child to accept Christ and begin Christian training, the more beautiful the product."

"The overwhelming majority in our churches today were converted before twenty-one years of age."

"Whatever your church does, let it do its full duty by the children."

"Every thorn that pierced Christ's brow pierced the heart of God."

"I implore you to get ready."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Children are (as the editor once suggested) perhaps the nearest thing we have to Heaven. Let us take into careful consideration their proper upbringing. May we concentrate on*

ports toward teaching them. "Of  
ch is the Kingdom of God."

## SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 2:17-25

### ON GOOD TERMS

Recently I looked with interest on a photograph of a dog, a cat, and a canary together—and not molesting each other. The dog was in no wise disturbed by the immediate presence of the cat. The canary was sitting on the edge of a glass in which was some milk-soaked bread. And the cat was very busy trying to get the morsel of bread out of the glass.

But more wonderful the scene when neighbors who bite and scratch each other with sharp tongues live together quiet and respect and love.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Sometimes humans, the most intelligent of the animal kingdom, act quite the opposite. We can learn, if we keep open minds and hearts, that we can live together—in harmony of spirit and purpose. Pray, as we strive toward that noble goal.*

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## CHURCH OF THE MONTH

### FEATURE

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ist services were held in the fall of 1910. had been closed in, but was far from complete. It was not until the church called the Rev. W. B. Everett to become its pastor in 1913 that the building was completed and indebtedness was lifted from the church.

In 1915, under his leadership, the Free Will Baptist League was founded at Saint Mary's church. After 1915, this auxiliary continued to grow throughout the state and became a great power in the denomination for the Christian training of the youth and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Throughout the history of Saint Mary's church, the women have always been a true inspiration. During the years of 1892-1893, the women maintained a "sewing circle"; its purpose was to make garments for the poor and needy. On October 1, 1907, the Ladies Aid Society, the forerunner of the Ladies Auxiliary, was organized by Mrs. Alice E. Lupton of Saint Mary's church. This was the first

such organization for women anywhere in the state.

By 1954, the membership had grown so large that construction of a larger church was needed. During that year, the old church was razed and the present Georgian Colonial structure was built. The church was designed "to follow the spirit of Tryon Palace" which was also undergoing construction at that time. A sealed copper casket placed in the hollow cornerstone of the church contained a short history of the church, several pictures of the previous church and ministers, church bulletins from 1945 to 1954, a historical sketch of the work performed by the various auxiliaries, lists of the church officers, minutes of the Eastern Carolina state and national conventions, yearbook directories for 1929 and 1936, an issue of the church newspaper, and a small New Testament. The old cornerstone, dated 1909, was salvaged and has been inlaid within the wall of the vestibule to tie the modern church with its historic heritage. On the fifth Sunday of May, 1955, we first worshiped in our new church, a large and beautiful structure that added another dimension to the churches of the city.

The church continues to prosper under the leadership of the Rev. Rod Jones along with the various auxiliaries and organizations for the youth. The Almighty has indeed opened the windows of Heaven and poured out blessings upon blessings upon us. As long as we look toward the future, and hold fast to our faith in God, He will continue to strengthen and bless our church as He did in the past.

## Camp Vandemere

The Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere, Inc. announces the appointment of the Rev. Larry J. (Joey) Crumpler Jr. as executive director, effective April 15, 1979. His duties will include camp maintenance, promotion, administration, and supervision of all camping programs.

He is a member of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, and a 1975 graduate of Mount Olive College. He was ordained April 2, 1977, by the Western Conference, and is now a member of the Eastern Conference. He served as pastor of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Albertson, from July, 1977, until November, 1978; and served as interim pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, LaGrange, from November, 1978 until April, 1979.



*The Rev. Larry J. Crumpler Jr.*

His wife, the former Cathy Kaye Wallace of the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church in the Eastern Conference, will serve as kitchen manager of the camp. She is also a 1975 graduate of Mount Olive College. She is presently employed by the Duplin County School System at B. F. Grady School. If you would like to receive information about Camp Vandemere, please write the Rev. Larry J. Crumpler Jr., Route 2, Box 293-A, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone, 568-3758 or Camp Vandemere, Inc., Box 158, Vandemere, North Carolina 28587; phone, 745-3171.

## JUNIOR-SENIOR WEEKEND

May 18 through May 20 is just around the corner. Plans should be made now by your church to get your sophomores, juniors, and seniors to camp for this big weekend. A film has already been confirmed, some counselors contacted, and pigs are being sought for a pig-picking. Churches have been asked to send a list of their high school students to the Rev. Calvin A. Heath, Route 3, Box 225, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551. Please give the number of high school students you need applications for. The deadline for sending the applications back in will be May 4. The price for the retreat has been set at \$20 and churches are asked to help send their young people. The weekend will give much time to sports. If you have any sports equipment you would like to donate to the camp, please do so before May.

The weekend will also have a gospel sing, devotion (each day), and some preaching as well as training from the Word of God. Mrs. Annie Ruth Herring is scheduled to speak along with Mrs. Dianne Riley. We would also ask everyone's prayers for our second annual Junior-Senior Weekend. In today's world a successful youth ministry can only be obtained through God's aid. We put our trust in Him for this endeavor. Thank you, Free Will Baptists, for your cooperation.



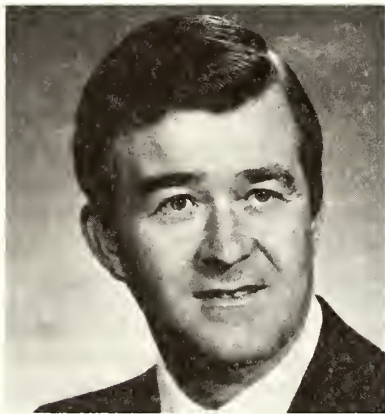
## **The Rev. Jack Mayo**

**ORMONDSVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Ayden, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. The Rev. Jack Mayo is the sixteenth to be accorded this recognition in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.**

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### **A DEDICATED MAN**

submitted by Ormondsville Woman's Auxiliary



*The Rev. Jack Mayo*



*Mrs. Carolyn Mayo*

The Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, North Carolina, has been blessed with many great and dedicated men of God. Since November 1, 1976, we have been blessed once again with such a dedicated servant, the Rev. Jack Mayo. Mr. Mayo has been in the service of the Lord for the past 20 years, having been ordained by the Central Conference. He is very dedicated to his Lord, and the members of the Ormondsville church consider themselves very fortunate to have him as their pastor. Since he became pastor, he has dedicated himself to all functions of the church. He has helped to start several new organizations which have benefited the church greatly.

Not only is he the dedicated pastor at Ormondsville church, but he is involved in many other denominational functions. He has served as President of the State League Convention, Moderator of the Central Conference, and was on the Home

Missions Board. He is presently serving on the Ordaining Council of the Central Conference. He has directed many youth conferences at Cragmont Assembly, Camp Vandemere, and Eagles Nest.

Because of his endless amount of energy, he is able to perform all the necessary duties of his pastorate, as well as hold down a full-time job at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Ayden, North Carolina, as Office Manager of the Accounting Department. He also conducts numerous revivals throughout the denomination and if this isn't enough to keep him occupied full-time, he has two children, Lisa, age 13, and Carl, age 12, who keep him adequately active.

Mr. Mayo has a natural wit with young people. He relates to them very easily and they all love him. When a job needs to be done, requiring the help of the young people, Mr. Mayo joins right in and is considered "one of them."

Mr. Mayo's ministry has been deepened and enriched by the loyalty and devotion of his lovely wife, Carolyn. She is blessed with many gifts and talents, which she unselfishly offers in all phases of church work. Carolyn plays the piano for the Young People's Chorus and is always ready to fill in any other time she is needed. She is one of the directors of the AFCs. Her beautiful voice is also an asset to our choir. She is always present to assist in any project that we undertake. I'm sure that it must be gratifying to Mr. Mayo to know that his wife is always there by his side in service of the Lord.

Jack and Carolyn, as most of us in Ormondsville call them, possess many attributes, but the main and foremost are their love and dedication to God and mankind. They are always conscious of the needs of others. Jack is constantly visiting the sick and those suffering from bereavement. Probably one of his most outstanding attributes as a concerned Christian is the fact that he doesn't limit his visiting, praying, and caring to just his congregation, but he finds time to share himself with any friends or relatives, members of his congregation who need him, as well as anyone else in the community who needs his service.

As Ormondsville honors Mr. Mayo as "Pastor of the Week," we would like to express to him our love and appreciation for the fine job he is doing. May God continue to bless him and his fine family and always keep them in His care.

### **CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE**

The Rev. James Warren of Kinston, North Carolina, announces that he is available for a full-time or part-time church. He is a member in good standing with the Eastern Conference. He was ordained on September 25, 1972. Any Free Will Baptist church that is in need of a full-time or part-time minister may contact him at the following address: The Rev. James Warren, 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; or phone 527-1644. He is also available for supply.

The Rev. Wayne Watson announces that he now pastors Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, 1914 Central Drive, Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081. He resides at 2114 Bertha Street, Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081. He may be reached by phoning 933-2002 (home) or 933-2307 (church).

## Home Missions

### EASTWOOD CHURCH HOST HOME MISSIONS



*Mr. Dean Kennedy and the Rev. John Adcox*

On March 19, Mr. Dean Kennedy gave a special slide presentation for the Eastwood Church in Fayetteville. The Haymount Mission was represented for the occasion. Mr. Kennedy goes wherever he is invited and gives the presentation. He can be contacted through the Rev. Taylor Hill or by phoning 568-3732.

### VICTORY MISSION HONORS NEW PASTOR AND WIFE



*The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Parrish*

On March 19, the Victory Mission at Hope Mills paid special tribute to their new

pastor, the Rev. Charles Parrish and his wife, Barbara. Charles and Barbara were reared near Valdosta, Georgia, after which he spent more than twenty years in the United States Army. He was ordained by the Cape Fear Conference and most of his ministry has been in North Carolina. He has spent some time in Home Missions work in the state of Georgia. The Victory Mission has done very well during the five years of its existence.

Mr. Parrish is the grandson of the late Rev. Neil Parrish of Valdosta, Georgia, who was a Free Will Baptist minister. Charles and Barbara have two daughters, Kay and Debra, which have received training at Mount Olive College and a son, Chucky, who is in the United States Armed Forces.

### RONNIE MOHN SELECTED AS INTERIM PASTOR



*The Ronnie Mohn family*

Ronnie Mohn was recently selected by the Home Missions Board to serve as interim pastor of the Cape Colony Mission near Henderson, North Carolina. The following is a statement from Mr. Mohn concerning his background and commitment.

"I was reared in Onslow County, in a little town called Verona. I was saved as a teenager, and worked with the youth group in the local Free Will Baptist church. My father, Willie Owen Mohn (deceased) was a lay-preacher, and with the guiding hand of my mother, Teddie J. Mohn, I saw the need for Christ early in my life. Although I've

not always lived as I should, I've always known that Christ was the real answer to life. In 1956, I married Sherry Anne Taylor, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Taylor of Snead's Ferry Free Will Baptist Church. After five years of marriage, we moved to Wilson, and attended Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. There we worked with a youth choir. In 1974, we felt the need to work with the Rev. Dale Albertson, at the Free Spirit Mission. Since that time we have been active in the work as Sunday school teachers, pianist, and song leader. We helped build the new sanctuary, and are still very interested in its activities. We have four children: Michael, Ronny, Tammy, and Bryan. We are really enthused about the work the Lord is leading us into with the Cape Colony Mission and are looking forward to the future as Free Will Baptist Christians. My wife is presently attending Atlantic Christian College. I'm enrolled in the Carolina Bible Institute. We sincerely desire your prayers."

### APRIL IS HOME MISSIONS MONTH

#### News from

### Children's Home

#### FOUNDERS' DAY

The Annual Founders' Day Services will be held on May 19, 1979, in Memorial Chapel. Services will begin at 10:30 a. m. Everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and visit on campus after the noon meal.

During the service this year, special tribute will be made to Mr. Jesse Gay and Mr. R. L. Spencer who served faithfully on the Board of Directors of the Children's Home for many years.

We encourage everyone to join us on this special occasion.

#### EASTER VACATION SCHEDULE

Due to the recent snow and the subsequent change in the school calendar, the Children's Home Easter Vacation has been changed.

The children residing at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home will leave for their Easter vacation on Thursday, April 12, at 5 p. m. and return at 5 p. m. on April 16.



# NEWS & NOTES

## **Spring Revival at British Chapel Church**

Spring revival services will be held at the British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, April 2 through April 6. Services will begin nightly at 7:30. The Rev. C. H. Overman, pastor of the Ayden church, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing. The pastor, the Rev. Bruce Jones, and members extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend these services.

## **Sweet Gum Grove Church Announces Revival**

Spring revival services will begin at the Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Stokes, North Carolina, on Monday, April 2, and continue through Saturday, April 7. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, with the Rev. Keith Cobb of Fremont church as the guest evangelist. Special music will be rendered each evening. A nursery will be provided. The pastor of the church is Joe Hudson. The public is invited.

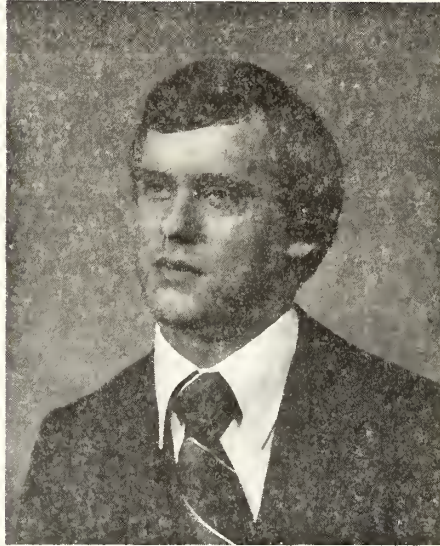
## **Revival Services at Edgewood Church**

Spring revival services will be conducted at Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church near Crisp, North Carolina, April 2 through April 7, with the Rev. Floyd Cherry of Pine Level as the guest evangelist. Each night there will be a special prayer meeting before the service. Special singing from various groups in the church and visiting groups will also be rendered. The pastor is the Rev. Rex Edwards. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## **Pastor's Appreciation Day First Church, Smithfield**

The Rev. Donald A. Coats will preach for the Pastor's Appreciation Day Service, on April 1, 1979, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. The Rev. Leonard Woodall is the pastor. The First church is Donald's home church. It was there that he answered the call to

preach and was ordained under the ministry of Mr. Woodall.



*The Rev. Donald Coats*

Donald graduated from Smithfield-Selma Senior High School and received his Associate of Science Degree from Mount Olive College. He also attended Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina. Donald was pastor of Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, until he accepted the call to pastor Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Blakely, Georgia. He plans to continue his education at Troy State University, Troy, Alabama.

## **Eastwood Church Announces Revival**

The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, announces its spring revival, April 23 through April 27. The Rev. Mike Scott will be the guest evangelist. The Rev. W. O. Lassiter is the pastor of the church.

## **Grimsley Adult Choir Presents Easter Cantata**

The Grimsley Free Will Baptist Adult Choir near Maury, will be presenting the Easter Cantata entitled "Who Is Jesus?" by Katherine Davis, on Palm Sunday, April 8, at 7 p. m. The cantata tells the story of

Jesus from a newborn baby to His glorious Resurrection on Easter morning. The cantata will conclude with an inspiring candlelight service as the choir relates fulfillment of Jesus' command to spread His light to the uttermost parts of the earth. The cantata is being directed by Mrs. Valerie Joan Wood. The Rev. Don Faden is pastor of the church. Everyone is invited.

## **White Oak Grove Church Announces Fellowship Sunday and Revival**

April 1 will begin a special week of services for the White Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, LaGrange, North Carolina. Visitation is beginning now to work toward Fellowship Sunday. Members (active and inactive) will be visited before these special services. There will also include other people in the community. Everyone will be given an invitation to Fellowship Sunday services both the 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. services. The evening services of special singing and gospel preaching will be climaxed by fellowship time and refreshments.

Revival services will begin Monday, April 2, and will continue through Friday, April 6. The services will begin each evening at 7:45. The Rev. Melvin Everington, pastor of the Core Cre church, will be the guest evangelist. Special singing will be featured. The youth of the church will also be participating in these services. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Calvin A. Heath. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **Singing Group at Hickory Chapel Church**

The Gospel Chargers from Winterville, North Carolina, will be at the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ashok North Carolina, on Sunday, April 8, 1979 at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Robert May is the pastor of the church. An offering will be taken for Cragmont. Everyone is invited.

## **Song Services and Revival Rock Springs Church**

On Sunday, April 1, there will be a song service beginning at 7 p. m. featuring the Oak Grove Singers from Elm City, North Carolina at the Rock Springs church.

Revival services will begin on Monday, April 2, and will continue through Friday, April 6. The time of the services is 7:45 p. m. The Rev. James Joyner, pastor of Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. Special music will be presented each



ening. The pastor of the Rock Springs church is the Rev. John Boykin. Everyone invited.

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**Spring Revival at Angola Church**

Angola Free Will Baptist Church, Maple Hill, North Carolina, will have its spring revival, April 9-13, at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Roy Hardee will be the guest speaker. Special music will be presented nightly. Everyone is invited.

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**Youth Revival at Mount Tabor Church**

The youth revival at the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina, will be held March 29 through March 31. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Craig Simmons, youth pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. Special singing will be featured each night. A cordial invitation extended to everyone.

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**Free Union Church Announces Spring Revival**



*The Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Cutler*

The congregation of Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, invites everyone to its spring revival, April 2 through April 6. The Rev. Leroy Cutler, former member of the church and pastor of Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, will be the guest evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Francis Garner. There will be special music each night. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m.

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**Peoples Chapel Church Announces Revival Services**

Revival services will be held April 9 through April 13 at the Peoples Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina. The time of the services is 7:45 p. m. Special music will be featured each evening. The evangelist will be the Rev. Barry L. Gardner, pastor of the church. There will be a social hour on Friday night following the service. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

through April 13 at the Peoples Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina. The time of the services is 7:45 p. m. Special music will be featured each evening. The evangelist will be the Rev. Barry L. Gardner, pastor of the church. There will be a social hour on Friday night following the service. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

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**Revival Services at Eastover Mission**

Revival services will begin on Sunday, April 1, and will continue at the Eastover Free Will Baptist Mission, Dunn Road, Eastover, North Carolina. The Rev. C. M. Coats, pastor of Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. Services will begin each night at 7:30. The Rev. W. O. Lassister is pastor of the mission. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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**Revival in Progress At Snow Hill Church**

Revival is in progress at the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, North Carolina, continuing through March 31. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Arnold Price is the guest evangelist. The pastor of the church is the Rev. John A. Owens. There is special singing each night. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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**Gray Branch Church Revival in Progress**



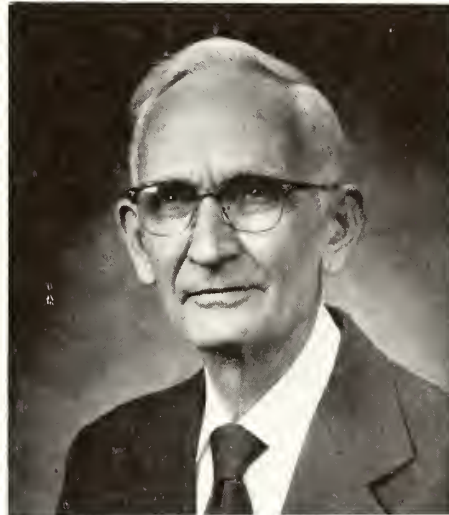
*The Rev. Noah Brown*

Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, is having its

spring revival, March 26 through March 31 at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Noah Brown is the evangelist. The Rev. Don Gray is the pastor of the church. Everyone is invited.

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**Marlboro Church to Have Revival**



*The Rev. David W. Hansley*

Revival services will begin at the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina, on Monday, April 2, and continue through April 6. The Rev. David W. Hansley, pastor of Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, will be the guest evangelist. Services will begin at 7:30 with special music each evening. A nursery will be provided. The Rev. Scott Sowers, pastor, and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

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**St. Mary's Church Announces Revival**

St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, announces its spring revival, April 2 through April 6. Prayer groups will assemble each evening at 7:15 and services will begin at 7:30. The Rev. David H. Thick, pastor of Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. A nursery will be provided each evening. The following nights have been designated as "Special nights:" Monday, Family night; Tuesday, Senior Citizens night; Wednesday, Woman's Auxiliary night; Thursday, Sunday school night; and Friday, Youth night. Special music will be featured each evening. There will be a short message for the children of the church. The pastor, the Rev. Leslie Hawley, and the entire membership of the church extend a cordial invitation to everyone to share in these services.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## ALUMNUS TO SPEAK AT BANQUET



*Nido Qubein*

Mount Olive College alumnus, Nido Qubein, will be the featured speaker at the annual Alumni Banquet and Meeting Saturday, March 31. Registration will begin at 5:15 p. m. on the downtown campus and reservations at \$2.50 per person should be sent to the Alumni Association, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

At 30 years, Nido Qubein is president and founder of Nido Qubein and Associates, Inc., and Creative Services, Inc. of High Point. He also serves as a director for several organizations.

Qubein is nationally known for his enthusiastic and energetic seminars on effective communication, self-development, goal setting, and time management training.

Aside from a daily syndicated radio program, he is a consultant to executive and industrial leaders throughout the United States. He has authored twenty-one leadership books and markets his own cassettes for employees and clients in several major corporations. He is also a contributing editor to a number of national publications.

A graduate of Mount Olive College, Qubein also holds degrees from High Point

College, UNC at Greensboro, and the University of London.

A native of Bethlehem of Judea, he is married to the former Mariana Hakim of Amman, Jordan.

## MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moyer Library, Mount Olive College, during the month of February, 1979, totaled \$432.50 and were as follows:

### In Memory of

Mrs. Cora Allen by Mr. Joe Rose, Goldsboro.

Rene Alman by Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference, Vanceboro.

The Rev. Kemery Ard by Gary F. Barefoot, Mount Olive; and Celia Hart Garris Woman's Auxiliary, Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden.

The Rev. L. E. Ballard by Celia Hart Garris Woman's Auxiliary, Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden; and Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, New Bern.

Miss Rosa Barnes by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama.

George E. Britt Sr. by Mrs. Mildred Britt, Newton Grove.

Miss Mary Kate Britt by Mrs. Mildred L. Britt, Newton Grove.

Frankie Marie Chambers by Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Powell, Kenansville.

The Rev. A. B. Chandler by Gary F. Barefoot, Mount Olive; and Mrs. Dianne Riley, New Bern.

Billie Connor by Mr. and Mrs. Alex E. Barwick, Deep Run.

Mr. Woodard Dail by Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Goodman, Mount Olive.

Mrs. Blanche P. Davis by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Evans Sr., Kenly; Mrs. Jasper Hare, Pikeville; and Gary F. Barefoot, Mount Olive.

Mr. Oscar Ferrell by Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama.

Braddie Thomas Godwin by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hinnant, Selma.

Leon R. Grimes by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Phillips, Smithfield.

The Rev. Herman A. Grubbs by the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Grubbs, Middlesex.

Allen Hamilton by Mr. Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayetteville.

Mrs. Lila Harrison by Mr. and Mrs. Manley Jenkins, Trenton; Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive; and Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, New Bern.

Earl Heath by Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCoy, Cove City.

Mrs. Irene Hill by Sybil A. Robinson, Kinston.

The Rev. Paul Jenkins by Mrs. Pearl R. Johnson, Raleigh.

Orville F. Jones by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mount Olive.

Thomas H. Lewis by Dr. E. Lee Glover, Silver Springs, Maryland.

Mrs. Alma Warren Matthews by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Warwick, Newton Grove.

Mrs. Ethel Garner Melvin by Gary F. Barefoot, Mount Olive.

Dr. Laurie W. Moore by Mr. Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayetteville.

Cedric Pierce by Mrs. Jasper Hare, Pikeville; and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Evans Sr., Kenly.

Melvin Phillips by Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland and Judy, Middlesex; Sunday School, Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex; the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Grubbs, Middlesex; Young Adult Sunday School Class, Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex.

Johnnie Lee Stott by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama.

Mr. Preston F. Whitfield by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive.

### In Honor of

Mrs. Pearl Best by Woman's Auxiliary Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville.

Mrs. Lillian Grubbs by the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Grubbs, Middlesex.

### Gifts

Miss Elaine Jones

## DR. RAPER TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President Mount Olive College, will speak at Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, Sunday, April 1, at the 10 and 11 a. m. worship services.

The Rev. Robert May is pastor.

## NEW CREATIONS

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of song and testimony at Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, April 1, at the 11 a. m. worship service. The Rev. James Joyner is pastor.

On Sunday night, the New Creations will perform at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church in Lucama at 7 p. m.

## Church Auxiliaries

### WESTERN DISTRICT CONVENES AT KENLY CHURCH

The Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene at the Kenly Free Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, April 4. The theme of the convention will be "Shining Lights for Jesus." The Scripture will be taken from Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify the Father which is in heaven." The program for the day is as follows:

#### MORNING SESSION

- 9:15—Registration
- 9:45—Hymn, "In the Service of the King"
- Devotions, Mrs. Edmund Gonzalez
- Welcome, Mrs. Tommy Evans
- President's Message, Mrs. James Joyner
- 10:15—Hymn, "Send the Light"
- Our Lights Shine Through Missions, Mrs. Mark Taylor
- Love Shines Through Benevolence, Mrs. Raymond Crocker
- God Is Glorified Through Our Youth, Miss Alane Vester
- 11:15—Hymn, "Let Others See Jesus in You"
- Offering and Prayer
- Special Music, Local Auxiliary
- Convention Message, Miss Caroline Castelleo
- 12:00—Lunch

#### EVENING SESSION

- 7:15—Hymn, "Let Your Light Shine"
- Devotion and Memorial Service, Mrs. Woodrow Ferrell
- Special Music
- Business Session
- Installation of Officers, Mrs. Roland Cherry
- 8:30—Benediction

### ALBEMARLE DISTRICT CONVENES AT SHILOH CHURCH

The Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Metron, North Carolina, on Thursday, April 12, 1979. The theme for the convention will be "Victory in Jesus." The Scripture will be taken from 1 Corinthians 15:57. The program is as follows:

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#### MORNING SESSION

- 9:45—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Victory in Jesus"
- Devotion, Mrs. Reba Osborne
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. June Cartwright
- Response, Mrs. Christine Waters
- President's Message, Mrs. Lorraine Garner
- Recognition Time
- Appointment of Committees
- 10:30—Reading of the Minutes
- Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- 10:45—Mission News
- Offering for Home and Foreign Missions
- Hymn, "He Lives"
- 11:00—Children's Home Report
- Love Offering for Children's Home
- 11:20—Special Music, Host Church
- 11:30—Message, Mrs. Alice Barrow
- 12:00—Lunch

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
- 1:05—Devotion, Mrs. Lula Daw
- Prayer
- 1:15—Mount Olive College Report
- 1:30—Cragmont News
- 1:45—Other Denominational Reports
- 2:00—Miscellaneous Business
- Report of Committees
- Announcement of Next Convention
- Benediction

### CAPE FEAR DISTRICT CONVENES AT BETHEL CHURCH

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks, North Carolina, on April 11, 1979. The theme of the convention is "His Way with Thee." The Scripture will be taken from John 14:12. The program for the day is as follows:

#### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn
- Devotion, Mrs. Edna Fowler
- 10:20—Welcome, Host Church
- Response, Bonnie Lockamy
- 10:25—Special Music
- President's Remarks, Mrs. C. L. Godwin

- Reading of Minutes
- Roll Call
- Appointment of Committees

- 11:00—Congregational Hymn
- Report of Missions
- Report of Children's Home
- Offering
- Convention Message, the Rev. Charles Parrish

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn
- Memorial Service, Mrs. Grace Barbour
- 1:15—Report of Chairman
- Mount Olive College Report
- Youth Report, Mrs. Ernestine Norris
- Essay Winners, YFA, Dorrell Robbins, AFC, Diana Nowell
- Free Will Baptist Press Report, Mrs. Joyce Wood
- Cragmont Report, Mrs. Lizzie Dawson
- Superannuation Report
- 2:00—Business Session
- Installation Service, Mrs. Rose Raper
- Closing Hymn
- Adjournment
- Benediction

### ATTENTION, NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES!

The 1979 session of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene on Thursday, May 10, at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Newton Grove. Each auxiliary should represent with one delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof. The registration fee for each auxiliary is \$10. (Note that this fee has been increased.)

Many auxiliaries mail their fees in advance. This is a good thing to do, as it saves the delegates the trouble of handling the money. Also, in the event something happens at the last minute to prohibit your representing in person, your auxiliary is registered as having been represented.

**IMPORTANT:** Please mail your fee before April 25, if possible, so that Mrs. Raymond Sasser will have time to get the list prepared and delivered to the convention registration committee for use on the morning of May 10. If you cannot attend, please mail your fees anyway, as the convention needs your support. Mail fees to the following address: Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, State Treasurer, 517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, North Carolina 27893.



# The Sunday School Lesson

For April 8

## CELEBRATE AND PROCLAIM

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 11:20-34

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 11:26

### I. INTRODUCTION

Paul told the Corinthians that when he had been in Corinth he had determined to know nothing among them except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). Toward the close of his first letter to them, he said that the saving gospel he had preached to them was that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and raised according to the Scriptures. In another epistle he asserted that "through his blood" we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7).

A pivotal part of the Christian faith, therefore, is that Jesus died for us. The service of Communion keeps this sacrificial death of Jesus ever before us, for it is a "communion of the blood of Christ" (1 Corinthians 10:16). Jesus himself established this memorial observance (see Luke 22:19, 20). Therefore, setting forth the emblems of Jesus' saving sacrifice should be a central, not a marginal, concern of His people.

Christians who make the Lord's Supper central in their worship are constantly reminded of what Jesus did for them. Thus it is a means of their continuing, deep self-examination and renewal and is a vivid testimony to the world (1 Corinthians 11:26). Frequently set forth, with reverence and a sense of purpose, the Lord's Supper can become a means by which the church refocuses its attention so that what is vital in the Christian's life and the church's work is vividly realized.

Earlier in his letter Paul spoke of the factious spirit that existed among the Christians at Corinth (1:10, 11; 3:3). This spirit of divisiveness attended their meetings of worship, so much so that Paul charged that their meetings had not been making them better, but worse. The assembly, which should have been a

means of strengthening their sense of community in Christ, was, instead, an occasion for rivalry, disputes, and unruly behavior (11:17-19). With this background in mind, Paul focused on their conduct while they observed Communion.

—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. We are approaching the Easter season and you will want to relate this incident to that which took place with our Lord and His disciples on the last week of His life on earth.

B. Be sure to show the necessity of self-examination before one comes to partake of the Lord's Supper.

C. You should not forget to point out that the finding of sin in one's life is no reason to stay away from the Communion. If we wait until there was no sin in our lives, who would be qualified to partake of the service? Of course, we are unworthy; but as we trust the Lord Jesus Christ His grace makes us worthy.

D. The Lord's Supper can be a tangible expression of unity in a church. If the members partake of this Supper together it should be a symbol of their union.

E. The Lord's Supper should be celebrated with joyous expectation, and yet there should be an air of seriousness about us as we come and realize the meaning of the emblems.

F. In the chapter from which our text is taken, Paul deals with two subjects which he had evidently been asked about by the Corinthians. First, he was dealing with woman's place in society. The women in the East were accustomed to wearing a long veil which covered the head, left the eyes and the forehead open, but extended almost to the feet. This veil had two purposes. It was a sign of inferiority to the man, and it was for protection. The ancient Jewish notion of their inferiority required that they be veiled. It was peculiarly repugnant to Paul that Corinthian women

were participating in church service without veils.

G. In the passage for our study today Paul is dealing with abuses in the Communion Service. There are many questions that people have about this service that cannot be answered in the scope of this short lesson; however, it is hoped that some of these questions will be answered and that you will be blessed from a study of this lesson.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In the previous unit we have seen how the Christian should live in the Christian community, that is, in relationship with one another. In the next five lessons we will consider how we may worship together in the Christian community, with emphasis on worshipping at the church services. In this worship you will learn the meaning of the Lord's Supper, what it means to worship the resurrected Lord and how through worship we may witness for Christ.

B. The end of Jesus' earthly life was drawing to a close; He would soon be arrested, tried, and sentenced to death by crucifixion. But before this would take place He was very anxious to leave something for His followers to remember Him by.

C. He had left with them His life's example, pure and simple; He had left with them the gospel of salvation, to be passed on to others; He had left with them certain instructions on how to live the more excellent life, lessons they were to give to those under their care. But the something special He wanted to leave with them was a blessed memorial in the form of the Lord's Supper.

D. If they used this memorial as they should, they would always have a reminder of what He had done for them. He would tell them that they should observe the memorial at certain times, always "in remembrance of" Him and His death and Resurrection. It would also keep in their minds the fact that He was going to return to them someday and take them home with Him.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

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# Story Corner

## THE PATIENT MAN

**T**HERE was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. Of all the men on earth, he was the best. He was good and upright, as perfect a man as had ever been on the earth at that time. Job loved and feared God.

He had seven sons and three daughters. This alone would have made him a wealthy man in his own eyes, but he was a wealthy man in the eyes of the world, also. Among his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three hundred camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys. This man was very wealthy and he had many servants. It was said that he was the greatest man in all of the East at that time.

All of his wealth had not made him forget God. He prayed constantly that neither he nor his children would do anything wrong.

One day up in Heaven, Satan came before the Lord.

"Where have you been today, Satan?" asked the Lord.

"Walking up and down in the earth watching the people," answered Satan.

Proudly God asked, "Did you see my servant, Job? Nowhere is there a better man. He is really righteous and good."

Satan scoffed, "Why shouldn't he be? You have given him everything a person could want—many children, many servants, much wealth and many animals. If were you to take away these things, he would be no better than all of the rest. He would curse your name instead of praising it."

This made God angry with Satan, but He also wondered if it would be true. He would not do such a thing to one of His children, but He came to this conclusion.

"I will allow you to take away the things that you think are making Job a servant of mine, and we shall see that he will still be as faithful as ever. But mind you that you do not take his life. You must be careful not to actually harm him. Only if you promise this, will I agree to it."

Satan thought that this was just the opportunity he had been waiting for to show up the God of heaven; so he said, "I promise. I will not harm Job."

One day, while Job was thinking about how God had blessed him, there came a servant of his. He was running and all out of breath. "Master, Master! While we were letting the sheep graze, a fire fell out of the sky and burned all of the sheep and servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell of it."

Before Job had time to realize what the servant had said, there came another servant. He, too, was out of breath and afraid: "Oh my Master! While we were plowing with the oxen and the donkeys were feeding beside them, the Sabeans came upon us and took all away. They killed every servant but me. I am the only one who lived to tell you of it."

Even before he had finished there came another of Job's servants. "Master, three bands of Chaldeans fell upon us and took every one of the camels. They killed all of the servants that were there. I am the only one alive. I ran and hid from them."

Job sank down to the ground, saying, "I am a ruined man. There is nothing left of my great wealth but my children. I am thankful that I still have them."

Even as he spoke, there came before him a very frightened servant. Softly he gave the sad news to his master: "Your sons, daughters and their wives and husbands were all at the house having a great feast. A strong wind, like unto a hurricane or tornado, came down and blew the walls of the house down and killed them all."

Poor Job. He had nothing left. All of his wealth was gone, and now his children had been taken from him.

Satan was certain that now Job would curse God. He thought Job was as so many Christians are today. They are good Christians as long as the Lord is blessing them; but when things are not going so smoothly, they forget about God.

Satan went before God again, and God said, "Satan, did you see that all the things you have taken away from Job have made no difference. He is still as good and righteous as ever. He still prays to me and loves me."

Satan would not give up. He asked, "Let me try one more test. Let me touch his body. You will see that he will not be so faithful to you if he is stricken with a disease."

God said, "So be it. But mind that you do not take his life."

Satan caused Job to have boils from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet. There was no place on his body that was not touched with them. Even after this, Job would not be unfaithful to God. His wife begged him to curse God and die, but Job would not.

His friends believed that Job had done a great sin in secret, and God was punishing him; but Job told them that he had done nothing. He declared to the world that he was innocent.

Throughout the persecution of his friends and his wife, Job remained faithful to God. He would not turn against Him.

God was satisfied that nothing could make Job turn against Him. He would not allow Satan to do anything to him. He declared the test ended.

Because of the faithfulness of Job, God restored him to good health and gave him twice as many sheep, oxen, camels and donkeys as he had before. He gave him twice as many servants. Job and his wife lived to have seven more sons and three more daughters. And after that, he lived a hundred and forty years.

Until the day he died, Job was a faithful servant of God's. Nothing could turn him from following after Him.—**The Story Hour (F.W.B.)**



## Work on Palawan

The Free Will Baptist Mission presently owns two houses on the island of Palawan. Both of them are located in Dagumboy Village in Puerto Princesa City. They were acquired at different times, although both are approximately seven years old and both were intended to eventually serve as residences for Free Will Baptist missionaries working on Palawan.

Within the last seven years, however, the Puerto Princesa Airport, which is very near these houses, has been expanding its facilities and ever growing in importance, both as a commercial and a military airfield. A modern airport terminal building has been erected and a runway capable of landing a giant 747 jet has already been completed. Yet, signs of improvement and development continue, even at present. A huge drainage ditch has just recently been constructed on one side of the runway, which is less than 200 yards from the mission houses. Dirt has been moved and pushed up to within 25 feet of one of our residential lots.

Within the past few months, it has become an accepted fact in Puerto that the airport will eventually take in all of Dagumboy Village, and that would include the mission houses. Both the City Engineer's Planning Map and the Wescom (military and airport authority) Development Map already show the Dagumboy subdivision as being within the bounds of airport property. **When** the expropriation of these properties will occur, however, no one seems to be sure of, just yet.

The King family and the Baker family had planned to utilize these houses as our homes on Palawan. However, the years have taken their toll on the two dwellings. Both are now in need of minor repairs and one is in need of major renovation, before it would be suitable for occupancy by a missionary family.

Fred and I had planned to make these repairs last November and December, so that our families could be moved to Palawan by January; we had hoped to begin the Palawan Bible Institute shortly thereafter. With the impending expropriation of the properties in Dagumboy Village, however, it seemed unfeasible to make further investment in the mission houses there, even though we will receive some reimbursement from the government

when these properties are eventually taken in by the airport.

Of course, in order to work on Palawan, some other places will have to be provided for our families to live. It is more desirable to rent a house than to build one, but there are just none available for renting in Puerto.

With minor repairs, one of the present mission houses can provide comfortable living accommodations for one family, temporarily. So, within the next few days, the Baker family will be moving into this house on Palawan. Brother Fred will then proceed to build another missionary residence in a new location, which the King family will move into as soon as it is completed. Once that is done, another house will be constructed in the same location and the Baker family will move into that one.

The present mission houses will be put to good use, for as long as we can keep the property. When the Free Will Baptist Bible School begins in a few months, we will need both a girls' dormitory and a boys' dorm. These houses can serve that need beautifully without any further major repairs or renovations being done to them.

There is much work to be completed in the immediate future. The school year here in the Philippines begins in June; so does the rainy season. These new houses must be finished by that time if we are to be free to begin the operation of the Bible school in June.

Please pray that we will not continue to be unduly delayed in establishing a teaching and training ministry on the island of Palawan.

### PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill

Home Missions Director

Mrs. A. is in a very bad state of body and mind. She also has a very bad attitude. I am trying desperately to convince her that her attitude can mean the difference between joy and sorrow and even life and death. It is a proven fact that good health and happiness and even beauty can be enhanced by a good attitude. (Proverbs 17:22) My attitude is usually affected by the things that I allow my mind to dwell upon.

## Coming Events . . .

March 28—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Gun Swamp Free Will Baptist Church Greenville

March 31—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Baptist Road Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, registration at 9:30 a. m.

April 3—Ordaining Council of the Central Conference will meet at 10 a. m., Free Will Baptist Press. Anyone having business with the Ordaining Council should appear at this time.

April 4—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Kent Free Will Baptist Church

April 7—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, White Oak Free Will Baptist Church Bladenboro, 9:30 a. m.

April 7—Vacation Bible School Workshop Ayden, North Carolina

April 11—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks

April 12—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown

April 21—State Sunday School Convention, LaGrange Elementary School, Railroad Street, LaGrange North Carolina, 10 a. m.

April 28—State Youth Convention Wilson Free Will Baptist Church Wilson, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

### CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Johnny Sexton announces that he has resigned as pastor from the Cape Colony Free Will Baptist Mission. He would like to thank everyone who supported him in this work. Any church desiring his services may contact him by phoning 793-2782 or by writing Route 1, Box 254, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962.

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## PLUS ULTRA: MORE BEYOND

Just as certain as man is born he will experience troubles. He will not—he cannot—live by blessings alone. Difficulties, real or imagined, come his way. They trouble and confound him and sometimes seriously impair his sense of logic. And though he feels undeserving of those slings and arrows, he must learn to expect them, to accept them, and to deal with them.

Both the blackness of night and the brightness of day bring their quotas of impossible hardships. And while man may realize, in his heart, that troubles can temper and make him stronger, his self-serving mind asks "Why me? What have I done?" The questions seem to come naturally; they seem a reasonable response to the whippings of fate.

Man is never more human than when he is down and out. It is then that he musters emotional and physical resistance to the assailing forces that bend him and sometime break him. It is then that he looks around himself and within himself for some latent strength. Too infrequently does he look **above** himself for the answer. He knows that he cannot fight alone, but he places his dependence—and his faith—in physical powers rather than spiritual ones.

He reaches out with the urgings of his mind and body, sometimes even with an extended hand. In desperation he pleads and cries, while clinging to his last dwindling bit of hope—the hope built on something **less** than righteousness.

He knows the world cannot supply his need—or he should know (for he has been told often enough). But he still persists in searching everywhere, anywhere, for a "glimmer" of intelligent counselling, whether that counselling is audible or a mere impression.

Out of and away from the worldly sphere lies the solution. All the help of faithful friends can never afford complete or lasting satisfaction, though their concern and consolation do suffice for a while. It is true that their understanding offers some solace, but the scope of that understanding (and comprehension) is limited. Friends can relate to needs only as they have experienced or found themselves in similar situations. Even then it is impossible for them to be totally objective. Their purported sympathy often becomes a matter of obligatory interest.

William Ernest Henley knew something about this dilemma. He said as much in his poem, "Invictus," when he admitted: "Beyond this place of wrath and tears looms but the horror of the shade." Henley did not offer the solution in God as Christians know Him, but he did espouse a philosophy not too foreign to the Christian one when he continued: "And yet the menace of the years finds, and shall find me, unafraid."

Certainly we, too, can remain unafraid and can secure a measure of hope in the earthly realm. In fact, we must extract whatever we can from that realm while we are a part of it. Yet, we should look **above** and **beyond**. More **blessed** is that hope beyond. While we are earthly beings we cannot expect full **release** from those troubles and trials—only **surcease**. We can, however, anticipate something better.

And, there is something better "beyond this place of wrath and tears."

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# Does the Church Need Repentance?

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard

IN is sapping the strength of today's church!

ven as Delilah practiced persuasive ers and used trickery to get at the ce of Samson's strength, Satan is g every means at his command to halt spirituality of the world-wide church.

f course, there is nothing wrong with church which Christ founded on the owledge of Peter's confession as rded in Matthew 16:13-18. As long as members of the church as we know it y remain loyal to their faith in Christ, strength of the church will remain ct.

owever, because the membership of a poral church becomes weak and promises with the satanic forces, the st-founded church will suffer.

is no closely kept secret that many ul acts, corruption, modernism, alism and false teachings have in- ated the ranks of so-called Christian rch people today. If this sinfulness is mitted to continue to take a hold on the rch, then we can expect the strength of organization to diminish.

xamples of the way these things have erated the church are shown in the attitude of its members toward sin. members think nothing of sponsoring permitting social affairs in their rch buildings that were unheard of no e than two generations back.

ancerous modernism is taking its toll. alism in churches is gnawing away at every foundation of groups once bathed hell-fire" preaching.

ortunately, so far as we have seen in own denomination, we have, for the t part, escaped modernistic trends and h of the formalistic worship that have ued larger denominations. For this we truly thankful to God. When this cher is forced to read prayers, follow a , hollow "form of worship" and deny power of the Holy Spirit to take hold, he'll be ready to "turn in" church dentials.

ve are firm believers in doing all things decency and order, but there are two

extremes: Some throw out all decency and order, or at least the order, and set no goals, follow no plan; while others enforce strict formalities, permitting the Holy Spirit no latitude. This latter group seems to quench the Spirit, or at least, bridle the work of the Holy Spirit.

What is the hope of the modern church to overcome the progress of these spiritual-binding practices?

Let's go back to the story of Samson and Delilah.

After Samson fell into the hands of his Philistine lover, he began suffering the consequences of his sin. He was blinded. He was powerless. He was bound and used at the grinding mill in the prison. He became a puppet in the hands of his enemies.

But, when Samson realized how far he'd fallen, he made a return. First, (read Judges 16:26) he maneuvered into a place where he might avenge the wrongs done by the enemy. A lad who had been given the job of leading Samson around in his blindness became his instrument in bringing revenge. Samson got his hands on the pillars that held up the arena. He made preparation for his deed.

Then, in the twenty-eighth verse, we find that Samson took a step closer to returning to his God. He prayed. He called upon the Lord in repentance, in reverence, in request for the return of his strength. God honored his prayer.

Samson, after preparing himself for action, after praying for strength, acted upon his own volition and with power supplied by God.

And note, Samson's action was done even at the sacrifice of his own life.

So, using this same formula to bring the faltering church to its senses, we feel Satan's forces might be avenged of their

trickery and subtlety as played in the lives of church members.

Perhaps the world-wide church should do more toward "preparation." After the church has maneuvered into a place of activity; come forth from apathy and unconcern, then it might do as Samson did, repent and seek strength from God to spring into "action" through fervent, Heaven-reaching prayer.

Prayer is perhaps the one key that could halt the rise of carnality in the modern church.

God will answer such fervent praying and restore to the church its strength.

But we will not know the fullness of this God-given strength until we bow with all our might (see Verse 30) against the pillars of sin that hold together the stranglehold Satan is attempting to get on the church.

Today's church people also must be willing to take this action even if it means personal sacrifice. We must give up our worldly lives and gird ourselves with breastplates of righteousness. We must defeat the enemy!

Once the church turns from its sinful, modernistic, socialistic ways, and bows itself against the pillars of Satan, even at the sacrifice of personal desires and worldly nature, then the church will return to its spiritual status and the world will be shaken for the cause of Christ.

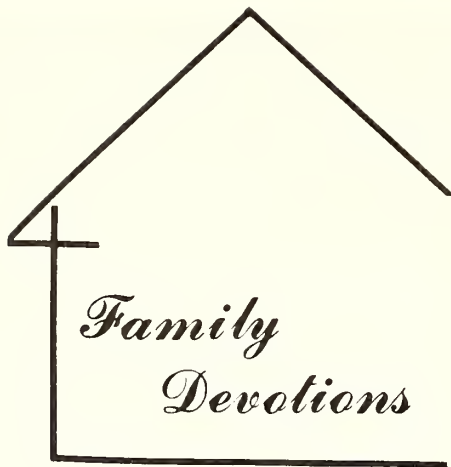
It is hoped that no one within the rank and file of members in the Original Free Will Baptist Church has or ever will permit such devastating infiltration into our denominational organization. If it has already become a problem to some of our churches, then we should repent of our sins, receive new unction from on high, and work at all costs to return to our "First Love."

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**“. . . And she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him” (Judges 16:19).**

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## SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Scripture Reading—Revelation 3:7-18

### COMMENTS ON CHARACTER

From a ninety-year-old scrapbook, I found these words concerning character:

"Life, good influence, works, are each and all the expression of character.

"Character, or else lack of character, always tells. Character is variable.

"Character is cumulative. Character is not confined to education, for good, or for bad.

"Character soon opens a way for itself. Character tells even when money and everything else is wanting.

"Character will give you standing when family name and clothing will not.

"Character is innate principle.

"Character does, and must show itself in face, carriage, spirit, words and business. It is a real entity, and full of life.

"Character calls to itself, like character.

"Character can only fellowship with character that is like itself.

"Christian character, in its last analysis, is Jesus Christ in the heart and life, or else the lack of Christ.

"Christ in you, the hope of glory."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*True character, it has been said, is reflected by what we are and do when no one is looking at us. May we strive toward the improving of our character. While reputation is important to man, character is important to God. Let us pray for the latter.*

## MONDAY, APRIL 9

Scripture Reading—Acts 4:23-31

### ENCOURAGEMENT TO KEEP ON

Mr. Moody said: "I visited Mr. Prang's chromo establishment in Boston, and saw the process of printing a picture of some public man. The first stone made hardly any impression on the paper. The second stone showed no sign of change. The third, no sign. The fifth and sixth showed only outlines of a man's head. The tenth, the man's face, chin, nose, and forehead appeared. The fifteenth and twentieth looked like a dim picture. The twenty-eighth impression stood forth as natural as life. It looked as though it would speak to you." So, carefully and prayerfully read the Word of God—read the same chapters again and again—and the twenty-eighth time Christ Jesus will shine forth. And something of the beauty of being "transformed into the same image from glory unto glory will possess your life."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Every time one reads the Word he finds something new and refreshing, added strength and encouragement. Only as we prayerfully read His Word do we fully appreciate its value.*

## TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 6:1-5

### HURT OF A HYPHEN

The spaceship Mariner II made big headlines when it completed its thirty-six-million-mile trip toward Venus. Until then, we did not know very much about our closest neighbor.

Most of us have forgotten that Mariner II had a forerunner, Mariner I, which attempted the same journey through space about two years ago. What happened that time?

Well, there was nothing wrong with Mariner I. It was just as close to perfect as the scientists could make it. But when it was launched, it went off course and missed Venus by tens of thousands of miles. Why?

It seems that in typing out the electronic instructions to the missile, someone left out a hyphen. That meant that the signals were off by one electronic impulse. And, of course, the missile behaved—or misbehaved—in accordance with the faulty instructions.

Damage? The project was held up

for two years—and eighteen million taxpayer's dollars were wasted. That's what a hyphen can cost!

So one wrong word we speak, evil deed, one foolish decision hurt much—and many.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*"Be careful in word and deed. This advice has been often given but seldom followed. May we pray that He will help us control our tongues even as He directs our actions.*

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 10

### MASSEE'S MOUTH

The eloquent mouth of Dr. J. Masee, once the renowned pastor of Tremont Temple in Boston, Massachusetts, uttered many wise things. But he never said anything more applicable to many church members than this:

"Men join the church. They take that Holy Name upon themselves. They enter into covenant with each other in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, inviting the Holy Trinity to witness and support their purpose of faithfulness, purity, love, cooperation, liberality, and personal effort to win a lost world for Christ. Yet American churches are filled with men and women who flagrantly and frivolously and constantly ignore the obligations of their voluntary covenants. Thousands of church members have changed their residence without changing church membership. They stand aloof from the local church. They take no responsibility for Christ. They seek only to become church drifters and sermon tasters. God will not hold such men and women guiltless. He has declared it in His Word."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Man, in order to be an effective witness, must (if possible) become involved with the workings of his local church. A dedicated member should make a dedicated church. Let our prayers be for ourselves—and for each other—for more consecrated endeavor!*

## THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 21:10

### STRANGE PEOPLE

People who talk about prayer, but never pray.

People who say tithing is right, but never tithe.

People who wish to belong to the church, but never attend or support the church program.

People who say the Bible is God's Word to man, but never read it.

People who say eternity is more important than time, but who live for the present life.

People who criticize others for things they do themselves.

People who stay from church for trivial reasons, and then sing, "O How Love Jesus."

People who follow the devil all their lives, but expect to go to Heaven.

All of which makes us think of what Solomon wrote: "The way of man is toward and strange" (Proverbs 1:8).

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Man's intentions are good but often avail nothing because he puts forth half-hearted efforts. All the good words spoken from the inactive heart can never benefit the kingdom.*

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 14:1-35

#### MISSING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

In Ansonia, Connecticut, when Charles Jockmus, local manufacturer, died, he left an estate valued at nearly five million. He had provided in his will that every clergyman serving pulpits there on the day of his death should receive one thousand dollars in cash. Mr. Jockmus died July 1, or just a day after Rev. Adolf Franz, rector of the German Congregational Church, resigned, and that clergyman, a friend of Mr. Jockmus, lost his thousand dollars by a day.

But ten thousand times ten thousand times more tragic is it for me to miss entrance into the Kingdom of God by one day, or one hour, yea, by one minute! And to be almost saved to be altogether damned.

Almost cannot avail,  
Almost is but to fail,  
Sad, sad, that bitter wail,  
Almost, but lost.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Almost! The word itself strikes error in the human heart. "Almost is but to fail." We might as well miss heaven by a mile as by a yard sometimes we miss it by a mere step, a step forward in the name of Christ. Let us claim Him while He may be found.*

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 1:24-33

#### TWO YEARS AND FOUR CENTS

From Dallas, Texas, comes this bit of news: It seemed like a good idea at the time—snatch the purse of the woman and run. That was in March. It did not seem like such a good idea some months later to Wendell Polk who was sentenced to two years in prison for stealing four cents. That was all the money the woman had. A jury ruled that the youth must serve six months for every penny he stole.

This illustrates somewhat what Paul Lawrence Dunbar wrote:

This is the price I pay,  
Just for one riotous day—  
Years of regret and grief.

Solomon wrote: "Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices" (Proverbs 1:31).

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*One wrong deed can destroy a testimony if not ruin a life. Let us pray for conviction of even the smallest misdeed lest we commit grosser sins. God will lend His ear to us as we pray in sincerity of thought and purpose.*

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## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Jack Lassiter of Durham, North Carolina, announces that he is available for a full-time or part-time church, as well as evangelistic work. He is a member in good standing with the Piedmont Conference, and is the associate pastor of the Baptist Road Cathedral church in Durham. Any Free Will Baptist church that is in need of a full-time or part-time minister may contact him at the following address: The Rev. Jack Lassiter, 1207 Wrenn Road, Durham, North Carolina 27703; or phone 596-3339.

The Rev. Jimmy Webster states that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services beginning the first Sunday in July. He has been an ordained minister for 14 years. He may be contacted by calling 943-3987 or by writing Route 1, Box 224-A, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865.

## Coming Events . . .

April—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month

April 4—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Kenly Free Will Baptist Church

April 7—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, 9:30 a. m.

April 7—Vacation Bible School Workshop, Ayden, North Carolina

April 7—High School Day, 10 a. m.—2 p. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

April 8—Palm Sunday

April 11—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks

April 12—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown

April 15—Easter Sunday

April 16—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and all Bible Bookstores closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

April 21—State Sunday School Convention, LaGrange Elementary School, Railroad Street, LaGrange, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

April 28—State Youth Convention First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, 10 a. m.

April 29—Mount Olive College Day in local churches

## PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I see people always thriving and bragging about the good treatment that they receive from others. I never considered that good treatment from others was anything to brag about. Jesus teaches that it is much more blessed and honorable to serve others than it is to be served.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?



## The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Smithfield, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. is the seventeenth to be accorded this recognition in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### IN APPRECIATION OF A DEDICATED PASTOR

by Sunday School Classes of First Free Will Baptist Church



The Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Woodall Jr.

On April 1, 1979, the congregation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield honored their pastor, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. with Appreciation Day services and a luncheon commemorating his fifth anniversary as their pastor. The Rev. Donald Coates, a young minister, who was licensed and ordained during Mr. Woodall's ministry at our church, brought the morning message.

Mr. Woodall was born in the Brogden Community of Johnston County, the son of L. B. Sr. and Mattie F. Woodall. He attended Brogden School for seven years, and since it became necessary for him to drop out of school and help with the work on the family farm, his formal education was interrupted until later in life.

In 1936, he married Bessie Austin, also of Johnston County. They were blessed with three children, Mrs. Barbara W. Hinton of Princeton, North Carolina, a teacher in the Wayne County schools; Mrs. Faye W. Jones, also of Princeton; and Dr. Hal B. Woodall of Kenly, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Woodall are very proud of

their seven grandchildren: Vivian and Christy Hinton; Ken, Dale, and Tina Jones; and Lisa and Lori Woodall. They are a very close-knit family.

Mrs. Woodall is her husband's closest assistant. Her greatest talent has been her service in the teaching of young children in the church, and putting the desires, needs, and pleasures of her husband and family before her own. She labors faithfully behind the scene enabling her husband to better fulfill his role as minister.

In their early years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Woodall became active members of Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He was licensed to preach in July, 1950, and ordained in 1952 by the Cape Fear Conference at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield. Following his ordination, he took his first pastorate at Corinth church in Sampson County, and since that time has served a number of churches in eastern North Carolina.

In the fall of 1952, feeling the need to better prepare himself for the task ahead, he enrolled in Campbell College for Bible-related courses.

In 1953, he felt it necessary to complete his high school education, and enrolled in Princeton High School as a full-time student where his older daughter was a senior. This was quite a struggle—he was tending a farm to support a family, was a full-time high school student and was pastoring two churches! In 1956 he earned his high school diploma. He continued his education and after five long, hard years of study, dedicated sacrifice, a true abiding faith in God, he received his A. A. degree from Mount Olive College, and an A. B. degree from Atlantic Christian College in

1961. He has several hours of credit toward his Master's Degree in Counseling at East Carolina University, and would like to continue working toward this goal. During all this time Mrs. Woodall continued her never-failing encouragement and support. Indeed, they are quite a team. The description of a godly woman in Proverbs 31 is very aptly applied to her.

In order to supplement his pastoral income to provide for the needs of his family, he found it necessary to teach school for four years. In the fall of 1965, he resigned his part-time pastorates at Stony Hill and Piney Grove churches, his teaching job at Glendale School and moved to Greene County to become full-time pastor of Hull Road church.

After nine years of fruitful ministry at Hull Road, he accepted the pastorate for the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield on April 1, 1974. Since Mr. and Mrs. Woodall came to our church, thirty-seven members have been added to our membership. He has led our church to retire several thousand dollars indebtedness and we are in the process of making some general repairs on our church plant.

Mr. Woodall's pastorate with us has been a very active and varied ministry. With few exceptions, he has preached two sermons each Sunday, and on occasion held early morning services at the Colonial Rest Home. He and Mrs. Woodall both teach Sunday school classes and sing in our chancel choir. Mr. Woodall is a staunch supporter of our youth and their directors, and he serves as chairman of our Church Scouting Committee.

Mr. Woodall has a very active visiting ministry among the members of our church as well as those of other denominations in the community. He visits our local rest homes and hospital regularly and makes many visits to hospitals in the surrounding area.

Our pastor has been very active in our denomination since he was converted. Currently, he serves on the Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference, is a member of the Commission of Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel of Washington, D.C. for our North Carolina Free Will Baptist Churches, where he has served for the past ten years. As an enthusiastic supporter of Mount Olive College, he has served on the Board of Trustees for nearly fourteen years. Mr. Woodall is a member of the local hospital Chaplain's ministry and is serving as chairman of that organization.

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# APRIL

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and CHURCH EXTENSION MONTH**

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and appreciate  
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and support**



**we wish you  
a nice spring  
and summer**



**My name is Miss Home Missions  
and your support for Home Missions  
has given 500 Mission members a  
place to worship. May God bless you!**

*I Would Like to be Placed on Your Church  
Bulletin Board for the Month of April*



# NEWS & NOTES

## Johnston Union Church Revival in Progress



*The Rev. C. F. Bowen*

Revival is in progress at the Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina, continuing through April 6. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The Rev. C. F. Bowen is the guest evangelist. The minister of the church is Mike Scott. Special singing is provided each night. Every one is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

## Spring Revival at First Church, Kinston

The First Free Will Baptist Church, corner of Lenoir Avenue and College Street, will have its spring revival, April 2 through April 6. The time of the services will be 7:30 p. m.

The guest minister for the week will be the Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of Selma Free Will Baptist Church, Selma. Mr. Wells attended Mount Olive College and Atlantic Christian College. He is currently working on his Master of Divinity Degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. He is a native of Wilson. The choirs of the

church will be presenting musical selections throughout the week.

The church membership would like to invite everyone to share this week of Christian renewal.

## Revival Services at Rose Hill Church

Revival services will begin on Monday, April 9, and will continue through Friday, April 13, at the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina. The Rev. Davie Brinson of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville will be the guest evangelist. Services will begin each night at 7:30. The Rev. N. Dan Beaman is pastor of the church. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

## 100 Year Old Member Reedy Branch Church



*Mrs. Evelyn Smith and the Rev. Willis Wilson.*

On Saturday, March 17, Mrs. Evelyn Smith was 100 years old. She was honored with a birthday party at the home of her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sutton, Route 2, Ayden, North Carolina.

Mrs. Smith is the oldest living member of the Reedy Branch church. She is a past Sunday school teacher and an auxiliary member. She was very active in church work until her health failed.

Approximately 60 friends and relatives

attended the party. They were greeted by the Rev. and Mrs. Willis Wilson.

Mrs. Smith was remembered with birthday cake given to her by the church. Mrs. Rebecca Davenport served the cake and Mrs. Joan Hooks poured punch for the occasion.

## Revival in Progress First Church, Rocky Mount



*The Rev. Clyde Cox*

Revival is in progress at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, continuing through April 6. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Clyde Cox from Wilson is the evangelist. Special singing is being rendered each night. The pastor, the Rev. Larry W. Barbour, extends an invitation to everyone to share in the remainder of these services.

## Pleasant Plain Church To Have Revival

Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Selma, will hold its spring revival April 8 through April 11. The guest speaker will be the Rev. B. Nowell of Tee's Chapel church, Route 1, Smithfield. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser. There will be special music each night. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

## Kings Cross Roads Church Announces Revival

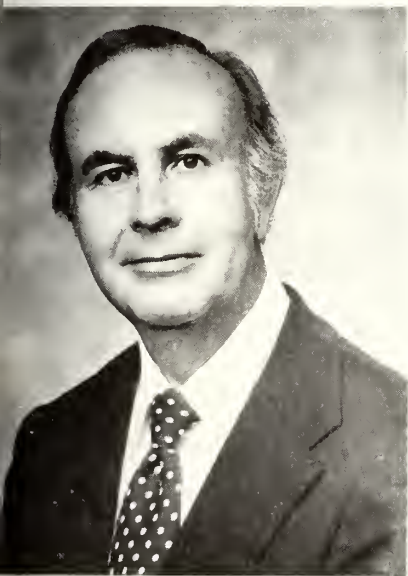
Revival services will be held at the Kings Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church on

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tain, the week of April 8 through April 14. Revival services will begin at 7:30 p. m. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. O. B. Hester, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro. Special music will be provided each night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. Franklin Brinson.

**Revival at Bethany Church**



*The Rev. Earl Glenn*

The Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina, will conduct revival services at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, April 8 through April 13. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p. m. There will be special music each night. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick is the pastor of the Bethany church.

**Honorary Deacons  
at White Oak Church**



*Pictured are the complete deacon board and pastor, along with the*

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*honorary deacons. Left to right: Robert Adams, Jimmy McKnight, David F. Hester, the Rev. T. C. Farmer, Jetter Hester, Charleston Smith, and Jerry Brown.*

The White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, observed special services on March 25 at the 11 a. m. worship service for Mr. David F. Hester and Mr. Jetter Hester. During this service each man became an honorary deacon for life and was remembered for the years of service he had rendered to the church as a deacon.

Mr. David F. Hester has served the church as a deacon for 45 years. Mr. Jetter Hester has served the church for 34 years. For 15 of these years he was chairman of the deacon board.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer and the church body would like to express their appreciation to those attending the service.

Lunch was prepared by the ladies of the church. Mr. Elery Hester served as photographer for the service.

**Pleasant Hill Church  
Announces Revival**



*The Rev. Robert May*

Spring revival services will begin at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, on Monday, April 16, and will continue through April 20. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Robert May, pastor of Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. Special singing will be featured and a nursery will be provided. The Rev. Larry Melton is the pastor of the church. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

**Revival Services at  
Otter's Creek Church**

Revival services will be held at Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Macclesfield, April 9 through April 14. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Charles Suggs of Route 2, Goldsboro. He will be assisted by the Rev. Ralph Aycock, pastor of the church. Special singing will be provided.

The pastor and the entire church membership invite everyone to attend.

**The Foundations to Be  
At Hugo Church**

The Foundations will present a program of song and testimony at the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Griffon, on Sunday, April 8, at 7 p. m. The public is invited.

The pastor is the Rev. Tom Miller.

**Union Grove Church  
Announces Revival**

Revival services will begin April 9 and continue through April 13 at the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Fremont, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Dewey Boling, pastor of Calvary church in Wilson, will be the guest evangelist. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

**Spring Branch Church  
Revival in Progress**

Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg announces its spring revival in progress through April 6. The evangelist is the Rev. Jack Mayo. The Rev. Royce Reynolds is the pastor of the church. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

**APRIL IS  
HOME MISSIONS  
AND  
CHURCH EXTENSION  
MONTH**



## Cragmont Assembly

by Gary M. Bailey

Recently I had the privilege of visiting Cragmont. What an experience! Anyone who has ever been to Cragmont during the summer knows the excitement of turning off the main highway and seeing Mount Allen. All who love Cragmont know the thrill of rounding that last curve and seeing our camp. As I drove to see our new building last week, going around that last curve was a great experience.

I had seen the photographs published in **The Free Will Baptist**. I had some idea what the building was going to look like. None of the pictures or excitement had prepared me for the beauty I saw as I looked once again at Cragmont.

Free Will Baptists now have a magnificent lodge building for our camp. There are no words to adequately tell how this building looks. The natural wood throughout the entire structure gives the building warmth. The porch is larger than I expected from seeing the architect's plans. The stairs outside of each end of the building seem to make the building even larger than it is.

The chapel has been a desire of Free Will Baptists for many years. It is now completed except for carpeting and it is beautiful! Our worship services will be held in a room set aside just for worship and related services. The fireplace in the chapel is tremendous. It has truly been said we can have our bonfires inside now. Indirect lighting adds to the chapel and fireplace. Exposed beams give a look of spaciousness to this area.

The office area, workers' quarters, manager's apartment and guest rooms are covered with wallpaper. In fact, wallpaper is used extensively throughout the building. Tile covers the floors of the guest rooms but carpet will be in the hallways and in the chapel.

As I walked over the building, pride filled my heart. I was proud for Free Will Baptists. We can thank God for this new building as well as all His blessings.

C. Cliff Meyer, the contractor, told me that he would have the building completed sometime shortly after Easter. When Mr. Meyer finished his part of the work, carpet

will have to be installed and furniture will have to be moved into the building. There will be much work to do after the contractor is gone, but the building will be ready when the first campers arrive this summer.

Within thirty to forty-five days after completion we must pay the contractor the balance due on the project. Many Free Will Baptists have been faithful in their gifts to Cragmont this year. The Board of Directors wants everyone to know how much this kind of giving has been appreciated. We Board members have prayed much, and others too have prayed and given liberally of their money.

If you have not sent a contribution recently, please do so right away. Each church is encouraged to send a contribution soon. We have had to borrow money over and above our regular gifts to pay for the construction as it progresses. We must make our final payment within a few weeks. Your gifts now will help cut the size of our loan and save Cragmont interest on the money we have already borrowed.

This summer should be the biggest Cragmont has ever known. I encourage our young people to contact a director one of the weeks of camp for a reservation. A list of summer encampments and directors was published in **The Free Will Baptist** on March 21. Every Free Will Baptist should experience the thrill of rounding that last curve and seeing what we have been praying and working for, **New Building For Cragmont.**

### THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

#### 4 Years Ago

"I thank you for the birthday cards and gifts I received in November and the Christmas gifts and cards for 1974. May the Lord bless each of you and each organization."—The Rev. James A. Evans, Route 1, Box 100-C, Seven Springs, North Carolina, Note of Thanks

"The First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro will be host to the Cape Fear Youth Rally on Saturday evening, February 1, beginning at 7:30. All the youth of the district are urged to attend, and visitors are welcome. At the December rally the Yelverton's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Smithfield was presented a trophy for raising the most money for home missions, the project for 1974. The amount they raised was \$229."—News and Notes

"An Indian had attended services one Sunday morning. The sermon, without real spiritual food, had been very loud in spots. The Indian, a good Christian, was not impressed. When asked how he had liked the sermon, he said, 'High wind; big thunder; no rain!'"—Marion County Mall

"The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville will be host to the Cape Fear Youth Rally, Saturday, March 1. All the youth of the district are urged to attend and visitors are welcome. The Rev. Taylor Hill is pastor of the church."—News and Notes.

"The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Wayne County Mental Health Association. As a member of the Board of Directors, Mr. Harrison will serve on the Education Committee. Chaplain Harrison is a former student of Mount Olive College and is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College. He earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, with a major in pastoral care and counseling."—Mount Olive College News

# Life Awards

by Peggy Jones  
Pleasant Plain Auxiliary



Pictured above are Mrs. Estelle Phillips, Mrs. Bessie Wall, and Mrs. Tempie Batten.

During the morning worship service on Sunday, March 18, four members of the Pleasant Plain Woman's Auxiliary of Route 1, Selma, were honored. Each was presented a Life Membership Certificate Award, and a Woman's Auxiliary pin.

Mrs. Tempie Batten, Mrs. Stella Crumpler, Mrs. Bessie Wall, and Mrs. Estelle Phillips have all been long-time faithful members of this auxiliary—faithful attendance, faithful in service, and faithful in devotion to God, their church, their auxiliary, and denomination. These women have particularly excelled in their love for evangelistic work. Loving and caring for the needs of the unfortunate is surely near to the heart of God; so are those who gladly and joyfully give of their time and talents to perform these good works.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser. In her remarks Mrs. Sasser stated, "It is indeed with glad and joyful hearts that we honor you today. Many times we fail to express our love and appreciation as we should before it is too late. Today as an auxiliary, we want you to know that we love and appreciate you and that God will continue to richly bless you."

Awards for this occasion were placed in

the sanctuary in memory of Mrs. Blanche Griswold, also a faithful and deserving member who went to be with the Lord on April 25, 1975.

Mrs. Stella Crumpler was not present for the presentation.

## FRESH WATER FROM AN OLD WELL

by the Rev. O. A. Anderson  
submitted by Mrs. Iva McPherson

### SATAN TRANSFIGURED

*Satan is transformed into an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).*

**M**YTHOLOGY suggests that Jupiter was impressed with the beauty of Europa. He took the form of a white bull and mingled among the herd in the meadow where the young princess gathered flowers. Attracted by his gentleness, she crowned him with flowers and mounted his back. He immediately plunged into the sea and carried her to the unknown shores of Europe, which was named for her.

Likewise, Satan is a great actor—a deceiver who dresses himself in the garb of

God's servant, gains the confidence of believers, and then destroys their faith. He is gifted at turning on tears in order to promote his own interests. His agents are dressed in garbs that deceive the unwary.

Jesus spoke of such as "wolves in sheep's clothing." These win the confidence of other "sheep" by passing off as sheep themselves, while their hearts are filled with lust and greed.

We need to be on guard against the wiles of the devil. Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets." Many fall under the influence of Satan, little knowing that he has "transformed himself into an angel of light." Recent atrocities impress this fact upon us.

There are those who seek to disqualify the faith of our fathers, and make light of the simple plan of salvation. They are the ones who cast doubt and raise questions about long-standing Christian doctrines.

These transfigured agents of Satan poison the minds of countless numbers, filling them with perplexity. Pastors and teachers should be on the alert to seek to undo the destructive work of these "wolves in sheep's clothing." Wrecked faiths are hard to restore. Eternal vigilance is the price that must be paid for spiritual safety and Christian peace.

### Can You Believe It?

#### A TOWNSHIP L-B-D BILL

by Coy C. Privette  
Associate Director of Christian  
Action League of North Carolina

Representative Clyde Auman of Moore County has introduced House Bill 631, which has the greatest potential danger of any measure that has come down the pike yet in the current session of the General Assembly.

This piece of legislation will allow any city or town located in a county in which ABC stores have been established and any township where ABC stores have been authorized to have an election on the sale of mixed beverages (liquor-by-the drink).

Currently elections are only authorized for counties, cities, or towns that have ABC units. Next on the list will probably be legislation permitting votes on L-B-D for a school district, precinct, or city block.

The intent is quite clear. It is designed to allow any city or town in places like Wilson County to implement L-B-D since the county rejected the proposal. However,

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# The Sunday School Lesson

For April 15

## VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-28  
**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 15:57

### I. INTRODUCTION

We like to see and consider the very best! People are drawn to tournaments where outstanding basketball teams compete. Track meets are of great interest when record holders in various events are to try their skills. State fairs are extremely popular, because people may go to see prizewinning cakes, flower arrangements, costumes, and blue-ribbon animals of various breeds. We are attracted to that which is excellent.

This being true, we should be greatly interested in our lesson for today. If one were to draw up a list of the most rewarding and helpful chapters in the New Testament, 1 Corinthians 15 would have to be among them. If one were to state primary doctrines in the New Testament, surely the Resurrection of Jesus would be basic. So it is that we consider the vital truth of our Lord's return from death within the framework of the great Resurrection chapter, 1 Corinthians 15. (See Acts 2:34, 32; 3:15; 4:10, 33; 10:40, 41; 13:30; 17:31; 26:23.)

Jesus' Resurrection was the vibrant theme of apostolic preaching and testimony. Our lesson today not only concentrates on the truth of Jesus' victory over death, but points to His everlasting kingdom and glory beyond earth and time. It proved beyond all question that Jesus was Lord and Redeemer. The great reality of the Resurrection made death no longer a terror to the early disciples. The Resurrection was the act of God that defeated Satan, broke the power of evil, and opened the eternal vistas of hope and Heaven to man.

Up to this point in his letter, Paul has been dealing with the various problems

that troubled the Corinthian church. He rebuked them for the division that characterized their congregational life (Chapter 1-3), sexual immorality (Chapter 5), the misuse of the "agape" feast (Chapters 10 and 11), the misuse of spiritual gifts (Chapters 12-14), and other matters. Now, he deals with still another problem: a denial of the Resurrection. But the apostle doesn't spend much time on the problem itself; rather, he focuses on the promise. It is as though one were looking at a shadow formed in the moonlight, and suddenly looked up. There, above, is the infinite dark of space lit with the glittering light of stars and the mellow glow of the moon. So Paul passes from the temporary problems of the Christian community in Corinth to God's eternity and the ultimate culmination of everything in Him.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. On this Easter Sunday we come to study one of the greatest chapters in the Bible, 1 Corinthians 15. Some of the Christians in Corinth were allowing their pagan past to influence them, thus causing them to deny the resurrection of the dead. This unbelief prompted the Apostle Paul to write, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, this great chapter on the Resurrection. Too often this chapter is reserved for funerals. But today we have an opportunity to become better acquainted with it.

B. Dr. Wilbur Smith has divided this great chapter into two parts: a great past event, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (vv. 1-19), and a great future event, the resurrection of the believer (vv. 20-58). The text for today involves part of both of these sections. First, we shall look at the importance of the Resurrection of Christ, and second, at the order of the resurrections.

C. The most important question for each of us on this Easter Sunday is this: Do

I really believe that Christ came forth from the grave alive? If we do not believe that we will miss the whole point of this lesson and of Easter.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

No statement in the great and beautiful story of the Resurrection so brings out the majesty and the completeness of Christ's victory over death as that sentence from the Gospel of Matthew (28:2): "... the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

The angel rolled away the stone and sat upon it! Death was conquered! The great and sinister powers of evil and darkness were routed by the powers of Heaven.

The world could not keep Christ buried. The earth is not deep enough for His tomb; the clouds are not wide enough for His winding sheet; He ascends into the heavens, but the heavens cannot contain Him. He still lives—in the church which burns unconsumed with His love; in the truth which reflects His image; in the hearts which flame with His love; in the spirit which is infused with His power.

And because He was victorious over death and the grave, so shall we have the victory over these through Him. Jesus once said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." Thus we can sing with heartfelt fervor, "Victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!"

We are at the Easter season again, and today is the day we recognize His Resurrection. Let us learn how to share with others the final victory over death and the grave. Let us learn also what the Christian's attitude toward death and the Resurrection should be. Finally, let us today give thanks to God for the empty tomb of Jesus Christ, for we know that our day our tomb will be empty also.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## HIGH SCHOOL DAY EXCITEMENT PLANNED

All high school students are encouraged to join in the exciting program planned for High School Day, Saturday, April 7.

Registration begins at 10 a. m. in the Anderson Building on the new campus. The program includes a tour of academic buildings and dormitories, and explanations of student life programs, opportunities for financial aid, and the college transfer program.

Conferences can be scheduled by request with the Dean of Students, Academic Dean or Financial Aid Officer. The program will conclude with a luncheon at 12:15 on the downtown campus.

Special entertainment will be provided for the New Creations and the Mount Olive Singers. Auditions will be held at 1 p. m. for the Mount Olive Singers and Special Music Scholarships.

For more information, please contact the Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 or phone (919) 658-2502.

## BASEBALL RECRUITING NOW UNDERWAY

Baseball is returning to Mount Olive College for the first time since 1963. Recruitment for the new Trojan team is now underway by Coach Larry Dean.

Interested high school seniors now applying for a high school team may contact Coach Dean by phoning (919) 658-2502 or write at Mount Olive College High School, set for April 7.

"Baseball scholarships will be available," Coach Dean said, "and I'll be happy to talk over the many possibilities of financial assistance with students interested in applying."

The addition of baseball will place Mount Olive College in full participation with other Western Tarheel Conference members like Waisburg College, Chowan College, Lenoir Community, and Southeastern Community Colleges.

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## PASTOR OF THE WEEK

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He is also a member of our local unit of the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Woodall is a very thoughtful and considerate pastor. Whenever there is a need for consolation and encouragement, he is there to lend aid and spiritual guidance. He has served his people well, even during a time when his own health was a concern of all of us. May God richly bless you and your family, Brother Woodall, as well as our church, as we continue to work together for the glory of God.

## NEW CREATIONS TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of songs and testimonies at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Roper, Sunday, April 8, at the 11 a. m. worship service. The Rev. C. W. Overton is pastor.

The New Creations will also present a program at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Pantego on Sunday night at 7 p. m. The Rev. Stanley Buck is pastor.

# NINTH ANNIVERSARY

April 14, 1979

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# Children's Home

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING



*Pictured left to right: Rebecca Davenport, Charles E. Sullivan, Oscar Webster, A. G. Glover Jr., Erv Plummer, Curtis Jones, Charles Warren, Billy W. Dilday, J. Billy Hardee, and J. Stewart Humphrey.*

The Board of Directors of the Children's Home met on March 6 to explore the role of Residential Group Care as we will offer it in the future. The entire day was devoted to learning experiences. Erv Plummer of the Group Child Care Consultant Services traced the history of child care to the present. The needs of children in our present day were outlined.

This learning experience proved most valuable to our Board. For some years we have experienced a slight decline in our population on campus. Indications are that we have now reached the approximate level we can expect to maintain for some time to come.

Since we have chosen to remain private and not to receive Federal funding, our income is expected to level off to some extent. No doubt the cost increases due to the inflated economy of our country will cause some increase in our budget in years

to come. Our people will have to increase their portion of the contributions to the Home to offset inflation and the loss of some revenues.

We will need to expand our Foster Care program and our services to teenagers. Also, we are studying the possibility of emergency care facilities so that families can be served on a moment's notice. Naturally, with expanded programs and services we will also need to continue our efforts in the area of staff development.

The Directions Committee and members of the Board present were pleased to learn that we were already well on our way to meeting the needs of children in our country today. Our Board is among the first to recognize the fact that our Home must adapt itself to the needs of today's child. Mr. Plummer commented that so far as he knew this was the first meeting of its kind to take place in our state. Free Will Baptists

are dedicated to providing the best in care to children of divided families. Pray our Board as it searches the horizon that son or daughter who needs Christian home." Pray for our Board as plans and implements programs a services to meet that homeless wandere needs. Pray for our staff that we c become the hands of our Lord guiding a providing the supplemental care needed so many boys and girls in our state today

In conclusion, Free Will Baptists s have and always will have a significant r to play in the child care community. V can be proud of the manner in which t Directors we have chosen have a ministered our program through the year and the vision they have for the future.

### A SCOUT IS HELPFUL



*Durwood Taylor and James Cahoon*

Durwood Taylor, Boy Scout Troop 27 Williamston demonstrated the true spirit scouting as he prepared for the Eagle Award. Durward canvased his community for games, toys, clothing and presented the items to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Mr. James Cahoon received the gifts on behalf of the Children's Home.

Durward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Durward Taylor of 205 Hanover Street Williamston, North Carolina. His scout master is Mr. Mike Cowan.

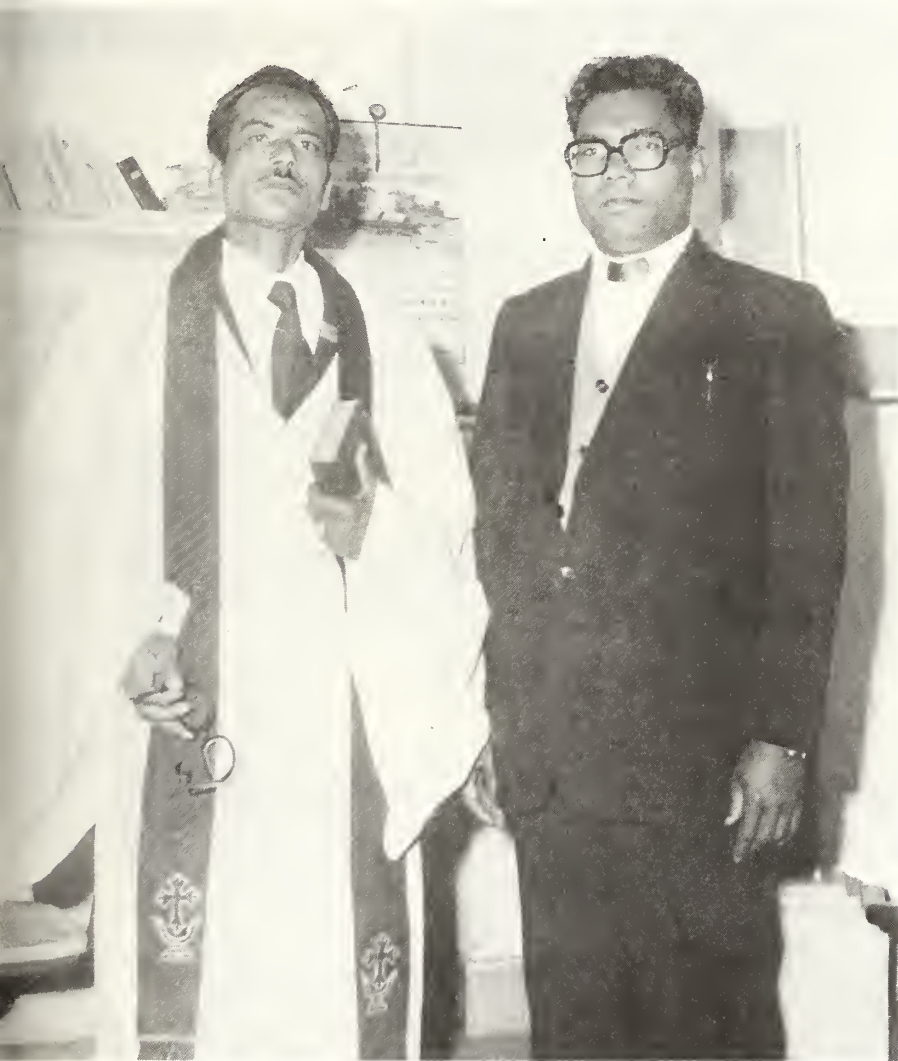
Earning the Eagle Award is an honor which takes a great deal of planning a hard work to accomplish. Durward has been working toward this award for four years. Durward's scout master, the Troop Committee, and the District Committee had to approve his project and evaluate it.

Our boys and girls will certainly enjoy the games, toys and clothing Durward has collected and we thank him for his hard work.



## **Mission News**

by Dr. Emmanuel M. Lall



*The Rev. J. P. Thomas along with Dr. Emmanuel M. Lall on the date of his ordination.*

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His Holy name" (Psalm 133:1).

We lift up our hearts with praise and thanksgiving unto our Lord for His manifold blessings we have received during the two months of this year. We have so much for which to praise His name. We praise His holy name for the victory He has granted us in every area of our ministry. We praise His name for His faithfulness in supplying our daily needs up to this time. We praise God for the wonderful testimonies we have been receiving every day. We praise God for our friends in North Carolina who have been

supporting this ministry faithfully through their prayers and financial obligations. Above all we praise Him for His living presence with us throughout the month of February. Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.

MEERUT: Our group is laboring among the college students in district Meerut. Brother Vincent Joseph reports that they have visited 35 Intermediate and Degree Colleges in the district. They have received very warm response in many places, but in some places our brethren have met with rough behaviour from the students. But this did not disturb them at all, rather, such incidents strengthened their faith and

helped them to depend on the Lord more. We praise God for 3,621 responses we have received from the students of this district. We request prayers for these precious souls. Kindly remember our brethren also in your prayers laboring in this district.

We had wonderful meetings of the Council of Ordination and the Ministerial Council on March 1, 1979. Four deacons and two ministers were ordained for the service of the Master. We are glad to report that we have ordained the Rev. J. P. Thomas with the assignment of the capital of our country, i. e., Delhi. We have undertaken the Free Will Baptist work in Delhi and we are thankful to God for this opportunity. During the month of February we lost Deacon Azad Masih who met with an accident while returning from this office. Brother Pramod March, our office secretary, also met with an accident and broke his leg. Kindly pray for the workers in His vineyard.

Our evangelistic group, under the leadership of Brother Samuel, is already on the distribution of the gospel literature and has reported a good response. The ladies section of our church is becoming alive to their responsibilities towards the church and have committed for a greater share under the leadership of Mrs. Meera March. The church in India is preparing for self support in the time to come.

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### **A TOWNSHIP L-B-D BILL**

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the uncertain provision is the allowing of a township to have elections on the matter. No one knows all of the implications that this might involve.

What can be done? The bill is currently in the pro-liquor House ABC Committee. However, begin writing your representative(s) NOW and urge them to vote NO on House Bill 631. Lead your church, Sunday school class, Men or Women's group, etc. to pass resolutions opposing this measure. Act promptly because it can be reported out of committee any day now.

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**“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy  
laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).**

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**A broken promise, much like the broken heart, is impossible to mend. God was not slack concerning His promise—He gave His Son.**





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## WHEN PROMISES BECOME LIES

**Promise.** Definition: A declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specified; to pledge oneself to do, bring about, or provide; to give ground for expectation.

There is something in each of us—a divine spark, if you will—which trusts, believes in, and accepts as truth that which is told us in seriousness. Unless we are particularly insincere ourselves, we expect others to be veracious, to be absolutely truthful.

Anything less than the truth, we cannot accept. Anything less than the truth is a falsehood. Shaded truth is not genuine. Therefore, shaded truth (what some persons would call a half-truth) is really a lie.

The word **lie** does not fall too pleasantly on the ears. We are disposed to hate the very sound of the word. But God did not avoid the word; He took it for what it was (and is) and called it such.

A lie, like the liar, the Bible says, is looked upon with serious disfavor by the Lord. In fact, Proverbs 12:22 states that "lying lips are an **abomination** unto the Lord; but they that deal truly are His delight." We are further advised that all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire.

A **promise** becomes a lie when it is not kept. There are circumstances which make it impossible to keep every promise. It would be wise therefore, for us to be careful while making promises. If we promise indiscriminately (however sincerely), there is grave danger that we will make halfhearted pledges, with little concern given to the knowledge that we might not be able to carry through with them.

No one judges a man too harshly who breaks an occasional promise; but he who habitually breaks a promise—and especially the **same** promise—bears watching. He renders himself unworthy of trust. He is considered faithless, insincere, and even hypocritical.

If, then, promises are broken too often, few people put trust in them. Promises become idle words and empty phrases. Hope and faith are built on solid promises, but if the promises are shaky, hope and faith have little to stand on. And if hope and faith have no foundation, they collapse. If they collapse, very little, if anything, is left.

Well-meaning persons often promise anything in the weakness of a moment. Sometimes they make such promises because they simply have not learned how to say **no**, or perhaps because they are disinclined to refuse a request. It is better, though, to give a straightforward **no** than a halfhearted promise, especially if one is not certain that he can fulfill the obligation.

"I give you my word." "You can depend on me." "Yes, I'll be there." "I'll get it to you by Friday." These are just a few of the many promises we make and which are made to us by others.

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# Heaven at Last

by Walter B. Knight

A father and mother lost three little children in one week by cholera. Only the little three-year-old girl escaped. On Easter morning, the father, mother, and child were in Sunday school. The father was the superintendent. He led the school in worship and read the Easter message from the Bible without a break in his voice. Many in the school were weeping, but the faces of the father and mother remained serene and calm.

"How can they do it?" men and women asked each other as they left the church.

A fifteen-year-old boy, walking home with his father, said, "Father, I guess the superintendent and his wife **really believe** don't they?"

"Believe what?" asked the father.

"The whole, big thing, all of it—EASTER—you know!"

"Of course," answered the father, "all Christians believe it!"

"Not the way they believe it," said the boy, and he began to whistle.

How fear-allaying, sorrow-dispelling, and hope-bringing are these triumphant words of the death-conquering Saviour: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:18a). How rayless and fearless the night of death would be but for the Saviour's triumph over death! Because he lives, we, too, live radiantly and victoriously in the present life, and shall live eternally in the life to come! When our loved ones slip away from us to be forever with the Lord," we sorrow, to be sure, but in our sorrow, we are comforted and sustained in knowing that we shall see them again!

Death to the children of God is no "King of Terrors!" To the believer, death means only to be, "Absent from the body—at home with the Lord!" (2 Corinthians 5:8). After the Saviour's victory over death, the apostles seldom used the word, "death," to express the close of a Christian's earthly life. The terms used were: "sleep," "at home with the Lord," "depart," or, "loose the moorings," as a vessel about to be set out to sea!

It is the custom of some native African Christians to refer to their dead who "die in the Lord," not as having **departed**, but as having **arrived**!

On the jasper threshold standing,  
Like a pilgrim safely landing,  
See the strange, bright scenes expanding,  
Ah! 'tis Heaven at last!

What a city, what a glory,  
Far beyond the fairest story,  
Of the ages, old and hoary,  
Ah! 'tis Heaven at last!

Christ himself the living splendor,  
Christ the sunshine, mild, and tender,  
Praises to the Lamb we render,  
Ah! 'tis Heaven at last!

When Dr. Rees preached last in North Wales, a friend said to him, "You are whitening fast, Dr. Rees." The old gentleman did not say anything. When he got into the pulpit, he said, "There is a wee white flower that comes at this season of the year. Sometimes it comes up through the snow and frost. We are all glad to see the snowdrop, because it proclaims that winter is over and summer is at hand. A friend has reminded me that I am whitening fast. But heed not that, brother. It is to me a proof that my winter will soon be over; that I shall have done presently with the cold east winds and the frosts of earth, and that my summer, **my eternal summer**, is at hand!"

No chilling winds, nor pois'nous breath,  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more!

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land" (Song of Solomon 2:11, 12).

Contemplating the end of his earthly journey, and being "sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust," Paul expressed the ardent wish of his glowing heart thus, "For I have a desire to depart and to be **with Christ** which is **far better**" (Philippians 1:23).

It will take the unending aeons of

eternity to fully disclose how much better it is for God's children to pass to the home, "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," than to remain in earth's night with its sorrow and suffering! There they will behold the King in His beauty, and be forever with the Lord! As God's children stand at the opal gates of death, the living One, Jesus, will unlock the gates, and will accompany them through the valley of the shadow of death. His presence will illumine the valley, and render them unafraid!

"At evening time it shall be light" (Zechariah 14:7b).

How different it is with those who come to journey's end without God and without hope! An old Indian chief was told of the Saviour. The missionary tried to persuade the chief to accept Christ as his **ONLY** hope of eternal life. Said the old chief, "The Jesus road is good, but I have followed the Indian road all my life, and I will follow it to the end!" A year later, the old chief stood on the borderline of death. As he was seeking a pathway through the darkness, he said to the missionary, "Can I turn to the Jesus road now? **My road stops here. It has no path through the valley!**"

How grateful we are that, even in death, penitent hearts may turn to the gracious Saviour for "the gift of God (which is) eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Even eyes glazing in death may "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29b).

Look and live, my brother, live,  
Look to Jesus NOW and live;  
'Tis recorded in His Word, Hallelujah!  
It is only that you look and live!

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22).

A miser, whose ruling passion was strong even in death, exclaimed, "Put out that candle, Marie!"

"But, Uncle, suppose you want something?"

"Put it out," he gasped. "One does not need light to die!"

Now for the contrast: One of God's servants lay dying. Said his mother tenderly, "Is Jesus with you in the dark valley?"

"Dark valley!" exclaimed God's child. "It's not dark! It's getting **brighter and brighter**, Mother. Oh," he murmured. "It's so bright now, that I have to shut my eyes!"

(Turn the Page)



As in life, so also in death, the promise is **sure**: "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12b).

How bright is the future for God's children: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). Many of God's "precious promises" have to do with our victory over death, and our entrance into Glory to be "at home with the Lord!" Let us meditate upon three keenly anticipated delights which await us at life's setting sun:

### **We Will Behold The King In His Beauty And Be Like Him!**

Whether we go to be with the Lord in death, or whether the Lord comes for us, the promise is **sure**: "Thine eyes shall behold the King in His beauty" (Isaiah 33:17). What joy unspeakable and full of glory will be ours when we awaken with His likeness and see Him as He is!

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then **face to face**" (1 Corinthians 13:12a).

Only faintly now, I see Him,  
With the darkling veil between,  
But a blessed day is coming,  
When His glory shall be seen!

What transformation our "body of humiliation" will undergo when we see Him! Then our body will "be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Philippians 3:21). John said, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but **we know that**, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**: for we shall **see him** as he is" (1 John 3:2).

A little boy was born blind. A skilled surgeon performed a delicate operation on the boy's eyes. The operation was a success. For days and weeks his eyes were covered with bandages. The time was nearing when the bandages were to be removed. Said the nurse to the lad, "My boy, tomorrow we are going to remove the bandages from your eyes. When the bandages are removed, whom do you want to see **FIRST**?" Without a moment's hesitation, the lad exclaimed, "I want to see **FIRST** the doctor who gave me my sight!"

We want to see **FIRST** the One who gave us our spiritual sight!

Oh, the dear ones in glory,  
How they beckon me to come,  
And our parting at the river I recall;  
To the sweet vales of Eden,  
They will sing my welcome Home,  
But I long to meet my Saviour  
**FIRST** of all!

Till we behold the King in His beauty; till we are completely conformed to the image of Christ, let it be our fixed purpose to be like Him **NOW** in word and in deed. As we, by faith, fix our spiritual gaze upon Him, we become like Him: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18). Observe that it is the vision of the glorified, risen Christ, the Christ at God's right hand with limitless power in Heaven and on earth, which changes us from glory to glory. It was the glorified Christ whom Stephen saw. It was the Lord "high and lifted up" whom Isaiah saw. It was the living, exalted Christ whom Paul saw.

Never would we detract from the atoning death of Christ on the Cross. If the Cross, however, had ended all, and if there had been no Resurrection, our faith would be "vain"; we would yet be in our sins, and "they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished" (1 Corinthians 15:17, 18).

Michelangelo walked through a great art gallery with some of his artist friends. Turning with indignation he said to them, "Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless paintings of Christ upon the Cross, Christ dying, most of all Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate upon that passing episode, as if that were the **LAST** word and the final scene, as if the curtain dropped upon that hour of disaster? At worst, that only lasted for a few hours. But to the end of unending eternity. **Christ is alive! Christ rules and reigns and triumphs!**"

With joy we sing:

I serve a **RISEN** Savior,  
He's in the world today;  
I **KNOW** that He is living,  
Whatever men may say!

In the teaching and preaching of the apostles, Christ's victory over death was **central**. They had seen Him! They had handled Him! Boldly, they confronted the very men who had condemned Him to death, and said, "But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, . . . and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses" (Acts 3:14, 15).

In speaking of His triumph over death let us do it with joy and certainty.

"For I **know** that my Redeemer lives and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25).

Reichel was conducting the final rehearsal of his great choir to render "The Messiah." The choir had sung through the point where the soprano soloist took up the refrain, "I know that my Redeemer liveth!" The soloist's technique was perfect. She had faultless breathing, accurate note placement, flawless enunciation. After the final note, all eyes were fixed on Reichel to catch his look of approval. Instead, he silenced the orchestra, walked over to the singer, and asked sorrowfully, "My daughter, do you **really know** that your Redeemer liveth **DO YOU?**"

"Why, yes," she answered, flushing "I think I do."

"Then sing it!" cried Reichel. "Tell it me so that I will **know**, and all who hear you will **know** that you **know** the joy and power of it!" Then he motioned the orchestra to play again. This time, the soloist sang the truth as she **knew** it and had **experienced** it in her own soul. All who heard wept under the spell of it. The conductor approached her with tear-dimmed eyes, and said, "**You do know, for you have told me!**"

(To Be Continued Next Week)

## **CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE**

The Rev. E. H. Fordham announces that he has resigned as pastor of Edward Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Any full-time or part-time church wishing his services may contact him at 821 Chattahoochee Lane, New Bern 28560 or by phoning 639-9420.

Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, is in need of a full-time pastor. They would like someone to live in the community or in the parsonage. Anyone interested should contact: Frank Daw, Route 1, Box 325-B, Bath, North Carolina 27808, or by phoning 964-4566.

The Rev. Charles W. Sugg is available for full-time services. He is a member of the Western Conference. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing 1815 Salem Church Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530 or by phoning 735-8924 (day), 735-44 (night).



## The Rev. Eddie Edwards

JUNIPER CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Vanceboro, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. The Rev. Eddie Edwards is the eighteenth to be accorded this recognition in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A TRUE SERVANT

submitted by Mrs. Otis Gatlin



The Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Edwards

In the latter part of 1973, Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church was without a pastor. Realizing our need, we began to pray and God surely answered our prayers when He directed our help committee to the Rev. Eddie Edwards. He began his pastorate in March, 1974, and since that time he has served us well.

Juniper Chapel is the fourth church Mr. Edwards has served as pastor. The others were Hopewell, Powhatan, and Johnston Union. He answered the call to the ministry at the age of 35.

We have prospered both spiritually and materially under Mr. Edwards' ministry. We had just completed a new parsonage

with a 10-year mortgage when he became our pastor. This mortgage was paid off in three years and we truly rejoiced at the mortgage burning. We have added a baptistry that has been used many times during the past five years. The choir loft has been elevated and along with our Sunday school rooms has been covered with carpet. During his ministry, we have covered our fellowship building with carpet and installed central heat and air conditioning. He has led us in supporting all our denomination enterprises.

He has conducted 35 funerals since he has been our pastor. Many hours of the day and night have been spent with families that have had problems. He has

driven untold miles visiting the sick in local hospitals, Duke, and Chapel Hill, and in the homes of our community. God has called two men into the ministry under his pastorate and Mr. Edwards has given them all the help he could.

Mr. Edwards is truly a God-called, God-fearing and God-sent pastor. He knows how to work with sinners and Christians. He has the ability to work with the old and the young. We can truly say he is loved by the people of the Juniper Chapel community.

Our pastor has not compromised with the world. He preaches the old-fashioned gospel that stood in our yesterdays and will stand in our tomorrows. We look forward to our Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday night services knowing that we are going to hear a soul-stirring message sent from God through our pastor's lips. We truly believe that Mr. Edwards lives in the will of God.

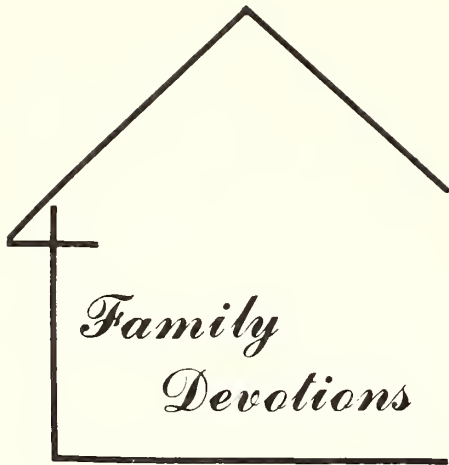
Mr. Edwards' wife, Ruth, has been a real asset to his ministry. She stands behind him with her prayers and support and is always willing for God's work to come first. Since they have been serving us, she has experienced a lot of sickness and heartache. Her mother was ill for quite a while and passed on to meet her God, but Ruth has shown great courage and love for her God and husband during all of her troubles. She is faithful in attending all services of our church.

On Sunday, April 1, the church observed Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were honored in our Sunday morning service. The Sunday morning offering was presented to them as a love gift.

We regret to say that Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will be leaving us the last Sunday in April. This breaks our hearts, but we know that this must be one more time that he will obey God's call. They will be moving back home to Rockingham to be near their daughter and son and their families. They have three grandchildren that they love dearly. We know they can hardly wait to be near them.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, we love you and thank God for sending you our way for five years and two months. We know this was an answer to our prayers. We thank God for allowing you to be a part of our church for this period of time. Our lives are richer for having had the privilege of knowing and learning to love both of you. We pray that God will continue to bless you wherever you may be.





## SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Scripture Reading—Galatians 2:16-20

### IS IT I?

Our sins were the palms that slapped Jesus, the fists that beat Him, the scourge that cut Him, the thorns that transfixed Him, the nails that transfixed Him. This, in a sermon, I have said several times. The truth of it, John Trowbridge has expressed in these words:

A crown of thorns  
And a purple robe—  
Somebody fashioned them both.  
Somebody platted the bloody crown,  
Somebody fitted the gaudy gown,  
Somebody fashioned them both.

A crown of thorns  
And a purple robe—  
And was it so long ago  
They made that vesture our Saviour wore,  
And wove that crown that He meekly bore?  
And was it so long ago?

A crown of thorns  
And a purple robe—  
I read the words with a sigh:  
But when I remember my own misdeeds,  
My soul awakes, and my conscience pleads,  
And I say to myself, "Is it I?"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*For each of us His blood was spilled.  
Let us remember that Christ died for  
all and that today He sits at the right  
hand of God making intercession for  
us all.*

## MONDAY, APRIL 16

Scripture Reading—John 19:17-31

### ATTITUDES TOWARD THE CROSS

Every kind of disposition was represented among the witnesses of the crucifixion of Jesus. There were those who were characterized by apathy, or indifference, the absence

of either love or hate; who were present by chance or were there in the line of their professional duties; as soldiers. There were others who were moved by *antipathy* toward Him, the rabble whose clamor for His blood subsides only at the foot of the Cross. Then there were the few who bore Him *sympathy* in His dying hour and who followed Him faithfully to the end, as the Disciple John and the two Marys. Even so today: every sort of attitude toward Jesus on the Cross exists among the multitude of men. What is yours?

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Ask yourself the question, "What is my attitude toward the Cross?" If we view His death there as a mere historical event, we should examine ourselves very critically. The crucifixion was no happenstance; it was preordained.*

## TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 1:15-31

### OLDEST TREE IN THE WORLD

The world's oldest known tree is a bald cypress growing in Santa Maria del Tula, Mexico. It is said to be from 4,000 to 5,000 years old and is about 125 feet in circumference.

But, going back into the councils of eternity, and thinking of Jesus, "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8), "who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world" (1 Peter 1:20), who "must have often suffered since the foundation of the world" (Hebrews 9:26), we wonder if the oldest tree is not the Cross tree about which the Apostle Paul wrote, saying:

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Because He died and arose, we can have everlasting life with Him. Let us not take too lightly the method whereby salvation was made available to all mankind.*

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Scripture Reading—Daniel 9:16-20

### WALKING

Of a certain man's walking, George

Ade said: "He walks like he is gravel in his shoes." Of a certain woman, Balzac wrote: "She walks with a proud, defiant step, like martyr to the Coliseum." Of a woman, also, Byron wrote: "She walks in beauty like the night cloudless climes and starry skies. And Shakespeare wrote: "Walk in sprites to countenance this horror."

But Edward Payson Weston, 1861, without writing anything walked four hundred and forty-three miles in two hundred and eight hours to attend the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln.

Would that the spirit that possessed him to be at the inauguration would possess multitudes today as to attendance of the sanctuary of God.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*People will go to great lengths to share in the glory of mankind—sometimes just to catch a glimpse. Oh that they (and we) would be eager to attend the Lord's house and to become active in His service.*

## THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:22

### SEVEN INDISPENSABLE THINGS

1. Without shedding of blood is no remission (Hebrews 9:22).
2. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).
3. Without works faith is dead (James 2:26).
4. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).
5. Without love I am nothing (1 Corinthians 13:2).
6. Without chastisement ye are not sons (Hebrews 12:8).
7. Without Me ye can do nothing (John 15:5).

### PRAYER THOUGHT

God and one have always been together in majority. How often have we heard "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Let us exercise that assurance of His presence in daily action and thought.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:26

### FOUR KINDS OF READERS

Dr. John Snape, quoting Coleridge gives us this delightful bit of delicious wisdom and wise comment:

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Coleridge has said that there are three classes of readers. The first he compares to an hour-glass whose sand is like the sand that runs out, and leaves not a trace behind. The second class is like a sponge, which soaks in everything, retains everything, and returns nothing, except under pressure, and then returns it in exactly the same condition in which it was received. A third class is like a strainer which strains away all that is not valuable, and retains within itself only the dregs and refuse. The fourth class is like the slave of Golconda, who cast aside all that is worthless, and kept only the pure gems. All students of the Bible ought to be like the slave of Golconda in their search for the pure gems of truth."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*We should read the Bible avidly, eagerly—even hungrily. Let us pray for understanding and direction. Let us feed upon it daily, and hourly, and the opportunity avails itself!*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

Scripture Reading—Revelation 15:

**SEVEN TONS OF TALLADEGA  
TURKEY TAINTED**

On December 6th, 1949, in Birmingham, Alabama, recorder Ralph Baker talked a lot of turkey in court and was condemned—more than seven tons of it. The seven tons of Thanksgiving Day fowl, all dressed, were condemned after county health officers charged that the meat was spoiled. Two turkey salesmen from Talladega County brought the birds to Birmingham before Thanksgiving. The packing house for which they were intended refused to accept them.

Wonder how many tons of books could be condemned if all that are tainted with mental sewerage and spoiled with that which is not truth are condemned?

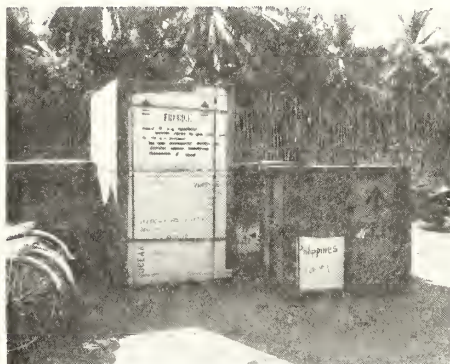
**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*The publishing industry is aflame with the salacious material which appeals to the satanic, lustful nature of man. Let us pray for strength to resist such wares and for the motivation to explore wholesome reading.*

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# Baker Family Reaches Palawan

by Fred and Linda Baker



*Household goods arrive at Puerto Princesa.*

It was a happy day for us on February 16, 1979, when the boat bringing our things from the States entered the breakwaters of Manila Bay, Philippines. We had not seen our things since October, 1978. The months of living out of our suitcases would soon be over.

First the boat had to be assigned a pier and then unloaded. Our belongings were then taken to the customs warehouse. On Wednesday, February 21, we went to customs for inspection. Everything went very well and exceedingly fast, just as we had been praying. Thanks be unto God.

There was still much to be done before we would get to unpack our boxes. They were taken from the customs warehouse to the Luzon brokerage warehouse where they were combined with the furnishings we had purchased in Manila. On Tuesday, February 27, the crates were moved to the North Harbor and loaded aboard another boat to continue their journey to Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. But on Wednesday, February 28, we carried the Ford Fiera to North Harbor and it was loaded on the ship also. The ship set sail Wednesday night. We prayed that God would keep the boat safe and it would arrive in Puerto Princesa City on time. Again, we realized afresh and anew that everything is in God's hand.

On Friday morning, March 2, we flew aboard PAL flight 195 from Manila to Puerto Princesa. It was a good flight. We

arrived in Puerto about 10:25 a. m. God answered our prayers and the boat arrived about 4 p. m. You can imagine how excited we were getting by this time. The boat, our belongings, and we were all in the city where God had been leading us to.

There was still much to be done. The boat had to be unloaded. Everything then was taken to the Arrastre Compound. We then had to get all the paper work completed and fees paid in order to secure a gate pass to remove our crates out of the compound. Next, we secured the services of several men and a large truck to haul the cargo to Dagumboy Village. On Saturday, March 3, around 2 p. m., we set the first crate off the truck in the yard of the mission house. By Saturday night, we had uncrated everything and moved it into the house. It was like Christmas in March as we began to sort things out.



*Ship at port with Baker's household goods*

We are thrilled to reach our new home at last. We are even more convinced today than ever that this is where God has led us to. We want to give unto our God a special thank-you and praise for what He has done for us. It has been made possible for us to come here because of His strength and not our own efforts. We ask each of you and each of our churches to join us in thanking God in our behalf. Also continue to pray for the progress of the work here. Pray that God would place upon all of us laboring here a greater compassion for lost souls.



# NEWS & NOTICES

## Easter Week Revival at Piney Grove Church

An Easter week revival will be held on April 11 through April 13 at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Beaufort County. The guest evangelist for all three nights will be the Rev. Gary Bailey, pastor of Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening. Special music is being planned. The Rev. Beverly Ballard is the pastor of the church. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone. The church is located on road 1009 near Everett Crossroads, seven miles north of Washington.

## Youth Sunday Held at Robert's Grove Church

The young people at Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, used their talents and abilities in the Sunday service on March 25.

Serving in the Sunday school were Angela McLamb, Andy Jackson, Belinda West, Helen Stancil, Marshall Jackson, Bobby Barefoot, Jeff Tew, Karen Honeycutt, Anthony McLamb, Suzette Sills, Karen Pope, Regina Bass, Kim Register, Stephenie McLamb, Pam Tew, Tammy West, Benjie Bryan, Larry Faircloth, Chris Johnson, Richard Stancil and Angela Honeycutt.

Monty McLamb and Anthony Tyndall delivered the youth message during the worship hour.

Others participating in the worship service were Frankie Jackson, Jeff Tew, Suzette Sills, Lynette Pope, Karen Pope, Regina Bass, Kim Register, Tammy West, Pam Tew, Stephenie McLamb, Chad Honeycutt and Benjie Bryan.

Closing remarks were given by Larry Faircloth.

The invitational song "Something Beautiful" was sung by Susan Faircloth and Benjie Bryan.

The youth groups recognized their youth sponsors and presented them a satin rose. Youth sponsors are Susan Faircloth, Debra

Tew, Brenda Tyndall, Carolyn Tew, Frankie Wrench and Mary Sue McLamb.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. A. B. Bryan.

## Community Sunrise Service at Meredith College Amphitheatre

A community sunrise service will be held at Meredith College Amphitheatre at 6:30 a. m., April 15, 1979. It is sponsored by the Interdenominational Greater Raleigh Christian Council and will feature beautiful music by the Brass Ensemble of Millbrook High School. The featured speaker is Jimmie Johnson, a well-known and highly respected evangelist. Participating in the service will be ministers of several denominations. This annual event is to be held in the Meredith Amphitheatre or, in case of inclement weather, Jones Auditorium at Meredith College.

## Highland Church Announces Revival



*The Rev. Jimmy Ryan*

Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church, Hamlet, will begin its spring revival April 23 through April 28. The time of the services is 7 p. m. The Rev. Jimmy Ryan, pastor of the Little Creek church near

Charleston, West Virginia, will be the evangelist. There will be special singing each night. The Rev. F. Joe Griffith, the new pastor of the church, extends a cordial welcome to everyone.

## The Rev. Willis Wilson Is Honored

On Sunday, March 11, the Couples Class of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, honored the Rev. Willis Wilson with a certificate of \$475 to purchase 19 square feet for Cragmont Assembly's new building.

In October each year the Couples Class sponsors a Halloween Family Night for the church and its invited guests. They provide games for the children and young at heart also they serve the best hot dogs and hamburgers. After the games there is an auction for all: paintings, cakes, craft etc.

In the past the class has given the money for the building fund of the church but last year it was decided to honor the pastor. He has done a lot of hard work for the continued growth and work at the camp in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

## Revival in Progress Folkstone Church

Revival services are in progress at the Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church near Holly Ridge, continuing through April 1. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Harold Swinson is the guest evangelist. Special singing is being rendered each night. The pastor, the Rev. L. L. Parker, and the entire church membership invite everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

## Fourth Central Union District Meets at Walnut Creek Church

The Fourth Central Union District will meet at Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist Church near LaGrange on April 29. The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Hymn, "Love Lifted Me"  
—Welcome, Jack Howard  
—Response, Billy Price
- 11:15—President's Remarks  
—Missions Report  
—Greetings from the Children's Home  
—Report from Mount Olive College
- 11:30—Special Music, Harrell Chapel  
—Sermon, the Rev. Robert Fader

5—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 5—Hymn, "In the Old Time Way"
- Devotion, Ed Walston
- Special, Edgewood Church
- Program, Local Church
- 5—Adjournment

Revival at Friendship, Middlesex,

April 15-20

A series of revival services have been scheduled for Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, April 15-20. Beginning each evening at 8 p. m., the services will feature the Rev. Leon Grubbs the visiting evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Paul Grubbs.

Special music will be rendered by local visiting musicians. The pastor and the church membership invite the public to attend the services and urge prayers for success of the revival.

**ATTENTION TO OUR NORTH CAROLINA CUSTOMERS**

The Free Will Baptist Press has installed a toll-free line. Our toll-free line is for placing orders or securing information on orders or accounts. All other callers will use our regular line.

The toll-free line will be in operation from 9:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., Monday through Friday. The number is 1-800-682-6572 (toll free within North Carolina).

Our regular number is (919) 746-6128.

**NOTE**

WHEN USING OUR TOLL-FREE NUMBER, PLEASE

1. Tell us the nature of your call.
2. If you are placing an order, have your account number and address ready to give the person answering.
3. If you are seeking information on an order previously placed or on your account, please have all information at hand so the matter can be attended to.
4. Remember that the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation is paying for the time the toll-free line is in use.
5. The toll-free number is for your convenience, but please do not make unnecessary calls.

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Current Happenings at

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## OPPORTUNITIES AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive College is in the process of re-organizing its administrative organization as a means of strengthening our educational services. Above all, we want Mount Olive to contribute to the spiritual development of our students and to more effectively serve the Free Will Baptist Church. To achieve this goal, we are seeking professionally qualified persons with a sincere Christian commitment.

Listed below are some areas in which we have openings and we invite readers of **The Free Will Baptist** to direct this information to qualified and interested persons.

### Dean of Students

This office is responsible for the administration of the student life program of the College, including religious life, health services, athletics, intramurals, resident halls, campus security, and student organizations and activities. Persons who report to the Dean of Students include the chaplain, director of health services, director of athletics, dormitory directors, and the office of campus security.

The primary role of the Dean of Students is to provide leadership and supervision for the development of the highest quality of life possible on our campus.

Minimum requirements include a Master's degree, preferably a Doctor's degree, in an appropriate area of study, with related experience.

Interested persons should apply in writing to Mr. Larry Dean, Chairman, Search Committee for Dean of Students, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

### Director of Admissions

The duties of this office are to plan and carry out a program that will communicate to interested persons—high school students and adults—the educational opportunities available at Mount Olive College. The work includes visitation to high schools, homes, and churches; campus interviews; and promotional activities that will attract the kind of students who can best benefit from the

distinctive educational program of Mount Olive College.

Mrs. Dianne B. Riley is the Associate Director of Admissions and will assist this person.

Requirements include a Bachelor's degree, preferably a Master's degree, in a relevant area of study. Experience is desired but not required.

Interested persons should write President W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

### Director of Counseling

Through this office the College provides a coordinated program of counseling services designed to assist students in decision-making and in problem-solving. Specific services include helping students in the selection of proper courses of study, evaluation and assistance in career decisions, transfer to senior colleges, job placement, and personal counseling.

Applicants must have at least a Master's degree with a major in counseling. Interested persons should mail their application to Mr. Frank R. Harrison, Chairman, Search Committee for Counseling Services, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

### Superintendent for Eagles Nest

Eagles Nest is a retreat center located seven miles from Mount Olive. It contains 100 beautiful acres of natural woodland with a five-acre lake. Formerly a Boy Scout camp, the property is now used as a retreat-conference center by the College, church and youth groups, families, youth organizations, business, industrial and educational organizations.

The duties of the Superintendent would include general oversight of the property and the hosting of persons or groups using the camp.

Compensation would include use of a modest house on the site and a small monthly stipend based upon the services rendered. This position would be ideal for a semi-retired individual or married couple who would like to be engaged in meaningful Christian work.

Interested persons should contact Mr. James A. Coats, Business Manager, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.



## RETIREMENT HOMES BOARD MEETS



*The Retirement Homes Board*

The Retirement Homes Board met on March 27, 1979, to discuss the possibilities of using existing buildings offered by the Children's Home for retirement apartments. Having discontinued the use of the Albemarle Cottage for children, the Children's Home offered to use the Albemarle Cottage for their staff needs and, thereby, make the Dawson House (also known as the Staff House) available to the Retirement Homes.

Sufficient funds are available to open the Dawson House for occupancy now; however, sufficient funds to build a new duplex would not be available for some time to come. Therefore, it was decided to accept the Children's Home proposal. The

Dawson House is now being renovated and will provide two two-bedroom apartments and one one-bedroom apartment. The first apartment completed in Dawson House has already been rented to a couple from Sherron Acres church in Durham, North Carolina. The other two apartments will be available by summer.

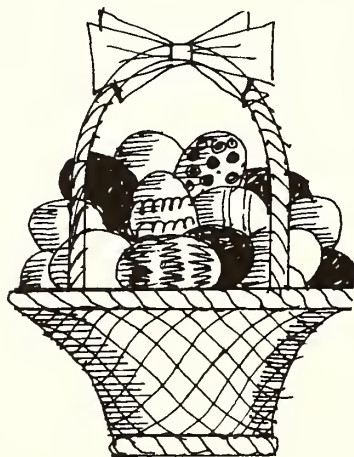
Our Retirement ministry has increased from two apartments to five with the opening of the Dawson House, and is ever on the move. We encourage our people to pray and to include the Retirement Homes in their personal giving and in their church budgets.

A formal opening dedication service and open house will be held at a later date.

### NOTE OF THANKS

The Rev. Vance Link (missionary to Texas and Mexico) and his family would like to express their appreciation to everyone for all the deeds of kindness, letters, cards of sympathy, and prayers made in their behalf at the death of his father on February 22. Your expression of love have been a wonderful comfort and blessing to their lives.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION?**

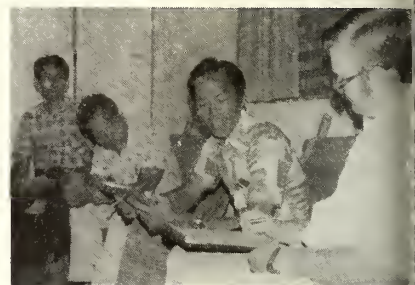


## MEETING IN MANILA

During the month of February, the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Church, Philippines, met in Manila for an official business session. A number of matters dealing with future church development in the Philippines were discussed during the two-day meeting.

The Board of Trustees is the executive arm of our Philippine work and consists of three Filipinos and two missionaries.

The Rev. Lorenzo dela Rosa from Luzon serves as president, the Rev. Pio dela Rosa, also from Luzon as vice-president and the Rev. Jimmy Basarte of Palawan as secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Wayne King is general supervisor and the Rev. Fred Baker was appointed in this recent meeting to serve as member-at-large on the board.



*Newly-appointed trustee member Fred Baker, shares some personal thoughts with the other board members. From left to right are Jimmy Basarte, Pio dela Rosa, Lorenzo dela Rosa, and Fred Baker. Also present but not pictured was Wayne King.*

### PRE-EASTER STUDY CHAIRMAN WILL BE PRESENTED

The Ladies Auxiliary of Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Rocky Mount, Va. will present a Pre-Easter Study Course, April 11 at 7:30 p. m. The speaker will be Mr. Carl Whitfield of Rocky Mount. The public is invited.

### NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to personally thank all my friends for the visits, cards, letters, and gifts I received while I was in the Veterans Hospital in Durham, North Carolina, March 12 through March 22. The flowers sent me seemed to have a special message of hope and life. I am glad to report that I am much better and improving daily, giving God all the glory.

W. H. WILLIAMS

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## Cragmont Assembly

by Willis Wilson

Recently a meeting was held at Elm Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of coordinating our summer program at Cragmont.

The Board of Directors met with the manager and the directors for each camp.

It was a most beneficial meeting because it helped in making our plans for summer unified.

The President of the Board of Directors, I came away from the meeting with the feeling that everyone there was keenly interested in Cragmont and our people be- come able to enjoy the beautiful facilities there.

The new building is just about ready, and by the time this article appears in the paper the contractor will be ready to turn the building over to the Board of Directors.

We have been stressing raising money more than anything else for that is what we really need right now. We will need some more things later but we do want to be able to make our final payment when we have the building.

We have enough furniture to open the dining and use it at least one season. Sometime later we can get some new furniture. We are not going to be able to put new furniture in the building right away but there are plans to have new furniture in the future. There are some old, beautiful

pieces of furniture that Mrs. Chandler and some of the ladies have refinished and these will certainly be used in the building.

We are going to owe our first payment of \$18,000 plus interest on \$275,000 in November and we want to be able to make that payment.

There is a campaign on to raise money by selling one square foot of the building for \$25.00. This campaign has met with great success. In Reedy Branch church near Winterville, where I serve as pastor, it has been the most successful adventure that we have ever encountered. We have tripled our giving. Some have even been given a square foot for an anniversary gift. One lady in the church was presented one square foot on her 100th birthday. She has attended the women's conference a number of times.

We have the most wonderful facilities at Cragmont that we have ever had. Now the women and the ministers at their conferences will have to do very little walking and the facilities are so much nicer than we have ever had. The chapel is included in the new building and it is only about 100 feet from the dining hall. There is a huge front porch on which our guests can sit and rock, and the building is beautiful.

Pray for Cragmont and include Cragmont in your giving.

### PRESS CLOSED EASTER MONDAY

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation bookstores in Ayden, Smithfield, New Bern, Wilson, and Kinston, North Carolina, along with the printing department in Ayden, will be closed Monday, April 16, in observance of the Easter holiday. They will all be opened for business, Tuesday, April 17, at the regular hours.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. F. Joe Griffith announces that his address has changed from Racine, West Virginia, to Route 3, Box 18-W, Hamlet, North Carolina 28345. All further correspondence should be sent to his new address.

### CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Jack Lassiter of Durham, North Carolina, announces that he is available for a full-time or part-time church, as well as evangelistic work. He is a member in good standing with the Piedmont Conference, and is the associate pastor of the Baptist Road Cathedral church in Durham. Any Free Will Baptist church that is in need of a full-time or part-time minister may contact him at the following address: The Rev. Jack Lassiter, 1207 Wrenn Road, Durham, North Carolina 27703; or phone 596-3339.

The Rev. Jimmy Webster states that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services beginning the first Sunday in July. He has been an ordained minister for 14 years. He may be contacted by calling 943-3987 or by writing Route 1, Box 224-A, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865.

### NOTICE

Any church or institution wishing to be featured as "Church or Institution of the Month" in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, please notify us as soon as possible. There are openings for you.

The Editor

Editorial

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We wish to make it clear that we believe that most promises are made in good faith and accepted as same. The problem lies in the fact that many of us have too much to do and too little time to keep our commitments. We are reluctant to give negative answers when we feel that positive ones are warranted. We very easily get ourselves into a bind, without meaning to, and find it impossible to follow through with all our noble intentions.

Mind you, friends, we are **not** directing this editorial to any particular person or persons. We speak just as strongly to **ourselves** as to our neighbors. It is needful, yea, even expedient that when **we** (all of us) promise something, we do so with the **full intention** of doing what we have promised. A definite pledge should never be given—verbally or otherwise—unless the promiser will make every effort to bring it to fruition. If there is doubt that we can, it is better to be absolutely truthful and say, "I'm sorry; I don't believe I can."

We will certainly be more respected for being honest. A broken promise, much like the broken heart, is impossible to mend. God is not slack concerning His promises, so let's be careful with ours!



# The Sunday School Lesson

For April 22

## ONE IN THE SPIRIT

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-18, 26, 27

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 12:7

### I. INTRODUCTION

It is a stubborn fact that the peoples of the world have not learned to dwell together in peace. The world has not yet become one body, with its members working harmoniously for the advantage of the whole. The world, as such, is not likely ever to come to that happy condition. It just does not have what it takes to accomplish that purpose. The world will not come to know real peace until it comes under the influence of the Prince of Peace.

Even those who are called Christians have not always been successful in keeping the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). The church still has something to learn about using the God-given differences between individual members so that each may contribute his best portion to the edification of the whole. This is the lesson that is before us today. It is the story of what God's Holy Spirit will do for the church and for the world, if people will give Him His way. When the church learns to exercise its spiritual gifts in such a way as to preserve the peace and wholeness of the body of Christ, it will be in a far better position to share that lesson with the world.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. You will do well to recognize that today the gifts of the Spirit are controversial; therefore, we suggest that you do not become embroiled in controversy over the lesson, but decide ahead of time exactly what you will present and how you will present it and then do that. Do not let any member of the class deter you from your lesson plan.

B. God has given different gifts to different people for the health and

prosperity of the body of Christ. God's gifts are never given for personal enjoyment.

C. The health and growth of the church, the body of Christ, depends on the recognition of the various gifts, and their proper utilization in the church.

D. Think about ways that the church can recognize and use the different gifts of the different members.

E. The fact that different members of the church have different gifts makes us interdependent rather than independent.

F. The two main divisions of 1 Corinthians deal with the acknowledgment and discussion of problems in the church at Corinth (Chapters 1-6) and the answering of questions that the Corinthians had asked in a letter to Paul (Chapters 7-15). The latter section contains Paul's admonition to the church concerning its function as the Body of Christ. Our lesson for today comes from this counsel.

G. When Paul opens Chapter 12, from which our text for today is taken, he begins, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant" (v. 1). His whole idea in this chapter seems to be to stress that the church is the body of Christ, and the members of the church with their diverse gifts from God are members of that body. Just as the various organs of the human body have different functions, so do the various members of the church. God has given the members differing abilities or gifts for the proper functioning of the body. A proper recognition of this truth destroys jealousies within the church because each member has a function that is different from that of every other member. Also, awareness of this truth makes the members of a church realize that they are dependent upon one another rather than independent.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. When one realizes the scarcity of extraordinary talent in the average church, we are amazed when we see churches,

which seemingly have so little to show coming to the front in marvelous achievements. These churches survive and grow as no other institution could under similar handicaps.

B. A pastor with limited formal training can be successful in his ministry to an amazing degree. A Sunday school teacher who has never really been trained in teaching methods can teach most effectively for years. The same is true of other leaders in the church. Why is that so?

C. The answer is relatively simple: they have been endowed with special gifts by the Holy Spirit, and have been given the wisdom to use these gifts. This in itself is nothing short of a miracle. And the beautiful part of it is that those who have these gifts are usually the most humble because they know of the source, and that it is not of themselves.

D. When we become Christians we are baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body which is Christ. But we do not all have the same gifts; some have one kind, other another. Few, if any, can lay claim to all the gifts of the Spirit. It is a mistake for any of us to judge another in the matter of spiritual gifts. Paul teaches us in this lesson that there is a diversification of gifts given to the saints, but that all have a gift of some kind. The important thing is that we know what our gift is, and then use it.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**There Must Be Coordination**—Have you ever seen a patient with multiple sclerosis? As the disease progresses, the muscles become flabby and do not want to work and they become unable to function because there is a lack of coordination. This gives an example of what happens in the church when the members do not act under the leadership of Him who is the head of the church.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

*Easter  
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# Needle and Thread

Several gauge materials are available—"Aida," with 14 squares per inch, is popular and easy to work with. The following design is 14 squares per inch. The closer the material weave, the smaller your finished design will be.

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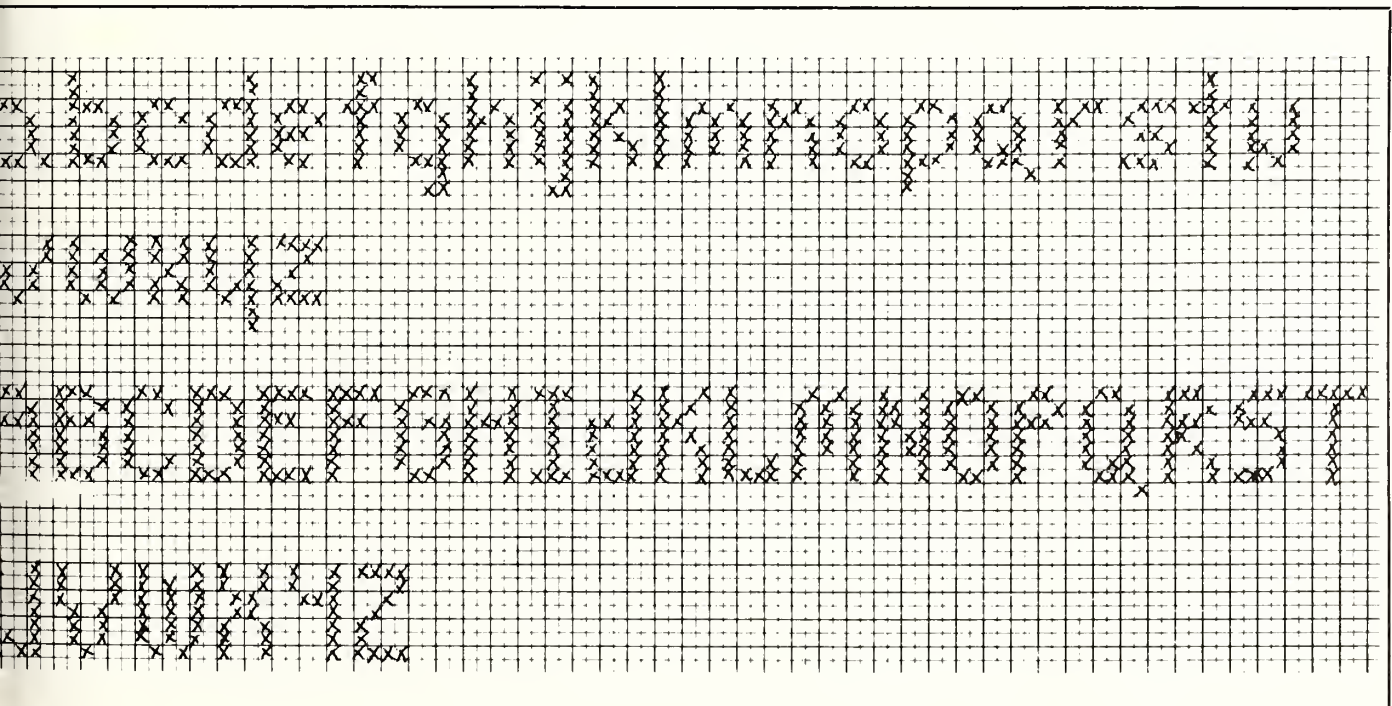
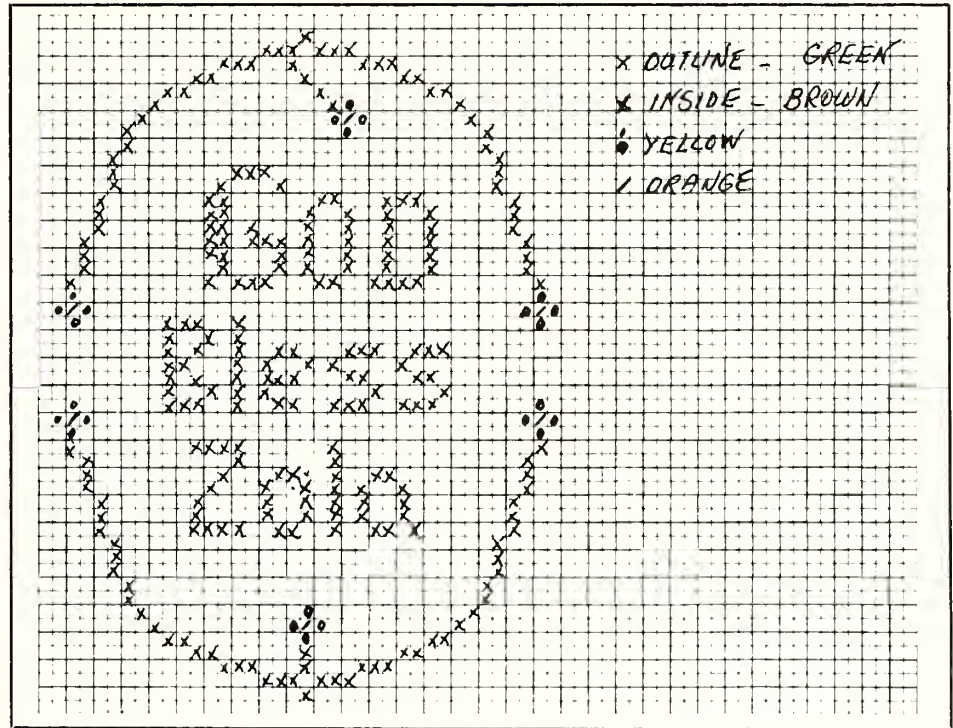
Are you one of those persons who feel you are wasting valuable time when you are sitting and doing nothing? Everyone needs a hobby and some of the best spent time is in doing absolutely nothing. If you feel lonely while resting, you need help.

Wait until that help comes, a great way to ease and buffer the guilt feelings at the end of the time is with a needle and thread.

It is fascinating what can be done with colored string and a scrap of material. You may think like Rembrandt and Rockwell must have felt as they stroked colors onto their famous canvases.

What about what if the beds go unmade or a best friend's dress is ripped under the arm? Unmade beds, a dress that doesn't sleep just as well and you'll be bringing your coat over the blouse Sunday morning. A special message cross-stitched by a special friend will have loving value after the needle pricks have healed the hands of too deft fingers.

What better expression of compassion to a person with health problems than a small message "God Bless Zola." How about "God Bless Dad" or for a child, "Jesus Loves Me"?





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# Story Corner

## THE BLUE STRIPE

by Sally Hawthorne

HEY called him a clown. Whenever Limpy, the squirrel, tripped and landed flat on his nose, it was good for a laugh. Like most clowns, Limpy wished that—for once in his life—the other squirrels would look at him with respect.

When it happened on the day Limpy decided to run away. From his usual spot on the sidelines, he had watched them giggle and jumping, and he was weak with envy. They were such well-coordinated, graceful squirrels . . . squirrels who could go in a **straight line!**

Limpy wriggled the twisted hind leg that was the cause of his troubles. He wanted to go the other way. His direction would always be the wrong way, zaggy.

Limpy's ears jerked as an idea popped into his head. **Why don't I look for another place to live where they don't look at you if you hop funny.**

Limpy was glad when his grandfather decided to hunker down beside him. Gramps had made fun of his lame leg. "You look a little serious," the older squirrel had commented. "Something wrong?"

Limpy gulped, "Why do I have to be serious?" "I hope he doesn't tell me again that God loves me," Limpy thought. If God loved me, I'd be a regular squirrel, not a lopsided one.

Have you seen the new little girl on the other side of the park? According to some of the squirrels, she has every right to wear a long blue stripe. Limpy, she's always cheerful! That's why she trusts God and believes He knows what is best for her. In spite of her handicap, that little gal is going to be a fine squirrel one day—Watch out!"

The warning was too late; Limpy found himself tumbling head over tail, and the other squirrels, acrobatic squirrels who had never stepped into him didn't even bother to pick him up. They only giggled. Limpy shook his head to clear it. **Okay, that does it. I'm limping out in search of a new home!**

Limpy paused at the boundary hedge

for one last look at the park, a shiny wheelchair, piloted by a curly-haired girl, crossed the lawn. He fought the natural urge to flee. He had heard the warnings: children are bad news. Kids chase you and throw rocks and they make you go hide in your hole.

He relaxed. If this was the child Grandfather admired, he knew he had nothing to fear. Even if she could get out of that wheelchair, he thought, I can easily outrun a small person wearing heavy leg braces.

Her happy smile seemed to include him as she opened a large drawing tablet and set to work. Cautiously, in his sideways manner, Limpy hopped nearer, whiskers twitching with curiosity; what weird kind of art was this? It just did not make sense to dip one's fingers into a jar of paint, then proceed to drip it all over that nice clean sheet of paper.

Suddenly, she leaned down, gently slipped her hand under him and scooped him onto her lap. The hair on Limpy's ears stood straight on end as she began to pet him . . . and the big container of soupy gloop tipped over. Limpy squealed as the paint sloshed out to make a sticky, cold puddle right where he was perched.

Like a leaf on a waterfall, he slithered helplessly over the side on the blue stream, to crash on his lame leg. Blinded by pain, he escaped, and in his confusion he wobbled into the middle of a squirrel game. And watched their jaws drop open.

"Hey," one of the squirrels cried, "look what's happened to ol' Limpy!"

He swiveled his head and nearly fainted when he saw the reason for their excitement—the bright blue stripe he had gotten by accident. It was beautiful!

"I'm first to choose him for my team!" someone yelled. "Blue Stripe, Blue Stripe! Let's hear it for Blue Stripe!" What a great-sounding name **that** was!

To Limpy's amazement, it didn't seem to matter now that he couldn't go in a straight line, or that all his cartwheels were wiggly. All anyone could see was that gorgeous blue stripe.

Dizzy with joy, he didn't hear the clap of thunder, or feel the pouring rain until, from one moment to the next, he was standing all alone. Scornfully, the other squirrels used his old name, "Split, Limpy," they ordered. "Move it!"

Ignored was his squeak of protest, "Wait, guys! Don't you remember? I'm Blue Stripe!" To his horror, Limpy knew he was going to break down and cry. **Well, I'm so wet, tears can't make it worse. My paws are soaked, and my tail is soggy and my back**—With a sinking feeling, he knew the worst had happened: the fabulous blue stripe was gone. The rain had made it swoosh off.

**Blue Stripe . . . that's a joke! I'm only Limpy, the off balance, funny clown character who can't go in a straight line.**

Through bitter tears, he glimpsed Grandfather, framed in the entrance to his hole. Limpy squeezed in beside him. "Thanks to that little artist, I had a good thing going. Finally, I was one of the gang. Then, I let the rain mess up everything! Dumb me!"

"Limpy, you don't need a blue stripe—or a stripe of any color—to prove you are important," his grandfather retorted kindly. "You **are** somebody, the one-of-a-kind little squirrel God made. I was going to remind you, this morning, that your particular handicap isn't all that bad. Because of it, you've had lots of time to develop your own special talent."

"I have a talent? What is it?"

"Why, nuts, of course. Nuts, the basic item in a squirrel's diet. Who knows more about the quality and texture of nuts, the best way to store them, and where jumbo-sized nuts can be found? With all your know-how, you'll soon be ready to take your place of leadership in the squirrel community."

Limpy stared in awe. **He's right! I should have listened to Grandfather when he said God loves me.**

With a flip of his bushy tail, Limpy zoomed down the tree trunk. "So long, Gramps. I gotta go check on the nuts now."

His grandfather blinked, then blinked again. Maybe it was just that the young fellow was hopping proudly—with his head held high—but it certainly did look as though Limpy, the Nut Expert, really **was** going in a **straight line.**

Well, a l i m o s t.



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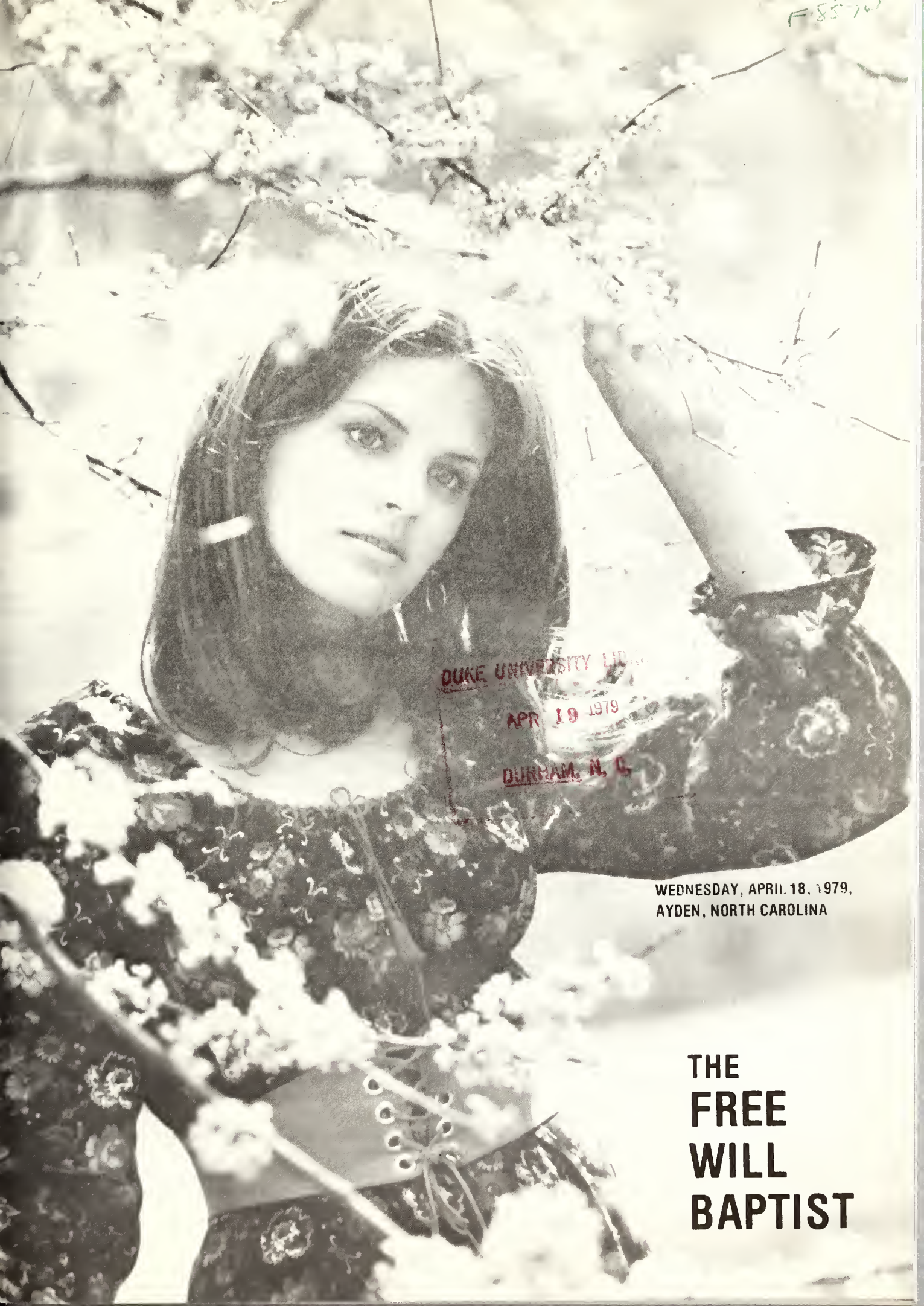
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## SEX FOR A SEASON—BUT NOT THE RIGHT REASON!

There are some subjects that we prefer to pass by, hoping, I suppose, that they'll just go away. But the more we try to ignore them, the more they haunt us and the more they beg for sincere, if not authoritative, discussion.

One such subject is *sex*. Any way you say it, *sex* sounds bad. For generations men and women have abused it; they have made it evil; they have courted it with such fervor and fury that it has become distorted. Hardly anyone can even hear the word without conjuring up bad associations. *Any* reference to it seems in poor taste.

Sex really involves more than physical interaction. Properly defined (according to Webster), it is the "sum of the structural, functional, and behavioral characteristics of living beings that serve as an instrument for carrying out reproduction by two interacting parents—characteristics that distinguish males and females." "Male and female made He them," says the Bible. To replenish the earth, to provide physical expression between two persons *united by marriage*, and to allow both a physical and spiritual union between the two persons all seem the original bases for the establishment of sex—the institution.

*But*, according to the "experts" on human sexuality, the well-known and widely-read Masters and Johnson team, *freedom of expression* is needed, and the *lack* of that expression is the cause of sexual misconceptions and hang-ups. This famous sex team insists that *any sexual behavior a person is comfortable with is fine*. Just what is *any sexual behavior*? Cohabiting without the benefit of marriage; sadism, masochism, homosexuality, and a score of other perversions too terrible to mention!

Despite Dr. Masters' contention that "sex is as natural as breathing," we believe that it must be controlled. We've heard about swinging singles and swapping partners, sex for a night (sometimes called one-night stands), and sex bars and baths, where persons can pick up the sex of their choice. Yes! *The sex of their choice!* Either of the two genders and an almost unlimited variety of sexual favors are offered. When it is thrust at the Christian as being the normal, acceptable type of behavior, that's too much.

With the recent upsurge of homosexuality, its quiet acceptance by prestigious groups, there seems to be a trend toward tolerating, if not openly approving, aberrant behavior as a matter of individual conscience and preference. It paints a scary picture; worse than that, it is a sad commentary on our times—not to mention our morals. For example, who can possibly believe that an avowed "gay" policeman will not be more lenient with a known homosexual than with a heterosexual? A possible argument could be that the reverse could be as true, but we wonder.

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# The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and “Speaking in Tongues”

by C. F. Bowen

WHEN asked by the editor of **The Free Will Baptist**, and at the request of concerned individuals, to write a series of articles on the Charismatic Movement, my first reaction was a sense of inadequacy. What could I say that hasn't already been said by others many times before?

This reaction soon gave way to another: Is there a need for writing? The answer came readily; yes there is, especially when I was aware that the Charismatic Movement had already begun to infiltrate our own Free Will Baptist ranks. Some of our members tell me of their dilemma in trying to cope with it in their congregations. Others are confused when they discover Charismatic literature for sale in our own Free Will Baptist stores (for reasons of business and accommodating members other than Free Will Baptists, we are told, and not representing an endorsement of charismatic teachings).

A third reaction came as I thought of the time and research which would be involved in what hopefully would be an honest and objective coverage of the Charismatic Movement—its history, its elements, and the like—a task I do not choose to take on. Consequently I have decided to address my writings only to the non-controversial teachings of the movement: their concept of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and “speaking in tongues.”

Let it be understood that I am not trying to discredit any free-believing denomination, church, or religious group—Pentecostal or otherwise—which may differ with my elements. At the same time I want to say at the outset that I do believe in the biblical doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but I do not believe in “tongues” as I understand the way in which it is practiced today by the charismatics.

I make these two statements to begin with so that I may identify those who subscribe to the teaching of “glossolalia” or speaking in tongues, and who may not want to know what the Bible really says about it. If they feel so inclined they may, of course, stop reading right here.

Whatever our opinions on these two topics may be, unless they are substantiated by the Word of God they will be of very little importance. So, it is from the Bible itself that I want to gather the foundation on the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues.

## What Is the Baptism and When Does It Take Place?

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the miraculous act of gathering new-again believers into the Body of Christ, or the true, invisible church, resulting in the Spirit's immediate indwelling of the believer.

There is no waiting period. “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, . . . and have been all made to drink into one Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:13). (Words in parentheses in these scriptural passages—except where the Scriptures them-

selves use them—are those supplied by the writer, based upon accepted translation and given for explanatory reasons.) Being **baptized into one body** of course means, according to Verse 12, the Body of Christ.

Simply stated, the charismatics testify in their emotion-charged meetings that one may be saved but may have to wait months or even years for the special spiritual experience which they call “the baptism of (or with, in, by, as the prepositions go) the Holy Spirit.” Few things do more injustice to the truth of God's Word. In attending some of their meetings I have often heard such testimonies as this: “I was saved in my old home church, worked in it for years thinking that I had all the spiritual blessings God wanted me to have. And then I attended one of these meetings and discovered that I lacked the most important thing: the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now I have received it; praise God!”

This is not an attempt to ridicule; it's just the way the charismatic testifies. We do not doubt the sincerity of many of them when they say these things. The only thing wrong about such a belief is that it is wrong! If this person was **saved** in his old home church it means that he received Jesus Christ as Saviour. If he received Christ then he already possessed “all spiritual blessings.” Paul wrote, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who (God) hath (present tense) blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). Now we must surely agree that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a **spiritual blessing**, therefore, it is a part of the **all** so that if we have Christ we have the blessing of the baptism. The charismatics speak of the baptism into Christ's body (which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit) as though it were something apart from Christ, as though it were some special experience, evidenced by miraculous healings, speaking in tongues, and other spiritual phenomena. They say that this special experience may not necessarily be associated with conversion, but may be sought at a time perhaps years **after** one's conversion. Although they may be shown the truth in God's Word, it is quite obvious that they place more emphasis upon these spiritual phenomena than upon the role of Christ in the baptism of the Spirit. This is an injustice to Christ.

Paul also wrote, “For in him (Christ, see Verse 8) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead (the Father, the Son, and the Spirit) bodily. And ye are complete in him, . . .” (Colossians 2:9, 10). Thus if we receive Christ as Saviour, we also receive the Holy Spirit since He is a part of the Godhead, the fulness of which **dwelleth** in Christ's body. To be **complete** is to lack nothing—not even the baptism of the Spirit—for **all** is in Christ.

A. B. Simpson, in his book, **The Holy Spirit** Volume 2, wrote: “There is, therefore, one baptism with the Spirit once for all, and, from that time, the Holy Ghost Himself is our indwelling life.” That one baptism with the Spirit, once for all time, takes place when the believer receives Christ as personal Saviour. To put it another way, when a sinner comes to Christ and receives Him as Saviour he is then and there baptized into the Body of Christ by the Spirit.

But there are those who ask, “How do you explain the unusual things that happen to these charismatics which cause them to rejoice so, even to speak in tongues?” I do not claim to explain them, nor am I sure I can. The best explanation I can offer is that the charismatics appear to be confused on what is meant by the **baptism** of the Spirit and His **infillings**. These are two separate things. The baptism takes place at regeneration which is an act of grace by the Holy Spirit. “The Holy Spirit is the Divine Agent in

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# Heaven at Last

by Walter B. Knight

(Continued from Last Week)

## We Will Be With Our Loved Ones Again!

**S**OME of us have more loved ones on the other side of the river of life than on this side. Paul spoke of the whole family of God in Heaven and earth. Death has separated us from the "dear ones in Glory!" The separation, however, is only temporary. We ardently believe that, ere long, "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, . . . and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up together with them**" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). We will not only see them, but we also will know them. David's heart was comforted in knowing that he would see again his child in Glory. Said he, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23b). Peter, James, and John **knew** Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration without the formality of an introduction!

When he knew that his earthly pilgrimage was soon to be over, Dr. F. B. Meyer called for a pencil and paper and wrote this touching note to his wife: "To my surprise, I have just been told that my days and hours are numbered. It may be that before this reaches you, I shall have gone into the Palace of the King! Do not trouble to write. **We shall meet in the morning!**"

A physician was a strong, stalwart Christian. From his sunny nature radiated good cheer to his patients. He had enough sunshine also for the frail, little wife who needed all the vigor of his personality to sustain her. When the doctor suddenly passed away, friends said, "It will kill her! This will be the end of her!" But the faith in God which the two had shared together did not fail her. By the doorway of the living room she hung the card that the Doctor sometimes left during short absences, on his office door. It read: "**Gone Out—Back Soon!**"

The doctor's widow cherished the blessed hope of being again with her loved one when Christ comes WITH His saints to reign on the earth.

A father and a son were shipwrecked. Together they clung to floating debris, until the son was washed off and vanished from the father's sight. The father was rescued

in the morning in an unconscious condition. Several hours later, he awoke in a fisherman's hut, lying in a warm, soft bed. In agony of soul, he remembered his son! But, as he turned his head, he saw his son lying beside him and his heart was filled with joy!

One by one, our hearts cease their throbbing. One by one, we are being swept away by the billows of time.

There is no flock howsoever tended,  
But one dead lamb is there;  
There is no fireside howsoever defended,  
But has its vacant chair!

When Christ comes and resurrects the bodies of God's children "who sleep in the dust of the earth," we shall be with our loved ones again! "The bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise," is SURE to come. Of that blessed day, the Lord Jesus said, "The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life" (John 5:28, 29a).

On the headstone over a little mound in a cemetery occurs the word, "Freddy!" as if someone called, and underneath occur the words, "Yes, Lord!" as if someone answered.

He who calls His sheep by name will, some day, call by name all the blessed dead who have entered life trusting in Him who is "the Resurrection and the life!"

Robert G. Ingersoll, the well-known atheist of other years, told this story: "I was never nonplused but once. I was lecturing one night and took occasion to show that the resurrection of Lazarus was probably a planned affair to bolster the waning fortunes of Jesus. Lazarus was to take sick and die. The girls were to bury him and send for Jesus. Lazarus was to feign death till Jesus should come and say, 'Lazarus, come forth!' To emphasize the situation, I said, 'Can anyone here tell me why Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth"?'

"Down by the door, a pale-faced, white-haired man arose and, with a shrill voice said, 'Yes, sir, I can tell you! If my Lord had not said, "Lazarus," the whole graveyard at Bethany would have come forth!'"

## We Will Rest from Our Labors

Of the righteous dead, the Bible says: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, they MAY REST FROM THEIR LABORS and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13). Of this future rest, the Bible says, "There remaineth therefore rest to the people of God" (Hebrews 4:10).

God's servants oftentimes become weary in His work, but not weary of work. As they "bear one another's burdens"; as they "bear the infirmities of the weak," making the sorrows of their own, they, like the Saviour, become weary and exhausted. Of Him it is written "Jesus . . . being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well" (John 4:6). Of the rest which remaineth for the people of God, Isaiah said, "And his rest shall be glorious" (Isaiah 11:10b).

Till we enter into this future rest, let us accept the Saviour's gracious word of invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary, worn and sad,  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He hath made me glad!

"In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15b).

"Until the day break, and the shadow flee away," until He comes again for us, let us "set (our) affection on things above, not on things on the earth"; let us "lay up . . . treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, where thieves do not break through and steal"; let us go "without the camp" to Him, bearing His reproach. Let us talk of His wondrous love and care; let us do our **best** to bring the lost ones to feet!

Ere long, the day of God's grace will be finished. Then will come the "day of vengeance of our God!"

Soon will the season of rescue be o'er,  
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore,  
Hasten then, my brother, no time for delay  
And throw out the Life-line  
And save them **today!**

It is later, dispensationally, than you think! "The night is far spent, the day hand" (Romans 13:12).

As we scan the world horizons through the telescope of the "sure word of prophecy," we are constrained to exclaim: "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh"

For yet a little while, and He that shall  
 e, and will not tarry" (Hebrews 10:37).  
 "But the day of the Lord **will come** as a  
 f in the night; in the which the heavens  
 ll pass away with a great noise, and the  
 ements shall melt with fervent heat, the  
 h also and the works that are therein  
 ll be burned up. Seeing then that all  
 se things shall be dissolved, what  
 nner of persons ought ye to be in **all holy**  
**versation and godliness**, looking for  
 hastening . . . the coming of the day of  
 " (2 Peter 3:10-12a).  
 are **you** ready to meet Him in death? Are  
 ready to meet Him when He comes for  
 own?

**Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as  
 think not the son of man cometh!**

Ready to speak, ready to warn,  
 Ready o'er souls to yearn;  
 Ready in life, ready in death,  
 Ready far His return!

## Coming Events . . .

April—Entire Month Designated by the  
 State Convention as Home Missions  
 and Church Extension Month

April 21—State Sunday School Con-  
 vention, LaGrange Elementary School,  
 Railroad Street, LaGrange, North  
 Carolina, 8:45 a. m.

April 28—State Youth Convention, First  
 Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson,  
 North Carolina, 10 a. m.

April 29—Mount Olive College Day in local  
 churches

May—Entire Month Designated by the  
 State Convention as Children's Home  
 Month

May 3—Awards Day, 11 a. m., Mount  
 Olive College, Mount Olive

May 5—Christian Music Festival, Eagles  
 Nest Conference Center, all day,  
 Mount Olive

May 7—Board of Trustees Meeting, 9:30

a. m., Mount Olive College, Mount  
 Olive

May 8—Retirement Homes Board of  
 Directors Meeting, 10 a. m.,  
 Children's Home, Middlesex

May 8—Board of Superannuation Meeting,  
 1 p. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

May 10—State Woman's Auxiliary  
 Convention, Oak Grove Free Will  
 Baptist Church, Newton Grove, Cape  
 Fear District

May 11—Commencement at Mount Olive  
 College, evening

May 13—Children's Home Day in local  
 churches

May 19—Children's Home Founders' Day  
 Celebration, 10:30 a. m., Memorial  
 Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex

May 23—Children's Home Board of  
 Directors Meeting, 9 a. m., Children's  
 Home, Middlesex

## THE BAPTIST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND "SPEAKING IN TONGUES"

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regeneration"—Evans, **The Great Doctrine of the Bible**.  
 regeneration is the act of "making alive again" the sinner who  
 been dead in his sins. It is done by the Spirit: "Not by works  
 righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy  
 saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and by renewing of  
 Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). Jesus said, ". . . Except a man be  
 n of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of  
 d" (John 3:5). If we are born of the Spirit (at conversion) then  
 s He who regenerates and thus baptizes us into Christ's body at  
 same time.

The infillings of the Spirit may occur many times as the  
 iever surrenders his life and will, in complete obedience, to  
 d. We are commanded to do this. Paul wrote, ". . . be filled  
 h the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). We repeat, spiritual infillings  
 y occur repeatedly, but one is baptized of the Holy Spirit only  
 ce, and that at the time of his conversion.

It is easy to see how the born-again Christian, when he is  
 mpletely given over to the Lord might have ecstatic, highly  
 otional experiences, even resulting in unusual spiritual  
 sponses such as being caught up in an experience he might  
 nk to be "speaking in tongues." But such an experience—if it  
 of the Spirit—is not brought about by the sudden **descent** of the  
 rit in which might be called the "baptism" of the Spirit, but by  
 e blessed filling up of the soul by the Spirit **who is already within**  
**Christian!** "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the  
 rit of his Son into your hearts, . . ." (Galatians 4:6).

Notice that Paul was writing to Christians and saying that God  
**th** (already) **sent forth the Spirit** into their hearts, not that He  
 ould be given later. "But the anointing (the baptism of the Spirit)  
 hich ye have received of him abideth in you, . . . and even as it  
 th taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1 John 2:27). Notice here

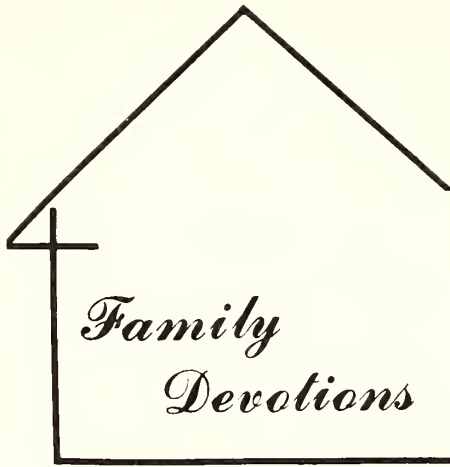
that John was also writing to Christians—"my little children"  
 (2:1)—and he says they had already received Him (the anointing)  
 who is the Holy Spirit, and that He abideth in them, a continuous  
 experience from conversion on.

These further Scriptures may help to show when the baptism  
 takes place. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "In whom ye also  
 trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your  
 salvation: in whom also after that ye believed (literally: **having**  
**believed**), ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise"  
 (Ephesians 1:13). This is what we understand Paul to mean:  
 "After you heard the gospel you trusted Christ for your salvation,  
 and having believed (not some time **after** you believed) in Him you  
 were sealed by the Spirit." The sealing of the Spirit involves  
 several things, but most certainly it would include His baptism. If  
 it does, then the baptism takes place when one believes!

Paul wrote: "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if  
 so be (or since) that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man  
 have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9).  
 Here we see that the believer is **in the Spirit** since the Spirit of God  
 dwells in him. Now if he does not have the Spirit in him he is not of  
 Christ! Does not having the Spirit mean one is baptized into Him  
 (or into the Body of Christ)? How then can the charismatics say  
 that "they were once **saved** in the old home church but did not  
 have the Spirit"? If they did not have the Spirit, they were not a  
 part of Christ in the first place!

Were there ever times when the Holy Spirit came upon men in  
 different ways than He now comes into our hearts? Yes. We will  
 consider this in our next article as we approach the question of  
 "speaking in tongues." We will see what these "tongues" really  
 were, whether they exist today, and the importance of this gift of  
 the Spirit.





**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 4:14-20

**MANY MATCHES**

If all the matches produced in France last year were laid end to end they would stretch eight times the distance between the earth and the moon. This is the report of the state-controlled match industry. During 1963 seventy million matches were manufactured, bringing in 132 million franc (about \$26 million).

What power for illumination to dispense with darkness is one little match—when properly used. And what power for destruction when carelessly used is one little match—as witness conflagrations that have destroyed whole forests and cities.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*One match can cause untold destruction. One word can do the same. Improperly spoken, a word can destroy one's reputation; properly spoken it can build it up. Let us take care and "keep the watch of our mouths."*

**MONDAY, APRIL 23**

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 20:11-26

**FOR WHAT DO YOU LISTEN?**

A naturalist walking with his friend through the busy streets of a great city, stopped suddenly, and asked: "Do you hear a cricket?"

"Of course not," laughed his friend. "You could never hear a cricket with all this roar of traffic."

"But I hear a cricket," persisted the naturalist, and, turning over a stone, he uncovered the insect.

"Did you actually hear that cricket chirping above the noise of the

street?" asked his friend in astonishment.

"Certainly," said the naturalist. "I spend my time listening to nature, whether I am in the forest, the field, or the town. Everyone hears that for which he is listening."

Taking a coin from his pocket, he dropped it on the pavement, and each passerby put his hand in his pocket to see if he was the one who had dropped it.

For what are you listening? Gold or God? Your ears are tuned to listen for something, even as the receiving set is tuned to receive the program from a distant radio station. God's ears are tuned to hear our prayers. Are ours tuned to hear His commands?

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*It is true that we hear what we want to hear; we do what we want to do. It would benefit us all greatly if we would heed the Lord's commands and live accordingly.*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24**

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:28-38

**GOD'S MACHINE SHOP**

There is a machine shop on the C. and O. Railroad that is kept immaculately white and clean inside. A long axle runs from one end of the shop to the other, high above the heads of the workmen. There are nearly one thousand wheels on it. Each wheel carries a belt connected with a machine below. Each of these machines is different. Each one has a specific job to do. Together they take a piece of raw material and make it ready for service on one of the giant mountain climbing engines.

One tremendous belt runs through a slit in the wall. It's the connecting link between the giant dynamo and that long axle. Until it moves, that machine shop stands helpless. It furnishes the power of every machine.

We are God's machines. This world is His great machine shop and we are helpless until He turns on the power. A church should be a powerhouse making available God's power to the rest of the world. We deal in power and when we, the church, cease dealing in power, there is no excuse for our existence.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Every Christian is a member of the Church. The power of the Church is directly proportional to the power of*

*its members. Let us examine our own spiritual conditions to determine how much Christian vigor we possess.*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

Scripture Reading—John 9:19-38

**WHAT IS WORSHIP?**

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God."

"Worship him that liveth for ever" (Revelation 4:10).

"Worship him that made heaven and earth" (Revelation 14:7).

Many times does the Bible speak of worshiping God. What the Bible speaks of so beautifully, we practice so poorly. What God commands we give such mediocre obedience. That we will believe when we understand what worship is. To worship God is to quicken the conscience by holiness, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. This did all who in the past worshiped God. This do all who truly worship God now.

"Now we know that God heareth the sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God and doeth his will, he heareth" (John 9:31).

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Worship is more than church attendance; it is more than Bible study and prayer. May we consider the reverence we offer and pay to God. Let us ask ourselves if our brand of worship is acceptable.*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

Scripture Reading—Revelation 15:1-8

**CONVERSATION FOR CHRIST**

I read the other day of a German scholar who gave his entire attention for years to Greek nouns and expressed regret on his death bed that he had not specialized more strictly by devoting his whole life to the study of the dative case. His eye had nothing but the fine thread of the Greek study. He had no taste for music, for philosophy, for art—many things that are so supremely worthwhile.

Often we see the same tragic thing existing in the lives of people as their making their conversation cold for Christ and the kingdom. Somehow it seems we have taken Christ out

er conversations entirely too of-  
a—even with a perpetuity of  
equency.

When the heart is full, it is easy to  
lk. How better could the memory of  
od be whetted than by frequently  
aking Him the subject of con-  
rsation—in the home, on the street,  
e last thought at night, the first in  
e morning?

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*One sometimes distains to speak to  
d of God until times of crisis. Let  
s not be so. May we "walk and talk  
th Him" everyday. In so doing, we  
print Him in our memory, and He  
comes the guiding force of our  
es.*

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Scripture Reading—1 John 5:9-15

#### BURNED AND BLESSED

Friday, October 6, 1536, William  
ndale was burned at the stake for  
nslating the Scriptures into  
nglish. But in 1611, only seventy-five  
ars later, the Authorized Version  
me from the press bearing the  
primatur of King James. And now  
over nine hundred different  
nguages and dialects the Bible is  
nted. Tyndale's body burned!  
ndale's labors blessed! Red roses  
om righteous ashes! And still the  
fluence of Tyndale's work "burns  
e the living fire of eternal  
heralds," "burns like the ruby fire  
t in the swinging lamp of a crimson  
rine," "burns like a heated  
al"—with a light that never dies.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Word is our light. It burns its  
ay into our hearts. May we permit it  
warm us, to temper us, and to guide  
to life everlasting.*

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Scripture Reading—Matthew 12:31-

#### NAILING UP THE HOLE

Harold Booker, whose pen pricks  
e with delight writes: "When you  
t a politician backed up against the  
all, he always tries to do or say  
omething that will get the minds of  
e people off of the main issue. Well,  
e people ought to be like the little  
y whose father took him on his knee  
d told him the story of the lost  
eep; how it found a hole in the fence  
d crawled through; how glad it was  
get away; how it wandered so far  
at it could not find its way back

home. And then he told him of the wolf  
that chased the sheep, and how,  
finally, the shepherd came and  
rescued it and carried it back to the  
fold. The little boy was greatly in-  
terested, and when the story was  
over, he asked: 'Did they nail up the  
hole in the fence?'"

Many nails would be needed today  
to nail up all the holes in our  
educational walls and many other  
prohibitive walls through which  
people stray into our Satan-devised  
wilderness, where no spiritual water  
is, and the Satan-sown fields barren  
of spiritual fruit.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*There are "holes" in many  
Christian characters. These holes  
need filling up, lest all the character  
"escapes." Let us remember that we  
must maintain consistent Christian  
lives in order to be truly represen-  
tative of our Father.*

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## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church,  
Route 3, Elm City, is in need of a full-time  
pastor. The membership would like  
someone to live in the community or in the  
parsonage. Anyone interested should  
contact William P. Bailey, Route 1, Box  
150 Stantonsburg, North Carolina 27883,  
phone 243-6916.

The Rev. Jack Lassiter of Durham, North  
Carolina, announces that he is available for  
a full-time or part-time church, as well as  
evangelistic work. He is a member in good  
standing with the Piedmont Conference,  
and is the associate pastor of the Baptist  
Road Cathedral church in Durham. Any  
Free Will Baptist church that is in need of a  
full-time or part-time minister may contact  
him at the following address: The Rev.  
Jack Lassiter, 1207 Wrenn Road,  
Durham, North Carolina 27703; or phone  
596-3339.

#### Editorial

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From the time we get up until we go to bed, we are fed an overdose of  
sex. It is a part of, if not the motivator of, everything from soap to  
cereal. We are led to believe that it serves us, when in actuality, we are  
servers of it! Sex looms convincingly before us. It conquers the sub-  
conscious if not the conscious mind. It is exploited, glorified, em-  
bellished, and dressed up or down as the occasion dictates. All the  
communications media are ablaze with it.

During a recent Sunday school class meeting, one wise young woman  
pointed out that part of the media preys on the adult generation in a  
rather devious manner. She observed, "The teenagers aren't really  
that interested in television; they hardly ever watch it—especially the  
commercials. It appears to me that the industry is trying to appeal to  
us. We are the 'dirty old men and women' who are being attracted."

Everything from "dip your chicken" to "shampoo your hair" in-  
dicates the supposed normalcy of living together in sexual harmony  
without serious consideration of marriage. But despite inordinate  
leniency on the part of society, marriage is still a sacred institution—or  
ought to be. We may laugh at the antics of the contestants of "The  
Newlywed Game" or "The Dating Game," but such promotion of  
immorality is far from laughable! An expression of love becomes  
dirty, cheap, base, outrageously disgusting. What formerly was  
private is now a matter of public reference—to be checked out at will.

Sex seems to be an open-door policy already, but we can anticipate a  
worsening trend. Whether done in secret or in full view, sinful acts are  
judged by a righteous God.

Admittedly, sex in and of itself is not evil, but when misused, it can  
be the progenitor of a multitude of sins. And various sins associated  
with sex, per se, deserve individual attention.

The subject is a difficult one, to be sure; but the Christian com-  
munity must address it lest no semblance of decency be left. We would  
welcome reader response.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AT COLLEGE

by W. Burkette Raper

A priority of Mount Olive College is to help assure that no worthy and qualified Free Will Baptist student is denied the opportunity of Christian higher education for financial reasons. In this article I want to share with you some of the specific financial aid provisions available to our students.

### Church-College Grants

This program is described in more detail in an accompanying article, but its basic feature is to provide up to \$500 annually for full-time Free Will Baptist students. Of this amount \$250 is paid by the church and \$250 is provided by the College. This year 46 students and their churches participated in this program with scholarships totaling \$20,000.

Students who plan to participate during the 1979-80 academic year should notify the College by May 1.

### North Carolina Legislative Tuition Grants

Full-time students who are bona fide residents of the State of North Carolina may receive tuition grants of \$400 annually. (The General Assembly now has before it a recommendation by Governor Hunt and the Advisory Budget Commission that this grant be increased to \$475 for the 1979-80 academic year and to \$550 for 1980-81.)

### Academic Honors Scholarships

To recognize students for their scholastic achievements in high school, Mount Olive College has inaugurated a series of Academic Honors Scholarships. For students in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class, the scholarship is \$500 annually; and for students in the top 20 percent of their class, it is \$250 annually. These scholarships are renewable the second year subject to students meeting the required standards at Mount Olive College.

### Ministerial Students

Students preparing for the Christian ministry may qualify for \$250 annual grants by participating in a "Supervised Work Experience" designed to give them practical experience under an ordained minister.

### The Minister's Wife

The wife of an ordained or licensed minister is eligible for a special grant that will cover the full cost of tuition except for \$20 per course.

### Athletic Grants

Mount Olive College offers a number of athletic grants in men's basketball, women's basketball, men's tennis, women's tennis, baseball, and golf. These grants are contingent upon the students fulfilling their obligations to the athletic program.

### Grants in Art and Music

A limited number of special grants are available each year in the areas of art and music. These require the student to give some significant service in return for the aid received.

### Need Based Programs

In addition to the above scholarships and grants, there is a wide range of State and Federal programs **based on financial need**, including:

Basic Educational Opportunity Grant  
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant  
College Work Study  
North Carolina Contract Grant  
College Foundation Guaranteed Student Loan Program  
National Direct Student Loan  
North Carolina Student Incentive Grant Program

Under these programs, students with exceptional financial need may qualify for the full cost of attending college; others will qualify for assistance up to the level of their need. There are early deadlines for some of these programs, so students should apply promptly.

### Procedure for Securing Financial Aid

The student should file an application for admission to Mount Olive College and request financial aid forms. For specific information students may contact: Admissions Office (Henderson Building), Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, phone (919) 658-2502; or Financial Aid Office (Downtown Campus), Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, phone (919) 658-4933.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL SLATED FOR MAY 5

The Annual Music Festival at Eagle Nest Conference Center will be held Saturday, May 5 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

This year the Music Festival will be sponsored by the State Youth Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Music Festival Chairman, Scott Sower, advisor to the State Youth Convention, will be working with a special committee to coordinate activities. The committee includes Joe Ard, President of the State Youth Convention; Emerson Hobgood, Vice-President of the State Youth Convention; Danny Braswell; and Phyllis Boykin.

Picnic lunches are welcome. Wilbur Barbecue of Goldsboro will provide luncheon plates to those interested for \$2.50. Refreshment stands will also be available with soft drinks and light snacks.

## MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moyer Library, Mount Olive College, during the month of March, 1979, totalled \$468.50 and were as follows:

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### CHURCH-COLLEGE GRANTS FOR FWB STUDENTS ATTENDING MOC

In order to assist Free Will Baptist students who wish to attend Mount Olive College, the College has inaugurated a special grants program which may cover up to \$500 of the tuition a student must pay each academic year. The program is on a voluntary basis for those churches which wish to participate.

#### Contribution by the Church

A student must be enrolled on a full-time basis, taking not less than twelve semester hours per school term to qualify, and the church must send in advance of registration a check signed by the treasurer with the specification that the check is for a grant for the student named. The College will then provide an equal amount, up to \$125 per semester as a grant. Since there are two semesters in an academic year, one beginning in August and another in January, a student may receive up to \$250 from his church and another \$250 from the College for a total of \$500 annually under this program.

Gifts sent to the College for this purpose will not be listed toward meeting the "Challenge" of that church for the College, but will be recorded as "Restricted Income for Church-College Grants." No refund can be made to a church for a student who withdraws after registration.

#### Contribution by the College

It is understood that the College may use its own funds or any funds administered by it in matching the grants from the church; and it is further understood that if the student qualified for a grant or scholarship already provided by the College, that award may be considered as fulfilling

the College's matching responsibility. In addition, it is understood that the College retains the right to determine the student's academic eligibility for admission and/or continuation in college quite apart from the matching grant.

#### Deadline and Limitation of Awards

Mount Olive College seeks to provide for qualified students an individualized program of financial aid based on need and merit. The student is informed of the commitment of the College through a "Financial Award Letter."

It is necessary that students who plan to participate in the "Church-College Grants Program" inform the Director of Financial Aid prior to their receiving this letter. After the award letter is forwarded to the student, the College reserves the right not to make additional awards. This provision is necessary to prevent over-awarding, and under no circumstances will the College provide financial aid in excess of the cost of attending Mount Olive College.

The deadline for being assured that the College will make a church grant is May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Persons who have questions or who wish additional information should contact: Mrs. Barbara Darden, Financial Aid Director, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, phone (919) 658-4933.

### NEW CREATIONS AT FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of songs and testimony at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Middlesex on Sunday morning, April 22, at 11 a. m. The Rev. Paul Grubbs is pastor.

On Sunday evening, at 7 p. m., the group will present a program at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church outside Goldsboro. The Rev. Bill Dale is pastor.

### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?



# NEWS & NOTES

## **First Church, Plymouth, Announces Revival and Homecoming**

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, will hold its spring revival April 30 through May 4. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening with the Rev. Bobby Taylor from Greenville as the guest speaker. There will be special singing each night.

The church will observe homecoming services on May 6 at 11 a. m. Lunch will be served at noon followed by a memorial service. There will be a song service at 1 p. m.

The Rev. Floyd Burkey, pastor of the church, invites everyone to attend these services.

## **Spring Revival at Moseley's Creek Church**

Spring revival services will begin at Moseley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Monday, April 23, and continue through Saturday, April 28. The church is located between Dover and Fort Barnwell. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Eddie Edwards is the guest evangelist. Everyone is cordially invited.

## **Saint Paul Church Revival in Progress**

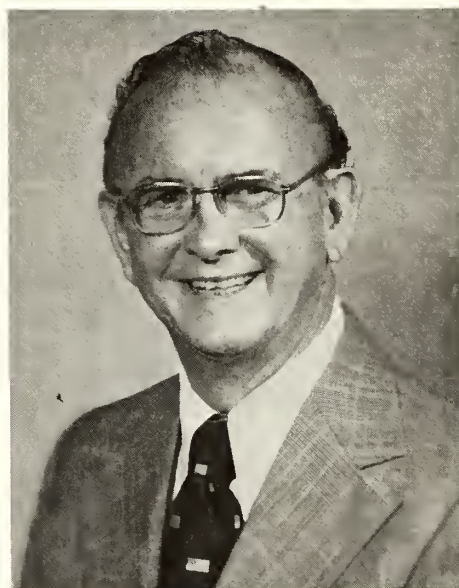
Revival services began at the Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove, North Carolina on Monday, April 16, and will continue through Friday, April 20. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Clarence F. Bowen is the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, and the entire membership of the church extend a cordial invitation to everyone to share in the remainder of these services.

## **First Union of Western Conference To Meet April 28**

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet Saturday, April 28, 1979 with the Black Jack Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County. The host pastor, the Rev. Dennis Pollock, and the union

extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend. Dan Jordan of Unity church in Wilson will preach the union message. The Rev. Kenneth Forehand is the clerk of the First Union of the Western Conference.

## **First Church, Durham Announces Revival**



*The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark*

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark will conduct revival services at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 225 Chandler Road, Durham, April 23-27. The services will begin at 7:30 each evening.

The Rev. Jeff Scarborough, pastor, and the church members invite everyone to attend.

## **West Clinton Church Announces Revival**

Revival services will begin Monday, April 30, and will continue through Friday, May 4, at the West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Arnold Price, pastor of the Pleasant Grove church in Erwin, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. The church membership and the pastor, the Rev. Hubert C. Stanley, extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

## **Cape Fear Union Meeting at Saint Paul Church**

The Cape Fear Union Meeting convene with the Saint Paul Free Baptist Church, Newton Grove, Saturday, April 28. The officers of union meeting are moderator, the Rev. Walter Stanley; assistant moderator, Rev. Edward C. Taylor; secretary, M. Dola Dudley; assistant secretary, M. Ruth Warrick; treasurer, H. T. Hinson; hymn director, Johnnie Woodall.

## **Spring Hope Church Announces Revival**

Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, New Bern, on the Aurora Road have its spring revival beginning on April 23 and continuing through April 28 at 7:30 each evening. Prayer room opens at 7:00 each night. The evangelist will be the Rev. Melvin Everington of Core Creek church in Cove City. The Rev. L. W. Jones, pastor, and the church membership invite everyone to come and worship. There will be special singing each night.

## **Western Conference Ministerial Association Meets April 24**

The Western Conference Ministerial Association will meet April 24 at 7:30 p. m. at the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church. All ministers are encouraged to attend the meeting. It is hoped to have copies of the Proposed Revision of the Faith and Discipline on hand to discuss the changes that has been done.

## **Western Conference Activities Planned**

The Second Union of the Western Conference and the Sunday School Convention will convene with Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Lenoir, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 28, at 7 p. m. The theme for the union will be "Love Powered by Service." Scripture will be taken from John 21:15-17. The Rev. Edgar A. Benton is moderating the union meeting.

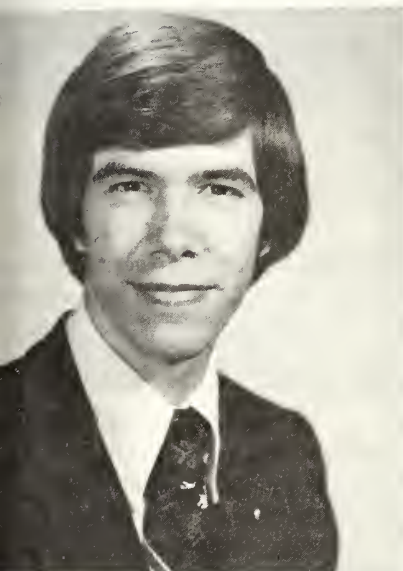
## **Gum Swamp Church Revival in Progress**

Revival services are now in progress at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, and will continue through Friday night, April 20. Beginning each evening at 7:30, the services are featuring the Rev. Jack Mayo as the visitor.

evangelist. He is being assisted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Bobby [unclear] [unclear].

Special music is being rendered by local visiting musicians. The pastor and the church membership invite the public to attend the remainder of these services and the prayers for the success of the revival.

### Revival Services at [unclear] Church



*The Rev. Ronnie V. Hobgood*

The Rev. Ronnie V. Hobgood of Farmington, North Carolina, will conduct revival services at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, April 22-27. Services will begin at 7:30 a. m. Sunday and at 7:30 p. m. the remainder of the week. There will be special music each evening. The public is cordially invited. The Rev. C. H. Overman, pastor of the Ayden church.

### Third Union of the Eastern Conference Meetings at Daly's Chapel Church

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference will meet at Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Seven Springs, April 28 at 10 a. m.

### Revival in Progress, [unclear] Church

Revival services are in progress at the [unclear] Free Will Baptist Church near [unclear] [unclear], continuing through April 20. The time of the services is 7:45 p. m. The Rev. [unclear] Edwards is the guest evangelist. Special singing is being rendered each evening. The pastor, the Rev. L. B. Manning, and the entire church membership invite

everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

### Revival Services at Sneads Ferry Church

Sneads Ferry Free Will Baptist Church, Onslow County, announces its spring revival April 23-27, 7:30 nightly. The Rev. Orvin B. Everett, pastor of Verona church, will be the guest evangelist. Everyone is invited to attend. The Rev. O. B. Taylor is pastor of the church.

### Revival in Progress Union Chapel Church

Revival services are being held at the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, and will continue through April 20. The time of the services is 7:45 p. m. The Rev. Charles Morgan is the guest evangelist. Special singing is being rendered each evening.

The church will observe its annual homecoming on April 22. The pastor is the Rev. Walton E. Parrish.

### Spring Revival at Free Spirit Mission



*The Rev. O. B. Jones*

Revival services will be held at the Free Spirit Free Will Baptist Mission, 301 South of Wilson, beginning April 23 through April 27. Services will begin each night at 7:30. The Rev. O. B. Jones of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, will be the evangelist. Special music will be rendered each night. The Rev. Dale Albertson is pastor of the mission. Everyone is invited to attend.

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Wilson Dowdy announces that his address has changed from Route 2, Garner, North Carolina 27529, to Route 3, Box 24-C, Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524. His new phone number is 963-3243. All further correspondence should be sent to his new address.

## PREACHER'S DIARY

by

Taylor Hill

Home Missions Director

A fellow asked me, "Aren't you afraid to say some of the things that you say? Aren't you afraid of being kicked out?" My answer was, "A man who gives into fear cannot do his job."



# The Sunday School Lesson

For April 29

## THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 12:29—13:13

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 13:7, 8

### I. INTRODUCTION

Some years ago, when several choices were available in moving freight, a customer might indicate that he wanted his merchandise shipped via the best way. Orders therefore, would have the words "Best way" written in the "how shipped" column. It was up to the shipper to make sure that he picked the best way to ship the merchandise. After observing the many company orders with instructions to ship the best way, an enterprising motor-freight company named their carrier, **Best Way**. It was a clever way of capturing a large slice of the business that had been ordered shipped via the "best way."

Some in the church at Corinth possessed special gifts from the Holy Spirit, and the proper exercise of those gifts would edify the church. Likewise, God has endowed the members of the body of Christ today with varied talents and abilities, which, if used properly, will build up the church. But there is something that surpasses all the talents and abilities of men—Paul calls it "a more excellent way"—and that is love. Tongues without it are but a noisy banging. Prophetic power, understanding of deepest mysteries, and faith enough to remove mountains without love is zero—nothing! Liberality to the point of self-sacrifice is without profit if it is not motivated by love. Love is the best way.

"Problems, problems, problems!" says a frustrated student of 1 Corinthians. "Is that all Paul ever thought about?" Obviously, the answer is no. Paul didn't major in problems. So, why the frustration? Why do people become irritated at what Paul told the Corinthians?

The answer, most likely, is that we can really see ourselves and/or our churches

within the letter. First Corinthians doesn't deal with any deep theological or philosophical aspect of Christianity: it deals with living and practicing the teachings of Christ in everyday life! That's why it stings so much when we read it. We often find ourselves confronting the same problems the Corinthians faced two thousand years ago. The problems have not changed with the passing of time; neither has the answer.

One of the issues Paul dealt with in his letter to the Corinthians was the use and misuse of spiritual gifts. In Chapter 12 the apostle stressed that even though there was a variety of gifts, they all came from one giver, the Holy Spirit. Paul then emphasized that just as the one giver is manifested through many gifts, so is the body of Christ to be one, though comprised of many different members. With this concept, Paul laid a foundation for his later argument in Chapter 14, where he deals with the gift the Corinthians had misused and which had been the cause of division and strife in the church.

Before that, however, Paul tells the Corinthians of the motivation, the true driving force that is to be behind the use of each gift: love.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Today we have come in our study of 1 Corinthians to one of the greatest pieces of literature in existence. When people list their favorite chapters in the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13 is usually one of them. It is often called the "love chapter."

B. "An examination of the chapter shows that it naturally falls into three movements. In verses one to three the apostle shows the value of love. In verses four to seven he describes the virtues of love. In verses eight to thirteen he shows the victories of love. In the first movement the apostle is emphasizing the necessity for love, and in doing so shows us its values. In the second movement he

describes the fruitfulness of love, and reveals its virtues. In the third he declares its duration, and so shows its victory.—G. Campbell Morgan

C. The editors of the King James Version of the Bible translated the Greek word **agape**, unselfish, sacrificial love "charity." Dr. Wuest describes this as "a love called out of one's heart by the preciousness of the object loved."

—**The Bible Teacher** (F. W.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We have been talking about the love of the Spirit. The greatest gift of the Spirit is the love of God in our hearts: it is in the "more excellent way."

B. Here is a beautiful description of Christian love someone has written:

"Love smooths the path of duty and wings the feet to travel it: it is the force which impels the arrow of obedience; the mainspring moving the wheels of duty; it is the strong arm tugging the oar of diligence.

"Love is the marrow of the bone of fidelity, the blood in the veins of piety; the sinew of spiritual strength; yea, the life of sincere devotion.

"He that hath love can no more be motionless than the aspen in the gale, a seared leaf in the hurricane, or the spruce in the tempest. As well may hearts cease to beat, as love to labor.

"Love is instinct with activity; it cannot be idle; it is full of energy, it cannot content itself with littles; it is the wellspring of heroism, and great deeds; it is the gushings of its foundation; it is a giant that heapeth mountains upon mountains; it thinks the pile but little; it is a mighty mystery, for it changes bitter into sweet, calls death life, and life death; and it makes pain less than enjoyment."

C. Let us add this: love is loving and unlovely and reaches to the uttermost in doing so. Can you think of anything more excellent than this?

—**The Advanced Quarterly** (F. W.)

**The difference between catching men and catching fish: you catch fish that are alive and they die, but you catch men that are dead and they are brought to life.**

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Total	\$ 485.52	\$ 1,134.10

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Lanier's Chapel	10.00	10.
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New Haven	42.46	156.
Northeast	58.87	53.
Oak Grove		45.
Oriental		28.
Pearsall Chapel		150.
Piney Grove	20.00	
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Welcome Home		250.
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Spring Hill		300.
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Stancil's Chapel	70.50	43.
Stoney Creek		1,500.
Trinity	5.00	55.
Union Chapel	32.50	
Union Grove	67.50	67.
Western District (Youth Fellowship)	25.00	25.
Wilson, First	24.00	
Total	\$2,444.50	\$4,754.6

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Ladies Aid	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
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(Keith Glass)	68.00	
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**THE REV. BILLY NOWELL**

EE'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Route 2, Smithfield, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week. The Rev. Billy Nowell the nineteenth to be accorded this recognition in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

**A FAITHFUL MAN OF GOD**



The Rev. Billy Nowell

We, the members of Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Smithfield, North Carolina, would like to honor our pastor, the Rev. Billy Nowell.

Brother Billy, as we all like to call him, came to us in July, 1977, from Pleasant Grove church near Erwin, North Carolina. This church was his first pastorate and he was with them for five years.

Brother Billy was ordained November 4, 1971, at Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn. He has served as Secretary of the Ordaining Council for the Cape Fear District and Song Leader for the Union Meetings for three years. At present, he is on the Cape Fear Mission Board. He also served as an instructor and chaplain at Cragmont Assembly in the summer of 1973 during which time twenty-five souls were won to Christ.

During his short stay as our pastor, the church has accomplished much. In July, we had a baby dedication service involving approximately twenty-five small children. He has won twenty-five souls to Christ and performed several baptisms with ages ranging from 9 to 75. We have installed and paid for a two-way mirror in the nursery, extended a picnic shelter outside, and built and stocked a library. All these things would not have been possible without the help of our pastor.

Brother Billy is a person who is always ready to help anyone at any hour—day or night. He has a winning personality and loving character that everyone admires about him. He travels many hours a day visiting all the hospitals, homes, rest homes, and nursing homes whenever he is called. He is also a faithful Sunday school worker and sings in the adult choir. He conducts Wednesday night prayer services.

We would not want to forget his loving wife, Joyce, who has meant so much to all of us. She works very well with our youth as well as everyone else. She has organized a Cherub and AFC group in our church as well as working with the junior choir. She has organized a Tiny Tot Sunday School Class in which she serves as teacher. She works diligently with the ladies auxiliary, plays the piano when needed, and often sings with her husband. She has been Secretary of the Cape Fear Union Meeting for six years.

The Nowells have three lovely children, Stanley, Diana, and Kevin, whom we love dearly.

We want to thank you, Lord, for sending a family like this to our church. They have contributed much of their time and love to our church and community. They will always remain dear to our hearts. Again, we say thank you, the Rev. Billy Nowell, for being such a wonderful pastor.

**Jesus came to save  
the LOST,  
the LAST,  
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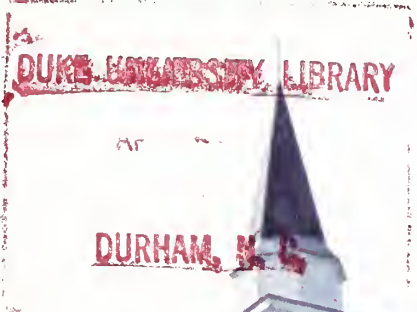


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Tommy Manning  
Editor

## THE PREACHER'S DILEMMA: CALLED OR DRIVEN?

Anyone who answers the call to the ministry asks for trouble. He will bid farewell to normalcy. He will no longer be Mr. Average Person. The church members will expect the impossible from him; and when he doesn't deliver, they will make it even more impossible.

He will have to be faultless and blameless, human enough to understand their shortcomings, but superhuman enough to rise above his own. He must wear a perpetual smile, be kind to obnoxious old ladies, listen to the boring stories of old men, champion the cause of youth, and, at the same time, direct them toward mature Christian development.

With one lifting of his hand he must be able to bring order to a meeting. If someone is sinning openly, he must rebuke him but exercise enough tact not to offend him. He must uncover the secret sins of the shrewd, but he must be careful not to ruffle the feathers of the church leaders. He must not shake the pillars; he must know which side his bread is buttered on. If he makes any waves (and he will be expected to do so), he must take care not to upset the wrong boat.

He must be able to read minds. He must know just what to say and when to say it. He must know when to keep quiet and why. He must be able to call forth at a second's notice all the people-pleasing platitudes in his repertoire; he must know which ones are appropriate for the situation.

He must be well-informed but disavow any knowledge of the carryings-on of his parishioners. He is expected to be a counselor, but is strongly advised not to meddle. He is asked to show affection but cautioned not to be over-friendly. He is told which members need catering to and which ones need straightening out. He is expected to prod the lazy ones, slow down the fast ones, and to keep them **all** marching to the same beat.

He is supposed to make a good impression. He must act dignified, be (almost pretentiously) the epitome of culture and refinement. He must be the first to arrive and the last to leave. He must always dress well, as is becoming his profession. He must drive a late-model car so as not to embarrass his church members. He must make a dollar go ten times as far as it was meant to.

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# Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church

Chadbourn, North Carolina

William Jackie Godwin, Pastor

JUST a little over 100 years ago, the Holy Spirit placed upon the hearts and minds of the founding fathers of Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church the need for a church in the community. So, armed with an unwavering faith and trusting the Lord for guidance, they accepted the arduous task of establishing a place of worship.

Beaverdam church has grown from just a few people 100 years ago to close to 700 members now. Through the planting and nurturing of our forefathers, God gave a bountiful increase. We should ever be praising and thanking Him for such a great blessing.

The first church that was built in 1877 was a log building. The church had two doors in front. The men went in one door and gathered together on one side. The ladies used the other door and sat on the remaining side. This, from information gathered, seemed to be the style in those days.

The second church was constructed of planks placed in an upright position and built on the same order as the first. The floor area was four feet square. It was enclosed except for a door for the preacher to enter and exit. The seats were constructed of eight planks with two boards as backs. One interesting fact was that the dirt was swept through the cracks of the floor. Also, called by some older members of our present congregation, there was no Sunday school. Only preaching services and a conference were held once each month.

The attendance of the church was approximately 30 people. The distance was so far between houses that many people didn't come regularly. At that time Mr. Guy Dyson, the superintendent, was in charge of the entire service. Preaching was held one day a month. After the message there was no altar call. The members were dismissed with a hymn and a prayer.

A conference was held the first Saturday afternoon in each year. The minutes of the last conference were read and male members' names were called. Delegates were appointed for fraternal conferences and unions. When a church member failed to abide by Free Will Baptist doctrine, there was a committee appointed to cite the person reported to the following conference and try to get him to confess and ask forgiveness. If he did not repent or amend for his wrong doing, he was excluded as a member. Members were brought before the church for such things as "un-Christian conduct," "drunkenness," "fornication and adultery," "profanity," "breaking the Sabbath," and other offenses. It may seem that our forefathers were too severe, but

this should remind each of us to examine our own faithfulness. We should uphold Christian virtues and our Free Will Baptist doctrines.

In 1919, Mr. Duff McPherson purchased the second church building to use as his home or to add on to his dwelling. At this time another church was constructed. However, due to poor workmanship, this church almost blew over one Sunday while Preacher Davis was delivering his sermon. Several men went outside and propped the church up with boards. During the following fall, this church was almost completely torn down and reconstructed. The men of the community used the same lumber to rebuild the church.

The fourth church building was built not quite as tall as the previous one. It was constructed of wood and painted white. The pulpit was in the end of the building next to the road. There was a door behind the pulpit and the seats were facing the pulpit (or road). There were two doors in the back of the church. Later in the duration of this building, modern seats were purchased which (balcony seats) have recently been disposed of. This was the first Beaverdam church to have a steeple. In later years a collection was taken to purchase a church bell. As far as we know, none of our previous structures had a bell.

As church membership and attendance grew, there was a need to expand the facilities. Between 1948 and 1950, a building committee was appointed to decide on alternatives for expansion. The church decided to tear down the wooden structure and in 1950 a brick building was erected. While the new building was under construction, services were held outside. It has been recalled that due to rain one Sunday morning, services were held in Shelton McPherson's barn.

In 1956 our present rest rooms were built, water works were put in, and five more Sunday school classrooms were added. In 1962, a new heating and air conditioning system was installed. As church membership and attendance increased, it was necessary in 1967 to enlarge the auditorium, and add more classrooms and a basement area. New carpet and seats were also purchased at this time for the new addition of the church.

Through the sponsorship and encouragement of the ladies auxiliary, our church youth programs were organized in 1971. As a result of the active involvement of the church youth, there was a need for group transportation. In 1975, a used bus was purchased. Due to expenses and upkeep, the church saw a need for a new bus. A new Ford bus was purchased and paid for by our church, on September 16, 1977.



# The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and ‘Speaking in Tongues’

by C. F. Bowen

## Part 2

**A**T the close of my first article I asked the question, “Were there ever times when the Holy Spirit came upon people in different ways than He now comes into our hearts?” The answer, of course, is Yes; the Old Testament and the New show this fact. But we must keep in mind the difference in His coming “upon” people and “into our hearts.”

In the Old Testament the Spirit came to different people for various reasons. The ancient Job said, “The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life” (Job 33:4). “Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth” (Psalm 104:30). “. . . when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease” (Numbers 11:25). And this one from the lips of David, “The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue” (2 Samuel 23:2).

While Christ was with His disciples, which was **before** Pentecost, He taught them that they might receive the Spirit through prayer: “If ye then, being evil (or mortal), know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” (Luke 11:13). Jesus was not speaking to unsaved people, but to His disciples, and this giving of the Spirit was not the baptism of the Spirit, or an **indwelling** of Him, but a momentary **impartment** of the Spirit for special occasions—just as He came to people in Old Testament times. Charismatics claim this verse as one of their favorites to show that the “baptism” can come to those who pray for it. But to use Luke 11:13 as a basis for saying we can have the baptism of the Spirit, that is, His **indwelling**, is to forget Pentecost and to ignore the truth that now every believer (since Pentecost) has the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Just before Jesus closed His earthly ministry He promised that He would send

the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to take His place. “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; . . . for he dwelleth with you (or **shall** dwell with you), and shall be in you” (John 14:16, 17). Here we see that the Spirit was promised to the disciples in the baptism which would come later at Pentecost. We must keep in mind that while the believer was at that time regenerated by the Holy Spirit who came upon him at his acceptance of Christ as Saviour, he did not receive the **indwelling** of the Spirit until Pentecost.

Another Scripture the charismatics like to use to show that **believers**—saved people—may receive the baptism of the Spirit at a later time, is this: “And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost” (John 20:22). Jesus was talking to His disciples (believers) in a special place after His resurrection. Were these already **saved** people “receiving the baptism of the Spirit”? No indeed. This was still before Pentecost and it was another **impartment** of the Spirit, not the indwelling, or the baptism. This is borne out by the fact that He told them to wait before beginning their ministry of witnessing until the Holy Ghost should come upon them: “And, behold I send (or, I will send) the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high**” (Luke 24:49). The italics are the writer’s both in this verse and the one following. “But ye shall receive power, **after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** . . .” (Acts 1:8). On the day of Pentecost these promises were fulfilled (Acts 2:1-4).

### A Transition Period

Some ask, “What about those times after Pentecost when the Spirit was given to certain people by the laying on of hands?” These instances took place between Pentecost and the conversion of

the Gentile, Cornelius, as recorded in Acts 10. Many evangelical Bible scholars think of this as a transition period which links the Jewish believers with the Gentile believers in the manner in which the Holy Spirit was received. Personally, I hold this belief.

This is what is meant by it: During the time after Pentecost in which the gospel was preached primarily to the Jews, the Spirit was generally received with the laying on of hands by the apostles and other Christian leaders. While Philip was preaching in Samaria a number of people believed the Word (Acts 8:14). The apostles sent Peter and John to Samaria. “Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost” (Acts 8:17).

There was also the occasion when Saul (later Paul), temporarily blinded, was converted in the home of Ananias. Luke writes, “And Ananias . . . putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord even Jesus, . . . hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost” (Acts 9:17).

This method of **impartment** of the Spirit to believers continued until the conversion of Cornelius at which time the door was opened to the Gentiles. With Cornelius’ conversion the Holy Spirit “without delay or other conditions than faith,” was given to those who believed. Acts 10:44 is a pivotal verse, the verse that completed the transition period; that is, from then on the Holy Spirit was given to all believers **whom they were saved**. The verse reads, “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard his word.” The believing Jews with Peter “were astonished . . . because that on

...tles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost" (v. 45). When Peter told the council in Jerusalem about this event he said, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning (meaning Pentecost)" (Acts 15).

Thus from that memorable day unto this baptism of the Holy Spirit is done, not by the laying on of hands, or after some waiting period, or in some special service, but after some plea by the seeking Christian, but at the time of one's conversion.

On this point I want to deal with one passage of Scripture which the charismatics use rather frequently to prove that one may be baptized with the Holy Spirit **after** he is saved. "He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost, since ye have believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard of it: there be any Holy Ghost" (Acts 19:2). I call attention to this verse because the event took place after Cornelius' conversion and does involve the laying on of hands: "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; . . ." (Acts 19:6). Why did Paul do this if, after Cornelius, the Holy Spirit was given to all believers when they believed? The answer lies in Verses 3-5. We will look at them presently.

The charismatics are fond of the word **when** in Acts 19:2 above, translating it to **after**, making the question read, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost after ye have believed?" Actually the word **since** could be translated **when**: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost **when** ye have believed?" This would mean **at the time** ye believed. The word **since** is so translated in the following: The Living Bible, Revised Standard Version, Phillips' New Testament, New English Bible, Weymouth's Translation, Berkeley's New Testament, just to mention a few. But realizing that some do not wish to accept any of these recent translations, I would suggest that the reader turn to a Greek concordance for a literal translation of this verse. In the one I have records the verse as, "Having believed, did ye receive (the) Holy Spirit?" I accept this pure, accurate translation.

Now let us get back to Acts 19:3-5. When these "certain disciples" (v. 1) said they had not heard of any Holy Ghost, Paul said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism" (v. 3). Then Paul said, ". . .

John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus" (v. 4). Then Verse 5 tells us that upon hearing this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, apparently believing "on Christ Jesus." It was then that Paul laid his hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit (v. 6).

The point is this: Not having been baptized in Jesus' name, having received only John's baptism, these certain disciples had to have hands laid upon them just as if they had been saved **before** Cornelius. This is the last record of anyone's receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands. The reason it was done here is clear from Verses 3-5. The transition period was now truly over.

In our next article we will take up the matter of "speaking in tongues," what it is, why it was given, and does it still exist, as well as some other discussions on it.

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

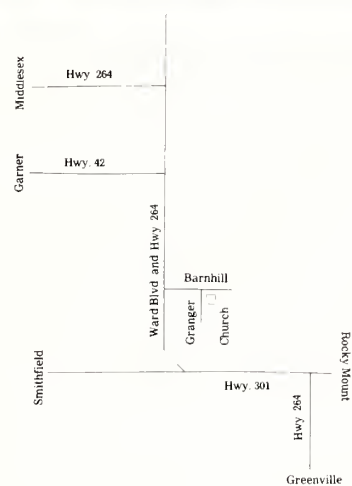
The Rev. J. R. Matthis announces that he is available for supply or part-time pastoral work for a church or mission in the Cape Fear or Eastern Conferences. He is a member in good standing with the Eastern Conference. He may be contacted at the following address: The Rev. J. R. Matthis, 600 Cutchin Street, Clinton, North Carolina 28328; or phone 592-5436.

The Rev. James Warren of Kinston, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time or part-time church. He is also available for supply work. As a minister in good standing with the Eastern Conference, any Free Will Baptist church may contact him at the following address: The Rev. James Warren, 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, phone 527-1648.

# THE STATE YOUTH CONVENTION



Saturday, April 28, 1979  
 9:15 Registration  
 9:30 Program Begins  
 First Free Will Baptist Church  
 Wilson, North Carolina



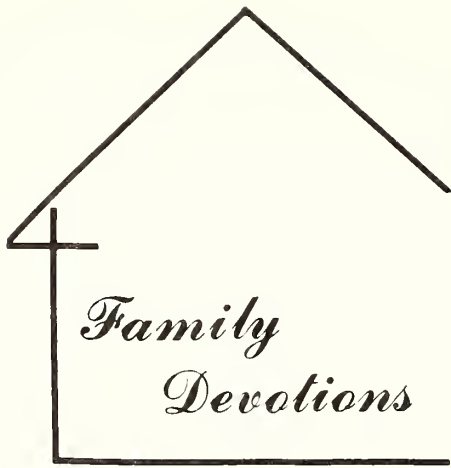
See friends you have not seen since last summer . . .

Learn about Youth Frontier Conference . . .

Hear "The Great Commission Company" . . .

(LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED BY THE HOST CHURCH.)





SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:24-35

TRY IT

It may be hard to believe, but it is true that

- 1 x 9 + 2 = 11
- 12 x 9 + 3 = 111
- 123 x 9 + 4 = 1111
- 1234 x 9 + 5 = 11111
- 12345 x 9 + 6 = 111111
- 1234567 x 9 + 8 = 1111111
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It may be hard for some to believe these words:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

But just try loving God—by day, by night, in all places.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11).

But just try walking uprightly—always and everywhere.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Some of the simplest truths of the Bible seem the most impossible to accept. Romans 8:28, for example, is often cited as great assurance; but so many Christians find it difficult to believe that ALL THINGS work together for good. Pray for understanding and acceptance of His teachings.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:15-24

TALLEST TREE

The tallest tree in the world is believed to be a 368-foot California redwood in Humboldt County, California. This tree, according to American Forest Products Industries, tops the old Founders Tree, which lost seventeen feet in a storm a few years ago.

More wonderfully blessed it is for us—as we think of this tall tree—to remember the words of Jesus:

"Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:17-20).

"For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes" (Luke 6:43, 44).

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are surely known by the fruits we bear—whether they are good or bad. May we take care to bear good fruits which are acceptable to Him and which serve as examples for our fellowmen.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 8:22-36

WHALER AND WHALES

The 19,308-ton Tonan Maru, mothership of the Tonan Maru whaling fleet which went to the Antarctic Ocean, returned with a cargo of 1,029 tons of whale meat and 1,233 tons of whale oil. The fleet, owned by the Nippon Suisan Kaisha, Ltd., competed with eighteen whaling fleets from five countries including Japan, Norway, Britain, the Netherlands and the Soviet Union in what is called the Whaling Olympics. The fleet caught 898 whales and produced 21,197 tons of whale meat, 12,302 tons of whale oil and 8,826 kilograms of liver oil.

I wonder how many thoughts those whalers had of "the Lord who has dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth" (Psalm 72:8)—and who "gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment, when he appointed the foundations of the

earth" (Proverbs 8:29)?

PRAYER THOUGHT

"He owns everything." This truth we have carried with us from youth. The fish in every sea, the cattle on the hill, the minerals in every mine—let us marvel at His greatness and the riches of His creation!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Scripture Reading—Revelation 3:10

HOW DEAD ARE YOU?

A certain Missouri editor refuses to publish obituary notices of people who, while living, failed to subscribe to his newspaper, and gives the pointed reason: "People who do not take the hometown paper are dead anyway, and their passing away has no news value."

If you never play for the fun of playing, your youthful spirit is dead.

If you do not take time occasionally to enjoy a beautiful picture, an inspiring sunset, noble music, you are dead to art.

If you have only business dealings with people you meet, you are dead to fellowship and friendship.

If you cannot tell the difference between the fragrance of an orange grove and a smoke-filled car, your sense of smell is dead.

If you never pray except when in trouble, your religion is dying.

If you do not breathe deeply and assimilate your meals properly, your body is dying.

We are alive in proportion to the variety and vitality of our interests, our responsiveness to our surroundings.

Be alive!

Don't be guilty of being dead while alive—as were the church folks at Sardis: "These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Revelation 3:1).

In Jude 12, we read of those who are as "trees whose fruit withereth without fruit, twice dead." Yes—ask—how dead are you?

PRAYER THOUGHT

Alive for God! Ready to go forth His name and to do His work! Let each of us examine our willingness to do His will; moreover, let us resolve to be "living" examples.

## THURSDAY, MAY 3

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 27:1-

### PAT'S PRAISE OF PAT

Fort Mill, South Carolina, an interesting advertisement pointed usefully to Pat Rogers' dyeing and pressing business.

Pat was an Irishman who lived about thirty years. He died about twenty years ago. His place of business and living quarters were in a brick structure on Tom Hall Street. Pat quite evidently was Pat's latest admirer. His ad read in part: "I have been in Fort Mill for seven years and not a single complaint has been heard or said about my work. I can't make my living like a mosquito

I believe I can take a pinetop, a bucket of molasses, a bucket of tar, a gallon of varnish and a bushel of clay, mix them well together, and working by the light of a candle can do better dyeing than anything that has hit Fort Mill in the last seven years. I dye to live, Patrick says."

Pat was certainly, as Solomon would express it, letting his own works praise him in the town. Perhaps such praise is permissible in business. But Solomon said, "Let no man praise thee, and not thy own mouth; a stranger, and not thy own lips" (Proverbs 27:2).

### PRAYER THOUGHT

Our feeling of self-worth often prompts us to pat ourselves on the back, to give personal commendation whether deserved or not. Another person's applause is more to be desired. The greatest applause comes from God. Let us live in such a way as to merit it.

## FRIDAY, MAY 4

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 20:24

### CHRIST AT ELBOW

When David Hume, the infidel, was charged with inconsistency in going to see John Brown, the godly Scotch minister of Haddington, he replied: "I can't believe all that he says, but he does, and once a week I like to hear a man who believes what he says. Why, whatever I think, the man preaches that, though he thought the Lord Jesus Christ was at his elbow."

Do our young people, especially the skeptics, enjoy hearing us preachers at the pulpit and our church officers

and our teachers for the reason given by Hume? Does it abide in their minds that those of us who are in places of spiritual leadership preach, teach, talk as though Christ were at the elbow? If they were made a jury, would they find us *not guilty* of preaching the truth and teaching the truth as though it were fiction? Some questions these, which all of us may well ponder.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we are truly honest with ourselves, we must admit that the truth of the Word is most beneficial to us. Let us deliver that truth to others in word and deed—everyday of our lives!*

## SATURDAY, MAY 5

Scripture Reading—Matthew 24:5-22

### POTENT PULL

Engineers tell us that locomotives must exert a pull of as much as thirty pounds for every ton of weight in a railroad car to start it from a standstill, and even more in very cold weather. Once the car is in motion,

only about three pounds per ton may be needed to keep it moving on a straight and level track.

It takes more spiritual power, too, to start a church that is at a standstill—or even more when it has become, because of lack of the warm blood of spiritual life, "a drifting sepulchre manned by a frozen crew." Many are found guilty under Solomon's indictment: "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing" (Proverbs 20:4).

And many never grieve over the difficulty a church faces in functioning mightily when this is true of some: "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12).

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The stand-still church! Is there a possibility that yours has reached such a spiritual condition. Resolve to make it alive, moving, warm, all for the glory of God.*

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## THE BOOK CORNER

by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison  
Mount Olive College

*The "Book Corner" is a regular monthly feature in order to bring to the attention of our readers some good books that are worth the time and effort to read. There are many excellent books on the market, and there are some not worth the paper on which they are printed. Reading is a way of Christian growth and nurture. It can acquaint one with the great saints and figures of the past and enlarge one's perspective for the future.*

*The Christian faith is not a new movement. It is a way of life in which God seeks to draw His creation to Him and ultimately to fulfill His divine purpose in creation. Reading some of the best Christian literature can help one understand that purpose better and participate in that purpose more effectively.*

**Adventure in Prayer** by Catherine Marshall, published by Chosen Book Company, is a delight to read. The book is less than one hundred pages in length, but is filled with insight and practical wisdom about the meaning and practice of prayer.

How many of us at some point in life have not wondered if God really does hear our prayers or ask ourselves how to trust in His strength and guidance? This book reminds us that God is our Heavenly Father who must be approached in a humble and sincere spirit by His children.

Using insights and teachings of the Scriptures, the author shares with us how prayer takes many forms. The chapters entitled "The Prayer of Helplessness" and "The Waiting Prayer" were most meaningful to me, as I tend too often to be impatient.

This book will warm the heart of any dedicated Christian. It is excellent devotional reading.

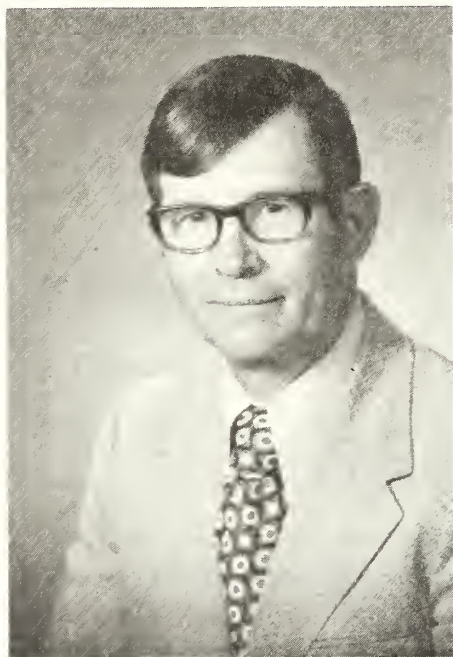


## The Rev. Dewey C. Boling

CALVARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Wilson, honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A GOOD MAN

by Mrs. Mark W. Taylor



*The Rev. Dewey C. Boling*

In the summer of 1968, we were in need of a good pastor at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson. We had been without a pastor for some time. We thought several times we had secured a pastor, but something always happened at the last moment. We kept praying for God to send us the right man, and in November of 1968, He sent the Rev. Dewey C. Boling to be our pastor. Mr. Boling was a man of wide experience having been a pastor for fifteen years and very active as an evangelist. Brother Boling's messages were soul stirring and began to immediately bring results. During the first ten weeks, souls were saved during nine of the services and twenty-five people were baptized on the fifth Sunday in December of 1968.

Mr. Boling has been our pastor now for over ten years and much has been accomplished under his leadership and the

direction of the Holy Spirit. The old sanctuary was air-conditioned and centrally heated, and four houses were purchased in the block to give us more space. With continued growth in spirit and number, the Lord blessed us to complete a beautiful new sanctuary and fellowship hall in 1977. We are now in the process of renovating the old sanctuary into an educational building with eight Sunday school rooms, a pastor's study, a church office, and a kitchen. This will be completed in the near future. Our new sanctuary has been completed with new upholstered pews, a new organ, piano, and baptistry. This sanctuary will seat about three hundred and fifty people.

Mr. Boling is a very active man. He is a city carrier with the Clayton Post Office, yet he is usually in Wilson almost every day visiting the sick, the lost, and attending to general church business as well as helping out with the building programs which are going on. He has served on many boards and offices of his conference and the State Convention. He is presently serving on the Ministerial Character Committee of his conference, and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. Mr. Boling is still very active as an evangelist having conducted as of this date two hundred and thirty-seven revivals.

Mr. Boling attributes much of his success as a minister and pastor to a very faithful and devoted wife; where you see Mr. Boling, you will usually see Mrs. Boling. Mr. Boling is married to Margaret Louise Corbett. They have one son, Lynn R. Boling. Lynn and his wife, Johnnie, and their son, Scott, are very active at Everett Chapel church in Clayton. They also have one daughter, Cynthia L. Wall. She and her husband, Greg, and their son, Brandon,

are very active at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Clayton.

We love Mr. and Mrs. Boling at Calvary very much, and ask you to pray that the Lord will continue to give him and Mrs. Boling the strength to work for the Lord that His kingdom here on earth may be advanced to the glory of God and the cause of Christ.

## STAY THERE 'TIL I NEED YOU LORD

Stay there Lord; I don't need you now—  
Besides I don't need **anything** right now  
You know, it's seldom these days that I  
stop and pray  
Because I'm on easy street  
everything's going okay.  
But somehow, Lord, something tells me  
the back of my mind  
That I'll need you soon and that I  
find  
You've turned a deaf ear toward  
prayer and call  
Still I hadn't paid any attention to you  
all!  
Oh Dear Lord, what a sinful life I've led  
When on the Cross it was for **ME**  
**YOU BLED!**  
God, please don't let those who follow me  
Be as independent and selfish as  
I thought I could be.  
Dear Lord make them listen and make them  
pray . . .  
Humble your children until they  
obey.  
They'll never know the true meaning of  
on earth  
Until they receive their wonderful  
marvelous **NEW BIRTH!**  
There's nothing in this sinful world  
I can compare  
With **YOUR LOVE, YOUR EVERLASTING  
LOVE AND CARE . . .**  
If we'll only go to you **just once  
PRAYER!**

### FOUND

A belt to a lady's all-weather coat was found at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville. The color of the belt is sand. It was lost at the Ladies Auxiliary Convention on March 28, 1979. If you have lost this belt, call 758-4356.

# Cragmont Assembly

March, 1979

Submitted by Virginia M. Skinner, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward March 1, 1979 \$ 1,166.85

## Receipts

### Marble Conference

Union	\$ 21.00	
oh	<u>8.10</u>	29.10

### the Fear Conference

anston Union	\$ 10.00	
s. Frances Phillips		
's Chapel		
nday School	29.55	
r Grove	50.00	
R. Warrick	25.00	
's Chapel	50.00	
te Oak Grove	319.11	
s. Ashley Lancaster	10.00	
nn Gray Pelletier	5.00	
nthia J. Wood	100.00	
r. and Mrs. L. C. Wood	5.00	
e Rev. Calvin A. Heath	<u>35.00</u>	638.66

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niels Chapel	\$ 250.00	
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arles W. Taylor Jr.	75.00	
yman's League	84.51	
er's Creek	121.00	
ey Grove (Greenville)	100.00	
r. and Mrs. William J. Tripp	75.00	
edy Branch	25.00	
Lee Bowen Jr.	50.00	
delis Memorial Sunday School Class	25.00	
stor's Class (in honor of the birthday of		
their pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson)	25.00	
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y Springs		
s. Agnes Garner	10.00	
iper Chapel		
s. Julia Fillingame	30.00	
unt Zion (Pamlico County)	25.00	
ental	14.00	
ecta	<u>200.00</u>	363.00

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## Western Conference

Calvary	\$ 200.00	
Little Rock	100.00	
Marsh Swamp	104.15	
Milbournie	23.00	
Mount Zion (Nash County)	75.00	
Pine Level	135.60	
The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry	10.00	
Golda P. Davis	10.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rains	100.00	
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Starling	50.00	
James M. Woodard	10.00	
Pleasant Grove	300.00	
Sherron Acres	100.00	
Trinity	200.00	
Unity (Durham)		
Woman's Auxiliary	25.00	
Western District Youth Fellowship	125.00	
Wilson, First		
Girl's Auxiliary (Rock-A-Thon)	760.00	
Fellowship Sunday School Class	<u>50.00</u>	2,377.75

## Others

The Rev. Doug Skinner, retreat		
deposits	\$ 200.00	
The Rev. Doug Skinner, telephone		
calls	8.18	
The Rev. Doug Skinner, reimburse-		
ment from truck rental	84.81	
Rena W. Kirk, sale of Christmas		
cards	<u>23.75</u>	316.74
Total Receipts from churches and		
individuals		\$ 5,278.51
State of North Carolina, refund		
sales tax	4,410.68	4,410.68
Church Finance Association,		
Fifth Loan Advance	20,000.00	20,000.00
Withdrawal from Savings	<u>5,345.00</u>	<u>5,345.00</u>
Total for Which to Account		\$36,201.04

## Disbursements

Operational Expenses	\$ 2,656.70	
Gant's Furniture Co., bed frames		
and mattresses or new building	4,394.00	
Belk-Tyler, bathroom curtains for		
new building	91.73	
Burruss Insurance Agency,		
workers compensation	143.00	
Motel and Dining Hall Insurance	268.65	
H. Donald Scott, CPA, Auditor	981.50	
C. Cliff Meyer, Inc., seventh partial		
payment	20,345.00	
John E. Reid, Architect, overseeing		
building project	990.00	
Transfer to General Savings	3,610.68	
Transfer to Main Building Fund	<u>1,138.75</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$34,620.01
Balance on Hand, April 1, 1979		\$ 1,581.03

## EARMARKED FUNDS

General Fund	\$ 1,581.03
General Savings	5,033.51
Main Building Fund	<u>4,219.95</u>
Total in Bank, April 1, 1979	\$10,834.49

(\$844.43 in dishwasher fund)

(\$3,701.20 in honor and memorial funds)



# NEWS & NOTES

## Homecoming at Core Creek Church

Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Cove City will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, May 6. The Rev. C. B. Hansley, a former pastor, will bring the morning message. A picnic lunch will be served at noon. The Rev. Melvin K. Everington, pastor of the church, and its members invite everyone to attend.

## Womanless Wedding at Holly Springs



### *The Wedding Party*

Everyone enjoyed an evening of entertainment recently sponsored by the ladies of Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church in Newport. The program was presented in the fellowship hall of the church. The men of the church acted out the womanless wedding of "Little Edgar and Big Bertha."

Members of the wedding party included the bride, Paul Brumbaugh; the groom, Kenneth Skinner; the mother of the bride, John B. Kelly; the mother of the groom, Travis Davis; the father of the bride, Cobb Gray; the father of the groom, Alex Cleghorn; the maid of honor, Pat Gorman; the bridesmaids, Ricky Benson, Tom Riggs, Jerry Starnes, and David Garner; the flower girl, Nathan Garner; the ring-bearer, David Van Patten; ushers, Jerry Starnes, and David Garner; the conscientious objector, Phil Gurganus; the preacher, J. E. Rowe, pastor; the pianist, Phil Gurganus; and the soloist, Hilton Gurganus.

The wedding ended with "Big Bertha"

carrying "Little Edgar" over the threshold (since he was just too weak to carry her) and Bertha shouting, "Look What I've Got, Ma!"

Refreshments of wedding cake, nuts, mints, and punch were served immediately following the wedding. The play raised approximately \$87 which is to be divided equally between Cragmont and Camp Vandemere.

## The Great Commission Company Presents Program



The Great Commission Company will present a program of contemporary Christian music at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson on Sunday morning, April 29 at 11 a. m. This twelve-member instrumental and vocal group is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, and is one of five such groups working across the United States under the auspices of Campus Crusade for Christ.

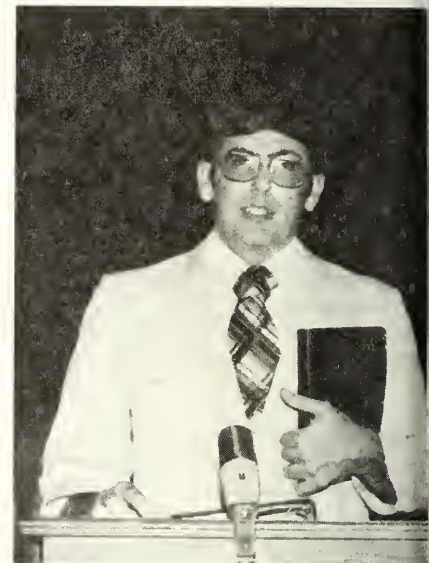
One of the members of this group is Linda Bass Holiday. Linda was born in Wilson and has been active in the First Free Will Baptist Church there since her early childhood. She has also held offices in the Western District Youth Fellowship and the State Youth Convention. Linda was very active in Campus Crusade while a student at East Carolina University and upon graduation from there, she was accepted as a full-time staff member in the music ministry of Campus Crusade.

The Great Commission Company recently returned from a four-week tour of Latin America where they gained a clear vision of the spiritual needs of the world.

This group seeks to help meet the needs, to make others aware of them, and to challenge their audiences to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Clyde W. Cox, pastor of the church, extends an invitation to all to come for this very special service.

## Winterville Church Announces Revival Services



*The Rev. Royce Reynolds*

The Winterville Free Will Baptist Church will begin revival services May 7 and will continue through May 11. The Rev. Royce Reynolds is the visiting evangelist. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Bobby Futrell, pastor, and the entire church invite everyone to attend.

A film entitled "Welcome Home" will be shown on May 13 at 7:30 p. m. All young people in the area are especially urged to attend.

## Carteret County Sunday School Convention and Union Meeting

The Carteret County Sunday School Convention will be held at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church near Morehead City, Saturday, April 28. The scheduled program is as follows:

- SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
- 5:00—Devotions, Host Church
- 5:10—President's Remarks and Appointment of Committees
- 5:15—Roll Call of Churches and Attendance Check
- Offering
- 5:25—Reading of the Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- 5:30—Business Session

- Sunday School Special
- Report of Committees and Awarding of Banner
- Break

#### UNION MEETING

- Hymn, Host Church
- Prayer
- Meeting Called to Order
- Moderator's Remarks
- Recognition of Delegates
- Appointment of Committees
- Receive Offering and Church Letters
- Roll Call of Churches
- Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Reading of Minutes
- Business Session
- Special Denominational Reports via literature
- Special announcements
- Report of Committees
- Nominating Committee
- Election of Officers
- Congregational Hymn and Special Singing
- Message, the Rev. James A. Evans
- Alternate, James Gurganus
- Adjournment

#### Marle Conference

##### Activities Announced

The Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Waverly, North Carolina, will host the Marle Union Meeting, Sunday School Convention, and League Convention on April 28. The scheduled program is as follows:

#### UNION MEETING

##### MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Ransom McAbee
- 10:10—Welcome
- Response, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose
- 10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
- 10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches
- 10:30—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
- Announcements
- Prayer Time

##### BUSINESS SESSION

- 10:40—Report of Children's Home, via literature
- Report of Mount Olive College, via literature

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- Report of Missions, via literature
  - Report of Cragmont, via literature
  - 10:50—Report of Minutes of Last Union for Information
  - Report of Treasurer
  - Other Business
  - Announcements of Next Union
  - 11:00—Minutes Read and Approved
- #### MORNING WORSHIP
- 11:10—Hymn
  - 11:20—Special Music, Host Church
  - 11:25—Message, the Rev. Robert May
  - 12:00—Benediction
  - Adjournment

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

##### OPENING SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, the Rev. Floyd Burkey
- 1:10—Welcome, Sunday School Superintendent, Linwood Jones
- Response, David Furlough
- 1:15—President's Message, Ervin Foreman
- 1:25—Enrollment of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
- Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
- Announcements
- Offering for Children's Home
- Offertory Prayer
- Suggestions and Information for the Betterment of Sunday Schools

##### BUSINESS SESSION

- 1:20—Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
- Treasurer's Report
- New Business
- Minutes Read and Approved

##### AFTERNOON WORSHIP

- 2:15—Special Music, Host Church
- 2:25—Benediction and Adjournment

#### LEAGUE CONVENTION

- 7:30—Devotions, Miss Kathy Oliver
- 7:40—President's Message, Lloyd Jones Jr.
- Appointment of Digest Committee
- Offering
- Roll Call of Leagues
- Sword Drill
- Hymn
- Recognition of Ministers
- Announcements
- Special Music, Host Church
- League Program
- Minutes of Last Convention
- Business Period
- Report of Digest Committee
- Awarding of Banners and Pictures

- Treasurer's Report
- Minutes Read and Approved
- Adjournment

Pianist, Greg Oliver

#### Singspiration at Bethany

There will be a Community Singspiration at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, on Sunday, April 29 at 7:30 p. m. In addition to the local singers, several groups from other churches have been invited. A very cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

## Coming Events . . .

- May—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Children's Home Month
- May 3—Awards Day, 11 a. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive
- May 5—Christian Music Festival, Eagles Nest Conference Center, all day, Mount Olive
- May 7—Board of Trustees Meeting, 9:30 a. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive
- May 8—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex
- May 8—Board of Superannuation Meeting, 1 p. m., Children's Home, Middlesex
- May 10—State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove, Cape Fear District
- May 11—Commencement at Mount Olive College, evening
- May 13—Children's Home Day in local churches

### CRAGMONT RALLY

Spring Hill

Free Will Baptist Church

Goldsboro, North Carolina  
Highway 70 West

For All Women

Sponsored by State Woman's  
Auxiliary Convention

April 29, 1979

3—5 P. M.

Ladies, be sure to bring your Cragmont songbooks



# The Sunday School Lesson

For May 6

## GIFTS THAT BUILD THE CHURCH

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 26-33

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 14:12

### I. INTRODUCTION

This week we consider the way special spiritual gifts were regarded and were to be used in the Corinthian church. As we have noted in previous lessons, spiritual gifts were given in New Testament times through the laying on of the hands of the apostles. These gifts were, of course, given not by the apostles, but by God. They were abilities given to prophesy, to work miracles of healing, to have special spiritual insight (knowledge), to speak with tongues, and to interpret such speech. These were most useful in establishing the church and only died out many years after the death of the last apostle.

One of the most controversial gifts was that of tongues. The experience at Pentecost (Acts 2) when the apostles spoke with tongues evidently consisted of speaking in the various languages of the people assembled from many national backgrounds. The experience at the household of Cornelius was said by Peter to be the same (Acts 11:15-17). Some Biblical scholars feel the gift of tongues mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28, 30 and in Chapter 14 involves the ability to speak foreign languages without learning them. Others believe this is a different gift and is a kind of utterance in no known language.

Practically, however, the basic fact remained that the speech was miraculously given and was unintelligible without an interpreter. Of course, in the case of the experience on Pentecost, no interpreter seemed to be needed. Paul stressed the

fact that tongues and every gift were to be valued only in relation to how they helped build up the church. These special gifts were given not just for the benefit of the individuals to whom they were entrusted. They were to be used to help the church. When sought for personal gratification or exaltation they were useless. This is the point of Paul's stress on Christian love as superior to all gifts. Love does not exalt itself, but seeks to serve.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. As has been pointed out before in this series, we know that the Corinthians wrote Paul to ask him some questions. From Paul's answer, we know that they concerned the place and dress of women (1 Corinthians 11:1-16), the manner in which the Lord's Supper was kept (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), and the use of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1—14:40). Our lesson today is concerned with the last of these, spiritual gifts. Their exercise required the active cooperation of the Holy Spirit and their recipient. One might seek these gifts (1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1). They were capable of being developed by use or of being lost through neglect (1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6).

B. From the very beginning, the church has been blessed by special miraculous gifts. On the birthday of the church, the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and caused them to speak in languages that they had not previously known (Acts 2:1-18). A similar experience occurred in the household of Cornelius when the gospel was first preached to Gentiles (Acts 10:44-48). However, such miraculous powers are not to be confused with the gift of the Holy Spirit promised to all Christians.

C. As we study Paul's instructions concerning the use of spiritual gifts, we gain knowledge about Christian worship

and service. It also becomes evident w the Lord gave them.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.E.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In last Sunday's lesson we placed strong emphasis upon Christian love as the "more excellent way," meaning that this particular virtue exceeds all other spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit may give us, for such love is indeed a gift of the Spirit.

B. Nothing will build a church better than mutual Christian love. Without it the church suffers dissensions and divisions. Distrust takes the place of mutual confidence in one another. Love will help church members to become more tolerant of each other and cause mutual understanding which is essential to working together as a unit in the Body of Christ.

C. In this lesson, however, we need to learn that this Christian love does not eliminate or discredit the value of a necessity of certain other gifts, mainly the gift of prophecy, a gift which we will define in this lesson. Reference is also made again to the gift of tongues which was first quite common and somewhat necessary in the infancy of the church, but which as time passed became of less significance. We will examine this gift again and see what the Apostle Paul, writing to the Spirit, had to say about it.

D. Building the church today is the primary objective of Christianity. We mean by "building the church," that there is a twofold purpose involved: winning the lost to the church, and edifying those already in the church, helping them to carry out their task of building the Kingdom of God on earth.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.E.)

## Preacher's Diary

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I have received as much as \$18,000 from a lay person as a single contribution for Home Missions. Yet there are many preachers that will not even put in a kind word for our work in their local churches.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION?**

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

# Church Auxiliaries

## EASTERN DISTRICT WA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights of the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention which was held on Thursday, March 22, 1979 at Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church, Folkstone, North Carolina.

Mrs. Happy Taylor, president of the District, presided over the meeting of 148 attendance. Devotions were given by the Rev. Harry Jones. The morning message was presented by Mrs. Dianne Riley. Social music was rendered by Mrs. Nettie Lefter, Miss Cindy Parker, Mrs. Anne Riley, and Mrs. Nina Grace Register.

Mrs. Margaret Ard, youth chairman, presented the following awards: YFA declamation winner, Bonnie Bercaw, Arapahoe; YFA essay winner, Melanie Fry, Arapahoe; AFC declamation winner, Linda Stroud, Smith's New Home; and YFA essay winner, Letha Anderson, Lethemane.

Reports were then given from Camp Vandemere, Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Superannuation, General Conference, Eastern Conference Missions, Home Missions, Cragmont, Children's Home, Retirement Homes, Foreign Missions, and Mount Olive College.

The following items of business were presented by the Executive Committee and were approved by the convention:

1. Registration fee for each convention to be set at \$10 per auxiliary. However, if any auxiliary cannot pay this amount they are to pay as they can.
2. The convention to accept the challenges of the State Convention projects.
3. Happy Taylor to be named as director of the Camp Vandemere Woman's Conference.
4. The Eastern District to continue the \$20 per year per auxiliary for the Camp Vandemere project, with plans to replace the beds.

Following the presentation of the slate of officers by the nominating committee and their acceptance by the convention, an

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installation service was held by Mrs. Happy Taylor for the new officers who will serve for the next two-year term. They were as following: President, Mrs. Grace Jones; vice-president, Mrs. Rena Kirk; recording secretary, Mrs. Carol Prescott; assistant secretary, Mrs. Nelson Simpson Sr.; treasurer, Miss Velma Morris; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard; missions chairman, Mrs. Adaline Gray; youth, Mrs. Margaret Ard; study courses, Mrs. Jane Johnson; program-prayer, Mrs. Marie Newell; benevolence, Mrs. Sara Styron; field worker, Mrs. Happy Taylor; pin award, Mrs. Ellis Banks; and Camp Vandemere, Mrs. Nina Grace Register.

The music director for the day was Mrs. Margaret Ard and the pianist was Miss Cindy Parker.

There was a rising vote of thanks given to Mrs. Happy Taylor, outgoing president. The meeting was then adjourned with prayer.

## VICTORY WA PRESENTS EASTER PLAY

The Victory Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary presented an Easter play on Palm Sunday evening entitled "The Discovery of Easter." The characters were Mary Magdalene, Debbie Parrish; Peter, Margaret Reep; and John, Edna Fowler. The play was directed by Wilma Hall. A poem entitled "Do You Really Believe" was read by Barbara Parrish.

In addition, a free will offering was received. The \$52.19 received will go to missions.

## PRE-EASTER PRAYER BREAKFAST

On Saturday, April 7, the Ladies' Auxiliary of Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church met for a Pre-Easter prayer breakfast. June Wallace, auxiliary president, opened the program by welcoming everyone and sharing some experiences of answered prayer. Sandra Barbour, program chairman, gave a devotion on the true meaning of Easter. Others taking part in the program were

Dianne Underwood and Grace Barbour. Sandra Barbour concluded the devotional program by asking for prayer requests and leading in a special prayer. Breakfast was prepared by Sandra Barbour, Jane Parker, Mary Lois Cooke and Edna Caudill. About 40 women enjoyed this time of food and fellowship.

## NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention will hold its fifty-second annual session at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove, North Carolina, on May 10. It is being hosted by the Cape Fear District Auxiliary Convention. The theme of the convention is "Thou Art My Lamp, O Lord." The Scripture is taken from 2 Samuel 22:29. Mrs. C. Felton Godwin will serve as pianist, Carl Warren Jr. as organist, Mrs. Alma Dale as song leader, and the Rev. C. Felton Godwin as soloist. The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Advanced Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
  - Invocation
  - "Let Your Light So Shine," Mrs. Lorraine Sutton
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. C. I. Godwin
  - Response, Mrs. Louise Cartrette
- 10:20—Greeting, Mrs. Rachel Duncan, President
  - Recognition of Personalities
  - Business Session
- 10:40—"Our Brightening Lights," Mrs. David W. Hansley
- 10:50—Life Membership Award, Mrs. Pluma Sullivan
- 11:15—Morning Worship
  - Hymn, "Send the Light"
  - Offering
  - Special Music
  - Convention Message, "Thou Art My Lamp, O Lord," Mrs. Ruth Warrick
  - Hymn, "Are Ye Able?"
- 12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn, "At the Cross"
  - Memorial Service, Nancy Boykin
  - Special Music
- 1:20—Miscellaneous Business
  - Report of Committees
- 2:30—Adjournment



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## FREE WILL OFFERING



*Dr. W. Burkette Raper and Marvin Hathaway*

Marvin Hathaway, Production Manager at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden, presents a free will offering of \$81.75 to Mount Olive College President, Dr. W. Burkette Raper. "A group of us employed at the Press are beginning a monthly free will collection

to be distributed to each of the denominational enterprises," Hathaway explained. "We feel it is a small way to show that we care." After traveling to the College for the presentation, Hathaway and his wife were asked to stay for lunch in the College cafeteria.

## SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES AT MOC

Summer School at Mount Olive College will feature three terms of basic liberal arts courses beginning May 21.

Term A will be May 21 to June 8, Term B from June 11-29 and Term C from July 9-27. Each term is three weeks in length.

Summer school offers recent high school graduates an excellent opportunity to become oriented to college life before the fall semester begins. Certificate renewal credit for public school teachers is also available.

Mount Olive College also provides an early admissions program for qualified rising high school seniors with the consent of their high school officials. Students may enroll in courses at Mount Olive that will not conflict with the high school program. Early admissions candidates are able to complete degree requirements in the minimum time possible.

Summer courses available are Economics I and II, American Government, Elements of Geography, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Western Civilization I and II, American History I and II, North Carolina History, English Composition, English Literature, Introduction to the Old Testament, and Introduction to the New Testament.

Also, Christian Ethics, Religion in America, General Botany, Chemistry for Health-Related Vocations, College Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Elementary Spanish, Intermediate Spanish, Tennis, Principles of Biology, Microbiology, Introductory Chemistry, Physiology, General Zoology, Public Speaking, Trigonometry, and Typewriting III (beginning and personal).

## NEW CREATIONS TO PERFORM

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will present a program of song and

testimony at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County on Sunday, April 29 at the 11 a. m. worship service. The Rev. Walter Reynolds is pastor.

The group will also perform at Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, outside Snow Hill, Sunday evening at 6 p. m. The Rev. Leon Grubbs is pastor.

## HIGH SCHOOL DAY VISITORS



*Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church Group, Washington County*

Spring High School Day visitors Mount Olive College included groups from several churches. Two groups traveling long distance were from Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Washington County and Wayside Free Will Baptist Church, High Point, North Carolina. About 200 high school students, parents and church helpers attended the Spring High School Day events.



*Wayside Free Will Baptist Church Group, High Point, North Carolina*

## ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL EAGLES NEST CONFERENCE CENTER

Saturday, May 5  
9 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
Everyone is invited

## Editorial

(Continued from Page 2)

His wife must be the most gracious of God's children. If she dares to own, she must do it in private. She must live in a fishbowl and enjoy it. She must use her to good advantage. After all, she is a necessary part of his ministry. But he must know when and how to put her discreetly in her place, without offending any of the women parishioners. His children must be the best behaved, the cleanest, and freest of overt sins.

He must aid the poor, lift the fallen, redirect the wandering, and bring the lost to salvation—all in a single day, without giving in to physical fatigue. He must visit his members, but not too often. He must walk the hospital corridors and bring cheer to the sick without acknowledging any personal illness. He must be too strong to be weak. No matter how long the illness, he is expected to keep it and to be alert and helpful to all who might think they need him.

If he is ever out of telephone reach, he must have a good excuse. He must account for his whereabouts if he can't be found at home every hour of the day. If one person says "Go" and another says "Stay," he must decide how to please both.

He must be capable of grand oratory but not inclined toward speech-making. He must pray impressively but humbly, sincerely but not emotionally. He must be versatile but not too willing to do another's job. When called upon, he must be able to sing, play the organ, direct sport activities, saw a plank, hammer a nail, and lay a brick—all the while maintaining his reverent image.

He must be all things to all people—and still please God. Can he?

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## Home Missions



The Rev. Taylor Hill

According to the Scripture, the world is heading for a "time of trouble, such as

never was since there was a nation"; and that while some are "corrupted by flatteries, the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."

Beloved, it is obvious that we are already entering into the last days of selfishness and greed. We have already come to the place where many pastors and lay people have little or no compassion and appreciation for other laborers who are struggling to keep our work moving ahead and will not utter a word in their behalf.

We have already come to the place where nice things are more important to many individuals than a lost soul or a poor person. I hear church people boasting about their good works in material things when helping others is not even evident enough to mention.

I think we need more people who are

willing to stand up and be a leader in placing more emphasis on compassion for others. From the way that many church leaders are acting these days, some people could think that selfish pride is a virtue; yet there are thousands of others that are denying themselves and doing all they can for the work of our Lord. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Jesus said, "Who then is a faithful and wise servant whom his Lord has made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord shall find so doing" (at His coming). The time has come that we ought to stick together and work together more than ever before.



Beaufort Mission

The Beaufort Mission is doing well according to the new directing pastor, James Gurganus. The mission was established in October, 1978 and has purchased a building site on West Beaufort Road. Both the Beaufort Mission and the Leland Mission are co-sponsored by the Eastern Conference and the State Home Missions Board. The Leland Mission is currently pastored by the Rev. Luther Swinson.

### SPECIAL SESSION TO BE HELD

There will be a special called session of the North Carolina State Convention on Tuesday, August 14 for the purpose of considering the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline. The meeting will be held on the campus of Lenoir Community College in Kinston. More information will be provided later.



Announcing

# ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 5  
Eagles Nest Conference Center  
9 a. m.—5 p. m.

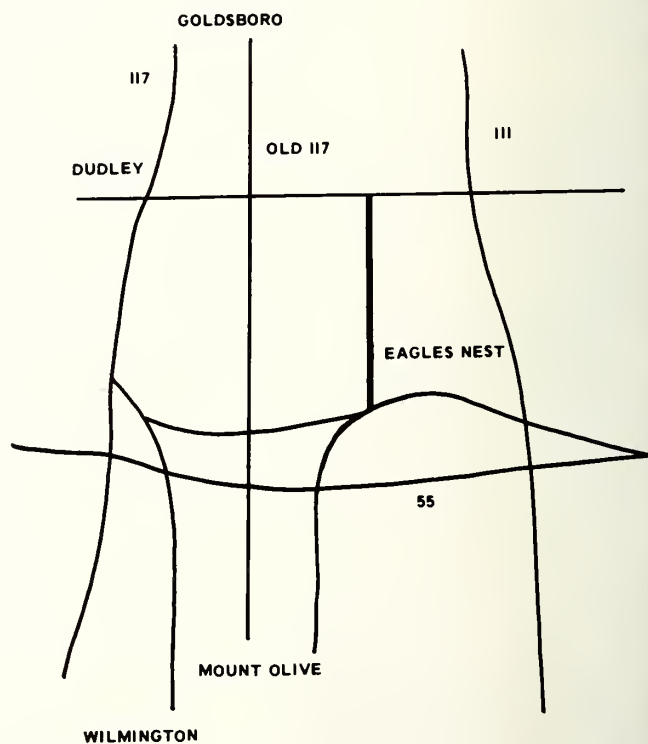
Enjoy the Music of:

Heaven Bound  
The Limestone Singers  
The New Life Singers

The Gospel Chargers  
Sonlite  
The Prescott Family

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- Ample Parking
- Picnickers Welcome
- Barbecue Plates catered by  
Wilbur's of Goldsboro—\$2.50
- Refreshment stands for light snacks



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1979, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA



**An empty tomb attests to the Resurrection, but an empty church denies it!**



# EASTER IS NOT OVER, OR IS IT?

Guest editorial by Scott Sowers

Easter is perhaps one of the busiest seasons of the church year and all of us are prone to give a sigh of relief when the day is over. Surely we cannot celebrate every day as we do Easter Sunday, but we don't need to completely forget Easter either. Since the church gathers to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, how can our minds turn so quickly from the events of the day? Today, Easter is not over, or is it?

Easter is over if all it means is eggs, bunnies, new clothes, and a semi-annual trip to the church. If these alone are the things that are Easter, then Easter is just one day. Even new spring clothes are not appropriate all year long. However, if Easter means that Jesus is alive, then it can never be over. Jesus is still alive. He is busy preparing for the day when we shall experience the resurrection.

Easter is over if Jesus is not allowed to live—to live in our hearts. Some have never allowed Jesus the opportunity to touch their lives. As far as they are concerned, He may as well have remained in the tomb. To refuse Christ as Saviour is to deny Easter. Jesus was resurrected, but He was raised that we might have life. If we deny Him, we make His Resurrection of no value. Easter has an eternal meaning when we accept the resurrected Christ as Saviour.

Easter is over if we do not continue to "shew Jesus alive." It is too easy to celebrate the Resurrection on Easter and to return Jesus to the dark corners of our heart before we retire that night. If He is the resurrected Lord, then He should be the Lord of our lives. Many worship Him on Easter Sunday only to forget Him the following day. An empty tomb attests to the Resurrection, but an empty church denies it. Even our very presence at worship testifies that Jesus arose. When this is coupled with true commitment, it affirms that Jesus is alive today.

Easter is over if we only celebrate it historically. Some view Easter only as an historical event; Jesus was raised from the dead and that was it. It is with this same shortsightedness that they view their own relationship with the Lord. They only recognize the historical event of their salvation. Theirs is not a living faith. We can all thank God for our salvation, but if Easter is not over we can bear witness of the things that God is doing for us **now**. If we only live in the past tense, Easter is over. But if we live "in the now," in the progressive, Easter is continuing in our hearts.

Easter is **not** over. We live in a Good Friday world that needs an Easter faith every day. The world needs a resurrected Lord, not just another holiday. Have you already forgotten Easter?

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# The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and “Speaking in Tongues”

by C. F. Bowen

## Part 3 (Conclusion)

THE phenomenon of “speaking in tongues” troubles many Christians today and confuses still more. They are troubled because they themselves do not speak in tongues and have been told that they should—if they have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. They are troubled because of the unscriptural teachings of the charismatics who declare that speaking in tongues is **the evidence** of baptism which, of course, is untrue.

Churches have been split over tongues; denominations have been torn apart, including Free Will Baptists about twenty years ago; brethren have turned against each other; and scars caused by a great misunderstanding of tongues are to be healed. If God is not the author of confusion, one is made to wonder what error or influence has brought about this division, confusion, and conflict within the Body of Christ. I have my opinion on this, but I will leave you to be your own judge of the matter.

**What Was the Gift of Tongues?**  
Paul lists nine gifts of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. (To save space I will not write out every reference this time but I will refer you to read them anyway.) Tongues are mentioned last in the list, which may very well indicate Paul’s opinion that they were the least important of the spiritual gifts. His opinion on this is expressed further in 1 Corinthians 14:19.

What is the meaning of the word “tongues”? And please note that it is always in the plural except in 1 Corinthians 12:10 where it is referred to as **an unknown tongue** which in the Greek New Testament is not designated as **unknown tongues**, but as **a tongue**. You will notice in the King James Version that in each case the word **unknown** is in italics, meaning that they were supplied by the translators

and are not found in earlier Bible manuscripts.

To arrive at the meaning of “tongues” let us first turn to Revelation 7:9 which reads, “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and **tongues**, stood before the throne. . . .” Is there anyone who would doubt that tongues here means **language**? Hardly. Then keep this in mind: throughout the Book of Acts and in 1 Corinthians 12-14 **the very same Greek word** found in Revelation 7:9 is used in **all** references to tongues. We must conclude from this that “tongues” actually means languages, real languages spoken by some people somewhere in the world.

We know that on the day of Pentecost the apostles spoke in real languages because the people gathered in Jerusalem from the nations listed in Acts 2:9-11 said, “And how hear we every man in our own tongue (language), wherein we were born?” (v. 8). The Greek word for tongues in this verse is the same as that in Revelation 7:9, in Revelation 9:11, and in all references to tongues in Acts and 1 Corinthians 12-14. This is the fact in the Scriptures that convinces me that tongues were languages known to some people somewhere in the world.

### Why Corinthians?

Tongues are not mentioned in any of Paul’s other epistles, not even in the great treatise called Romans. Hal Lindsey, author of **Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth**, says, “In the Book of Romans . . . where Paul gives his fullest and most definitive statement about salvation and the central truths of Christianity, tongues are not mentioned once, and yet every other doctrine vital to living in this world as a believer is carefully expounded. Would Paul have left out of this important treatise

a truth that was the **key** to receiving power for serving and living for God?”

Why did Paul have so much to say to the Corinthians about tongues? Dr. M. R. De Haan wrote, “The gift of tongues was most prominent in the most carnal of all the churches.” It was also the most immature of all the churches. They were babes in Christ and cried for “signs” to prove that what Christ said was true. Paul wrote to them, “Brethren, be not children in understanding; . . . in understanding be men” (1 Corinthians 14:20).

Immature Christians must have something in addition to the pure Word of Christ. They have to have another and then another and still another manifestation or sign from the Lord before they can believe the truth of God’s Word; they cannot accept it as it is. However, I want my prayer to be: “Lord, I don’t speak in tongues. Thank you for that, because I don’t want you to have to bind me with signs. Let me believe what Christ says. I need nothing more than that, for I am **complete** in Him!” (See Colossians 2:9, 10).

### Are All to Speak in Tongues?

The answer to this is clear. In 1 Corinthians 12:8-11, Paul says that to **one** is given the gift of wisdom; to **another**, knowledge; to **another**, faith; to **another**, healing; and so on to the end of the passage when he says, to **another**, “divers kinds of tongues,” meaning the miracle of speaking in a language not learned by the speaker. And these were “divers kind” of tongues which meant, of course, that many languages were used.

We can see from this passage that different Christians received (and still do) different gifts, the Spirit always “dividing

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to every man severally as he will" (v. 11). These gifts were bestowed upon those whom the Spirit selected and **all** were not to expect to receive **all** gifts—including tongues. We should not pray for specified gifts because we are not wise enough to know what is in the mind of the Spirit for us. But He does know and He will give "as he will" (v. 11).

We find the answer again in 12:28-31 where Paul asks a series of rhetorical questions, such questions requiring no audible response since the answer is implied in the questions. He asked, "Are **all** apostles? are **all** prophets? are **all** teachers? are **all** workers of miracles? Have **all** the gifts of healing? do **all** speak with tongues (languages)? do **all** interpret?" Of course the implied answer to each question is in the negative.

As the Corinthians did, charismatics also place too much emphasis upon the least of the gifts of the Spirit. They may ask you, "Do you speak in tongues?" as though it were the most important achievement of your life. But they seldom if ever ask you about knowledge, wisdom, prophecy, or some of the better gifts. Paul said, ". . . covet earnestly the best gifts: . . ." (1 Corinthians 12:31), and then he told us what the best gift of all is: love—"a more excellent way."

#### **An Interpreter Necessary**

If you find yourself in a charismatic type of meeting and hear scores of people "talking in tongues" and no one is there to tell you what is being said, you may be sure the tongues-speakers are disobeying God's Word. Tongues were never to be used without an interpreter being present: "But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God" (1 Corinthians 14:28). But how could they refrain from speaking if "the Spirit gave them utterance"? By simply keeping their mouths shut!

The order of using tongues is clear as Paul gave it:

1. Speak **only** if an interpreter is present.
2. No more than **two or three** are to speak in any one service.
3. Each one must **wait for his turn** to speak, not interrupting others.
4. All must be done without disorder or confusion.
5. All speaking must edify (build up spiritually) the whole church.

You will find this in 1 Corinthians 12:26-28. And to show that Paul was not singling

out tongues, we find in the verses following that the same rules were applied to prophesying (preaching, predicting). If a Christian is present in the church and has been given the gift of speaking in tongues (or in a language he has not learned), he must do it according to the rules or must "keep silence in the church."

Here is a good example of what Paul was saying. A few weeks ago the foreign mission board held rallies in several churches. Antonio Escobar from Mexico would give his testimony in Spanish (a tongue) for he could not speak English (another tongue). Vance Link or J. E. Timmons would interpret (or translate) what Antonio said, word for word. We all got a blessing from hearing one speak in a **tongue** (Spanish) and having another to interpret it. But what if Vance or Mr. Timmons or anyone else who understood Spanish had not been present? Antonio would have had to remain silent because otherwise his words would have been "as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

#### **Does the Gift Still Exist?**

In all probability the miracle of tongues, meaning to speak in a language one has not learned, ended soon after the New Testament was completed, perhaps in the second century A. D. Missionaries today have to **learn** foreign languages. If there is anything like "speaking in tongues" today it is not that which is spoken of in Acts and in 1 Corinthians 12-14.

What is called "speaking in tongues" today may very well have a Satanic involvement. Satan is always on hand to confuse, and he has the ability to enter the mind and emotions of otherwise sincere Christian people. Tongues-speaking is well known today in pagan religions such as Hinduism and even Islam. Missionaries have found it in benighted regions of South America. Here in the United States many of the new cults, the so-called "Jesus People," and others "follow Satanism and witchcraft" in their practice of speaking in tongues.

Some of it is sheer pretense. I have seen it many times. At the close of a rather spirited revival service I was conducting some time ago, people were milling in the aisles after the service, praising God, weeping and laughing, just having a great time in the Lord. The pastor came up to me saying how great things were and, believe it or not, began to "speak in tongues," or so he pretended. The next night I spoke

against this phenomenon in a casual and for some reason the pastor was quiet thereafter!

Some of it is nothing more than a strong emotional outburst. It's quite possible, not the only such emotional demonstration we have known. Historians tell us of people here in the United States about 1800 A. D. who were seized by the "jerks," "shakes," and many other incredible manifestations of emotions.

There is much more that needs to be said about tongues and what it is doing in churches and Christians today, but in this little portion will help you see that there are ways that seem right to some people, but the ends thereof are the way of confusion, deception, error, and dishonoring the Lord's Word.

I won't get disturbed if you can prove me that there is a **genuine** gift of tongues still existing today. If it is true I want to know it. If it isn't true then everybody should know it. My real concern is not whether such a gift exists—I know I have never had it, nor do I seek it, nor do I know that some of the greatest Christians and women in the world have never had it—my real concern is with the fact that charismatics and others, including many liberals, modernists, business men, and Roman Catholics, are misleading people through their literature, their radio and television programs, and in their elaborate dinner meetings and religious services, into a false hope of receiving extra spiritual blessing from the Holy Spirit, a blessing which He would have already given if He wanted one to have it.

I am concerned that every child of God know that the Spirit already dwells within him, that he was baptized with Him when he was saved, and that he has—right now—already—"all spiritual blessings" in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), and that he is **complete** in Christ (Colossians 2:9). The child that needs to do is to believe Christ's demand no signs from Him, and to claim the blessings with thanksgiving.

#### **NOTICE**

The Proposed Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government of the Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage) is available at the bookstores—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston or by mail. The price is \$1 per copy.

## The Rev. James Lupton

PLEASANT GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Pikeville, honors its pastor this week, the Rev. James Lupton. Your pastor will be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### AN IDEAL COUPLE



The Rev. and Mrs. James Lupton

...e, the members of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Pikeville, North Carolina, would like to honor our pastor, Rev. James Lupton.

...member in good standing with the General Conference, Mr. Lupton has served as your pastor for six years. We appreciate his and his good family, and would like to say a great big "thank you" for the many things they do for us. Brother Lupton is a great preacher of God's Word. So often he says, "Brethren, the Scripture says . . ."

...nder the leadership of Mr. Lupton, we enjoy a full-time program, including preaching and Bible study on Tuesday nights.

Mr. Lupton leads the youth choir each fourth Sunday in the month. He is also very faithful in visiting the sick and shut-ins. He is always ready to help in other ways when he is called on.

His wife, Ruth, is the assistant teacher of the Ladies Bible Class. We know that along with every good preacher, there goes a faithful and understanding wife. The following is a poem written in her honor.

#### THE WOMAN BY HIS SIDE

When a man is honored, and success has cheered his heart,  
There is usually a woman who deserves an equal part.

For while he has worked and struggled,  
As the days have come and gone,  
She has quietly encouraged, and her love  
has urged him on.  
There has been both joys and sorrows as  
he labored everyday.  
Until finally he reached the pinnacle along  
the way;  
But the wife, who shared his burdens, and  
Who watched with glowing pride, also is  
due,  
Much commendation as she labors by his  
side.  
So dear, Ruth, as you are called, we love  
you,  
And want you to know, how much we  
appreciate  
That kindness you bestow.  
We know its not always easy to become a  
preacher's wife;  
For you not only hear the good, but often  
see the strife.  
You council with your husband, holding up  
his hands in prayer.  
You sympathize with people, ministering to  
their care.  
And when God rewards your husband in  
that place so glorified,  
I'm sure He'll also compensate the woman  
by his side.

## Coming Events . . .

May 3—Awards Day, 11 a. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

May 5—Christian Music Festival, Eagles Nest Conference Center, all day, Mount Olive

May 7—Board of Trustees Meeting, 9:30 a. m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

May 8—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

May 8—Board of Superannuation Meeting, 1 p. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

May 10—State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove, Cape Fear District

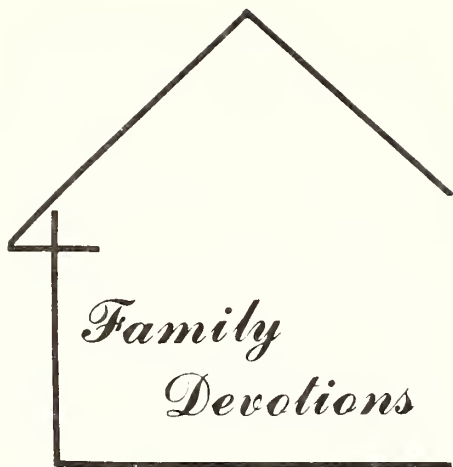
May 11—Commencement at Mount Olive College, evening

May 13—Children's Home Day in local churches

May 19—Children's Home Founders' Day Celebration, 10:30 a. m., Memorial Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex

May 23—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex





SUNDAY, May 6

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4: 23-32

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes seventy-two muscles to frown, only fourteen to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise—cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy; yours, the other fellow's and the right one.
9. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded many-fold.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We should live our lives according to God's will. If we do, we will love Him and our fellowman.*

MONDAY, MAY 7

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13

REFLECTIONS IN VERSE

In a forty-eight-page book, (the first Mrs. Conny Schaflander, Oak Park,

Illinois, has had published,) we find some unpretentious poems which deal, for the most part, with unrequited or blighted love—and they stress courage and endurance in loss and other human suffering. One of the best evocations of the book's mood comes in "I Asked The Sphinx."

"What is love?

It is warmth in a cold world,  
It is light in a dark world,  
It is joy in a sad world,  
It is over so soon.

Why is it over so soon?

Because we don't love ourselves,  
Because we don't respect each other,

Because we're misers in what we give,

Because man is only human.

What makes man human?

His great intellectuality,  
His great creativity,  
His great adaptability,  
His great need for love.

Why does man need love?

Because it's a cold world,  
Because it's a dark world,  
Because it's a sad world,  
Because it's over too soon."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We can find the love we so desperately need in God for He is love.*

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:24-26

MYSELF

Edwin L. Sabin gives us this choice poem:

An enemy I had whose mien  
I stoutly strove to know,  
For hard he dogged my steps, unseen,  
Wherever I might go.

My plans he balked, my aims he foiled,

He blocked my onward way.  
When for some lofty goal I toiled,  
He grimly said me nay.

"Come forth!" I cried, "lay bare thy guise!

Thy features I would see!"  
But always to my straining eyes  
He dwelt in mystery.

One night I seized and held him fast,

The veil from him did draw,  
I gazed upon his face at last . . .  
And lo! myself I saw.

Which reminds us that D. L. Moody once made this confession: "I have

more trouble with myself than a other person."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are so prone to seek our satisfactions that we are often conflict with what we know is right. When this happens, we are often our own worst enemy. Let's put God first.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 1:18, 19

GOOD FOR GOSSIP

Mr. Gossip, author of *The Hero Thy Soul*, says:

"The gate into the boundless possibilities there are in Christ flung wide open to the most hopeful and impossible bungler of us all. You see that poor stick lying in the dirt and shriveling in the hot sun, and that that vine laden with branches loaded down with heavy clusters. That is the difference Christ can make in you and will make in you if you give Him a chance at all."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). What a promise! Will you not take Him upon it today?*

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:16

LIGHT TO GUIDE

The most celebrated lighthouse antiquity was the one erected by Ptolemy Soter in the island of Pharos opposite Alexandria. Josephus says it could be seen at a distance of forty-two miles. It was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Of modern lighthouses, the most famous are the Eddystone, four miles southwest of Plymouth; Cordouan lighthouse, at the entrance of the Gironde in France; and the Rock, which is opposite the Firth of Tay. The Bartholdi Statue of Liberty in New Year harbor, is 305 feet high. The Eddystone light is 133 feet high and has a radius of approximately 16 miles.

But more than all these lighthouses have meant to people did the pillar of fire, "a great column of brilliant light," mean to the Israelites in their journeyings. It was their necessary

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and rendezvous. And more than rights to all peoples is Jesus who: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*As we dim flashlights powered by weak batteries or are we set free by the power of God? Let's pray that others find the way to Jesus.*

#### FRIDAY, MAY 11

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 1:7-

#### A TERRIFIC NOTE

The most terrific note I have ever heard was the fierce, shrill, titanic wail of a cyclone not two hundred miles away from me. All the evening after, the clouds dashed hither and thither without aim or drift. Winds from every quarter, the wind died and went. All the night long I heard it, moaning and groaning, as if there were some human being crying for harm he had done. That day I got a better perception of what the Book says: "They are like the chaff which the wind driveth away." I also got comfort in recalling the truth; "A hiding-place shall be as a hiding-place from wind." And amid the babbling of many tongues that hold not God in honor, "noisy as burial-howlers at a cry," how sweet to sing: "The stormy waves obey Thy will, and Thou sayest to them, 'Be still.'"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Through trials and tribulations, God is always with us; always ready to dispel our fears if we will only ask in humility. He is only a prayer away.*

#### SATURDAY, MAY 12

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 12:1-12

#### THE TONGUE LOOSED

And the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain" (Mark 7:16).  
Recalling this miracle wrought by Jesus, a Christian friend—"Sister"—on the other side of the Atlantic wrote the following prayer:  
Loose Thou my tongue, so silent have I been, Lord,  
telling others of Thy love divine;  
Loose Thou my tongue, and use it for Thy glory,  
to bring straying lambs, back to Thy fold may come.

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Loose Thou my tongue, that Thou canst always help me  
To strengthen those by storm and tempest tossed;  
Loose Thou my tongue, to guide the sad and lonely  
To find in Thee, their refuge and their rock.

Loose Thou my tongue, for Thee, O blessed Master,  
That I may speak Thy words of truth divine;  
Loose Thou my tongue, that I may tell the story  
Of all the wondrous things that Thou hast done.

Loose Thou my tongue, baptize with love and fire, Lord,  
To teach Thy Cross and resurrection power;  
Loose Thou my tongue, and fill me with thy fullness  
Till others, too, shall crown Thee Lord of all.

This prayer, if prayed from clean hearts and lives submissive to God's will, would put tongues of fire where there are now tongues draped in icicles—would melt the frozen fountains of testimony and start refreshing streams in dry gardens—would give us the plain language of truth where there is now evasive stammering and beclouding bombast.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*As Mother's Day rapidly approaches, it would be well to remember the message contained in the above prayer. Be not afraid to testify or speak of the many blessings God has given to you; others may come to know Him. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).*

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## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, is in need of a full-time pastor. The membership would like someone to live in the community or in the parsonage. Anyone interested should contact: William P. Bailey, Route 1, Box 150, Stantonsburg, North Carolina 27883, or phone 243-6916.

The Rev. James Warren of Kinston, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time or part-time church. He is also available for supply work. As a minister in good standing with the Eastern Conference, any Free Will Baptist church may contact him at the following address: The Rev. James Warren, 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, phone 527-1648.

The Rev. O. Swade Benson announces that he is available for pastoral work. He has resigned from Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church as of June 30, 1979. Any Free Will Baptist church may contact him at the following address: The Rev. O. Swade Benson, Route 3, Box 192, Elm City, North Carolina 27822; or phone 237-0581.

The Rev. Eddie Edwards announces that he is available to serve any church in the Piedmont Conference on part-time basis or on full-time basis after May 1. He can be contacted until May 1 at Route 2, Box 365, Vanceboro, North Carolina 28586, phone 244-1511; after May 1 he may be reached at 308 Old Midway Road, Rockingham, North Carolina 28379, phone 895-3261 or 997-3855.

The Rev. Bass Mitchell announces that he will be available for full-time or part-time services as of July 1, 1979. He will be attending Duke Divinity School in the fall and would prefer to serve a church in or near the Raleigh-Durham area. He may be contacted by writing 609 Apartment B, Woodard Street, Wilson, North Carolina 27893, or by phoning 291-8459.

The Rev. J. R. Matthis announces that he is available for supply or part-time pastoral work for a church or mission in the Cape Fear or Eastern Conference. He is a member in good standing with the Eastern Conference. He may be contacted at the following address: The Rev. J. R. Matthis, 600 Cutchin Street, Clinton, North Carolina 28328; or phone 592-5436.

The Rev. Charles W. Sugg is available for full-time services. He is a member of the Western Conference. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing 1815 Salem Church Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530 or by phoning 735-8924 (day), 735-4489 (night).

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# CAMP EAGLES NEST—for Hearing Impaired Students

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The second annual CAMP EAGLES NEST FOR HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS will be in session from Monday, July 2, 1979 through Friday, July 6, 1979.

The campground is located at Eagles Nest Conference Center, approximately 15 miles from Goldsboro, North Carolina off of Highway 111 south. The fifty acre camp with its five acre lake and rustic cabins is owned and operated by Mount Olive College.



Activities will include supervised swimming, hiking, sports, and crafts. We are looking forward to another exciting week of learning and fellows together.

The purpose of this camp is to provide Christ instruction and fellowship through Bible Class and wholesome recreation.



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# NEWS & NOTES

## Strawberry Church Revival in Progress

Revival services are in progress at the Strawberry Free Will Baptist Church of Princeton, and will continue throughout the week. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Henry Strong of Dunn, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Parker, along with the church membership, invite the public to attend the remainder of these services.

## St. Cross Roads Church Announces Revival

Revival services will be held at the St. Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church from May 6 through May 11. The church is located on Route 1, Kenly, or three miles northwest of Princeton. The pastor, the Rev. Edmundo G. Gonzalez, will bring the series of messages. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The church's instrumental choir will participate nightly in the services. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Griffin Brotherhood to Meet

The Griffin Brotherhood will meet May 4 at 7 p. m., Bill's Barbecue Restaurant, Princeton. The price of the meal is \$3.25 per person. All members are urged to attend.

## Revival at Rosebud Church Held

Revival services were held April 23 through April 27 at the Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson. The Rev. Jesse Benoist of Rockingham was the evangelist. The Rev. Bruce Steadman is pastor of the church.

## Study Course Was Held

A study course on Stewardship was presented by Mrs. Bruce Barrow on a weekday night, April 30 at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Sims. The time of the study was 7:45 p. m.

## Young Adult Class Honors Adult Class

The Young Adult Sunday School Class of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, honored the Adult

Sunday School Class of the church with a dinner on Saturday, April 7 in the church's educational-fellowship building.

A spring and Easter theme was carried out with Easter baskets and other Easter decorations on the table. Eugene Glover, class president, welcomed everyone and the Rev. Paul Grubbs, pastor of the church, gave the blessing. Everyone enjoyed a meal of barbecued chicken.

Door prizes were given away. Judy Strickland was in charge of this. Special entertainment was rendered by Bonnie and Marty Greene. They sang many favorite gospel hymns.

## CRAGMONT

### A VISION REALIZED

by DeWayne Eakes,  
Cragmont Board Member

In Proverbs 29:18 the Scripture states, "Where there is no vision, the people perish. . . ." The Board of Stockholders of Cragmont Assembly have been working toward the realization of a vision for the past decade. That vision has consisted of the various stages of the development for Cragmont. This development is in its most important stage. The new main building will be completed by the time you are reading this article.

The total cost is going to run about \$385,000. This is about \$10,000 below the contract cost of \$395,000! Our immediate problem is that we lack about \$10,000 having our final payment of \$55,753 which is due by the end of May. We urge you to receive a special offering or have a special drive for Cragmont's New Main Building Fund.

We, the Cragmont Board of Directors, remain constantly grateful for the support you have given and are continuing to give. We urge you to join us in this special effort now!

Be sure to encourage your youth to

attend one of the five youth weeks this year. Encourage your minister and your women to attend their respective weeks. Stop by Cragmont when you travel in the Asheville area, or encourage a weekend retreat with a group from your church.

Address all contributions to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Again, help us meet this urgent need as best you can! All contributions will be deeply appreciated and wisely used.

### TO EVERYONE 8 TO 19

It's that time of the year again—CRAGMONT!! Registration has already begun for General Youth Conference Week (June 18-23) at Cragmont. To register yourself, complete the following and send to Rick Watson, Route 2, Box 607, Wilson, North Carolina 27893.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR YOUTH LEADER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a \$10 registration fee.

Cost of camp for this session will be \$60. Your \$10 registration fee will be considered as a part of your cost of camp. You will need to take your own spending money. The deadline for registration will be May 31, 1979.

We only have room for about 80 campers so register now to assure you a trip to Cragmont this year. If your friends do not receive this letter tell them to write the same information on a plain piece of paper and send it to me.

Rick Watson, Registrar  
General Youth Conference

**MAY IS  
CHILDREN'S HOME  
MONTH**



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## ELLA BOYETTE DAY



*Mrs. Dorothea Craddock, Mrs. Ella Boyette, and Dr. W. Burkette Raper.*

*"Ella Boyette Day" was celebrated on the Mount Olive College campus April 10 as the College Board of Trustees honored Mrs. Ella Boyette of Kenly and the late Jim Boyette for their contribution of the flowering shrubs that beautify the Mount Olive College campus. College President Dr. W. Burkette Raper presented a Certificate of Appreciation saying "she bathed the campus with a labor of love". Mrs. Boyette is a member of Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church. Aiding her mother is Mrs. Dorothea Craddock, also of Kenly. Several family members and friends in the church came to attend the event.*

### COMMENCEMENT WORSHIP MAY 6

The Rev. Anthony Z. Gurganus, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Mount Olive, will deliver the Commencement Worship Address Sunday, May 6 at 8 p. m. in Rodgers Chapel.

Gurganus attended Wake Forest College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as a pastor for churches in Jacksonville, Lexington, and Durham before coming to Mount Olive in 1969. His daughter,

Leanne, is a candidate for graduation in May.

### DON'T FORGET!

The Annual Christian Music Festival at Eagles Nest Conference Center is Saturday, May 5.

Come experience a beautiful day of outdoor gospel music sponsored by the State Youth Convention. Bring a picnic lunch or enjoy a barbecue plate for only \$2.50 catered by Wilbur's Barbecue Restaurant of Goldsboro.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE ALUMNI MEET

The Mount Olive College Alumni Association gathered about one hundred and fifty former students, faculty, and staff members at the College auditorium May 31 for an evening of reminiscing.

Nido Qubein, an Mount Olive College graduate born in Bethlehem of Judaea, was the guest speaker for the event. In describing his transition to American life, Qubein expressed his appreciation for the many church people and community members who helped him. Qubein is now a nationally known speaker and president and founder of Nido Qubein and Associates, Inc., Creative Services, Inc., both of High Point, North Carolina.

N. B. "Tex" Barrow, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Barrow Sr. of Snow Hill, received the Alumnus of the Year Award. Barrow is presently living in Raleigh with his wife, Mary Rose, where he practices law.

### Classes Enjoy Reunion

Several members of the Class of 1968 and 1969 attended the event. The members included in the Class of 1968 were: Ada Mae Bass Wrench, a telephone processing plant clerk from Dunn; C. Barefoot, Mount Olive College Librarian and member of Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church; Curtis Shivar, a professor at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro and member of May's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Dudley.

Also Stanley Harrell, an officer at Morehead Savings and Loan in Morehead City; Ruby Blackmore, a teacher at Wallace-Rose Hill High School; J. Barrow Gainey, a history teacher at Havelock; the Rev. Billy Yawn, pastor of Everett Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Clayton and a teacher of science at Snow Hill; and the Rev. Leonard Woodall, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Snowfield. Woodall is also a member of the Alumni Executive Committee and Mount Olive College Board of Trustees.

In the Class of 1969, Prentice Jackie Tillman Herring of Mount Olive was present along with Edna Giddings, a composer at the Mount Olive Tribune. Darlene Pittman Mobley, a teacher in Pender County schools; Al Warrick Jr., a teacher and coach in Wilson County and a member of Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church; and Carroll Turner, an attorney and town commissioner in Mount Olive.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



*the Barrow Gainey, the Rev. and N. B. Barrow Sr., and N. B. Barrow*

B. "Tex" Barrow, a 1970 honors graduate of Mount Olive College and member of Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, received the Alumnus of the Year Award at the Mount Olive College Alumni Banquet held recently. Presenting the plaque is his sister, Jane Barrow Gainey, of Havelock and a 1959 graduate. Looking on are the proud parents, the Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Barrow Sr. of Snow Hill.

*The Board of Trustees, Faculty and 1979 Graduating Class of Mount Olive College*

*request the honor of your presence at the*

*Twenty-fourth Commencement Exercises*

*Friday, May 11 at 5:30 p. m. on the Moye Library Lawn*

## CHILDREN'S HOME



*Front Row (Left to Right): Wilma Edna Fowler and back row (Left to Right): Margaret Reep and Barrow Parrish.*

FREE WILL BAPTIST

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 9 Years Ago

"The Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr., pastor of Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina, has been chosen as the 'Minister of the Year' by the North Carolina Ministerial Association. Woodall and his wife, the former Bessie Austin, are both natives of Johnston County. They have three children: Mrs. Jimmy Hinton and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, both of Princeton; and Hal B. Woodall, a clinical pharmacy instructor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Rev. C. L. Patrick of Walstonburg, chairman of the Minister of the Year Committee, announced that Woodall was chosen on the basis of his services as a local pastor, as well as community and denominational activities. Woodall holds the A. A. degree from Mount Olive College and earned his A. B. degree at Atlantic Christian College. He is the first alumnus of Mount Olive College to serve on the College Board of Trustees."—Mount Olive College Happenings

"The Rev. James A. Evans is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Frank Crary as associate minister of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina. Mr. Crary will be assisting the minister in various pastoral duties and shall prove to be an added asset to the church program. Mr. Crary has been actively engaged in church work for some time, and the Kinston church feels fortunate to have secured his services in a ministerial capacity."—News and Notes

"The Sound View Woman's Auxiliary of Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Newport, North Carolina, worked very hard during the year 1970 to become a 1-A auxiliary. At the beginning of the year the auxiliary set a goal for the year which was reached by the first of November. The auxiliary has around 18 to 20 active members. Through the giving of suppers over \$500 was raised for missions. Also some members help raise money by making doll clothes. The total amount raised during the year came to over \$700."—Sound View Auxiliary 1-A

"The Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will meet Monday evening, June 7, at 7:30, with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina. The Rev. C. L. Patrick is the host pastor."—News and Notes

During the past few months the Woman's Auxiliary of Victory Mission, Hope Mills, North Carolina, have been busy collecting various kitchen supplies for our five cottages.

We certainly appreciate the fine work this auxiliary and others are doing for us.

### Churches and Ministers Available

(Continued from Page 7)

The Rev. Jimmy Webster states that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services beginning the first Sunday in July. He has been an ordained minister for 14 years. He may be contacted by calling 943-3987 or by writing Route 1,

Box 224-A, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865.

The Rev. E. H. Fordham announces that he has resigned as pastor of Edwards Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Any full-time or part-time church wishing his services may contact him at 821 Chattawka Lane, New Bern 28560 or by phoning 637-9420.

Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, is in need of a full-time pastor. They would like someone to live in the community or in the parsonage. Anyone interested should contact: Frank Daw, Route 1, Box 325-B, Bath, North Carolina 27808, or by phoning 964-4566.



# The Sunday School Lesson

For May 13

## GOD'S LIVING LETTERS

**Lesson Text:** 2 Corinthians 2:14—3:6

**Memory Verse:** 2 Corinthians 3:2

### I. INTRODUCTION

The Roman domination of the Mediterranean world and beyond had been achieved by the conquests of the Roman armies. As they were able to defeat the forces of other nations these areas became subjected to Rome and were incorporated within the empire.

Generals leading especially noteworthy military successes were accorded the honor of a triumphal procession through the streets of Rome. In each case, a law had to be enacted bestowing this special treatment on the victorious general. The general and his armies could not be given the celebration until all was ready and, until it was, they had to camp outside the city walls. Sometimes this preparation period lasted more than a year.

The great day arrived with all the temples opened and decorated, the streets festooned with flowers, and incense burning along the way and in the temples. The leaders of the senate came first, followed by trumpeters, then loads of precious vessels, jewels, arms, and treasures taken from the enemy. Then followed models or floats representing cities, fortresses, or mountains conquered during the campaign. Those captives not already sold as slaves came along just behind several white oxen that were to be sacrificed. These prisoners were later executed. The general's chariot followed, drawn by four horses. The general was clothed in robes of purple and gold. In his right hand he held a branch of laurel and in his left a scepter of ivory crowned with an eagle. A slave held a golden crown over his head and was to remind him, from time to time, "Remember, you are just a man." Finally came the soldiers who frequently sang songs as they marched along.

These great civic occasions were famous throughout the empire, and doubtless Paul had them in mind as he wrote the opening words of today's text.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. This lesson is the first of a final unit entitled "Ministry of the Christian Community." The Scripture for these three lessons is from Paul's second Epistle to the Corinthians. Therefore, it seems important at the beginning of this lesson to get something of its background.

B. As he did in 1 Corinthians, Paul wrote this letter to deal with further problems which had arisen in the church at Corinth. He had heard about these problems through a letter from there and through Chloe's family and others. Paul sent Timothy to Corinth to see that his first message was being followed. Apparently, Timothy was not strong enough to enforce Paul's directions. The situation deteriorated, and a visit by Paul seemed necessary. Paul then crossed the Aegean Sea and made a short visit to Corinth. This visit brought the opposition to a head. At least one of the leaders of the opposition to Paul showed hostility. Paul withdrew and sent the church another letter, now lost. Afterwards, Paul began to wonder if he had written too severely. However, when Paul came to Troas, Titus reported to him that the Corinthians had been stung to such a degree of shame that now they were in danger of going too far in their disciplinary action against the anti-Pauline faction. This news brought great relief to Paul and caused him to write this Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In communicating with others via radio or some other instrument, we have a much-used expression, "Do you read

me?" meaning "Do you understand what I am saying?" If the person spoken to understands he will reply, "Yes, I read you."

B. Does the world read you? Some has said that we are the only Bible the world ever reads. The unsaved gets understanding of Christ and the Christian way by "reading" our lives. Paul says "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts known and read of all men" (2 Corinthians 3:2).

C. What does the world read in our lives? How is the Word of God portrayed in our daily living? Our lives should be a "permeating fragrance" to those who see our daily deeds, hear our words, interpret our thoughts. Our influence on their lives largely depends upon what they see in us and what they read in us as God's living letters. How well do we measure up to the best expectations of the world?

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**A Letter of Recommendation**—A letter of recommendation is meaningless unless the person who wrote the letter knows the person he recommends. Suppose a man is recommending another for a job. The employer asks, "How well do you know him?" The man replied, "I have known him intimately for years. I have seen his work, I have worked with him, I have talked with him at length, and I am proud to say he is my friend." That is the Christian life says about Christ. How can your life give a good recommendation about Christ?

**Insistence**—Day after day in his voyage across the trackless Atlantic Ocean Columbus wrote in his log, "We sailed westward, which was our course." It was only his insistence that made the voyage possible and later successful.

## PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I said to some young people, "You forsake the church and are chasing after those so-called friends that couldn't care less for our Lord Jesus nor His church." It breaks my heart to know what few devoted friends Jesus has. I said that God is a jealous God, but it didn't seem to make any difference.



"O Send out thy light and thy truth."  
Ps. 43:3

# ATTENTION!

## CAMP VANDEMERE'S BEAM IS BECKONING YOU

Come and enjoy a week of Bible study, music, crafts, sports, swimming, and lots of fun and inspiration. Camp opens May 1, 1979 for groups and retreats. The regular camping program begins June 11, 1979.

**FEES**—\$35 per person for regular encampments  
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 \$3 per night for camping vehicles or tents, with  
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**For special group reservations contact:**

Larry J. Crumpler, Executive Director  
 Route 2, Box 293-A  
 Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365  
 Phone 568-3758

**Or write camp address:**

**Camp Vandemere**  
 Box 158  
 Vandemere, North Carolina 28587  
 Phone 745-3171

To attend regular camp weeks, contact the Director for the week you prefer. Send applications early as space is limited.

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### CAMP SCHEDULE

Summer 1979

**June 11-15 AFC WEEK**

Rev. Ralph Sumner, Director  
 Box 29B  
 Oriental, N. C. 28571  
 Phone 249-1329

Robert Langley, Co-Director  
 Route 1  
 Middlesex, N. C. 27557  
 Phone 284-4178

**June 18-22 WOMAN'S AUXILIARY WEEK**

Mrs. Happy Taylor, Director  
 Route 1, Box 109  
 Deep Run, N. C. 28535  
 Phone 523-9644

**June 25-29 SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK**

Rev. Chris Singleton, Director  
 Box 162  
 Beulaville, N. C. 28519  
 Phone 298-3520

**July 2-6 YFA WEEK**

Rev. Larry J. Crumpler Jr.  
 Route 2, Box 295-A  
 Mount Olive, N. C. 28365  
 Phone 568-3758

**July 9-13 GENERAL YOUTH WEEK**

Mrs. Lexa E. Upton, Director  
 Route 1, Box 790  
 Chocowinity, N. C. 27817  
 Phone 946-6480

**August 20-24 GENERAL YOUTH WEEK**

Rev. Lonnie Mann, Director  
 413 Church Road  
 New Bern, N. C. 28560  
 Phone 638-2255

Rev. Bobby Brown, Co-Director  
 Route 1  
 Cove City, N. C. 28523



**Quarterly Report from**

**Home Missions**

January 1, 1979—March 31, 1979

<b>ALBEMARLE</b>	
Albemarle District Sunday School Convention	\$ 7.00
Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention	50.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	13.00
Hickory Chapel	301.24
Malachi's Chapel	189.50
Mount Tabor	25.00
Shiloh	79.41
Sidney	104.23
Union Chapel	340.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,109.64</b>

<b>CAPE FEAR</b>	
Agape Mission	\$ 50.00
Cape Fear Conference	119.99
Eastwood	65.00
Goldsboro, First	165.00
Haymount Mission	189.55
Hopewell	93.25
Johnston Union	150.00
Lee's Chapel	78.74
Oak Grove	50.00
Palmer Memorial	40.92
Pleasant Grove	200.00
Riverside	200.00
Shady Grove	7.00
Victory Mission	43.43
Wooten's Chapel	10.00
Yelverton Grove	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,562.88</b>

<b>CENTRAL</b>	
Aspen Grove	\$ 50.00
Black Jack	313.20
Daniels Chapel	250.00
Edgewood	67.77
Elm Grove	405.74
Friendship (Greene County)	386.67
Greenville, First	225.00
Gum Swamp	150.00
Harrell's Chapel	225.00
Hickory Grove	5.47
Hugo	110.00
Hull Road	284.35
King's Cross Roads	86.84
LaGrange	6.00
Marlboro	28.22
Otter's Creek	160.59
Owens Chapel	200.00
Peace	4.50
Piney Grove (Beaufort County)	30.00
Piney Grove	107.84
Reedy Branch	58.20
Roanoke Rapids, First	2.50
Rocky Mount, First	84.00
Rose Hill	130.00
Saratoga	50.00
Second Union	13.11
Tarboro, First	400.00
Williamston, First	95.00

Winterville	233.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,163.30</b>

<b>EASTERN</b>	
Antioch	\$ 100.00
Beaufort Mission	80.00
Beulaville	200.00
Bridgeton	47.00
Christian Chapel	170.00
Core Creek	20.00
Crab Point	87.00
Croatan	40.00
Davis	17.43
Dublin Grove	10.00
Eastern Conference	100.00
Faith Mission	50.00
Fifth Sunday School Convention	10.00
Fifth Union Meeting	25.00
Folkstone	500.00
Gray Branch	20.00
Holly Springs	90.26
Jackson Heights	216.77
Juniper Chapel	38.76
Macedonia	225.00
Moseley's Creek	32.00
Mount Zion	25.00
New Haven	50.00
Northeast	75.00
Oak Grove	10.50
Oriental	14.00
Pearsall Chapel	75.00
Pilgrims Rest	36.43
Rooty Branch	25.00
St. Mary's	57.50
Sandy Plain	170.00
Sarecta	200.00
Smith's New Home	150.00
Wardens Grove	10.00
Welcome Home	250.00
Whaley's Chapel	20.00
Wintergreen	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,263.05</b>

<b>PEE DEE</b>	
Cypress Creek	\$ 33.25
Oak Grove	631.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 664.65</b>

<b>PIEDMONT</b>	
Hopewell	\$ 100.00
Heritage Mission	52.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 152.68</b>

<b>WESTERN</b>	
Branch Chapel	\$ 250.00
Calvary	100.00
Durham, First	10.00
Everett Chapel	190.05
First Union Meeting	100.00
Flood's Chapel	13.00
Fremont Mission	350.00

Friendship	5
Kenly	2
Micro	1
Milbournie	2
Mount Zion	10
New Sandy Hill	5
Oak Grove	25
People's Chapel	1
Pleasant Grove	2
Pleasant Hill	5
Rock Springs	1
St. Mary's	21
Sherron Acres	15
Stoney Creek	1
Third Union District	1
Union Grove	25
Unity	5
Wilson, First	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>

<b>INDIVIDUALS</b>	
Anonymous	\$ 2
Baker, Fred	2
Coats, C. M.	2
Creech, Sharlene	5
Grice, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert	1
Heath, Calvin and Debra	1
Jones, Nellie	1
Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy	1
Roper, Mr. and Mrs. E. G.	1
Yates, Joseph and Doris	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24</b>

N. C. Woman's Auxiliary \$ 10  
 Total Contributions for Quarter \$13,76

**SPECIAL SESSION TO BE HELD**

There will be a special called session of the North Carolina State Convention on Tuesday, August 14 for the purpose of considering the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline. The meeting will be held on the campus of Lenoir Community College in Kinston. More information will be provided later.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**

**FOUND**

A belt to a lady's all-weather coat was found at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville. The color of the belt is sand. It was lost at the Ladies Auxiliary Convention on March 28, 1979. If you have lost this belt, call 758-4356.

# Church Auxiliaries

## TH CAROLINA STATE LEAGUE SWORD DRILL RULES

s. Margaret Ard has mailed a copy of the 1979-80 State Sword Drill to each church listed with a Free Will Baptist membership. If your church did not receive a copy, a description of the drill is listed below:

Rules:

a. **MASS**—At this command all contestants rise and stand by groups, Bible in right hand, sword in left hand.

b. **ATTENTION**—Heels together, shoulders up, hands at side, face the leader.

c. **SALUTE**—Regular military salute in two counts. (1) Right hand brought to forehead quickly over right eye. (2) Hand brought to forehead quickly.

d. **DRAW SWORDS**—Bring Bibles to waistline immediately in front of the body with the thumbs along the back edge. This manner of holding the Bible prevents the tendency to slip the thumb into the pages prior to the charge. It does not matter which hand is on top.

e. **ASSIGNMENT**—The leader announces the Scripture passage or other drill item. The assignment is given twice slowly and distinctly.

f. **CHARGE**—At this command every member of the group begins to search for the Scripture.

g. **TIME**—The leader allows 15 seconds before calling time. This is the signal for all to stop searching and the score is taken. The leader then selects one contestant to give the correct answer.

Scoring

a. Ten points shall be given to the first contestant to step forward; five points to the second; and one point to each of the others who step forward before time is called.

b. The contestant must have his right finger on the correct passage before stepping forward. An infraction of this rule draws a ten-point penalty and no points will be given for the item in question to the contestant in error. Adjustment of points will be made in order to give the correct amount to the contestants who are finding the passage.

c. The Bible must be held as described in Item D in Rules above. An infraction of this rule carries with it a penalty of ten points.

d. The timekeeper should use a regulation stop watch if available. A timepiece with a large second hand may be substituted when necessary.

e. The contestant with the highest number of points shall be declared the winner. The contestant with the second highest number of points shall be declared runnerup. In the event of a tie, two additional items shall be used in a tie-breaking drill. All rules apply as in the original drill.

### MRS. MATTIE LANE HONORED

It was with great pleasure that the members of the Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church at Grantsboro honored its oldest member, Miss Mattie Lane, with a Woman's Auxiliary Life Membership Award.

Miss Mattie, as she is affectionately called, has been an auxiliary member for 70 years and is the only living charter member of the auxiliary at Rock of Zion. She still faithfully attends the monthly meetings.

Born in 1882, she celebrated her 97th birthday in January with a party given in her honor by the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Williamson, and members of the church.

In addition to her auxiliary work, Miss Mattie was church treasurer for 25 years. She has been a Sunday school teacher, a Bible class teacher, and pianist for the church of which she has been a faithful member for 77 years.

It is unusual not to see Miss Mattie sitting on "her" pew, third row from the front, whenever services are held at Rock of Zion.

With this recognition, one of several honoring Miss Mattie in recent years, the people at Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church say, "Thank you for your service to the church, the auxiliary, and to the community of which you have been a member for so long."

The dear Lord's best interpreters  
Are humble human souls;  
The gospel of a life like His  
Is more than books or scrolls.

From scheme and creed the light goes out,

The saintly fact survives;  
The blessed Master none can doubt,  
Revealed in holy lives.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

### CAMP VANDEMERE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

The week of June 18 through 22 is going to be a wonderful time of Christian fellowship, Bible study, crafts, and recreation at Camp Vandemere; it will be Woman's Auxiliary Conference. This year's Woman's Conference will be directed by Mrs. Happy Taylor. Mrs. Nina Grace Register and Mrs. Annie Belle Hines will be in charge of the music.

Prayer and a great deal of planning have gone into the program for the conference; but **we need you** for our conference to be a real blessing and success. The goal for the conference is that God will be glorified and our women will be brought into a closer relationship with Him.

There will be special services and singing each night beginning at 8 p. m. Some of the ministers who will be speaking include the Revs. Walter Sutton, Bobby Brown, and Norman Ard. On Wednesday night, "The Limestone Singers" will present a program of Christian music. All churches are invited to come and join in this week of revival.

We invite you to come and visit us at Camp Vandemere during our conference because we are anxious to serve our denomination. If you cannot stay the entire week, come for the day. You will have a wonderful opportunity to worship, relax, and fellowship.

Continue to pray for us and for the success of God's work at Camp Vandemere.

I am looking forward to seeing you on June 18 at camp.

Mrs. Happy Taylor  
Camp Director

#### ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL EAGLES NEST CONFERENCE CENTER

Saturday, May 5  
9 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
Everyone is invited



May is...

# CHILDREN'S HOME MONTH



## May 13 ... Children's Home Day

Remember us on this special day

with your prayers and giving.

## May 19 ... Founder's Day Services, 10:30 a.m.

Bring a picnic lunch and share this day with us.

... a Christian Home for Boys and Girls

**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

P. O. BOX 249, MIDDLESEX, N. C. 27557



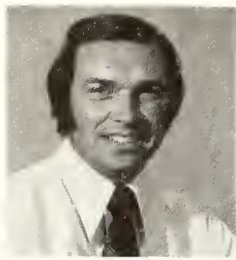
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## LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK:

### STILL VERY MUCH THE QUESTION

Guest Editorial by Nancy Matthews

In a special referendum in March, Liquor-by-the-Drink was defeated in Wilson County. Only through extensive advertising, telephone campaigns, and hard work was the county vote able to overthrow the margin by which the issue carried in the city of Wilson.

Forces for Liquor-by-the Drink have a very convincing platform. They promise less alcohol consumption, less drunkenness, less drunken driving. One of the most convincing planks in their platform is the amount of money that will be funneled into the education process through taxes. That hits a parent at a tender spot—his children.

Should you be faced with a similar situation, before you are misled by their positive approach, suppose this issue carries in your area as it has in many others. With alcohol being served with fewer restrictions, it stands to reason that alcohol consumption will become more and more acceptable.

Suppose **one** person (it could be a stranger, a distant relative, a friend, or someone close as a brother, sister, or your own son or daughter) is pressured by friends to be like the group and have a "little-bitty-cocktail-before-dinner-to-relax-you. What-will-one-drink-hurt?"

Now just suppose your son or daughter is that one person whose body chemistry and emotional make-up cannot control the use of alcohol and its effects.

All it takes for the potential alcoholic to be on the road to the death and destruction of a beautiful body and mind is one sip of alcohol. And alcohol served in a "better" restaurant has as much force as a drink down at the still!

Should our society be a society for the survival of the fittest, or should we protect one another from possible harm and ill effects? Alcoholic beverage is not new. It has been with us as long as we have had grapes and grain. You don't have to search far or long to find its harmful effects mentioned in the Bible.

Should you have the opportunity to vote on this issue, don't allow the money hungry financial world to con you with a biased advertising campaign. Liquor-by-the-Drink has been defeated in several counties. It can be defeated in yours, too. But it takes work.

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# Some Lessons from History About Church Growth

by Floyd B. Cherry

Since this is a meeting of a historical society, I felt the need to say something about something related to church growth; and since it is held in conjunction with this conference with the theme of church growth, I felt the need to say something about that. So after much thought and prayer, I decided to speak on "Some Lessons from History About Church Growth."

Of course, you are aware that we face many great limitations. First, there is the limitation of my own ability. Then there is the limitation of time. In the face of these two limitations, it is our prayer that we will be able to point out a few things that will be of benefit and at the same time helpful.

**One Generation from Paganism**  
Let me point out that no church is more than one generation away from paganism. We have a tendency to either embrace or deny this. Those who do not embrace it are apt to fall back on the words of Jesus when He said, "And I say unto thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). They seem to forget that while the church as a whole will never die, individual churches can and do die.

Some of the great churches mentioned in the New Testament have died. The seven churches of Asia mentioned in the Book of Revelation have all ceased to exist. The Jerusalem Church that had the record of growing faster than any other church in history is now gone. The churches organized by the Apostle Paul on his missionary journeys are no more. Local churches and organizations do sometimes die.

What causes the death of a church? Many reasons might be given, but when all reasons are all laid out they will boil down to one inevitable fact: when a church has become one generation away from paganism, it reverts to paganism. Look at the shores of the Mediterranean, the cradle of Christianity. Christ was born there,

preached there, and performed His miracles there. The church came into existence there. But today that land barely survives.

Wayne Dehoney in his book, "Set the Church Afire," tells of visiting England and going to Kettering to visit the church from which William Carey went to India as a missionary, and Andrew Fuller went out to cover England in the interest of foreign missions. Fuller said to Carey, "You go to India and I will stay here and hold the rope." Carey went to India and Fuller held the rope. So Dehoney expected to find a great church from which these two went. Instead he found a dilapidated building with broken stained glass windows, and the organization completely gone. When Mr. Dehoney returned home to America, he asked a professor of missions in a college why things like this happens. The professor answered, "This is the tragedy of a church that fixed its eyes on the needs of the world out yonder, and failed to win the generation at its doorsteps to Christ."

## An Exclusive Attitude

The Jerusalem Church was the fastest growing church in history. First, there were 120 disciples (Acts 1:15). Then three thousand were added on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41). The next number that is mentioned is five thousand (Acts 4:4). Finally, we are told that multitudes of men and women were added (Acts 5:14). This is the greatest record of the growth of a church in history so far as we know.

In spite of its great growth, the Jerusalem Church fades out of the picture before the end of the Book of Acts. In fact, the center of Christianity seems to have moved from Jerusalem to Antioch by Chapter 11. What happened to this great church at Jerusalem?

It was almost exclusively a Jewish organization. We are aware that the best authorities point out that a church grows best with its own kind of people: socially, economically, and racially. However, it

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should not be overlooked that the Great Commission includes all men; therefore, the ministry and outreach of the church should include all men. And when a church begins to include some and exclude other groups of people, it is doomed to oblivion.

## Institutionalism

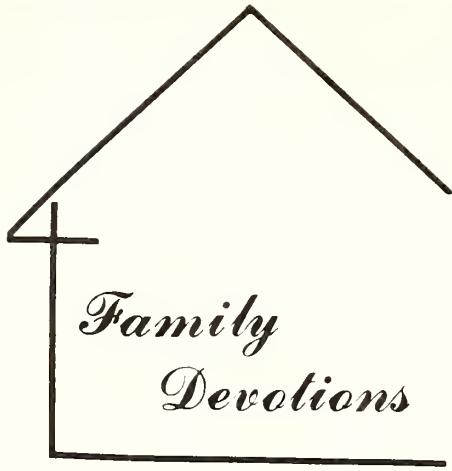
A third great truth revealed by history about church growth is the fact that an institutionalized church is not apt to grow. This does not mean that I am opposed to denominations. They have given us the church as we have it today. If it were not for the great denominations in this land, there would be few Christian schools, fewer orphanages, and perhaps no Christian hospitals. No, we do not wish to be numbered with those who are opposed to denominations. In fact a church can become institutionalized without being a member of a denomination.

What is this thing called institutionalism? A few years ago, one of our country's leading writers called it "institutional dry-rot." Perhaps, we can best describe what we mean by giving some characteristics. An institution can know that institutionalism has set in when the organization becomes more important than the people. Then the morale begins to degenerate, and people lose their initiative. Tradition becomes the law of operation, and people begin to feel that they do not count.

Getz points out in his book, "Sharpening the Focus of the Church," that history reveals that there has been three periods of institutionalism among God's people. First, Old Testament Judaism certainly became institutionalized. Christ condemned that in His ministry. Second, Roman Catholicism became institutionalized before the Reformation. This brought on the corruption and excesses that touched off the Reformation. Third, Reformed Protestantism has somewhat become

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## SUNDAY, MAY 13

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:1-9

### I RESOLVE

The following resolutions were found among the papers of Henrietta Hall Shuck, first American woman missionary to China, who served from 1835 to 1845 as a pioneer Christian leader:

1. I will endeavor always to observe strictly the golden rule, "to do unto others as I would have them do to me."

2. I will speak no ill of anyone. If I can say no good concerning persons, I will remain silent.

3. I will mind my own business, and not interfere with the concerns of others.

4. I will pay particular attention to the rule laid down by my medical adviser, with regard to diet and exercise.

5. My children are given to me to train for Heaven. They shall have my vigilant attention.

6. The duty of a wife is to love and obey. My husband shall find me ever endeavoring to practice these duties, and shall receive from me, at all times, a hearty acquiescence in his wishes.

7. My duty to the lost around me shall be strictly observed.

8. I will try to exercise patience and self-denial.

9. I will watch over my temper, and endeavor to be amiable.

10. I will love my missionary friends, and be merciful and kind to all, especially to the sick and distressed.

11. I will cherish a forgiving spirit, and will return good for evil.

These rules I will pray over twice, at least, every day. I look to the Lord

to strengthen me in keeping them. Whenever I find I have deviated from any one of them, I will note it down, and thereby acquire the habit of marking my own faults.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How much better our lives would be if we would but live as Christ instructed!*

## MONDAY, MAY 14

Scripture Reading—Psalm 23

### CHRIST—THE BIBLE'S THEME

Christ is the Bible's fullness, the Bible's center, the Bible's fascination. It is all about Jesus—in the Old Testament. The Old Testament conceals, infolds, promises, pictures, prophesies, localizes, symbolizes Christ. The New Testament reveals, unfolds, presents, produces, proclaims, universalizes and sacrifices Christ. Yes, the Old Testament and New Testament alike tell of Jesus the great Fact of history, the great Force of history, the great Future of history. Of this book it can truly be said: "The Glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof!" The name of Jesus, the Supreme Personality, the center of a world's desire, is on every page—in expression, or symbol, or prophecy, or psalm, or proverb. Take Jesus out of the Bible—and it is like taking calcium out of lime, carbon out of diamonds, truth out of history, matter out of physics, mind out of metaphysics, numbers out of mathematics, cause and effect out of philosophy. Through this book the name of Jesus, the Revealed, the Redeeming, the Risen, the Reigning, the Returning Lord, runs like a line of glimmering light. The thought of Jesus, the Desire of all nations, threads this great book like a crystal river winds its way through a continent.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*What book can give us more comfort and hope than the Bible? Surely, it is God's Word.*

## TUESDAY, MAY 15

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 2:17

### SAY IT!

The great servant of the Lord, B. W. Spilman, wrote this, which would

lighten many loads and brighten many roads—if put into practice:

"You have a friend—a man, a woman, a boy or a girl. For some reason you love him very much. Have you ever told him so? Perhaps you would like to have you say it.

"Your friend has helped you in the way in the days gone by. Gratitude is in your heart. Do not let him lie buried there—say it.

"Some joy has come his way. Rejoice with him. But he will not know it unless you say it.

"An honor comes to him. He will prize the game of life, and you will be glad—say it.

"Your friend succeeds in some work which he has undertaken. You feel grateful pride that he has done it—say it.

"A sorrow comes his way. He has lost his property. Some of his loved ones may have gone with him. Disease may have laid its hand on him, taking away the glow of health. You would share the sorrow with him—say it.

"Old age, or perhaps a breakdown in the human machinery, may shadow your friend so that he can no longer fare forth among his fellows. Per the end draws near. In your heart wish him bon voyage as he nears the sunset gate. A word of kindly sympathy would brighten the way—say it.

"The messenger of death may have knocked at his door and borne him into the unseen world some loved one. A word of sympathy would help lighten the load and brighten the way—say it.

"A personal word, a telephone call, a postcard, a letter, a telegram, only a few minutes of time! Show sympathy. Your own life may be better because of it; but your friend may go to the end of the journey never know. You may add to the joy you may lighten the load; you may brighten the way if you only take to say it."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Can you think of someone whose day you can brighten by being a friend? Show others that you care.*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Scripture Reading—James 4:1-10

### WHAT IS SIN?

The Bible answers.

1. "Sin is transgression of

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—lawlessness (1 John 3:4).  
 A grievous malady, con-  
 ating the whole of man's being  
 h 1:4, 5; Romans 3:10-18).  
 an obscuring cloud, which hides  
 ace of God's blessing (Isaiah  
 a binding cord, which holds man  
 power (Proverbs 5:22).  
 a tyrannical owner, who em-  
 s the lives of his slaves  
 emiah 9:37).  
 a disturber of rest, which causes  
 er and anxiety (Psalm 38:3).  
 a robber of blessing, which strips  
 arves the soul (Jeremiah 5:25).  
 a terrible devastation, which  
 s untold desolation (Micah 6:13).  
 a tripper-up, which continually  
 rows the sinner to his hurt  
 erbs 13:6).  
 A record writer, which leaves  
 elible mark upon the committer  
 miah 17:1).  
 A betraying presence, which  
 out' no matter what pains are  
 to hide it (Ezekiel 21:24).  
 A sure detective, which turns  
 the sinner and finds him out  
 bers 32:23).  
 An accusing witness, which  
 s its condemning finger at the  
 er in the bondage of sin (Isaiah  
 .  
 A sum of addition which ac-  
 elates its weight to the con-  
 ation of the sinner (Isaiah 30:1).

PRAYER THOUGHT

erefore to him that knoweth to  
 od, and doeth it not, to him it is  
 James 4:17).

THURSDAY, MAY 17

ipture Reading—Psalm 19:8-11

REWARDS

delightful words Jessyca Russell  
 r speaks of rewards:

er looked for roses, just for  
 orns,  
 el a little smoother to the touch,  
 now at last a rose my heart  
 orns  
 ke away the sting of thorns and  
 ch.

er looked for music, just for  
 ords  
 und a little softer to the ear  
 now my soul enjoys its own  
 wards—  
 anted melodies I seem to hear.

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I never looked for rapture, just for  
 peace  
 To brush away the tears I could not  
 share.  
 And then, upon the wings of swift  
 release,  
 I found these lovely things—for you  
 were there.

"Righteousness shall be a sure  
 reward" (Proverbs 11:18).

"But without faith it is impossible to  
 please him: for he that cometh to God  
 must believe that he is, and that he is  
 a rewarder of them that diligently  
 seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Often men search for rewards and  
 happiness in the wrong places. They  
 fail to look toward Jesus, the Prince of  
 Peace.*

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians  
 6:4-11

OVERLOOKED AND UNNAMED

In that day of the great revealing of  
 all the things of life, we shall see  
 many of the overlooked of earth—and  
 the unnamed. Which makes us think  
 of what Stanton says, in "Unnamed":

Who would not wish to know the name  
 Of that sweet maid whose faith in  
 God,  
 Long years ago, brought healing  
 touch  
 To Naaman, plunged 'neath Jordan's  
 flood?

The lad whose thoughtful mother  
 gave  
 The frugal lunch, which then became  
 A meal to feed the hungry crowd  
 At Christ's command—what was his  
 name?

That day when, at the Lord's behest,  
 The favoured two trailed hard the  
 man

Who bore the water pitcher—who was  
 he?  
 They are unknown;  
 Their deeds alone live on;  
 While in the record book of God  
 Resplendent shine their names.

So may I live, dear Lord, from day to  
 day,  
 Unknown, save for the gentle touch,  
 Or soothing word, or helpful hand,  
 Content to know within the deed book  
 over there  
 My name is placed, and thou dost  
 understand.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Although many of the things we do  
 go unnoticed, they are seen by God.  
 He will reward His own.*

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Scripture Reading—Philippians  
 1:1-7

WHEN I FOUND YOU

In a scrapbook, years old, I found  
 this precious poem—the name of the  
 author not given:  
 When I found you—all nature seemed  
 to call;  
 The silence of the years that crept  
 along  
 Now burst into a maddening lyric  
 song,  
 The very skies took on a different  
 hue—  
 When I found you.

A little rill that lay within my heart,  
 All frozen over with the pain of years,  
 Broke from its dams, and like  
 refreshing tears  
 Swept through my being—bringing  
 hope anew,  
 When I found you.

The pagan "I" now stole away in  
 shame,  
 The angels seemed to peep from  
 every space  
 And all the sunbeams mirrored your  
 dear face;  
 At last I knew that God sent rain and  
 dew.  
 When I found you.

And so you brought into my darkened  
 soul  
 A wondrous light—a knowledge of  
 great things;  
 Then all the evil spirits took to wings  
 And I at last to righteous things was  
 true—  
 When I found you.

This sounds something like the  
 words the Apostle Paul wrote to the  
 Philippians: "I thank God upon every  
 remembrance of you" (Philippians  
 1:3).

PRAYER THOUGHT

*What a difference Christ makes in a  
 person's life!*

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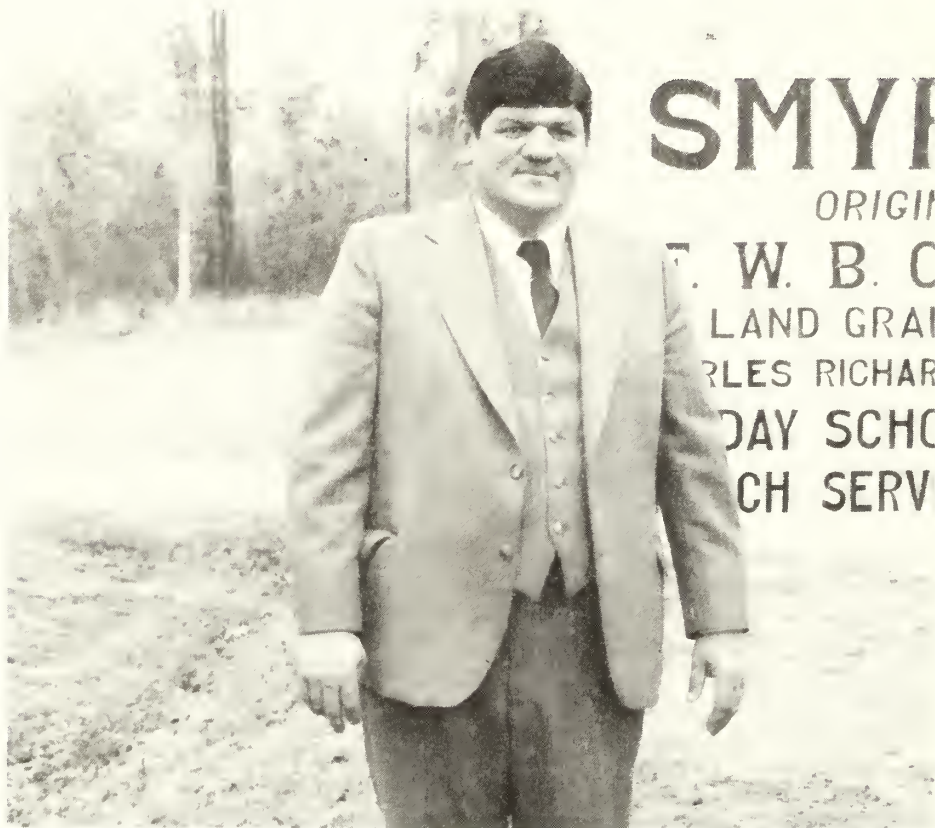


## The Rev. Charles Richardson

SMYRNA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Beaufort County honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Charles Richardson. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A GREAT MAN

by Crystal Lynn Woolard



*The Rev. Charles Richardson*

The Rev. Charles Richardson was born on May 28, 1935, in Newport, Rhode Island. As a youth his family moved to Annapolis, Maryland, where he spent his childhood. There he attended St. Mary's High School and graduated. After graduation, he entered the Marine Corps. During his service he was stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina, where he met his wife Shirley. On August 30, 1957 they were married. Moving to Maryland to live, they settled there to make a home. During these years they were blessed with 4 children which gave them a nice big family of 3 girls and a boy. After being moved from state to state by the company he was employed by, they felt it was time to make a change. In July of 1971, Mr. Richardson and his family moved to New Bern, North

Carolina where he was employed by Texti Industries as a safety and health director. In May of 1973, He was led to Christ at Saint's Delight Free Will Baptist Church. While he and his family attended this church he taught Sunday school and served on different committees.

Brother Richardson was called to the ministry in 1975 and was licensed on January 1, 1976. His first pastorate in March of 1976 was at Trent Free Will Baptist Church, Merritt, North Carolina. There the Lord richly blessed his work. In July of 1977 the Lord sent him and his wonderful family to Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church at Blounts Creek, North Carolina. The next month August 14, 1977, Brother Richardson was ordained by the Eastern Conference.

The Lord has richly blessed Smyrna this community by sending such a man of God our way. The many hours he spends visiting the sick, shut-ins, concerned and lost souls are amazing. He always has for everyone that smile, handshake and question of "do you love the Lord?" The calls he gets from people other than the members of Smyrna are many. If you need a shoulder to cry on, counseling, or a prayer, you can be assured he will always be there. Through his concern and love, we have drawn closer together as a church.

Not only did God send Brother Richardson to us but he sent a wonderful family as well. Mrs. Shirley (as we call her) is truly an asset to our church. She is the adult choir and the youth choir often serves as pianist. She is secretary of the ladies auxiliary and is active in church activities. Mr. Shirley's love and dedication to Smyrna is admired by all.

The Richardsons' children are a bunch of kids. Libby, the oldest, is married to Eddie Gaskins. They have a son, and live in New Bern, North Carolina. Marie and Charlene live at home where they are not at Mount Olive College. The Bucky, attends New Bern High School. The children are very active in all of their activities.

Since Brother Richardson became pastor, he has encouraged and worked us, in all our activities. We have services every Sunday morning and Sunday night. We have prayer meetings every Wednesday night. With his encouragement we have a visitation program, youth meeting, men's Bible study, auxiliary, puppet ministry, and last year we had our first vacation Bible school. Short while ago we started our fellowship hall which will be completed in the near future. Through this Spirit-filled ministry our church is steadily growing in membership and attendance.

Our pastor has given to us a great amount of time, love, and effort. We are proud of him. For this we love him and his family dearly. As a church we are grateful for the services that they renders to us. There is just so much we share together for his family and we would like to say thank you, Brother Richardson, and may God richly bless you and your family always. We appreciate your efforts and services for this year.

# Church Auxiliaries

## HIGHLIGHTS OF FIRST WESTERN WA CONVENTION

The spring session of the Woman's Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday, April 4. The theme was "Shining Lights for Jesus." The Scripture was from Matthew 5:16.

Mrs. James Joyner, district president, presided at the meeting to order with a congregational hymn. Mrs. Bill Dale led the music for the convention and Tommy Evans was the pianist.

Mr. Edmond Gonzalez gave the invocation. The president then recognized the delegates, ministers, visitors, and district officers.

Mr. Mark Taylor presented the topic "Light Shines Through Missions." A prayer note was read by Mrs. Taylor during the convention for the love gift to the King baby in the Philippines. Raymond Crocker spoke on "Love Shines Through Benevolence."

"God Is Glorified Through Our Youth" presented by Miss Alane Vester. Mr. Joe Ingram brought greetings from the foreign mission field. Reports from our denominational enterprises were presented.

Special music was presented by the host church. The musical program was conducted with the Rev. James Joyner singing "One Day at a Time." This was followed by a candlelight message through Shining Lights.

Miss Caroline Castelloe of Spring Hill church presented the morning message. She described Christian people as shining lights for Jesus who must shine for Him. "We must be Christian in all activities of life so that light may be seen. The light we have power to be effective."

In the afternoon session, Mrs. Woodrow H. presented a most inspiring devotion and memorial service. Mrs. Rosalene, vice president, reported on the convention. Mrs. Bass said we must be shining lights before Christ that others may be drawn into our church and auxiliary. "We must carry this light with boldness."

Mr. Roland Cherry directed the invocation service for the new officers. She exhorted the officers as their duty to God at the convention. Each officer held a burning candle that the light of Christ might shine in their life before their fellowman.

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Mrs. James Joyner, president, made remarks about praying for the new officers who will serve for the next two years in leading this convention in the way Christ would have it led.

In the business session, a resolution was passed opposed liquor-by-the-drink. The women went on record as requesting town and county residents to oppose liquor-by-the-drink proposals at referenda. A convention spokesman said that the stand was taken in behalf of the young people. The auxiliary asked the support of the church and the community on the issue.

One hundred forty-three women and ministers assembled in Kenly church. Thirty-one churches were represented.

The president, Mrs. Joyner, states, "It has been a blessed experience here today. We are grateful that the Lord has led us this way."

The Rev. L. S. Joyner prayed the benediction. Mrs. Jonas Hinton was the recording secretary for the convention.

## CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY RECEIVES GIFT

The St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Auxiliary of New Bern recently presented a contribution of \$1,000 to Cragmont Assembly to furnish the infirmary and the office in memory of Mrs. J. C. (Ma) Griffin.

Ma Griffin was known and loved throughout the Free Will Baptist denomination and she made many great contributions to the Auxiliary, serving as president of the national, state, and local auxiliaries. This organization was dear to her heart and she used her God-given abilities to promote its work. One of those projects was Cragmont. She went to Cragmont every summer until about three years before her death. Some of the happiest hours of her life were spent at Cragmont and she never missed an opportunity to speak out for Cragmont and urge its support. She always said the presence of God was so real to her when she was at Cragmont.

She was always a great inspiration to those who attended Cragmont Woman's Conference. Even though she could not attend the conference the last two or three years of her life, she prayed for the ministry at Cragmont and financially supported it. All women who attended Woman's Conference with Ma Griffin truly learned to love her and their lives were enriched by her presence. Her devotion to

God and her concern for the lost could not be equalled.

The women of St. Mary's loved Ma Griffin because she lived an exemplary Christian life and was an inspiration to all who knew her and worked with her.

So what better way to honor her memory than to give a contribution to Cragmont, a place so dear to her heart.

The members of St. Mary's Auxiliary encourage other auxiliaries who have women they would like to honor or memorialize because of their dedicated Christian service to do so by contributing to the Cragmont Building Fund in their honor and memory. It would be a living and lasting memorial or honor.

The new building is ready for occupancy and Cragmont needs our support now.

## ATTENTION EASTERN DISTRICT AUXILIARIES

Have you selected your "Woman of the Year"? Is she attending the Camp Vandemere Woman's Conference June 18-22?

I hope you said "yes" to both questions. We have been urging you to honor an outstanding woman in your church as your local "Woman of the Year" and to award her the week at Camp Vandemere. Monday night, June 18, is to be "Woman of the Year" night, and at that time the honorees will be recognized. There is time, if you hurry.

So, please make your selection if you have not done so. Honor her at your own church and get the write up to me no later than June 1. (You may send it to me, or enclose it with your registration blank.) If she can't stay at Camp for the whole week, please take her to the Monday night service. I'd like to see at least sixty women from our District who are being honored as "Woman of the Year"! Will you have yours there?

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RESIDES, GOD  
ABIDES.**



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## HICKORY CHAPEL INTERESTED



Members of all ages from Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Ahoskie recently explored some of the church-supported enterprises of the Free Will Baptist denomination including the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, Mount Olive College in Mount Olive, and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex. Mrs. Jean Ackiss, their tour guide at Mount Olive College, snapped this picture before going to lunch in the College cafeteria.

## DEWAYNE EAKES NOW "TEACHING AND PREACHING"

by Bev Herring

There's an old saying, "When you need something done, just ask a busy person to do it." That aptly describes the life of 32-year-old DeWayne Eakes, Pastor of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Lucama.

Aside from pastorate duties, DeWayne is teaching two courses in New Testament Survey three times a week at Mount Olive College to aid Dr. Michael Pelt, Acting Dean of the College, with his heavy course load.

DeWayne also assisted with the Paul Palmer Institute course taught at Little Rock church this spring.

"The interaction of a teacher with students is very stimulating," he said.

DeWayne believes in the principles of higher education within a Christian atmosphere. "We have a responsibility to help people in all aspects of life. In a real sense, having our own College preserves our identity and heritage as a Free Will Baptist people," he stated.

DeWayne explains the impression made on him at his church, Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist church and by the young pastor, the Rev. Joel Ingram, as a youngster.

"Joe was finishing his education at Mount Olive when I made my decision to enter the ministry," DeWayne began. "I know Mount Olive allowed me to feel more secure about getting started on my own before I was faced with college life at a strange new place."

After graduation from Mount Olive in 1967, he earned a bachelor's degree at Atlantic Christian College and a Master of Divinity at Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

"In accepting this position at Mount Olive College, I must give credit to the Little Rock Church Deacon Board for their supportive and kind efforts to help me until the end of the semester," DeWayne added.

DeWayne resides in Lucama with his wife, Carolyn, and son Kevin, age 7.

## TEACHING PREACHER



DeWayne Eakes, Pastor of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, gives an illustration in teaching his class at Mount Olive College this spring.

## GRADUATION DAY MAY 11

About one-hundred Mount Olive College students are expected to receive associate degrees at the 24th Annual Graduation Ceremony Friday, May 11 at 5:30 p. m. on the Moye Library lawn. Everyone is invited to attend.

William P. Kemo Jr., President of Kemo Furniture Industries of Goldsboro, will deliver the Commencement address.

A former member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, 1971-74, Kemo has spent the majority of his career in the family furniture manufacturing business. He is currently Personnel Manager, Production Manager,

Plant Manager before becoming president in 1966.

reception given by College President, W. Burkette Raper, will follow the graduation ceremony.



*William P. Kemp Jr.*

## ALUMNI OF AYDEN SEMINARY AND EUREKA COLLEGE TO MEET

Plans for the 1979 annual meeting of the Alumni of Ayden Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary and Eureka College are being finalized. The meeting will be held at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church on May 16, 1979 at 11 a. m. Following the meeting, a Dutch luncheon will be served at Bum's Restaurant. All alumni and family members are invited and urged to attend.

Mrs. Mabel Jolly Stokes, Secretary of the Alumni Association, submits the minutes of the 1978 meeting for publication in the general interest of the Association.

The Alumni Association of Ayden Seminary and Eureka College held its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 1979, at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church at 10 a. m.

President L. E. Ballard called the meeting to order and following a song by the members, he gave a devotional talk.

The treasurer, Mrs. Anna Hill, reported a balance of \$92.10 in the treasury following a collection among the members present.

Business consisted of discussion to prepare a marker for the Seminary and College. President Ballard agreed to look further into the matter. Concern was expressed about how to best get members to attend the meetings. Suggestions were made that the membership might make direct contact with alumni or their families, that articles be written for the

**Free Will Baptist**, and that perhaps Mount Olive College could assist in informing the alumni.

A memorial service for deceased alumni was conducted by Mrs. Anna Hill.

The following officers were elected for 1979: The Rev. L. E. Ballard, President; Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Vice-President, Mrs. Mable Jolly Stokes, Secretary; and Mrs. Anna Hill, Treasurer.

Following adjournment, fellowship continued with lunch at Bum's Restaurant.

## INTERESTED IN SUMMER SCHOOL?

Mount Olive College is offering three summer school sessions with each lasting three weeks. Term A will begin May 21 and will continue through June 8. Term B is June 11-29, and Term C is July 9-27.

Anyone interested in taking college credit courses in any of the liberal arts fields are invited to contact the Admissions Office at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 or call (919) 658-2502 for more information.

## FEATURE

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institutionalized.

What are some of the signs of institutionalism in the church today? Figures released by the Institute for Church Growth, which is a part of Fuller Theological Seminary, tell us that most churches grow to 90 percent of the largest size they will ever be during the first ten years of their existence. Most of the denominations, even those with the most democratic form of government, are fast becoming clergy-dominated institutions. There are signs of institutionalism all around us today.

### A Church Can Grow

So far, we have painted a dark picture. One might conclude that all it takes for a church to become institutionalized is to have an organization plus people plus age. This is true, unless there are some safeguards built into the governing structure of an organization. But we are glad to tell you that there are some illustrations in history that prove that a church does not have to become institutionalized and that it can keep growing. An example of this has produced the largest Southern Baptist Church in the

nation, the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, with more than 20,000 members and an age of over one hundred years, yet it is still growing.

In closing, we would like to list three things that have kept other old and large denominational churches from becoming institutionalized and has kept them growing when others around them were dying.

First, a church can avoid institutionalism and continue to grow by remaining true to the Word of God. Most of the denominations that have stopped growing have become infiltrated by liberalism. No church can continue to grow unless its membership has great convictions that the Bible is the infallible Word of God. This can happen only when the minister stays true to God's Word.

Second, to avoid institutionalism, a church must keep selfish leadership out. Sometimes it is a selfish pastor who wants to control, and sometimes it is an individual or a family within a church. When a church gets to the place where one person can control it, whether he be minister or layman, institutionalism has already set in.

Third, for a church to continue to grow, there must be a perennial program of evangelism. Just having a series of meetings once or twice a year and giving them the name "revival" will not be enough. There must be a continual, planned outreach, if the church is to continue to grow.

## Coming Events . . .

May—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Children's Home Month

May 10—State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove, Cape Fear District

May 11—Commencement at Mount Olive College, evening

May 13—Children's Home Day in local churches

May 19—Children's Home Founders' Day Celebration, 10:30 a. m., Memorial Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex



# The Sunday School Lesson

For May 20

## THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

**Lesson Text:** 2 Corinthians 5:14—6:2

**Memory Verse:** 2 Corinthians 5:20

### I. INTRODUCTION

Today's lesson deals with the subject of reconciliation. Some New Testament translations render the words **reconcile**, **reconciliation**, and **reconciling** in terms of friendship. This may not catch all the dimensions of the Greek word involved, but it does emphasize an important aspect of its meaning. It means a situation in which people formerly estranged and hostile are brought to enjoy peaceful relationships.

In our lesson text today, Paul indicates that God has, in Christ, changed us from enemies to friends. He came to show us that God did not want to be against us or to harm us. Rather, God wanted to show us how much He loved us. Jesus came to let us see how much God wanted to make us His friends. Even when men refused God's friendship and finally killed His Son, His love never faltered. He brought His Son back from death to show us that Jesus was truly a messenger of God's friendship.

Those who became friends with God were blessed and empowered by the Spirit sent by His Son. They have continued to testify to God's continuing desire to have us turn from our ways of evil, which destroy us, and walk in the steps of His Son. This is the way of life, peace, and blessing. The church consists of those who are friends together because of their mutual friendship with God. "Our message is that God was making all mankind his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends" (2 Corinthians 5:19, **Today's English Version**).—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Dr. G. Coleman Luck, chairman of the department of Bible at the Moody Bible Institute, in his book on Second Corinthians, divides the epistle into four parts: Introductory Thoughts, The Ministry of Reconciliation, The Ministry of Giving, and The Ministry of the Apostle. Our Scriptures for today are taken from the second section of the book: The Ministry of Reconciliation.

B. The text for this lesson falls in that portion of the epistle where Paul is seeking to explain the basis of his judgment. He wants the Corinthians to look at the values of life with the vision that Christ has taught and not as the world views life. When a person is reconciled to God something happens to him. He is no longer the same. Paul must be judged by these new standards, and so must every Christian. It then becomes the duty of Paul to make us see this new way of understanding Christ, and it becomes our task to make known to the world Him who is the means of reconciliation to God.

C. This is an important lesson because it deals with the business of winning men to Jesus Christ. This is why Jesus Christ came to this earth—in order that men might be saved. This is why God saved us—that we might help save others. This is the primary reason for the existence of the church—that men may come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

D. Why do we want to win souls to Christ? Is it so that we can have a big church and people will call us a great soul winner? Every person should examine his motives. Paul gives us some motives that are right and good. First, the terror of the Lord. Second, the constraining love of Christ for us and for those who are lost. Third, the results of this effort. It makes new men and women.

E. In this matter of soul winning, we must never get the idea that we save people. God does the saving. We are only instruments in God's hands. God could

have devised some other way for men to be saved, but He gave this ministry of reconciliation to us who are Christian. It is a concern not just for ministers, but for all Christians. If we fail to do our job, our ministry ought to be done, then some men and women may die and go to Hell because of our neglect.

F. Paul tells us that we are ambassadors for Christ. This means that we are workers in a foreign country. Our home country is Heaven; we are aliens and strangers here. As ambassadors, we are to represent our King, Jesus Christ, in this world. How good are you as a Christian are you doing in winning men and women to Christ?

G. Paul also tells us that we are workers with Christ. It is wonderful that God has entrusted us with the task of soul winning, but it is even more wonderful that He has promised to be with us when we work at the task.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A husband and his wife became estranged and finally separated. They moved to different parts of the country.

B. The husband one day chanced to return to this city on a matter of business. He went out to the cemetery to the grave of their only son. He was standing by the grave in fond remembrance when he heard a step behind him. Turning, he saw his estranged wife.

C. The first inclination of both was to turn away. But they had a common, binding interest in that grave; and instead of turning away they clasped hands at that grave of their son, and were reconciled one to another. It took nothing less than death to reconcile them!

D. It takes nothing less than the precious blood of Christ, to record a man to God. The pronouncement, proclamation, of that is the gospel message. If we are new creatures in Christ, or better translated, new creatures in Christ, we have the blessed privilege of bringing the unsaved to a reconciliation with God. Yea, it is more than a privilege; it is indeed a command that Christ has given us when He said that He had "committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.)**

# Children's Home Month

## MRS. DAVID N. NOBLES JR.



Children at play.

The State Convention has set aside May as Children's Home Month in our churches. May is the month in which Mother's Day falls and is an appropriate time to honor the child who has lost or is separated from his or her mother. A mother, or a father for that matter, cannot be replaced. One can only supplement or enhance the role of a mother in a child's life. The houseparents at the Children's Home provide that supplemental care that the children on our campus need that cannot be given by parents or relatives of the child.

More than 700 (seven hundred) children have depended on the Free Will Baptist Children's Home to provide them with a supplementary parent. The need for child care outside a child's own home is no less today than in years past. The divorce rate soars. The reported cases of abuse and neglect continue to climb. If we, as Christians, do not give these unfortunate children a better alternative in which they will grow up not ever knowing what a "Christian home" is like.

May is more than a month to remember a denominational enterprise; May is a month to remember children robbed of a home by divorce. May is the month to remember our

Lord's challenge—"To suffer the little children to come unto me." During May remember to spend some extra time in prayer for our children and staff at the Children's Home.

- We need your prayers.
- We need your gifts.

But we would like to do some thing for you too!

- We would like to send you bulletin inserts for your Children's Home Day Service.
- We would like to send someone to your church to share news from the Children's Home.
- We would like to invite you to our annual Founders' Day and Open House on May 19, at 10:30 a. m. Join us for lunch. Bring a picnic basket; we'll have barbecue, slaw, bread, tea, and drinks. There will be campus tours in the afternoon during open house.

**MAY IS  
CHILDREN'S HOME  
MONTH**

On Saturday morning, February 17, 1979, around six o'clock the Golden Gates were opened wide and a gentle voice said, "Come," and angels from the other side welcomed Mrs. Lana Barnhill Nobles home. She was the widow of David N. Nobles Jr. She contributed much to her church and community as long as her health permitted.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 p. m. on Sunday in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor of the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, and the Rev. Frank Brinson, former pastor of Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Nobles, a native of Pitt County, lived most of her life in the Stokes Community. She was an alumna of East Carolina University, a faithful member of Sweet Gum Grove church, a Sunday school teacher for 40 years, a member of the Sweet Gum Grove Extension Club for 36 years and its past president.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jesse Bullock of Greenville, and Mrs. Elton Martin of Robersonville; two sons, Marion Nobles of Stokes and Kindsay Nobles of Memphis, Tennessee; ten grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lana loved her church and community very much and was a great worker until she became disabled. We are going to miss her very much but we know our Lord never makes mistakes.

"Like a ship that has left its moorings  
And sails bravely out to sea  
So someone dear has sailed away  
In calm serenity.  
But there's promise of a greater joy  
Than earth could have in store,  
For God has planned a richer life  
Beyond the unseen shore."

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Esper Futrell  
Mrs. Provot Lassister  
Mrs. James Smith



# NEWS & NOTES

## First Church, Rocky Mount Celebrates 50th Anniversary



*First Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount*

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, celebrated its 50th anniversary, on Sunday, March 4, 1979. The Rev. Larry W. Barbour is the pastor.

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris was organist for the occasion. A welcome was given by Mrs. Kate Merritt. All former pastors, members, and special visitors were recognized. Special music was presented by Mrs. Janice Howell and the choir of the church. A brief history of the church and its organizations were given by Mr. Jim Howell, Mr. James Morris, Mrs. Kathryn

Ricks, Miss Leslie Moore, Mr. Glenn Ricks, the Rev. A. L. Reynolds, and the Rev. R. P. Harris.

Mrs. Kathryn Ricks, president of the woman's auxiliary presented Mrs. Kate Merritt with a corsage and a plaque for faithful service for 50 years service and the auxiliary gave a life award pin.

The program closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie."

A fellowship hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served afterwards. Mr. and Mrs. James Boseman presided at the register.

## General Conference to Meet

The General Conference of Original Will Baptists will convene June 28-30, 1979 with the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Chelyan, West Virginia. Rev. Jimmy Ryan is the host pastor. The following motels are recommended:

Kanawha City Motor Lodge  
3103 MacCorkle Avenue SE  
Charleston, West Virginia, phone 304-2461

Marvin's Mid-Town Motel  
1316 Kanawha Blvd.  
Charleston, West Virginia, phone 304-4311

Executive Inn  
3014 MacCorkle Avenue SE  
Charleston, West Virginia, phone 304-8820

Number 3 Holiday Inn  
600 Kanawha Blvd.  
Charleston, West Virginia, phone 304-8820

Make your reservations now.

A detailed map showing the location of the Little Creek church of West Virginia will follow in a later issue of the **Free Will Baptist** paper.

## Core Point Church Announces Revival

Core Point Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will hold its spring revival March through May 19. The Rev. Charles Richardson will be the guest evangelist. The church is located at Route 1, Blooming Creek, North Carolina, on Highway 1. The pastor, the Rev. Ray Harrison, invites everyone to come and sing and fellowship with them.

## Special Called Session of State Convention

There will be a special called session of the State Convention on August 14, 1979. The purpose of this session is to consider the proposed revision of the preface to the "Statement of Faith and Discipline." The location of the meeting will be in the gymnasium on the campus of Lehigh Community College in Kinston, North Carolina.

Churches are reminded that they are entitled to one delegate for each hundred members or fraction thereof.

Copies of the proposed revision are on sale at the Free Will Baptist Press

branch bookstores. Because there was money designated for this revision the books are being sold at cost. The price is per copy. The Executive Committee of the State Convention encourages ministers and delegates to secure a copy of the book as soon as possible. By having a copy now, ministers and delegates can be familiar with the proposal before they arrive at the special session.

### Mission Announces Revival in Progress

Fifth Free Will Baptist Mission is having a spring revival this week. Services will continue through May 11 with its new pastor, the Rev. Luther Swinson, bringing messages. The time of the services is 10 a. m. A supper will be held at 6 p. m. each Friday. There is special singing each night. The pastor and its members extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

Fifth Mission is located on the old U. S. Highway 1, Leland, North Carolina.

### Normal Service at Owens Chapel Church

On Sunday, April 22, Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm Grove, North Carolina, held a baptismal service in the church. There were six candidates from the Edgewood church to be baptized; along with one from Owens Chapel. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Rex Benson, took charge of the service. The Rev. Rex Edwards, pastor of the Edgewood church, conducted the baptism.

### Carolina Bible Institute Offers Course in Evangelism

In its effort to serve, the Carolina Bible Institute is constantly seeking new ways and methods of spreading the gospel. In keeping with this effort, equipment has been purchased to teach Bible courses through video tape. Through the means of video tape and television, both the scope and quality of the service can be increased. In order to introduce this method of teaching Bible courses to the people, the institute is offering a two-hour course on evangelism at the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church on May 10 from 8 until 10 p. m. The course will be taught by Vance Over, one of North Carolina's most respected and well-known evangelists. His teachings on evangelism should be both interesting and helpful to ministers and laymen of all ages.

At the half-way mark of the course, free refreshments will be served by the Institute in the new Christian Life Center of the church. Those who have to go or do not care to stay for the second half of the course will be free to leave at that time.

Since the auditorium of the Pine Level church seats only about 300, there is expected to be an overflow crowd. So it would be to your advantage to let the Institute know how many will be coming in

your group so that there will be space reserved for you. They would not want you to drive a distance and then not be able to get a seat. Write Carolina Bible Institute, P. O. Box 337, Pine Level, North Carolina 27568.

**NOTHING IS  
IMPOSSIBLE TO A  
WILLING SOUL.**

## PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION MEETING

Dr. Patricia Terrell, Dr. Dorothy Muller, and Noel Thomas (Tommy) Manning participated in the annual International Reading Association meeting in Atlanta, April 23-27. They conducted a workshop designed to help publishers and instructors recognize factors which affect reading ease, both in the elementary and secondary schools, with emphasis given to the beginning and functional reader.

Their presentation, which incorporated slides, transparencies, research data, and reading and textbook samples, was entitled "Readability Formulas Strike Out, Possibly! A Consideration of Other Factors Affecting Reading Ease." It was well received by those in attendance.

Dr. Terrell directed the workshop, and her area of specialty included the organization of reading, reading materials, and aspects thereof, with survey samplings of major publishing companies. Dr. Muller's presentation included the history and application of readability, a critical view of accepted formulas, and a

demonstration of the limitations of some widely-used readability instruments. Mr. Manning's approach designated "comprehension at a glance," layout, typeface and size of print, and the various design factors as determinants of legibility, and, consequently, affecters of readability.

Both Dr. Terrell and Dr. Muller are professors in the Department of Elementary Education at East Carolina University, Greenville, and Mr. Manning is Editor of Literature at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., Ayden, and a teacher of creative writing and music at Pitt Technical Institute, Greenville.

The convention drew publishers, college professors, instructors, editors, reading specialists, teachers, and international notables from all over the United States and several foreign countries. Approximately 20,000 attended.

**SPECIAL SESSION TO  
BE HELD**

There will be a special called session of the North Carolina State Convention on Tuesday, August 14 for the purpose of considering the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline. The meeting will be held on the campus of Lenoir Community College in Kinston. More information will be provided later.

**PREACHER'S DIARY**

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

A certain preacher who had just completed his ordination examination said to me, "Preacher, before I could be ordained I had to promise to support all of our denominational enterprises, but some of the members of the ordaining council don't support them all and it disturbs me." My answer came from Matthew 23:3: "All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not."



# MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

by Nancy Matthews

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Names may be found in vertical, horizontal, diagonal, backward, or forward positions.

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 ANNA  
 ATHALIAH  
 BATHSHEBA  
 DEBORAH  
 ELIZABETH  
 EVE  
 HANNAH  
 JEZEBEL

JOCHEBED  
 LEAH  
 MARY  
 NAOMI  
 RACHEL  
 RAHAB  
 REBEKAH  
 RIZPAH  
 SARAH  
 ZILLAH

## “IS THERE ANY HOPE?”

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

“And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they

should not know him” (Luke 24:13-16).

What’s so important about the meeting between Jesus and the two on the way to Emmaus? It’s certainly not the place, for the site of the old village cannot be positively located. It’s not the two men. Cleopas is not mentioned anywhere else in the Bible, and his associate is not even named here. But they are important to us as witnesses, and we cannot forget them. They had a great testimony.

What was so important about this meeting? One important thing was that Jesus was there, and this was after they

had killed Him. But He was there and was alive, and He made Himself cle known to them that evening. breaking of bread, the recalling of proph testimony, the visual perception, feeding of starved hearts—all became heritage of those two, and of million others since.

Like the men of Emmaus, we can r great discoveries about Christ. Scriptures say that, “beginning at Mo and all the prophets, Christ expoun unto them in all the scriptures concern Himself.” What do you suppose Jesus them? They had read the proph prophecies that told what would happe God’s Anointed One. He would crucified (Psalm 22:16), numbe among the thieves (Isaiah 53:12); mo (Psalm 22:7, 8), and buried in a man’s tomb (Isaiah 53:9); but His f would not see corruption (Psalm 16:8-1

Even though they knew th prophecies, and knew that they were a Jesus, the men were not expecting Resurrection. Now before we cond them, we need to look at ourselves. Do know what the Bible says? Do we be what it says and let it affect our actions attitudes? How have we been char because we’ve studied God’s Word?

It would be good for us to evaluate v these men did after they realized the t about Christ’s Resurrection. The realities of fulfilled prediction and histo fact gave them the foundation for faith. Then they shared it at once. Are willing to follow the example of the tw the Emmaus road?

Is there any hope? Several years ago American submarine sank off the co. Immediately a massive rescue opera began in an attempt to save the men abo Divers were lowered to the scene, and found the craft resting on the bottom they worked around the ship, hoping find some evidence of life, they hear faint tapping sound. Listening n closely, they heard being tapped ou Morse code the words, “Is there hope?” The divers immediately tap back, “Yes, yes, there is hope!”

As the distraught disciples of Je made their way to Emmaus, their ho that Jesus was the long expected Mes seemed now in vain. “Is there any hope they seemed to be asking.

When Jesus finally revealed Himse them as they broke bread, He emphatic said to them, “Yes there is hope!”

## NEW KING JAMES BIBLE NEAR COMPLETION

Although the King James Version of the Bible is preferred by more Christians than any other translation, it is 368 years old, and because of the changes in the English language, it is difficult for many readers to understand.

Because of this, an international team of more than a hundred scholars, editors, and church leaders have been at work for more than four years on the **New King James Bible** project. Now, the New Testament edition of their work is ready for publication, according to the New Testament Editor, Dr. Arthur Farstad, Dallas, Texas.

"Our work is finally complete," said Farstad, "and the New Testament is in the hands of Thomas Nelson Publishers who will be releasing it to the public later this year."

Unlike most modern translations and paraphrases, the scholarly team on the **New King James Bible** project has not sought to produce a totally new translation. Instead," says Farstad, "we have utilized the best of both Greek and English scholarship to preserving and enhancing the King James Version for 20th Century readers."

In three and a half centuries, the English language has changed substantially. The meanings of many words have changed, some have completely disappeared, and the rules of grammar and punctuation have changed so much that the Elizabethan style of the King James Version is difficult to understand.

"The King James Version is widely revered for both its style and authority," said Farstad, "so the scholarly team has focused on keeping the originally intended meaning and poetic beauty of the 1611 edition alive in the **New King James Bible**."

The **New King James Bible New Testament** will be unique among the many modern translations available because it is the only one which reflects the same process of Greek manuscript selection as the 1611 King James Version. "Recently, there has been a growing body of careful scholars," said Farstad, "who maintain that the traditional Greek texts used for the King James Version are, in fact, superior to those used for most translations."

The editors and scholars on the **New King James Bible** project considered it far more wise to accept the consensus of the

thousands of manuscripts that are in basic agreement rather than the few different but older manuscripts which have so heavily influenced recent translations." This "majority text" concept which is the foundation of the **New King James Bible New Testament**, is the same theory which undergirds the 1611 King James Version.

Some of the most obvious differences which readers will notice in the **New King James Bible New Testament** are the changing of the "thee" and "thou" pronouns and their accompanying verbs like "shouldst" and "doeth" to more contemporary forms. Simple changes like the addition of quotation marks to set off dialogue and the capitalization of pronouns which refer to God will likely be appreciated by most readers as much as some of the more sophisticated changes. Neither of these features of modern usage is used in the King James Version.

More subtle—but critical to making the text understandable—are the changes of a small number of archaic words, of words whose meanings have changed, and in the handling of grammar and punctuation. However, the **NKJB** editors and scholars maintain that, with only minor exceptions, the basic King James word order has been preserved so carefully that persons will be able to listen to the King James Version being read and to follow along, word-for-word, in the **New King James Bible**.

"It is tempting," said Farstad, "to assume that the **New King James Bible** is merely a casual updating of the King James Version. In reality, the level and intensity of both the Greek and English scholarship on this project is unsurpassed in Bible publishing, and we believe that the **New King James Bible** will have a greater impact on English speaking society than any publication since the 1611 King James Version."

The sponsors of the project, Thomas Nelson Publishers and the American Trust for Biblical Studies, say the **New King James Bible New Testament** will be in circulation to the press and church leadership by April 15 and available in bookstores by June 1. The Old Testament is tentatively scheduled for completion by 1981.

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Elmo Truitt announces that he is available for full-time or part-time work.

Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing 5322 Trentwoods Drive, New Bern, North Carolina 28560 or by phoning 637-2851.

The Rev. E. H. Fordham announces that he has resigned as pastor of Edwards Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and will be available as of July 1, 1979. Any full-time or part-time church wishing his services may contact him at 821 Chattawka Lane, New Bern, North Carolina 28560 or by phoning 637-9420.

The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse of Columbia, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time or part-time church. He is also available for supply work. He is a minister in good standing with the Albemarle Conference. Any Free Will Baptist church may contact him at the following address: The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Route 2, Box 259, Columbia, North Carolina 27925, phone 796-0249.

The Rev. O. Swade Benson announces that he is available for pastoral work. He has resigned from Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church as of June 30, 1979. Any Free Will Baptist church may contact him at the following address: The Rev. O. Swade Benson, Route 3, Box 192, Elm City, North Carolina 27822; or phone 237-0581.

The Rev. Eddie Edwards announces that he is available to serve any church in the Piedmont Conference on part-time basis or on full-time basis after May 1. He can be contacted until May 1 at Route 2, Box 365, Vanceboro, North Carolina 28586, phone 244-1511; after May 1 he may be reached at 308 Old Midway Road, Rockingham, North Carolina 28379, phone 895-3261 or 997-3855.

The Rev. Bass Mitchell announces that he will be available for full-time or part-time services as of July 1, 1979. He will be attending Duke Divinity School in the fall and would prefer to serve a church in or near the Raleigh-Durham area. He may be contacted by writing 609 Apartment B, Woodard Street, Wilson, North Carolina 27893, or by phoning 291-8459.

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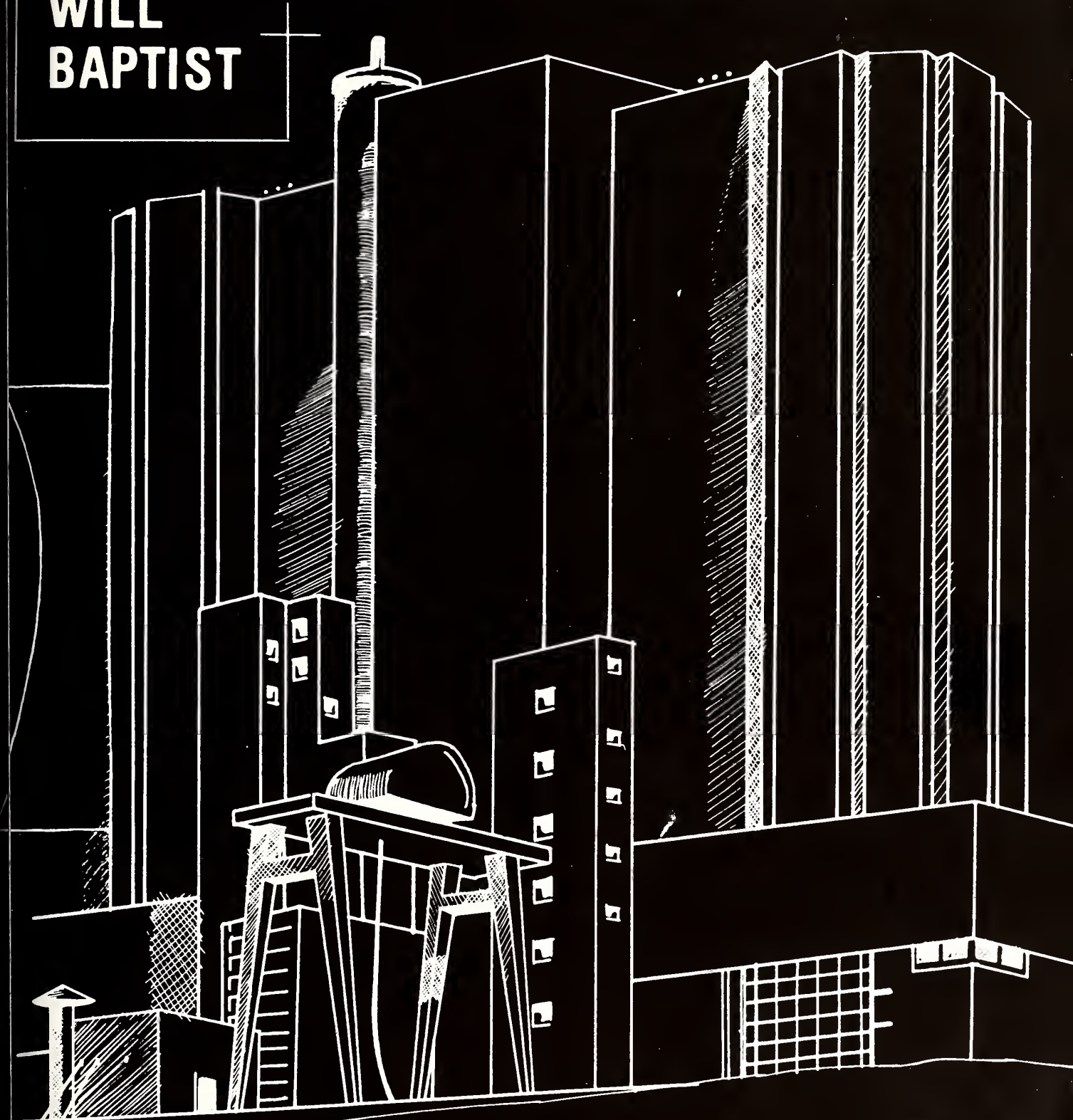
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**If nuclear power is not the answer to the energy crisis,  
viable alternatives must be chosen.**

**Rebuke the nuke, if you must, but consider the  
seriousness of another grave danger which deserves  
protest.**



# Editorial . . .



Tommy Manning  
Editor

## REBUKE THE NUKE!

Jane Fonda is at it again. In case you don't know who Jane Fonda is, she's the outspoken daughter of veteran actor Henry Fonda. Jane and her rather radical approach to her "dislikes" first gained prominence during the 60s. Jane Fonda's newest campaign is against the danger of nuclear power.

Now, surely, no alert person can ignore the recent Three Mile Island reactor accident. Because of that accident (which, say some, was a result of human error), many of us, for the first time in our experience, were made to consider the grave danger of nuclear power. Appropriately enough, questions and apprehensions were expressed. As with all controversial topics, the media seemed to overreact; and, either as a cause or consequence (we don't know which), panic seized the control of some emotions.

The emotions of Jane Fonda need little encouragement, as she has shown in the past. And if anything, Jane Fonda is forthright. As the expression goes, she makes no bones concerning her stand about **anything**. Though we don't agree with many of her methods and/or her personal causes, we cannot help admiring her courage and dedication.

As for the current campaign, it is one which seems especially fitted to her. In the smash box-office hit, "China Syndrome," she starred in a tailor-made role as a television reporter who became involved, however unintentionally, with the uncovering of a nuclear plant accident which threatened the safety and lives of thousands.

The safety and lives of thousands—yea, even millions—is something to be concerned about. And, surely, if nuclear reactors are environmentally unsafe, as anti-nuclear groups insist, something does need to be done about them. Further, if nuclear power is not the answer to the energy crisis, viable alternatives must be chosen, explored, and investigated. We have no argument with Jane Fonda here.

How very upset we become with physical dangers—anything which affects our health and safety adversely! How strongly we demand preventive and curative measures! Radiation poisoning is nothing to be taken lightly, of course; but isn't it odd that we too often ignore **sin** and the irreparable damage it can do?

Why don't some of us—even all of us—express our concern about that? Sin is something worth protesting too! Rebuke the nuke, if you must—but rebuke sin with equal vigor—please. Sin can kill for eternity!

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# Of Historical Interest

by Gary Fenton Barefoot  
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THROUGHOUT the history of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist denomination there have been overtures and attempts, mostly from the outside, to unite with other denominational bodies. The reasons and goals of such coalitions have been varied and have appeared advantageous to all involved.

Free Will Baptists, however, must have learned much from the pretense of union advocated by the Campbellites between 1839 and 1843. During this time many members, preachers, and churches were lost to the Christian Baptists, as the disciples of Alexander Campbell called themselves.

Another attempt at union took place in North Carolina during 1923. The following article from a newspaper clipping in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, Mount Olive College, gives the details. The Christian church referred to is the O'Kellyite branch of what is today the United Church of Christ.

## CHURCH GROUPS PLAN COALITION Christian and Free Will Baptists Sign Articles of Agreement Here

Declaring that a "united Protestantism is the goal of our churches," eighteen commissioners representing the original Free Will Baptist denomination and the Christian church signed an agreement here yesterday that paves the way to the eventual consolidation of the two denominations. Each has approximately 3,000 members in North Carolina and other states.

No immediate change in the name of either church has been agreed upon, the agreement declaring that the name is a matter for the followers of Christ to determine, though Christian is a proper name for all Christian believers." Inter-change of delegates to public assemblies was agreed upon, and both continue the autonomy of local churches.

The agreement will be submitted to the assemblies of both churches at future meetings. The Free Will Baptist assembly takes place in May and the Christian conference in September of this year. Local ratification is expected in the individual churches that belong to both denominations.

Both denominations maintain educational and charitable institutions in North Carolina. The Atlantic Christian College at Wilson, Elon College and the Christian orphanage at Elon are owned by the Christian Church. Parochial schools are maintained by the Free Will Baptists in a number of counties but principally in Johnston county at Ayden.

The commissions which met here yesterday were authorized at the 1922 assemblies of the two churches. The conference here yesterday was held in the private dining room of the Bland Hotel, and consumed the entire day. The following articles of agreement were drawn up and signed by the eighteen commissioners:

"That Jesus is the head of his church.

"That the Bible is the sufficient rule of faith and practice.

"That Christian character is the proper test of fellowship in the church of Christ.

"That the right of private judgment or the liberty of conscience is a right and duty of all.

"That the reciprocity of ministers and members between our churches is desirable.

"That the name of the church is a matter for the followers of Christ to determine though Christian is a proper name for all believers.

"That the local church should be autonomous.

"That fraternal delegates should be inter-changed for our public assemblies.

"That we should write for each other's periodicals and visit and use each other's institutions.

"That a united Protestantism is the goal of our churches."

Delegates attending from the Free Will Baptist church were: Rev. R. F. Pittman, Ayden; Mrs. R. F. Pittman, Ayden, Rev. Thomas E. Beaman, Zebulon; Rev. H. S. Stryon, Pine Level; Rev. W. B. Everett, Ayden; Professor J. E. Sawyer, Ayden; Rev. E. C. Morris, Zebulon; Rev. B. P. Parks, Zebulon; and C. M. Johnson, Goldsboro.

Delegates representing the Christian church were: Rev. T. E. Smith, Norfolk; Rev. W. W. Staley, Suffolk; Rev. C. H. Rowland, Franklinton; Rev. W. D. Parry, Raleigh; Rev. A. R. Flowers, Denson, Va.; C. H. Stephenson, Raleigh; L. L. Vaughan, Raleigh; and H. H. Hope, Elon College.

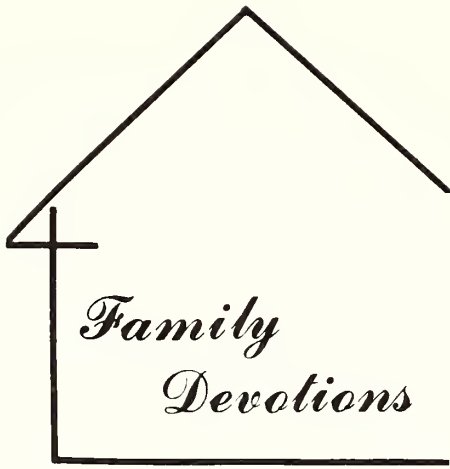
**Raleigh News and Observer** February 13, 1923

This coalition attempt did not fare very well in the 1923 annual session of the North Carolina State Convention even though Dr. W. A. Harper, then president of Elon College, gave a splendid address on Christian unity at that session. He had been sent as a fraternal delegate from the Christian Church (O'Kellyite). The minutes of the State Convention bear no details of the issue as it was most surely heavily discussed. Instead the following note by the secretary makes clear the feelings toward union movements.

(Note—At the meeting of the Executive Committee in Goldsboro, on January 3 [1923], a commission of six men was elected to meet with a commission appointed by the O'Kellyite Christian Church with a view of cultivating a closer fellowship between the churches. This action of the Executive Committee was repudiated by a vote of the Convention and erased from the proceedings.—Secretary) North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist. Minutes, 1923, p. 6.

Nevertheless, in the true spirit of Christian fellowship, M. A. Woodard was appointed as fraternal delegate to the Christian Conference of North Carolina (O'Kellyite) for the next year. The minutes of the next session, however, make no mention of any report on the visit if, in fact, such was actually done.





**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

Scripture Reading—Luke 16:1-13

**A FAILURE OUT OF LIFE**

Dr. Perry F. Webb, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, tells how to make a failure out of life:

Follow the line of least resistance. Be neutral on moral, spiritual and righteous issues. Straddle the fence.

Alienate yourself from the church membership. Go to church when you "feel" like it and when it is most convenient. Disregard the mid-week prayer meeting.

Indulge your carnal appetites. Take it easy on Sunday; it is a rest day. Be lazy, be selfish. Accept the pleasures offered by the world.

Look at the inconsistencies and sins of others. Pick flaws, find fault and criticize. Ignore your own faults.

Unite with worldly organizations. Join some good lodge; be a member of some club or fraternity. They do lots of good and you don't have to be narrow either.

Run around with carnal believers and worldlings. Don't bring religion into your social life.

Make intimate friendship with people of character, regardless of their attitude toward the Christ.

Eclipse your salvation with business interests. You have a living to make and a home to keep. Work overtime and Sundays because it will make you more money. Get dollars. Business first.

Along with these wise words, we read that God tells how to be a success:

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do ac-

ording to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11).

"If any man serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor" (John 12:26).

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

To make a success out of life, one must "meditate" on the Word, and "do according to all that is written therein." Let us apply ourselves and pray more for spiritual success than for the worldly counterpart.

**MONDAY, MAY 21**

Scripture Reading—Psalm 70:1-14

**PROBLEMS AND PREVAILING PESSIMISM**

What problems? The problems of old age.

What pessimism? The pessimism of old age—so prevalent.

The greatest foe of old age is pessimism, a University of Louisville psychiatrist told Duke University's 16th annual medical symposium.

"Too often the aged accept their aches and pains as normal for that age. They are not normal. They are pathological, and being pathological, we can do something about it.

"So, let the old people complain, let them gripe on all the problems that affect them. That is the only way we are going to make progress in the treatment and prevention of these problems."

This was the message of Dr. Spafford Ackerly, chairman of the Psychiatry Department at the University of Louisville.

But David gave better counsel when he made this declaration:

"Those that he planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to shew that the Lord is upright" (Psalm 92:13, 14).

And Israel was strengthened by God's comforting words through the prophet Isaiah:

"Even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you; I

have made, and I will bear; even will carry, and will deliver you" (Isaiah 46:4).

Surely, too, Paul gave the a better counsel when he urged the a men "to be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patient and when he urged the aged won "that they be in behaviour becometh holiness—not false teachers, not given to much with teachers of good things" (Titus 2).

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

All problems seem worse and burdens heavier to the pessimistic person. Although optimism must be considered a "cure all," every approach to life is more successful when one employs an optimistic attitude. We should remember too, that God dislikes a despairing spirit.

**TUESDAY, MAY 22**

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 14:10

**BAPTIST PREACHER BRAVELY ENDURES PUBLIC WHIPPING**

In Boston, Massachusetts, in 1693 the horror and glory of Golgotha were recreated before a spellbound throng at a public whipping of Obadiah Holmes, a Baptist preacher. As thirty lashes were laid on the bruised and bleeding back of the minister with a three-corded whip, he was heard to say, in the language of Christ on the cross, "Lord, lay not this sin to my charge." And, like Christ, Holmes chose to suffer when he might have escaped the lash. Holmes was arrested with John Clarke and John Crandall and charged with conducting an illegal worship service and other prohibited activities. Holmes and Crandall were members of Clarke's Baptist Church in Newport, Rhode Island. Arrest took place in the home of William Witter, an aged and blind member of Clarke's congregation, where the Baptists were conducting a worship service. At their trial, Massachusetts Governor John Endicott ordered them to pay fines totaling fifty-five pounds or to be whipped.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

We have come a long way since 1651—perhaps too long a way! Too few of us manifest real dedication to the cause of Christ. Few of us indeed are so devoted as to endure the whip for Him.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Scripture Reading—Revelation 1:1-

### RAY'S REMARKS

The noble and notable Dr. Jeff D. Ray wrote these words about the virtues of a certain convention which met in Houston, Texas, some years ago.

"Can you give me space to mention without comment some virtues that I saw preeminently illustrated in our convention? Perhaps no one person had all these virtues and confessedly I saw manifested in a few individuals the opposite of some of these noble traits. But a composite view of the messengers and their conduct and what I knew of their character is ahouette made up of the following characteristics:

Sincerity without pugnacity,  
Integrity without self-righteousness,  
Humility without Uriah Heepness,  
Generosity with display,  
Fraternity without gush,  
Sociability without gossip,  
Unanimity without a rubber stamp,  
Tenacity without stubbornness,  
Spirituality without pharisaism,  
Sacrifice without complaint,  
Self-denial without boasting,  
Loyalty to truth without war paint.

"Admitting that there is frailty in me, my opinion is that to a marked degree the convention was composed of men and women notable for the marks I have enumerated. If the men and women I saw at Houston are true representatives of their million brothers and sisters back at home, we may confidently count that under God we have an invincible army for world conquest."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If each of us could recognize the need and develop the virtues as noted by Dr. Ray, it is conceivable that all the worst evil in the world could be crushed. Let us pray for such.*

## THURSDAY, MAY 24

Scripture Reading—Malachi 3:1-6

### DEPARTURE

If you want to read something sad, sweet and exquisite, listen to this from the pen of Kathleen Lamb:

Take with you all the starlight, all the moons  
Which we gazed, and take each  
Vivid day

We spent together, all the joyous  
Junes

We loved, and lock them some-  
where—far away.

I have no need of them since you must  
go,

They have become quite useless, dear,  
to me.

They were a frame of joy we used to  
know;

A background for remembered ec-  
stasy.

Now I shall have no time for little  
flights

Into the land of make-believe. My  
days

Must be rebuilt away from lovely  
heights,

Down on the earth among prosaic  
ways.

I shall not weep, nor empty, crave,  
What happiness we had will make  
me brave.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*At the departure of a loved one—at his or her leaving the earthly realm—it is hard not to feel that all is lost. But as we reflect upon the genuinely happy, meaningful times we had together, we can take strength. After all, God does not require the relinquishing of favorable memories.*

## FRIDAY, MAY 25

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians  
4:8-16

### "ICEBERG DEAD AHEAD!"

When the ill-fated "Titanic" steamed majestically through the darkness on her maiden voyage to New York, April 14th, 1912, more than two thousand souls were enjoying the snug comforts of its lavish compartments, secure in the belief that neither wind nor storm, nor wave could prevail against them. One of the dramatic incidents of that tragic night is recalled by the *Washington Post*:

"In the wheelroom, a nattily uniformed officer hummed at his task as he directed the destinies of an ocean greyhound that even then was setting a speed record. The phone rang. A minute passed! Another minute! The officer was busy! The third precious minute clicked away. The officer, his trivial task completed, stepped to the phone. From the 'crow's nest!' 'Iceberg dead ahead! Reverse the engines!' But too late! As he rushed to the controls, the

'pride of the seas' crashed the berg  
head on amid the deafening roar.

"Three precious minutes! Attention to trivial details and the big important opportunity slipped by until too late! Sixteen hundred people, including many notables of two continents, paid with their lives for that officer's neglect, and in less than two hours only bobbing lifeboats marked the spot where the three-million-dollar marvel of the sea went down.

"This world is a great 'Titanic!' There is, speaking figuratively, an iceberg dead ahead. The end of all things is at hand. Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth to end the reign of sin. But when He comes, there will be no time for repentance, no time to make your peace with God. It will then be too late. Now, just now, is the day of salvation. Right now is the time to hear God's call, and 'reverse the engines,' repent, turn about, and serve your Maker. Any other course means disaster and eternal death."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*No better advice could be given, no truer statement could be made than "Now is the day of salvation; now is the time to hear God's call." Any other course except His does indeed mean disaster and eternal death!*

## SATURDAY, MAY 26

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:1-10

### ROAD TO RUIN

The licensed liquor traffic is the railroad to ruin from all the departments of human affairs. This railroad to ruin is surveyed by avarice, chartered by County Courts freighted with drunkards. It has grog-shops for depots, rum-sellers for engineers, bartenders for conductors and landlords for stock-holders. This railroad to ruin has many passengers—fired up with alcohol, and boiling with delirium. The groans of the dying are the thunders of the train. The shrieks of the women and children are the whistles of the engine. Only with the help of God can the steam be reversed, the fire put out, the charter annulled and the freight be saved—even the passengers.

To license the sale of strong drink is to license disease, death, all sufferings, all crime, all despoliations, all disasters, all murders, all woes.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Strong drink has hurt, maimed, and*  
(Continued on Page 15)



## The Rev. Clyde W. Cox

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Wilson honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### A DEEPLY APPRECIATED MAN



*The Rev. and Mrs. Clyde W. Cox*

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson would like to honor its pastor, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox.

The Lord blessed the congregation of the First Church when He sent Brother Cox to be its pastor in February, 1976. If ever there was a man who upholds the calling of a pastor, he is that man. If there is anyone who still believes the myth that being a minister is a one-day-a-week job, they should follow our pastor around for a week. He is a man of deep piety, who loves, and is deeply concerned for his people. He

visits the hospital and shut-ins daily and always has the time to counsel not only his members but anyone who seeks his help. He is always ready to do what he can for the cause of Christ and the church.

He was born in Kannapolis, North Carolina, on March 26, 1920. He was converted at Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis at 17 years of age. He served his country in the United States Navy for three years, spending much time in the South Pacific.

Before entering the ministry, he

served as full-time music director at East Rockingham. Our pastor is a talented musician who plays many instruments. He has led and directed the music for many of our Conventions, Conferences, Union Meetings, and special services throughout his career.

Brother Cox was ordained November 29, 1952 at Cordova Free Will Baptist Church in Richmond County, North Carolina. His pastorates include: Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, which he organized after becoming ordained; Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church in Saratoga; Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Wayne County; Caroleen Free Will Baptist Church in Caroleen; Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church in Johnston County; St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern; Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Kenly; and the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson.

Brother Cox is and always has been a strong supporter of the denomination's enterprises. He has also performed many denominational services which include: Clerk of the Piedmont Conference; Assistant Moderator of the Western Conference; President of the State Sunday School Convention; and Vice President of the General Conference. He presently serves as Chairman of the Ordaining Council of the Western Conference; Chairman of the Retirement Homes Board; and a member of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation.

He has conducted many revival services throughout the state and continues to do so every year. He has taught music in schools in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. He has written and published several gospel songs, including one which was used in our Bible school entitled, "O What a Miracle."

Brother Cox has had a fruitful ministry here at the First Church in Wilson. Many souls have been added to God's kingdom through his labors. Many rededication and committed lives have also come about through his ministry here. He has started a "Committed Year" program involving his members in the planning of church events and services. Under his direction many wonderful services and inspirational communion services have been produced. Since he has been with us, our youth building, "The Lighthouse" has been remodeled and he has led the way to promote interest in our youth. We are no

the process of remodeling our fellowship  
and adding pew cushions in our  
sanctuary.

He is married to the former Mary Alice  
Smith of Concord, North Carolina. Behind  
nearly every successful minister stands a  
wife who bears many of the pastor's  
burdens that no one else knows of. This is  
the case for Mrs. Cox. She has always  
stood behind her husband as a great  
prayer warrior. She always has a kind  
word for everyone and is faithful to her  
church and works actively in the Woman's  
Auxiliary. They have one son, Boyce W.  
Cox of Raleigh, North Carolina; and a  
daughter, Mrs. Jeffrey Parrish of Selma,  
North Carolina. The Coxes have four  
grandchildren.

We, here at the First Church of Wilson,  
appreciate the work of our minister and his  
wife. They have brought a spirit of love in  
the church that inspires the congregation  
to work together in fellowship. There are  
many other things we could say about our  
pastor, but in the words of one of his  
members, brother Jim Finch, "He's our  
father and we love him!" Thank you Lord for  
sending Brother Cox and Mary our way!

## DREAM DREAMS AND KEEP THE FAITH

by Mamie Toler

The following article was written by  
Mrs. Toler, wife of the late Rev. Duffy  
Toler. She is the oldest living member  
of the First Free Will Baptist Church  
in Greenville. She is ninety-five years  
old and a real inspiration to all who  
know and love her. She resides at the  
University Nursing Home in  
Greenville. The pastor of the First  
Church in Greenville is the Rev.  
Davi Brinson.

Long after the house was dark and quiet  
and we had retired for the night, suddenly I  
felt out my hand toward the other bed in  
the room and found his hand stretched out  
to the darkness waiting for mine. He  
whispered, "How did you know that my  
hand was there?"

I then answered, "I'm not sure. I just  
saw it."

But now the space between us is  
wider—much wider and greater than it has  
ever been before and the distance between  
our beds stretches further than all the way

across eternity. This divides the world  
which is seen and the world which is  
unseen, but somewhere out in that vast  
emptiness an outstretched hand is waiting  
for mine.

Having resolved to accept that by faith, I  
feel that I have done my part. The next  
move is up to God, but in this one thing I  
am not mistaken—not one of us can fly  
across that vast valley of that dark shadow.  
We must walk the rocky paths, step by  
step, day by day. Therefore, being  
creatures of freedom, we must ascend to  
the very heights of recovery and live it out  
until that final day.

I find that my journey through this vast  
dark valley has become "a running battle"  
with self-pity:

I longed to be needed!

I yearned to be included!

I thirst to know that I belong!

Oh, to be out of this solitary shell. I must  
dream dreams and keep the faith.

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SUBSCRIPTION?

## MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

by Nancy Matthews

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## Coming Events . . .

May 19—Children's Home Founders' Day  
Celebration, 10:30 a. m., Memorial  
Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex

May 21—Summer Session Begins, Mount  
Olive College, Mount Olive

June—Entire Month Designated by the  
State Convention as Cragmont  
Assembly Month

June 3—Cragmont Sunday in local  
churches

June 17—Father's Day

June 17—Superannuation Day in local  
churches

## READERS' SAY-SO

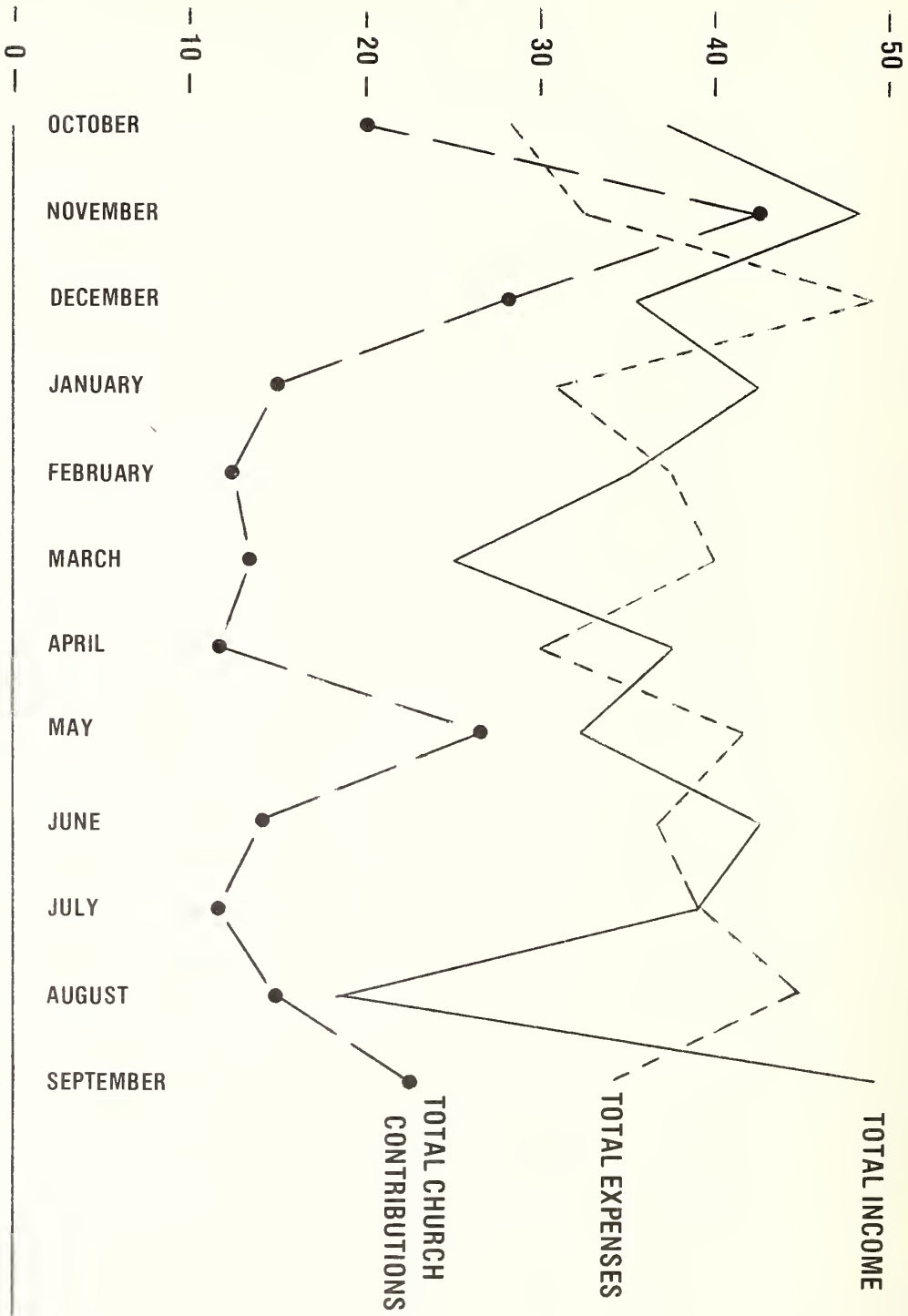
Dear Tommy,

I just want to praise the Lord for the  
article written by the Rev. Clarence F.  
Bowen on the subject, "The Baptism of the  
Holy Spirit and 'Speaking in Tongues'." In  
my opinion this is the best short article  
on the above subject I have ever read. The  
scriptural references were adequate, the  
reasoning excellent, and the conclusions  
sound. I plan to keep my copy for future  
references. Thank you, Brother Bowen.

C. L. Patrick



# Children's Home Month



The chart above depicts the fluctuation in the contributions from our churches during the year. One can readily see, we have three high points during the year—November, (Thanksgiving season); May, (Mother's Day); September, (State Convention Offering). It is during these seasons that our income exceeds our expenditures. During the rest of the year, expenditures often exceed our income and that is why your special offerings in May, September, and November are so very important. May days will soon be gone. We sincerely hope that you have already received a special offering for the Children's Home, but if you haven't, be sure to do so this week.

God has blessed this past year and there has been a time during the year when we were unable to meet all our financial responsibilities. Your generous May offering will ensure another successful year for our Lord in the ministry of child care.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

# Children's Home

### FOUNDERS' DAY 1979

Annual Founders' Day Services will be held at the Children's Home on Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 a. m. The services this year will be featuring the pastors of two of our distinguished board members who died last year, Mr. Jesse Gay and Mr. Robert L. Spencer.



Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gay

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gay of Spring Branch church near Walstonburg, in the Central Conference, will be memorialized by their pastor, the Rev. Royce Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. Gay left a substantial gift to the Children's Home at their death. Mr. Gay served for many years on the Board of Directors and remained an honorary member until his death this year.



Mr. Robert L. Spencer

Mr. Robert L. Spencer will be remembered for his faithful services to the Home through remarks to be made by his pastor, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs. Mr. Spencer was a life-long member of

Malachi's Chapel church near Columbia in the Albemarle Conference.

There will be special music from the children; a praise and testimony time; and news from the Home by the director, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and eat the noon meal on campus. Barbecue, slaw, bread, tea, and drinks will be provided. During the afternoon, campus tours will be provided for our guests.

We encourage all our churches to remember the Home in May with a special love offering. No particular goals have been set this year. We simply ask that everyone respond as the Lord leads. We look forward to seeing each of you on May 19 at 10:30 a. m. in Memorial Chapel for our Founders' Day Services.

The Finance Committee met on April 30, 1979 at 7 p. m. The following points were pondered:

1. GIA will drop about 22,000 in 81.
2. Church now giving 53 percent of budget.
3. Need to increase to 65 percent next year or 12 percent.
4. Another 12 percent in 1981-82 to the point the church is putting in about 75 percent of the Annual Budget (only then would we be free to any extent from State funding).
5. The difference between church contributions and total income must be drawn closer together.
6. Total expenditures and total income must become more steady.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 6 Years Ago

"Sunday School Class Number 9 of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, recently presented the Children's Home with a washing machine. Curtis Worthington is president of the class. Louis Hollaway and William Tripp installed the machine."—Information about Free Will Baptist Children's Home

"The Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, was named the 'Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year' at the meeting of North Carolina Free Will Baptist ministers held January 25 at Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina."—"Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year"

"The State League Convention will be held on March 10 at Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina. Registration will open at 9:30 a. m.; the convention will officially begin at 10 o'clock. The state sword drill will be held during the convention. Anyone who did not receive a copy of the drill and is unable to obtain one through his local church should write to Judy Comer, Route 2, Deep Run, North Carolina."—News Notes

"Four North Carolina Free Will Baptist young women placed one, two, three, and four in the 'Miss Mount Olive College' pageant out of a field of twelve. All contestants were evaluated on the basis of a personal interview, street dress, talent, and evening gown by a panel of experienced judges. Miss Linda Gail Carter, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Carter of Warrenton, North Carolina, won the title. She is a member of Belhaven Free Will Baptist Church. President W. Burkette Raper crowned the lovely winner in ceremonies following the pageant and presented her with a bouquet of roses, a trophy, and a \$200 scholarship."—"Miss Mount Olive College" Pageant Held



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## RECEIVES AWARDS



*Frank Harrison, Acting Dean of Students at Mount Olive College, presents the President's Citizenship Award of a \$100 scholarship to Jacqueline Jones of Grant's Chapel church in Mount Olive. She also received the Faculty Award at the Awards Day program held recently at the College. Other recipients are, from left, Gerald Herring of Daly's Chapel church in Goldsboro, Cora Lee Spivey Music Award; Barbara Lee of Mount Olive, M. L. Johnson Memorial Business Award; Denise Smith of Goldsboro, Art Scholarship Achievement Award; Stephen L. Raper of Northeast church in Mount Olive and Owen Winthrow of New Bern, Henderson Science Research Awards; Renee Grainger of Goldsboro, Science Award; Alice Hines of Winterville church and Mike Heesch of Jacksonville, most outstanding participants in intramural sports. Not pictured is Al Lamm of Little Rock church in Lucama, recipient of the Leopold T. and Estelle M. Grantham Citizenship Award.*

### MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moyer Library, Mount Olive College, during the month of April, 1979 totaled \$410 and are as follows:

#### In Memory of

The Rev. Kemery Ard by Dr. E. Lee Glover, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Mr. James T. Bailey by Mrs. Daisy Owens, Elm City.

Mr. Woodson Broughton by Gary F. Barefoot, Mount Olive, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Councill, Mount Olive.

Mrs. Martha B. Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Quinn, Beulaville.

Mrs. Georgia Bryan by Gary F. Barefoot, Mount Olive, and Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Bass, Newton Grove.

Mr. David Buck by Hines Memorial

Sunday School Class, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville.

Mrs. Lyda Harris Cooper by E. W. Stowe, Marie Bright, Joyce Godley, Edna Arnold, Mary Wall, and Linda Hedgepeth, Washington.

Mrs. Mary Cowan by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kinser, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California; Gene Mercer, Mount Olive; Dr. E. Lee Glover, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Williams, Mount Olive.

Mr. Woodard Dail by Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sutton, Mount Olive, and Gary F. Barefoot, Mount Olive.

Mr. Atwood (Jake) Dilday by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Earley, Ahoskie; Mrs. O. E. Willoughby, Miss Sara Willoughby, Ahoskie; and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin

Chamblee and Mrs. Lucy Moore Ahoskie.

Mrs. Emma Jane Duncan by Mr. and Mrs. Abner H. Miller, Wilson.

Mr. Leon A. Dunn by Mr. Gary Barefoot, Mount Olive.

Mrs. Irene Elks by the Rev. and Mrs. Roy L. Cauley, Dover.

Mr. Albert Lindsey Ethridge by Mrs. Daisy Owens, Elm City.

Mrs. Florence A. Hart by Woman's Auxiliary, Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern.

Mrs. Mattie P. Holden by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Councill, Mount Olive; Gary Barefoot, Mount Olive; and Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Sutton, Mount Olive.

Mr. John Leonard Hudson by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Warwick, Newton Grove.

Mrs. Alice C. Ipock by Woman's Auxiliary, Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern.

Mr. Theorus Johnson by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strickland and Judy, Middlesex.

Mrs. Allene Stanfield Keenan by Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayetteville.

Mrs. Myrtle M. Kornegay by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive.

Mrs. Miriam Lewis Langley by the Rev. and Mrs. DeWayne Eakes, Lucama.

Mrs. Ruby Garris McLawhorn by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive.

Mrs. Albert Moore by Layman's League, Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Fountain.

Mr. Patrick Morris by Miss Lou Edgerton, Pikeville.

Mrs. Geneva Pardue by Gary Barefoot, Mount Olive.

Mr. Hugh A. Price by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walston, Pinetops.

Mr. Edgar N. Ricks by Gene Mercer, Mount Olive, and Gary F. Barefoot, Mount Olive.

Mr. Newt E. Wells by Dr. E. Lee Glover, Washington, D. C.

Furney White by the Rev. and Mrs. Roy L. Cauley, Dover.

Mr. S. Harold Williams by Dr. E. Lee Glover, Washington, D. C.

#### In Honor of

Mrs. Chie Cooper by Woman's Auxiliary, Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville.

Mrs. Dianne Riley by Youth Fellows Auxiliary, Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern.

Mrs. Annie Stevens by Mr. and Mrs. R. Warwick, Newton Grove.

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Mr. Jesse Sullivan by Miss Louise  
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Mr. Preston Whitfield by Mr. and Mrs.  
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Wilson, Mount Olive; Mr. and Mrs. W. H.  
Smith, Mount Olive; Mr. and Mrs. Randall  
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Ficken, Mount Olive; and Mr. and Mrs.  
Robert H. Best, Mount Olive.

#### In Honor of

Janey Haynes by Woman's Auxiliary,  
First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston.

#### Gifts

The Rev. and Mrs. Danny H. Blackman,  
Smithfield.

Mount Olive Extension Homemakers  
Club, Mount Olive.

### DR. RAPER AT VERONA CHURCH

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of  
Mount Olive College, will speak at Verona  
Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, May 20,  
at the 11 a. m. worship service. The Rev.  
O. B. Everett is pastor.

### APPOINTMENT MADE TO NEWLY CREATED COLLEGE POST



*Dr. Opey D. Jeanes*

The appointment of Dr. Opey D. Jeanes  
to the newly created post of Vice-President  
and Dean at Mount Olive College was  
confirmed by the College Board of Trustees  
at their May 7 meeting.

The new post will give Dr. Jeanes the  
administrative responsibility for total  
educational programs of the College. He will  
assume the duties July 1.

In coming to the College, Dr. Jeanes  
comments, "I have a strong commitment  
to liberal arts education within the  
framework of a church-related in-  
stitution."

A native of Wilson County, Dr. Jeanes  
was reared in the Rock Ridge community  
where he was a member of Marsh Swamp  
Free Will Baptist Church. He attended Rock  
Ridge High School and received his un-  
dergraduate degree from Atlantic Christian  
College in 1959.

In 1977, Dr. Jeanes earned his  
doctorate from Virginia Polytechnic  
Institute with a major in community and  
junior college administration. His  
dissertation was entitled: **Implementation  
of Participatory Management: A Case  
Study of a Comprehensive Community  
College.**

Dr. Jeanes served as a chemistry  
professor at Chowan College from 1961-67.  
He comes to Mount Olive College from John  
Tyler Community College in Virginia where  
he has served as Division Chairman of  
Natural Sciences and Mathematics since  
1967.

In addition to professional societies, Dr.  
Jeanes has been a consultant or member of  
several governmental and private  
organizations.

Dr. Jeanes' involvement has brought  
him recognition in OUTSTANDING  
EDUCATORS OF AMERICA 1975 and  
PERSONALITIES OF THE SOUTH 1977.

He is married to the former Virginia R.  
James of Creedmoor and they have three  
sons.

### SUMMER TERM A BEGINS MAY 21

Summer School Term A is scheduled to  
begin Monday, May 21, with course of-  
ferings in the following areas:

Religion: Introduction to the Old  
Testament, Introduction to the New  
Testament, and Religion in America.

English: English Composition and  
English Literature.

Science: General Botany and Chemistry  
for Health Vocations.

Economics: Economics I and II.

History: Western Civilization I and II,  
American History and North Carolina  
History.

Geography: Elements of Geography.

Political Science: American Government.

Psychology: Introduction to Psychology.

Students interested in getting a head  
start in college or rising seniors who  
qualify for the early admissions program  
are encouraged to contact the Admissions  
Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive,  
North Carolina 28365, (919) 658-2502.



# The Sunday School Lesson

For May 27

## GIVING THAT GLORIFIES GOD

**Lesson Text:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**Memory Verse:** 2 Corinthians 9:11

### I. INTRODUCTION

All living is tied up with giving. We came into this world because our mothers "gave birth" to us. Beyond that, however, we were cared for when we could not care for ourselves. Every human being goes through a long period of dependence on his parents for food, clothing, shelter, and personal care.

As we grow up, many persons continue to give to us in order to extend and enrich our lives. Most of us feel that the amounts "paid" those who taught and loved us could never be adequate in terms of the benefits we received. Later, still, we depend on the help others give us as we carry on our work.

As we reflect on our own past years, do we not discover, also, that we find satisfaction in the times when we ourselves have been givers? Perhaps we gave advice, or worked for some worthy objective, or encouraged some downhearted person. Far from being a marginal or "extra" feature of Christian experience, giving is central to God's relationship with us and to our associations with one another.

Paul was on his third missionary journey and had sent Titus to Corinth to see how the brethren there had received the letter (1 Corinthians), which he had sent them. As we recall, Paul had sternly rebuked the Corinthian Christians concerning a number of matters, several of which we have been studying during this quarter of lessons. Paul was in Macedonia when Titus came to him with the joyful news that the Corinthians had accepted his admonitions in a spirit of repentance. Whereupon Paul sent Titus back to Corinth with the letter we know as 2 Corinthians. The apostle was in the midst of raising a fund for the needy Christians in Judea and planned to visit the

Corinthians and receive their offering. He wanted their gift to be ready when he arrived, and he hoped that it would be a generous one.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. In several of Paul's epistles, he mentions a collection being taken for the needy Christians in Judea. In 1 Corinthians he urges the Corinthian Christians to put aside regularly an offering to be sent to Jerusalem. He also cautions them to be preparing for this ahead of time so that no collection will be necessary at the last minute when he arrives. Paul has given similar advice to the churches of Galatia (1 Corinthians 16:1-4). Here in 2 Corinthians he tells about the great generosity shown by the churches of Macedonia, which gave more than they could afford. Best of all, Paul says that they first gave themselves to the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:1-5). We can learn much about giving from these writings of Paul.

B. As we study this matter of Christian giving today, we should remember that Christianity goes deeper than the outward acts of man. Jesus continually probed into the hearts of His followers. There must be faith behind our acts of obedience. There must be love behind our deeds of kindness. In the Scripture of this lesson Paul not only asks generosity of the Corinthian Christians, but he also insists upon the proper attitude in giving that must lie behind the gift itself.

C. In almost all of Paul's epistles we read about a gift that was being received to go to the needy Christians at the mother church in Jerusalem. What Paul has to say about this offering and Christian giving in general will help us to a better understanding of his philosophy of Christian stewardship.

D. Paul makes it clear just how Christians are to give. First, he tells us that we are to give bountifully. This means that

we are to give graciously and generously. Paul describes this further by saying we are to give as the Lord has blessed. This means that we are to give proportion to what we earn. This may be tithing, but it certainly does not rule tithing. Second, he says that we are to give willingly. We should not have to force circumstances or anything else to give. Finally, God's people should give cheerfully.

E. Paul also makes it clear that Christians should give. We should give in order to be obedient to God's Word. No Christian can refuse to give and still be obedient. Christians should give in order to help other Christians and even those who are not Christians. Finally, Christians should give in order that the work of the Lord may have adequate finances to operate.

F. What are the returns that one gets from giving? In the Old Testament, God challenges us to give and see if He will pour us out a blessing. However, we do not feel that this ought to be the reason for giving. At least, we should not expect God to give us more money back than we give. God does bless us both materially and spiritually when we give. Those who are the recipients of our giving are blessed both materially and spiritually. Finally, the work of God is blessed and is enabled to be carried on. This brings glory and honor to our Lord, which should be our basic purpose for giving in the first place.

G. Paul speaks of God's unspeakable gift which is the gift of His Son. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son . . ." (John 3:16). This is the greatest gift that we could ever receive. Have you ever received this gift?

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A certain pastor announced to his congregation that the board of deacons had authorized him to state that the future policy of the church would be the elimination of the usual offering. The church had no debt, was in good repair, and all the current expenses of the benevolence budget would be handled by the board.

B. What a colossal error for a church to allow this! It would be just as much in order to say there would henceforth be no sermon or Scripture reading.

prayer or singing. Giving is an essential part of worship. It was so when the ancients brought their firstlings of the flock and products of the soil.

But there is something else which needs to be said here. Most dedicated Christians find great joy in giving regularly to God and the church. Who has a right to take this joy from them? If you believe something, you support it. If you support something, the time comes when good words and cordial words are not enough. You must reach your hand into your pocket or your pocketbook.

Giving is fun when you give in the right spirit. If you refuse to give, your support is wavering; and if your supporters, it can't be that you believe in that something in any strong way. It has been said that our account books, after all, offer the most honest list of those things in which we really believe.

"Giving is a response in thanksgiving and praise to the inexhaustible generosity of God himself." Does giving express our joy and thanksgiving for what God through Christ has done for us?

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

#### ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

##### Our Alternatives in Money Matters

(1) Money can be carelessly wasted in such a manner that no one profits therefrom (Luke 15:13). (2) Money can be spent with reckless indulgence and become hurtful to the one who should enjoy and benefit therefrom (Matthew 19:22). (3) Money can be hoarded in a miserly fashion so as to curse all connected therewith (Luke 12:13-21). (4) Money can be used to bless mankind and glorify God (Proverbs 3:10).

##### Our Basic Principles of Stewardship

(1) God is the divine owner of all things (Psalm 24:1; Haggai 2:8). (2) Stewardship is a sacred trust which all Christians should respect (1 Corinthians 4:1). (3) The personal responsibility to manage, supervise, and administer all things to God's glory rests with the believer (Luke 19:13). (4) Every steward must give an account of his stewardship (Luke 16:2; Romans 14:12).

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

## News from

# Home Missions

## CAPE COLONY MISSION REPORTS

by Ronnie Mohn

April was a great month for us. We had two for baptism and forty for Easter morning worship services. We had a dinner on the grounds and really had a feast. It was followed by an egg hunt for the children.

Later, the children played the adults in a softball game. Believe it or not, the adults won! Mr. Childs brought a golf cart over to pick up his picnic table, and let the children drive it around the church grounds.

The folks at Cape Colony had a great day.

On April 22, we also had a good service. Four people came asking for membership in the church and one came for rededication. God is really blessing us.

We have scheduled revival for the week of May 7-11.

We pray that May will be as successful as April at the mission.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Home Missions and Church Extension's Annual Banquet will be held on May 12 at the Barbecue Lodge, located at the corner of Highway 301 and Rowan Streets, Fayetteville, North Carolina, at

noon. All home missionaries and members are urged to attend. Any other interested people have a cordial invitation. The meal will be served family style at a cost of \$5 per person.

## IN MEMORIAM

Submitted by Marie Jones

Mrs. Zoa Jones Bryan was called to be with the Lord on January 17, 1979 after a long illness.

Her funeral was conducted at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church at Fountaintown by her pastor, the Rev. William Futch, and the Rev. Bill Dotger, pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the Brown Cemetery of Fountaintown Community.

She was a native of Duplin County, the daughter of Zackie James and Kitsey Elizabeth Jones, and a long-time member of the Bethlehem church.

She is survived by her husband, Vernie Guy Bryan, and three daughters, Sandy Weimern of Holmes Beach, Florida, Mary Jo Brown and Marcia Jones of Fountaintown; nine sisters, Elma and Opal Brown, Mae Jones, Angeline Curtis, Peggy Williams, Elizabeth Raynor, Alda Wainwright, Maxine Southerland of Chinquapin, and Sina Harrell of Rose Hill, North Carolina; three brothers, Lloyd, Gurman,

and O'Brian of Chinquapin; and three grandchildren, Kristy Jones, Reese and Slade Brown.

Very early in life Zoa learned to love the Lord and became a Christian at a very young age. She was truly a lovely person to know, dedicated to her church, a loving and devoted wife and mother and a wonderful neighbor. She was a good homemaker and was a model of loving humanity to all who knew her. She was active in her church, Sunday school, and auxiliary. She attended services regularly as long as she was physically able.

She was an inspiration to all who knew her. She never asked to be healed of her illness, but always prayed that the Lord's will be done in her life. When visiting her one always left feeling comforted themselves.

She touched and enriched so many lives as she paddled down the stream of life, that the afternoon of January 17, 1979 when she moored her vessel, stepped ashore on the other side, and said "Good-bye" to us and "Good morning to Jesus," we could only bid a tearful farewell, for we knew she was beyond suffering anymore and she was "Sheltered in the Arms of God."



# NEWS & NOTES

## Hayes Dean Kennedy Receives License



*Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Dean Kennedy*

Mr. Hayes Dean Kennedy was presented his license to preach the gospel on May 6, 1979, by the Haymount Free Will Baptist Mission in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mr. Kennedy is the son of Arthur and Mamie Kennedy of Beulaville, North Carolina and the grandson of the late Rev. Robert Kennedy.

Both he and his wife Treva, attended Mount Olive College and have worked closely with Taylor Hill for the past twelve years, and they are both currently involved in our State Home Missions work.

They have two children, Melanie, age 17; and Rocky, age 14.

## First Church, Wilson, Has Revival

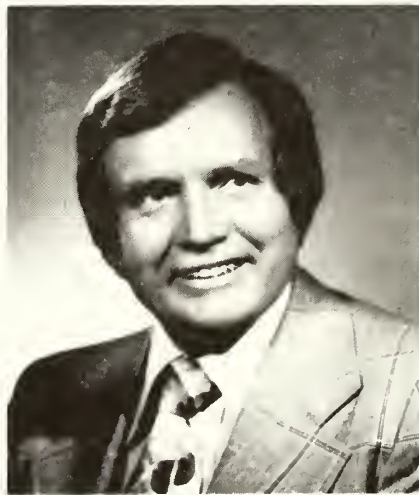
The First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson recently enjoyed its annual week of spring revival services. Many prayer sessions and cottage prayer meetings were conducted prior to this week.

The week of revival was under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Clyde Cox, and the associate pastor, the Rev. Craig Simmons. There were five different speakers during the week.

On Monday night, the Rev. Tommy Evans, pastor of the Piney Grove Free Will

Baptist Church in Greenville, brought the message. The Rev. Bobby Taylor, pastor of Gum Swamp church near Greenville, brought the message for Tuesday night. Wednesday night's message was brought by the Rev. John Williams, pastor of Milbournie church of Wilson. A ministerial student of Mount Olive College, David Hines, brought the message on Thursday night. On Friday night, the Rev. Royce Reynolds, pastor of Spring Branch church in Walstonburg, brought the message. It was a week of revival services that will not soon be forgotten.

## Stoney Creek Church Announces Revival Services



*Dr. William Bennett*

The Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, located on Patetown Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will begin revival services May 21 through May 25. Dr. William Bennett, pastor of First Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas, will be the guest evangelist.

Dr. Bennett is a graduate of Wake Forest University, Duke University, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The 6,000-member church of which he has pastored for ten years has the largest membership roll of any church in the state of Arkansas. Among his writings are two books: **The Trumpet of the Lord** and **Come Alive—The Roman Road to Renewal**.

Services will begin each evening 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Baze and the church invite everyone to attend these services.

## Youth Church Witness Through Missions



*Pictured left to right are Tammy Coley; Jennifer Ferrell; Paul Parker; Garland Ferrell, the King; Stacy Barbour; and Kelly McKinnon, the Queen. Not pictured are Cleo Robinson; Daren Robinson; Paul Fox; and Dana Smith.*

Ten members of the "Junior Church" at Baptist Road Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, participated in the East King and Queen contest for missions. They were under ten years of age. They raised a total of \$268 and had a great time doing it.

## Cape Colony Mission Has Revival

Revival services began on Monday, May 7, and continued through Friday, May 11, at the Cape Colony Free Will Baptist Church, Edenton, North Carolina. The Rev. Rudy Owens of Wilson was the guest evangelist. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Ronnie Mohn.

## Layman's league fellowship to Have Singspiration

The Laymen's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will be having a two-night singspiration on May 25, 1979 at the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden; and on May 26, 1979, Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville. The services will begin 7:30 each evening. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship of gospel singing. The scheduled program are as follows:

MAY 25, 1979  
 Congregation, "All Hail the Power"  
 Welcome, Central Conference League  
 President, Paul Beaman  
 Devotion, Kenneth Bowen  
 Program, Master of Ceremonies, Kenneth Bowen

Ormondsville Choir, Ormondsville Church  
 Shackleford and Jerry Smith, Free Union Church  
 Bowen, Bethany Church  
 congregation, "He Keeps Me Singing"  
 singing for Cragmont  
 Bethany Singers, Bethany Church  
 Butler and Irene Garris, Saints Delight Church  
 Greenville Men's Trio, Greenville Church  
 King's Messengers, Winterville Church  
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MAY 26, 1979

gregation, "Standing On the Promises"  
 Welcome, Central Conference League President, Paul Beaman  
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 Elm Grove Choir, Elm Grove Church  
 Tarboro Men's Quartet, Tarboro Church  
 ea Worthington, Piney Grove Church  
 ce Hill Duet, Rose Hill Church  
 th Gospelaires, Tarboro Church  
 gregation, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"  
 rring for Cragmont  
 Pleasant Hill Quartet, Pleasant Hill Church  
 Williamston Singers, Williamston Church  
 Reedy Branch Quartet, Reedy Branch Church  
 Gospel Chargers, Winterville Church  
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**Vandemere Junior-Senior Weekend**  
 The time has moved fast and the big weekend at Camp Vandemere for Juniors and Seniors is upon us, the dates being 18 through 20. Campers may come on any time Friday evening. Scheduled events will end with lunch on Sunday. The cost of the entire weekend is \$20. Here's hoping you have made your reservations!

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

The Rev. Stanley Buck was elected secretary, and Mr. Bobby Phelps was elected assistant secretary of the Albemarle Union. Both of them stated that they could not accept. The Rev. Charlie

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Overton, moderator of the union, has appointed Mrs. Darline Oliver of Roper to fill this vacancy until the next union meeting in July.

**FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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*killed more souls than all the world's wars. A staggering thought, to be sure—but when we consider that alcohol does far more than physical damage, we do not find the initial statement to difficult to believe.*

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**CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE**

The Rev. Elmo Truitt announces that he is available for full-time or part-time work. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing 5322 Trentwoods Drive, New Bern, North Carolina 28560 or by phoning 637-2851.

The Rev. E. H. Fordham announces that he has resigned as pastor of Edwards Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and will be available as of July 1, 1979. Any full-time or part-time church wishing his services may contact him at 821 Chattawka Lane, New Bern, North Carolina 28560 or by phoning 637-9420.

The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse of Columbia, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time or part-time church. He is also available for supply work. He is a minister in good standing with the Albemarle Conference. Any Free Will Baptist church may contact him at the following address: The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Route 2, Box 259, Columbia, North Carolina 27925, phone 796-0249.

**Preacher's Diary**

Taylor Hill  
 Home Missions Director

After I had given a home missions presentation at a certain church, a member said to me, "I don't mind telling you where my mission offerings go. I send my money to that (certain T.V. minister)."

**YOU'VE TOUCHED ME GENTLY**

by Marsha A. Hall

You've touched me gently with your love, Lord;  
 you've touched me firmly with your truth;  
 you've touched me deeply with your promises;  
 you've touched me, Lord.

You've touched me unexpectedly with your mercy;  
 you've touched me kindly with your graciousness;  
 you've touched me calmly with your presence;  
 you've touched me, Lord.

You've touched me silently in the hectic everyday;  
 you've visited me in the early morn with a song;  
 you've dressed me in the purity of mind and soul;  
 you've met me in the afternoon lull and perked up my heart;  
 you've slipped into the evening with a gentle caress;  
 you've touched me in the night with reassurance;  
 you've touched me, Lord.

You've overwhelmed me with your fatherly love,  
 staggered me with your patience;  
 awed me with your power;  
 and established me through your Son.

You've empowered me with your Spirit,  
 greeted me with pleasure, embraced me with tenderness, and released me with knowledge.  
 You have so touched me, Lord, I overflow.

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# C A M P I N G N E W S

## CHRISTIAN CADET CONFERENCE: June 25-30, 1979

Greetings to you:

The staff of the Christian Cadet Conference camp week hopes this has been a great year for you. Due to the excitement of what's happening at Cragmont concerning the new building and the camping program for this summer, many want to get their applications in early, so we are sending this information to all who may want to begin making their plans for camp. We are anticipating exciting events for this summer. We want you to encourage your friends to join you at camp this year. The theme for this summer will be "Sharing God's Love" and we have some new and thrilling additions to our program; encounter groups, craft classes, athletic field events and more. We can now offer more because we have a beautiful new main building which contains a new chapel for worship. These facilities enable us to do much more.

We had a good last summer, but this summer is going to be the best ever, because our camp consists of people like you. Due to the rising cost in food, electricity and transportation, the cost of camp had to go up. The cost of encampment this summer will be \$60. Registration fee is \$10 and is to be sent with your application and the remainder is due when you board the bus. There will be an additional cost of \$5 for a planned trip and \$2 for a group picture if the individual would like one. (Picture optional) Each camper will receive a letter June 15 informing them where to meet the bus and the time, also what they will need to carry to camp. Hope to hear from you soon!

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# Editorial . . .



Tommy Manning  
Editor

## WITCHES ARE A 'HUNTING

(Witches are alive and well—and there was a time I thought I'd never say that!)

When I was a small child I was fascinated by stories of witches, ghosts, and evil creatures. For some reason (perhaps because there was little other entertainment and because there was a desire to develop creativity in children), the older people (parents and grandparents included) often told stories about these demons of the night. I can well remember that many a night I went to bed, both glad and sorry that I had listened to such tales.

Long before I started school my parents assured me that there were no such things as witches and ghosts and evil creatures who sought to harm children and adults. I took them at their word. Though there were eccentric old ladies and gentlemen in the rural neighborhood where I grew up, and though some well-meaning but unkind individuals called them witches and warned children like me not to venture near their yards, I still found it unbelievable that such beings could exist. And while my parents might refer to Mr. or Mrs. So-and-So as "curious acting" or "strange," they never attributed any evil to their characters. Instead, they simply told us that we should not "bother" those persons. In actuality, that was a polite way of saying, "Keep out of their way." I follow the advice, but more than once my childish curiosity compelled me to sneak a peek at those interesting people.

In grammar school I read much about the famous Salem, Massachusetts, witch trials. If I had not been interested in witches before, I really was now. I learned that almost any person in or around Salem during the late 1600s who exhibited any unusual behavior was accused of consorting with the devil. Many Puritan elders actually tried to whip the devil out of the accused. And many innocent victims of Puritan fanaticism were burned at the stake, hanged, or drowned. When from out of the midst of the fire they cried in pain, their accusers, in almost passionate satisfaction, declared that they were calling on Beelzebub to deliver them.

Professional witch-hunters rode the circuit and took great pleasure in seeking out victims and even prided themselves in gaining reputations as "exposers." One ridiculous bit of logic regarding the executions was that if the witch or warlock (male witch) rose to the top of the water during drowning, she or he was guilty. If she or he sank, she or he was innocent. In some instances those who came through that ordeal unharmed were sentenced to other types of execution; so, sooner or later the accused

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## Pastoral Care Following the Funeral

submitted by the Rev. DeWayne Eakes

WHEN one who made life meaningful for others has died, what can the pastor do continuing ministry for the bereaved survivors? The deceased is suffering, but the bereaved are left with plaguing hurts. Perhaps for many months those who are left can pass through pondering adjustments to life.

The family home will change little. The mail will continue to come. The phone will still ring. But life will have changed. Someone is missing. Someone who is loved very much is gone. After the deceased has passed through the "valley of the shadow," the family continues to wander in the valley. The pastor must meet them in that valley. He must minister to them there. The funeral is but a beginning of his ministry to the ones left in sorrow. For an extended period after the funeral the pastor must automatically help even the faithful to make the new adjustments to their loss.

The pastor will help the bereaved to draw close to God for the comfort they need. God's presence can be sensed even though the pastor and the family may sit without speaking. Or they may talk candidly about the death. It was real. It does hurt. The world has shifted for those who are left. The one thing that has not changed is that God has not left them alone, and God still has everything in his control. Bible reading and prayer should be especially meaningful to the family now than ever before.

The pastor needs to extend to the grieving the reality of Christ's presence even in the loneliest hours. Jesus offers Himself as the foundation of the family's strength, as the family adjusts to loss. His great love is able in every hour to reach deeper into the hearts than the overbearing grief they would otherwise feel. He shares the lonely hours.

The pastor helps those who are left behind to refuse self-pity. Self-pity cripples men and women. Self-pity knows nothing of the love which could lead Jesus to Gethsemane or Calvary. It is one thing to hurt; it is another to let that hurt consume us. Mature love helps us to accept our suffering and learn from it.

The pastor will try to lead the bereaved in giving praise to God. This is not praise for the death of the loved one. This is praise offered to an almighty God who reached down to man with redeeming love. Death is an enemy. But God shall overpower even physical death one day. Praise is also in order because God remains always near. Death is a terror. But it does not have power to keep God from sharing the sorrow of the lonely.

The pastor will want to enlist the help of his laymen in ministering to the grieving. The supportive calls of Christian people will do much to edify them. The pastor will encourage the bereaved to feel free to call on members of the church body when they need someone to talk to. Christian fellowship is an important part of a family's adjustment after a death.

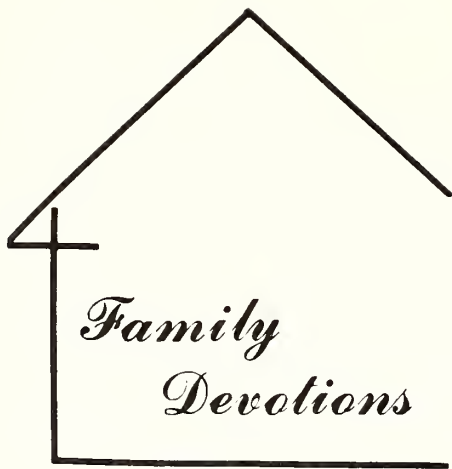
An important part of fellowship is that found in the church services. Though the grieving may shed some tears, it is good for them to quickly take their place in the house of God. It is best for a family not to withdraw from any of the services scheduled in the church.

The pastor needs to help those left behind to renew their ministry toward others. Grief can be overcome by becoming a source of help to others. Almost everyone has people who need him. The bereaved must pray for strength beyond themselves—strength enough to give away. God's strength is made perfect in weakness. When one is feeling most open to destruction, God is able to use him with his greatest might. So the bereaved must not go into seclusion in order to become refreshed but simply be hidden in God's strength. For even though immersed in the hurt of grief, one can minister to others in faith and love.

The pastor's spiritual ministry in the funeral does not end with the committal at the graveside. His ministry deepens with each week. The faithful sharing of his love draws the sorrowing into a deeper relation to Christ and his church.

—Steven Sorensen, Riverton Friends Church,  
Riverton, Kansas





## SUNDAY, MAY 27

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:24-32

### SEEDS OF KINDNESS

If you have a friend worth loving,  
Love him. Yes, and let him know  
That you love him, ere life's evening  
Tinge his brow with sunset glow.  
Why should good words ne'er be said  
Of a friend—till he is dead?

If you hear a song that thrills you,  
Sung by any child of song,  
Praise it. Do not let the singer  
Wait deserved praises long.  
Why should one who thrills your heart  
Lack the joy you may impart?

If you hear a prayer that moves you  
By its humble, pleading tone,  
Join it. Do not let the seeker  
Bow before his God alone.  
Why should not your brother share  
The strength of "two or three" in  
prayer?

If you see the hot tears falling  
From a brother's weeping eyes  
Share them. And by kindly sharing  
Own your kinship in the skies.  
Why should anyone be glad  
When another's heart is sad?

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*We should empathize with our neighbors: share their sorrows and joys and all concerns. Through such identification we can show our Christian love—the love that is closest to God's.*

## MONDAY, MAY 28

Scripture Reading—Titus 2:1-8

### WHAT A REAL HOME IS

A Real Home is a gymnasium. The ideal of a healthy body is the first one to give a child.

A Real Home is a lighthouse. A lighthouse reveals the breakers ahead and shows a clear way past them.

A Real Home is a playground. Beware of the house where you "dassn't frolic"—there mischief is brewing for someone.

A Real Home is a workshop. Pity the boy without a kit of tools or the girl without a sewing basket. They haven't learned the fun of doing things—and there is no fun like that.

A Real Home is a forum. Honest, open discussion of life's great problems belongs originally in the family circle.

A Real Home is a secret society. Loyalty to one's family should mean keeping silent on family matters—just this and nothing more.

A Real Home is a health resort. Mothers are the natural physicians.

A Real Home is a cooperative league. Households flourish where the interests of each is made the interest of all.

A Real Home is a business concern. Order is a housewife's hobby. But order without system is a harness without the horse.

A Real Home is a haven of refuge. The world does this for us all: it makes us hunger for a loving sympathy and a calming, soothing touch.

A Real Home is a temple of worship.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Home—a real home—is everything! It is security, personified, and happiness, and love! Let us strive to make our home the type which affords all the benefits set forth above.*

## TUESDAY, MAY 29

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 8:1-10

### SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORD

1. The wonder of its formation—the way in which it grew is one of the mysteries of time.
2. The wonder of its unification—a library of 66 books, yet one book.
3. The wonder of its age—most ancient of all books.
4. The wonder of its sale—best seller of any book.
5. The wonder of its interest—only book in world read by all classes.
6. The wonder of its language—written largely by uneducated men, yet the best from a literary standpoint.

7. The wonder of its preservation—the most hated of books, yet it continues to e  
"The word of our God shall s  
forever."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*"The word of our God shall s forever." How comforting a thou Let us not neglect any opportunity feed on it and take strength from is food for a hungry soul.*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:8

### BIBLE FIRST AID KIT

If you find yourself in sudden trouble or sorrow, apply instantly Hebrews 12:5-11 and saturate your heart with Psalm 23.

If you have slipped down and hurt yourself, Psalm 91 will be found to greatly benefit.

When that lonely feeling steals the heart, a good stimulant will be found in Matthew 11:28-30.

Should you be suffering from loss of memory and cannot call to mind your blessings, try a good dose of Psalm 103.

In time of failing strength and courage, two or three applications of 1 John 5:13-15 will be found to be beneficial.

Whenever you find that bitter taste in your mouth and cannot smile lovingly of others, take a draught of 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 and Psalm 34:12, 13.

Some days when your faith is weak, try the tonic found in Hebrews 11:1-3.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Word can provide the solution to any problem—if we allow it to do so. We must open our minds and hearts to receive what it offers.*

## THURSDAY, MAY 31

Scripture Reading—Matthew 12:1-12

### I MET THE MASTER FACE TO FACE

I had walked life's way with an untread,  
Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,  
Until one day in a quiet place  
I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth  
my goal,  
Much thought for my body but  
for my soul,

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ad entered to win in Life's mad  
 race,  
 When I met the Master face to face.  
 I met Him and knew Him and blushed  
 to see  
 that His eyes full of sorrow were  
 fixed on me,  
 And I faltered and fell at His feet that  
 day  
 While my castles melted and  
 vanished away.

It melted and vanished, and in their  
 place,  
 I might else did I see but the  
 Master's face;  
 And I cried aloud, "Oh, make me  
 meet  
 the follow the steps of Thy wounded  
 feet."  
 My thought is now for the souls of  
 men;  
 I have lost my life to find it again,  
 For since one day in a quiet place  
 I met the Master face to face.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

Only when we meet the Master in a  
 face to face" spiritual experience  
 do we realize the importance of  
 following Him in example and doing  
 His will.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1**

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:15-

**GRADUATION MEANS:**

Going forward  
 Ready to  
 Accept God's will—  
 Determined to  
 Understand His Word—  
 Alert to  
 Temptations—  
 Interested in  
 Others  
 Never forgetting that Christ is my  
 helper.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

Many reach graduation in an  
 expectation of success in a materialistic  
 sense, with little or no thought of  
 spiritual success. Let us resolve to  
 make our graduation (if it applies)  
 something more than the completion  
 of a course of study. Let us really  
 graduate into life by aiming to please  
 Him.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:18-

**A MAN MAY GO  
 TO HEAVEN**

Without health,  
 Without wealth,  
 Without fame,  
 Without a great name,  
 Without learning  
 Without big earning,  
 Without culture,  
 Without beauty,  
 Without friends.  
 Without 10,000 other things.  
 But he can  
 Never go to Heaven  
 Without Christ.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*No truer statement was ever made:  
 One can never go to Heaven without  
 Christ. Faith and works avail us  
 nothing without a saving knowledge of  
 Him.*

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 Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing  
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**ARE WE WASTING OUR  
 CHILDREN'S TIME?**

by Mrs. Hershel Bowen

The room seemed so big; yet, it was so  
 small. The sweet odor of flowers filled my  
 nostrils. Salty tears fell upon my cheeks  
 and lips. I could almost hear my heart  
 beating. My knees and legs gave way as if  
 they were made of rubber. My eyes came  
 to rest upon one of the dearest persons to  
 me—a little grandchild.

Her little face was so peaceful. The curls  
 upon her forehead were so beautiful. Time  
 stood still for a moment for me. My mind  
 wandered back. I asked myself questions  
 like—Why? What had I done? Now I know  
 God's way is the right way. I don't  
 question His great wisdom anymore.

Fathers and Mothers, someday you may  
 have to look into the face of your children  
 after death has come to claim them. So  
 may I say, "Be very careful how you live.  
 How much family life does your child have?  
 When you look into your child's eyes what  
 do you see? Are all daddies and mommies  
 concerned for the child, or are they too  
 concerned with what they can buy and give  
 to them? Life at the longest is very short  
 here. Please don't miss the times that you  
 can have with your children."

Children soon grow up and are on their  
 own. You will have missed the most  
 wonderful moments of your life, so as you  
 look back in years to come, you will realize

things are nothing but things. But the  
 moments you could have spent with your  
 child are gone forever. The things we  
 called having fun and pleasure will become  
 as ashes in your mouth. The things we do  
 are our own responsibility, but children do  
 as they see and hear when they are small.  
 May you walk with your children, not just  
 by telling them the way of life. A lesson is  
 learned by observing what others do and  
 say. If we want our children to have the  
 Bread of Life (Jesus Christ) we must plant  
 the right seed and plow the straight row.

You may ask yourself why the title "Are  
 we wasting our children's time?" God  
 gave to you and me our sons and  
 daughters to have and to hold for just a few  
 years, maybe less. Are we wasting their  
 time in the home by using all our time for  
 things as work and pleasure? Yet when our  
 children become of age, are we using their  
 time and ours as we see fit? We are ac-  
 countable for the little ones that God gave  
 to us. He trusted us with a life. Handle  
 them with love and care. They are the  
 greatest gifts God has given us upon this  
 earth.

Mother's Day has just passed. May all of  
 us be worthy to be called Mother or Daddy.  
 Again may I ask, "Are we wasting our  
 children's time?"

Nathan C. Schaeffer wrote: "At the  
 close of life the question will be not how  
 much have you got, but how much have  
 you given: Not how much have you won,  
 but how much have you done; Not how  
 much have you saved, but how much have  
 you sacrificed; how much have you loved  
 and served, Not how much were you  
 honored."

Your children are gifts from God. How  
 will you use this gift?

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## The Rev. Bill Futch

BETHLEHEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Chinquapin honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Bill Futch. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### A MAN WITH GREAT IMPACT

by Wendy Fountain



*The Rev. Bill Futch*

All of the pastors at Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church have made an impact on the people of the Fountaintown community. However, the Rev. Bill Futch has not only made that impact, but he has become a part of the community.

He and his family are the first to live in the newly established church parsonage. His wife, Linda, is a teacher at Southwest Elementary School. His son, Michael, is in the first grade at Chinquapin Elementary. Trumilla, his daughter, is a freshman at East Duplin High School.

One of the first things Preacher Bill

began to do at Bethlehem was to teach the Senior Class at Sunday school. His tremendous interest in the young people of the church demonstrates his belief that tomorrow's leaders start with the young people of today. In the class he teaches, he brings up many stimulating discussions about real-life situations that also occurred during biblical times.

With his help, the YFA has become a more active organization for the young people. The YFA has raised money for Mount Olive College and its library. Preacher Bill took much time to organize

the Walk-A-Thon that the YFA participated in to raise the money. He also helped AFC organize a car wash to benefit Children's Home. Preacher Bill deserves standing ovation for enduring fifty teenagers talking at the same time!

In addition to helping out with the young people, Preacher Bill has shown an immense interest in the senior citizens. He takes a great part in helping with the Fountaintown Senior Club. His interest in both old and young proves that he feels that people are important at all ages.

Since he has been a marriage counselor, it has better enabled him to handle the problems of persons who have gone to counseling with emotional stress, whether married or single. The preacher has been both patient and friend as he listened and advised.

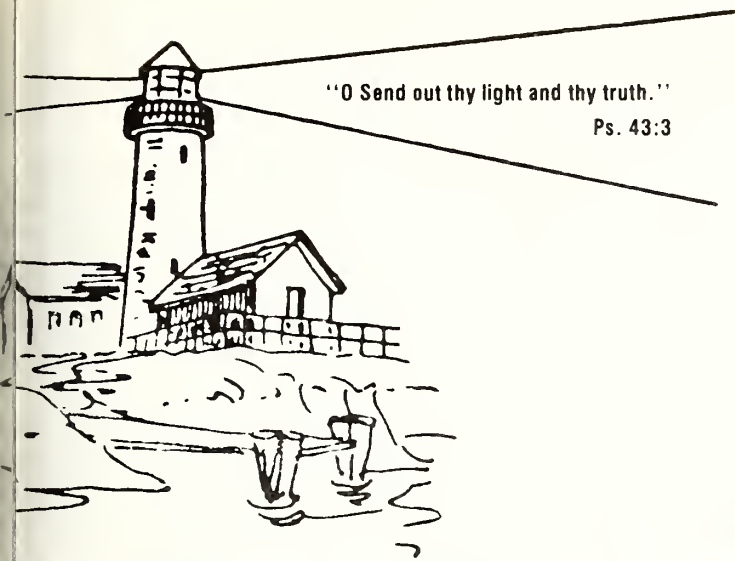
Linda, the preacher's wife, has been an asset to the church choir. She organizes the larger choir in which she placed members in their better singing parts such as soprano, alto, and tenor. At Christmas, the choir gives a special presentation of a Christmas cantata. The choir also sings special music at Easter. Linda, herself, has a fine singing voice. She has sung on special occasions. Linda plays the piano at nearly all church services; however, her assistant plays the piano while she directs the choir on Sunday.

Preacher Bill started Bethlehem's first silent communion service at Christmas and at Thanksgiving. His innovations in church functions have led many to see that a different way of praising Jesus Christ is just as good as an old way.

Since the preacher and his wife are young, they have motivated the congregation to do things never before tried by the church body. For example, during the winter of '78, church members embarked on a new and exciting experience—skiing. The previous summer many went to Camp Vandemere. In all his trips, the preacher hosted and showed everyone the way to have a wonderful time in the way that Christians should.

Preacher Bill fits into the community like a missing piece of a jigsaw puzzle. Linda, Michael, and Trumilla are the glue that help the pieces stay together. The preacher is unique. Figuratively, he is like a gift that paradoxically is overshadowed by love for God.

As one church member has said, "That's our Preacher Bill."



"O Send out thy light and thy truth."  
Ps. 43:3

*Camp Vandemere  
is  
making preparations*

*... are you?*



**For special group reservations contact:**

Larry J. Crumpler, Executive Director  
Route 2, Box 293-A  
Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365  
Phone 568-3758

**Or write camp address:**

**Camp Vandemere**  
Box 158  
Vandemere, North Carolina 28587  
Phone 745-3171

To attend regular camp weeks, contact the Director for the week you prefer. Send applications early as space is limited.

**CAMP SCHEDULE**

Summer 1979

**June 11-15 AFC WEEK**

Rev. Ralph Sumner, Director  
Box 298  
Oriental, N.C. 28571  
Phone 249-1329

Robert Langley, Co-Director  
Route 1  
Middlesex, N.C. 27557  
Phone 284-4178

**June 18-22 WOMAN'S AUXILIARY WEEK**

Mrs. Happy Taylor, Director  
Route 1, Box 109  
Deep Run, N.C. 28535  
Phone 523-9644

**June 25-29 SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK**

Rev. Chris Singleton, Director  
Box 162  
Seulaville, N.C. 28519  
Phone 298-3520

**July 2-6 YFA WEEK**

Rev. Larry J. Crumpler Jr.  
Route 2, Box 295-A  
Mount Olive, N.C. 28365  
Phone 568-3758

**July 9-13 GENERAL YOUTH WEEK**

Mrs. Lexa E. Upton, Director  
Route 1, Box 790  
Chocowinity, N.C. 27817  
Phone 946-6480

**August 20-24 GENERAL YOUTH WEEK**

Rev. Lonnie Mann, Director  
413 Church Road  
New Bern, N.C. 28560  
Phone 638-2255

Rev. Bobby Brown, Co-Director  
Route 1  
Cove City, N.C. 28523



## EDITORIAL

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suffered a death of some kind and had little chance of "repenting," or, even, of proving his or her innocence.

Through study I was impressed that these "witches" were not really witches at all—that no person was ever proven to be such—that superstition had its way and claimed the life of many in the name of "all that's holy."

**But**, the darkness of witchcraft, I now realize, is not confined to the minds of children, nor even to the superstitious people of seventeenth-century Salem, nor even to the witch-hunters of the Middle Ages. We certainly remember the Witch of Endor in the Bible, Shakespearean witches, and other legendary figures, and we should take serious note that witchcraft (witches and everything that goes with them) is with us **today**—and perhaps in overwhelming prevalence! Yes! Despite what we may have thought before, there are those who **claim to be real witches** today.

It's mind-boggling to be hit suddenly with the realization that childish fantasy has some validity. We say that in view of the people who today, in blatant openness, announce that they **are** witches. One of the most famous of the contemporary figures is Sybil Leek, whom some have called "the most evil woman in the world," but, who speaks of herself as a "good" witch. Mrs. Leek, who has appeared numerous times on television talk shows, contends that she practices no black magic, that she casts "healing" spells. She insists that she has been gifted, but is very cautious not to mention God as the One she worships, though she does make mention of some indefinite type of meditation.

Witchcraft is very much a part of this present world—let nobody fool you! Less than ten miles from where I sit there are rumored to be at least four covens (a term used for a meeting of witches for a specific religious ceremony, a meeting place, and the fraternal organization). Also, in other nearby towns there are covens which purportedly practice the black arts.

This occurrence is frightening—something which Christians must not pass off as some **little** threat. Why, now witches are even recruiting "new blood" to join their ranks, and not altogether in secret! Despite the so-called goodness of some witchery (if indeed there is any such thing), the church, and Christians in particular, must fortify themselves with the spiritual force needed to thwart the evil.

A noted researcher on the black arts tells of Satan worship and all types of debauchery associated with witches' meetings: the drinking of human blood and urine, sexual orgies, incantations, diabolical spells, and even human sacrifices. Mind you, these happenings are not so far removed from where you live. They may be going on as close as a block away.

It is certainly a good idea to be selective when choosing friends and accepting invitations. Be careful of questionable meetings which promise "religious experiences." You may be a prime target for a witch. And witches are nothing to play around with!

## ATTENTION CHURCHES PARTICIPATING IN SUPERANNUATION GIFT PROGRAM

Early this year, the Rev. David Hansley, pastor of Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, presented the Board Superannuation with a \$150 gift for Ministers' Widows' Fund program designating \$50 each to the most recent ministers' widows, with a \$50 reserve go to the next widow.

Along with the initial gift, Daniels Chapel pledged a \$50 donation to the program upon the death of any minister participating in the Ministers' Widows' Fund program, and challenged all other churches to do likewise.

Please note that two ministers have died since our last announcement: the Revs. L. Parker and M. E. Godwin. Gifts of \$150 are now due from those churches participating in the program. Please respond accordingly.

Churches will be notified through FREE WILL BAPTIST when a participating minister dies.

Respectfully,  
Walter Reynolds  
Director-Treasurer  
Board of Superannuation

## Coming Events .

- June—Entire Month Designated by State Convention as Cragmont Assembly Month
- June 3—Cragmont Sunday in all churches
- June 17—Father's Day
- June 17—Superannuation Day in all churches

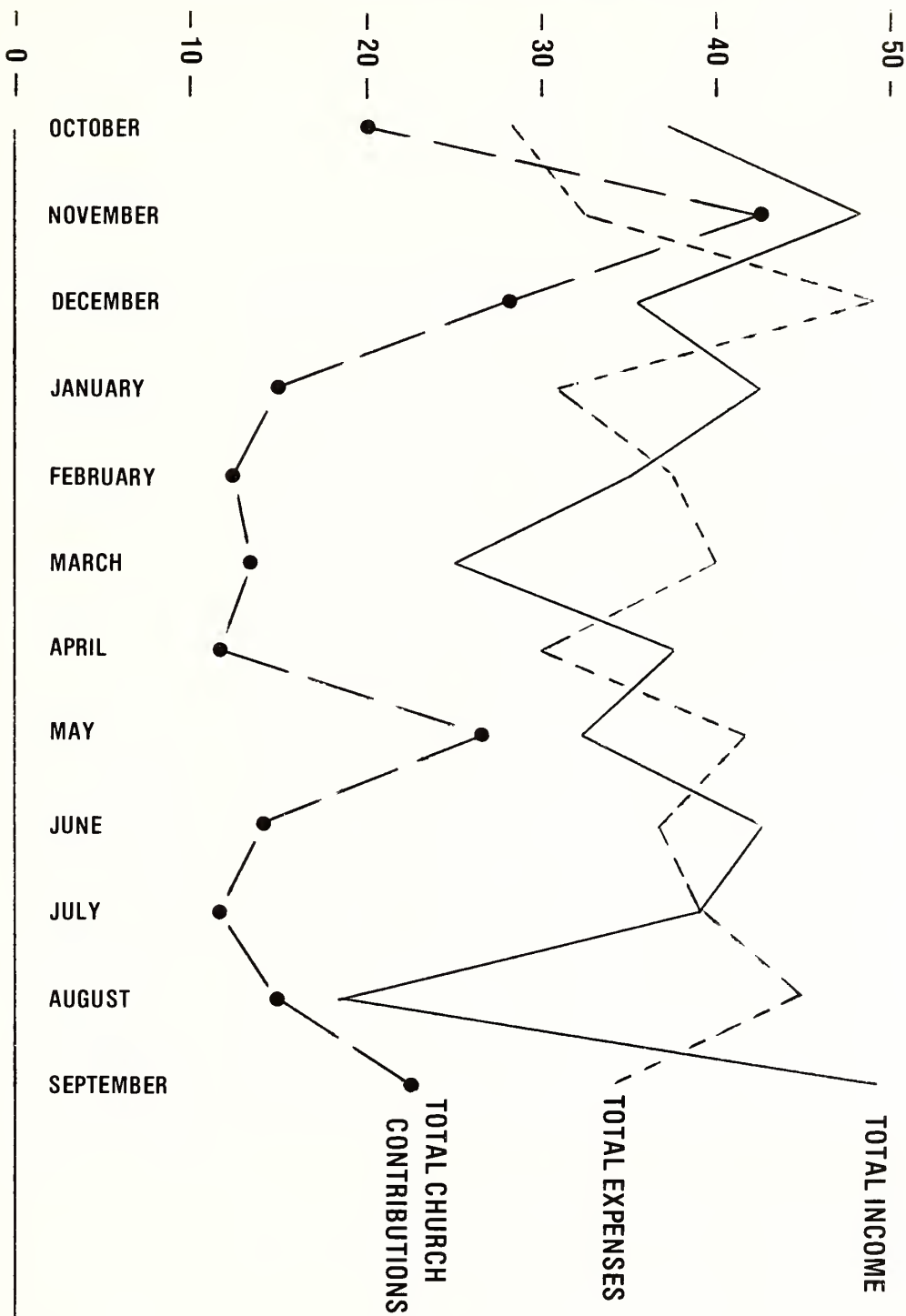
### Preacher's Diary

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I have observed how materialistic the churches have become by this time. As a rule there is more emphasis placed on money and property than there is on the people. I know our Lord is not pleased with that. There is something wrong when we place material things ahead of people.

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# Children's Home Month



The chart above depicts the fluctuation in the contributions from our churches during the year. As you can readily see, we have three high points during the year—November, (Thanksgiving season); May, (Mother's Day); September, (State Convention Offering). It is during these seasons that our income exceeds our expenditures. During the rest of the year, expenditures often exceed our own income and that is why your special offerings in May, September, and November are so very important. May days will soon be gone. We sincerely hope that you have already received a special offering for the Children's Home, but if you haven't, be sure to do so this week.

God has blessed this past year and there has not been a time during the year when we were unable to meet all our financial responsibilities. Your generous May offering will ensure another successful year for our Lord in the ministry of child care. (Note: Correction from Last Week's FREE WILL BAPTIST paper.)



# NEWS & NOTES

## Heaven Bound Group to Sing



*Heaven Bound Singers*

The youth organizations of King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church will have as special guests at their monthly youth service the Heaven Bound of Kinston, North Carolina. The service will be on May 27 at 7:30 p. m. The church is located near Fountain, North Carolina. The Rev. Franklin Brinson is the pastor of the church.

### Eastern Conference Ministers' Retreat

An Eastern Conference Ministers' Retreat will be held at Camp Vandemere on Friday night, May 25 and Saturday morning, May 26. The subject of study will be the **Proposed Statement of Faith and Discipline**. This book may be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press at \$1 per copy.

There will be no charge for staying overnight, but there will be a small fee for meals. The Friday evening meal will be at

6; devotions will be at 7:30; and a program will be given at 8. If a minister desires to come, please notify the Rev. Ralph Sumner, Oriental North Carolina, phone 249-1329.

### Philip Wood Ordained

On May 12, 1979, at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Fountaintown, North Carolina, Philip Wood was ordained by the Eastern Conference as a Free Will Baptist

minister. The service was conducted by the Rev. Bill Futch, pastor of the church, and the Ministerial Examining Board of the Eastern Conference. The Rev. James A. Evans delivered the sermon in charge. The Rev. Wood is the first minister to be ordained from the Bethlehem church and his home church honored him with a reception and a gift immediately following the ordination service.

He attended Mount Olive College and earned his BA in Religion at North Carolina Wesleyan in Rocky Mount. He is currently a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest University, North Carolina, working toward his Master of Divinity Degree. He began his pastorate ministry at Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church near Mount Olive in February. Currently he serves there on a half-time basis.

Beginning in July, he will also be serving Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church near Kenansville, North Carolina.

### Pastor Appreciation Day



*The Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gray*

Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, honored its pastor, the Rev. Donald Gray on April 14, 1979, with a surprise picnic lunch. The day was especially set aside for Mr. Gray and his family as Pastor Appreciation Day. During the morning worship service, the youth choir sang a selection which was one of Mr. Gray's specials. Selections were also sung by Sheila Tilghman and J. Conner. Mr. and Mrs. Gray were presented with a flower. Since it was the fifth Sunday of the month, one of the deacons held services. On behalf of the church, he gave a few commendations to Mr. Gray and his family telling them how much the church appreciated them.

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outlined some of the things he had  
 for the church and community.  
 members of the church were also given the  
 opportunity to stand and make comments.  
 one of the comments were as follows:

"Brother Don works with our youth. A  
 youth council has been formed."

"He visits all the sick of our church and  
 outside of our church. He enjoys wit-  
 nessing and winning souls for Christ."

"Brother Don organized a youth church  
 which has been a tremendous asset to our  
 church."

"One of Brother Don's greatest assets  
 for church and community is his wit-  
 nessing program. We have a visitation  
 program each week. All interested meet at the  
 church and divide up and go out wit-  
 nessing."

(ON THE SLIGHT SIDE)

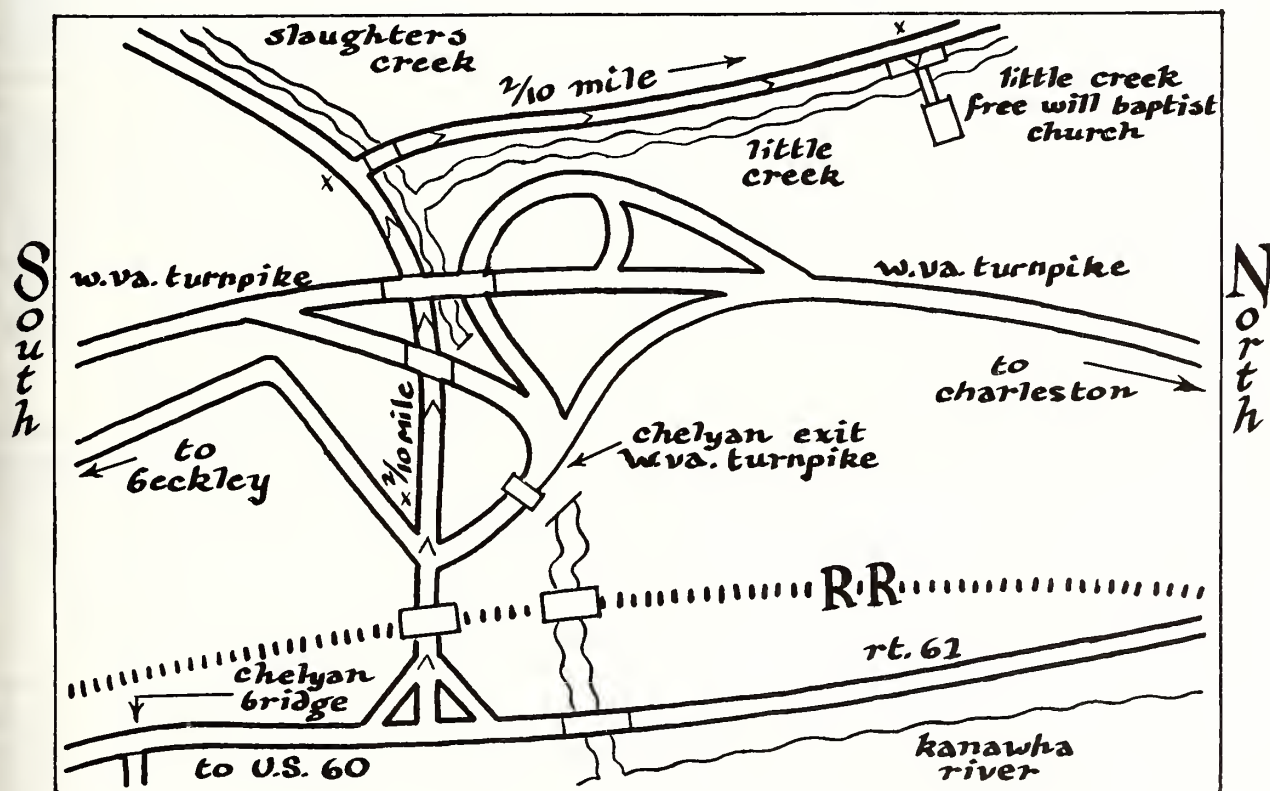
## Vile Redemption

Fist pounding the pulpit, voice raised in a shout,  
 The preacher attacked sin; his neck cords swelled out.  
 Hellfire and brimstone he flung at his peers,  
 For every misdeed gossip brought to his ears.  
 "For we are **all** sinners, and mankind is vile!  
 Redemption comes only to hearts without guile."

The church service over, his flock shook his hand  
 And told him his sermon was perfectly grand.  
 Each member was certain, in his or her mind,  
 That somebody else was the sinner defined.  
 The preacher mused sadly; he put on his hat,  
 He walked to his house, and he then kicked the cat.

Jane K. Lambert  
 Grifton, North Carolina

## GENERAL CONFERENCE TO MEET



The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will convene June 25-27, 1979, with the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Chelyan, West Virginia. The Rev. Jimmy Ryan is the host pastor. Above is a detailed map showing the location of the Little Creek church of West Virginia.



# The Sunday School Lesson

For June 3

## SAUL REJECTED: DAVID ANOINTED

**Lesson Text:** 1 Samuel 15:10-16, 22, 23; 16:1

**Memory Verse:** 1 Samuel 15:22

### I. INTRODUCTION

The year 1781 was undoubtedly the most critical in the American Revolutionary War.

The American cause had suffered a number of setbacks in the latter half of 1780. In the south the British had routed the army of General Gates. In New England the treason of Benedict Arnold almost succeeded in losing West Point to the British. And by the end of the year the financing of the military effort was so haphazard and uncertain that it seemed almost impossible to carry on the struggle for freedom. Then, in January, 1781, mutiny developed among the troops. Many had received no pay in months, and provisions were woefully inadequate. Consequently, over one thousand men left camp, with horses and arms, and marched toward Philadelphia to present their complaints to the Continental Congress. There was danger that the mutiny might sweep through the entire army, in which case any hope of victory and of a free nation would be gone.

Sir Henry Clinton, the British general in New York was confident that the mutinous soldiers would join his forces, and he sent messengers to them with an appealing offer. To his great surprise and chagrin, his proposal was at once rejected as being contemptuous. The loyalty of these men was not for sale. Their commitment to the cause of liberty was unwavering. Subsequently, their grievances were settled, harmony was restored in the ranks, and eventual victory was achieved. Resolute commitment made the difference—

**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The series of lessons which we are beginning today deals with the period from the reign of Saul as Israel's first king through the fall of Samaria in 722 B. C. The passages chosen for special study are 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Amos, Hosea, and Isaiah 1 through 39.

B. This series is designed to emphasize the importance of making responsible decisions by individuals and groups both in Old Testament times and today. The specific decisions selected from the Bible are varied. Some were made by kings and prophets, others by individuals and groups.

C. The overall purpose of this series of studies is to help Christians gain important insights into the kind of responses God expects of His people in all generations. It should also help persons make their own decisions responsibly in the light of God's will for their lives.

D. The nation of Israel was actually organized at Sinai. It was a theocracy, a kingdom in which God ruled. Though God was to be the ruler, Moses was the leader. Then followed the period of the Judges when persons were raised up by God to lead a particular tribe or area as God's representatives. Yet, an earthly king seems to have been contemplated from the first. Kings were to be among Abraham's seed (see Genesis 17:16). Moses laid down the law for the king (Deuteronomy 17:14-20). So, from the beginning of their history as a nation, the fact that Israel would eventually have a king seemed inevitable.

E. Samuel was the last of the Judges, and late in his life the people petitioned for a king (1 Samuel 8). Two reasons were given for wanting a king: (1) They felt that Samuel's sons were unfit to succeed him as Judges; and (2) they wanted a

leader to direct them in time war like the other nations around them. There must have been other reasons, such as the growing anarchy under the Judges; but the aforementioned two seem to be the main reasons why the people of Israel desired a king.

F. This request of the people for a king greatly distressed Samuel, partly because they did not appear to be grateful to him for what he had done. But the greatest reason for Samuel's distress was their disloyalty to God as their real Sovereign. Their sin was in their motives more than in the act. Samuel is instructed by the Lord to yield to this desire but to warn the people of the fate under kingly rule. So he submitted to God with fidelity and takes definite steps to anoint a king for Israel.

G. Saul was the son of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin. One day while in search of his father's asses, he called on the Prophet Samuel. The result of this interview was that Samuel, by divine direction, anointed Saul to be king. This was a private anointing.

H. Soon afterward, Samuel summoned a national assembly at Mizpah. There he proceeded to have an election by ballot. Saul was elected, and Samuel anointed him as the first king of Israel. Saul's victory over the Ammonites silenced opposition to his becoming king, and at Gilgal he was triumphantly crowned king of Israel.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

The thirteen lessons in this quarter deal with the kingdom of Israel and some of the early prophets, covering a period from the reign of Israel's first king, Saul, through the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel, in 722 B. C. The southern kingdom of Judah, continued for another 135 years (the "United Kingdom" was divided following the end of Solomon's reign). Our studies do not take us into that period.

The principal emphasis throughout these lessons is placed on decision-making. In the ancient times, kings and prophets were faced with certain decisions and how their failure to make the right ones resulted in national and personal disaster. The application of these lessons to our own experiences involves the importance of the decisions we make concerning the will of God for our lives.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.)

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## NEW ADMINISTRATORS



Two newly elected Deans at Mount Olive College met recently with Frank R. Harrison, center, Acting Dean of Students. D. Opey Jeanes, left, will assume duties as Vice-President of Mount Olive College July 1, and Dr. William Burkert, right, Promoting Dean of Students, will assume duties June 1.

## DR. RAPER AT ARAPAHOE CHURCH

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will be at Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church for College Day on Sunday, May 27. He will teach the 10 a. m. Sunday school classes and preach at the 11 a. m. service.

The Rev. Bobby Jones is pastor.

## DR. BURKERT NAMED DEAN OF STUDENTS

Dr. William G. Burkert of Bluefield, West Virginia, will assume duties June 1 as Dean of Students at Mount Olive College.

A 13-year veteran of college and university administration, Dr. Burkert earned his undergraduate degree from Wagner College in New York. He holds a master's and doctorate in education from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Previous services in the field of education include Men's Residence Hall Director for Boston University, Assistant Dean of Students and Head Resident for Wisconsin University at Oshkosh, and Dean of Students and psychology professor at Bluefield College in West Virginia.

Dr. Burkert has been active in all phases of the Baptist Church in Bluefield. He and his wife, Rita Jean, have two children.

Mount Olive College Marshals were named and recognized at the 1979 Graduation Ceremony held on the Moye Library Lawn May 11. From left, the 1979-80 marshals are Sheri Slaughter of Holly Springs church in Newport; Martha Jo Vinson of LGrange; Sonya McCoy of Hgo church near Kinston; Tresa Kelly of Holly Springs church in Newport; Lynette Turner of Spring Hill church in Goldsboro; Kay Barbour and Ana Stephenson, both of Hopewell church in Smithfield; and Danny Bailey of Goldsboro.

## NEW MARSHALS





Financial Report from

# Cragmont Assembly

## APRIL, 1979

Submitted by Virginia M. Skinner, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward, April 1, 1979

**Receipts** \$1,581.03

### Albemarle Conference

Hickory Chapel  
 Studie May Auxiliary \$ 524.70  
 Shiloh 100.00  
 Sidney 21.13  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roper 25.00 \$ 670.83

### Cape Fear Conference

Goldsboro, First Woman's  
 Auxiliary \$ 109.40  
 Haymount Mission 51.08  
 Lee's Chapel Fellowship Class 72.18  
 Sunday School 20.22  
 Palmer Memorial 38.03 \$ 290.91

### Central Conference

Bethany \$ 46.46  
 Elm Grove 1,423.00  
 Friendship Sunday School 25.00  
 Marlboro 100.00  
 Ormondsville 25.00  
 Otter's Creek  
 Sunday School 13.24  
 Piney Grove  
 Sunday School Class  
 Number 8 55.00  
 Reedy Branch  
 Fidelis Memorial Sunday  
 School Class 100  
 Sam McLawhorn 25.00  
 Pastor's Class (in honor of  
 Mrs. Evelyn Smith) 25.00  
 Sunday School 21.00  
 Mrs. Daisy Tripp 25.00  
 The Rev. Willis Wilson 10.00  
 Rose of Sharon 50.00  
 Second Union Sunday  
 School Convention 100.00  
 Winterville  
 Sunday School 71.36 \$2,025.06

### Eastern Conference

Harrison children: Hildred, Cecil,  
 H. B. and Miller, in memory  
 of their mother,  
 Mrs. Lila Harrison \$ 500.00

Indian Springs 35.00  
 Jackson Heights 56.32  
 Moseley's Creek  
 in memory of Mrs.  
 Irene Wetherington 50.00  
 Rooty Branch Woman's  
 Auxiliary 25.00  
 Snow Hill  
 The Rev. Larry J. Crumpler 10.00  
 St. Mary's 142.50  
 Mrs. Robert E. Parker 25.00  
 Welcome Home 20.00  
 Woman's Auxiliary Convention 39.25 \$ 903.07

### Piedmont Conference

Wayside Chapel \$ 12.35 \$ 12.35

### Western Conference

Durham, First  
 Woman's Auxiliary in memory  
 of James R. McGhee \$ 55.00  
 Free Union  
 The Rev. Lester Duncan 30.00  
 Friendship 50.00  
 Kenly 175.00  
 Milbournie 23.00  
 People's Chapel 40.00  
 Piney Grove 30.00  
 Pleasant Hill  
 AFC 15.00  
 Sunbeams 10.00  
 Woman's Auxiliary 25.00  
 Pleasant Plain 150.00  
 Sherron Acres 100.00  
 The Rev. Harry Grubbs 15.00  
 Spring Hill 200.00  
 St. Mary's  
 The Rev. Leslie Hawley 14.00  
 Wilson, First 250.00  
 Mr. Charles Howell 84.00  
 Unity, Durham 125.00 \$1,391.00

### OTHERS

The Rev. Doug Skinner,  
 telephone calls \$ 2.40  
 The Rev. Doug Skinner,  
 retreat deposit 25.00  
 The Rev. Doug Skinner,  
 gift of curtains for manager's  
 apartment 243.36  
 The Rev. Doug Skinner, gift  
 of bathroom accessories for  
 manager's apartment  
 Ministerial Association 1,000.00  
 State League Convention 467.15 \$1,764.94  
 Total Receipts from Churches  
 and Individuals \$ 7,058.00  
 Church Finance Association,  
 Sixth Loan Advance 36,000.00 36,000.00  
 Withdrawal from Savings 50.00 50.00  
 Total for Which to account \$44,688.00

## Disbursements

Operational Expenses	\$ 1,980.79	
Outside Chapel, retreat		
Deposit refund	25.00	
Rev. Paul Grubbs, retreat		
Deposit refund	25.00	
Press Insurance Agency, fire		
Insurance storage building	329.00	
Wart and Sons Plumbing,		
Opening camp	100.00	
Cliff Meyer, Inc., eighth		
Partial payment	36,080.00	
Transfer to General Savings	25.00	
Transfer to Main Building Fund	5,019.77	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$43,584.56</u>
Balance on Hand, May 1, 1979		\$ 1,104.63

## EARMARKED FUNDS

General Fund	\$ 1,104.63
General Savings	5,040.77
Main Building Fund	9,304.35
Balance in Bank, May 1, 1979	<u>\$15,449.75</u>

(\$844.43 in Dishwasher Fund)

(\$4,331.20 in Honor and Memorial Funds)

## LIFE

by the Rev. Jack Lassiter

May the dew of Heaven fall upon your life  
today

And moisten all life's problems  
Till they seem to melt away.

When life's foundation crumbles  
And seems to decay,  
I hear the Master calling  
And to me He will say:

"Come unto me that are heavy laden  
I will give you rest."

Let the spirit fight your battles  
And stand your every test.

Jesus, He is coming.  
It may be morn, night, or noon.  
I'm ready and waiting.  
I wish He would come soon.

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR GROUPS?

Below are some unusual nouns which refer to multiple units. Match the group in the first column with the proper word in the second column. The first one is done for you.

- | A                        | B              |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <u>litter</u> of pups | a. gam         |
| 2. _____ of whales       | b. murmuration |
| 3. _____ of cattle       | c. pod         |
| 4. _____ of fish         | d. litter      |
| 5. _____ of partridge    | e. outfit      |
| 6. _____ of geese        | f. kindle      |
| 7. _____ of ponies       | g. plague      |
| 8. _____ of eggs         | h. convocation |
| 9. _____ of cottontails  | i. school      |
| 10. _____ of kittens     | j. nest        |
| 11. _____ of locusts     | k. clutch      |
| 12. _____ of pheasants   | l. drove       |
| 13. _____ of angels      | m. stud        |
| 14. _____ of mares       | n. gaggle      |
| 15. _____ of seals       | o. host        |
| 16. _____ of eagles      | p. string      |
| 17. _____ of sails       | q. nye         |
| 18. _____ of starlings   | r. covey       |

Answers: 1. d; 2. a; 3. i; 4. j; 5. r; 6. n; 7. p; 8. k; 9. j; 10. f; 11. g; 12. q; 13. o; 14. m; 15. c; 16. h; 17. e; 18. b.



# Church Auxiliaries

## NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Treasurer's Report  
End of Fourth Quarter, April 30, 1979

Balance in Bank, January 31, 1979 \$ 3,100.60

### Receipts

General Fund:			
Contributions	8.00		
Life Award Fees	60.00		
Promotional (CSF)	179.16		
Per Capita Dues	742.15		
Interest	192.50	1,181.81	
Denominational Enterprises		12,956.59	
Total Receipts			14,138.40
Total for Which to Account			17,239.00

### Disbursements

Convention Expenses and Allocations	458.40		
Denominational Enterprises	12,956.59		
Total Disbursed			13,414.99
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1979			<u>\$ 3,824.01</u>

### Banks

Branch Banking and Trust Company (checking)	\$ 824.01		
Church Finance Association	3,000.00		
			<u>\$3,824.01</u>

### Denominational Enterprise Report

	Itemized	Received	Disbursed
Church Extensions (Home Missions)		1,432.92	1,432.92
Foreign Missions:			
General	179.65		
Mexico	225.00		
Baker's Van	1,293.50		
State Project	1,349.35	3,047.50	3,047.50
Central Conference Missions		175.00	175.00
Mount Olive College:			
General Fund	343.29		
Alice Lupton Scholarship	35.50		
State Project (College Hall)	908.04		
Books	15.00	1,301.83	1,301.83
Free Will Baptist Children's Home:			
General Fund	286.29		
Clothing	470.00		
Allowance	25.00		
Child Support	180.00		
State Project	1,258.19		
Child's Trip to Cragmont	50.00	2,269.48	2,269.48
Superannuation		159.58	159.58
Cragmont Assembly:			
Building Fund		2,107.58	2,107.58

Retirement Homes, Inc.	600.26	600.26
Anna Phillips Loan Fund	10.00	10.00
Life Membership Fees (Cragmont)	240.00	240.00
Christian Service Fund:		
Missions	358.32	
Mount Olive College	358.32	
Children's Home	268.74	
Cragmont	268.74	
Superannuation	179.16	
Retirement Homes	179.16	1,612.44
Totals		<u>1,612.44</u>
(*) 10 percent retained for promotional (see receipts \$179.16)		<u>\$12,956.59</u>
		<u>\$12,956.59</u>

Respectfully submitted  
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

## HAPPY

by Mrs. Luther Tugwell

Father, I am always happy in your  
sacred sanctuary,  
Hearing the word of God—  
And how He suffered agony  
And shed His precious blood.  
I want to meet your face to face,  
And feel your gentle touch.  
Oh, God, I learn to love you,  
Going to a little country church.

I want to enter that city  
Where the streets are paved with  
gold.  
Dear God, please guide me,  
And be the keeper of my soul.

# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

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CHURCH OF THE MONTH

## Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church

Holly Ridge, North Carolina  
L. L. Parker, Late Pastor







Tommy Manning  
Editor

## BY-THE-DRINK or BY-THE-GALLON, LIQUOR IS STILL BAD!

Free Will Baptists have always opposed beverage alcohol. There is no reason for us to change our position now. Social drinking is "fashionable," it is said. Whether or not something is fashionable is not the question. The question is **what is right and what is wrong**, and the long-range effects of a major decision concerning alcohol consumption.

Alcohol has been described as society's deadliest drug. That attack seems a little harsh to the general public, especially when they are accustomed to seeing the beverage dressed in the sophisticated clothes of a well-ordered television party, or as the refreshing pause in a busy schedule, or as the "wholesome" approach to a "proper" meeting.

Advertisers are shrewd. They seldom show the wild side of life which, if not the result, is at the very least **contributed to** by the evil liquid. Studies reveal that persons who abuse children and batter wives are more often partakers of alcohol. A valid argument is that **all** such incidents are not alcohol related; but **enough are** to make anybody sit up and notice.

Alcohol dulls the senses and numbs the feelings of the individual. While it may be true that quantities greater than four ounces are required to make some persons "unsteady" or mentally irresponsible for his actions, others among us have a lower tolerance. One or two ounces are enough to make some people lose control and exhibit a personality "loosening," if not a change. And yes, many individuals excuse their wrongdoing while under the influence of alcohol, stating, "Remember, I'm not responsible when I drink." Hogwash! Everybody is always responsible for what he does (except, of course, in the case of the severely mentally handicapped).

It does sound an interesting note, though—that alibi—"I'm not responsible when I drink." No self-respecting person, then, who feels that way, should drink—right? Being responsible means being answerable for one's conduct and obligations and being accountable, or, as Webster states, "being a **free moral agent**" (most often taken to mean being able to make one's own decisions in accord with individual conscience).

**Conscience** may be the key word, for one makes his decisions as such decisions are dictated by his conscience. While it may be argued that some people can drink in good conscience, we question the reasonableness of the statement, especially in consideration of some atrocities perpetrated while many are under the influence. Supporters of beverage alcohol and its consumption, of course, will contend that, when taken in moderation, alcohol causes no more harm or demoralizes society no more than soft drinks. Let them argue that "fact" if they choose. We

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## **FOLKSTONE**

# **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**L. L. PARKER, LATE PASTOR**

*(We regret that the Rev. L. L. Parker died on  
May 6, 1979, before this article could be published.)*

**F**OLKSTONE Free Will Baptist Church is a young church, yet it is the oldest church of its denomination in Onslow County, being founded in 1909.

Mr. J. N. Edwards, superintendent of the Woodwood Lumber Company in Folkstone, and a friend, Mr. Beauregard Rhodes, were conversing about the possibility of building a church in Folkstone for the purpose of better serving our Lord and the preaching of the gospel. Mr. Edwards remarked to Mr. Rhodes that if he could get the land that the lumber company would donate the lumber to build the church. During this time the Rev. John Howard from Richlands, North Carolina, was conducting services on alternate Sundays in an old building.

In the fall of 1910, Mr. Jerry Spicer donated a plot of land for the purpose of building a church in Folkstone. With faith, prayer and determination, the people of the community began working together to have a church of their own where they could meet together for their worship services. Much of the labor for the building of the church was donated by lay members of the community. We were a very grateful people when we moved into our new church which was

to serve us for forty-two years. Kerosene lamps were the only lighting for our small church. Mr. J. N. Edwards served as first pastor of the church, and, not being ordained at this time, invited the Rev. J. W. Alford of Morehead City, North Carolina, to conduct baptismal services for our nine charter members who have since gone to receive their rewards from our Heavenly Father. The nine charter members who were baptized on this special occasion were Mr. Lawrence Parker, Mrs. Marinda Parker, Miss Nellie King, Mr. Walter Midgett, Mrs. Sudie Ketchum, Mrs. Essie Parker, Mrs. Lucy Yopp, Mrs. Eliza Rhodes, and Mr. Beauregard Rhodes. The first clerk to serve the church was Miss Nellie King, and the first deacon to serve the church was Mr. Walter Midgett.

Transportation to and from church was mostly by "mule and cart," but with continuing prayers, faith in Christ never faltering, and the Lord continuously blessing, souls being saved, our church congregation and membership were beginning to increase. Continual growth was such that in 1938, Mrs. Sunnie A. Heath Hansley donated a plot of land adjacent to our church which would later become the site of our present church. The ministers who have served this church are

*Turn the Page*



the Revs. J. N. Edwards, Solomon Duff, Reddin Proctor, George W. Kennedy, Lloyd Vernon, Lamm J. Potter, Robert C. Kennedy, and L. L. Parker.

In May 1945, our pastor, the Rev. Robert C. Kennedy, suggested that we begin thinking about building a new church. In February 1946, a building committee was formed, and Mr. David W. Hansley was elected as chairman of this committee. Those serving with him were Messrs. Teddy Hines Sr., Arthur Parker, Percy Parker, and Chesley King Sr. This committee worked diligently and in November 1946, presented their plans and a budget system that would enable us to lay the foundation for our church.

Once again, with the same faith, prayers, and determination as before, the people of the community worked slowly and surely to build our new church. And, as before, much of the labor was donated by lay members. After much hard work, prayers, and the Lord's continuous showers of blessings, our dreams for the church were realized, and dedication services were held in March 1952, with the Rev. Whalon Burns as the guest speaker, our pastor, the Rev. Robert C. Kennedy, and assistant pastor, the Rev. L. L. Parker, assisting. Brother Parker had been elected to serve as assistant pastor in March 1950, due to Brother Kennedy's health.

Brother Robert Kennedy served our church faithfully, working with and serving well the members of the church and its community. He was a dedicated minister and leader, working constantly for the "upbuilding of God's Kingdom here on earth." In September 1953, Brother L. L. Parker was elected to serve as our pastor, to become effective October 1953. Until his recent death, he faithfully served our church with the same dedication and humility as God's able servants who preceded him.

Our church has realized much growth and remodeling since the dedication services. Between the years 1952 and 1956 we have added eight Sunday school rooms to its structure, and a steeple was erected in the summer of 1957. We began full-time services in September 1965.

We enjoyed the blessings of the Lord and the worship services in our church. Once again we realized the need for expanding our church facilities. Plans were adopted to build a fellowship hall. We decided to involve everyone in the Sunday school and church to help with the project on an individual basis, as we were still growing and did not have much money.

We adopted what we called the "Quarter" Budget. members, young and old, were asked to donate their quarters to the project for a given period of time. Bibles were presented to the student in each Sunday school class who collected the most quarters. Our fellowship hall, completed in 1971, has a kitchen, a spacious dining area, and two bathrooms to serve the people. In 1973, we served breakfast in the hall after our Easter sunrise service; it was so well received that it is now custom.

In 1970, the vestibule was added and the entire church was bricked. More growing pains were felt as we again desired to improve our church. During the years 1975-1977 we carpeted the floors, enlarged the sanctuary, and added a choir loft. With the enlarged sanctuary, we now have a seating capacity of 250-300 people. In the summer of 1978, a public address system was installed and the church grounds were landscaped.

Our church has experienced great changes since its humble beginning. We now have many conveniences, for which we are grateful, that were never conceived in the minds of our forefathers. The results of our forefathers' labors, prayers, and determination to make Folkstone a better community and to have a place of worship to learning more of God's Word and His ways and thereby spread the gospel to others are being realized by many people. Several ministers had their early training in our church or were members of our church when they received the call to ministry. Those ministers whom we would like to recognize include the pastor whom we all dearly loved and appreciated, the Rev. L. L. Parker, son of two of our charter members, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Parker; the Revs. David W. Hansley, Carol B. Hansley, Orvin B. Everett Sr., Danny Jenkins, Boone Chandler, David Charles Hansley, Dallas D. Bryson, James Ronnie Parker, and Rudy Shepard. Brothers Danny Jenkins and Boone Chandler have departed this life on earth and are now enjoying the fruits of their labors with our Heavenly Father.

The Lord is still wonderfully blessing us today but there is still work to be done and goals to be reached; the harvest is ripe and laborers are few. Our mission here on earth is to "witness and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

# THE BOOK CORNER

Frank R. Harrison, Chaplain  
Mount Olive College

The book, **A Place To Stand**, (Harper and Row, Publisher), written by Elton Trueblood, is a practical guide to some central Christian affirmations as a solid point upon which we may stand in the latter half of the century, and for all time to come. Dr. Trueblood has written a very clear statement of the Christian position that is both evangelical and biblical.

The central affirmation and place to stand is none other than Jesus Christ. "The primary proposition for the Christian, his ultimate act of faith, is the trustworthiness of Jesus Christ. It is here that the Christian finds a place to stand." (Page 35)

"A Christian is a person who, with all the honesty of which he is capable, becomes convinced that the fact of Jesus Christ is the most trustworthy that he knows in his entire universe of discourse. Christ thus becomes both his central postulate and the Archimedian fulcrum which, because it is really firm, enables him to operate with confidence in other things." (Page 38)

Dr. Trueblood calls for a commitment of believers that combine both mind and heart into Christian discipleship, saying we are not Christians until we are committed, and we are not committed until we combine, in our faith in Christ, the reasons of the heart with the reasons of the intellect.

The last two chapters of the book, "The Reality of Prayer" and "The Life Everlasting," are reasons enough to read this book. The chapter on "The Reality of Prayer" is a very clear statement on the meaning of prayer and man's noblest undertaking in his finite life on this planet.

Concluding the book is the chapter on the life everlasting as the true meaning of God's purpose in creation, and, for the Christian, this is clearly a corollary of belief in God." In this life, we cannot fully understand or know all there is to know about the Resurrection and the life everlasting, but as Christians we know Christ as Lord and Redeemer. So, in this life we are forced to live by faith; in the life to come we shall live, not by faith, but by open vision in the presence of a living Christ and Heavenly Father.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Mrs. Lila Wilcox Harrison

Mrs. C. M. (Lila Wilcox) Harrison was born December 15, 1892, and in 1913 she was married to Clem Manley Harrison (deceased 1964). To this union were born four children: Hildred Dare, Cecil Manley, LeRoy Barker, and Sherwood Miller. Along with bringing her children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Mrs. Harrison was a devout Christian and loving helpmeet to her husband as long as he lived.

She was a faithful, active member of the First Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in Bern, North Carolina, for over sixty

years. During this period, she was active in the youth program, working with "The Little Worker's League," and serving as teacher for the Intermediate Department of the Sunday school for many years. During her later years, she served as both teacher and assistant teacher of the Julia Matthews' Sunday School Class.

She was a pioneer in the Woman's Auxiliary, becoming a member when it was known as "The Ladies' Aid Society." Through the years, as she organized circles, served as chairman, or "worked" as a member, she manifested the Christian love and zeal of Dorcas in the First Century Church. A missionary at heart, she helped

prepare boxes for missions, visited from house to house, collected food and clothing for the poor and needy.

She always actively, both prayerfully and financially, supported all phases of the denominational work. However, Cragmont and the Children's Home were especially close to her heart.

Mrs. Harrison or "Miss Lila" as she was affectionately known finished her work and "fell asleep" on February 3, 1979. Her memorial service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Rod Jones, and assisted by her former pastor, the Rev. Earl Glenn. Brother Glenn summarized her life with the following verses:

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her candle goeth not out by night.

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

She strengtheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

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## *The Rev. Ralph Sumner*

ORIENTAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Ralph Sumner. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### **PRIVILEGED TO HAVE AS PASTOR**

by Charles Mason and Mrs. Dolly Spruill



*The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Sumner*

On October 2, 1977, the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina, was privileged to welcome as its new pastor, the Rev. Ralph Sumner. Mr. Sumner came to Oriental from the Bridgeton church where he pastored for five years. He became the third full-time pastor of the Oriental church, and since he had pastored the Arapahoe church about seven years before, he was no stranger to Pamlico County.

Brother Sumner was born in Duplin County, September 18, 1926, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sumner. He was one of eight brothers and sisters. He was an active member of the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church during his childhood years. He also served as educational director of the church for a period of time. He was converted at an early age. During the night that he accepted the Lord

(at a revival meeting), a bad storm came up, making it necessary for the evangelist to conclude his message. The congregation went to the altar to pray that the storm would soon cease. Brother Sumner left the sanctuary and went to the church lawn. He later returned and accepted the Lord as his Saviour. We can see by this that the Lord has a purpose for everything.

On January 10, 1946, Brother Sumner married the former Janice Sumner of the Beulaville community. They were blessed with two sons, Ralph Jr. of Kinston, and Sammy of the home.

In 1947, the Rev. and Mrs. Sumner began their higher education by attending the Free Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. He majored in music and Mrs. Sumner took the junior college course. He had no intention at this time of entering the ministry.

In August of 1964, Brother Sumner was ordained into the ministry at the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church in Duplin County where he was licensed. He was pastor of the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church at this time. He was a licensed minister for six months before being ordained.

Besides his pastoral duties, he is very active in denominational activities. He is chairman of the Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere, having first served as treasurer. He is treasurer of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, and Moderator of the Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference. He has been a counselor for youth groups at Cragmont, and also conducts a week of camp for children at Camp Vandemere each summer. He and Mrs. Sumner have also been cottage parents at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex.

# ANDREW KEMERY ARD

submitted by Irene Hogg, Ethel Stephenson, and Rebecca Harden

THE Rev. Kemery Ard was born January 6, 1934. He graduated from Pamplico High School, Pamplico, South Carolina, and he attended Mount Olive College and graduated from Georgia Tech in 1957. He served in the U. S. Army 1955-57.

He pastored Indian Springs Free Will Baptist Church at Seven Springs, North Carolina, and Camp Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Lake City, South Carolina, in 1961.

He served as part-time pastor of Christian Chapel and Powhatan Free Will Baptist Churches in 1962. He moved into the Powhatan Parsonage as full-time pastor in 1963 and stayed until 1965. He moved to Ayden and pastored the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church from 1965 until 1970.

In 1970 he moved to Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He returned to Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church on August 28, 1974.

## A TRIBUTE TO THE REV. KEMERY ARD

The Free Will Baptist Denomination and the Powhatan Community in Clayton, North Carolina, were saddened recently by the untimely death of the Rev. Kemery Ard. We were blessed that God sent Mr. Ard to be our pastor. He was a pastor to some, a friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In his short lifetime, Kemery answered two calls: first, to be as His servant, and second, to answer the call of his fellowman. A man of many talents, Kemery was constantly using these as a witness for his God. He was a faithful steward of God—bringing peace, joy, and love into our church and community. His works and deeds were a living testimony of God's love. He was a simple man who had integrity and the insight to understand all mankind.

He was always ready and willing to help anyone, not only those of his pastorate, but any who were in need, regardless of the situation. Kemery was there with his warm smile and helping hand. Far be it from any man to try to figure out the will of God. But it is just human nature to ask, "Why?" Our faith is tested in many ways, but

anyone who ever heard Kemery preach, or who had the privilege of just talking with him, knew of his strong faith in God. This faith was passed on to all of us who knew him.



The Rev. Kemery Ard

The Powhatan Community will sorely miss the guidance and the smiling face of Kemery Ard, but we are, at the same time, carrying on as Kemery would have wanted us to.

He planted many seeds and had fertilized them carefully, but even though he will not be present in human form to see the harvest, we are assured that his

congregation and his many friends are continuing to reap benefits from his labors. He always served God instead of seeking worldly fame and gains.

An all-round good man is hard to find in today's liberal society, but Kemery Ard met all requirements—a good pastor, a good husband and father, a good neighbor, as well as a good friend.

While it is possible to replace or make a substitute for something we lose, this community will long feel the terrible void made by Kemery's untimely death. And there is no replacement or substitute for this void, but it can be made less painful by fulfilling the goal that Kemery wanted one day to reach. That goal was that his congregation and his fellow conference churches continue to live as God-fearing Christians, and for us to love and trust our fellowmen.

We make tributes of statues, bronze plaques, and eternal flames to those who have touched our lives with their influence and love.

No finer tribute could be made for Kemery Ard than for each of us to grow stronger in our faith in God, and then demonstrate this renewed faith by being a friend to all mankind. This was what Kemery Ard was—"A GOD-FEARING FRIEND TO ALL MANKIND."

He left behind a wife, Betty Jean; three sons, Kem, Eddie, and Cecil; and a lot of sad friends.

## MY REMEMBRANCES OF HIM

by Debbie Beddard

I remember him as a proud man  
One, of whom, you'd liked to've known.  
He had pride about his family.  
About his hobbies, about his home.

In socializing with him,  
It helped make his day worthwhile,  
To stir a little laughter  
And slyly crack that smile.

Oh, he had his serious side.  
If you'd met him you would know,  
That a thing called "Christian Love"  
Would follow wherever he'd go.

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## FREE WILL BAPTIST GRADUATES



Free Will Baptist students graduating in the 1979 class at Mount Olive College include (front row from left), Patricia Best from Pleasant Plain church in Selma, Donna Moore from Friendship church in Walstonburg, Brenda Robinson from Smith Chapel church in Goldsboro, Angelia J. Lewis from Northeast church in Mount Olive, Franki Rawls from Rose of Sharon church in Bear Grass, Gail Howell from Union Grove in Pikeville, Susan Lancaster from White Oak Grove near LaGrange, and Lynn Richardson from Smyrna near New Bern. Second row from left, are Malinda Johnson from Hopewell church in Smithfield, Allison Gay from Howell Swamp in Walstonburg, Debra Wade from Hugo church in Grifton, Craig Wells from Mount Zion church in Onslow County, and Lee Rollins from Walnut Creek church in Wayne County. Third row, from left, are Pamela Johnson from Calvary church in Wilson, Connie Bullock from People's Chapel church in Wilson, Denise Powell from Johnston Union in Smithfield, David Hines from Winterville church in Winterville, and Bryant Hines from First Church in Greenville. Fourth row from left, are Cindy Harrison from Hull Road church in Greene County, Donna H. Whitfield from First Church in Warsaw, Vickie Singleton from Beulaville church in Beulaville, Phillip Boykin from Marsh Swamp church in Lucama, and Gerald Herring from Casey's Chapel church outside Goldsboro. Free Will Baptist students not pictured are Deborah Housend from Beaverdam church in Whiteville, Penny Waters from Hugo church in Lenoir County, Stephen Raper from Northeast church in Mount Olive, Alan Lamm from Little Rock church in Lucama, and the Rev. Bruce Steadman from Rosebud church in Wilson.

## DR. RAPER AT SIDNEY CHURCH

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak Sunday, June 3, at Sidney Free Will Baptist Church near Belhaven. He will address the Sunday school service at 10 a.m. and preach at the 11 a.m. service.

The Rev. Howard Scott is superintendent.

## RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



*Esther Heath*

Esther Heath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Heath Sr. of City, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mount Olive College for the 1979-80 academic year. From Core City Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Olive, N.C., Heath is a senior at West Carolina High School where she is named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She is a member of the National Honor Society and President of Future Business Leaders of America. A soloist for the school band, she is also captain of the Color Guard. She has served as secretary for the YFA group at church for three years.

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## EDITORIAL

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rebut with "No one ever became an alcoholic unless he took that first alcoholic drink!" **And the Bible speaks very adamantly against that stuff.**

That brings us to a very present concern: liquor-by-the-drink. Any way you pour it, liquor is liquor—**by the drink or by the gallon!** A little sin usually leads to a bigger and more destructive one. So it is with alcohol. A little social sip satisfies the curiosity at first; then, when the curiosity is quenched, a stronger urge begs satisfaction, and before you know it, the occasional teetotaler becomes a regular user. All experimenters don't become confirmed drinkers—no—but enough do to justify our warning.

The accessibility of alcohol must be taken into account. Some people who wouldn't ever consider going into an ABC store to purchase the stuff would find it less embarrassing to order it with a meal at a restaurant. Something about the restaurant atmosphere is protective; the fear of having someone see you walk out isn't so strong, for you can become lost in the "dinner" crowd, having had your cocktails or whatever. After all, who knows but that you just ate and drank coffee or tea? So, it would be easy to insist that you were there for no other reason but to dine. A good answer, huh?

The devil has his ways and certainly will have his days as well. It is up to us, the Christians of every community, to speak out strongly against any evil. And despite the possible claims of society builders and "expeders" to the contrary, alcohol does cause a breakdown of the physical and spiritual body. Further, it breaks down the family—the basic unit of society. And, in the final analysis, it can (woe be unto us all) destroy civilized thought and deportment!

### A RESOLUTION

For a long time (in fact, ever since the introduction of the now-famous health warning on cigarette packages), I have thought that a health danger signal should be printed on all containers of beverage alcohol.

We have resolved that Christians reaffirm their opposition to the consumption of beverage alcohol *in any quantity*, and that they go on record as desiring that "Warning: The consumption of beverage alcohol has been proven to be hazardous to your health" be printed on every container—and in easy-to-read print.

If Christians don't take action when issues are being decided, they have little right to wring their hands later in disbelief and despair. They hardly have the right to claim His name if they don't live by it!

### IN MEMORIAM

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Her children arise up, and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praiseth her.  
All her daughters have done virtuously, but  
thou excellest them all.  
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain;  
but a woman that feareth the LORD,  
she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let  
her own works praise her in the  
gates."

—Proverbs 31:10-31

Lovingly submitted for all her children,  
Katherine S. Harrison

## POSITION AVAILABLE

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, is seeking a dedicated Christian individual or couple to conduct and develop the music and youth departments of the church. The salary is negotiable, depending upon qualifications and experience. Any interested minister or layman is encouraged to apply.

This position will be challenging and rewarding for the right person.

Send resume to: Director, First Free Will Baptist Church, 2600 Charles Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; or call for an interview at 756-6600 or 758-1684.

### ATTENTION CHURCHES OF ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

There will be a meeting to review the Proposed Revision of *Statement of Faith and Discipline* at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, on this Friday, June 1, at 7:30 p. m. The Albemarle Conference Executive Committee requests that each member church send at least two delegates for this important meeting.

Many hours have gone into the revision, and it is desired that the people be familiar with it before the special session of the State Convention, to be held on August 14.

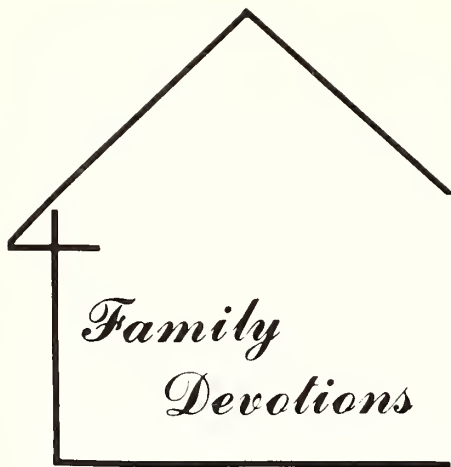
Francis Garner, *Moderator*  
Marvin Waters, *Secretary*

## PREACHER'S DIARY

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I am receiving church members' personal checks for Home Missions ranging from five to five hundred dollars each while some of their churches are giving little or nothing.





### SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:1-8

#### DO NOT JUDGE TOO HARD

Pray do not find fault with the man  
that limps—  
Or stumbles along the road, unless  
you have worn the shoes he  
wears—  
Or struggled beneath his load.  
There may be tacks in his shoes that  
hurt, though hidden from view,  
Or the burdens he bears placed on  
your back—  
Might cause you to stumble, too.  
Don't sneer at the man who is  
down today—  
Unless you have felt the blow that  
caused his fall,  
Or felt the pain that only the fallen  
know.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Let us not be too eager to sit in  
judgment of our neighbor. Before we  
can justify criticism, we must first  
live his experiences.*

### MONDAY, JUNE 4

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians  
5:1-9

#### HOME

“What makes a home?”  
I asked my little boy.  
And this is what he said,  
“You, Mother,  
And when Father comes,  
Our table set all shiny,  
And my bed,  
And, Mother, I think it's home,  
Because we love each other.”

You who are old and wise,  
What would you say  
If you were asked the question?  
Tell me, pray  
Thus simply as a little child, we learn  
A home is made from love.  
Warm as the golden hearthfire on the  
floor,  
A table and a lamp for light,  
And smooth white beds at night—  
Only the old sweet fundamental  
things.  
And long ago I learned—  
Home may be near, home may be far,  
But it is anywhere that love  
And a few plain household treasures  
are.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*No home should be lacking in love,  
but many are. Let us reassess the  
atmosphere of our own home, and  
may we add the ingredient of love if it  
is not found in abundance.*

### TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians  
1:1-10

#### THE GREATEST OF ALL

My greatest loss, to lose my soul.  
My greatest gain, Christ as my  
Saviour.  
My greatest object, to glorify God.  
My greatest price, a crown of glory.  
My greatest work, to win souls for  
Christ.  
My greatest joy, the joy of God's  
salvation.  
My greatest inheritance, Heaven and  
its glories.  
My greatest neglect, the neglect of so  
great salvation.  
My greatest crime, to reject Christ  
the only Saviour.  
My greatest privilege, power to  
become a child of God.  
My greatest bargain, to lose all things  
to win Christ.  
My greatest profit, godliness in this  
life and that to come.  
My greatest peace, the peace that  
passeth understanding.  
My greatest knowledge, to know God  
and Jesus Christ whom He hath  
sent.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*In the saving knowledge of Christ is  
the answer to every problem and the  
fulfillment of every noble desire.  
Without Him and His great salvation  
nothing has meaning now nor ever  
will.*

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 50:1-9

#### HOW TO DEFEND THE BIBLE

I am the Bible.  
I am God's wonderful library.  
I am always—and above all—  
Truth.  
To the weary pilgrim, I am a  
strong Staff.  
To the one who sits in black gloom,  
I am the glorious Light.  
To those who stoop beneath heavy  
burdens, I am sweet Rest.  
To him who has lost his way, I am  
safe Guide.  
To those who have been hurt by sin,  
I am healing Balm.  
To the discouraged, I whisper a  
message of Hope.  
To those who are distressed by the  
storms of life, I am Anchor, sure  
and steadfast.  
To those who suffer in lonely solitude,  
I am as a cool, soft Hand resting  
upon a fevered brow.  
Oh, child of man, to best defend me  
just use me!

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible, the precious Book of  
Ages! In it is a perfect guide for the  
earthly traveler—a well-charted  
course toward a happy eternity.*

### THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Scripture Reading—Psalm 68:1-11

#### THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Of all the Twelve Apostles,  
The Gospels give the names;  
First, Andrew, John, and Peter,  
Bartholomew and James,  
Matthew, and Simon, Thomas,  
Were friends both tried and true.  
Then Philip, James and Thaddeus,  
The traitor Judas, too.  
They followed Christ the Master  
O'er mountain, shore, and sea,  
Samaria, Judea, Perea, Galilee.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*May we exercise diligence  
disciples of Christ today—in word  
thought, and deed. May others see  
us at least a small measure of  
love.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

# Cragmont Assembly

support us with your prayers, presence, and your finances. May God bless all of you.

In His service,  
The Rev. Doug Skinner, *Manager*

Scripture Reading—Galatians 2:1-

## FORGET AND REMEMBER

Forget each kindness that you do  
as soon as you have done it,  
forget the praise that falls on you  
at the moment you have won it;  
forget the slander that you hear  
before you can repeat it;  
forget each slight, each spite, each  
sneer,  
wherever you may meet it.  
Remember every kindness done  
to you, whatever its measure;  
remember praise by others won  
and pass it on with pleasure;  
remember those who lend you aid  
and be a grateful debtor;  
remember every promise made  
and keep it to the letter.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

Forget the bad; remember the  
good. Capitalize on blessings; add to  
them; and be careful to give thanks  
to them. "In all things give thanks,"  
and live according to His will.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:1-

## NICE 'TWOULD BE

How nice 'twould be if knowledge grew  
on bushes as the berries do;  
then we would plant our spelling seed  
and gather all the words we need!  
And sums from off the slates we'd  
wipe

and wait for figures to be ripe,  
and go into the field and pick  
up whole bushels of arithmetic!

if we wished to learn Chinese  
and just go out and shake the trees,  
and grammar, then in all our towns  
would grow with proper verbs and  
nouns;

and in the garden there would be  
at bunches of geography,  
and all the passersby would stop.  
and marvel at the knowledge crop.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

The most important knowledge any  
of us can gather is found in His Word.  
With diligence let us seek its wisdom  
and practice its teachings!

Selected from *The Speaker's  
Resourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing  
House.

Cragmont officially opened on Monday, May 14. We are expecting a great summer this year. Our weekends are full to capacity and the conferences seem to be running full also. We are so grateful for the increased interest in Christian camping.

We are now partially moved into the new building, but there is still more work to be done on the inside before it is ready for conference occupancy. We are very thankful to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Skinner, Franklin Vester, Denise Jackson, Sid Clark, Bill Fryar, and the Rev. Willis Wilson for coming to help us move and work. We are expecting a few of our workers within the next week so that we can get the rest of the work done. The chapel-assembly room has been furnished, using pews from the tabernacle for the time being. Since money is running short, it was decided to wait until next year to buy new chairs for the chapel.

We are thankful to the churches and church groups who have sent special offerings during the past few weeks. They have made the strain on our finances much easier for the final payment on the new building. Our hats go off to the women of the various auxiliaries across the state who have donated over \$4,700 to the building fund within the past few months. Several youth groups, auxiliaries, and union meetings have made donations for the furnishings in the new building. We have been able to purchase new bed frames, mattresses, curtains, shower curtains, waste cans, and bedside tables so far for the new building. Some of the furniture from the old building was refinished, and these pieces are being used in the new building. We hope to buy new pillows and blankets by the time the first conference arrives.

Make a special effort to visit Cragmont in 1979. Continue to

## ALUMNI MEET

The annual Ayden Seminary-Eureka College Alumni Meeting was held at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Wednesday, May 16, with Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, president, presiding. An interesting and informative program, incorporating slides, posters, a taped interview, and other visual materials, was presented by Miss Victoria Westbrook. Her presentation traced the history of Free Will Baptist institutions of higher learning from their inception to the present.

Soloists for the occasion were Miss Leah McGlohon and Dr. Leonard Earl Harris. After an impressive memorial service, members and visitors enjoyed an period of fellowship. Mrs. Anna Hill planned and conducted the annual meeting.

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Bayboro, is in need of a full-time pastor. Anyone interested please contact L. R. Caroon, Box 106, Lowland, North Carolina 28552, phone 745-3286.

Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, is in need of a full-time pastor. The membership would like someone to live in the community or in the parsonage. Anyone interested should contact William P. Bailey, Route 1, Box 150, Stantonsburg, North Carolina 27883, phone 243-6916.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION?**



# The Sunday School Lesson

For June 10

## David Spares Saul's Life

**Lesson Text:** 1 Samuel 26:6-12,  
21-24

**Memory Verse:** 1 Samuel 26:24

### I. INTRODUCTION

Following Saul's rejection for his disobedience to God, the prophet Samuel went to Bethlehem, as God instructed, to anoint one of the sons of Jesse as Saul's successor. One by one, from the oldest to the youngest, the sons were brought to Samuel. The older boys looked strong and capable, but God chose the youngest, David, who at the time was but a youth, tending his father's flocks. "Arise, anoint him," God said, "for this is he" (1 Samuel 16:12). This anointing was a private affair, for it was not yet time to disclose God's choice. So David returned to the fields with the sheep.

Later, when Saul was troubled by an evil spirit, he was advised to secure someone skillful in playing the harp. The music, he was told, would make him well. David was chosen to become Saul's attendant, and he spent some time in the presence of the monarch at the royal residence in Gibeah (16:22). The arrangement was temporary, however, and David returned to his sheep (17:15). Subsequently, he killed the giant Goliath and became a national hero.

At first Saul was pleased, but soon he became quite jealous of

David, so much so that David had to flee for his life. Even so, Saul pursued him with the intent to kill him. At Engedi, when Saul came into a cave where David and his men were hiding, David could easily have killed the king. However, David spared his life, cutting off part of Saul's robe instead without the king's even knowing it. Upon learning that his life had been spared by the one whom he was seeking to kill, Saul seemed to feel remorse and returned home. For a while David had peace, but he did not dare venture back into the presence of the king. In our lesson today we find Saul, with three thousand men, once again in pursuit of David to kill him. The setting is in the wilderness of Ziph, south of Hebron.

### —Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. At the end of our last Sunday's lesson, we saw the private anointing of David as king of Israel after the Lord rejected Saul. Let us begin today by tracing the history between last Sunday's lesson and today's lesson.

B. After Samuel privately anointed David to be king of Israel, the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. "But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the

Lord troubled him" (1 Samuel 16:14). Such is the record which follows David's anointing. According to custom which was common in ancient times, Saul's courtiers sought to quiet his troubled and darkened spirit with music. David, who had already become famous as a musician, was called to the king's court. His presence there seemed to be only temporary, because shortly afterwards we see him watching over his father's flocks.

C. War between Philistia and Israel soon broke out. For forty days a huge giant named Goliath had offered to stake the issues of war in single combat, but Israel had no champion who dared to face Goliath. The youthful David, sent on an errand to his brothers in the army, accepted the challenge; and with no weapon but his sling and faith in God, he vanquished the bragging Philistine. A general engagement with victory for Israel followed. David's daring feat had two results: (1) It knit the soul of Jonathan, Saul's son, and David in friendship and (2) it led to David becoming a member of Saul's military household.

D. On the return of the army from battle the women went out in triumphant procession singing, "Saul hath slain his thousands and David his ten thousands." Saul knew himself to be a rejected king and doubtless began to suspect that David was the "coming" man. The Scripture says, "And Saul eyed David from that day forward" (1 Samuel 18:9).

E. Even though David bore himself modestly, his growing popularity fanned the flame of Saul's jealousy. He made repeated attempts to kill David: twice with his own hands, once urging his courtiers to kill him, then seeking to ensnare him by giving him his

daughter, Michal, in marriage and requiring the slaughter of one hundred Philistines as a dowry. (It is conceivable that Saul thought David would be killed during the execution of this "task.")

Throughout this trying period of David's life, Jonathan remained a steadfast friend. Jonathan finally decided that his father fully intended to kill David. He told David of this and aided him to escape from his father's wrath. A close study of the friendship between David and Jonathan will be rewarding. It is one of the most beautiful friendships recorded in all history.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

In the interval covered by chapters of 1 Samuel for last Sunday's and today's lesson, a number of important events took place. We saw that David had been chosen king in Saul's place and would subsequently be enthroned. An unusual battle between David and Goliath, the champion of the Philistines, took place. David and Jonathan, Saul's son, formed a close friendship. Saul had become jealous of David and had begun to make attempts on David's life, but Jonathan was helped by Jonathan. David gathered his own army but was forced to become an exile because of Saul's jealousy and wrath.

As today's lesson opens, we see that Saul's sanity was seriously impaired, that his jealousy and envy toward David were eating away at his heart and mind. He had become increasingly unfit to rule Israel and his kingdom had begun to crumble. He had established himself as a kind of dictator; he had no council of elders to help him, no wise men except Ahithophel to advise him; and he had certainly not been inclined to listen

to that old man who had so embarrassed him. Saul's reign, for the most part, was bad; they were years of trial and error—mostly error.

C. Now we find David in a position of being able to cause his arch-enemy, Saul, grave harm.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

## Coming Events . . .

June—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Cragmont Assembly Month

June 3—Cragmont Sunday in local churches

June 17—Father's Day

June 17—Superannuation Day in local churches

### SPECIAL SESSION TO BE HELD

There will be a special called session of the North Carolina State Convention on Tuesday, August 14, for the purpose of considering the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline. The meeting will be held on the campus of Lenoir Community College in Kinston. More information will be provided later.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 29 Years Ago

"The tenth annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 1950, at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, located just off N. C. 42, about twelve miles West of Wilson, N. C. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P. M."—Church Finance Association, Inc., Holds Annual Meeting

"Rev. James A. Evans is resigning the Field-Treasurership of the Middlesex Orphanage to become effective on January 2, 1950. He wishes to extend his sincere thanks for the co-operation and help from the ministers, church officers, and the various congregations for their hearty support of the home for the more than nine years that he was head of the institution. His future address will be: Rev. James A. Evans, 1108 South Tarboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina"—Superintendent-Treasurer of the Orphanage Returns to Pastoral Field

"More and more Free Will Baptist ministers are becoming more conscious of their duties and responsibilities, as leaders of the church, to the denominational program. They are sensing more keenly the fact that as they think and act so will the church people think and follow their leadership. They know that church progress depends very largely upon their vision, co-operation, and willingness to go forward in the work of the Lord."—Editorial Comments

"Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Bryan of Rocky Mount, N. C., are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Jo Ann, at Park View Hospital, in Rocky Mount. The Bryans have two other children, Howard and Edgar, ages 7 and 9. . . ."—Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Bryan Have a New Daughter.

"The revival at Juniper Chapel will begin on April 2, the first Sunday night in April. The church is located near the town of Vanceboro, North Carolina. The Reverend L. B. Manning of Fountain, N. C., will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each night."—Rev. L. B. Manning to Hold Revival at Juniper Chapel

"Make your plans now to attend the Youth Rally which will be held in Greenville, North Carolina, on Wednesday, June 7, at 3:00 P. M. There will be many reunions for the young and the old alike. There will be made new friends in Christ, and sweet fellowship together for Christ's people. There will be games and recreation features for the little folks, Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors and adults. Each group will be sponsored by capable leadership."—Youth Rally Scheduled in Greenville



## CHURCH AUXILIARIES

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE TO CONVENE

The 1979 Fifteenth Reorganized Session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference will convene with the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Chelvan, West Virginia. The convention theme will be "Know Yourself." The Scripture will be taken from 2 John 1:8.

On Monday night, June 25, there will be Youth Night. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. Registration will be at 7 p. m. The Bible Bowl Quiz continues to enlist the interest of many of the youth. The host church will be in charge of the music.

The Woman's Conference will be on Tuesday, June 26, beginning at 10 a. m. Registration will be held at 9:30 a. m. The special speaker will be Mrs. Rachel Duncan of Chadbourn, North Carolina, and President of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Margaret Ard is President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference.

There will be lunch served by the host church.

The registration fee for this convention will be \$10.

### HAPPENINGS AT THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Cape Fear District and Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove, were hosts for the Fifty-second Annual Session of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention on May 10, 1979. The theme for the day was "Thou Art My Lamp, O Lord." The Scripture reference was taken from 2 Samuel 22:29.

Mrs. Alma Dale, music director for the day, led the opening hymn. The pianist was Mrs. C. Felton Godwin and the organist was Mrs. Carl Warren Jr.

Mrs. Geneva Wilder gave the invocation. Mrs. Lorraine Sutton presented a very challenging devotion on the subject, "Let Your Light So Shine," using Scripture from Matthew 5:14-16.

Mrs. Paul Holland of the host church extended a most gracious welcome. Mrs. Louise Cartrette of the Pee Dee District responded.

Mrs. Rachel Duncan, president, brought greetings and thanked the women for their cooperation and labor of love in the work. She recognized local, district and state officers present, and she also recognized the twenty-four ministers who were present. She thanked everyone for their support of the convention.

Mrs. Rose Raper, secretary, read the minutes, which were adopted.

Mrs. Alma Dale read a tribute to Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser for her untiring efforts as chairman of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund and other offices held in her church and auxiliary work. Mrs. Rachel Duncan, on behalf of the convention, presented her with a framed certificate.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hansley gave a report on the youth groups as "Our Brightening Lights."

The morning worship was begun by the singing of a congregational hymn, "Send the Light." The Rev. C. Felton Godwin rendered special music, "He Touched Me." Mrs. Ruth Warrick brought the message with the theme and the Scripture chosen by the convention as a basis for her remarks. She incorporated several instances in the Scriptures in which God was a light or lamp unto His people.

The Rev. C. Felton Godwin invited everyone to a noon meal in the fellowship hall and prayed the grace and benediction.

The afternoon session was opened with the hymn, "At the Cross." Miss Nancy Boykin, president of the Marsh Swamp Youth Fellowship Auxiliary paid tribute to those whom God had taken from the midst in the memorial service. The Rev. C.

Felton Godwin sang, "Understands." Prayer was offered by the Rev. James Joyne.

The Rev. Stewart Humphreys thanked the convention for exceeding their quota for Children's Home project last year and spoke very encouragingly of the progress of the Retirement Homes.

Mrs. Raymond Sasser gave treasurer's report showing a total of \$46,457.40 paid in for all causes. We were very gratified that goals for all denominational enterprises were exceeded.

Mrs. Joyce Nowell presented resolutions report, which was adopted. Among these was purchase of one square foot of Cragmont in the new building in honor of Mrs. Rachel Duncan. Mrs. Joyce expressed thanks to Mrs. Warrick for the message and an overwhelming vote of thanks to the Oak Grove church for their hospitality.

Mrs. Rosa Proctor gave report of the registration committee. Seventy-three auxiliaries and seven districts represented. There were approximately one hundred present.

The temporary nominating committee report by Mrs. I. Dudley was adopted then electing Mrs. Ruby Hancock and Miss Sarah Willoughby to represent the Woman's Auxiliary at the Cragmont stockholders' meeting and Mrs. Dianne Riley to the Christian Education Committee.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser gave report on Anna Phillips Loan Fund Report. Some changes in this fund were adopted and will be published later.

Mrs. Dianne Riley spoke of her work with the youth in choirs and institutions of higher learning.

Mrs. Dola Dudley encouraged the women to attend Cragmont Woman's Conference, August 1-3. She also thanked everyone for helping to complete payment of the van for the Bakers in the Philippines.

Mrs. Minnie Chandler presented the Free Will Baptist

es, stating there will be a new  
to some of the younger  
ases of Sunday school  
eature soon.

I. Edna Fowler spoke for  
re Missions and for the  
eral Conference Youth work.  
e also invited the State  
clamation Winner, Donald  
rette, to come up for an in-  
duction to the group and at the  
ention's request, he pre-  
nd his declamation, "He Is  
eight of My Life."

r Burkette Raper recognized  
embers of the Board of Mount  
College, the Faculty and  
a that were in attendance. He  
courage continued support for  
college.

I. Nina Grace Register in-  
e the women to Camp Van-  
re the week of June 18 for the  
erence.

h following projects were  
posed for the ensuing year:  
egn missions, \$3,500; home  
sions, \$2,500; Children's  
re, \$3,000; Mount Olive  
lige, \$2,500; Cragmont, \$20  
rauxiliary; and Retirement  
res, \$20 per auxiliary.

h Life Membership Award  
raised to \$35 with the funds  
ing to Mount Olive College next  
cl year.

h Rev. Jackie Godwin prayed  
e benediction and also asked  
cs blessing on the Rev. M. E.  
cwin in Sampson Memorial  
sital and the family of the  
v L. L. Parker, who died  
nay.

Ruth L. Warrick,  
Corresponding Secretary

## ANNUAL LADIES DAY

unday, May 6, was "Annual  
ces Day" at the First Free  
il Baptist Church, Kinston,  
on Carolina. On "Ladies Day"  
r women teach all the Sunday  
hol classes and fill each  
ife in the Sunday school  
dvorship program. The Ladies  
ncr, under the direction of Mrs.  
ue Belle Hines, presented  
eal music at both morning  
d evening worship.



Mrs. Vivian Sugg is pictured holding the Woman of the Year plaque that was presented to her by Mrs. Irene Jenkins, vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Mary Dudley was the speaker for the morning worship and Mrs. Linda Futch for the evening worship. The organist for the day was Mrs. Nina Grace Register; pianist, Mrs. Zella Parks; and Mrs. Joyce Tyndall, Woman's Auxiliary President, was the mistress of ceremonies.

A special feature of the day was the presentation of Mrs. Vivian Harris Sugg as "Woman of the Year." She was presented a plaque and a corsage of red roses on behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. Irene Jenkins, vice-president. Mrs. Sugg has been an active member of the First Church for most of her life and a member of the Woman's Auxiliary since its inception.

The day, which is an annual event in the life of the congregation, was concluded with a reception in honor of Mrs. Sugg given by the Auxiliary Circle Number 2 and the Iley Smith Bible Class of which she is a member, following the worship service.

All in all, it was a day of inspiring worship, sincere fellowship, and a fine demonstration of the devotion of the ladies to God. The Rev. Bruce Dudley is the pastor of the church.

## NEWS NOTES

### Gideons International Represented at Plymouth Church

On Sunday morning, May 20, the Plymouth First Free Will Baptist Church, had as its guest speaker, Mr. Harvey Moss from Washington, North Carolina, representing the Gideons International. He presented a most interesting discussion about the work and mission of this Christian business and professional men's association. He represented Beaufort, Hyde, and Tyrrell Counties.

The Gideons were established in 1889 and got their name from references in Chapters 6 and 7 of Judges. There are 58,000 members, with 20,000 being in foreign countries, and 38,000 in the United States.

The mission of the Gideons is to spread the gospel by the placement of Bibles in various places such as hospital rooms, hotel and motel rooms, colleges, and jails. The Gideons have placed 211,000 Bibles in various places in the last 22 years.

### Central Conference Laymen's League Meeting

The Laymen's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will have its quarterly meeting Tuesday, June 5, at 8 p. m. This meeting will be held at the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden. All laymen are urged to attend.

### Free Union, Sea Level, Announces Revival Services

The Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Sea Level, North Carolina, announces revival services June 18 through June 22. The Rev. Johnnie Bullman, pastor of the Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. The Rev. Alton Mason is the pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend.



## PASTOR OF THE WEEK

(Continued from Page 6)

At the Oriental church (April 30, 1978), dedication services were held for the church and parsonage, in celebration of the liquidation of indebtedness of both facilities. There has been a parsonage addition during the past year, including a study and a storage area.

Brother Sumner is a great asset to the choir by directing and singing solos, helping with duets, and sings as well in a church quartet. He is very active with the church youth by having a time devoted to them at each morning worship service. He also directs a community choir for Christmas, Easter, and Independence Day celebrations.

Mrs. Sumner is also very active in assisting her husband in carrying out his duties as a pastor. She has taught various Sunday school classes and has been benevolence chairman of the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Mr. Sumner has also served in the armed forces as a staff sergeant in the Army.

The Oriental church is honored to have the Rev. and Mrs. Sumner serving their church for His service.

## ANDREW KEMERY ARD

(Continued from Page 7)

And every time you needed him,  
You could bet he'd be right there.  
He'd help you through the roughest times,  
By kneeling with you in prayer.

There's no doubt that we'll miss him,  
'Cause he had his own style.  
Let's be thankful we knew Kemery Ard,  
If only for a little while.



It is almost time for the 1979 . . .

## YOUTH FRONTIER CONFERENCE

And, we are looking forward to sharing sleepless nights, shaving cream, and surprises with you. Moreover we **know** that God has a blessing in store for us all during YFA (July 2-7) and AFC (July 9-14) weeks. To be with us, you need to send your \$10 registration fee to "Ma" today!

### APPLICATION

REGISTRATION FEE \$10

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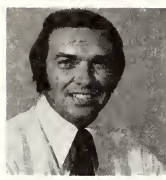
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## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PLAIN GOSPEL?

An initial burst of color, ear-pleasing theme music, a well-trained announcer, a panoramic view of the orchestra and chorus, choreographed dance steps, and the sophisticated gospel is on the air.

After a well-rehearsed and impeccably performed choral number, the minister a la Douglas Fairbanks Jr. parades out, wearing his plastic smile and flashing his well-groomed personality. He pronounces a welcome to the television audience in ceremonial perfectness, each word well-weighted and timed for just the right effect. A few more social amenities, a declaration of godly love and Christian concern, and the show is on.

And a show it is. Nothing less than an extravaganza—lavishly produced and executed—it vies with long-running Broadway affairs. And that's about what it amounts to: a Broadway show—from leading men and women to dancing girls and boys, singing and swaying to an up-tempoed gospel song.

Then come the moments of seriousness, almost soap-operish in their melodrama: a few effectual tears and cries, more than a few plaintive pleas for money and prayers (in that order), a pledge to "save the lost at any cost," and at least one reminder that it's the viewer's responsibility to "stand with us and support us, for we are all partners in the Cause."

Another choral number (this time with the lead male soloist or female soloist, or both), and you wonder why everything seems so placed, so much like a picture. Then it hits you. You hardly hear the words of the song, for you are distracted by the singers' attire. Why, everyone is either dressed for a party or is out to have a party—you aren't sure which. And the swinging music (in case you hadn't noticed before) puts a natural spring in the step, which the "extras," with obvious expertise, place in exact rhythm. The whole gang joins in, and you have a swinging and swaying "religious" version of the King Family show, minus, perhaps, the "Love at Home" theme.

Another pitch is made for funds—this time for some affiliate of the ministry: the school, missions, telecast costs, the general fund "to keep us on the air and to expand this God-called service." And the spokesman is not just anyone, mind you. He is a carefully chosen representative, complete with sex appeal for the ladies and Dun and Bradstreet manners for the men.

You watch the spokesman. He stands before his scenic background and convinces you that this program should be an important part of your day, that thoughts of it should see you through the week, and that your whole year can be better because of it. The catch is, you must support it.

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# WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

**A**RE not two sparrows sold for a farthing? ("Equal to four grains of silver, but used . . . to express a thing of the lowest, or almost no value"—Clark.) and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father . . . Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 0:29, 31).

In using the comparison of value of sparrows and human being, Jesus was speaking of the potential value of man—that is, his value in the proper perspective. To simplify my discourse and its inclusive aims we take a look at man in his rightful heritage. When we view him and his worth among his fellows, and finally we view him in example and in what he becomes.

Man is God's greatest creation and can never be referred to as ordinary creation; for he was endowed with an eternal soul of eminent worth. To explain this Jesus said: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 6:26). And the Old Testament writer explains, "Even everyone that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him" (Isaiah 43:7).

For proper worth to unfold as God intended, there must inevitably be proper searching of life in relationship to Divine or God-given intuition and understanding. Through this searching, one's life, will, and intellect will grow to maturity.

In a discussion recently I heard a businessman and farmer say, "Our attorney and advisor says it would take four million dollars to put us in business like we are." This was value. What the man's assets would sell for at a profit to someone else for a reasonable investment would possibly be another figure. This too would be value, but what the man is

worth to his business could be altogether another figure. The first two values represent what his business is worth to him; however, the third value is what he might be worth to it. This worth could vary in terms of others who are employed in the business.

The three principles of worth are applied in business. They should be applied emphatically to the spiritual, social, and moral organizational framework of the church. There is a slogan which focuses attention on the worth of the individual; it says, "There are three kinds of people; those who make things happen; those who see things happen; and those who do not know what happens." This slogan adequately sums up the worth of all of us.

What class would you fit in? Are you among those who make things happen when it comes to doing things in the spiritual improvement of your church and community? Are you among the group who just see things happen, and stare, wondering why some of us work so diligently to see spiritual, moral, and intellectual improvements unfold into greater blessings for those who follow in our posterity? A sure thing is that when people cannot become involved and only see things happen, they pull at your heart and become a burden that only God can help carry the weight of. Too often, we as ministers and church leaders pour our hearts out in love and concern when before us sit a dormant people, only looking for a thrill or an entertaining sentence to lift their ego. They only see you in performance but do not see God reaching out in love trying to instill worth in their souls. Our cry continues to be, O, Lord, arouse them to see and to help make things happen of immense worth.

Then, there are those who just wonder what happens. These are the people who are not there, or if they are there at all they in effect sing, "Here we sit

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like birds in the wilderness, what are we waiting for?' They get very little, expect very little, and surely do not let our persuasion hinder them from planning as they please.

When real concern is needed and knowing what it takes for progress, what are you worth? Your business and interest? What is it worth to the Lord? What is your genius doing for profit and proper development of your church and community? Your family, what about their proper development? Are you a liability or an asset? To the church and community? Is your material and spiritual worth helping to solve problems? Are you helping to overcome handicaps and putting down stakes for real progress? How much are you really worth?

Jesus said man was worth more than many sparrows. Was He speaking of potential worth? The truth of the matter is related in Jesus' words; 'Ye are

the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men' (Matthew 5:13).

"A preacher or a private Christian who has lost the life of Christ, and the witness of his Spirit, out of his soul, may be likened to this salt. He may have the sparks and glittering particles of true wisdom, but without unction or comfort. Only that which is connected with the rock, the soul that is in union with Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit can preserve its savour and be instrumental of good to others."—Clark. How much good for God and the church would be gone from this earth should your time of departure come today? Would there need to be an administrator appointed to manage and square away the remains and worth of your spiritual life, or would there just be a burial and that act end the assets or liability? What are you worth?

## “THE POWER TO TRANSFORM LIFE”

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

"And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho" (Luke 19:1). Jericho was about seventeen miles northeast of Jerusalem. It was about a week before the Crucifixion. The word of His coming had filled the town with curious people who wanted to see the famed Galilean. How would your town react if it were announced that Jesus was passing through? Probably some changes would be made. Sinners would repent. Saints would rejoice. Churches would become very popular. The newspapers would have some striking headlines. And yet, isn't it just as important to all that Jesus comes to us in His Word? He is not far from us, and we are responsible for knowing and obeying Him.

"And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature" (Luke 19:2, 3). In a city known for its wealth, a man in Jericho who was classified as rich must have been wealthy indeed. In all probability, Zacchaeus had purchased the opportunity of collecting taxes. This would give him a free hand in taking a percentage for himself. Since he was a tax collector, no one really liked him

and he was a social outcast in the eyes of many. However, his main problem on that particular day was that he was so short of stature that his view of Jesus was cut off by the crowd. No question about it, the crowd often does hinder many of us in many ways. If we allow others to cut us off from that which is righteous, we prove to be moral dwarfs. We have no right to blame others for blocking us from seeing and obeying Christ. We can come to the Lord if we so desire.

"And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way" (Luke 19:4). When Jesus came to the place, He saw Zacchaeus in the tree. Then Jesus did an unusual thing; He invited Himself to Zacchaeus' home. Jesus knew the identity of the little tax collector and could have gone on to Jericho, but Jesus passes no one by. He will go anywhere that He is needed and wanted. Zacchaeus was soon to know Jesus as his Saviour.

"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I

restore him fourfold" (Luke 19:8). Contact with Jesus made him a different person. Zacchaeus was a man whose spiritual renewal affected all who were about him. He diminished his estate by half in order to help the poor. He also offered to restore what he might have taken wrongfully. He backed up his faith with his works. Faith is something more than mere intellectual assent to the truth. Faith goes to work in the right way.

"And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham" (Luke 19:9). Even though he was an outcast custom house officer, living in ill favor among the Jews, contact with Jesus made the difference. Jesus came to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and announced forgiveness.

This serves as a reminder that Jesus wants to bring forgiveness to all. Today that forgiveness is conditioned upon human willingness and desire to receive Christ and obey Him under the terms of the gospel. When Jesus said, "Salvation is come to this house." He then announced the greatest possible blessing in the world "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost."

## The Rev. Hubert Burress

ASPEN GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Hubert Burress. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.



The Rev. Hubert Burress

### “ABOUT HIS FATHER’S BUSINESS”

by A. G. Mangum and others

To say the very least, the Rev. Hubert Burress is active. It would be fair to say that he's one of the finest ministers in the denomination. His diligence hardly needs emphasizing, but we must mention his untiring zeal which is evident in every undertaking. He ministers to the needs of others as though it were second nature. That to say, the only prodding he needs comes from within.

Mr. Burress is a congenial fellow; and while very pleasant, at the same time he takes serious things very seriously. This is not to say that he believes in a long-faced religion, but he does consider the things of God to be of utmost importance and acts accordingly. He handles Christian affairs in a unified, reverent manner, and expects the same of others. He does not impose unfair demands on his church members, but he does impress upon them the necessity of being true to their calling: "as true disciples of Christ."

Mr. and Mrs. Burress came to Aspen Grove church in July, 1971; and during their pastorate, we have enjoyed many material and spiritual blessings. This is a fact evidenced by the improvements and additions the church has experienced from

1971 to the present, some of which follow:

- 1972, fellowship building built
- 1972, church bulletin board erected
- 1973, walls covered, new steeple erected, and deep well dug
- 1974, two new pianos purchased (for fellowship building and church), outside of church painted
- 1975, new choir pews and public address system installed
- 1976, church carpeted
- 1977, new heating plant installed
- 1978, porch added to church, pew cushions added, and
- 1979, new front doors added to church, central vacuum system installed

The above represent only a portion of the progress that Aspen Grove has experienced under Mr. Burress's leadership. And surely, he is a capable leader. He is often described as a man who refuses to drag his feet, and we have noted this fact on numerous occasions —almost from day to day.

He is not just a director; he gets into the action himself, often being the first to make a financial donation toward some goal. One such venture was the baptistry, which Mr. Burress paid for himself. He is not, then, a minister who says, "Do"; but rather, "Let's do," including himself. He shows his willingness to get behind the project himself, helping to bring about its successful completion. Mr. Burress teaches and practices tithing as the God-taught means of financing the gospel and the work of the church. His example has proven effective, for the church has increased its giving manifold.

Mr. and Mrs. Burress work together as an untiring team. They both are interested in the overall care of the church, its people and its property. All of the programs of the church—those of the local church and the denomination at large—receive their support. They are denominationally minded and work continually toward its expansion. Of prime importance to the couple, however, are the people of

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*"And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant"*  
(Matthew 20:27).



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



*Thomas Darrell Patterson*

Thomas Darrell Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Brigman of New Bern, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mount Olive College for the 1979-80 academic year. From Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Patterson is a senior at Pamlico County High School where he is an honor student and actively involved in the Student Government Association, Beta Club, and Band. He is serving as vice-president of the Future Business Leaders of America. Other school activities include bus driving and membership in the science and French clubs. Patterson also received a Texasgulf scholarship and was chosen as a Governor's page.

### SUMMER TERM B BEGINS JUNE 11

Term B of summer school at Mount Olive College begins June 11.

The three-week term will have the following course offerings:

Economics I and II

American Government  
Introduction to Psychology  
Introduction to Sociology  
Western Civilization I and II  
American History  
College Algebra  
Intermediate Algebra (non-credit)  
Elementary Spanish  
Intermediate Spanish  
English Literature  
Tennis  
Introduction to the Old Testament  
Introduction to the New Testament  
Christian Ethics  
Principles of Biology (with afternoon lab)  
Microbiology (with afternoon lab)  
Beginning and Personal Typing  
Introductory Chemistry  
Resident students are housed in an air-conditioned dormitory.

Most classes meet during morning hours from 8 to 11 a. m. with the afternoon hours free for study.

### Rising High School Seniors

Rising high school seniors with "B" averages may apply for admission to Mount Olive after they complete the eleventh grade. In this program, students enroll in the

College's summer school, taking courses that will not conflict with their high school program. They return to their high school for the senior year with college credits already earned toward an associate degree. An applicant in this program must have a letter of consent from his or her guidance counselor or principal.

For more information, contact Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, (919) 658-2502

### MRS. RILEY AT MARSH SWAMP

Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will serve as speaker for "Youth Sunday," June 10, at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson County during 11 a. m. worship service.

### SPECIAL SESSION TO BE HELD

There will be a special called session of the North Carolina State Convention on Tuesday, August 14, for the purpose of considering the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline. The meeting will be held on the campus of Lenoir Community College in Kinston. More information will be provided later.

June 25-30

## CHRISTIAN CADET CONFERENCE

Have you signed up for camp yet? If not, time is running out! All applications must be received by June 13; no later. This gives you only a week to get your application in. We hope to hear from you SOON!

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After all, everyone connected with that ministry is working for peanuts. You suddenly remember the several diamonds on the "characters' " fingers. If you're lucky, your mind and heart travel to the poor family down the street before you write the check requested by the spokesman.

A few minutes are left, and someone (no one knows who) decides that it would be nice to read a passage from the Bible, and your attention is directed to some familiar Scripture. You listen or read along. More often you just watch, for the expensively-put-together minister compels your focus. Then, a prayer, and the sermon.

He has hardly begun before the chorus line returns. His voice fades into the music, and a choreographed finale announces the closing of the show. The camera pans, zooms in on the face of an engrossed member of the studio audience, back to the singers and dancers, to the now serious face of the minister, the smiling face of his wife, then a wide-angle shot of the whole stage and its trappings, staircases and all.

A crescendo, a burst of color, the sonorous voice of the announcer, fade out, and tune in next week!

Question: Whatever happened to the **plain** gospel? Isn't it still relevant?

## PASTOR OF THE WEEK

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denomination. Above and beyond this concern is their seeking to bring others to a saving knowledge of Christ, to whom they give the glory for all things accomplished and all blessings received. In her quiet manner, Mrs. Burress epitomizes the true role of the pastor's wife.'

Hubert Burress is a man among men. He chooses his words carefully and says exactly what he means. The gospel he proclaims is not a watered-down version; he speaks the truth as the Bible states—without apology. He is strong-willed, but open-minded—except when it regards sin. "Sin," says he "is sin—there are no two ways about it!" Even when speaking so plainly, he does so with his ever-present smile—a trademark of this man who cares. He has never been known to condemn, but on many occasions he has been known to primand, to guide toward a better

way, to chastise in his calm way. On very rare occasions his righteous indignation has been seen—but only with good cause.

If there is any doubt that Mr. Burress loves people, one has only to ask his many friends and acquaintances. His parishioners will be the first to laud him. They appreciate his visits, his hospital vigils, his keeping in touch. He takes the concerns of his people to heart and helps them bear any burden, no matter how small.

Currently, he is secretary of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and treasurer of the Church Finance Association, Inc. He has served the denomination at different times in many different ways, and continues today while working as a full-time pastor and professional person.

To say all that should be said about Hubert Burress would require more than this space allows. If we could say it all in one sentence, we would express it this way: "Mr. Burress is always about His Father's business."

## NOTICE



*The Rev. W. S. Burns*

The Rev. W. S. Burns has recently been reinstated as an ordained minister of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. Brother Burns has met all the requirements of a minister coming into our ranks from another denomination and is in good standing with the Central Conference. He is available for full-time pastoral work immediately.

Welcome back Brother Burns!

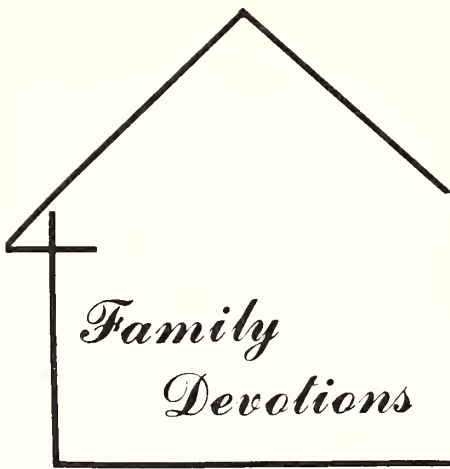
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Bruce Barrow, *Chairman*  
Royce Reynolds, *Secretary*

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Bayboro, is in need of a full-time pastor. Anyone interested please contact L. R. Caroon, Box 106, Lowland, North Carolina 28552, phone 745-3286.

Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, is in need of a full-time pastor. The membership would like someone to live in the community or in the parsonage. Anyone interested should contact William P. Bailey, Route 1, Box 150, Stantonsburg, North Carolina 27883, phone 243-6916.





## SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:21-26

### HARMONY

There is a unique harmony in the Bible. Compare, for example, the first two and the last two chapters:  
 In GENESIS the earth is created;  
 In REVELATION it passes away.  
 In GENESIS the sun and moon appear;  
 In REVELATION there is no need of the sun or moon.  
 In GENESIS there is a garden, the home of a man;  
 In REVELATION there is a city, the home of the nations.  
 In GENESIS we are introduced to Satan;  
 In REVELATION we see his doom.  
 In GENESIS we hear the first sob and see the first tear;  
 In REVELATION we read: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."  
 In GENESIS the curse is pronounced;  
 In REVELATION we read: "There shall be no more curse."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

The Bible is the guide to perfect, harmonious living. All we need do is read and study its teachings and apply them to our daily lives.

## MONDAY, JUNE 11

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 16:13-23

### PLANT HAPPINESS

First plant five rows of peas:

Perseverance,  
 Presence,  
 Preparation,  
 Promptness,  
 Purity.

Next plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip,  
 Squash criticism and  
 Squash indifference.

Then five rows of lettuce:

Let us be faithful to duty.  
 Let us be unselfish and loyal.  
 Let us be true to our own obligations.  
 Let us love one another.

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for important meetings.

Turn up with a smile.

Turn up with new ideas.

Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

Life's garden contains a variety of plants—trees, even, which should bear good fruits. Only as we bear the proper fruits can we represent the perfect Gardener.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Scripture Reading—Matthew 4:23-25

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

There's a sweet old story translated for men,  
 But writ in the long, long ago,  
 The Gospel according to Mark, Luke and John  
 Of Christ and His mission below.

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ,  
 With its love so unending and true;  
 But what do they say, and what do they think,  
 Of the gospel "according to you"?

'Tis a wonderful story, that gospel of love,  
 As it shines in the Christ life divine;  
 And, oh, that its truth might be told again  
 In the story of your life and mine!

Unselfishness mirrors in every scene;  
 Love blossoms on every sod;  
 And back from its vision the heart comes to tell  
 The wonderful goodness of God.

You are writing each day a letter to men;  
 Take care that the writing is true;  
 'Tis the only gospel that some men will read—  
 That gospel according to you.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

Some people never hear the gospel but as it is spoken through the lives we live, the examples we give. Let us take seriously the charge given to us by our Master.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Scripture Reading—Colossians 1:1-20

### I AM YOUR CHURCH

I am brick, stone, metal, mortar and lath.  
 I am sanctuary, pews, hymnals, chancel and lectern.  
 I am classroom, furniture, Bibles, literature, and religious art.  
 I am boys and girls learning to think, work and play.  
 I am youth seeking inspiration and guidance.

I am young couples planning to establish a Christian home.

I am the repository of a man's spiritual heritage.

I am the bearer of the evangel of Christ.  
 I am the custodian of your deepest hopes.  
 In me there is love and truth, inspiration and instruction, joy and pleasure, and strength.

In a chaotic and troubled world I hold the answer to its greatest need.

In me there is promise for tomorrow.  
 My fellowship you shall find peace.  
 Whatever else you neglect, do not neglect me.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

The true church lies within the Christian heart, though we certainly should discount the importance of the physical structure where we can gather to worship. Let us, however, never forget that worship is on a one-to-one basis: God and yourself.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:1-11

### THE SOUL OF A CHILD

The soul of a child is the loveliest flower  
 That grows in the garden of God.  
 Its climb is from weakness to knowledge and power,  
 To the sky from the clay and the clod.  
 To beauty and sweetness it grows upward,  
 Neglected, 'tis ragged and wild.  
 'Tis a plant that is tender, but wondrously rare,  
 The sweet, wistful soul of a child.

Be tender, O gardener, and give it its share  
 Of moisture, of warmth, and of light,  
 And let it not lack for the painstaking care  
 To protect it from frost and from blight.  
 A glad day will come when its bloom is unfolded,  
 It will seem that an angel has smiled,  
 Reflecting a beauty and sweetness unto  
 In the sensitive soul of a child.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

Childish wisdom defies explanation often puts the sage to shame. Oh, that innocence, we could be so trusting unprejudiced. Oh, that we would seriously the responsibility of training "in the way that he should go."

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 8:1-18

### MY BIBLE

Though the cover is worn,  
 And the pages are torn,  
 And though places bear traces of tears  
 Yet more precious than gold  
 Is the Book worn and old,  
 That can shatter and scatter my fears.

## PASTOR'S RETREAT HELD AT CAMP VANDEMERE

On Friday night, May 25, and Saturday morning, May 26, the ministers of the Eastern Conference met for a pastor's retreat at Camp Vandemere. The purpose of the retreat was for discussion of the proposed revision of the **Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina**. The ministers responsible for the program were A. Graham Lane, Ralph Sumner, and William E. Futch Jr.

After their meal Friday night, the ministers met at 7:30 p. m. for devotions, conducted by the Rev. A. Graham Lane. Discussion on the proposed revision of the **Statement of Faith and Discipline** immediately followed, lasting until approximately 11:30 p. m.

Breakfast was served Saturday morning at 8 a. m. After a period of fellowship, the morning

program began with devotions again held by Mr. Lane, followed by discussion on the proposed revision. In their discussion the ministers expressed their appreciation for the fine work of the revision committee. At the close of the program, all ministers present symbolically signed a copy of the document, which will be kept in the official records of the Eastern Conference. The ministers then broke for lunch, consisting of fish, crabcakes, and trimmings.

Ministers present included: Phillip R. Wood, Frank Grubbs, Ralph Sumner, Don Venable, A. Graham Lane, Andrew Hill, O. B. Taylor, Harold Swinson, Harry A. Jones, T. Bruce Dudley, Frank Crary, Emmitt Jones, William E. Futch Jr., M. Chris Singleton, L. Grady Tucker, and Larry J. Crumpler Jr.

## PRESS RECEIVES SAFETY AWARD

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. was one of forty-nine businesses receiving safety awards at the annual Pitt County Safety Awards Banquet, held Tuesday evening, May 29, at the American Legion Building in Greenville. The 6:30 p. m. meeting was sponsored by the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc., in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Labor. Serving as master of ceremonies was Kenneth "Mike" Buck, safety awards banquet chairman of the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Speaker for the occasion was the Honorable John C. Brooks, commissioner, North Carolina Department of Labor. He praised the safety record of North Carolina industry, citing North Carolina as

the eighth leading state in industrial development, and gave particular attention to Pitt County safety awards recipients.

The Rev. Jack Mayo and Tommy Manning accepted the award on behalf of the Press.

JUNE IS  
CRAGMONT  
MONTH  
Why not send  
your child  
to camp?

When I prayerfully look  
at the precious old Book,  
my eyes scan the pages I see  
My tokens of love  
from the Father above,  
Who is nearest and dearest to me.

The old Book is my guide,  
Thy friend by my side,  
Thou wilt lighten and brighten my way;  
Each promise I find  
brings joy and gladdens my mind  
As I read it and heed it today.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

Give us the pattern for godly living and  
teaching—found in His Word, the precious  
Book of all ages! Let us never forget the  
power and truth of its message.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 3:1-10

### IF THERE WERE NO CHURCHES

If there were no churches there would be:  
No church fellowship!  
No Sunday schools!  
No prayer meetings!  
No Christian homes!  
No "salt of the earth!"  
No "light of the world!"  
No gospel preached to lost sinners!  
No missionaries sent to the foreign fields!  
No "body of Christ" in the world!  
No rapture and wedding day of the church  
to look for!  
No training courses for the youth of the  
land!  
No family altars!  
No preachers to visit the sad and lonely  
homes!  
No prayers for sinners!  
No moral training for boys and girls!  
No Christian colleges!  
No love for the lost sinner!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

Churches are important—granted! Let  
us be found in our proper places of worship  
at each opportunity avails itself. Let us  
be in a body, in love, in worship, in praise  
and meditation. Let us "gather together."  
Selected from *The Speaker's Source-  
book*, Zondervan Publishing House.

## Coming Events . . .

June—Entire Month Designated by the  
State Convention as Cragmont  
Assembly Month

June 17—Father's Day

June 17—Superannuation Day in local  
churches

June 18-22—Woman's Conference at  
Camp Vandemere



# NEWS & NOTES

## Senior Citizens Honored



Senior citizen members of Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, honored by the youth of the church at a recent supper. Honored were seated left to right, Bertie Smith, Bertie Jackson, Billy Jackson, Robert Herring, Vindex Davidson, Margaret Jernigan, and Mary Williamson. Standing, left to right, Lula Kornegay, Tony Pinyatello, Thelma Pinyatello, Alma Herring, James Best, Mildred Best, Henry Cook, Annie Cook, Deliah Cook, John Westbrook, and Mamie Westbrook.

The senior citizens of Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Mount Olive, North Carolina were honored on Sunday, May 20, with a banquet in the fellowship hall of the church. It was beautifully decorated in the spring theme. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. James McNamara and Melvin Smith provided the musical entertainment for the occasion. This is an annual event sponsored by the youth auxiliaries of the church.

## General Conference Youth Convention

The General Conference Youth Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will be meeting at the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Chelyan, West Virginia, on June 25, 1979. Registration will be at 7 p. m. All YFA Bible Bowl teams be sure to bring your social security numbers and addresses.

## Mothers Honored at Robert's Grove Church

On Sunday, May 13, the AFCs of Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina, honored their mothers during the worship services. Each member of the AFC voted by

secret ballot for the one most qualified to be chosen as "Mother of the Year." It was because of her loyalty to her church, to her family, and her faithfulness to the young people and their activities that Mrs. Carolyn Tew won the title as "Mother of the Year." Mrs. Frankie Wrench presented to her a plaque and six red roses from the AFC.

Other mothers who won honorable recognition were Mrs. Marie Stancil, Mrs. Lynda Carter, Mrs. Dixie Honeycutt, Mrs. Carolyn Jackson, Mrs. Mary Sue McLamb, Mrs. Mary West, and Mrs. Frankie Wrench. Mrs. Susan Faircloth was also honored for her untiring work with the youth.

Each lady received a long-stemmed red rose.

A gold vase filled with red and white roses was given by Mrs. Louise Bryan, and was presented to the Rev. A. B. Bryan, pastor of the church, to be placed on the table in the vestibule by him, in loving memory of his mother who recently passed away.

## Tribute to Mrs. Daisy C. Brinkley



Mrs. Daisy C. Brinkley

During the morning service May 13, which was Mother's Day, Mrs. Daisy C. Brinkley was honored as the oldest auxiliary member of Baptist Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church. The church is located on Wake Forest Highway, Durham, North Carolina.

Mrs. Brinkley was presented with a plaque for her faithful work. She was instrumental in organizing a ladies auxiliary for her church about 1946 and since that time has served as president and program chairman for many years. She is faithful in attendance, faithful in service, and is devoted to Christian service. She is also very faithful in giving of her time and money. Mrs. Brinkley is very talented in knitting and crocheting. It was at an auxiliary meeting long ago that she pledged to give a tenth of what she made on her handiwork to the auxiliary. During the year 1978 she gave over one hundred dollars which she made on that type of work.

During the year 1978, Mrs. Brinkley's husband, Wiley

Brnkley, became ill and although she couldn't attend all the auxiliary meetings, she nevertheless sent her tithes. Mr. Brnkley passed away on February 17, 1979, at the age of 88 years. He and Mrs. Brinkley had been married for 58 years. They have four living children.

Mrs. Brinkley has been one of the most devoted and dedicated ladies in auxiliary work as well as church endeavors. She is now 74 years old and attends every meeting possible. All of her coworkers and friends in the auxiliary pray that the Lord will bless her for her love, time, talent, and concern for the work of the Lord and the auxiliary.

The children of Mrs. Brinkley donated flowers for Mother's Day in honor of her to Baptist Cathedral church.

#### **Free Union, Sea Level, Announces Revival Services**



*The Rev. Johnnie Bullman*

The Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Sea Level, North Carolina, announces revival services June 18 through June 22. The Rev. Johnnie Bullman, pastor of the Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. The Rev. Alton Mason is the pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 11 Years Ago

"The Rev. Melvin Everington, pastor of the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church, was elected President of the North Carolina Ministerial Association. He was elected at the annual conference held at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, June 17-21."—Everington Elected President

"Cragmont Assembly began its 1968 season with a full camp, 'the General Youth Conference,' sponsored by the North Carolina Sunday School State Convention. More than 125 young people attended this conference of June 10-15, with the Rev. Willis Wilson as director."—Cragmont Opens with Success

"Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, August 4, as 'Mount Olive College Day,' the Rev. A. B. Bryan, pastor, has announced. President W. Burkette Raper will speak at the 11 a. m. worship service."—News from Mount Olive College

"The Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will be host to the 220th annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptist Churches on November 6 and 7. The host pastor is the Rev. Willis Wilson. Presiding over this session of the conference will be the moderator, the Rev. L. B. Manning. . . ."—Central Conference

"The Rev. Joe Ingram, missions director, along with the Rev. Robert May, pastor of Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, and Mr. Billy Dilday, a member of Hickory Chapel, boarded the airplane from the Raleigh-Durham Airport for a visit to our Mexico mission field. Mr. May and Mr. Dilday were personally responsible for their expenses. The Hickory Chapel church supports one of our missionaries on this field."—A Trip to the Field

## NEW CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM COMING.

Watch  
for further details  
in  
THE FREE WILL BAPTIST.



# The Sunday School Lesson

For June 17

## DAVID'S UNDISCIPLINED SONS

**Lesson Text:** 2 Samuel 14: 21-28; 1 Kings 1: 5, 6

**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 22: 6

### I. INTRODUCTION

It goes without saying that within the family our lives should develop a trust in God and a concern for one another. Many Christian homes have been greatly blessed because of commitment to these basics. Nevertheless, it is also true that we are tempted to show more concern for people outside the family than for those closer to us. We believe that within a Christian home there should be peace and harmony, love and concern, sharing and togetherness, and a healthy respect for the individuality of each family member. Even so, there are times when we are more courteous and understanding with outsiders than with our own family circle.

This problem, which is very real for many, is the object of today's lesson. And the fact that the problem is very real suggests what the aim of our lesson should be: **namely, that in our homes we will seek to live in right relationship with God and with all of those in the family group.**

The difficulty David had with two of his sons forms the basis for today's lesson. We may wonder how David could have had such problems. Was he not "a man after his (God's) own heart" (1 Samuel 13: 14; Acts 13: 22)? Did he not prove his trust in God and his devotion to Him time and again? And did he not demonstrate concern for others when he showed mercy to King Saul? But

within his own household difficulties developed, difficulties not unlike those that may be found in homes today. His experience is reason enough for us to consider anew the pattern of our own family relationships. — **Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The life of David has been divided into four parts: his shepherd life at Bethlehem; his life at Saul's court; his outlaw life; and his life as king over Judah. The two previous lessons on David have dealt with his life as a shepherd and as an outlaw. The lesson today deals with his life as king of Judah.

B. During his outlaw life David had conducted himself in such a manner as to win the confidence of the leaders of the tribe of Judah. So when Saul was killed, they immediately turned toward him to become their king.

C. When David was chosen king, he selected the city of Hebron as the capital. Hebron was an old ancestral city of the patriarchal times. There Abraham had lived; there Isaac was born; and there in the cave of Machpelah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah lay buried. It was also, at the time of the conquest, one of the royal cities of the Canaanites. It was here at Hebron that David was publicly anointed king by the men of Judah, and it was here for a period of seven years that he reigned over one tribe—the tribe of Judah. The other tribes during this time were ruled by Ishbosheth. He had chosen Mahaniam, east of the Jordan, as their capital. For seven years the

tribe of Judah led by David and the other eleven tribes carried constant warfare. Finally, Abner, the leader of the armies of the eleven tribes was killed, and the rival kingdom collapsed. Then David became king of all of the tribes of Israel. The next period of David's life is the fourth period—his kingship over all Israel.

D. At first David had a great period of prosperity and success. He selected the city of Jerusalem as the capital because it was so central for all of the tribes and could be more easily defended. This was a period in David's life which was marked by his fidelity to God. This age has been called the "Golden Age of Israel's History."

E. Great as David was, he was not above temptation. Forming a guilty attachment with Bathsheba, wife of Uriah, an army officer, he had him exposed to death in battle and married Bathsheba. The prophet Nathan confronted the king with this crime, and by the parable of the ewe lamb made David realize its enormity. The Fifty-First Psalm is the ripened expression of David's repentance. But no repentance could avert the consequences of his crime. From that day David's sky was clouded with misfortune.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.J.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Through the ages men have extolled the greatness of David, second king of Israel, who succeeded his one-time enemy, Saul. Surely David deserved much praise, much of which came from God himself. But loving-kindness and respect for so great a personage in the history of Israel often cause us to forget his faults.

B. Despite his greatness, there were times when he lacked personal discipline as a husband and father. The two great sins of his life, murder and adultery, though forgiven by God, reaped their whirlwind of sorrow in his life through his own children.

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he will not depart from it**  
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discipline; (3) failure to in-  
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oh and adults today.

**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

## ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF PARENTS

**The Influence of Parents**—We  
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s the greatest man in town."

little girl in a class preparing  
for church membership was  
asked, "Do you want to be like  
Jesus?" "After thinking over the  
question for a moment, she slowly  
replied, "I don't know whether I

want to be like Jesus or not. I  
always wanted to be like my

mother."

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

## News Release from

# Children's Home

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN



*Building time at Thursday school.*

Our motto for years has been "a Christian Home for boys and girls." Every effort possible is made to make our Children's Home just that. Every staff member is considered for their child care abilities and their Christian commitment. The Rev. John Williams is the pastor, and chapel services are held at least two Sundays a month, depending on the weekends the children are home. Services are held at 9:45 a. m. This gives the cottages an opportunity to go off campus to church as well as attending worship on campus.



*Drawing time at Thursday school.*

What about Sunday school! The Sunday school is the best it has

ever been—only it's not Sunday school—it's Thursday school! Each Thursday night, the Sunday school department of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church drives a good 30 miles to the campus and brings Thursday school to us. There are classes for all ages, the children, and the staff. The program is a cross between traditional Sunday school and vacation Bible school. There is teaching time and a craft time—and in a word—the children love it. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Pleasant Hill church for their efforts.

There is more! Each day our cottages have some time set aside for cottage devotions. Our staff meets on Monday for weekly staff devotional period. There are gospel singings and special programs from time to time. But more than all this—there is the daily witness of a Christian staff, men and women who have dedicated their lives to more than a job.

## PREACHER'S DIARY

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I am tired of seeing the church get the blame for all the evils and failures around us. When referring to all those who have gone wrong, people will blame the church for failing them. A person just recently blamed the church because a person died. He said the church didn't pray hard enough.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION?**



## “State Convention” of the Philippines Held on Luzon

by Wayne King



Group at the meeting on Luzon Island.

April 5 and 6 were the dates for this year's "State Convention" meeting of Free Will Baptist churches in the Philippines. The meeting was held in the little out-of-the-way village of Tamnao in the mountain peninsula of southern Luzon Island. A somewhat remote and isolated place, but certainly not an insignificant one. In fact, the largest Free Will Baptist church in the Philippines is presently located here.

This church, in the remoteness of a large island, speaks of the ministry which God has seemingly given to Free Will Baptists in this country—to take the gospel to the neglected areas, to the regions where the good news has not yet been so fully proclaimed. While God has called others to go into the highways or major cities and thoroughfares of the country, He seems to be calling us to go into the hedges or into the distant, out-of-the-way places. Christ died for these also. It is said "He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

April and May are vacation months and the summertime of the Philippines. They are also the two hottest months of the year.

But the students are out of school for summer vacation and with relatively calm winds and seas, it is a good season for traveling on the open waters. Thus, it was also a good time for us to hold our "State Convention" here in the Philippines, and delegates from Palawan and Luzon came to Tamnao to attend the meeting.

Brother Fred and I were also among those who came. We spent two days in travel and four days in attendance with our brethren there. The first two days were spent in planning and discussion sessions with the national church leaders. The Bible school program on Palawan was explained, and planning new churches in the coming year was discussed. A young man was examined for the ministry and licensed. Next year's budget for the national church was also a topic of consideration.

The last two days of assembly (April 5 and 6) were for the actual convening of the annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist church in the Philippines. As has been implied already, this meeting would be the Philippine equivalent of the annual State Convention in North Carolina. Each church has the right to send one voting delegate to the meeting for each 50 members which it has or fraction thereof. Since new officers were elected last year, however, there was not so much voting or business to be transacted at this year's meeting. The time was primarily spent instead, in teaching seminars during the days and a worship service at nights.

Brother Fred and I each taught an hour class in the mornings and again in the afternoons. In each

session, we made use of classroom-type teaching. We utilized a blackboard, outlines, lecture, question and answer periods. The main drawback, perhaps, was having to have everything well interpreted in the Cebu language. But the Lord gave us a splendid interpreter in the person of the Rev. Lorenzo dela Cruz and we got along fine.

Brother Fred opened the mornings with a seminar on "Distinctives of the Free Will Baptist Church," and I followed with a course on "Church Government and Organization." In the afternoons, Fred led a class on "The Role of Laymen in the Church," and I concluded with a class on "The Three Aspects of Man: Body, Soul, and Spirit." These particular topics were arbitrarily chosen by Brother Fred and me but were selected according to the needs and requests of the people here.

What a blessing it was to be able to see the genuine desire of these believers to learn! They listened well, and when something was written on the board, they eagerly copied it down in their own notebooks. Their excitement at discovering new truths was evident as they often broke out into animated conversation when a revealing point was being discussed. It was certainly a rewarding teaching experience to Fred and me, and made us all the more anxious to begin the Bible Institute in Palawan.

There were other activities typical to convention meetings. There were singing, preaching, fellowshiping, and of course eating! Several skits were performed in the night service and were enjoyed by all.

It was a good week that Brother Fred and I spent in Tamnao. In fact, I think we all came away greatly encouraged by what the Lord has done in our midst. The seeds of a strong church are definitely being planted. And we must keep on planting, watering and trusting God for a continual increase.

## HE THAT OBSERVETH

by J. E. Timmons

He that observeth the wind  
shall not sow; and he that  
regardeth the clouds shall not  
reap." (Ecclesiastes 11:4).

I want to write to you from my  
heart today and share a few  
thoughts from the mission field with  
you and as I do I pray that God  
bless you as you read this text  
and what it calls our attention to.

As we observe the times and the  
troubles the world is going  
through, we are reminded by our  
faith to stand tall and firm in the  
power of the Lord and not to let the  
storms and clouds hinder our using  
the cause of missions and the  
expansion of the church to the lost  
world. Every situation  
could be a challenge to us to  
be known with a greater zeal  
for the gospel message to the world.  
The truth is that we are preaching  
a message that remains exciting,  
because of it great things  
continue to happen.

It is a great reality to live by  
faith because it is so great, people  
all over the world find that  
faith continues to be a sufficient  
power and they abide in Him for  
every need. God has set before us  
a challenge to go forward and  
stand before the Lord on the  
mission field as never before  
bringing the bread of life with  
us throughout our world.  
What a great task is before us!  
What a privilege and joy for each  
of us!

Last year my family and I  
shared with children the won-  
derful story of Jesus in the cities  
of Camargo and Villa Nueva,  
Mexico, and here in Rio Grande  
Valley, Texas, in a vacation Bible  
school program. We reached a  
total of two hundred and forty  
children. Later in these locations,  
we witnessed through the  
teaching of the Word to a large  
number of adults. What are some  
of the things that we have ob-  
served in all of these activities?  
Well, one thing was that in Mexico  
the women and children some-  
times have to suffer in order to

follow Christ. We have witnessed  
to many that have wept as they  
requested prayer in order that  
they may continue to be faithful to  
the Lord. What seems to hinder  
these women? They are hindered  
in attending church because of an  
unbelieving husband. Children  
are hindered from attending  
church or being baptized because  
of parents who are unbelievers.  
But in all these hindrances God

continues to save souls in Mexico  
and the gospel continues to be the  
means of hope for many. I want to  
express my sincere thanks to each  
and every one that visited me  
while I was a patient in the Wayne  
County Memorial Hospital while I  
was in North Carolina for the  
Mission Rallies. It was good to see  
so many of my friends again and  
meet new ones while there. May  
God richly bless all of you.

## Churches Host

# Home Missions

submitted by Taylor Hill

### HICKORY CHAPEL HOSTS



Robert May and Taylor Hill

The Hickory Chapel Church of  
Ahoskie was host to Home  
Missions on May 27, and the  
presentation was received very  
well.

The Hickory Chapel church has  
just recently celebrated their one  
hundredth anniversary, and the  
Rev. Robert May has been  
pastoring there for seventeen  
years.

### CATALPA MISSION CELEBRATES FIFTH HOMECOMING

Our hats are off to Catalpa  
Mission of Fayetteville: they have  
come a long way in just five  
years.

Countless souls have been saved  
and their building program is  
complete which includes a new

sanctuary, fellowship room, and  
Sunday school rooms. The  
members did most of the work  
themselves and Church Finance  
is doing the financing. The Rev.  
Alton Howard has been the pastor  
since its beginning.



Catalpa Mission

The other neighboring missions  
came for the noon meal and  
fellowship: they were Haymount,  
Victory, and Eastover Missions. A  
joint baptismal service was  
planned for the following Sunday.

### FREE UNION HOSTS

On May 27, the Free Union  
church of Nash County was host to  
Home Missions. Mr. Dean Ken-  
nedy states that the presentation  
was received very well. The  
pastor of Free Union is the Rev.  
Lester Duncan.



## GENERAL CONFERENCE TO MEET

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists meets with the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Chelyan, West Virginia, on June 25-27, 1979. The Rev. Jimmy Ryan is host pastor.



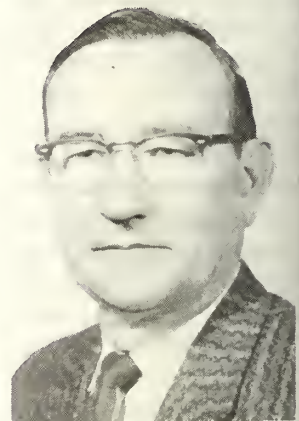
The Rev. Jimmy Ryan  
Conference Speaker



Little Creek FWB Church



The Rev. J. B. Starnes, President



The Rev. Walter Carter  
Conference Speaker

**Be sure to attend this Important annual meeting.  
Spiritual Blessings and Fellowship In the  
Beautiful Mountains of West Virginia.**

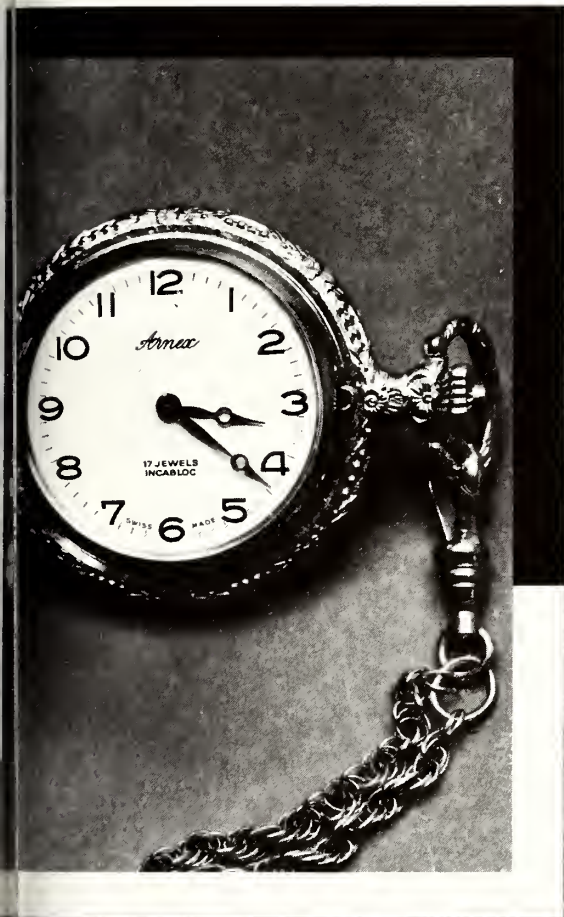
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## EDITORIAL

# WILL FIRE FROM HEAVEN OR SMOKE FROM HELL BE REQUIRED?

Author/naturalist Donald Peattie (1898-1964) suggested on one occasion that moralizing is "poison in a cup of holy water." He went on to say that to "live that way (by moralizing) is to live by fear, not love," and that it is tantamount to thinking less of Heaven than hell. Preaching, implied he, can be compared to cardinal irreverence.

If Mr. Peattie wasn't off base, he was very nearly so—according to the usual Christian beliefs—especially if one accepts the definition of moralizing as "the improving of behavior" or "expressing or teaching a conception of **right** behavior." Granted, men of principle, or morality, do enjoy a type of contentment; but morality doesn't just happen. It has to be taught—**preached**, if you will—practiced, retaught, and practiced again.

In a word, morality must be lived. And if one reveals by moralizing that he is thinking less of Heaven than hell, then it might be a good indication that the reality of hell needs to be considered more seriously than is usually the case.

Who can deny the lackadaisical approach most of us take concerning morals? Even the church seems to shy away from calling people on the carpet who really need it, and who in some instances really **want** it. Churches are failing their people. Christian leaders are not living up to their name, and souls are floundering in the world because of it. And many are falling away into everlasting destruction.

Guides to Christian living have become mere directives; rules have become suggestions; demands have become requests; and in some instances godly commands are ignored altogether. Polite tolerance has become blind acceptance. And what a sad state of affairs it is!

Fire from Heaven or smoke from the pits of hell might be required to jar us out of our apparent condonation of immorality. We might be accused of being a doomsday prophet; well, let it be said. We've had as many people-pleasing sermons as we can stomach. We need the facts straight from the shoulder—from the pulpit and from the lives of Christian men and women. Sin needs to be called by its real name. "He has erred" is less offensive than "He has sinned," but "He has sinned" is probably more accurate. Euphemisms might fall more pleasantly on the **human** ear, but the Divine prefers hearing a spade called a spade. "It's a sin to do that" is too often expressed, "It's just not right." How polite can one get?

If churches don't stop pussyfooting around and say what they mean and practice what they're supposed to be teaching, something terrible is going to happen. If churches don't stop patting people on the back and don't start calling them to task, they might as well convert to social clubs.

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# The Golden Years

by Mrs. Martha Pittman

*(This article was written by Mrs. Pittman about her father, three years prior to his death. He died on March 20, 1978, at the age of 87. Mrs. Pittman appeals to able-bodied people to give more time and thought to the elderly, especially their own relatives. "I know from our experience with him," says she, "that those years can be very trying and disappointing.")*

SILENCE may well be golden, but those who contend that old age should be viewed as the "Golden Years" probably haven't reached them yet. It is doubtful that those years are "extremely favorable, valuable, most excellent or flourishing" — (that's the way Webster defines "golden") to the majority of octogenarians.

But for those golden people who live in Christ, the years just before they reach Heaven can be both sweet anticipation and extremely trying. There is just so much of this hurried old world which makes it hard for them to cope. But every so often comes one whose entire life should be viewed as golden. My father is one such man.

He spoke in that hoarse, rasping voice that has been his since he had surgery four months ago: "It seems like I do have the worst luck, to be sure!" His face crumpled and tears began to roll as he spoke, and that jaw that had remained firm and in complete control for so many years trembled.

Yes, today had brought bad luck for him. While working the garden, he had backed the tractor over our young cherry tree, uprooting and breaking it apart. He had not even been aware that it had happened. This was the first year that the tree had produced enough cherries to count. Earlier, he had fed and watered the pigs and had left the water spigot on, out at the edge of the woods, and by the time I found it, all the water had run out of the well, leaving not even enough to use for mixing supper. And now, he had just broken our new swivel rocker! Since his surgery, his legs are too weak to pull him upright from a sitting position, so he has to rock to and fro until the chair literally pitches him forward onto his feet. This time, on a backward rock, the chair overturned, breaking the seat loose from the base. It did not frighten him; he just lay calmly in the

cushioned, winged-back chair until Fred picked him up. Then when he saw the chair was broken, he began to lose his composure. . . .

His physical stature is slight, but nothing else about him is. Life for him has been (mainly) hard, tough and super disciplined. Born in the latter part of the 19th century, he knows how to survive a winter on blackbirds, robins, corned herrings and corn bread. Sorrow (his firstborn died in the terrifying flu epidemic of 1918) and the heartbreaking task of trying to rear and educate a family during the Great Depression years of the 1920s and the early '30s have dulled his usually alert, brown eyes.

His work-hours were seldom less than 18 out of the 24, during spring, summer and fall. He always took the heaviest work load on himself, but he expected his children to work, too. We have weeded many an acre of corn or potatoes while "we were resting." The fingers that wrapped themselves around plough handles from the first half-hour of daylight until long after sundown, are permanently curved—the little fingers in a 90 degree angle, with each succeeding finger curved a little less. Across the palm of his right hand is a long callous where the ropes which bridled the mules were grasped and then held against the handle of the plough. His arched back has recorded in flesh and bone the burden of carrying sheets of tobacco and cotton from the fields and from cropping sand lugs.

The only property he ever owned was lost during the Depression, but his reputation for honesty and hard work enabled him to borrow money for college educations for the older children. Manipulating after the fashion of a business executive, he scheduled the sale of his livestock and other commodities in order to keep the oldest daughter in college on a month-to-

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month basis. A well-to-do brother-in-law had promised to lend him money on a Monday morning, which we planned to use for that month's tuition and board, but upon finding out that the money was going for education, he withdrew the offer; the brother-in-law was opposed to education, particularly for women!

Disappointments came often in those days, but that didn't stop him; rather, it seemed to challenge him. Each child, in his turn, went off to college, until history repeated itself and he saw the education of his sons interrupted as they went off to war in the 1940s. During those war years, his wife, who was only 52 years old, died.

For him, education ended in the sixth grade, but all of life has been his teacher. His mind was as quick as a mathematician's and as analytic as a scientist's. Most of our family games (indoor) were logic riddles and brain teasers. This man, who believed in education but had little himself, has been a master teacher, rightly dividing the word of truth, with the wisdom of Solomon. He was Sunday school superintendent for many, many years when that job also included building the fires in the wood heater and keeping the church building clean. The church grounds also knew his company many and many an hour in the fall and spring. He took on these jobs at a time when his family of nine was almost one-half the Sunday school enrollment.

He has been wise in so many aspects of life. Sunday afternoons were usually taken for "conferences" with neighbor, nephew, uncle, preacher, or anyone needing someone to talk with. He practiced counseling long before it became an American way of life.

When times were hard and meals were meager, he ate less at mealtimes than we children, but when food was abundant, nobody in North America could eat as much. His appetite was something to behold! And he was going without underwear and socks years before the day of the hippie; just shirt, pants, and shoes were all he wanted to wear.

Though methods of farming have changed immensely during these decades (from the push and pull of man and animal, to the mechanization and chemistry of tractor and weed killer) he has pursued that vocation until after his 78th birthday. After all of this, I don't know why he had to prove his manhood, but he **would do** this occasionally by standing on his head or wrestling one of his sons. This was not a completely tough man, though. He was always the neighborhood soft touch. He has probably "loaned" enough money, knowing there would be no return, to have bought a small farm. And, this was also the same man, who

seeing my disappointment because I had no milk to make peanut butter candy for my beau's birthday, hitched up the mule and cart and drove six miles to Fountain to get a can of milk. Neither he nor my mother would accept a soft drink or ice cream on the very few occasions they were away from home, because "the children back home didn't have any." The never partook of any treat that couldn't be saved and divided among the whole family.

His temper at times was fierce, but he was witty and he used that wit to take the sharp edges from many a troubled moment or situation

So how can this man, who has lived such an active, vital life and who now copes with so much less physical strength, loss of hearing and vision, and annoying memory lapses, believe that these are the "golden years"?

It was the Preacher of Ecclesiastes who reminds to "be aware" in our youth; and acknowledges that the evil days come when the years draw nigh; and we will admit that we no longer enjoy them.

If there is any gold in old age, it must be in the reflections it causes us to have, who have not quite arrived, and jars us into seeing the value of the lives those who have; thereby helping us to gather strength in preparation for our own.

## NEW CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM COMING.

Look  
for further details  
in this issue of  
**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST.**

## The Rev. James V. Joyner

KENLY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH honors its pastor this week, the Rev. James V. Joyner. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A WONDERFUL SERVANT

by Mrs. Penny Marie H. Edwards



*The Rev. and Mrs. James V. Joyner*

The Rev. James V. Joyner has been pastor of the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church since June, 1965. These fourteen years have been spent by him being a "wonderful shepherd" leading his flock in the right direction and bringing messages that inspire all—both the young and old alike.

He is a man of many attributes, but the main and foremost one is his love and dedication to God, his church, and mankind. The life that he lives can truly be an inspiration and an example to Christians everywhere. His faith in God is

portrayed in each step he takes in life.

He is a firm believer in what the Bible says in James 5:14, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." He has his bottle of oil on hand at all times happy to use it at anytime, praying for the sick and unsaved.

Our pastor was born to Polly Ann and the Rev. Luther Samuel Joyner of Durham, North Carolina, on March 3, 1933. He served three and one-half years active duty in the

United States Coast Guard and was honorably discharged in June, 1960. He married Mary Virginia Leece of Jacksonville, Florida, on February 5, 1956. They have three children, David, 22; Polly, 19; and Christopher ("Chris"), 14.

He attended Mount Olive College and Atlantic Christian College. He was licensed to preach by the Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, on April 1, 1959, and was ordained at the Micro Free Will Baptist Church on October 13, 1960. Before coming to Kenly, he had pastored Free Union and Spring Hope churches for four years, and Lee's Chapel church for two years in Dunn, North Carolina.

He visits the sick of the church wherever they are in the hospital—whether in the local hospital or one several hundred miles away. Not only does he visit his members, but all others of the town or community that he hears about being sick. He visits the sick and shut-ins in their homes, carrying them church bulletins and other Christian literature to read. He doesn't forget to visit those that have been in rest homes and the hospital for several years. They, too, are visited by him often.

Whenever there are denominational meetings of any kind outside of the town, he always goes and is happy to carry a carload. He will say, "I would like to have company come go with me."

When he is called upon to be away from Kenly to conduct a revival or to preach, he gets someone to fill his place at home. Oftentimes it is his beloved father, the Rev. Sam Joyner, whom we have all learned to love so dearly.

Mr. Joyner is well liked and respected in the town and community. He is called upon to assist

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



Janet Rebecca Pittman

Janet Rebecca Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey Pittman of Wilson, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mount Olive College for the 1979-80 academic year. From Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Miss Pittman is a senior at Ralph L. Fike Senior High School where she is president of the Keywanettes and Yearbook Editor. She was also vice president of the Spanish Club her junior year.

## TWENTY-THREE FWB STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Twenty-three Free Will Baptist students were named to the Dean's List at Mount Olive College for the spring semester, 1979. Of the total students named, slightly over one-third were Free Will Baptists.

To qualify, a student must maintain a 3.2 average or higher in the subjects of the semester

and must have not received a grade below "C" in any subject.

The students are Bernice Kay Barbour of Hopewell church in Smithfield, Patricia Lee Best of Pleasant Plain church in Selma, Cindy Lynelle Harrison of Hull Road church in Greene County, Alice Lynn and Kenneth David Hines of Winterville church, Connie Bryant Hines Jr. of First Church, Greenville, Malinda Sue Johnson of Hopewell church in Smithfield.

Also, Pamela Sue Johnson of Calvary church in Wilson, Jeanne Yvette Kittrell of Holly Springs church in Carteret County, Susan Wynne Lancaster of White Oak Grove church near LaGrange, Sonya Faye McCoy of Hugo church near Hookerton, Debra Lynn Parrish of Sidney church in Belhaven, Denise Jane Powell of Johnson Union church in Smithfield.

And, Leonidas Grantham Rollins of Walnut Creek church near Goldsboro, Wanda Joy Russell of Sound View church near Newport, Sheri McKay Slaughter of Holly Springs church in Newport, Anna Christine Stephenson of Hopewell church in Smithfield, Debora Jean Thompson of Yelverton Grove in Selma, Mary Lynette Turner of Spring Hill church outside Goldsboro, James Andrews Whitfield of Faith church in Carteret County, and Candy Elaine Willis of Saint May's church near Kenly.

## ENGLISH PROFESSORSHIP OPEN

Applications are being accepted from persons interested in joining the English faculty at Mount Olive College. Applicants should have completed requirements for the Ph.D.; however, candidates for this degree will be considered.

Teaching experience at the college level is desirable. Applicants should have a positive Christian commitment as well as high moral standards.

Applications should be sent with resume to Dr. Michael Pelt, Acting Dean, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

## SHOULD YOU GO FIRST?

Submitted by Mrs. E. C. Morris in loving memory of her husband, the Rev. E. C. Morris who passed away October 21, 1976.

by Albert Kennedy Roswell  
Collected by Hallie Bass

Should you go first and I remain  
To walk the road alone,  
I'll live in memory's garden, dear,  
With happy days we've known.  
In spring I'll watch for roses red  
When fades the lilacs blue  
In early fall when brown leaves call  
I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain  
For battles to be fought  
Each thing you've touched along  
the way  
Will be a hallowed spot.  
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile  
Though blindly I may grope  
The memory of your helping hand  
Will buoy me with hope.

Should you go first and I remain  
to finish with the scroll.  
No length'ing shadows shall creep in  
To make this life seem droll.  
We've known so much of happiness,  
We've had our cup of joy,  
And memory is a gift of God  
That death cannot destroy.

Should you go first and I remain,  
One thing I'd have you do;  
Walk slowly down that long, lone path  
For soon I'll follow you.  
I'll want to know each step you take  
That I may walk the same,  
For some day down that lonely road  
You'll hear me call your name.

## Cragmont Month



*New building at Cragmont*

June has been designated by the State Convention as Cragmont Month. There are three special ways by which you can support Cragmont during this month of emphasis: (1) **Prayers.** “. . . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16). Now, more than ever before, Cragmont needs and desires the prayers of God’s people. (2) Your **Presence.** Cragmont Assembly was established for the use and enjoyment of the Free Will Baptist people. How can one enjoy something if he does not use it, and how can one use a camp if he does not visit it? Make a special effort to visit Cragmont or send your young people during 1979. (3). **Finances.** If you have not supported Cragmont financially, we hope you will begin to do so this year. If you already regularly send donations to Cragmont, we pray that you will send a special offering during this

month of emphasis. Cragmont is facing the biggest debt of its history. As members of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination, you are part owners of Cragmont and it is your duty to support your enterprises. We are so very grateful to the churches who have already sent special offerings to help pay the contractor. Only God knows how much they are appreciated.

The big news at Cragmont now is the construction of a new Main Building. In 1976 the Board of Directors felt it imperative to tear down the old building and replace it with a new building. Construction on the new building was begun in August, 1978, and completed in May, 1979. As you can tell from the pictures, it is a beautiful building and blends in very well with the landscape of the mountainside. Not only is it beautiful, but it is building well worth the money in terms of convenience and necessity. This

building will sleep approximately 60 campers; it contains the Chapel-Assembly Room; it has a recreation area; some rooms are equipped for the handicapped; and there is an infirmary and a large office. This building cost \$383,334.73. Of that amount, \$275,000 was borrowed and has to be paid back. Our first payment of approximately \$25,000 is coming up this November. So we need all the support we can get.

The 1979 camping season begins on May 14 and lasts through December 2. Every weekend is already full to the brim with weekend retreats, and it appears the conferences will be well-attended also. We are so grateful for the increased interest in Christian camping at Cragmont. Even though the weekend retreats are already full, there is usually room for overnight guests who are just traveling through the mountains. If you would like to spend part of your vacation at Cragmont, please call or write for information and possible reservations.

Cragmont Assembly has a new treasurer and a new office. If you have any correspondence or donations for Cragmont, please send them directly to Cragmont. Mrs. Virginia Skinner is the new treasurer, and she requests that you send all correspondence to: Cragmont Assembly, 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711. The telephone number at Cragmont is: 704-669-7677.

Please continue your support to Cragmont. Your personal interest is vital to the growth and development of God’s work at Cragmont.

In His service  
the Rev. Doug Skinner



# NEWS & NOTES

## Couple Celebrate 50th Anniversary



*The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Rivenbark*

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Rivenbark were honored on their 50th anniversary on May 6 at a reception given by their children: Mrs. Faye Davis, Dumfries, Virginia; Mrs. June Critcher, Nashville, Tennessee; and Fred A. Rivenbark II, Towson, Maryland.

Mr. Rivenbark has pastored Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina and Virginia since 1935. In 1975 he entered semi-retirement and accepted the call to become associate pastor of the Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church in Durham.

### Youth at Field Day Exercise

The Fifth Union District Youth of the Eastern Conference will have a field-day exercise on Saturday, June 9, at Camp Vandemere. The program will begin at 1 p. m. Plans include a group Bible discussion, a recreation

period of organized group sports, and of course, swimming.

There will be a covered-dish supper beginning at 6 p. m. Participants are urged to bring a picnic-style food. Beverages will be available at the concession stand or participants may bring their own if they prefer.

The day's events will come to a close with the Youth for Christ Rally, which will begin at 7:30 p. m. Each church is urged to have a five-minute program for a talent show.

### Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference to Meet

The 1979 Reorganized Session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference will convene with the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Chelyan, West Virginia on June 25-27, 1979. The theme will be "Know Yourself." The Scripture will be taken from 2 John 1:8.

#### MONDAY NIGHT

- 7:00—Registration
- 7:30—Convention

#### TUESDAY

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn
- Devotion and Prayer, Mrs. Dianne Lyons, Barrett, West Virginia
- Welcome, Mrs. Doris Ryan, West Virginia
- Response, Mrs. Lillian Stanley, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Special Music, Lucas Family, West Virginia
- Opening of Convention, Mrs. Janice Price, Dunn, North Carolina
- President's Remarks, Mrs. Margaret Ard, Pink Hill, North Carolina
- Recognition of Officers,

- Delegates, and Minister:
- Business Session
- Minutes, Mrs. Janice Price
- Appointment of Committees
- Old Business
- New Business
- Youth Chairman's Report, Mrs. Edna Fowler, Cumberland, North Carolina
- Hymn
- Convention Offering
- Special Music, Deacon Wives, West Virginia
- 11:30—Speaker, Mrs. Rachel Duncan, Chadbourn, North Carolina
- Lunch
- 1:30—Hymn and prayer
- Business
- Committee Reports
- Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Dola Dudley, Smithfield, North Carolina
- Announcements
- Singing and Testimony Time
- Benediction

The song leader will be Mr. Emogene Howard of Deep Run, North Carolina, and the pianist will be Mrs. J. B. Starnes of Morehead City, North Carolina. There are also the following officers: Mrs. Margaret Ard, president; Mrs. O. B. Jones, vice president; Mrs. Arnold Price, secretary; Mrs. M. E. Coles, assistant secretary; Mrs. Dola Dudley, treasurer; Mrs. J. Starnes, program chairman; and Mrs. Edna Fowler, youth chairman.

### General Conference to Meet at Little Creek Church in West Virginia

The General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists will meet with the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Chelyan, West Virginia. The scheduled program is as follows:

#### MONDAY, JUNE 25

- 7:00—Youth Program

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- 6:00—Registration of Ministers

- Delegates, and Visitors
- Special Singing, the Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Price
- 8:30—General Board Meeting
- 7:30—Official Opening, Conference Secretary, the Rev. Harry A. Jones
- Welcome, Host Pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Ryan
- Response, the Rev. John Owens
- 7:15—Appointment of Committees, Conference President, the Rev. J. B. Starnes
- Reading of Minutes
- Old and New Business
- Partial Report of Credentials Committee
- 8:5—Introduction of Speaker, Arnold Price
- Message, the Rev. Jimmy Ryan, Host Pastor
- 8:10—Announcements
- Adjournment, Conference President, the Rev. J. B. Starnes

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27**

- 9:00—Registration of Ministers, Delegates, and Visitors
- 9:45—Special Singing, Host Church
- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. O. B. Jones
- 10:15—President's Message, the Rev. J. B. Starnes
- 10:30—Final Report of Credentials Committee
- 10:40—Final Business Session
- 10:50—Special Music, Host Church
- 11:00—Conference Message, the Rev. Walter Carter
- 12:00—Announcements
- Benediction

Lunch will be provided by the local church on Tuesday. All other meals will be the responsibility of each individual. The local church will provide a list of recommended restaurants or eating establishments. The special music on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning will be provided by the Coffey Family of Concord, North Carolina.

**Ordination Announcement**  
 In May 13, 1979, at the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church,

Fayetteville, North Carolina, John K. Adcox Jr. was ordained in the service of the Lord. He was ordained by the Cape Fear Ordaining Council. The Rev. C. Felton Godwin presided as chairman while the Rev. L. B. Woodall delivered the message with the Revs. David Hill and Foy

Futrelle in attendance.

The Rev. Adcox is actively serving as pastor of the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church. He has displayed dedication to the Lord by the many responsibilities he has assumed at Eastwood prior to his ordination.

## CAMP VANDEMERE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

The Camp Vandemere Woman's Conference will be held on June 18-22. The scheduled program is as follows:

**MONDAY**

- 10:00—Check In
- 11:00—Devotions, Mrs. Rena Kirk, District Vice-President
- 12:00—Lunch
- 2:00—Music
- 3:30—Bible Study, Mrs. Lottie Caroon, Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church
- 6:00—Supper
- 8:00—Evening Worship, the Rev. Walter Sutton
  - Special Music, Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church and Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church
  - Reception Honoring "Women of the Year"

**TUESDAY**

- 8:00—Breakfast
- 9:00—Devotions, Mrs. Bertie Howard
- 10:00—Crafts
- 12:00—Lunch
- 2:00—Music
- 3:30—Bible Study
- 6:00—Supper
- 8:00—Evening Worship, the Rev. Bobby Brown
  - Special Music, Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church and Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church

**WEDNESDAY**

- 8:00—Breakfast
- 9:00—Devotions, Mrs. Sally Dawson
- 10:00—Board bus for a tour of Morehead City, Pine Knoll

**Shores and Fort Macon**

- 5:30—Return to Campus
- 6:00—Supper
- 8:00—Devotions, the Rev. Ray Williamson
  - Outdoor Gospel Concert, "The Limestone Singers"

**THURSDAY (MISSION DAY)**

- 8:00—Breakfast
- 9:00—Devotions, Mrs. Adaline Gray, District Mission Chairman
- 10:00—Crafts
- 12:00—Lunch
- 2:00—Music
- 3:30—Program on Missions
  - Eastern Conference Missions, the Rev. Walter Sutton
  - Home Missions, the Rev. Taylor Hill
  - Mission Skit, the Rev. Harry Jones and Mrs. Dola Dudley, State Mission Chairman
- 6:00—Supper
- 8:00—Evening Worship, Mission in India, the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Ard
  - Special Music, Kinston Free Will Baptist Church and Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church

**FRIDAY**

- 8:00—Breakfast
- 9:00—Devotions, Mrs. Ruth Warrick, State Corresponding Secretary
- 10:00—Good-Bye

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION?**



# The Sunday School Lesson

For June 24

## SOLOMON'S REQUEST FOR WISDOM

**Lesson Text:** 1 Kings 3:3-14

**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 3:13

### I. INTRODUCTION

When looking at a newspaper, we see advertisements that practically shoot out at us, placing the print of the page in the shadows. After all, these drawings and pictures are attractive, colorful, and have catchy titles specially designed to captivate the reader's mind.

An advertisement we might often see is one that advocates "the perfect gift." It may be a diamond or a delicate piece of jewelry; it may be a personal radio or television set. Or it may even be an assortment of gourmet foods. The concept of "the perfect gift" is intriguing. Just what is the perfect gift? We may give various answers, but somehow the items labeled "perfect" seem woefully lacking in fitting that description.

Other commercials beamed at us advertise the gift for the person who has everything. This may be a mink jacket for a poodle dog; a table model cigarette lighter of gold, encrusted with diamonds and emeralds; or a soda fountain as a built-in accessory for the dash of a car. For most of us, the only perfection about such gifts as these is that they are perfectly ridiculous.

What is the perfect gift? When we ask the question, do our minds turn toward the things we would like to possess? If so, we are reflecting the gross commercialism of our age and the focus of our society on **things**. But the person who has everything may desperately need something

far different from the wacky extravagancies that are dreamed up to satisfy his slightest whims.

For example, there once was a poor woman who was a joy and an inspiration to all who knew her. Many marveled at her zest for living, for her courage in trial, and for the inner peace and joy that she displayed. One day a neighbor was visiting in her humble, almost barren home, and asked, "How can it be that you are always so joyful, and can be content with life when you have so little?" Without a moment's hesitation the poor woman replied, "Why, bless your heart, child, I have all of this and Jesus too!" Truly this poor woman had a gift that money cannot buy, a gift that many a person "who has everything" would long to possess.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. This lesson, the last in the unit entitled "Major Decisions in a Nation's Beginning," today emphasizes that one decision by King Solomon had a great influence on his own life and that of the nation he ruled.

B. At the close of last Sunday's lesson, we saw Solomon anointed to succeed his father David as king. Today we will study something about Solomon's reign with special emphasis on his prayer for wisdom at the beginning of his reign.

C. Solomon came to the throne about 970 B. C. and reigned until about 930. He inherited from his father David a strong empire which had been able to withstand the stresses and strains which

inevitably developed. He proceeded to consolidate it there. His alliance with Egypt (Kings 3:1) secured his southern border, and when his marriage with a daughter of Pharaoh brought him as dowry the town of Gezer which overlooked the coastal plain and controlled the great military and trade routes there, Solomon had reason to be satisfied (1 Kings 9:16).

D. When we think of the reign of Solomon, there are three things that we should always remember. First, there was a great increase in trade, both internally and with other countries. Of course, this greatly aided the prosperity of the country. Second, Solomon carried on one of the greatest government building operations the world has ever seen. A royal palace was built up which took thirteen years to complete (1 Kings 7:1-12). Next to his palace, the temple was erected in seven years (1 Kings 6; 7:13-51). Third, there was a great increase in government officials. The country was divided into twelve administrative districts, which to some extent followed the old tribal lines. Each district had its own officers. It appears that these three things would greatly increase the prosperity of the country, and he did for awhile. But to keep these expensive operations, taxes had to be greatly increased. And they were one of the major downfalls of his kingdom.

E. Solomon did succeed in giving Israel a place of honor and distinction in the eyes of the surrounding peoples of his day, great that even Egypt saw fit to enter into friendly alliances. Exactly how he was able to do this is the subject of this lesson today.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. To connect this lesson with last Sunday's, let us notice some things which took place between the two episodes.

B. The rebellion of David's son Adonijah failed although he did set himself up momentarily

g (1 Kings 1:18). But the Lord  
ed that Solomon, David's son  
Bath-sheba, should reign after  
father's death (1:37).  
lowing David's charge to  
omon (2:1-9), the great king  
id died (2:10, 11), and  
omon ascended to the throne  
(2). The rebel, Adonijah, was  
lly executed (2:13-25), and the  
y Joab, David's one-time  
mmander-in-chief fled for his  
but was also finally slain  
(8-34).

In the beginning of  
omon's reign, he made an  
alliance with Pharaoh, king of  
Egypt, and married the king's  
daughter (3:1). Whether he had  
the right to do this has often been  
questioned. God had always  
looked upon any such alliance  
with other nations, and especial-  
ly had He deplored mixed  
marriages.

But the main emphasis of  
this lesson is to show the wisdom  
of King Solomon and how God  
blessed this wise man for the glory of  
Himself. The application of all this  
to our Christian experience is to  
show the wisdom God can give us  
in the making of our own personal  
decisions, especially the decisions  
which would affect our relationship  
with God and each other.

—The Advanced Quarterly  
(F.W.B.)

#### ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Life's Greatest Choices**—Young  
people today have many choices  
to make, and all of these choices  
are important. But there are three  
choices that are more im-  
portant than the others. First,  
there is the choice of a life's mate.  
Do not ever decide to marry  
anyone without talking the matter  
over with the Lord and asking  
Him to give wisdom in making the  
choice. Second, there is a choice  
concerning life's mission. What will you  
do as a career? Be sure to ask  
the Lord's wisdom in the making of  
this choice. Third, there is the  
choice of life's master. What is

going to get first place in your  
life? Decide on putting Jesus

Christ first in your life.—The  
Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 33 Years Ago

“The Sunday School convention of the Second Union of the Central Conference will meet with Elm Grove Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, on the fifth Sunday in September. At the last convention the banners were discontinued, but be sure to fill out your blanks so that we can tell what your Sunday School is doing. Also have your delegates prepared to give the oral report that the Program Committee has arranged on the program. Be sure to remember that this convention will convene with Elm Grove Church on the fifth Sunday in September, and it is very near the town of Ayden. Mrs. J. J. Wooten, Publicity Director.—Notice to Sunday Schools

“The State Association will convene Wednesday morning, September 11th, at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist church, in Pitt County. The church is situated about five miles off State highway No. 43 between Greenville and Chicod high school and about the same distance from Grimesland. Grimesland is between Greenville and Chocowinity. If coming from Greenville you will turn left on first road, sign reading ‘Five Miles to Black Jack.’ Since Black Jack is so well known throughout the Eastern part of the State, it will be easy to find. Just inquire a little and information can be obtained. It is hoped that every delegate and minister in the State will arrive on time.”—The State Association of North Carolina

“From the reports coming to us, it appears that divorce cases are on the increase in this country. A recent survey by the United Press shows that there were almost half as many divorce suits as there were marriages in the first ten months of 1945 in thirty of the largest cities in this country. We are told that Oklahoma City and Dallas, Texas, recorded more divorce cases than there were reported weddings. This is appalling, to say the least, and is an indication that matrimony is being considered very lightly by some people.”—Marriages and Divorces, Editorial Column

“Revival services will begin at King's Cross Roads Church on June 5, at 8:00. Reverend F. A. Rivenbark, well known and beloved by many, will be our evangelist. Those who have heard him and those who haven't will not want to miss this opportunity to listen to his splendid messages. We cordially invite one and all to come and bring your friends with you. Be sure to bring all the little boys and girls to sing together in the children's choir. Let us fill our Lord's house full to overflowing every single night. Yours in Christ, Rachel Wooten.”—Announcement



# PASTOR OF THE WEEK

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and conduct funerals of people who are not connected with the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church. He also counsels with many couples and persons who are not members of the church.

He is not only a good pastor, but a good friend and neighbor to everyone. It was his dedication to the Lord and leadership that helped organize a ministerial association in Kenly in which he has served as president and is now treasurer. His faithful work and prayers have helped create our community revival each year and a union service on fifth Sunday nights. This includes eight different churches. The association has also done a lot to help the needy traveling stranger as well as others in need.

There have been many improvements to our church property since he came to Kenly. A new modern parsonage has been built. The entire church, including the Sunday school department has been redecorated. This includes painting, lights, carpets, and central heating and air-conditioning. All has been paid for in full. We have just completed our new educational and fellowship hall.

In addition to bringing two challenging and inspiring messages each Sunday, he conducts Bible study on Wednesday night, teaches a class of young people in Sunday school, sings in the choir, prints all the church bulletins, and keeps different Christian literature in the vestibule each Sunday for everyone.

He is blessed with a wonderful wife of many talents. She has been an inspiration to all who know her. She helps in our church in many ways. She is now President of the

Western Woman's Auxiliary Convention, mission director in our local auxiliary, teaches a Sunday school class, works with the youth of the church, and sings in the choir. Although she works at Wilson Memorial Hospital as a nurse, she does not let her work interfere with her church. She chose to work the hours from 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. for that reason. She often visits the sick in the hospital in the morning after getting off from work, or

before going home. She stands in for her husband a lot of the time.

Polly, their daughter, is a great help also. She plays the piano for Sunday school and church and sings in the choir.

We thank God for sending this family our way, for the love they have for God and their fellowman that is shown in their everyday walk of life. Only God knows what they have meant to us, our town, and community.

## Children's Home CROWE WORKS ON DOCTORATE



*The Rev. Larry Crowe*

The Rev. Larry Crowe came to the Children's Home in 1978 as houseparent in Rodgers' Cottage. In January of 1979, he became Business-Office Manager for the Home. Mr. Crowe attended Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest and graduated on May 12, 1979, with the Master of Divinity degree.

Larry; his two sons, Eric and Jeff; his daughter, Molly; and his wife, Sue, live just outside Middlesex. He pastors the Lee's Chapel Baptist Church in addition to his work at the Children's Home. He plans to return to the seminary this fall on a part-time basis to work toward the Doctor of Ministry degree.

Larry's experience as an accountant for General T. Company for many years especially qualifies him for a new position here. We are very fortunate to have him with us at the Children's Home.

## Coming Events .

- June—Entire Month Designated by State Convention as Cragmont Assembly Month
- June 17—Father's Day
- June 17—Superannuation Day in churches
- June 18-22—Woman's Conference Camp Vandemere

### ATTENTION

The Rev. Rex Edwards is no longer a minister in good standing with the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, as he has left the denomination.

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**JUNE IS  
CRAGMONT MONTH**

# “SAMARITANS NEEDED”

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

When we think of the man that  
came down from Jerusalem to  
Bethany and fell among thieves, we  
are reminded of this age that we are  
living in. Our newspapers, radios and  
television are filled with stories of  
people that are beaten and robbed.  
This happens on the streets, on  
buses, in shopping centers,  
parking lots, in the parks, it's  
happening almost everywhere. The  
road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a  
dangerous road. The trouble is that  
everyone has to travel this road.

People just can't sit in their homes  
and never go out. Elderly people  
have to go to shop (and often they are the  
ones to be victimized). They  
have to see the doctor and they  
have to get out just for relaxation,  
but the robbers wait along the road.  
We are reminded in Luke 10 that  
the messenger came down this road. We  
are told that he saw the man in need  
and he passed by on the other side  
of the road. Like most people of  
this age, not wanting to get involved  
with one that needed help. Most  
people had rather be a good  
Samaritan to those who do not need

help. Robbers see people just as  
objects to exploit. I read where one  
man was getting on a subway, and  
as he stepped up a robber  
stepped forward for his billfold. He clapped  
his hand over the robber's hand  
and the robber pulled away. All in a  
fraction of a second the doors  
closed and the robber had lost.  
When you go out, to a robber you  
are just an object with a billfold in  
your pocket.

I read of a woman who was  
born in a wheelchair had her  
purse snatched away at a market-  
place. Imagine the nature of a  
person who preys on wheelchair  
victims.

We read that a Samaritan came  
by and saw the man who had fallen  
among thieves and had compassion  
on him. He bound up his wounds  
and brought him to the inn and paid  
the innkeeper to take care of him.

So Samaritans are needed. Not  
so much to pick victims up and care  
for them, although at times that  
might be quite helpful. But  
Samaritans are needed who will see  
every person as a neighbor, a real  
person with real value. Jesus said

that we should love our neighbors  
as ourselves. Then it is only the  
good Samaritan who shows that he  
really loves himself. The robber  
does not show any love. It is his  
own hatred for himself that makes it  
possible for him to mistreat others.  
Samaritans see people for what they  
are. They don't concentrate on  
station of life, value of clothing  
worn or the car being driven, they  
see people. That's what we need in  
our world, more Samaritans. The  
robbers are multiplying: the  
demand for Samaritans is great.  
Samaritans are never out of work.

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## EDITORIAL

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And that's what some already are—gathering places for talks, games,  
nice meetings, and parties. We've heard about the coffee-and-doughnuts  
hour that has replaced Sunday school, and some of us have actually visited  
churches where this is the present practice! You have your choice: coffee  
or Sunday school. It hardly needs emphasizing that most of the classrooms  
are empty. The sanctuary isn't full either!

The church had better wake up, if it isn't already beyond waking.  
Some churches are candidates for the graveyard. Others already need the  
wreaths. Contrary to what Mr. Peattie suggested, Christian people had  
better begin **more** moralizing. This Sodom-and-Gomorrah world is even  
now ensnaring the "very elect."

How long will it be before the Lord rains destruction? How much  
longer can He withhold His righteous anger?

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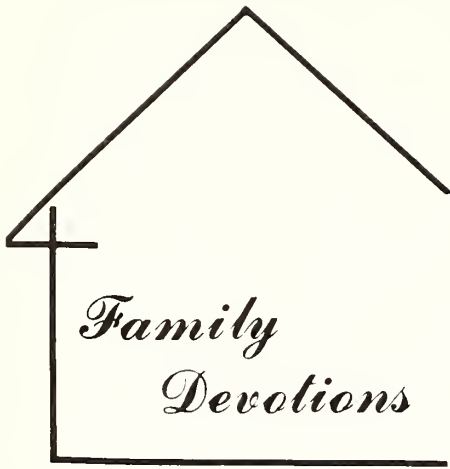
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## SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 6:11-18

### MY DAD

He couldn't speak before a crowd;  
He couldn't teach a class;  
But when he came to Sunday school  
He brought the folks en masse.

He couldn't sing to save his life,  
In public couldn't pray;  
But always his jalopy was just  
Crammed on each Lord's day.

And although he couldn't sing,  
Nor teach, nor lead in prayer,  
He listened well, he had a smile,  
And he was always there

With all the others whom he brought  
Who lived both far and near—  
And God's work prospered, for  
I had a consecrated dad.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A dedicated father helps to make a dedicated family. Are you fulfilling your duties as the traditional head of the family?*

## MONDAY, JUNE 18

Scripture Reading—Genesis 8:20:22

### TEENAGE COMMANDMENTS

- I. Stop and think before you drink.
- II. Don't let your parents down, they brought you up.

- III. Be humble enough to obey.  
You will be giving orders yourself someday.
- IV. At the first moment turn away from unclean thinking.
- V. Don't show off when driving.  
If you want to race, go to Indianapolis.
- VI. Choose a date who would make a good mate.
- VII. Go to church faithfully. The Creator gives us a week.  
Give Him back at least an hour.
- VIII. Choose your companions carefully.
- IX. Avoid following the crowd.  
Be an engine, not a caboose.
- X. Recall the original Ten Commandments.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Teenagers, yea everyone, would do well to consider the above commandments. More importantly, all of us should follow the original commandments which God gave as rules of proper conduct.*

## TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 14:1-10

### SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS

You talk about your business,  
Your bonds and stocks and gold;  
And in all worldly matters  
You are so brave and bold.  
But why are you so silent  
About salvation's plan?  
Why don't you speak for Jesus,  
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather,  
And the crops of corn and wheat;  
You speak of friends and neighbors  
That pass along the street;  
You call yourself a Christian,  
And like the gospel plan—  
Then why not speak for Jesus,  
And speak out like a man?

Are you ashamed of Jesus  
And the story of the Cross,

That you lower His pure banner  
And let it suffer loss?  
Have you forgot His suffering?  
Did He die for you in vain?  
If not, then live and speak  
Jesus,  
And speak out like a man.

I'd like to tell the story sweet  
Of Jesus, wouldn't you?  
To help some other folks to me  
Their Saviour, wouldn't you?  
I'd like to travel all the way  
To where I'd hear my Jesus say:  
"You've helped my work all today."  
I'd like that. Wouldn't you?

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*So often we speak of mundane things openly freely, but when the subject of Divine comes up, many of us prone to be closemouthed. We must learn to speak as decidedly and enthusiastically about things of Heaven as of things of earth. Heavenly things are eternal, earthly ones are temporal.*

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Scripture Reading—John 4:27

### TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR WORSHIPERS

- I. Thou shalt not come service late  
Nor for the amen refuse wait.
- II. When speaks the organ sweet refrain  
Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain.
- III. But when the hymns sounded out  
Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.
- IV. And when the anthem thou shalt hear  
Thy sticky throat thou shalt not clear.
- V. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free  
For more must share pew with thee.
- VI. The offering plate thou shalt not fear.

But give thine uttermost with cheer.

I. Thou shalt the minister give heed  
Nor blame him when thou art disagreed.

II. Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend  
And if a stranger, make a friend.

III. Thou shalt in every way be kind,  
Compassionate, and of tender mind.

IV. And so, by all thy spirit's grace,  
Thou shalt show God within this place.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Worshippers, if they are truly worshippers, should be what they seem to be. A church attender is not necessarily a worshiper. By simplifying Christ in all things, we can worship in truth and spirit.*

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Scripture Reading—Matthew 3:3-33

#### GOD'S TENTH

Two parts for thee and one for me.

One for earth, and one for heaven;

And nine are thine, and one is mine,

But, oh, how slowly given!

The gospel land thy life is spanned,  
With all Christ's blessings o'er thee,

And o'er the earth without new birth,

Let millions sink before thee.

Why sink to hell, while you could sell

The glorious gospel story;  
And from the gold which thou dost hold,

My tithe could bring them glory.

Two parts for thee and none for me;

And one for earth, and none for heaven!

And from my gold which thou dost hold,

My tithe thou hast not given.

No souls for thee, no souls for me,

All for hell, and none for Heaven!

For from my gold which thou dost hold,

My tithe thou hast not given.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The biblical means of supporting God's work—the tithe—should be given prayerful consideration. It has often been pointed out that the tenth is required; only when we give more than a tenth do we truly give.*

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 3:14-21

#### THE PREACHER

If he's young, he lacks experience; if his hair is gray he's too old.

If he has five or six children, he has too many; if he has none, he isn't setting a good example.

If his wife sings in the choir, she's being forward; if not, she's not interested in her husband's work.

If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry; if he is extemporaneous, he's too deep.

If he spends too much time in his study, he neglects his people; if he visits he's a gadabout.

If he is attentive to the poor, he's playing the grandstand; if to the wealthy, he's trying to be an aristocrat.

If he suggests improvements, he's a dictator; if he doesn't he's a figurehead.

If he uses too many illustrations he neglects the Bible; if not enough, he's not clear.

If he condemns wrong, he is cranky; if he doesn't he is a compromiser.

If he preaches an hour, he's windy; if less, he's lazy.

If he preaches the truth, he's offensive; if not, he's a hypocrite.

If he fails to please everyone, he's hurting the church; if he does please everyone, he has no convictions.

If he preaches tithing, he's a money grabber; if he doesn't,

he is failing to develop his people.

If he receives a large salary he's mercenary; if a small salary it proves he's not worth much.

If he preaches all the time, the people get tired of hearing one man; if he invites guest preachers he's shirking responsibility.

And some folks think the preacher has an easy time.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Before criticizing your minister, accompany him one week as he exercises the various duties of his pastorate. At the end of the seventh day, if you have suggestions, make them then.*

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Scripture Reading—Luke 6:20-27

#### THE LIVING SERMON

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,

I'd rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way,

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;

Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.

The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds.

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done,

I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run;

The lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,

But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do.

I may not understand the high advice that you may give

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live!

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Living the life carries greater meaning and influence than all the talking we could ever do. We should remember the old saying that our actions speak louder than our words. There is truth in it.*

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# Cragmont Assembly

## 1979 CAMP SCHEDULE

Cragmont will be open May 14 through December 2, 1979. The scheduled conferences are as follows:

- JUNE 18-23: GENERAL YOUTH CONFERENCE—The Rev. John Williams, director-registrar, Route 2, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; phone: (919) 237-8938.
- JUNE 25-30: CHRISTIAN CADETS CONFERENCE—The Rev. Bobby Taylor, director-registrar, Route 6, Box 147-A, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; phone: (919) 758-4356.
- JULY 2-7: YOUTH FRONTIER CONFERENCE (YFA, ages 13 and up)—Mrs. D. W. "Ma" Hansley, director-registrar, Route 4, Box 163, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551; phone: (919) 566-3621.
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- JULY 16-19: MINISTERS' CONFERENCE: The Rev. Francis Garner, director, Route 1, Box 68-B, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865; phone: (919) 943-3561.
- JULY 30—AUGUST 4: YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE CONFERENCE: The Rev. J. B. Starnes, director-registrar, 3010 Bridges Street, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557.
- AUGUST 6-11: WOMAN'S CONFERENCE—Mrs. Dola Dudley, director; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, assistant director; Mrs. N. B. Barrow, registrar, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580; phone: (919) 747-3688.

The cost for youth encampments at Cragmont this summer will be \$60. The registration fee is \$10 with the remainder due upon boarding the bus. The Woman's Conference will be \$60 per person including the registration fee. Send your name, address, sex, age, and registration fee to the registrar of the conference you desire to attend. There is no pre-registration for the Ministers' Conference.

### RATES

Motel rooms rates per night: first person, \$5; each additional person, \$2. Dorm rates per night: \$2.50 per person.

Main Building rates per night: first person, \$6; each additional person, \$3.

Meals: Adults—Breakfast, \$1.50; Lunch or Supper, \$2; Children (12 and under)—Breakfast, \$1; Lunch or Supper, \$1.50.

Insurance: \$1 per person for the entire stay.



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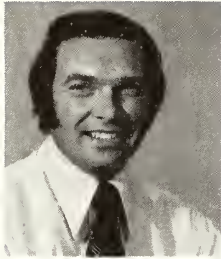
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# THE BEST OF MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCES AWAIT!

With almost unquenchable zeal they prepare for the trip: from eight to eighty-eight, the young in years and heart, those seeking a renewal of spirit, and some who want to find something yet to be named.

And Cragmont provides it all: from the beauty of the mountain greenery to the mud and clay of wet hillsides, soiled clothes, scraped knees, times of fellowship, and Christian instruction.

Electricity fills the air; incomparable excitement controls the emotions; everyone anticipates a week like none other; some have waited all year for this time to come; and they board the bus with full suitcases and eager hearts.

They are going to Cragmont! Someone bursts forth in song; he can't contain himself; a few more join in with the familiar chorus; soon the whole busload is singing to the top of their voices; and everyone is happy. You are glad that you are among them.

Down the highway they travel—and across the state—to seclusion for some and openness for others, and opportunity for all; to joy, to contentment, to that peace that passes understanding, afforded here like no place else; and to a special communion with the Heavenly Father.

They arrive and they find it all—and in more abundance than they thought possible.

Many have passed this way before, but each visit and each new encampment prove more significant. With deliberation they follow the leadership of the Spirit more closely; they rely more readily on His Word; and they look to the faithful and their example; both the hardships and

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# HISTORY OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY

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**T**HE beginning of a camping program for Original Free Will Baptist young people was begun about the year 1935. From then until 1944 the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention and the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention rented Camp Leach, located in Eastern North Carolina on the Pamlico River, east of Washington, North Carolina. Camp Leach was owned by the Episcopal Church. In 1945, the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), (Blue Ridge Assembly) near Black Mountain, North Carolina, was rented.

In the year 1945, a committee was elected from the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the State Free Will Baptist League Convention, the State Sunday School Convention, and the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention to investigate and find a suitable campsite that could be bought for the use of Free Will Baptist young people in the state of North Carolina. This committee was composed of the following: The Rev. R. B. Spencer, Mr. Fountain Taylor, and Mrs. L. E. Ballard from the State Sunday School Convention; the Rev. R. P. Harris, the Rev. W. Hales, and Mr. Rom Mallard from the North Carolina State Convention; the Rev. R. C. Wiggs and Mrs. Edna Dickens from the State Free Will Baptist League Convention; Mrs. J. C. Moye and Mrs. Elizabeth Warren Pollard from the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. This committee was informed by the Rev. L. Moretz of Swannanoa, North Carolina, that the property known as "Craigmont Sanatorium" near Black Mountain, North Carolina, was for sale.

The Rev. J. A. Evans, who at the time was Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, and who did extensive work for the "Home" among the churches of Eastern North Carolina, was asked by the above mentioned committee to investigate the aforesaid property. After his investigation, he reported back to the committee that the property could be bought for the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); that it consisted of one hundred fifteen acres of land with about

six acres cleared; and that the buildings on the land had an appraised value of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). He reported further, that the property was located in Buncombe County about two miles from Black Mountain, North Carolina, on the west side of Mount Allen, and that he thought the property would meet the needs for the camp for Free Will Baptist young people and other church groups.

The committee representing the four organizations, referred to above, voted to purchase the "Craigmont Sanatorium" property at the sale price of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on August 16, 1945. The committee then paid the required option of five hundred dollars (\$500), and planned a program to raise the remaining nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500). In that same meeting "Cragmont Assembly" was adopted as the official name for the camp.

The campaign to raise the needed funds was soon completed, and the deed executed. Thereupon, a charter of incorporation was procured from the State of North Carolina, and "Cragmont Assembly" was a reality.

Cragmont Assembly opened its doors to campers in the summer of 1946, and the North Carolina Ministerial Association, composed of Original Free Will Baptist ministers, was the first group to use the facility in June of the same year.

After 1946, Cragmont Assembly became, until recent years, the major camping facility for the Original Free Will Baptist denomination. Hundreds of young people have attended the summer camps at Cragmont, and many have found Christ as their Saviour while there. Furthermore, adults, both men and women, have found it to be a special spiritual retreat for replenishing the soul for a closer walk with Christ, and a place of dedication to Him for greater Christian service.—(Taken from the YFA Program Book, 1976, "Faith of Our Fathers" Article written by the Rev. David W. Hansley)

## Update on Cragmont Assembly

Since the initial purchase of Cragmont Assembly, several additions and improvements have been made to the grounds. In 1959, a nine-room motel unit was built. Within the past ten years, two dorms, a dining hall-kitchen, and a storage building were built. In 1977, the old Main Building was dismantled making way for the construction of a new Main Building.

Construction on the new building was begun in August, 1978. The building was opened and ready for use for summer of 1979. The contract price of this building

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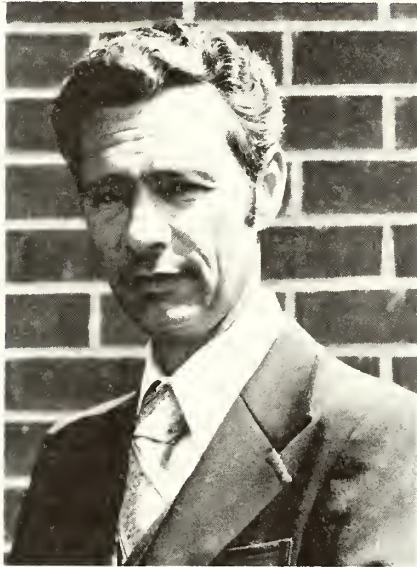


## The Rev. Floyd Burkey

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Plymouth honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Floyd Burkey. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### ACTIVE PASTOR



*The Rev. Floyd Burkey*

The Rev. Floyd Burkey came to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth in February, 1975.

Before coming to Plymouth, he pastored churches in Greenville and Newport, Tennessee.

The church has made many accomplishments since Mr. Burkey became pastor, the greatest being the winning of souls to Jesus Christ. He has recently started a Bible study for the church membership. The members finished paying for the parsonage, which was built in 1972, and have started a building fund in hopes of building a recreation hall in the near future.

Mr. Burkey is presently a student at the Carolina Bible Institute at Pine Level, North Carolina. He has taken

correspondence courses and attended the Billy Graham School of Evangelism.

Mr. Burkey has become well-liked and respected in the Plymouth area. He and his wife Bernice visit the sick of the church and members of their families whenever and wherever they are, whether it be the local hospital, one several hundred miles away, or in their home.

The Burkeys have two children: Pamela Burkey Worex of Newport, Tennessee; and Lisa, a sophomore at Plymouth High School. They also have a one-year-old grandson, Joshua Brent Worex, of Newport, Tennessee.

As the church honors its pastor, the membership gives special recognition to Mrs. Burkey. She is the YFA leader, teacher of the Teenage Sunday School Class, sings in the church choir, active in Bible school, Christmas programs, and all ladies auxiliary work.

The Plymouth First Free Will Baptist Church is truly thankful the Lord has sent this loving, dedicated family to work with them.

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**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION?**

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## MRS. ALLIE P. JOYNER

submitted by Mrs. L. R. Hall Sr.

Mrs. Allie P. Joyner, widow of the late Rev. G. C. Joyner, was called home to live with Jesus Thursday, April 19, around 6 p. m. She was 85 years old on Sunday, April 15, and enjoyed a wonderful birthday dinner with her daughter Mrs. Norma Eubanks of Pittsboro. Many loved ones and friends attended.

The Rev. and Mrs. Joyner did pastoral work at Goldsboro, Smithfield, Pleasant Hill, and St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Churches until health forced Mr. Joyner to retire. Since his death, she made her home with her daughter.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. on Saturday in the Smithfield and Son Funeral Chapel in Smithfield, North Carolina, by the Rev. Billy Joe Reynolds and Brother Hunt. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Smithfield, North Carolina. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Eubanks of Pittsboro and five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Joyner loved everyone and was a friend to all until she became disabled. She is going to be missed, but our Lord never makes mistakes.

"We cannot say. We must not say that she is dead. She is just away. With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,

She has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very far needs must be.

Since she lingers there.

So thinking of her faring on, as if in the love of there,

As the love of here,

Think of her still as the same one say.

She is not dead, She is just away

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# REPORT BLANK WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

**Convening with Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church  
Chelyan, West Virginia  
June 26, 1979**

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Representation: Auxiliaries—One (1) delegate for each ten (10) members or fraction thereof; denominational organizations or conventions—one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof.

Registration fee sent to this session. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please note that each Auxiliary or Convention is requested to represent with a minimum of ten dollars (\$10).  
Contribution to General Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention Mission Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Write any other subject for which you desire material at the bottom of this paper. **IF YOU CANNOT REPRESENT BY DELEGATION**, please return this blank along with your contributions to Mrs. Arnold Price, Route 3, Box 387-E, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.



# family devotions

## SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Scripture Reading—Romans 1:  
11-20

### I'M A CHRISTIAN

I am a Christian, though I'm  
small;  
Jesus does not care at all  
If we're three years old, or four;  
Or if we are fifty more.

If we come to Him and say,  
"Jesus, wash my sins away,"  
And His Word we then believe,  
He will gladly us receive.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*One dedicated Christian is  
worth more than a thousand  
nominal ones. He came for the  
"whosoever"—great or small. He  
withholds His grace from none  
who will believe.*

## MONDAY, JUNE 25

Scripture Reading—Luke 22:31-  
38

### THE POWER OF PRAYER

Moses prayed, his prayer did  
save,  
A nation from death and from  
the grave.  
Joshua prayed. The sun stood still  
His enemies fell in vale and hill.  
Hannah prayed, God gave her a  
son;  
A nation back to the Lord he  
won.  
Solomon prayed for wisdom.  
Then God made him the wisest  
of mortal men.  
Elijah prayed with great desire,  
God gave him rain, and sent the  
fire.  
Jonah prayed, God heard his  
wail;  
He quickly delivered him from  
the whale.

Three Hebrews prayed, through  
flames they trod;

They had as a comrade the "Son  
of God."

Elisha prayed with strong  
emotion;

He got the mantle and a "double  
portion."

Daniel prayed. The lion's claws  
Were held by the angel who  
locked their jaws.

Ten lepers prayed, to the priests  
were sent;

Glory to God! they were healed  
as they went.

Peter prayed, and Dorcas arose  
To life again, from death's  
repose.

The thief who prayed—for mercy  
cried,

He went with Christ to  
Paradise.

The church, she prayed, then got  
a shock;

When Peter answered her  
prayer with a knock!

Abram stopped praying, cities  
fell,

With all their sins, into hell!

The disciples kept praying, the  
Spirit came,

With "cloven tongue," and  
revival flame!

Conviction filled the hearts of  
men;

Three thousand souls were  
"born again!"

When Christians pray, as they  
prayed of yore,

With living faith, for souls im-  
plore,

In one accord, united stand—  
Revival fires shall sweep the  
land!

And sinners shall converted be,  
And all the world God's glory  
see!

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*How much is wrought by  
sincere prayer! Prayer is  
most potent weapon of man  
and perhaps the least used. Let  
us do something about it.*

## TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Scripture Reading—Ephesians  
2:1-10

### NATURE'S MESSAGE

There is a God, all nature cries  
I see it in the painted skies.  
I see it in the flow'ring spring,  
I hear it when the birdlings sing  
I see it in the flowing main,  
I see it in the falling rain,  
I see it stamped on hail and snow,  
I see it when the streamlets flow  
I see it in the clouds that soar,  
I hear it when the thunders roar  
I see it when the morning shines  
I see it when the day declines,  
I see it in the morning height,  
I see it in the smallest mite,  
I see it everywhere abroad.  
I feel—I know—there is a God.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Who can deny the existence of  
real, loving God? Nature speaks  
magnificently of His being  
power. The open heart  
receive His love.*

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Scripture Reading—James  
1:7

### LIFE—WHAT IS IT?

Life Is a Mystery.  
Life itself is thus. Our earthly  
life, likewise, is of a  
mysterious.  
Life Is a Gracious Gift from God.  
There is nothing we count more  
precious than life.  
Life Is a Race.  
It involves preparation,  
struggle and reward.  
Life Is a Journey.  
This speaks of observational  
experiences and  
destination.  
Life Is Uncertain.  
This is true as to its content  
well as its length.  
Life Is Brief.  
It is like a vapor, the flower,  
grass, etc.

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Is Eternal.  
Death does not end all.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*After death, then what? Life!  
With or without God! May we  
make preparation for the afterlife  
that our eternal abode will be  
Him.*

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Scripture Reading—Acts 3:1-10

#### TO PLEDGE OR NOT TO PLEDGE

Pledge or not to pledge—  
That is the question.  
Whether 'tis nobler in a man  
To take the gospel free  
And let another foot the bill,  
Or sign a pledge and pay toward  
Church expense!  
To give to pay—aye, there's the  
rub,  
To pay—  
When on the free-pew plan a man  
May have  
Nothing free and take the gospel,  
Too,  
As though he paid, and none be  
ought  
The wiser  
The church committee who—  
Most honorable men—can keep  
A secret!  
"Error is human," and human,  
Too, to buy  
At cheapest rate. I'll take the  
Gospel so!  
Others do the same—a  
Common rule!  
Wise; I'll wait, not work—  
I'll pray, not pay,  
I'll let the other fellow foot the  
bills,  
I'll so I'll get the gospel free,  
You see!

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The best way to "foot the bill"  
The gospel is to live it—to show  
Daily through example. Let us  
Take the obligation seriously.*

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Scripture Reading—Ephesians  
3:23

#### THINK IT OVER:

God made the sun—it gives.  
God made the moon—it gives.  
God made the stars—they give.

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God made the air—it gives.  
God made the clouds—they give.  
God made the earth—it gives.  
God made the sea—it gives.  
God made the trees—they give.  
God made the fowls—the give.  
God made the beasts—they give.  
God made the Plan—He gives.  
God made man—He . . . ?

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*All of God's creations speak of  
Him. Every creature, it seems,  
shares its good fortune, except,  
perhaps, in the case of man, who  
more often takes.*

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:21-  
30

#### STARTLING STATISTICS

Of every 100 church members in  
an average church:  
5 cannot be found  
20 Never pray  
25 never read the Bible  
30 never attend worship service  
40 never give to the church budget  
50 never go to Sunday school  
60 never go to church at night  
65 are not in worship on a given  
Sunday  
75 never give to missions

75 never do any church work  
85 do not have family worship  
of any kind  
90 never go to prayer services  
95 do not tithe  
95 never win another person to  
Christ

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Consider the church mem-  
bers described above and decide  
which group you belong to; then,  
if possible, turn the "never" to  
"always." Every change must  
start with one who is willing to  
step out, even against criticism.*

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lishing House.

### CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. T. C. Farmer an-  
nounces that he is available for  
pastoral work. He is in good  
standing with the Pee Dee Con-  
ference, and has served in the  
Eastern and Central Conferences.  
Any Free Will Baptist church may  
contact him at the following  
address: The Rev. T. C. Farmer,  
Route 3, Box 380-A, Bladenboro,  
North Carolina 28320, phone (919)  
863-3792.

### EDITORIAL

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the victories of the past have had their purposes and have  
tempered hearts and minds. The future even looks better.

Somehow, and not without conviction, many speak of  
this as **promised land**. From 1935 to the present, Free  
Will Baptists (and others) have sought God in special  
camps—Cragmont being the most popular and enduring,  
as in 1946 it opened itself to campers.

A hallowed spot, in the shadow of one mountain and  
projected by several others, it stands—watched from on  
high by the Almighty. Cragmont sings its song,  
sometimes as loud as an anthem with the shouts and  
laughter of its children, and sometimes as soft as a  
personal prayer. "Wonderful riches, more than tongue  
can tell . . ."

Oh what a wonder! The best of mountaintop ex-  
periences are waiting there. If you don't believe it, try it!



# NEWS & NOTES

## Joint Ordination Services at Winterville Church



*David Hines, Dr. Michael Pelt, and Bryant Hines*

A joint ordination service was held at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, for David Hines and Bryant Hines on Thursday, June 7, at 8 p. m.

Dr. Michael Pelt of Mount Olive College delivered the ordaining message. The Revs. N. B. Barrow, R. T. Sasser, Jack Mayo, Gary Bailey, and Royce Reynolds participated in the service. The Revs. C. L. Patrick, Charles Branch, Bobby Futrell, Harry Grubbs, and Davie Brinson were also in attendance and joined in the service for the prayer.

David, a member of Winterville church, and who graduated from D. H. Conley High School and Mount Olive College, is currently assisting the Rev. Harry Grubbs at Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church in Durham for the summer. He plans to enroll at Atlantic Christian College in the fall for further study.

Bryant is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville. He is a 1972 graduate of D. H. Conley High School; served in the U. S. Air Force for four years; and graduated from Mount Olive College in 1979. He is serving as pastor of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Pantego and plans to live in Goldsboro and attend Atlantic Christian College in the fall. He plans to be married to Miss Tammy Williamson of Wilson on August 11.

## Old-Fashioned Sunday at Core Creek Church

Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, is planning to observe an "Old-Fashioned Sunday" July 1. The pastor, the Rev. Melvin Everington, will bring a morning message. There will be all kinds of old-fashioned fun, games, homemade ice cream, pictures, bonnets, bow ties, good singing. The church membership invites everyone to attend.

## Mount Zion Church Honors Seniors

The congregation of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County, honored its graduates on Sunday, May 27. The graduates were presented with personalized Bibles. Those honored were Shelton Eubank, House, Beverly Cheryl Johnson, Faith Ward, and Hope Ward. The seniors were escorted by Mrs. Suzanne Hales, marshal. They were students at North John High School.

## Bible School at Sound View Church

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, Highway 101, Newport, North Carolina, June 25 through June 29 from 6:30 until 9:00 p. m. each evening with the Bible school program Sunday night, July 1, 7:00 p. m. The pastor, the Rev. Gary Chase, and the membership of the church invite everyone to come.

## Vacation Bible School Invites Whole Families

An exciting program has been prepared by Whaley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. The vacation Bible school to be held June 25 through June 29. The time of the school will be 6:30 until 9:00 p. m. The theme is "Jesus, I'm Yours... He's Mine." Classes will be offered for all ages from preschool through college age and adult. Everyone is invited.

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attending, call Grace Jones,  
ctor, at 298-3061 or Minnie  
ley, assistant director, at 324-

### Walk-A-Thon for Camp Vandemere

The youth of the Bethel Free  
Baptist Church, Whor-  
ville, North Carolina, staged  
walk-a-thon for Camp Vande-  
re on Sunday, May 20, earning  
total of \$255. Fifteen young  
people participated in the walk,  
aging from their tots to teens.  
A participant, Donna Dail, age  
walked the entire distance of ten  
miles.



ictured is Mrs. Glennie Banks,  
sor, presenting Camp Executive  
ctor Joey Crumpler with the  
k.

Camp Vandemere wishes to  
commend these young people and  
the church for their fine work. The  
pastor of the church is the Rev.  
James Howard.

### ATTENTION PLEASE

A new revision of our Statement  
of Faith and Discipline has been  
prepared for our inspection.  
Certain changes and additions  
have been made that all Free Will  
Baptists should be aware of  
before it is adopted. I urge our  
people to get a copy and study it  
carefully.

Copies can be purchased at any  
of our Free Will Baptist  
bookstores or the Ayden Press for  
your copy.

Taylor Hill

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## “ONLY THE BEGINNING”

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

Along with the gifts, the  
greetings, and the parties,  
graduates will probably receive a  
large measure of advice. A lot of  
this advice will be some that they  
have already heard many times  
before. The more of this advice  
they hear, and the more they  
think about the future, the more  
confused and mixed up they  
become.

Everyone must face these  
questions. But how can these  
make a decision? Whom do they  
listen to? What should determine  
their choice of a career or a  
college? Which advice is the right  
one?

These questions are especially  
important for a young Christian.  
There is much more involved in  
their decision than listening to  
well-intended advice, taking a  
battery of aptitude tests, and  
scanning the market for the best  
paying jobs. But to follow Jesus  
they must wrestle with a much  
more important question. What  
does the Lord want me to do with  
my life? It is not always easy to  
answer this question, but a brief  
survey of some important Bible  
passages may help both the young  
Christian and their advisers to see  
this vital issue in proper per-  
spective.

In Romans 12:1, 2 we see that a  
Christian must be more than just  
a person who attends church and  
claims to believe in Christ. A  
Christian is a self-sacrificing  
disciple of Jesus.

Matthew 10:38, 39 Jesus expects  
His followers to acknowledge Him  
as Lord in every area of life. He  
cares what we do with our lives.  
His will must be the most im-  
portant consideration in every  
decision, including the choice of a  
career. The first step in deter-  
mining what He wants is  
to decide right now, in advance,  
that we want to do His will.  
Commitment is the first step!

In Matthew 25:14-30 His parable  
of the talents, Jesus taught that

what God expects of us is based on  
what He has given us. The Lord  
has a lot invested in each of us and  
He rightly expects a fair return on  
that investment. He expects us to  
use what He gives, and use it for  
His kingdom. This applies to  
special abilities, aptitudes, op-  
portunities, and wealth. Faith-  
fulness to our commitment is the  
second rule.

We read in Matthew 6:19-21 that  
too often treasures (the dollar  
sign) become the devil's bait  
when a young Christian decides  
his future. Sometimes guidance  
counselors and even parents only  
add to the problem. A follower of  
Christ must take more into  
consideration than the promise of  
a high-paying job. Jesus in-  
sists that there are more im-  
portant values in life than money  
and financial security. Prior-  
ities matter!

In Colossians 3:17 whatever our  
choice of a career might be, our  
responsibility remains the same,  
to glorify God in all that we do,  
because as Christians, we are  
chosen priests of God. Our  
responsibility is to allow God to  
place us where He wants us, and  
then to let Him use us on that job  
to glorify His name. God wants us  
in His service. He wants to help us  
determine where we go from  
here. He may want you to enroll in  
college. He may even want to send  
you around the world in  
missionary service. On the other  
hand, He may have something  
totally different planned for your  
life. Whatever it is, you must let  
Him lead in the decision.

Whether you are finishing high  
school, retiring, or just looking at  
the future, your greatest hap-  
piness and joy in life will come  
when you know that whatever you  
do with your lives is the result of  
God's loving concern and guid-  
ance. As you face all decisions  
of life, God's promise will al-  
ways be with you.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine  
heart; and lean not unto thine own  
understanding. In all thy ways  
acknowledge him, and he shall  
direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5,  
6).”



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## SIGNS GRANT



Coach Brad Mitchell and Mike Wallace

Mike Wallace, signs a grant-in-aid to play basketball under Coach Brad Mitchell. Mike is the 6'5" son of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Mac Wallace of Winston-Salem. His father is a 1968 honors graduate of Mount Olive and a Free Will Baptist minister. Mike graduated from West Forsyth High School where he played on an All-Conference basketball team that ranked number two in the state in their division. Coach Mitchell stated, "We are extremely fortunate to have signed a player of the quality of Mike. He will play a big role in our program next year."

## COLLEGE TO BEGIN SELF-STUDY

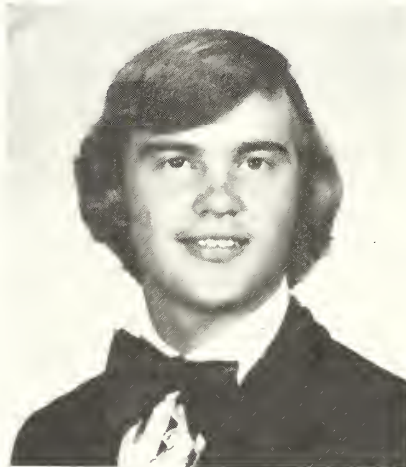
Mount Olive College is in the final stages of planning for a comprehensive self-study to be completed by 1981.

The study is designed for the improvement of education and is a necessary part of maintaining accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

College Librarian, Gary Barefoot, will serve as chairman for the steering committee. Other steering committee members include Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the Humanities Division; Sheldon Howard, professor of religion; Frank Harrison, chaplain; Caroline Castelloe, math professor; Lucy Mooring, English professor; and Sid Johnson, English professor.

The first phase of the study is an in-depth look at the College's policies and programs by teams of all personnel employed by the College. The second phase will be an evaluation by a visitation team of peers from junior colleges outside North Carolina.

## RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



David DeWayne Swearingain

David DeWayne Swearingain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swearingain of Colquitt, Georgia, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mount Olive College for the 1979-80 academic year. From Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church, David is an honor graduate of Miller County High School. While attending, he was a member of the Beta, DCT and Hi-Y Clubs. David plans to major in religion at Mount Olive.

## MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moyer Library, Mount Olive College, during the month of May, 1979, totaled \$557.50 and are as follows:

### In Memory of

Elbert Averett by Rev. Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville.

Myrtle Averett by Rev. Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville.

Larry Baird by Gary Barefoot, Mount Olive.

Winnie Baker by LaGrange Auxiliary of Sarecta Free Baptist Church, Kenansville.

Malphus Boykin by Mr. Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama.

Walter Broadwell by Mr. Mrs. Lon Dawson, LaGrange.

The Rev. Roy Lee Cauley by Rev. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive.

The Rev. A. B. Chandler, Celia Hart Garris Woman's Auxiliary, Ayden Free Baptist Church, Ayden.

Mrs. Lyda H. Cooper, Clarence Carowan Insurance Agency, Washington; and Dr. Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive.

Woodard Dail by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bryan, Mount Olive.

Ronalee David by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama.

Mrs. Sally Davis by Mr. Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayetteville.

Henry Dudley by the Rev. Mrs. H. Adrian Grubbs, Dillsboro; and the Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Howard, Mount Olive.

Mrs. Essie Dunlap by Mr. Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama.

Leon A. Dunn by Celia Hart Garris Woman's Auxiliary, Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden; and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hill; Victoria Hart, Ayden.

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urmon Gray by Hines  
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 Mrs. R. R. Warwick, Newton  
 Grove.

Rev. L. L. Parker by Dr.  
 and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper,  
 Mount Olive and Mr. and Mrs.  
 Edmie J. Sanders, Kinston.

Lawrence Patten by Gary F.  
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 Mrs. Charles B. Councill, Mount  
 Olive; and Dr. and Mrs. W.  
 Burkette Raper, Mount Olive.

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 Hill and Victoria Hart, Ayden.

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 Mary Owens, Elm City.

Mrs. Evelyn S. Smith by Reedy  
 Branch Free Will Baptist Church,  
 Winterville.

Mrs. Flora Belle "Betty" Smith  
 and Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayette-  
 ville.

Mrs. Sudie Tripp Sutton by Dr.  
 and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper,  
 Mount Olive.

Mr. Kirby Thornton by Mr. and Mrs.  
 R. R. Warwick, Newton Grove.

Alfred L. Tippet by Friendship  
 Free Will Baptist Sunday School,  
 Middlesex.

Betty Smith Turner by Miss  
 Thelma Dilday, Albertson.

Mrs. M. A. Woodard by Reedy  
 Branch Free Will Baptist Church,  
 Winterville.

Robert C. Wrenn by Mr. and  
 Mrs. Noah Capps, Knightdale.

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Timothy Scott Bridgers by  
 Mount Olive College Alumni  
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Steven Wayne Denning by  
 Mount Olive College Alumni  
 Association, Mount Olive.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For July 1

## NATIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF LEADER'S CHOICES

**Lesson Text:** 1 Kings 12:6-11, 26-30

**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 1:7

### I. INTRODUCTION

When two brilliant college students deliberately executed a boy named Bobby Franks, they did so as a scientific experiment. They observed every detail, taking notes during the process of death. At their trial, the defense attorney was the famous criminal lawyer Clarence Darrow. He pleaded for acquittal on the ground that what these young men did was due to circumstances beyond themselves. They had been taught that science must experiment. They were a product of their environment.

The plea of Mr. Darrow was based on the doctrine of philosophy known as determinism. This holds that neither outer events nor human choices are uncaused, but are the result of circumstances, physical and psychological. When the term mechanistic is added to the theory, it is to aver that the entire scope of existence is machinelike. As applied to humankind, this means that a person is nothing more nor less than a part of the machine, a bit of protoplasm that can react only as protoplasm does under given circumstances and impulses.

Of course, if the doctrine is true, then man is not a self-governing creature at all. Consequently, he can have no authentic goals, no inalienable rights, no binding obligations. When the doctrine is applied ethically, the result is that there can be no such concept as that of morality. If man can only react the way he does because of

circumstances and because "that's the way he is," then he cannot be blamed for what he does—nor praised either, for that matter. He is not accountable. So argued Mr. Darrow, but the jury did not agree.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. In this lesson, we see the end of Solomon's reign and the dividing of Israel into two separate kingdoms: Judah and Israel. Let us take a few minutes to look at some of the causes of this division.

B. Even though Solomon had received great wisdom from the Lord at the beginning of his reign, it becomes apparent that he eventually strayed from his faithfulness to the Lord. Deuteronomy 17:16 and 17 give specific regulations for the Jewish monarch, and Solomon certainly did not live up to them.

C. Beginning with Pharaoh's daughter early in his reign, Solomon began to take wives from nearby countries that practiced idolatry. These wives brought with them to Israel their beliefs and customs which tended to corrupt Israel. As Solomon grew older he gave in more and more to these wives and allowed the building of idolatrous shrines in his country.

D. Another element in his reign that worked to destroy the unity of the country was his desire to emulate and even outdo neighboring nations in his riches and the luxury of his court. Greater splendor was not to be found anywhere than in Jerusalem, the capital. As a result, taxes had to be increased more and more to support these expenses.

E. A third element in Solomon's reign, especially toward the end, was trouble from the enemies that surrounded him. When he first became king, he was able to maintain peace with these nations largely through alliances and marriages with women from these countries, but as time passed, these alliances failed to hold and Israel faced great danger from her enemies.

F. A fourth element, and certainly not one of the least, was a growing jealousy among the tribes of Israel. Some of them looked back longingly on the days of the Judges when each tribe conducted its own business. Solomon had not kept all of these people satisfied as his father David had. Now that he was an old man, his condition also posed a threat to the peace and security of the kingdom.

G. Why did the Kingdom of Israel under Solomon get into such a precarious condition? The basic reason lies with the decisions that Solomon had made. This seems difficult to comprehend when we recall that God had given him wisdom to rule aright. But as Solomon grew more powerful, he seemed to forget to seek God's wisdom and to follow when he did. So the stage was set for the nation to pay the price for the bad decisions that had been made.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.J.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Had we been able to complete the brief biographical sketch of Solomon's life with the end of this Sunday's lesson, we could have left him with honor and glory. But, alas, it was not to be that way at all.

B. True, he was one of Israel's greatest kings, and perhaps his most outstanding achievement during his forty-year reign was the building of the magnificent temple in Jerusalem as recorded in 1 Kings 5-8. We saw last Sunday that God gave him amazing wisdom among other things, but in his later years, being only a human being that he was, he forgot that wisdom in his worst

also gods. The sad reference to the cause of his downfall is found in 1 Kings 11:4. Also, he became a tyrant and despotic in his rule, placing a heavy taxation upon the people to support his extravagant lifestyle, as illustrated by his taking 14 years to build a wonderful palace for himself and his hundreds of wives. (See 1 Kings 7:1-2) It was inevitable that unrest would be kindled and the people began to murmur that he was not the wise man that he once was.

The so-called United Kingdom, lasting 120 years (forty years each for Saul, David, and Solomon), had now come to a sad ending with the death of Solomon. The division had split the kingdom into two: the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. The division was the result of unwise decisions, as we will see.

The next five lessons will show us how important the right decisions are in making any plan on the success it should be.

Decisions made by the principals in Israel's life may teach us that we must live by what we decide, whether good or bad.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

## ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

**Some Wise Sayings**—The following proverbs or wise sayings will help us to see something of the effect of our decisions:

Always behave as if nothing happened no matter what happens." (This saying shows that we should not react to what happens and make decisions based on an impulse.)

When you are right, you can afford to hold your temper. When you are wrong, you dare not lose it. (Again we are dealing with the fact that we must calmly and wisely make our decisions rather than be forced by our anger into them.)

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

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## News Release from

# Children's Home

## "Founders' Day 1979"

On May 19, 1979, the Children's Home celebrated its Annual Founders' Day Services. The services were held in memory of Mr. R. L. Spencer and Mr. Jesse Gay. Mr. Spencer and Mr. Gay were former board members and served faithfully for a number of years. Mr. Gay was remembered for his particular interest in the farm work, Mr. Spencer served as secretary of the board for many years.



Children sing

Special music for the services was provided by groups of children at the Home. Mrs. Cathy Cahoon led them in the preparation of several songs appropriate for the day.



The Rev. Royce Reynolds

Mr. Gay was a life-long resident of the Walstonburg community

and member of the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church. His pastor, the Rev. Royce Reynolds, spoke of his unwavering faithfulness to his home church as well as the Children's Home.



The Rev. N. D. Wiggs

Mr. Spencer's pastor, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs, spoke of the many years of active service by Mr. Spencer to his church, Malachi's Chapel near Columbia. He stated that Mr. Spencer was an active field representative for the Home in his conference.



Members of the Families

Mr. Ray Doc Gay, brother, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Owens, niece, and Mrs. Margaret Humphrey, members of Mr. Gay's family attended the services. Mrs. Ann Brickhouse, daughter, and granddaughters, Vicki and Toni, represented the Spencer family.

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J. Stewart Humphrey, Executive Director of the Children's Home, commented that Mr. Gav and Mr. Spencer, like the old bridge builder long ago, built not for themselves, but for the fairhaired youth who followed in the way. Both of these great men of God have laid up for themselves a crown of righteousness.



Lunch enjoyed by all.

Everyone enjoyed a noon meal consisting of picnic lunches and barbecued pork. Mr. W. A. Crandel of Stokes gave the pork for the barbeque. Persons from all over the state toured the campus in the afternoon.

All of us at the Children's Home would like to thank everyone who took part in the Founders' Day Services for their attendance and support and particularly our special guests for taking the time to help us remember those who served so faithfully and were so dear to us all.

## Coming Events . . .

June—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Cragmont Assembly Month

June 18-22—Woman's Conference at Camp Vandemere

July 16-19—Ministers' Conference at Cragmont

**JUNE IS  
CRAGMONT MONTH**

## FEATURE

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is \$395,930. Included in this building is a 225-seat Chapel-Assembly Room, to be used for worship services, classes, etc. The building will sleep approximately 60 campers. Also included in this building is the canteen, bookstore, and recreational area. It is expected that this building will prove to be a tremendous valuable asset to Cragmont Assembly.

The current managers of Cragmont Assembly are the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Skinner.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 36 Years Ago

"Any church in North Carolina desiring the 1944 Session of the State Association of North Carolina will please notify the Secretary, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, North Carolina. Please do this at an early date, if possible, for the Executive Committee of the State Association is very desirous of knowing who will invite the next session to convene with it. Remember, there will be only two days for the next session, if all business can be transacted during that time."—Special Notice!

"The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of the Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church, has received a call to the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., but his decision concerning the call has not been reached. The local minister recently preached at the Florida church and the call to the pastorate followed soon thereafter. In confirming reports of the call, Rev. Mr. Rivenbark stated that he will announce his decision to his local congregation in the near future. Rev. Mr. Rivenbark has been pastor of the Sherron Acres Church for six years and during his ministry steady growth and progress has been noted. The membership has grown from 23 members to a large congregation of 250 individuals. The church plant has been greatly enlarged, and since the present pastor began his work the parttime status of the pastorate has been made fulltime. This year saw the purchase of the parsonage. The Sherron Acres Church is one of the fastest growing rural churches in Durham County."—Rev. Fred Rivenbark Called by Jacksonville, Fla. Church

"The Sunday School Convention of the Second Union District of the Central Conference of North Carolina will meet on October 30, 1943 with Marlboro Church in Pitt County near Farmville."—Sunday School Convention to Meet

## WOMAN OF THE YEAR ELECTED

A recent meeting of the View Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Hall was elected as Woman of the Year.

Miss Fannie, as she is well known, has been a member of the View Free Will Baptist Church for over 50 years. She has held in several different positions in the church from Sunday school teacher to president of the Ladies Auxiliary. She has been active and diligent in the church work.

Miss Fannie has six children, seven grandchildren and several great grandchildren. She is a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Not only is Miss Fannie active in church work, but she is very active in her Newport Chapter of the G. W. O. F. M. and the Woodmen of the World Camp 336 of Newport. She has served as Past President of the Newport Camp of the Woodmen of the World.

One of the highlights of being Woman of the Year in the auxiliary was a week's paid trip to Camp Vandemere, North Carolina. Miss Fannie will attend the Ladies Auxiliary week, from June 18 through June 22.

## HOME MISSIONS ANNUAL BANQUET



Eating time for group.

Home Missions Annual

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Banquet was held in Fayetteville on May 12. It has become a yearly event and is proving to be very beneficial. All pastors and staff members gave brief remarks of love and appreciation.

The closing remarks were presented by the director, Taylor Hill, on the subject of dedication and efficiency.

### COMING EVENTS

July 30—August 4—Young People's Bible Conference, Cragmont

August 6-11—Woman's Conference, Cragmont

### PREACHER'S DIARY

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

A dying lady asked me in tears if I would forgive her for insulting me five years ago. She said, "It's been haunting and tormenting me ever since." When I assured her that she was forgiven, she raised her hands high and cried out, "Praise the Lord, a great burden has been lifted!" What a pity that she didn't do that five years ago.

**SEND YOUR CHILD TO CRAGMONT!**



## SPECIAL SESSION NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Campus of Lenoir Community College  
Kinston, North Carolina

**AUGUST 14, 1979**

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Session Begins 9:30 A. M.

Purpose is to consider the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline

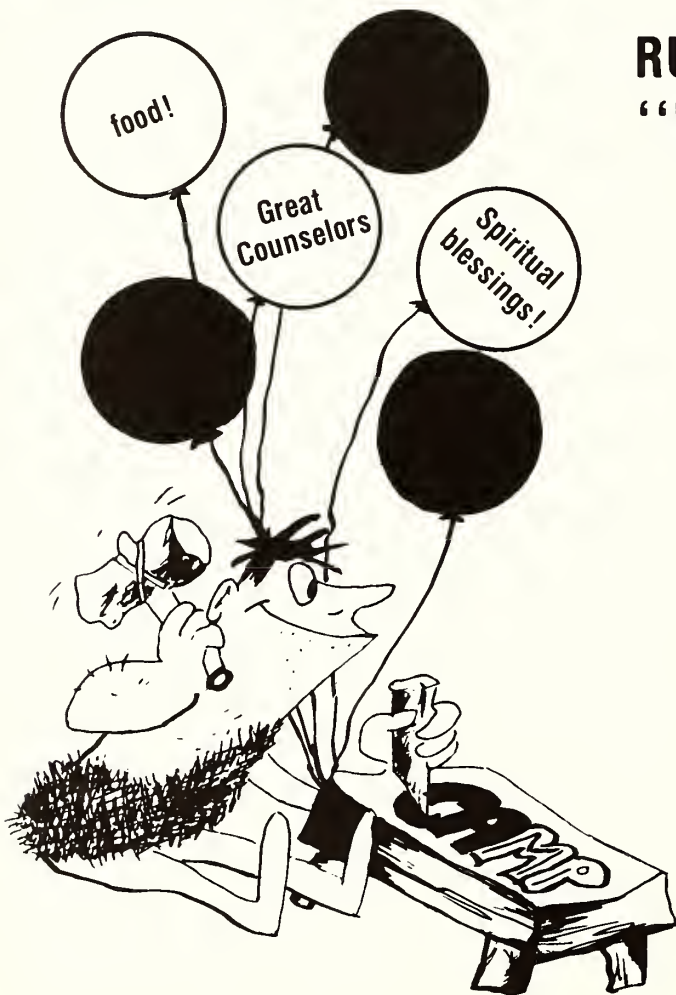
All churches are requested to designate their delegates, one for each 100 members or fraction thereof. If possible delegates should obtain a copy of the proposal and read and study it before arriving. Copies are available at the Press and branch bookstores, for \$1 per copy. A letter will be mailed to the church soon, asking for the names of the delegates.





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# History of Mount Olive College

**W. Burkette Raper, President**

(To relate the many events that will accurately unfold the history and making of Mount Olive College would require nothing less than a book. It is hopeful that the following segments will capture a few of the dramatic and interesting moments that give us, as Free Will Baptists, the satisfaction of knowing God's work is continuing through our efforts.)

## **A Vision of Hope**

On September, 1951, the Board of Christian Education for the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, under the leadership of the Rev. David W. Hansley, submitted the following recommendations:

"Due to an increased interest and the demand in the state of North Carolina among Free Will Baptist ministers and laymen for a feasible educational program that will more adequately meet the present and future needs of our people in general, we, the Board of Christian Education, wish to offer the following recommendations to the 1951 session of the North Carolina Original Free Will Baptist State Convention, held with the White Oak church, Bladenboro, North Carolina, September 12 and 13:

"That the Board of Christian Education consult with the Board of Trustees of Cragmont Assembly and work out feasible plans to establish a junior college during the winter months at Cragmont Assembly . . . ."

On November 27, 1951, the Board of Christian Education filed with the Secretary of State the charter for Mount Olive College. \*

## **A Decision to Remember**

The foremost thought in the mind of the Board of Christian Education was to found a college that could serve the Free Will Baptist church. One of the objects mentioned in the College charter was to advance and promote ". . . the cause of education, religion and morality."

This decision of purpose was perhaps the most significant one in the history of the College.

Of the \$10,000 budgeted for the College to open, \$800 was contributed during the first full year.

Nonetheless, President Lloyd Vernon and a handful of professors were waiting when approximately twelve students arrived at Cragmont Assembly for the 1952-53 year.

During the first academic year, gift support totaled \$6,940. The balance remaining was \$6.17; moreover, the College was behind in salaries.

## **A Step in Faith**

When the Convention met in September, 1953, Mr. Hansley reported that the committee recommended a temporary move from Cragmont Assembly to a church in Beulaville until the College could be moved to a permanent location in eastern North Carolina. Recommended was an abandoned elementary school building in Mount Olive which could be purchased for \$25,000. It was explained that the majority of Free Will Baptists had expressed a wish for the College to be located where the greatest number of youth could take advantage of its opportunities.

For the first time, the College issue came alive, with the opposing sentiment concerned that if the College were publicized and did not survive, it would embarrass the Free Will Baptist church. By a narrow margin of approximately five votes, the report and recommendation of the Board were approved, without, however, any appropriation of funds.

Aside from the problem of an empty treasury, the building in Mount Olive had been condemned and was filled with debris. Also, the Board had to outline policies and prepare a curriculum that would offer a quality educational experience under properly educated teachers. Another overwhelming problem was to

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secure a president who would accept the leadership for the operation and development of the College.

Barely a month before school was to open, W. Burkette Raper, a 26-year-old Free Will Baptist minister and graduate of Duke University and Duke Divinity School, became President of the College.

### **An Uphill Climb**

The severity of the situation reached a climax when President Raper and the Rev. James A. Evans, Director of Public Relations, visited with Dr. James E. Hillman, secretary of the North Carolina College Conference and director of professional services for the State Department of Education. Dr. Hillman outlined the necessary obligations for an accredited junior college. Although patient throughout, he concluded with comments to this effect: "If you people are going down there to 'make a mess', we had rather not have it as a part of the history of education in North Carolina. But if you mean business and will develop a program that will conform to the standards we have discussed, you can depend upon my support and the cooperation of my office."

On September 8, 1954, twenty-two students arrived on campus. Resident men were assigned to private homes, and dormitory rooms for women were provided in an upstairs that still smelled of fresh paint. Evening classes in the religious institute reached forty-four students, and forty-three students registered for night business classes.

The College made it through one academic year in Mount Olive, but not without the prayers and monetary support of many Free Will Baptist families. The gift support had grown to \$33,689 from the previous year of just under \$11,000.

### **A New Urgency**

A new urgency was placed on achieving accreditation; without it, students were reluctant to enroll, people hesitated to give, and top quality teachers were hard to attract. The process was one that would take unyielding tenacity and self-sacrifice.

In a preliminary review by a friendly consultant, the fundamental obstacles were specified as a lack of volumes in the library and a lack of students and facilities.

The North Carolina College Conference first placed Mount Olive on its tentatively approved list in 1957. While still under observation for a year before receiving formal state accreditation, the College began to focus on meeting the requirements for regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### **A Victory to Remember**

Although the climb was to be a three-year concentrated effort, the final approval for full accreditation by the Southern Association came through on December 1, 1960.

In May, 1961, over 500 Free Will Baptists and townspeople attended a Mount Olive College Appreciation Day sponsored by the Mount Olive Chamber of Commerce.

In recognition of the College, guest speaker Governor Terry Sanford said:

"... The best tribute ... is the high scholastic record its students are compiling as they continue their college work elsewhere.

"It is a tribute to your church and its leaders. Most all colleges have sponsors, supporters, and patrons who are willing to put first things first."

In the years that have followed, Mount Olive College has continued to grow physically, academically, and spiritually. The annual budget adopted for the 1978-79 academic year was in excess of \$2.1 million.

### **The Future**

The College will soon begin a self-study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that is required every ten years to assure continued educational excellence and to maintain accreditation.

From the Association's standards to which two-year colleges must comply, the following, under "Purpose," states: "Each institution should clearly define its purpose and should incorporate this definition into a statement which is a pronouncement of its role in the educational world. This institution's integrity is measured not only in terms of its stated purpose, but also in terms of its conscientious endeavor to fulfill this purpose.

"... The faculty, financial resources, physical plant, and educational program should be adequate and appropriate to meet the stated purpose of the institution."

Mount Olive is working vigorously toward developing an educational program and a financial endowment that will insure continued growth for our College. In addition, the building of College Hall is necessary to comply with the standards for a "physical plant" adequate to fulfill our stated purpose as an institution.

Although Mount Olive College represents the highest educational achievement in the history of Original Free Will Baptists, she cannot rest on laurels from the past.

\*The charter originally stated Mount Allen Junior College but the name was later changed to Mount Olive Junior College and finally to Mount Olive College.

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from the passive noncommittal attitude of most of his recent predecessors, not to mention his constituency. When he began using the term loosely, and when the media played with it even more indiscriminately, it seemed more like a cream and sugar addition to personality than a state of character. It need not be stressed that personality and character are not the same.

As the nation's representative, the President should be the American—if not without spot and blemish, at least one in whom the nation can take some pride. And he should certainly be selective in his use of words. The famous White House tapes of sometime back, with their abundance of tasteless expletives and obscene expressions, cause the public to understand that the Presidency doesn't make one immune to the temptation to be foulmouthed. The job may, in fact, make one more susceptible to such temptations. But if anyone ever considered laundering his vocabulary, the person holding the nation's highest office is in a position which fairly demands it.

It is not our intention to question Jimmy Carter's ability to "whip" Ted Kennedy. What bothers us mainly is his indelicate verbal assertion of manly confidence, spoken in the proverbial language of the longshoreman. If Jimmy Carter is predisposed to express himself so graphically, we suggest he change jobs. If not that, the Chief Executive must at the very least watch his mouth. We have enough pollution to worry about. No one can mile away vulgarities—not even a President!

## LARRY WORTHINGTON

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy has seen fit to call to His regard our brother in Christ, Larry Worthington, age 70, on April 25, 1979, who was a member of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County. He is survived by his widow, four children, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel by his pastor, the Rev. Tommy Evans, assisted by Mr. Worthington's nephew, the Rev. Roger Tripp.

Therefore be it resolved:

First: That we bow in humble submission to and due recognition of His Holy will in calling the spirit of our brother in Christ Home to be forever with Him.

Second: That we extend to his family our deepest sympathy and may they find peace and comfort in Him who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Elsie Smith  
Myrtie Ruth Tyson

### ADDRESS CHANGES

The Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Hobgood's new address is Route 1, Box 82-C1, Robersonville, North Carolina 27871, phone 792-4276. Their old address was 107 North Green Street, Farmville, North Carolina 27828.

The Rev. Eddie Edwards announces that he has a new address: 308 Old Midway Road, Rockingham, North Carolina 28379, phone 997-2996. His old address was Route 2, Box 365, Vanceboro, North Carolina.

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# family devotions

## SUNDAY, JULY 1

Scripture Reading—John 2:1-11  
MIRACLES

There are those who doubt the story  
Of the fishes and the bread—  
I have watched a daffodil lifting  
From its cheerless winter bed.  
There are those who say that  
Jesus  
Never walked upon the sea—  
I have learned to hear the willows  
Whispering strange things to  
me.  
“Lazarus,” some wise folks tell  
me,  
“Was not dead, when Jesus  
came!”  
I have watched the spring  
returning  
In a green and fragrant flame.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Nature itself is a miracle. If anyone doubts the miracles of the Bible, all he need do is watch the unfolding of the seasons. There, God can truly be seen in all His magnificence.*

## MONDAY, JULY 2

Scripture Reading—Matthew 4:1-11

### MEASURE OF A MAN

Not—how did he die?  
But—how did he live?  
Not—what did he gain?  
But—what did he give?  
These are the units  
To measure the worth  
Of a man as a man  
Regardless of birth.

Not—what was his station?  
But—had he a heart?  
And how did he play  
His God-given part?  
Was he ever ready

With a word of good cheer,  
To bring back a smile,  
To banish a tear?

Not—what was his church?  
Nor—what was his creed?  
But—had he befriended  
Those really in need?  
Not—what did the sketch  
In the newspapers say?  
But—how many were sorry  
When he passed away?

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Man is measured by his living—the way he approaches life—not by his material possessions. Let us not be too hasty to judge the materially poor; they may be rich in the Spirit.*

## TUESDAY, JULY 3

Scripture Reading—Job 7:6-18

### THE ABC'S OF A SUCCESSFUL VISIT

A-cquaint yourself with the family  
beforehand.  
B-e prepared spiritually, men-  
tally, physically.  
C-all at the right time.  
D-on't intrude if they are busy.  
E-nter properly, introduce your-  
self.  
F-ind a point of contact.  
G-ive them a chance to talk.  
H-ave things ready to talk about.  
I-ntroduce them to the Saviour.  
J-oin in with their interests.  
K-eeep from gossiping.  
L-ead the conversation to  
spiritual things.  
M-ake use of the Bible.  
N-ever argue.  
O-perate through the Holy Spirit.  
P-ray as you visit.  
Q-uiet their fears and misap-  
prehensions.

R-adiate the love of Christ.  
S-peak well of your church and  
pastor.  
T-alk enthusiastically of your  
Sunday school.  
U-nderstand and be patient with  
their needs.  
V-ital personal witness to Christ is  
your best weapon.  
W-atch the clock—don't stay too  
long.  
X-pect unpleasant response  
sometimes.  
Y-ou may be Christ's only witness  
to them—press for decision.  
Z-eal for God will always have a  
reward.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Very often our visitation habits show what we really are. If it is our aim to witness effectively to others through a visitation program, let us take into account the value of a “successful visitation” as set forth above.*

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Scripture Reading—Mark 9:40-50

### PATRIOTIC

Patriotic men do not shrink  
from danger when conscience  
points the path.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A well-defined conscience developed with and in passion for doing right, will guide us toward proper living and the making of appropriate decisions. Let us follow our Christ-centered conscience.*

## THURSDAY, JULY 5

Scripture Reading—1 The  
salonians 4:1-12

### THE CONSECRATED TEACHER

The glory of life is brightest  
When the glory of life is dim,  
And she has most compelled me  
Who most has pointed to Him.  
She has held me, stirred me,  
swayed me,  
I have hung on her every word  
‘Till I fain would rise and follow  
Not her, not her, but her Lord.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Teachers influence more than they sometimes realize. All of us*

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ure teachers—let us make no mistake about it—others watch and imitate us with or without our knowledge. Let us provide the proper example.

## FRIDAY, JULY 6

Scripture Reading—Acts 13:14-

### SALVATION

A little girl in the kindergarten department hurried home one day from Sunday school and weighed herself.

"Why did you weigh yourself again today when you just weighed yourself yesterday?" the mother asked.

"Because," the little girl replied, "I gave my heart to Jesus this morning and I wanted to see how much I weighed without it. And, Mommy, I weigh just the same."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Giving one's heart to Christ is the most important decision one can ever make. He never takes it from us but willingly accepts it when we offer it.*

## SATURDAY, JULY 7

Scripture Reading—Romans 13:21

### TOO LITTLE

aid a precious little laddie,  
To his father one bright day,  
May I give myself to Jesus,  
Let Him wash my sins away?"

Oh, my son, but you're too little,  
Wait until you older grow,  
igger folks, 'tis true, do need  
Him, but  
Little folks are safe, you know."

aid the father to his laddie  
As a storm was coming on,  
Are the sheep all safely  
sheltered,  
safe within the fold, my son?"

All the big ones are, my father,  
But the lambs, I let them go,  
or I didn't think it mattered,  
Little ones are safe, you know."

n, my brother! Oh, my sister!  
Have you too made that  
mistake?

Little hearts that now are yielding  
May be hardened then—too  
late.

'Ere the evil days come nigh  
them,  
"Let the children come to Me,  
And forbid them not," said Jesus,  
"For such shall My kingdom  
be."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Never let us dissuade little ones from making a decision for the Saviour. Let us not destroy the deep faith of a child, and let us not mistakenly assure them that as children they should not concern themselves with spiritual things.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE STATE CONVENTION MET



*Executive Committee*

The Executive Committee of the State Convention met recently to finalize plans for the special called session of the Convention. The called meeting will be held on August 14, 1979, on the campus of Lenoir Community College in Kinston, North Carolina. Registration will begin at 8:30 a. m. and the Convention will convene at 9:30. The purpose of the session is to consider the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline. Each church should designate one delegate for each 100 members or fraction thereof. Delegates should obtain a copy of the proposal and study it before the Convention. Copies are available at

the Press and branch bookstores for \$1 per copy.

When the Executive Committee reconvened after lunch, President David Charles Hansley reported on several decisions made by the Committee. He announced that the regular annual session of the State Convention will be held on September 12 and 13 on the campus of Lenoir Community College. He also related that the Evangelism Conference will be held at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on November 28 and 29. More details on these events will be released at a later date.

## PREACHER'S DIARY

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

While I was witnessing to a young soldier, he said to me, "I want to be saved right now." He turned to Christ and was killed instantly a few weeks later.

## ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The Free Will Baptist Press Bookstore and the Branch Bookstores will be closed for inventory on Monday, July 2, 1979.



The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and all Bible Bookstores—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston—will be closed on July 4.



# NEWS & NOTES

## Senior Citizens Day at Spring Branch Church



Senior Citizens of Spring Branch Church

Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, near Walstonburg, set aside June 3, 1979, as a special day to honor its Senior Citizens. All members over 60 years of age were sent special invitations to attend this service on Sunday morning. Pews were reserved in the front of the church especially for them and each was presented a carnation as they entered the church. A beautiful arrangement of cut spring flowers decorated the sanctuary for this special occasion and carnations were sent to those who were unable to be present in the service.

The entire service on that Sunday morning was planned to pay tribute to those "Senior Citizens" who have labored so long and so faithfully to keep Spring Branch church alive and well. Special music was rendered by the Youth Choir and a trio from the church. The song, "I Owe It All to Him," was especially dedicated to the older people. The pastor's wife, Mrs. Fleedie Reynolds, dedicated a poem entitled, "This Moment," to those special people. Brother Reddin Wooten responded on behalf of the Senior Citizens with much appreciation for this special tribute to them. The pastor, the Rev. Royce Reynolds, delivered a message entitled, "I Am Ready," taken from the words of the Apostle Paul.

Following the worship service, pictures were taken in front of the church of all Senior Citizens who attended. Then all were invited to a special dinner served in the fellowship hall. The older people were served first and directed to tables prepared for them.

The people at Spring Branch church love and appreciate its senior members so very much. If not for those people, they would not be able to enjoy the blessing of such a wonderful place to worship God. Special thanks go to the Young Woman's Fellowship of the church for making the plans and directing this special day's activities.

## Father's Day at Reedy Branch Church

Father's Day at Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, was a very special Sunday. The Rev. Willis Wilson honored some of the outstanding fathers who were present.

The oldest father was George Merrell, who was 70 years old. The father with the youngest baby was David Jennings. The youngest grandfather was Joseph Williams and the grandfather with the most family present was Elwood Davenport.

Marvin Boyd was presented a plaque for being on the official board for 26 years. His wife Estelle, was presented a plaque on Mother's Day for being the treasurer of the building fund for 27 years.

## Winterville Church Honors Seniors



Graduating Seniors

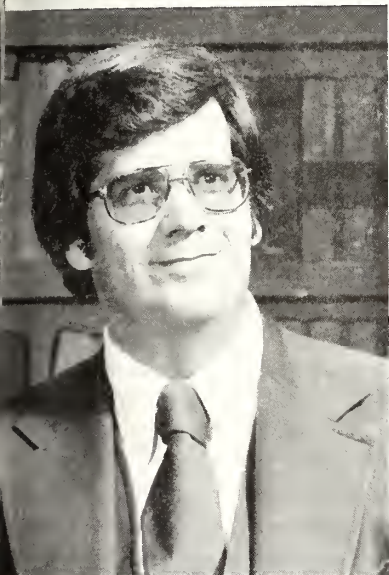
Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, honored its senior graduating from D. H. Conley High School, in a special service. Marshalls Pam Manning and Michael Joyner led the processional. Sunday school superintendent Ron Braxton gave the charge and presented each senior a Bible from the Sunday school. Emerson Hobgood sang "Does Jesus Care?" after which Pastor Bobby Futre delivered the message entitled "When You're at Your Wit's End."

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## The Rev. Davie Gray Brinson

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Greenville honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Davie Gray Brinson. Your pastor can be the one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A Servant of God



The Rev. Davie Gray Brinson

The Rev. Davie Gray Brinson accepted the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville on July 1, 1976. The members of the church are proud to have that he is their pastor. He was born on August 22, 1945, in Jacksonville, North Carolina. He later moved to Reidsville, North Carolina. This is where he met his wife, the former Mrs. Buck. They both attended the First Free Will Baptist Church in Reidsville. They were married in 1962. The Rev. and Mrs. Brinson are parents of three children: a daughter, Lynn, who is 23; and two sons, Alan, who is 18; and Mikey, who is four. On July 9, 1969, he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Crabtree Baptist Church. He was ordained by the Eastern Conference Ordaining

Council of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina on October 22, 1970.

He attended Mount Olive College and received a certificate of graduation from the Daniels Chapel Bible Institute.

He pastored the following churches before he came to Greenville: Rooty Branch in Mount Olive, Arapahoe in Arapahoe, St. Mary's in Kenly, and Hearon Circle in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He has served as Field Secretary for the Carteret County Sunday School Convention, the first publicity director for Camp Vandemere, and Religious Director at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Since he has been in Greenville, he has become a member of the Ministerial Association and Chaplainship Program of Pitt County Memorial Hospital. He is a Master Mason in the Crown Point Lodge of Greenville. In January, 1979, he became Editor of the York Rite Masonic Bulletin and is presently serving as Chaplain of the Greenville Police Department.

Brother Brinson is very consistent in his visits to our rest homes and hospital. He is always willing to help our members in any way, if we tell him our needs.

He preaches from the Bible and that is what we need to hear and we appreciate this very much.

His wife, Jean, is always painting

or making some kind of improvement to the parsonage. We appreciate her and the way she supports her husband in his ministry.

His daughter, Lynn, is a very good pianist and is always willing to play when she is needed. She also sings in the choir and in a quartet of the church.

Since Brother Brinson came to our church, many members have been added to the roll. We have had rededications and much enthusiasm in different phases of the church work.

Our sincere prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless Brother Brinson and all the members of the church as we work together for the glory of the Lord.

## NEWS NOTES

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Those honored were as follows:

Cynthia Lynn Branch—plans to attend North Carolina State University this fall and major in Computer Science.

Shawn Allen Carson—plans to attend North Carolina State University this fall and major in Architecture.

Erwin Clement Hines—plans to attend Pitt Community College.

Danita Quinn—upon graduation at the end of the summer school plans to attend Pitt Community College.

### Rose of Sharon Parsonage Dedicated

On Sunday, June 10, 1979, the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church near Bear Grass dedicated its parsonage. The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood had the dedication message, which was followed by the dedication prayer led by the Rev. Bruce Barrow. The congregation had a covered-dish lunch in honor of this occasion. An open house that afternoon from three until five was given by the Rev. and Mrs. Hobgood. He will be serving the church as its first full-time pastor.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



Lisa Heath

Lisa Heath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O. Heath Jr. of Cove City, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mount Olive College for the 1979-80 academic year. From Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Lisa graduated from West Craven High School where she was secretary for the National Honor Society. She was also named to **Who's Who Among American High School Students** and the recipient of several art ribbons. Lisa served as a junior marshal and was a member of the Junior Civitans (11th grade) and the art club. While attending Mount Olive, she plans to major in art.

## PREACH REVIVAL

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will preach revival services July 1-6 at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Bascom, Georgia. Services begin at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Thomas Kirkland is pastor.

## LAST TERM OF SUMMER SCHOOL APPROACHING

The last term of summer school at Mount Olive College begins Monday, July 9.

The three-week term offers an excellent opportunity for students to gain college credit in any of the courses listed below:

- Economics I and II
- American Government
- Marriage and the Family
- Western Civilization I and II
- American History
- Trigonometry
- Public Speaking
- General Zoology

For more information about summer school or admissions to Mount Olive College, contact the Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, phone (919) 658-2502.

## What Do Your Actions Say?

Bobby R. Taylor, Pastor  
Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church  
Route 6, Greenville, North Carolina

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24, 25).

Some individuals seem to think that their church attendance is not really important. They cannot see the church as a unit, because they place more emphasis on one department than the other. The truly born-again Christian looks at the church as a total unit in ser-

vice to God. When you attend Sunday school and leave before the morning worship service, your action says worship service is not really important to you. Many children are deprived of learning how and why they should worship, because their parents leave after Sunday school. Others in their actions seem to rely upon the erroneous idea that Sunday school is for children maybe they feel they need biblical teaching or instruction because they only attend morning worship service.

Others say by their absence that the evening worship and Wednesday evening prayer services have no significance at all. What are your actions saying? There is so much truth in the cliché, "Actions speak louder than words."

If we are to be well-rounded spiritual Christians, in service to God, our actions will show that we BELIEVE the church to be a total unit working together for the cause of Christ. Therefore, if we believe the teaching of the Holy Scriptures we will allow ourselves to be present in the house of the Lord to seek greater knowledge, wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

May we let our family, friends and others know that we BELIEVE in the total ministry of our church by being in attendance. By being in attendance we are saying in our actions, we BELIEVE the church to be an important part of every Christian's life. Share the message through your actions and support your church totally.

### SPECIAL SESSION TO BE HELD

There will be a special called session of the North Carolina State Convention on Tuesday, August 14, for the purpose of considering the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline. The meeting will be held on the campus of Lenoir Community College in Kinston.

# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY

All words found in this search-and-find puzzle have something to do with Cragmont Assembly. Circle the words as you find them. Words may be spelled forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

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## Word List

ball	cry	love
Black Mountain	eat	people
bus	experience	porch
camp	fire	relax
canteen	friends	retreat
chapel	fun	rocking chairs
class	God	saved
conference	hike	sharing
counselors	hilly	singing
Cragmont	Lord	spiritual
		trip

## AFC WEEK HELD AT CAMP VANDEMERE

The Rev. Ralph Sumner, pastor of Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, was the director for AFC week held at Camp Vandemere June 11-15. He was assisted by the Rev. Ray Williamson, pastor of the Rock of Zion church. Forty-eight young people attended the session. The theme for the week was "Anchored in Jesus." The campers were given "sailor caps" to wear and followed military procedures. At the beginning of each day, campers gave honor to the flag. After breakfast, they were given "sealed orders" for personal devotions. Classes alternated between the director and his assistant.

## DONATED TO CHILDREN'S HOME

A report from the Woman's Auxiliary of Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, states that two quilts and clothing was donated to the Children's Home in Middlesex by the auxiliary of the church. These were valued at \$254.25. Anna Hodge is the benevolence chairman.

## Coming Events . .

July 30—August 4—Young People's Bible Conference, Cragmont

August 6-11—Woman's Conference, Cragmont

**JUNE IS  
CRAGMONT MONTH**



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For July 8

## ELIJAH CALLS FOR A DECISION

**Lesson Text:** 1 Kings 16:30-33;  
18:17-21, 36-39

**Memory Verse:** 1 Kings 18:21

### I. INTRODUCTION

In last week's lesson, we saw Jeroboam introduce calf worship at Bethel and Dan in the northern kingdom. He ruled Israel for twenty-two years. Upon his death, his son Nadab became king, only to be murdered within two years by Baasha, who later killed all of the remaining descendants of Jeroboam. Baasha was followed on the throne by his son Elah. An army officer named Zimri assassinated Elah, but seven days later Zimri committed suicide when Omri, the commander-in-chief of Israel's army, was proclaimed by his army to be king.

This period of near anarchy continued in the northern kingdom for about four years, but Omri finally secured a solid position upon the throne. Politically, Omri was astute, and being a capable soldier, he was able to solidify and strengthen Israel as a nation. A master decision of his was to move the capital of Israel from Tirzah to the strategically located hill of Samaria. Religiously, however, Omri promoted pagan worship, even to a degree exceeding that of his predecessors (1 Kings 16:25). Upon the death of Omri, Ahab his son became king of Israel. By this time, therefore, Israel was in the midst of a life-and-death struggle between Jehovah worship and Baalism, a struggle that would have a marked effect on the nation's future. God had a man for the hour, however, in the prophet

Elijah. Ahab would have been willing to combine the worship of Jehovah with that of Baal. But not Elijah. There would be no syncretism for him. The choice had to be made—Jehovah or Baal. It could not be both.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The theme of this lesson is to show that courageous declarations for Christ are honored by the Lord.

B. This lesson includes the important facts about Ahab, Elijah, and the conditions in Israel.

C. As the man of God, Elijah demanded a decision. Consider how the man of God today forces the people to make a decision for God or against Him.

D. Think about some spiritual decisions that leaders have to make and the consequences of these decisions.

E. Take some time at the end of the lesson to think about some of the spiritual decisions that an individual must make.

—Adapted from **The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Last Sunday we saw how the United Kingdom of Israel was divided into two, the kingdom of Israel in the north, made up of ten tribes under the reign of Jeroboam, and the kingdom of Judah in the south, made up of Judah along with the small tribe of Benjamin, having Solomon's son, Rehoboam, as king. These two kings eventually died (1 Kings 14:19, 20, 31), and of course there was a succession of kings which

followed in both kingdoms, some good, some bad. A few of them reigned as long as forty and years and longer, while some reigned as few as two years, even as briefly as one to months.

B. The kings of the north were mostly bad; some have said all were. Several kings in the south, such as Asa, Uziah, Hezekiah, to mention a few, were very good kings. The northern kingdom of Israel lasted until B. C. when it was taken into captivity by the Babylonians.

C. Why did they fail? Many reasons may be suggested, but the basic cause for their demise was idolatry. They could not resist the worship of false gods, which was a sin of great magnitude in the sight of God. Both kingdoms were repeatedly warned against this but too often failed to hear the prophets such as Isaiah, Amos, Jeremiah, and Elijah. This latter prophet is the central figure of the lesson today and it was he who brought Israel to the question: What god will you choose, the true God or a false one?

—**The Advanced Quarter (F.W.B.)**

D. Ahab was the most wicked king that Israel had had up to that time, and he was perhaps the most wicked king Israel ever had. He had married the wicked pagan Jezebel, against the commandment of the Lord. Though he had allowed the worship of Baal and had even joined in the worship himself. Moreover, he even built a house of worship dedicated to Baal. It was this pagan and idolatrous worship that was to eventually bring about the downfall of the nation of Israel.

E. Elijah is one of the great men of God in the Old Testament. He was called of God to be a prophet and God honored him for his faithfulness. It has been pointed out that he performed the power of God eight miracles which are recorded in the Old Testament.

F. Elijah announced one day that no more rain or dew would come upon Israel for a period

which would be determined by the Lord. For three and one half years there was a great drought. This caused a famine. During this time Elijah went into hiding because he knew that Ahab would destroy him. Yet God provided in a miraculous way to supply all his needs. Then one day God led Elijah to come out of hiding and to see King Ahab.

G. Elijah blamed Ahab, and Ahab blamed Elijah for the condition of the country. So Elijah challenged the king. He wanted them to bring the people and the false prophets of Baal to Mount Carmel, and let them determine who was the true God, the god that Ahab and the people were serving - Elijah's God. This Ahab consented to do. A great crowd of people and four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal gathered on Mount Carmel for this great contest.

H. The story is well known, how Elijah challenged the people to choose the true God. The prophets of Baal were not able to call down fire from Heaven to consume their sacrifice, but God indicated Elijah and sent down the fire to consume his.

- The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

#### V. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

Dr. Alexander Whyte—Great among all preachers was Dr. Alexander Whyte. Once when speaking to a mission filled with outcasts, he was moved with compassion. He said to this unhappy group, "I have just discovered the name of the most wicked and unworthy man in Edinburgh. His name is Alexander Whyte." Then he went on to show how except for the redemptive love of Christ he could be a low outcast, and with the same love each of them could become a better man.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

# SPECIAL SESSION NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Campus of Lenoir Community College  
Kinston, North Carolina

**AUGUST 14, 1979**

Registration 8:30 A. M.  
Session Begins 9:30 A. M.

Purpose is to consider the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline

All churches are requested to designate their delegates, one for each 100 members or fraction thereof. If possible, delegates should obtain a copy of the proposal and read and study it before arriving. Copies are available at the Press and branch bookstores, for \$1 per copy. A letter will be mailed to each church soon, asking for the names of the delegates.

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE



*The Rev. Jack Lassiter*

The Rev. Jack Lassiter,

associate pastor of Baptist Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, is available for full-time or part-time pastorate and evangelistic services. He can be reached at 1207 Wrenn Road, Durham, North Carolina 27703, phone 596-3339.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer announces that he is available for pastoral work. He is in good standing with the Pee Dee Conference and has served in the Eastern and Central Conferences. Any Free Will Baptist church may contact him at the following address: The Rev. T. C. Farmer, Route 3, Box 380-A, Bladenboro, North Carolina 28320, phone (919) 863-3792.



## Quarterly Yoke Letter

Dear Friends:

One of my greatest fears about our generation is the fear that we may not know what time it is. If we do not know the time, it is very likely that our efforts, however sincere, will be wasted. There is, for example, little value in trying to answer questions which people are not really asking.

Of the Gospel writers, Luke seems to have had the keenest sense of the importance of knowing the time. His memorable and sorrowful sentence on the subject (Luke 19:44) is unique to his Gospel, the others seeming to have missed it or have failed to see its significance. In the brilliant translation of the New English Bible the sentence reads, "You did not recognize God's moment when it came." The shocking fact is that most of Christ's contemporaries did not recognize Him at all. The priests went on with their temple ritual, without any hint that there was One among them who had already made their obsessive interests obsolete. Pilate, the local representative of the imperial government, was slightly disturbed, but his disturbance was not sufficient to make a difference in his final action. Partly out of cowardice, Pilate missed the one great chance of his life.

As we try to understand the particular time in which we now live, we face two opposite dangers, complacency and despair. Because the time is **mixed**, those who follow either of these are seriously mistaken in judgment. It is a mistake, in the first place, to conclude that our society is fundamentally so sound that we are bound to come out all right. The trouble with such an optimistic stance is that it is based on false assumptions. It is like saying "Peace, peace," when there is no peace (Jeremiah 6:14, 8:11).

That the rosy view is a false one is perfectly clear when we look seriously at inflation. Unless we solve the problem of inflation, much of which is more moral than economic in origin, our society will go to pieces. It is an important fact of history that inflation has, in the past, pulled down the world's leading nations. The awful thing about our current inflation, which is damaging to our basic values, is that it is still increasing. So long as the overwhelming desire of each segment of society is to get its own, the problem will not be solved at all, but will instead become worse.

Along with inflation there goes general increase in crime and marked decrease in the strength of the family. One of the most shocking of revelations about the family is the fact that, in widely publicized court trials which involve men and women living together without marriage, the major question is whether there has been a "contract." When the emphasis is on contract we are being told, in no uncertain terms, that the Christian values have not only been abandoned, but are not even **understood**. In the Christian concept of the family, the emphasis is not upon a contractual relation, but upon a **commitment**.

We know a great deal about Christian values when we understand that a woman and a man take each other "for better, for worse, for richer for poorer," the question of how much each earns being totally irrelevant. The sorrow is that, for many in our generation, this conception is merely quaint. Furthermore, there are millions, in the contemporary scene, who do not understand the Christian idea that private or secret marriage is a contradiction in terms. Christians have always believed that marriage must be public, the vows of life-long fidelity being witnessed by the members of the

caring community. What is shocking about our time is that there are so many who have never even heard of this truly revolutionary idea.

Part of the required realism in our time is the frank recognition of how scheming persons can make religion into a racket. The fact that so many of our neighbors are living under a sense of strain makes religious racketeering particularly easy today. Though seems almost unbelievable, it is fact that one who claims to represent Christ's Cause has boasted, in a television broadcast that his religious income is near \$300,000 annually. It is not surprising that people who are already disenchanted with all public figures jump to the conclusion that the church is as bad as the world. When we realize that religion can be part of the problem, rather than the answer we realize that a sentimental optimism is an unsupportable position.

If sentimental optimism is mistaken, the mood of despair is equally so. There are many reasons why we must never adopt the position of hopelessness, the most important being that this is God's world. If Christ is trustworthy, God has not given up on His people and will never give up however foolish we prove ourselves to be. A second convincing reason for rejecting despair is that there are evidences of faithfulness, providing we are wise enough to see them. In short, the apparently dominant paganism, far from being universal in scope is actually challenged at important points. There are couples who understand the meaning of marriage and who are faithful in their mutual commitment. Even in colleges there are students who are non-conformists, so far as the surrounding paganism is concerned, some having the courage to uphold chastity.

Even though many churches are dull and disappointing, simply going through the motions, and appearing to be spiritually empty

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Affectionately,  
D. Elton Trueblood

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

by William G. Stanley

Dear God,

I thank You for these eyes, that though imperfect, enable me to see Your beautiful world, the rainbow with its many colors, and the wonder of the changing of the seasons.

I thank You for these ears, Lord, that I may hear every sound, be it from a child, a choir, a preacher, a peasant, or a president.

I thank You for my voice, Dear God, that I may in some way relay Your message and Your love to another. Lord, always grant me the power to say "I'm sorry" and admit that I am wrong; for forgiveness is one of the most precious gifts any person can relay to another.

Lord, I thank You for my mind that helps me to make a living. God, I realize that this memory bank I have possession of is not meant to remember those wrongs that have been done to me, but to forget; which in essence is to forgive anyone and everyone who has wronged me. It is also meant to remind me that You gave Your only Son for my sins.

I thank You for these hands and arms, Lord so that I might in some way reach out and touch those that are older than I. God, I realize that age takes its toll and that the prison of the body becomes a frail and unsturdy framework that needs support from those that are younger.

Dearest Lord, I thank You for these legs that I might stand and walk; to work for You and worship You. I also thank You for the support and help they give to me that enable me to spread Your Word regardless of where I may go.

God, I thank You for this heart that is beating within my chest because I know that it is an extension of You. Without it, the rest of the body would be worthless.

Dear God, last, but certainly not least, I thank You for the most important part of my life—the soul that lives within me and gives me the ability to show compassion, sympathy, love, understanding, and above all of this, it provides me with a doorway to Heaven.

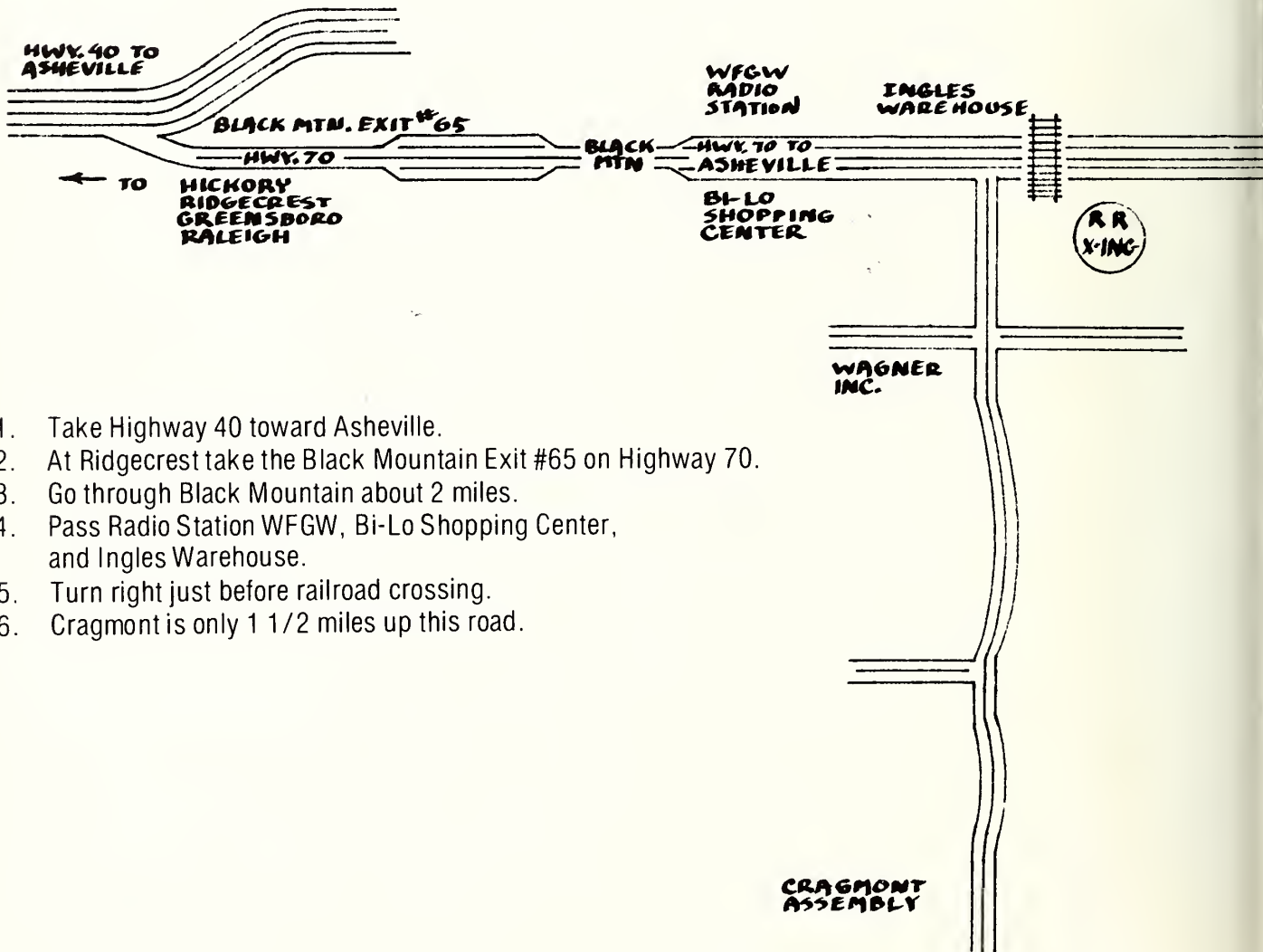
God, I thank You for all these things, but should You see fit to remove even one of them, I trust that You will open another pathway so that I might continue my life as it should be—with an open heart and a mind that has a frontier all its own that can expand and extend itself; to continue to reach out and touch those that I love, for we are all brothers and sisters in Your sight and should recognize each other as such.

In Jesus' Beautiful Loving Name I Pray,  
Amen



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BY ANY MEANS

# DIRECTIONS TO CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY



1. Take Highway 40 toward Asheville.
2. At Ridgecrest take the Black Mountain Exit #65 on Highway 70.
3. Go through Black Mountain about 2 miles.
4. Pass Radio Station WFGW, Bi-Lo Shopping Center, and Ingles Warehouse.
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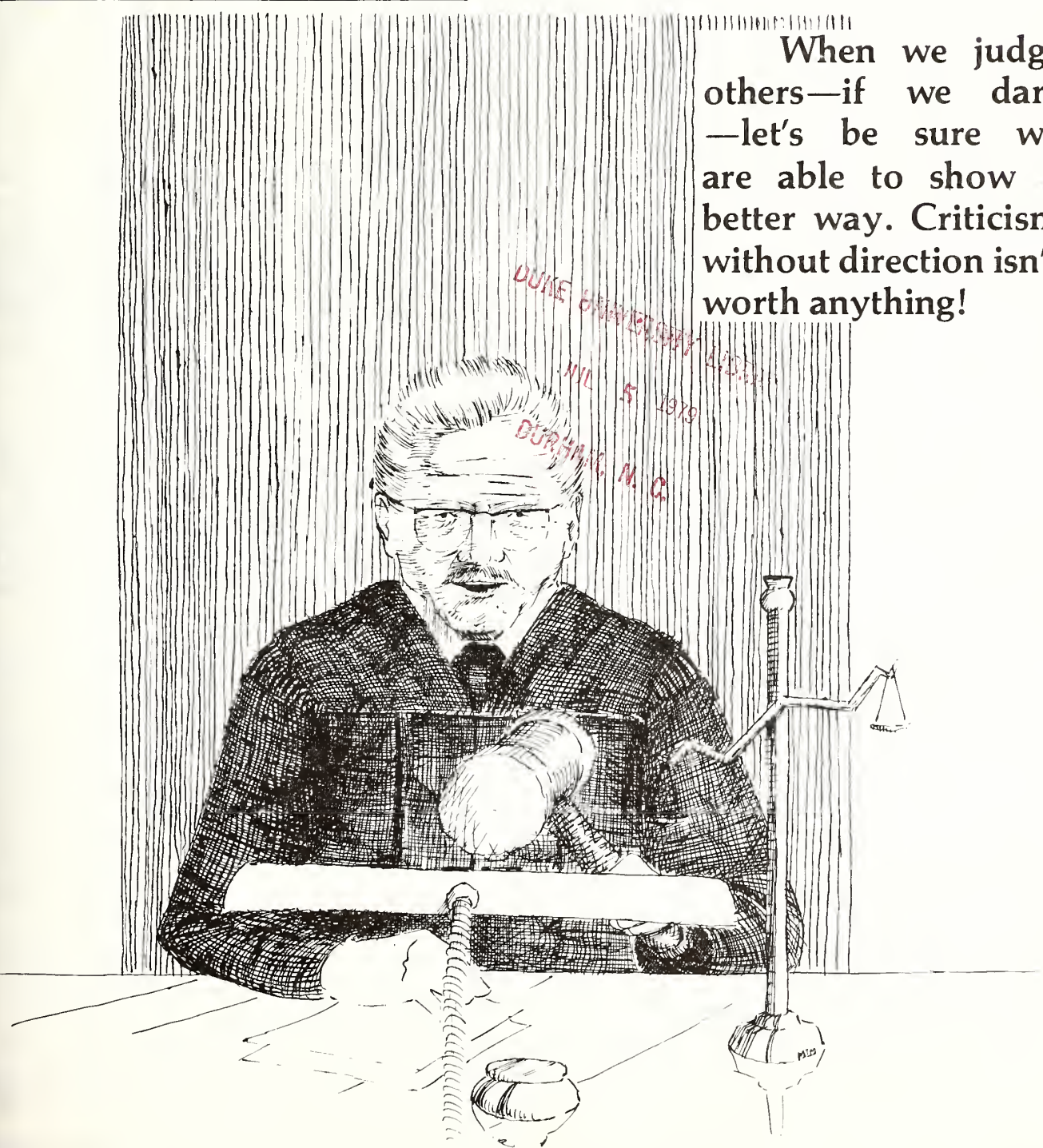
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When we judge others—if we dare—let's be sure we are able to show a better way. Criticism without direction isn't worth anything!

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## IF YOU MUST JUDGE, BE WISE

It is hardly possible for any of us to refrain from making judgments about our neighbors. It is the human thing to do, and it seems natural. But most often those judgments are laced with personal prejudice, with a preconceived notion about the person or persons. The notion we have is not always the right one, for what we think is too frequently influenced, if not dictated, by what someone else thinks. We ought to be able to evaluate for ourselves, but we seldom do.

We usually form opinions about persons on the basis of popularity. And that is not good. We should like a person for **what** he is, not **who** he is. We should also be careful not to weigh his worth in dollars and cents. Neither should we judge him on what members of his family have or have not done, or who they are or are not.

We may not want to admit it, but there is something within each of us which supposes a man **guilty until proven innocent!** We preach the reverse, but practice something altogether different. Guilt by association or by the company one keeps hardly needs expounding, for the public automatically ascribes the bad habits of the crowd to anyone who is a member of the crowd. (Oddly enough, the public is able to damn us or redeem us. It's probably the only institution which judges itself. )

As for being guilty by association, isn't it interesting that Jesus never worried too much about that? If we consider his company (which included confessed extortioners and at least one adulteress), we might be made to blink once or twice. Certainly if the Son of God was willing to lower Himself, we should. No, He did not partake of their sins, but He did recognize and share their sorrows. He offered a solution. He gave it to us, too. We, in turn, must pass it on to others.

Who are we, really—to think ourselves better than another? Who are we to think we have a premium on goodness, on honesty, on holiness? How dare we talk about the sins of others when we have so many of our own! How dare we criticize them behind their backs and agree with them to their faces! How dare we say anything at all **unless we have something better to offer!**

And we should have something better—something better to offer, I mean—especially if we truly know firsthand what Christian living is all about. But, if we haven't experienced an inward change, how can we expect to be able to help others? How indeed do the blind propose to direct the blind?

If we are bent toward judging, let us be careful. Let us remember the Scripture which exhorts us to judge not. And if we are still inclined to judge our neighbor, let us make sure that we are able to set him straight—and let us make sure that we are willing to.

A judge who passes sentence without showing a better way isn't worth his robe!

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# PATRIOTISM SOUNDS

## Freedom, a Most Dangerous Gift

As a Fourth-of-July orator glorified our forefathers who had died to give us freedom, a youth in the crowd called out, "Why don't you tell the whole truth? Why don't you say that freedom is the most dangerous gift that anyone can receive and it will destroy us unless we learn how to use it? Our forefathers only had to fight for freedom, while we have to live with it."

This so-called new morality is degenerating in the name of freedom. Promiscuity is displacing decency. God's eternal "thou shalt not" is being changed to "Perhaps I can."

The ancient question is relevant: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3).—Selected

## American Citizenship

Some time ago Rosalind Elias, Metropolitan Opera Company mezzo-soprano, ran a half-page advertisement in the *New York Times*, captioned "I Am Not Proud." It cost her \$2,880, according to the Associated Press. As she said, "Many blessings have come to me, the greatest of which is my American citizenship—a heritage that makes me unafraid. I count my many blessings and the greatest of these is that my parents came from Lebanon to the United States and I could be born an American citizen. My faith in my God and in my country is far too great for me ever to feel anything but strong and secure!"—Selected

## Freedom Bought with Christ's Blood

William Cowper averred, "There is a freedom which is unsung and unpraised by senators; a freedom which monarchs cannot grant, nor all the powers of earth and hell take away; a freedom which persecution, fraud, oppressions, prisons have no power to bind. It is a liberty of hearts derived from heaven, bought with Christ's blood, and sealed with the same token."

## When Divided

Walter Winchell warned, "When free people are divided, liberty is subtracted."

## Where Freedom Begins

A news correspondent asked J. Edgar Hoover, "Where do you believe freedom has its beginnings?"

Hoover replied, "In religion. Christ championed the sanctity of the individual. There is respect for human dignity only where Christ and the Bible are a way of life. The philosophy of Christ has meant freedom from despair and tyranny throughout history."

"If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).—Selected

## Proclaim Liberty

The Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, was rung on July 4, 1776, to proclaim the independence of the United States. On the bell are these liberating words: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10).—Selected

## What Freedom Is

Freedom is a breath of air,  
Pine-scented, or salty like the sea;

Freedom is a field new-plowed,  
Furrows of democracy.

Freedom is a forest,  
Trees tall and straight as men;  
Freedom is a printing press,  
The power of the pen.

Freedom is a country church,  
A cathedral's stately spire;  
Freedom is a spirit  
That can set the soul on fire.

Freedom is man's birthright,  
A sacred, living rampart;  
A pulsebeat of humanity,  
The throb of a nation's heart.

—Selected

## Unfit for Liberty

John Stuart Mills, English philosopher and political economist, declared, "People may prefer a free government, but if, from indolence or carelessness, they are unequal to the exertion necessary to preserve it, they are more or less unfit for liberty."—Selected



submitted by  
the Rev. DeWayne Eakes

# S T R U C T U R E S

## OF WORSHIP

ONCE in a while some member of the congregation says, "Why do we follow the same pattern for worship every Sunday?" Another asks, "Why do we sing so many hymns and why do we sing every stanza of every hymn?" Still another inquires, "Why do we sit and stand so much?" It occurs to me that some precise explanation of the order of worship is a way to answer these specific questions. Hopefully it will become apparent why we do what we do.

In addition it needs to be noted that this is a diverse congregation, and the order of worship should keep this in mind. This translates to mean that for some individuals segments of the structure of worship may be valueless and a source of minor irritation. However, they are included as a means of meeting the worship needs of a variety of people. What may be meaningless to you may be the precise facet that ministers to the needs of another.

This is not to insist that the present order is sacred and etched in marble. Worship happens in the context of the modern world and must change from generation to generation but not necessarily from Sunday to Sunday. The order of worship should be subject to continuing perusal by the board of deacons so as to determine its validity from year to year.

The fundamental presupposition of worship is that the gospel was initially the acts of God in history wherein God chose to disclose the divine nature and to share his innermost joy with creatures who can freely respond to God. The gospel is God's action of redemption before it is a message of its meaning. Worship in this context is an activity wherein we acknowledge who God is in reverence and adoration, who we are in repentance and gratitude and who God is calling us to be in affirmation and dedication. This is the basis for the structures of worship that are used.

So it is that the service of worship begins as the organist sets the tone for the service and as the church

choir reminds us that we gather to worship God. We are not spectators who have gathered to observe what goes on in the chancel. We are here to acknowledge the presence of God in Jesus Christ and to respond—in adoration as we reflect on the Mystery, in repentance as we hear the continuing story of the acts of God, and in dedication as we respond to the call of God in our lives.

The first structure for worship is the adoration of God. Because worship speaks of unchanging and decisive events, the opening hymn of adoration is chosen to enable us to give corporate expression to praise of the God who was, is and shall be. No form of worship can be devised that is exactly right for one person alone. Rather it is understood to be a hymn that has stood the test of time as an expression of worship. Then the invocation follows and seeks to acknowledge our disobedience and negligence as a people of God. The Lord's Prayer is used as a way of expressing our common faith. It is followed by the **Gloria Patri** as a joyful response to God's forgiving action in Jesus Christ.

The second section of the order of worship is called fellowship of faith, and its purpose is to underscore the fact that we are a congregation of people who need others to nourish our lives as followers of Jesus Christ and to affirm us as persons. You are encouraged to greet one another as part of the family. Included in this informal section is the period wherein we are reminded of the needs, joys, and sorrows of others as well as of the events that are available for the enrichment of our lives. There are times when this section is concluded with an offering of music that is contemporary in form.

The third section, called communion with God, begins with a hymn that expresses the theme of the Scripture readings. For example, if the Scripture readings are for Palm Sunday, then "Ride on! Ride on in majesty!" may be the hymn. The Scripture is the

ween the worshiper and the continuing story of the people of God. This is followed by a pastoral prayer. A pastoral prayer is intended to gather up the aspirations and needs of all the people and to offer them to God.

The fourth section of our structure for worship is the offering of gratitude to God. It begins with a hymn expressing our thanksgiving for the providence of God, continues in a visible offering of a portion of our worship sessions accented by an offering of music by the organist and climaxes as the church choir, using the organ and music, makes an expression of gratitude to God on behalf of all of us.

The final activity of the service is a sermon which reinforces the record of the acts of God as interpreted. It is to be understood as the honest struggle of the minister to focus the light of the gospel on the circumstances and needs of modern life. The sermon is the final word on any subject. It is the tentative but effective judgment of a fellow pilgrim. It concludes as the church opens up its life to those who are gathered and calls on all of us to dedicate our lives again to the work of loving and serving the world God loves and for

which Jesus died. The fitting climax to a service of worship is communion. It expresses the fact that we belong to the household of God and is an act of thanksgiving and dedication. On Sundays when communion is not celebrated the service concludes with a hymn and the benediction as we are called on to go out into the world.

The service of worship is carefully planned to facilitate the encounter of the worshiper with the divine mystery. It is not an end in itself but the creative catalyst for the encounter with God. Through the stimulation of ritual, symbol, hymns, prayers, and Scripture readings, those who have gathered to acknowledge who God is, who they are, and who God is calling us to be are encountered by the mysterious presence of the God who has drawn near to us in Jesus Christ. Then structures of worship are lost in the divine-human encounter.—R. N. Sanders, First Baptist Church, Carbondale, Illinois

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**My Bible Weekly** is a take-home paper for Primary students. It is comprised of Bible stories (with

difficult words defined), life-related stories, and activities. Often activities involve the children with ministers, missionaries, and other church leaders. During the winter quarter, Primary students will study "Jesus, God's Gift to Man."

**The Preschool Teacher** and **The Primary Teacher** contain helpful suggestions on teaching more effectively. These guides are self-contained and, when used with a Bible, should be all a teacher needs to feel biblically and educationally sound in the classroom.

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## The Rev. Bryce Q. Rouse

ROOTY BRANCH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH near Mount Olive honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Bryce Q. Rouse. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### A Country Preacher

by Sue Brock Goodman



*The Rev. and Mrs. Bryce Q. Rouse*

Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, is in many ways the perfect example of a little country church. The simple white frame building has changed little during the last few decades and many of the same family names appear on both the church roll and the markers in the cemetery which adjoins the grounds. It's one of the few churches left where one can still eat "dinner on the grounds"

in basically the same setting remembered as a child.

In one aspect, however, the Duplin County church is a standout—it is blessed with an unusually fine minister in the Rev. Bryce Q. Rouse. Any visitor on any Sunday would have to be impressed with the sincerity, level of preparation, and delivery of his Sunday sermon. But that's just the beginning, because he is both an outstanding preacher and

an outstanding Christian—Sunday through Saturday.

Brother Rouse came to us at Rooty Branch in 1974, serving first as supply pastor, before accepting the full-time position in the fall of that year. It was obvious from the beginning that he is an excellent speaker. His sermons are well-prepared, no matter how busy his schedule may be. He is never in a position to apologize, because he truly feeds his flock from the Word of God.

Our pastor is a praying preacher. His prayers are beautiful in form, revealing a sincerity and trust in the Lord that can move mountains. He has prayed with us and for us—in Wednesday night prayer meetings, in our homes, in our hospital rooms, in the weddings of our young people, in our services as we buried our loved ones, and in the privacy of his own being in times we know nothing of.

One of the first requests that he made of our congregation was that he be called "Bryce" rather than Mr. Rouse. That was a little hard to do in the beginning but it soon became easy because he soon made friends with both the church members and their families. He is "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother," who has shared with us both in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

A native of Lenoir County, Mr. Rouse attended Mount Olive College from 1965 through 1967 and graduated from Atlantic Christian College in 1969. He was ordained on February 8, 1968, at Daly's Chapel church near Seve Springs in his home community where he and his family worshiped. While at Daly's Chapel, he served as a deacon, a trustee, and superintendent of Sunday school.

In recent years, Mr. Rouse has served as Moderator of the Union Meeting and has served on the Board of Camp Vandemere. During his years at Rooty Branch, several additions to the church program have proved successful.

adult choir, which the pastor  
ects, has opened a new avenue  
participation to some members  
o sang in the regular church  
ir in years past. This also  
vides fellowship for this group  
heir regular Tuesday night  
etings.

he Bible school program has  
n strengthened in the last few  
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n tripled the enrollment of the  
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r here. In addition, an adult  
ss was held last year for the  
t time.

Thanksgiving Eve program  
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representatives from all age  
ups giving special presen-  
ons on their feelings for the  
son followed by a communion  
vice and a bountiful fellowship  
r. This has grown to be one of  
most meaningful and in-  
rational events during the  
rch year.

A new heating system was  
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l several projects to improve  
comfort and appearance of the  
rch are now underway. In  
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ch have been reinstated to  
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oth Mr. and Mrs. Rouse have  
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rch, even though they are both  
y with their personal lives. Mr.  
ouse works with the Duplin  
nty Department of Mental  
lth, serving as Director of  
ega Enterprises in Rose Hill.  
directs a workshop for men-  
ay retarded adults and  
rvises a staff of seventeen.  
workshop produces a variety  
f items, including ink pens and  
ver pots. During the six years  
n, he has been involved with this  
rject, a group home has been  
ublished and another one is  
eig planned. His dedication to  
is work and concern for these

handicapped people truly provide  
"an example for the believers."

Mrs. Rouse works part-time as  
a mail carrier with the Dudley  
Postal Service and is a busy  
homemaker. She has been a real  
asset to the church Bible school  
program and presently serves as  
a Sunday school teacher in the  
Beginner Department. She ac-  
companies her husband as he  
visits among the membership of  
the church and often volunteers  
her services to help in any way in  
time of need.

The Rouse household is a busy  
place. Since 1970, the family has  
lived on the farm where Mr.  
Rouse was born and spent his  
boyhood as the youngest of three  
sons. At his mother's death, he  
moved his family into the  
homeplace with "Grandpa" — Jim  
Rouse, a retired farmer. The  
Rouse children include the older  
son, Eddie Walker; daughter,  
Cindy Jo; and younger son,  
Gregory. Eddie is a policeman  
with the town of Dunn where he  
lives with his wife Kathy and  
their young son, Eddie Walker II.  
Cindy plans to enter  
the nursing program at  
Atlantic Christian College  
in Wilson in August. Greg  
is a nine-year-old third grader at  
Moss Hill Elementary School near  
the Seven Springs community  
where the family lives.

We, at Rooty Branch, ap-  
preciate our pastor because he  
has been a friend who "loveth at  
all times" (Proverbs 17:17).

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT FOR LESLIE HUMBLES

On Sunday, June 3, 1979,  
around 2 p. m. God in His infinite  
wisdom saw fit to call to His reward  
our brother in Christ, Leslie  
Humbles, age 71. He leaves to  
mourn their loss his widow, two  
sons, three grandchildren, three  
great grandchildren, and one  
brother.

He had been an active member of

Piney Grove Free Will Baptist  
Church (Pitt County) for several  
years, laboring wherever there was  
work to be done when his health  
permitted. He will be missed  
greatly.

Funeral services were held at  
Wilkerson Funeral Chapel by his  
pastor, the Rev. Tommy Evans,  
assisted by the Rev. Willis Wilson.

Therefore be it resolved:

First: That we extend to the  
family our deepest sympathy.

Second: That we express our  
deepest appreciation for his  
devotion to the church and many  
services he rendered.

Third: A copy of these resolutions  
be sent to the family, a copy to the  
Free Will Baptist Press for  
publication, and a copy for the  
minutes of the church.

Elsie Smith  
Myrtie Ruth Tyson

### News from

## HOME MISSIONS

### BIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESS

Submitted by Taylor Hill

The Victory Mission at Hope Mills  
reports a very successful Bible  
school. Their highest attendance  
reached sixty-nine. The director,  
Mrs. Barbara Parrish, states that  
mission work is both interesting  
and exciting.

Mrs. Lois Hill was in charge of  
the Haymount Mission Bible school  
in Fayetteville and there were many  
children attending that were not  
regular church attendants and  
would not otherwise have been  
hearing about our Saviour Jesus.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED  
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**



# family devotions

## SUNDAY, JULY 8

Scripture Reading—Acts 16:25-40

### SALVATION

It has been said that chances are 5,000 to 1 against getting decisions for Christ between the ages of 18 and 25; 25,000 to 1 between 25 and 35; 80,000 to 1 between 35 and 45; 1,000,000 to 1 between 45 and 85.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we don't reach souls with the gospel while they are young in years, chances are we won't reach them at all.*

## MONDAY, JULY 9

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:1-6

### WHO WANTS THE BOYS AND GIRLS?

God wants the boys, the merry, merry boys,

The noisy boys, the funny boys,

The thoughtless boys;

God wants the boys with all their joys,

That He as gold may make them pure,

And teach them trials to endure;

His heroes brave, He'd have them be,

Fighting for truth and purity.

God wants the boys!

God wants the happy-hearted girls,

The loving girls, the best of girls,

The worst of girls;

God wants to make the girls His pearls,

And so reflect His holy face,

And bring to mind His wondrous grace,

That beautiful the world may be,

And filled with love and purity,

God wants the girls!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*God wants boys and girls—all ages, all types—to come unto Him. He can take the most hopeless and make him a success; He can take the most unlovely and make her the loveliest! Let us never think that any one of them is impossible.*

## TUESDAY, JULY 10

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 12:1-12

### INTERPRETATION

At a missionary meeting some young people were discussing the text, "Ye are the salt of the earth." One suggestion after another was made as to the meaning of "salt" in this verse. "Salt imparts a desirable flavor," said one.

"Salt preserves from decay," another suggested.

Then at last a Chinese Christian girl spoke out of an experience none of the others had. "Salt creates thirst," she said, and there was a sudden hush in the room. Everyone was thinking, "Have I ever made anyone thirsty for the Lord Jesus Christ?"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*By our living—our Christian example of joy and peace—has anyone ever thirsted for Christ? Has anyone ever seen in us a contentment that defies explanation? Have we been true, even if silent, witnesses for Him?*

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Scripture Reading—John 1:1-9

### GOD

A theological school instructor shared a seat with a small boy on a shuttle train. The boy was holding a Sunday school book.

"Do you go to Sunday school with my boy?" asked the man in a friendly way.

"Yes, sir."

"Tell me, my boy," continued the man, thinking to have some fun with the lad, "tell me what God is, and I'll give you an apple."

The boy looked up sharply at the man and promptly replied, "I'll give you a whole barrel of apples if you tell me where He is not."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A good question: "Where is He not?" God is everywhere, and knows everything. Only a very foolish would deny the existence of an all-powerful, loving Father!*

## THURSDAY, JULY 12

Scripture Reading—Colossians 1:18-20

### NOT IN VAIN

To talk with God  
No breath is lost—

Talk on!

To walk with God  
No strength is lost—

Walk on!

To wait on God  
No time is lost—

Wait on!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Nothing is done in vain which is done for or with the Heavenly Father in mind. Even the weakest among us can become fortresses when we place our faith in Him.*

## FRIDAY, JULY 13

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:36

### COME TO CHURCH

1. Come.
2. Come early.
3. Come with your entire family.
4. Take a place near the front.
5. Be devout.

Be considerate of the comfort of others.  
 Be kind to strangers—they are the guests of the church.  
 Give a good offering, cheerfully.  
 Never rush for the door after the benediction.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*The church is an important meeting place. There we commune with the Almighty and fellowship with our brothers and sisters, our neighbors, those of the same mind and spirit. Let us neither discount the good effect of such meetings have upon us nor refrain from this communal fellowship.*

**SATURDAY, JULY 14**

Scripture Reading—Romans 3:14

**IF WE ARE...**

- o busy to read a book that promises to widen our horizons;
  - o busy to keep our friendships in good repair;
  - o busy to maintain a consistent devotional life;
  - o busy to keep warm, vital loves of our fireside burning;
  - o busy to conserve our health in the interest of our highest efficiency;
  - o busy to cultivate the sense of a personal acquaintance with God;
  - o busy to spend one hour during the week in worship;
  - o busy to expose ourselves each day to beauty;
  - o busy to cultivate souls...
- When we are indeed too busy.*

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*"Too busy"—two words which explain away or excuse our not doing so many things! It has been shown that no one is really too busy to do what he wants to do. Just think: what if God were too busy to hear our pleas?*

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*Editor's Note:* Because of our practice of printing only 50 issues of "the Free Will Baptist" each

year, there will be no "Baptist" for next week and thus no Family Devotions. Please use other inspirational readings to continue your family devotions.

**NEWS NOTES**

**The Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Smith Enter Retirement**



*The Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Smith*

Lanier's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Duplin County, honored its retiring pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Smith, on Sunday, June 17. The topic for his last sermon was "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death."

He was presented with a beautiful plaque from the church and at the end of his sermon was given the right hand of fellowship. Remarks were made by Mabel Lanier as spokesman for the church during the presentation of the plaque. The Smith's influence has deeply inspired the lives of many people in other churches as well as within the denomination. Lanier's Chapel in indeed grateful to have had their service.

**Family Visits Cragmont**

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lanier and Corey and Terry of Lanier's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Chinquapin, visited Cragmont Assembly on May 18 through May

20. Upon arrival they were greeted by Mrs. Doug Skinner. After a brief rest Corey and Terry climbed the mountain behind the main building for about an hour and a half. Their tour guide was Pat, the camp guard dog.

The family was also given a personal tour and were very impressed by the new main building which contains an office, the manager's apartment, rooms for approximately 60 people, a recreation area, and the chapel-assembly room. The Laniers toured Ghost Mountain, Cherokee, and other places of interest on Saturday.

On Sunday morning everyone enjoyed the Sunday school lesson taught by the Rev. Doug Skinner. This was the first meeting in the new chapel.

The Laniers state that the best words to describe Cragmont are from the song, "There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God."

**Eastern Conference Examining Board to Meet**

The Eastern Conference Examining Board will meet at 9 a. m. on July 9, 1979 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina. This meeting is the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting held one week early because of the Minister's Conference at Cragmont. Bruce Dudley is the secretary of the board.

**Mother's Day At Free Union Church**

Mother's Day at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, was a very special day for Mrs. Thelma Webster Keech, better known to all who know her as "Miss Thelma." Miss Thelma was presented the Ladies Auxiliary Life Membership Pin. Mrs. Margaret Hardison made the presentation.

Miss Thelma was born on August 30, 1900, and was the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Henry

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Ruth Marie Narron

Ruth Marie Narron, the daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. John B. Narron, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mount Olive College for the 1979-80 academic year. A member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, Ruth Marie is a graduate of Rome Free Academy in Rome, New York, where her father is an Installation Chaplain for the United States Air Force. While in high school she was a member of the National Honor Society, Junior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta Club, and the Junior Civitans. She is the recipient of the Griffiss AFB Officers' Wives Scholarship Award. At Mount Olive College Ruth Marie plans to major in elementary education.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE OFFERS RELIEF ON EDUCATIONAL COSTS

"Mount Olive College is dedicated to providing worthy and qualified students with an education regardless of his or her financial circumstances," commented Dr. W. Burkette Raper, College President.

Mount Olive emphasizes quality education in a wholesome, Christian environment. A close faculty-student relationship enables the College to give attention to the needs of students as individuals.

"We are here to provide educational opportunities for every person who truly wants to prepare for a life of meaning and service. No student who is academically and personally qualified for admission will be denied acceptance because of finances," he added.

### Merit Money Available

Scholastic achievement in high school is rewarded with \$500 scholarships for students graduating in the top 10 percent of their class and \$250 scholarships for students graduating in the top 20 percent of their class. These scholarships are renewable the second year subject to students meeting the required academic standards.

### Special Arrangements

Special arrangements may be made for students preparing for the Christian ministry. These students may qualify for a \$250 annual grant by participating in a "Supervised Work Experience" designed for practical experience under an ordained minister.

Wives of ministers are also eligible for a special grant covering full tuition costs except for \$20 per course.

### Church-College Grants

A Church-College matching grant program allows full-time Free Will Baptist students to receive up to \$500 annually of which \$250 is paid by the church and \$250 is provided by the College.

### Athletic Grants

Athletic grants are available for a number of sports including men's and women's basketball,

men's and women's tennis, baseball, and golf.

### Art and Music Advantages

A limited number of special grants are available each year in the areas of art and music. These grants are contingent upon students auditioning and fulfilling obligations to the specific program.

### Aid Provided to Residents

Full-time students who are bona fide residents of the State of North Carolina may receive tuition grants of \$400 or more annually granted by the General Assembly. This amount is now under consideration for an increase upon recommendation of Governor Hunt and the Advisory Budget Commission.

Any student desiring education but who feels limited because of rising costs of education is encouraged to contact the Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, phone 658-2500, the Financial Aid Office, Mount Olive College, phone 658-5930. Counselors are available on both the downtown campus and the new campus to work toward financial planning.

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Webster. At the age of 10, she was singing in the church choir and accepted Christ when she was 12. She became a member of the auxiliary of Free Union church at the age of 18. On December 28, 1925, she was married to Leland F. Keech Sr. and they moved to Greenville where they lived until 1947. At that time they moved back to Free Union. She is the mother of five children and has ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Miss Thelma has been a very strong worker in her church and auxiliary work. She is an asset to her family, neighbors, and community. Everyone who has ever known Miss Thelma has expressed a great love for her.

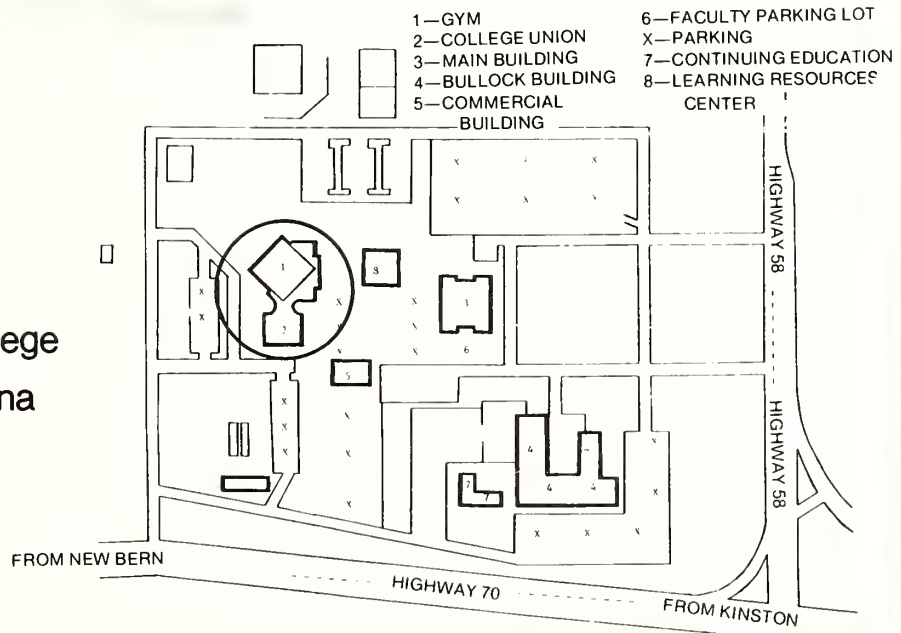
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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For July 15

## MICAH'S COURAGEOUS STAND

**Lesson Text:** 1 Kings 22:5-8, 13-19, 26-28

**Memory Verse:** 1 Kings 22:14

### I. INTRODUCTION

One of the more powerful neighbors of Israel was Syria, situated north and east of Galilee around Damascus, its capital. Times of conflict between the two nations were not unusual, interspersed with periods of temporary cessation of hostilities. In the twentieth chapter of 1 Kings one of the conflicts between the nations is related. Ben-hadad, king of Syria, besieged Samaria. So overpowering were his forces that Ahab, king of Israel, was willing to meet the Syrian's terms of submission, even to giving up his wives and children, silver and gold (1 Kings 20:3, 4). Not satisfied with this, Ben-hadad demanded the privilege also of searching the palace and homes of Samaria, taking whatever he desired. Israel resisted, encouraged by an unknown prophet of the Lord (v. 13). Instead of waiting for an attack, Ahab and his forces pressed the battle upon the enemy and put them to flight. In a later encounter, Israel won a decisive victory over Syria.

Following this, there was a period of three years without conflict (22:1). However, Ahab was disturbed by the fact that the city of Ramoth-gilead was in the possession of the Syrians. Located east of the Jordan, the city was a key fortress dominating the approach to Israel from that direction. When Ben-hadad had been defeated, he had promised to restore any cities that Syria had taken from Israel, but evidently

he had not kept his promise. Ahab therefore decided to go to war against Syria to compel the return of Ramoth-gilead. To help in the undertaking, he enlisted the aid of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah.

Now the decision whether or not to go to war is not to be made lightly. We can understand, therefore, when we read that Jehoshaphat desired first to seek God's will in the matter before committing himself and his army to the attack on Syria. And in order to learn God's will, prophets would be consulted.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. After the incident which we studied last Sunday, Ben-hadad, the king of Syria, attacked the city of Samaria, the capital of Israel. He sent messengers to the King Ahab of Israel, saying, "Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine" (1 Kings 20:3). This frightened Ahab, and he replied, ". . . My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have" (1 Kings 20:4).

B. Soon messengers from Ben-hadad came telling Ahab that he would send servants to search through the Israelites' houses and take whatever they wished. Ahab was obviously distressed; he called the elders of Israel together and related what had happened between him and Ben-hadad. Immediately, the elders advised Ahab to resist the action. When Ben-hadad heard this, he further threatened Israel.

C. In the meantime, a prophet came to Ahab, "And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab

king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD" (1 Kings 20:13). This followed two campaigns or battles between Israel and Syria, and God gave Israel victory over Syria. However, contrary to God's commands, Ahab spared King Ben-hadad.

D. When our lesson for today opens, we note a three-year period of peace between Syria and Israel.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. As we study the experiences of some of the Old Testament prophets (and there were more than just those whose books of the Old Testament bear their names), we are amazed many times at their courage to speak the truth to those who might cause them serious harm by their doing so.

B. Our lesson today concerns such a prophet who dared to speak his mind even to such a wicked king as Ahab who hated all God's prophets. It has been said that "Truthfulness is the hallmark of spiritual leaders," and that such leaders refuse "to be intimidated by physical threats."

C. "Don't always tell all the truth." This strange advice was given by a minister to his young people. They were startled for a moment, until he explained, "Just because something is true is not the reason why you should tell it." If it is told at all, it should be truthfully told, but Christian love often dictates that we keep our information to ourselves and not be gossippmongers. In our lesson today, however, it was necessary to speak the truth, in obedience to God's command and in love, that God's name might be glorified and that those hearing the truth might accordingly govern their ways. That they did not always listen to God's prophet was their responsibility, not the prophet's.

—**The Advanced Quarter**  
(F.W.B.)

## ELISHA'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE SYRIANS

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 6:8-10, 15-23  
Memory Verse: Matthew 5:44

### INTRODUCTION

The life of every person is filled with encounters of various kinds, some pleasant, others very disturbing or even threatening. Some of a joyous nature, such as encounters with friends, are balanced by confrontations of another kind, encounters with those who would oppose us or even cause us injury of some sort. So long as we live in a world where conflict exists, we can expect to receive our share of trying situations.

It would be nice if each could, no matter what the nature of the encounter awaiting him, that he has a feeling of complete confidence. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Most of us realize only too well our own limitations. And many of us feel woefully inadequate in the face of some situations. Yet there is a way for us to gain a high degree of confidence.

We shall consider an encounter of the prophet Elisha with a band of Syrian fighting men. We shall receive the calm assurance with which the prophet faced the situation because he was assured of help from God. We will also see how that help enabled him to overcome the evil intended against him, leading him to do good in return. And having learned what Elisha was able to accomplish by the power of God, we may want to consider situations facing us individually that will lead us to seek God's power as a help to us also.

The setting for our lesson is not specifically stated but would seem to be sometime shortly after 850 B.C. At that time Ben-hadad II was king of Syria and Joram, son of Ahab, was king of Israel. It was at a time of open warfare between the two nations, yet armed bands of Syrians would not

hesitate to raid the territory of Israel, especially at harvest time. The aim was not to engage in pitched battle but to plunder and, if by some lucky stratagem, to capture the king of Israel.

Prominent as the leader of prophets in Israel was Elisha, the successor of Elijah (2 Kings 6:1). All the evidence indicates that Elisha was a humble person, yet his faith in the power of God was great, seldom exceeded throughout the pages of Scripture. In our lesson, Elisha relies successfully upon the power of God to deliver the nation of Israel from a threat posed by neighboring Syria.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The ministry of the Prophet Elisha had a deep influence upon Israel, despite the corruption that existed in both religious and political life. In the first few verses of 2 Kings 6, we have a strange little story which shows us something of the great power that God had given him. His disciples were many. "And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us" (2 Kings 6:1). So the suggestion was made that they go and cut timber to make a larger building. The group went to the Jordan River. As one of the men was felling a tree, the head of the ax came off and fell into the water. Losing the ax would have been bad enough, for it had been borrowed. When Elisha asked where the ax head had fallen and the man had shown him the place, the prophet cast a stick into the water, and miraculously the iron ax floated to the surface so that the man recovered it.

B. When we come, in today's lesson, to study something about Elisha, we must remember that we are dealing not with an ordinary man, but with one of great power and influence.

C. Elisha was one of the powerful prophets in the Bible. He was the successor of Elijah, and he prayed that he might have a double portion of God's power. In

this lesson today, we see him using his great influence and power to bring peace to Israel.

D. The king of Syria had launched a war against the king of Israel. He would camp where he felt that the king of Israel would pass so that he could capture him. He knew that if he could capture the king, the nation would fall. But each time Elisha would tell the king of Israel where the enemy was camped and he would be able to evade them. This probably prevented the downfall of the nation of Israel for a while.

E. Can you imagine how frustrating this must have been to the king of Syria? He decided that there was an enemy in his camp, but when he called his leaders together to ask about this, he found that it was the Prophet Elisha who told the king of Israel his whereabouts each time. Then he sent a large group of soldiers and chariots to capture Elisha and bring him to him.

F. When Elisha and his servant were at Dothan, the servant looked out one morning and saw Syria's soldiers and chariots surrounding them. He was greatly frightened and went to Elisha in great fear. Elisha then prayed that God would enable the servant to see the resources that God had for them.

G. Elisha prayed that the Lord would blind the enemies. God answered this prayer. Then Elisha and his servant were able to lead them to the king of Israel before their eyes were enabled to see again. When the king of Israel asked Elisha what to do with these people, the prophet told him to feed them and allow them to return to their master. This brought peace again between Israel and Syria, if only for a while.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We have already been introduced to the prophet Elijah in a previous lesson; today we look at another prophet, Elisha, who was an associate of Elijah's. When Elijah ascended into Heaven, his

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friend, Elisha, succeeded him. In some respects, these prophets were similar; in others, there were striking contrasts between them. Both prophets worked miracles of the same kind; but Elisha was far more of a wonder worker than his predecessor.

B. Elijah had flowing locks; Elisha was bald. Elijah spent much time in desert places, whereas Elisha's home was in Samaria. Elijah came into repeated conflicts with Ahab, the king of Israel; Elisha was for the most part the friend and counsellor of Jehoram and some other kings of Israel (we must not confuse this Jehoram with the contemporary king of Judah of the same name).

C. Elijah's prophetic career was relatively brief; Elisha's continued for about sixty years. Elisha, especially, was a spiritual "father" to the sons of the prophets (2 Kings 6:1-7).

D. It is hoped that this study of Elisha will enable us to learn the best ways to treat our enemies, for this prophet was a teacher of this fine art. His name might well have signified "Love."

—The Advanced Quarterly  
(F.W.B.)

## Coming Events . . .

July—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

July 2-7—Youth Frontier Conference (YFA), Cragmont

July 4—Independence Day

July 4—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

July 8—Homecoming and Annual Alumni Meeting, Memorial Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex

July 9-14—Youth Frontier Conference (AFC), Cragmont

July 13, 14—Summer Orientation, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

July 16-19—Ministers' Conference, Cragmont

July 29—Mount Olive College Day in local churches

July 30—August 4—Young People's Bible Conference, Cragmont

## To the Clerks and Treasurers of All Free Will Baptist Churches of the State Convention of North Carolina

Dear Friends,

The Annual Ministers' Conference at Cragmont will be on July 16-19 this year. This conference, sponsored by the North Carolina Ministerial Association, is the only opportunity many of our ministers have to visit together in a relaxed and spiritual atmosphere. We would encourage all ministers to attend this year's conference. We would also encourage all of our churches to financially assist their pastor with his expenses to the conference.

Everyone needs some time to relax and "break the routine." Your pastor is no exception. By assisting him financially you will be encouraging him to attend the conference and you will be helping him continue his service to your church in a refreshed manner.

How much will it cost your pastor to attend the conference? The cost will vary with your location; however, we would suggest that each church give its pastor at least \$100 for the trip.

Please consider this seriously. Make an investment in your pastor. He should serve you better after having been to our conference. May God bless you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Royce L. Reynolds, Secretary

### CHURCHES PARTICIPATING IN THE WIDOW'S FUND

Please note that two ministers have died since our last announcement: the Revs. Roy L. Cauley and E. R. Tyner. Gifts of \$100 are now due from those

churches participating in program. Please respond cordingly.

Churches will be notified through The Free Will Baptist when participating minister dies.

### MR. ERNEST L. WORTHINGTON (Roy)

On April 25, 1979, around midnight, the Lord saw fit to remove from us the soul of our dear friend and brother in Christ, Mr. Ernest L. Worthington, 86. He was better known as Roy.

We, the church and community, feel the great loss of such an active and faithful brother and deacon of our church. He will be remembered by his many friends.

Time marches on, we meet and we miss him for there is a vacant seat. Days, months, and years cast shadows over past events, but memories never disappear. We extend to his family our deepest sympathy, and point them to God and the church which he loved so well, for comfort and consolation.

He was a member of Swain Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion Post No. 39.

Funeral services were held at the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel at 2 p. m. on Thursday, April 26 by J. Hudson, his pastor, and the Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor of Reeb Branch Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Rawls of Stokes, North Carolina; a son, Charles Worthington of Washington, North Carolina; a brother, Lester Worthington of Ballard Crossroads, North Carolina; a sister, Mrs. Sallie W. Little of Ballard's Crossroads; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Respectfully submitted  
Mrs. Eloise Futrell, Chairwoman  
Mrs. Dora Lassiter  
Mrs. Evelyn Smith

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**ANNUAL CRAGMONT CONFERENCE  
ATTENTION MINISTERS!**

The North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists will sponsor its Annual Ministers' Conference at Cragmont Assembly on July 16-19. We urge of our ministers to attend the conference this year if possible. Our theme will be "WE BELIEVE," and will include inspiring messages concerning the beliefs of Free Will Baptists. Also included in the week's activities will be our annual communion service and business session of the Ministerial Association.

If you are not a member of the  
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Ministerial Association, we invite you to join as soon as possible so that you may be entitled a vote in our business session. These memberships will be made available at the registration on the first day of our conference.

We shall be looking forward to seeing you at our conference this year. Please don't waste this rare opportunity to fellowship with your brothers in Christ. We all need this time of relaxation and Christian experience. Share in helping make this the most rewarding conference ever by being a part of it.

See you at Cragmont, Monday, July 16, 1979. Rooms in the motel and the new building will be let out on a first-come, first-serve basis. **None** shall be reserved for **anyone**. This is the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Ministerial Association. Please do not hold the Cragmont managers responsible for this decision.

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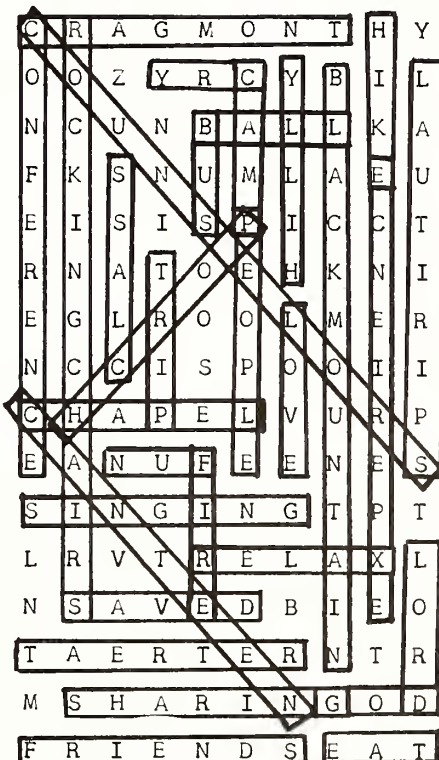
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by Taylor Hill  
 Home Missions Director

My personal survey has shown that seventy-five percent of all new Home Missions converts are being saved through personal witnessing.

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What about the Boat People?  
Christ did not command, nor even expect, us  
to save those outside our borders to the  
detriment of those within!



## WE HAVE OUR BOAT PEOPLE TOO!

I am not insensitive to the needs of a dying world. I empathize with the plight of the oppressed, the homeless, the starving, those seeking better living conditions. **But** there is a point where we must draw the line. And I think the line ought to be drawn with the now legendary "Boat People" of Indochina.

However cruel it may sound, realistically speaking we cannot long continue in the course we are following. We cannot act as guardians for the whole world. We cannot continue to buy our friends. We have little guarantee that they are really our friends to begin with, and certainly no guarantee that they will remain our friends.

The Indochinese people (including Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Laotians) aren't the only ones having sad faces and stories. They are not the only ones who have had children, husbands, and wives die violently. Anywhere in the world we can find similar conditions. Though the media has amplified the cry of the Boat People and made it impossible for us to ignore them, we must not be totally taken in. We must not be made to feel unduly guilty or responsible for their welfare.

If we try to be a refuge for all the victims of hard times, there will come the time when we won't have a refuge to offer—not even for our own. However noble the intention of giving shelter, when we give beyond capacity, no one is really helped—all actually suffer.

While it is certainly a matter of dollars and cents, it is much more. We complain that our tax dollars are siphoned indiscriminately by HEW and other governmental agencies, for no citizen likes to watch the government spend his money so loosely (even for fellow citizens). But, when the money is spent for other people, it becomes even less tolerable. Welfare is welfare—whether established for ourselves or for others—and when jobs are created to give immigrants gainful employment, the economy surely suffers. With so many American citizens not having the assurance of the next meal, let alone a job, it seems less than realistic for us to be so bent on providing sustenance for foreigners.

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# A Sufficient Refuge

by the Rev. F. B. Cherry



**BEHOLD, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land”** (Isaiah 32:1, 2).

The Prophet Isaiah is generally known as the evangelical prophet, for the obvious reason that his writings predict not only the first advent of the Saviour, His coming in humility as a Sin-bearer; but also anticipates His second coming. In fact, there is so much about Christ in the Book of Isaiah that some have called it “The Gospel of the Old Testament.” He reveals the very heart of the gospel in a wonderful way; for example, look at his description of the suffering Messiah in Chapter 53. Isaiah’s writings are full of word pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ, and our text is one of these.

This Chapter 32 from which our text is taken is part of a sermon begun in 31:1. The primary application of our text is that God would graciously intervene and, one day deliver His people from the Assyrian army. But the wider application with which we are concerned is that the coming Messiah is a sufficient Refuge. Where else can we look

for a man who is a hiding place and who offers to all who put their trust in Him all that they need for time and eternity?

What do we find in this Man, when we come to Him and put our trust in Him? Three very wonderful blessings are mentioned, and they are the three blessings which we need most of all.

## REFUGE AND SECURITY

First, we need refuge and security, and these blessings are found only in the Lord Jesus. Verse 2 begins, “**And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest.**” There are two respects in which we all need a refuge.

We all need a refuge, first, from the wind of sin and the storms of God’s judgment. Sin is a most dreadful thing; it has threatened, and it does threaten us all, and the most awful thing about it is that it exposes us to the judgment of God, for “the soul that sinneth, it shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4); “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). When we remember that “the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men . . .” (Romans 1:18), how greatly we stand in need of a refuge and of security from such fearful judgments! Where can we hide? There is only one

place – “**a man shall be as an hiding place . . .**” Only in Christ Jesus is that refuge. Thank God! To those who put their trust in Him, “there is therefore now no condemnation” (Romans 8:1).

But, in the second place, we need refuge from the ravaging storms and tempests of life. How defenseless we are against these! One day the sky is blue, and the next day dark clouds are lowering over us; sickness, affliction, loss and bereavement come upon us. Where can we go for refuge and security? Only to the Man Christ Jesus, who is a hiding Place, who is in fact “a strong-hold in the day of trouble” (Nahum 1:7), and in whom we are hid, if we are Christians (Colossians 3:3).

What a wonderful thing it is to know Christ himself as our refuge, our security for time and eternity!

## REFRESHMENT AND SATISFACTION

We need refreshment and satisfaction, and these blessings are only in the Lord Jesus. Notice how our verse goes on: “**A man shall be as an hiding place . . . as rivers of water in a dry place.**”

First, we need the refreshment of the river of life for ourselves; we need “the gift of God (which) is eternal life;” which is ours for the taking (Romans 6:23). All that Isaiah tells us here speaks to us of the satisfaction and refreshment which this new life brings. The man whose trust is in Him is the man who “shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper” (Psalm 1:3).

Then, in the second place, we need rivers of blessing for others. When we come to Christ, we not

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only find complete satisfaction for ourselves, but we become channels for the rivers of God's blessings to flow out to those around and about. This is what the Saviour promised: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me . . . out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37, 38). In "Zion . . . the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams" (Isaiah 33:20, 21), the life and blessing, the refreshment and satisfaction we enjoy in the Lord are not only for ourselves, they are for others too!

How enriched we are if we trust in the Saviour, for in Him we find refreshment and satisfaction for time and for eternity!

### REST AND SUCCOR

We need rest and succor, and these are found in our Lord. Notice how our text concludes: "**A man shall be as an hiding place. . . as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.**" One writer has said, "In the weary land of our earthly pilgrimage, God's succoring shadow will be cast over us while bearing the burden and heat of the day." Here is the picture of the tired traveler who is exposed to the fierce rays of the sun; then he finds rest and succor by getting into the shade provided by a great rock. There are two respects in which we need rest and succor.

First, we need succor as the years increase. As we get older our powers diminish and our strength fails. As someone once said, "Brother, it is not so much the pace of the race, but the length of the race . . .!" This is the demanding thing. Thank God, in the weariness of the way, the Lord is a great rock in whom are boundless stores of grace (James 4:6).

### CONCLUSION

As we bring this brief message to a close, there are three things about these wonderful blessings that come from the Lord that we should note.

First, these blessings are in the Man Christ Jesus, and in Him

alone. Isaiah makes this clear—"A man shall be . . ." These blessings are not in a church, in a denomination, in a creed or rites and ceremonies; but "in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and ye (we) are complete in him" (Colossians 2:9, 10).

Second, these blessings are for all. Isaiah tells us that the rock is "a great rock," so that there is enough room for everyone; which means that if you have not yet come to Christ, "yet there is room" (Luke 14:22).

Finally, to enjoy these blessings we must come to the Man Himself—for refuge: "I flee unto thee to hide me" (Psalm 143:9); for refreshment: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst" (John 4:14); and for rest: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

In a group of people going through the Carlsbad Caverns was a little boy, eleven, with his sister who was seven. When they reached the bottom of the caverns, the lights were turned out. So deep was the darkness far down in the earth that the little girl began to cry. Her brother put his arm around her and reassured her, saying, "Don't you cry. There is a man here who knows how to turn on the lights."

In the darkness of this world, isn't it wonderful to know that there is One who knows how to turn on the light?

### MINISTER URGES TABLING OF PROPOSED REVISION OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE

*The following statement is that of Taylor Hill, who is solely responsible for its contents:*

It is my opinion that it would be in the best interest of all Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina that the newly proposed articles be either tabled indefinitely, or referred back to the revision committee for another year of study, because in its present form it violates the basic

principles that the Original Free Will Baptists were founded upon.

(1) It discriminates against young lay-Christians, licensed ministers and mission churches. To be a "respector of persons is a sin." (See James 2:9.)

(2) The conference should have no right to ask for the deed to a self-supporting mission church.

(3) The conference should have no right to hold the title to mission church property indefinitely. A limit of not more than ten years should be required for joint ownership.

(4) The conference should have no right to become involved in the internal affairs of our local churches and to excommunicate members without the democratic process.

(5) When new revisions are being introduced, we should always take into consideration that we are Free Will Baptists, which calls for a democratic form of government which does not infringe upon the rights of others. The autonomy (the right of self-government) of the local church should not be infringed upon.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. David Hill announces that he now has a new address. It is Route 1, Box 60-E, Stokes, North Carolina 27884. His old address was Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524. All correspondents are advised to take notice of this change.

## ATTENTION

WOMAN'S CONFERENCE WEEK IS FILLED. SORRY WE CAN'T ACCEPT ANY MORE REGISTRATIONS AFTER JULY 15.

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## The Rev. Henry Armstrong

LEE'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Dunn honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Henry Armstrong. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### A REAL ASSET



*The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Armstrong*

We, the membership of Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Dunn, North Carolina, feel that Almighty God sent to us as our first full-time pastor the Rev. Henry Armstrong to begin His work on February 1, 1965. Brother Armstrong has not only preached the unadulterated gospel but has, in his everyday walk before the people, proved that he believes in what he preaches. Under his leadership many improvements have been made. During his first six months with us a new parsonage was built. Other things that have been done were as follows: the sanctuary has been renovated, a baptistry has been added, the floors carpeted, new pews with padded seats and backs have been added, and an educational building has been renovated.

Mr. Armstrong has not only served Lee's Chapel church, he has served on the Board of Trustees for the Children's Home, is a member of the Ordaining Council, and is currently serving on the Foreign Missions Board.

Brother Armstrong is an active worker in the community, and is a member of the Plainview Fire Department, where he served as chaplain for 13 years.

He is married to the former Lucile Hollowell of Aurora. They have three children: Keith of Winston-Salem; Jerry of Aurora; and Diane Young of Dunn; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Armstrong has been a real asset to her husband's ministry. She stands behind him with her prayers and support. She is always willing to make sacrifices so that

God's work might come first. She serves as Missions Chairman for the Woman's Auxiliary.

We, the membership, feel we have been truly blessed by Brother Armstrong's services. He has been a source of comfort and strength to many at various times. He not only teaches us at our church; he serves the people in the community whenever there is a need. He is faithful to answer any call there may be for him.

We thank God for sending Brother Armstrong and his family to us, and we pray that we might continue to work together for many more years.

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### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

#### CLARENCE F. LITTLE

Early in the morning on May 2, 1979, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call to his reward our brother in Christ, Clarence Little, age 67. He had been a member of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church (Pitt County) approximately twenty-five years. During this time he was very active in helping with the buildings and landscaping.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, four daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Therefore be it resolved:

First: That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

Second: We express our deepest appreciation for his devotion and many kinds of services he rendered to the church during his membership. He will be greatly missed.

Third: A copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Elsie Smith  
Myrtie Ruth Tyson



# family devotions

## SUNDAY, JULY 22

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:1-10

### RECIPE FOR RAISING CHILDREN

Love—Oceans of it.  
Self Respect—Give generous portions.  
Cultural Advantages—Plenty of the best available.

Music }  
Laughter } Use generously  
Play } for seasoning.

Money—Scant and sparingly.  
Religion—Use judiciously to thicken; makes the best foundation.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The ingredients above must be combined in just the right proportions for successful raising of children. The "Religion" ingredient would best be rendered "Christian." With Christ as the Foundation, the recipe cannot fail.*

## MONDAY, JULY 23

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:10-16

### READ YOUR BIBLE

1. Slowly, with mind alert.
2. Carefully and with prayer.
3. Expectantly and with anticipation.
4. In a spirit of enjoyment.
5. Eager to respond inwardly.
6. Seeking a personal message.
7. Repeating aloud verses which strike fire.
8. Keeping a definite time each day for reading.
9. Copying out a key verse to

carry with you for re-reading through the day.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Reading the Bible is good, certainly; but reading it never helped anyone unless he heeded its teachings.*

## TUESDAY, JULY 24

Scripture Reading—James 1:20-27

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN RHYME

1. Thou no gods shalt have but me.
2. Before no idol bend the knee.
3. Take not the name of God in vain.
4. Dare not the Sabbath day profane.
5. Give to thy parents honor due.
6. Take heed that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean.
8. Steal not, for thou by God art seen.
9. Tell not a willful lie, nor love it.
10. What is thy neighbor's do not covet.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we truly love God, and our neighbor, we will not break any of the Ten Commandments. They are certainly the rules to successful, godly living.*

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Scripture Reading—John 1:1-10

### THE BIBLE

The Bible contains  
The mind of God.  
The state of man.

The way of salvation.  
The doom of sinners.  
The happiness of believers.  
Light to direct you.  
Food to support you.  
Comfort to cheer you.

It is

The traveler's map.  
The pilgrim's staff.  
The pilot's compass.  
The soldier's sword.  
The Christian's charter.  
A mine of wealth.  
A paradise of glory.  
A river of pleasure.

Its doctrines are holy.  
Its precepts are binding.  
Its histories are true.  
Its decisions are immutable.  
Christ is its grand subject.  
Our good its design.  
The glory of God its end.

Read it to be wise.  
Believe it to be safe.  
Practice it to be holy.  
Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully.

It should

Fill the memory.  
Rule the heart.  
Guide the feet.

It is given you in life,  
Will be opened at the Judgment,  
And be remembered for ever.

It involves the highest responsibility,  
Will reward the greatest labor,  
Condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

It is "the Word of our God which shall stand for ever."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If one can own only one book, that book should be the Bible. If one can read only one book, that book should be the Bible. If one can teach only one book, that book should be the Bible. If one can pattern his life after only one book, that book should be the Bible.*

## THURSDAY, JULY 26

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:11-20

### SEVEN WONDERFUL THINGS IN THE BIBLE

1. Peter's hook—to bring up fish.

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2. David's crook—to guide the sheep.
3. Gideon's torch—to light the dark places.
4. Moses' rod—to overcome.
5. David's sling—to prostrate giant foes.
6. Brazen serpent—to cure bite of world's snakes.
7. Paul's armor—to be our protection.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible has been (and is) many things to many people. For all of us it is the guide to God and Christian living. The most powerful of books, it avails nothing unless opened, read, and lived!*

#### FRIDAY, JULY 27

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:5-14

#### PRIVATE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy—except in summer.

The Lord is in His holy temple—except in summer.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek after;

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life—

except in summer.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge—except in summer.

How amiable are Thy tabernacles—except in summer.

My soul longeth, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord—except in summer.

Preach the word; be instant in season and out of season—except in summer.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together—except in summer.

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship,

And in breaking of bread and in prayers—except in summer.

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#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Summer is the season when many people absent themselves from the Lord's house—and even from Him. If we are inclined to take our Christian responsibilities less seriously in the summer, let us consider the possibility of God forsaking us in summer.*

#### SATURDAY, JULY 28

Scripture Reading—Acts 22:1-14

#### MY WEB OF LIFE

No chance has brought this ill to me;

'Tis God's sweet will, so let it be, He seeth what I cannot see.

There is a need be for each pain; And He will one day make it plain That earthly loss is heavenly gain.

Like as a piece of tapestry Viewed from the back appears to be

But tangled threads mixed hopelessly;

But in the front a picture fair Rewards the worker for his care, Proving his skill and patience rare.

Thou art the workman, I the frame;

Lord, for the glory of Thy name Perfect Thine image on the same.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we take the attitude that every difficulty which comes our way has its purpose, we will be able to accept that difficulty more graciously. The steel is tempered so it might be stronger. The same can be true of us.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

#### MUSICIAN AVAILABLE

Any church interested in obtaining the services of a church musician—choir director, pianist, or organist—may contact by writing or calling at the following address: Valerie Joan Wood, Route 1, Box 389-D, Ayden, North Carolina 28513, phone 746-3726.

## OPEN LETTER FROM YOUR HOME MISSIONS DIRECTOR



*The Rev. Taylor Hill*

We have come a long way and have become well established in approximately five years. I consider it to be a miracle, because we had to start from scratch. We have kicked up a lot of dust in order to get attention and our people have responded miraculously.

I want to personally thank our people for your concern and trust in us to do the job: it has made our job much easier than it would have otherwise been.

We started out with no rules to go by and have also broken a few in order to get the job done.

We had to spread our resources dangerously thin in the beginning in order to get some work started but through your concern and the grace of God, and a lot of dedicated mission people, much progress has been made.

The time has come now that some of our missions will be phasing out and becoming totally self-supporting and we can start new ones.

Thanks again for standing by this work, and we trust that you will continue to do so in the future. Home Missions work is becoming increasingly harder and more complicated, which means that we must put more and more emphasis on working closely together.



# Children's Home

## NEW POOL OPENS



Our new pool at the Children's Home is finally open! Contract problems had delayed the opening for several months. The new pool is 30' x 60'; it has a diving board and a water slide. We have a tot's pool for the younger children in foster care and small staff children. The pool joins the canteen, formerly the laundry. The canteen has all sorts of games and activities for the children, as well as ice cream and drinks.

### "THE REVELATORS" TO RETURN



*The Revelators*

The Jerry Taylor family came to visit friends at the Children's

Home last year and fell in love with our children. The Taylors make up a group called "The Revelators." This family-oriented gospel group will be back in North Carolina again this fall. They will be available to sing in our churches between October 22 and November 18. The proceeds from the free will offerings received at the concert will be given to the Children's Home.

The Taylors, a husband and wife team with their two daughters, said that this was their way of showing their appreciation for the work at the Children's Home and to their Free Will Baptist friends in our state. The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, Executive Director of the Children's Home, will be sched-

uling appointments for "The Revelators." Several of our churches heard them last year and wanted them back, so do not delay in making an appointment for them to come to your church.

"The Revelators" present a family-oriented program. They feature "Noah's Ark," a program for children of all ages. Dressed in colorful animal costumes, they put on a program of song and dialogue that everyone will enjoy.

Remember, all proceeds will be given to the Children's Home. Your youth group or class may wish to have a community concert with the ticket proceeds going to the Children's Home also. Make arrangements soon to have "The Revelators."

"I can recommend this group to any of our churches and pastors. Your people will enjoy them very much. The Taylors are some of the finest Christian people I've ever met. They are sincere in their effort to serve the Lord through Christian music," says Mr. Humphrey.

### CORRECTION

The remaining visiting weekend for the children at the Children's Home during July is July 27-29.

### Preacher's Diary

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

A certain fellow came to me and asked if there was a special need in the church that they could contribute to. I said yes; "our charity fund" for needy people is low in funds at the present time. They indicated that they would not be interested in giving to help the poor, but would rather buy a fixture for the church.

I still insisted that helping the poor was more important. They asked me to let them know if I could think of a fixture; but I never did.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, North Carolina

## RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



Larry Arnold Brown

Larry Arnold Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of LaGrange, is the recipient of a Presidential Scholarship to Mount Olive College for the academic year 1979-80. A member of White Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Larry graduated from North Lenoir High School where he was an award-winning member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). Among his many honors, Larry was a consistently high scorer in Agricultural Electrification, Agricultural Mechanics, and Forestry competitions. He won agricultural scholarships in all agriculture courses taken in High School. Larry also received the FFA Gold Star Achievement Award for 1979. In his church, he is a member of the YFA and the choir.

## WOMAN OF YEAR NAMED

Mrs. Joanne Rebecca Worrell was selected as Woman of the Year by the Goldsboro Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

A member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro,

Mrs. Worrell is co-chairwoman for the business division at Mount Olive College and serves as advisor for Phi Beta Lambda, the College's business club.

She is married to James T. Worrell and they have an eight-month-old girl, Joanne.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Roy Twisdale

Roy Twisdale is earning his title of "Mr. Mount Olive College" this summer by attending all three sessions of summer school.

Elected by the student body as the first Mr. Mount Olive College, Roy recently finished a course in North Carolina History and algebra.

"I only wish I could make an 'A' in zoology without going to class," he moaned. "Zoology is hard and I want to get it out of the way before next year."

Born and raised in Halifax County, Roy is a member of Community Free Will Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Weldon High School. Although he is an avid sports fan, Roy is thinking about a major in business.

At 19 years of age, Roy has a

twin brother, Troy, although they don't look alike.

"Everyone expects us to look alike, but we are not identical twins," he said. Troy lives in Halifax and works at a produce market.

In addition to playing on the Trojan tennis team, Roy served as basketball manager for the Trojans and was also active in the Free Will Baptist Fellowship. This summer, he is working in the Dean of Students' office during the time he is not in summer school classes.

Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Twisdale.

## SUMMER ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

A Summer Orientation will be held Thursday and Friday, August 2, 3, for all new students attending Mount Olive College this fall.

The two-day program is designed to acquaint incoming new students with the College campus, staff, and policies. This time is also used for placement, course selection, and faculty advisement.

New students should plan to arrive at the residence halls between 8:30-10 a. m. on Thursday. The opening session will be in Rodgers Chapel at 10 a. m.

Activities will conclude by noon on Friday.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MONTH  
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE  
WANTS TO SERVE  
YOU AND YOUR CHURCH**

**HAVE YOU RENEWED  
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**



# NEWS & NOTES

## Second Union of Western Conference to Meet

The Second Union of the Western Conference and Sunday School Convention will convene with Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, 3 miles south of Middlesex, off Highway 231, Saturday, July 28, at 7 p. m. The theme will be "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God." The Scripture will be taken from Matthew 6:33. The message will be delivered by the Rev. Walton Parrish.

## Elm Grove Church Calls New Pastor



The Rev. W. S. Burns

The Rev. W. S. Burns of Kenly, North Carolina, has been called by Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, North Carolina, as its new pastor.

Mr. Burns began his preaching duties at Elm Grove June 24, and moved into the parsonage July 12. He succeeded the Rev. Gary Bailey who resigned at Elm Grove to become the pastor at Stoney Creek church near Goldsboro.

Mr. Burns attended Mount

Olive College and holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Louisburg College and an A. B. from North Carolina Wesleyan at Rocky Mount. In addition, he has had nine summers of work in the Pastor's School at Duke University.

Mr. Burns is married to the former Miss Dorothy Brock of Beulaville, North Carolina. They have two sons: Dale, 17; and Marty, 15. Mr. Burns' address after July 12 is Route 3, Box 294, Ayden, North Carolina.

## Fourth Central Union District Meet at Aspen Grove Church

The Fourth Central Union District will meet at Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain, North Carolina, on July 29, 1979. The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Hymn, "Stepping in the Light"
  - Welcome, David Hobgood
  - Response, Donald Webb
- 11:15—President's Remarks
  - Mission Report
  - Mount Olive College Report
  - Greetings from the Children's Home
- 11:30—Special Music, Spring Branch Church
  - Sermon, the Rev. Hubert Burress
- 12:15—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Hymn, "Surely Goodness and Mercy"
  - Business Period
  - Devotion, Carroll Bradbury
  - Special Music, Harrell's Chapel

—Program, Local Church  
2:15--Adjournment

## Man of the Year at First Church, Kinston

Oscar Ross Jr. was named "Man of the Year" during Men's Day Services at First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, June 10. He was presented a certificate of recognition by the pastor, the Rev. Bruce Dudley.

The laymen of the church assume all duties during annual Men's Day, and special features include a male choir, lay speaker and a selection of man of the year. The name of Oscar Ross Jr. will be added to a continuing plaque to be hung in the church and showing the names of other churchmen so honored.

Ross is especially active in the church's youth programs. He directs a youth choir, is chairman of the Christian Board of Education, co-sponsors the YFA and teaches a Sunday school class of young married people. In addition, he serves as deacon and sings tenor in the adult choir.

Born in Pitt County, he moved to Kinston in 1966. He is married to the former Ada Moore. They have two children, Rose and Sammy, both of whom are active in the local church.

## Third Union of Eastern Conference to Meet

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference will meet at the Warsaw Free Will Baptist Church at Warsaw, North Carolina, July 28 at 10 a. m.

## Beaverdam Church Has Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Chadbourn, was held from June 11 through June 17 from 8:30 until 11:30 a. m. An average of 253 students participated in lessons concerning "Jesus Wants You." Music, arts and crafts, physical education and refreshments were also a part of the activities.

On Friday, June 15, at 6 p. m.

picnic was held on the church grounds to close the school. At 3:30 p. m. a commencement service was held where each class participated in music and a sample lesson expressing their activities of the week.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. William Jackie Godwin. Sponsors of the school were Mrs. Martha McPherson and Mrs. Louise Cartrett.

### Pastor Appreciation at Kinston Church



The Revs. Bruce Dudley and Frank Crary

On Sunday, July 1, there was a memorable day in the life of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kenoir Avenue and College Street, Kinston, North Carolina. The day began with the regular Sunday school hour. At the eleven o'clock worship, the adult choir, under the direction of Ikie Hines, presented the cantata, "Our Religious Heritage in Song" by Robert W. Thygerson. Immediately following the cantata, the Rev. Frank Crary, a long-time member of the church, presented a "Pastor Appreciation" plaque to the Rev. Bruce Dudley, pastor, in recognition of his efforts and concern for the church during the past eleven months. At the noon hour, a picnic in commemoration of our religious freedom was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Dudley, his wife Mary, and daughter, Michelle, reside at 2110 Richlands Road, Kinston, North Carolina.

### Sound Side Church Announces Meetings

The Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Columbia, North Carolina, announces a series of meetings for July 29. The scheduled program is as follows:

- UNION MEETING  
OPENING SESSION
- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Robert May
  - 10:10—Welcome—the Rev. N. D. Wiggs
    - Response, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose
  - 10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
  - 10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
    - Recognition of Visiting Ministers
    - Roll Call of Churches
  - 10:30—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
    - Announcements
    - Prayer Time

- BUSINESS SESSION
- 10:40—Report of Children's Home, Via Literature
    - Report of Mount Olive College, Via Literature
    - Report of Missions, Via Literature
    - Report of Press, Via Literature
    - Report of Cragmont, Via Literature
  - 10:50—Reading of Minutes of Last Union for Information
    - Report of Treasurer
    - Other Business
    - Announcements of Next Union
  - 11:00—Minutes Read and Approved

- MORNING WORSHIP
- 11:10—Hymn
  - 11:20—Special Music, Host Church
  - 11:25—Message, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs
  - 12:00—Benediction
    - Adjournment and Lunch

- SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION  
OPENING SESSION
- 1:30—Devotions, the Rev. Melvin Moore
  - 1:40—Welcome, Sunday School

- Superintendent
  - Response, the Rev. Francis Garner
- 1:45—President's Message, Mr. Ervin Foreman
- 2:05—Enrollment of Ministers
  - Recognition of Visiting Ministers
  - Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
  - Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
  - Announcements
  - Offering for Children's Home
  - Offertory Prayer
- 2:10—Suggestions and Information for the Betterment of Sunday Schools

- BUSINESS SESSION
- 2:15—Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
    - Treasurer's Report
    - New Business
    - Minutes Read and Approved

- AFTERNOON WORSHIP
- 2:30—Special Music, Host Church
  - 2:40—Benediction and Adjournment

- LEAGUE CONVENTION
- 7:30—Devotions, Mr. Bentley Oliver
  - 7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.
    - Appointment of Digest Committee
    - Offering
    - Roll Call of Leagues
    - Sword Drill
    - Hymn
    - Recognition of Ministers
    - Announcements
    - Special Music, Host Church
    - League Program
    - Minutes of Last Convention
    - Business Period
    - Report of Digest Committee
    - Awarding of Banners and Picture
    - Treasurer's Report
    - Adjournment
- Pianist, Miss Wendy Reynolds

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# NEWS NOTES

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## Pastor and Family Honored



Donald, Angela, and Corrie Fader

The Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church honored their pastor and family, the Rev. Donald and Angela Fader and baby Corrie, with a one-year anniversary reception, on Sunday, July 8, after the evening worship service.

The people of Grimsley are very proud of their young pastor. Proverbs 24:5 says, "A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength." Don is truly an educated man of God, rightly dividing His Word. He is known for his ability to make people think for themselves. Isn't this what God wants us to do anyway?

The Grimsley church thanks God for the Fader family and their ministry.

## Cape Fear Union Meeting at Shady Grove Church

The Cape Fear Union Meeting will meet at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Newton Grove, North Carolina, on Saturday, July 28. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
  - Devotion, Mr. Earl Johnson
  - Welcome, Host Church
  - Response, the Rev. Foy C. Futrelle
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers

- Recognition of Visitors
- Reading Minutes of Last Union
- Appointment of Committees
- Roll Call of Churches
- Report of Denominational Enterprises
- Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation
  - Special Music
  - Offering and Offertory Prayer
  - Message, Mike Scott
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
  - Reports of Committees
  - Unfinished Business
  - Benediction and Adjournment
  - Lunch and Christian Fellowship

## Shiloh Church Has Pastor Appreciation Day



The Rev. and Mrs. Marvin R. Waters

Marvin R. Waters, pastor of the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church at Pinetown, North Carolina, was honored on Sunday, June 10, 1979, with a surprise Pastor Appreciation Day.

At the close of the morning message, Mr. Waters was presented a plaque in appreciation of his dedicated service to the church by Deacon Board Member Wilber Sheppard.

Mrs. Peggy Waters, the pastor's wife, was also remembered with an engraved silver

plate in appreciation for her work with the church.

Following the presentations lunch was served in the church fellowship building.

## Sidney Church Honors Interim Pastor

The Sidney Free Will Baptist Church near Belhaven honored the Rev. Howard Scott and his wife on June 24. A poem by Katherine Brinn was read and a love gift was given to them by the church.

### IN APPRECIATION

A call went out across the land,  
"Sidney Church needs a special man—

To fill in as a minister,  
To do whate'er he can—

"To help this little church  
As it attempts to stand  
Against Satan and his power  
We need a helping hand!

"This man must really love the Lord.  
He will be at our beck and call.  
Some weeks we'll need him day and night;  
Some weeks we won't need him at all.

"He must be willing to give  
Much more than he will get.  
We really don't mean to be hard to please,  
But in our ways, we are firmly set."

God heard our prayer at Sidney,  
And knew just what to do;  
He searched among his faithful stewards,  
And—Howard, He sent us you.

Some of us call you Howard,  
Some of us call you Scott,  
Some of us call you Gilligan—  
But we all like you a lot.

You came to us at Sidney  
When our church was in great need.  
You gave to us your only free time,  
To serve us in thought and deed.

We know it wasn't easy for you

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to travel so far each week.  
but you always found the strength  
to smile,  
Whenever we should meet.

and when you came, you brought  
your wife,  
to share her with us a while—  
a tiny lady, with a great big heart  
and a warm and friendly smile.

You both have served the Lord  
faithfully.

You've given your very best.  
in helping us here at Sidney—  
You have truly passed God's test.

and now it's time for you to go,  
your task here has come to an

end.

We hate to have you leave us;  
You've been more than a fill-in;  
You've been a friend.

When you drive off into the sunset  
Like the Lone Ranger at the end of  
a show,

Please take with you our love and  
thanks;

And come back often to see us,  
For our welcome you'll always  
know.

God bless you Denise and  
Howard,

Whatever you may do.

We ask you to pray for us,  
And we will pray for you too.

## EDITORIAL

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The United States has raised its monthly quota (for admitting the Boat People) from 7,000 to 14,000; and despite the claim that many of these are highly skilled and will make immeasurable contributions, we are not convinced that they will benefit our economy. We have too often taken the physical cares of the world upon our shoulders, and though the word **burden** connotes unfavorably, that is what our goodheartedness frequently gets us.

Of course the Scriptures prick our conscience by advising that we are our brother's keeper. We find further direction in Matthew 25:35, 36—“. . . I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: . . .” We are surely admonished to do unto the least of these, but we remember, too, the assertion that “. . . we have the poor always with you; . . .” If we accept that reality, we will know that even Christ did not command, nor even expect, us to save those outside our borders to the detriment of those within!

The adage of yesteryear is certainly pertinent, and even at the risk of sounding trite, we speak it here: “Charity begins at home.” The faces of the Indochinese Boat People aren't any sadder than the faces of countless Americans who are hungry, naked, and homeless. We don't have to look far to see that we have our “Boat People” too.

If we are so inclined toward benevolence, let's make a more serious attempt to assist our own! Then, all together, we can be more effective in helping others.

## NEWS FROM CRAGMONT

Praise the Lord! In the six weeks since Cragmont opened for the 1979 camping season, over 500 people have used our facilities. There have been three weekend retreats and two conferences. Already the new main building is proving its worth, and many people are being blessed in the new chapel.

The week of June 18-23 was the General Youth Conference directed by the Rev. John Williams; 149 campers attended this conference. On Monday night, a service was held dedicating the new main building to the work of the Lord. Some representatives of the sponsoring organizations attended this service.

The week of June 25-30 was the Christian Cadets Conference directed by the Rev. Bobby Taylor; 177 campers were in attendance. This was the largest attendance for a conference in several years.

We are thankful for our workers, and we have the largest staff this year we have ever employed. Our workers are: Wanda Sweat, Roanoke Rapids; Monty Wiggs, Kinston; Karen Bowen, Goldsboro; Bonnie Ber-caw, Arapahoe; Penny Murray, Arapahoe; Eddie Skinner, Wilson; George Stancell, Weldon; Bill Fryar, Greenville; Sid Clark, Greenville; Greg Gower, Smithfield; and Curtis Powell, Clayton. Wanda and Monty are serving as dieticians this summer. A lot of work has been accomplished since the workers arrived.

We are thankful for the support that has been sent to Cragmont during June, Cragmont Month. We are also grateful for the prayerful support of our sponsoring churches and organizations. Please continue your support, and may God richly bless each of you.

In His service,  
The Rev. Doug Skinner, Manager



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For July 29

## AMOS CALLS FOR GENUINE RELIGION

**Lesson Text:** Amos 1:1; 5:6, 7, 14, 15, 21-24

**Memory Verse:** Amos 5:14, 15

### I. INTRODUCTION

The prophet Amos was a native of Judah, but God sent him with a message to Israel, the northern kingdom. When the prophet arrived at Beth-el he found such throngs of people coming to worship that it must have seemed that a great religious revival was taking place. Beth-el was the most splendid religious center in Israel, the place where the royal family worshipped. Sacrifices were continually offered to God in what appeared to be acts of great devotion to the Lord.

These were great times for Israel. After a series of highly successful military ventures, there was peace. There was also great commercial activity and material prosperity. The standard of living had never been higher, with the king and the upper class living in luxury. So wealthy were they that they had their winter houses and their summer houses (3:15), houses of hewn stone (5:11), and houses decorated with ivory (3:15). In luxurious splendor they would recline upon ivory couches, dine upon the choicest meats, and drink wine from bowls, while the music of stringed instruments and the odor of exquisite perfumes filled the air (6:4-6).

So great were their material blessings that both king and subjects believed themselves to be specially favored by God. "The Lord must be greatly pleased with us," they thought. "Just see how

prosperous He causes us to be!" And so the occasions of worship brought throngs to the sanctuaries to sing the praises of such an obliging God (and to make sure that the prosperity would continue). "In God we trust!" they would proudly acclaim, and underneath their breath might be heard to mutter, "And it certainly does pay great dividends."

But like a thunderbolt out of the blue, Amos appeared in Israel with a message of stern judgment from God upon these people. The affluence of the leading class had not been the result of their honest toil; it had come through the cruel enslavement and oppression of the common people. At times it was a matter of outright violence and robbery (3:10). At other times, bribery and injustice were resorted to (5:12). Sensual pleasure was the ultimate aim, and immorality was widespread (2:7). No pity was shown to the destitute (2:6).

Knowing God to be a God of holiness, righteousness, and compassion, Amos could only be horrified at the wickedness that was commonplace in Israel. And the very idea that these people thought their religious activity was pleasing to God was abhorrent. "Come to Beth-el," he said. For what? To worship God? That is what they said. But no. "Come to Beth-el, and transgress!" (4:4). What they called religion, God called transgression—sin. And though they believed all was well between themselves and God, the heart of the message of Amos was that God was about to destroy His people for their many sins. Not the least of those sins was the kind of religion they practiced. Their

religion was a mockery of God.—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Amos was one of those Hebrew prophets who ministered in the Eighth Century B. C. in the period known as the golden age of prophetic excellence so far as the prophets of God were concerned. The earliest of the writing prophets, Joel and Jonah, had done their work and set the stage for four great figures, Amos, Hosea, Micah, and Isaiah. For the rest of this quarter, we will be studying some of these prophets and their ministry.

B. We do not know anything of Amos' background because the name of his father is not given in the Bible, but we suspect that he was of humble birth. His native town was Tekoa, southeast of Bethlehem in the Judean highlands. Before his call to the ministry as a prophet, Amos was a herdsman and a cultivator of sycamore figs. Since his work shows a strong Pentateuchal influence, we may assume that he was a student of the writings of Moses. At the call of God he left his home in Judah to proclaim God's message in the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Amos was a man of iron will who could not be deflected from his purpose even by the hierarchy of Samaria.

C. The central theme of Amos' message was God's faithfulness to His covenant and to His holy law and the strict accountability of His people, Israel. He earnestly stressed the necessity of their compliance with God's Law, the Torah. He decried the fact that the worship of God had degenerated to a ritual without any heartfelt compliance in life to God's Law. This made him very unpopular with some of the religious and political leaders of his time. There was much hypocrisy and oppression of the poor; therefore, Amos' message was a cry for justice.

D. In our lesson today, we will see how Amos challenged the cold, heartless ritual and the

constant oppression of the poor. He lashed out against the hypocrisy of the worship of his day, the luxury, and the oppression of the poor. He was a fearless and courageous servant of the Lord although he was not a professional prophet.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

## I. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. This lesson is from the writings of the prophet Amos, who ministered to the northern kingdom of Israel in the last years of its existence, some fifty years before its capture by the Assyrians in 722 B. C. Amos lived during the reigns of several kings of Israel, including three who ruled for a total of only two years and seven months, a situation that shows the declining state of Israel's life. The prophet's most prominent contemporary was Jeroboam II, a wicked, idolatrous king whose reign lasted forty-one years. It was because of this wickedness that God called Amos to his important ministry of prophesying against Israel. Although Amos lived in Tekoa, in the southern kingdom of Judah, this fact did not keep God from sending him in the Northern kingdom.

B. It was only a matter of time until the judgment of God would fall upon the decadent kingdom. In this perilous situation Amos brought a message of stern denunciation, being painfully aware of the social and religious shortcomings of the people of Israel. Amos is considered to be one of the minor prophets, mainly because of the brevity of his writings, but he himself was a major prophet because of the impact of his preaching against the social evils of his day. Amos' ministry called for moral action against these evils, and one is impressed with the need for such men of God in our modern society which, to a large extent, has taken on some of the ways of ancient Israel.

—The Advanced Quarterly  
(F.W.B.)

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Jack Lassiter, associate pastor of Baptist Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, is available for full-time or part-time pastorate and evangelistic services. He can be reached at 1207 Wrenn Road, Durham, North Carolina 27703, phone 596-3339.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer announces that he is available for pastoral work. He is in good standing with the Pee Dee Conference and has served in the Eastern and Central Conferences. Any Free Will Baptist church may contact him at the following address: The Rev. T. C. Farmer, Route 3, Box 380-A, Bladenboro, North Carolina 28320, phone (919) 863-3792.

Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, is in search of a pastor. For more information, please contact Mr. J. W. Pender, phone, 236-4197, or Mrs. Faye Norfleet, phone, 236-4133.

July 16-19—Ministers' Conference, Cragmont  
July 29—Mount Olive College Day in local churches  
July 30—August 4—Young People's Bible Conference, Cragmont  
August 6-11—Woman's Conference, Cragmont

## ATTENTION!!

Those who are planning to attend General Youth Week at Camp Vandemere need to have their applications in by August 1, 1979. This will help the directors plan the activities for the week. Please write or call: the Rev. Lonnie Mann, director, 413 Church Road, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; phone, 638-2255; or the Rev. Bobby Brown, co-director, Route 1, Box 266-A, Cove City, North Carolina 28523; phone, 633-3792.

## NEW EASTOVER MISSION SPONSORED



Eastover Mission with W. O. Lassiter, center. All members are not present.

The Eastover Free Will Baptist Mission is now under the sponsorship of the State Home Missions Department along with Cape Fear Conference.

The Mission is only one year old and already reports eighteen new confessions. The pastor is W. O. Lassiter, Route 3, Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524, phone 934-4816. They just recently purchased their property which is located at "Eastover" five miles north of Fayetteville, North Carolina on Highway 301. Church Finance Corporation did the financing.

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Route 1  
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William Scott Sowers, Pastor



# RESOURCES—WITH GOD!

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard

**T**HIS day when the economy of our nation is plagued by inflation; when the American dollar has decreased in value throughout most of the world, our minds constantly are put to work in seeking out financial survival.

The cost of living index keeps climbing. Foodstuffs cost more and more. We hear in many conversations such statements as: "Where will it all end? What is to be the peak of this perpetual spiral in prices?"

While our eyes are affixed to monetary problems, both of individuals and of organizations, we may do well not to let this affect our spiritual existence.

Too often, men—like the disciples gathered about Jesus in that desert place mentioned in the 14th chapter of Matthew—lose faith in both the physical and spiritual blessings that are ours through faith in God and in His son, Jesus Christ.

Do you "poor-mouth" God? Do you find yourself overstating your poverty?

Notice how the disciples declared in Matthew 14:17—"We have here BUT five loaves and two fishes." Or to paraphrase: "We only have this small amount of food and how could this serve the multitude?"

To set the stage for this miraculous feeding of "about five thousand men" (see Verse 20), which, according to Matthew Henry was more like fifteen thousand people, including women and children, Christ "saw the great multitude" and was "moved with compassion toward them" (see Verse 14).

Out of His love for mankind, Christ performed many miracles. His love abounded toward us in that His grace was made sufficient.

But the disciples, being human

as we are, displayed a noble desire. They had traveled some distance and had become worried by the multitude. They wanted to be alone with Jesus. They wanted to rest their weary bodies. So, in Verse 15, they reminded Christ that it was "a desert place"—removed from where food could be found. Then they asked Him to "send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals (food)."

The presence of the multitude made it impossible for the disciples to be alone with Jesus.

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"And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes" (Matthew 14:17).

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The multitude created two problems for the disciples. First, it prevented them from realizing benefits from their noble desire to be with Christ in an intimate way; to rest at His feet. Second, the multitude being there in a desert place, hungry for both spiritual and physical feeding, created a problem to the disciples in provisions.

This story is a very human epic—it also is modern and up-to-date. The church today wishes to be alone with Jesus, to bask in the sunlight of His love, to rest on the laurels they feel merited by their salvation. The church wants to withdraw into its own "desert place" to enjoy its religion.

But, the multitude STILL presents a problem to the church.

Hungry souls will not let the church rest. Over and over we come to veils through which we cannot see; and doors to which we find no key.

What do we do? We resolve often to escape—seek refuge. How?

We try, like the disciples, to "stand from under"—to "pass the buck." To do nothing ourselves, is our often-made decision. We recall in 2 Kings 4 the story of the sick boy who was brought to his father by the servants. The father told the servants, "Take him to his mother." He didn't want to deal with the problem.

How many times have we turned aside our Christian responsibilities to have someone else take care of them for us? We have heard people, when confronted by a welfare matter among church members or the unchurched in the community, say, "Why doesn't the government or the county welfare department deal with this matter?"

Surely, we must have forgotten that one of the prime responsibilities of man is to be his brother's keeper. Attending to the needs of the widows and orphan is shunned by many church people today.

We may wish to run away from our Christian responsibilities, but God will hold us accountable for shirking these when we stand before Him in judgment.

The psalmist, when old friend had proven unfaithful and there was treachery and war in the land, saw a dove rise on swift wing and fly away. He wrote: "O that I had the wings of a dove that I might fly away."

Jeremiah, known for his lamentations and his ministry to degenerate people, when his congregation almost drove him to destruction, wrote: "I wish I had a lodging place in the wilderness."

Jonah took the first recorded "submarine" ride in his attempt to escape an obligation to God.

But, let us look beyond this and see how the Master handled the

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# History of Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church

Scott Sowers, Pastor

submitted by Mrs. Annie Pearl Allen

**M**ARLBORO Free Will Baptist Church\*, organized between the years of 1875-1889, is located on Highway 264 one mile from Marlboro and two miles from Farmville, North Carolina. The church was first located at the present site of White's Cement Company. It later moved to the crossroads at Marlboro where it remained until 1972.

Minutes of church meetings were first recorded in 1889. At that time the church had 33 male and 62 female members. Such names as Brothers R. T. Joyner, Elias Skinner, Joseph Bundy, Ivie Smith, Allen Grimsley, Lacey Robinson, and Sister Appie Flanagan were recorded there. These individuals have children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in the church today. The Rev. C. T. Harris was the pastor at this time. He often walked ten miles each fourth Sunday to preach at Marlboro. He was paid a meager fifty cents for his services. Brother Harris' meals were also provided.

When viewing old records, one finds many things of interest. For example, whenever the church met for its quarterly conference, the local bar closed. It reopened as soon as the meeting was over. On one occasion, several members were reportedly "walking disorderly." When two of them asked for forgiveness, they were pardoned and immediately appointed to serve as delegates to the next union meeting.

During the early 1890's, Mr. Allen Grimsley donated one-half acre of land as a place for the church people to tie their horses and mules. This action was taken after a motion was passed for members of the congregation "not to hitch their teams to the walls of the church or the shade trees."

Marlboro church became a member of the Central Conference in 1891. In the years to come, much growth was realized and the church called the Rev. E. J. Phillips to serve as its pastor in 1909. Also in that year, Sister Polly Ann Bundy was asked to buy "wash pans" for the church's foot-washing service.

During the years of 1920-1924, electric lines were extended to the church, new Sunday school rooms

were added, and a Ladies' Aid and League were begun. Much of the progress made during these years was made possible through the able leadership of the men who served as pastor. They were the Revs. N. D. Wiggs, D. A. Windham, R. F. Pittman, L. R. Ennis, J. C. Moye, M. A. Woodard, and Chester Pelt.

The Rev. L. B. Manning was called to pastor the church in 1946. During the thirteen years that he served the church, bathrooms were added and the church facilities were painted.

The Revs. W. L. Poythress, Melvin Moore, and S. R. Kennedy pastored the church from 1959-1966. The church entered into full time service in 1962.

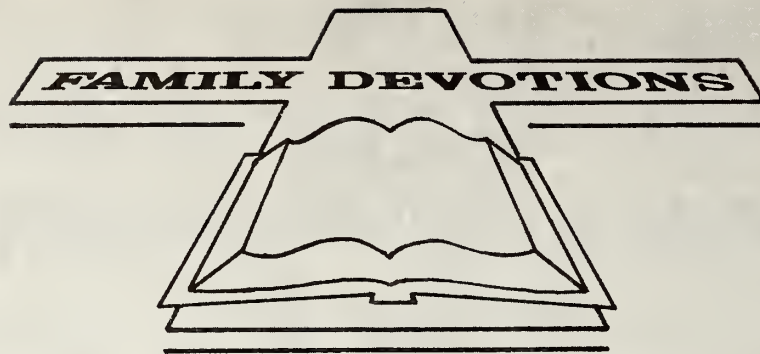
In 1966, the church called the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow as its pastor. Soon thereafter, it became necessary for the church to consider moving to a new location. Mr. Walter Ellis sold the church enough land to build a new church and a parsonage within a mile and a half of the church's original location. In October, 1970, the ground was broken for the new building. The congregation moved into its new facility on May 7, 1972. Mr. Barrow served as pastor through the fall of 1976, at which time the indebtedness of the new church building was removed.

The Rev. William Scott Sowers began serving as pastor on February 1, 1977. Since that time, many have been won to Christ, a new parsonage has been built, and storm windows have been added to Memorial Hall and the parsonage. Pews cushions are presently being added and the parsonage yard will be landscaped within the next few weeks.

This is but a brief history of Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church. Although many things cannot be related, one thing needs to be said: Marlboro church is built on Jesus Christ, the Solid Rock. Its people put their trust in a true and living God, and He is richly blessing them.

\*The original spelling of the church name was Marlborough Free Will Baptist Church.





## SUNDAY, JULY 29

Scripture Reading—Ephesians  
6:18-24

### THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Prayer is like . . .

*The porter*—to watch the door of  
our lips.

*The guard*—to keep the fort  
of our hearts.

*The hilt of the sword*—to defend  
our hands.

*A master workman*—who ac-  
complishes things.

*A barometer*—to show our  
spiritual condition.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*No one can overemphasize the  
importance of prayer. It is as  
necessary to the Christian life as  
breathing.*

## MONDAY, JULY 30

Scripture Reading—1 Thes-  
salonians 5:13-17

### THOSE WHO TALK WITH GOD

How lovely are the faces  
Of those who talk with God,  
Lit with an inner sureness  
Of the path their feet have trod.

Keen are the hands and feet—oh,  
yes!—

Of those who wait His will;  
And clear as crystal mirrors  
Are the hearts His love can fill.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is as difficult, if not more so,  
to hide the fact that one maintains  
a close communion with God as to  
hide the fact that one never talks*

*to Him. Closeness to God is  
always reflected in what one does.*

## TUESDAY, JULY 31

Scripture Reading—2 Corin-  
thians 12:10-21

### CHRISTIAN PARENT

C—Cheerful, courageous, a  
churchgoer, converts  
others.

H—Hopeful, honest, helpful,  
hospitable, humble.

R—Reverent, responsible,  
righteous, reliable.

I—Industrious, informed, in-  
spiring.

S—Sincere, slow to anger, shares  
with others, serene.

T—Tolerant, temperate, thankful,  
trustworthy.

I—Instrument for good, in-  
creasing in grace.

A—Alert, appreciative.

N—Neighborly, never coveting or  
gossiping.

P—Patient, practical, par-  
ticipates in children's  
activities.

A—Appreciative, affectionate,  
approachable,

R—Religious, reasonable,  
relaxed.

E—Enthusiastic, even-tempered.

N—Neighborly, never breaks a  
promise.

T—Tolerant, tactful, temperate in  
all things.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A Christian parent is  
unique—certainly different from  
his unchristian counterpart. The  
Christian parent's obligations are  
greater, his example far-  
reaching. To be a Christian parent*

*requires a special touch—and  
practice!*

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Scripture Reading—Acts 9:10  
22

### THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH—A MODEL CHURCH

It was:

Happy—"had rest," Acts 9:31.

Healthy—"edified" and  
"walking."

Humble—"in the fear of the  
Lord."

Holy—"comforted" of the Holy  
Ghost.

Hearty—multiplied.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It need not be emphasized that  
we should pattern our church  
after the model one. Neither does  
it need emphasizing that we need  
to pattern our life after the true  
Example.*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Scripture Reading—1 Corin-  
thians 1:8-14

### THE MAN WITH A CONSECRATED CAR

He couldn't speak before a crowd  
He couldn't teach a class;

But when he came to Sunday  
school

He brought the folks "en  
masse."

He couldn't sing to save his life,

In public couldn't pray,

But always his "jalopy"

Was crammed on each Lord's  
Day.

Although he could not sing,

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Nor teach, nor lead in prayer,  
He listened well and had a smile  
And he was always there  
With all the others whom he  
brought,  
Who lived both near and far,  
And God's work prospered—for  
he had  
A consecrated car.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*"Transportation for the Lord!"*  
The man described above perhaps  
did as much, if not more, for the  
Lord as all the speakers, singers,  
prayers, and teachers we might  
have known. He made the ser-  
vices accessible. We can learn a  
lesson in neighborliness from  
him.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

Scripture Reading—2 Corin-  
thians 8:12-24

#### I SHALL NOT MIND

I shall not mind  
The whiteness of my hair,  
Or that slow steps falter  
On the stair,  
Or that young friends hurry  
As they pass,  
Or what strange image  
Greets me in the glass—  
If I can feel,  
As roots feel in the sod,  
That I am growing old to bloom  
Before the face of God.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*For the Christian, old age  
should offer no fear or pose any  
threat. If one is firmly plant-  
ed in the Word of God and knows  
that peace which passes un-  
derstanding, he can find more and  
more joy—even just this side of  
the grave.*

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Scripture Reading—2 Corin-  
thians 5:6-10

#### THE ABSENTEE

"Someone is absent," the  
Shepherd said,  
As over my class book He bent  
His head;  
"For several Sundays absent, too,  
So tell Me, teacher, what did  
you do?"

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"I didn't call as perhaps I should,  
I wrote some cards, but they did  
no good,  
I've never heard and she never  
came,  
So I decided to drop her name."

He answered gravely, "A flock  
was mine,  
A hundred—no, there were  
ninety and nine;  
For one was lost in the dark and  
cold;  
So I sought that sheep which  
had left the fold.

"The path was stony and edged  
with thorns;  
My feet were wounded, and  
bruised and torn,  
But I kept on seeking, nor  
counted the cost;

And, oh, the joy when I found  
the lost!"

Thus spake the Shepherd in  
tender tone,  
I looked and lo—I was alone,  
But God a vision had sent to me,  
To show His will toward the  
absentee.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Forbid it that we be the ab-  
sentee described. Forbid it, too,  
that we take an indifferent at-  
titude toward those who  
habitually miss Sunday school  
and church. Let us seek out the  
causes, try to remove these, and  
make the Lord's house a most  
inviting place to be.*

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## SPECIAL SESSION

### NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

#### OF

## ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Campus of Lenoir Community College  
Kinston, North Carolina

**AUGUST 14, 1979**

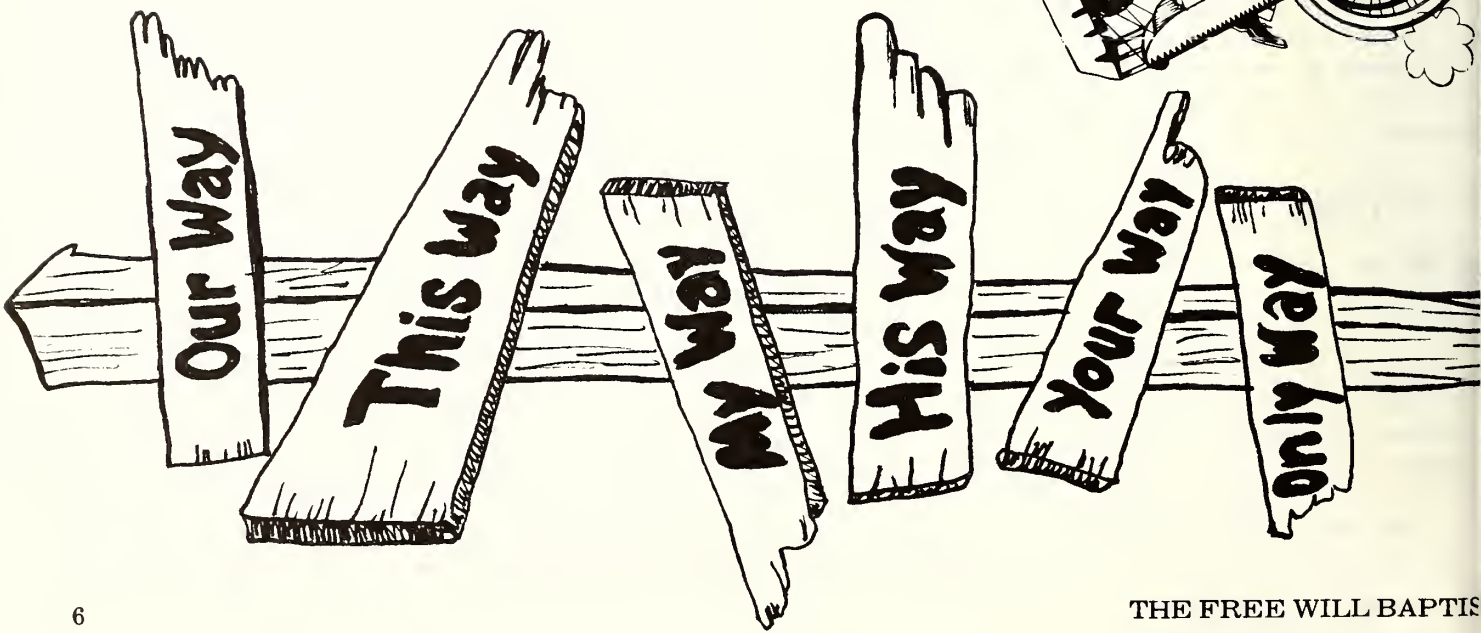
Registration 8:30 A. M.  
Session Begins 9:30 A. M.

Purpose is to consider the Proposed Revision of the Statement of  
Faith and Discipline

All churches are requested to designate their delegates, one for each  
100 members or fraction thereof. If possible, delegates should obtain a  
copy of the proposal and read and study it before arriving. Copies are  
available at the Press and branch bookstores, for \$1 per copy. A letter will  
be mailed to each church soon, asking for the names of the delegates.

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# CRAGMONT YOUTH BIBLE CONFERENCE JULY 30—AUGUST 4

## THEME

“HE IS THE WAY, HE IS THE TRUTH, HE IS THE LIFE”

“EVERYBODY'S GOING!” EXCITING things happen during this week at CRAGMONT that are REAL and last a lifetime. Last year we had the Biggest Youth Camp. This year we are counting on you to come and make this possible again. If you are interested in more information please contact the Rev. J. B. Starnes, Director-Registrar at 3010 Bridges Street, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557. Phone (1-919) 726-4218. This camp is for grades four through College.



## The Rev. Jeff Scarborough

THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Durham honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### A DEDICATED MAN OF GOD



*The Rev. Jeff Scarborough*

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham would like to honor its pastor, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough. The church is indeed fortunate in having as its pastor a dedicated man of God. Mr. Scarborough was born on June 2, 1929. He was saved October 3, 1971, and began serving God immediately.

He accepted Christ as his Saviour at the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, and accepted the call to preach the gospel while there under the ministry of the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark. Brother Scarborough is married to the former Ruth

Knight and they are the parents of one child, a lovely daughter, Anita. He is also a veteran, having served his country in the Air Force and Army, during the Korean Campaign.

After accepting the call to the ministry, Brother Scarborough was licensed to preach September 22, 1974, by the Stoney Creek church. He was called to full-time pastorate at the Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church at Pikeville, North Carolina, in June, 1975, while still a licensed minister. He was ordained three months later on September 17, 1975, at the Stoney Creek church. During his pastorate at Living Waters, he attended the Daniels Chapel Bible Institute at Wilson. Later he attended Carolina Bible Institute at Pine Level, North Carolina. After resigning his pastorate at Living Waters, he served as interim pastor at several churches as well as doing supply work throughout North Carolina.

He was sent by God to pastor the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham on March 1, 1977. Since becoming our pastor, the church has had continuous growth, not only in number but is also stronger in the Holy Spirit.

He is a blessing to our hearts and souls with the messages God gives him to bring to us, and we thank God for him.

Brother Scarborough is active in all phases of our work at the church

and is an inspiration to everyone. His willingness to serve and to lead has contributed much to all the members as well as friends outside our church.

He is presently serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Minister's Fellowship of the Western Conference and is serving on the Ministerial Character Board of the Western Conference.

We, of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, thank God for sending Brother Jeff and Sister Ruth to the ministry of our church.

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### Coming Events . . .

July 29—Mount Olive College Day in local churches

July 30—August 4—Young People's Bible Conference, Cragmont

August 8—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as State Convention Promotional Work

August 3, 4—Summer Orientation, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

August 6, 7—Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

August 6-11—Woman's Conference, Cragmont

August 7—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

August 7—Board of Superannuation meeting, 1 p. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

August 14—Special Session, North Carolina State Convention, Lenoir Community College, Kinston

August 22—Children's Home Board of Directors meeting, 9 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Charles E. Branch announces that he has a new address. His new address is 116 Village Drive, Winterville, North Carolina 28590. His old address was Route 1, Box 589, Winterville, North Carolina 28590.



Financial Report from

**Cragmont Assembly, Inc.**

**May, 1979**

Submitted by Virginia Skinner, Treasurer

(\*Funds submitted through Woman's Auxiliary treasury.)

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 1979

\$ 1,104.63

**Receipts**

**Albemarle Conference**

*District Woman's Convention	\$ 39.00	
Free Union	41.00	
Sunday School Convention	10.00	
Union Chapel	26.30	
Union Meeting	16.15	\$ 132.45

**Cape Fear Conference**

Catalpa	\$ 25.00	
Daly's Chapel	25.00	
*District Woman's Convention	8.58	
Goldsboro, First		
Dorcas Circle	10.00	
Hopewell	48.68	
*Woman's Auxiliary	10.00	
Pleasant Grove	100.00	
*Woman's Auxiliary	20.00	
Powhatan	20.00	
*Robert's Grove Auxiliary	20.00	
Shady Grove		
A. F. and Vara Ballance	50.00	
Steven's Chapel		
The Rev. David Hill	50.00	
Tee's Chapel	50.00	
*Woman's Auxiliary	20.00	
*Wooten's Chapel Auxiliary	20.00	\$ 477.26

**Central Conference**

*Aspen Grove	3.10	
Bethany Woman's Auxiliary		
(in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Patrick)	100.00	
*Woman's Auxiliary	25.00	
*Black Jack Auxiliary	100.00	
Daniels Chapel	250.00	
*Woman's Auxiliary	20.00	
*Dilda's Grove Auxiliary	16.56	
*District Woman's Convention	36.44	
Edgewood	30.00	
*Woman's Auxiliary	50.00	
Elm Grove	87.00	
*Woman's Auxiliary	75.00	
Free Union	21.00	
*Woman's Auxiliary	16.09	
Friendship		
Sunday School	25.00	
*Woman's Auxiliary	123.68	
*Y.W.A.	100.00	
Greenville, First	150.00	
*Grimsley Auxiliary	20.00	
*Gum Swamp Auxiliary	20.00	
*Harrell's Chapel Auxiliary	10.00	
*Hickory Grove Auxiliary	10.00	
*Hugo Auxiliary	42.50	
Hull Road	300.00	
*King's Cross Roads	49.00	
LaGrange	50.00	
*Woman's Auxiliary	40.00	
*Marlboro Auxiliary	10.00	
*Ormondsville Auxiliary	10.00	

Owens Chapel	50.00
*Woman's Auxiliary	13.15
*Piney Grove (Pitt County) Auxiliary	10.00
Reedy Branch	
Fidelis Memorial Sunday School Class (in memory of Mrs. Myrtle Averette)	25.00
Fidelis Memorial Sunday School Class	10.00
B. Leland Tucker	75.00
Rocky Mount, First	50.00
*Woman's Auxiliary	20.00
Rose Hill	
Sunday School	25.00
*Woman's Auxiliary	15.00
*Rose of Sharon Auxiliary	20.00
Saratoga	112.00
*Woman's Auxiliary	30.00
Second Union	11.78
Spring Branch	700.00
*Woman's Auxiliary	20.00
*Sweet Gum Grove Auxiliary	5.00
Tarboro, First	200.00
*Woman's Auxiliary	25.00
Winterville	
*Lela Nobles Auxiliary	10.00
*Y. W. A.	70.00
Walnut Creek	100.00
Williamston, First	37.00

**Eastern Conference**

*Beulaville	\$ 60.00
Bridgeton	29.00
*Core Creek Auxiliary	20.00
Fifth Sunday School Convention	10.00
*Folkstone Auxiliary	10.00
*Holly Springs Auxiliary	20.00
*Lanier's Chapel Auxiliary	20.00
Rock of Zion	150.00
*Woman's Auxiliary	50.00
*St. Mary's Auxiliary	200.00
*Smith's New Home Auxiliary	10.00
*Snow Hill Auxiliary	20.00
Sound View Auxiliary	15.00
*Westside Auxiliary	43.00
*Whaley's Chapel Auxiliary	70.00

**Pee Dee Conference**

*District Woman's Convention	\$ 170.00
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**Western Conference**

Elwood Lane	\$ 100.00
First Union Convention	150.00
Flood's Chapel	5.00
Little Rock	400.00
Milbournie	23.00
Pleasant Grove	1,023.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00
*Woman's Auxiliary	50.00
Rains Cross Roads	500.00
St. Mary's	250.00
*Woman's Auxiliary	151.98
Selma	
Mrs. Ada B. Sasser	25.00
Sherron Acres	100.00
Ladd-Smith Bible Class	25.00
*Stancil's Chapel Auxiliary	20.00
*Unity Auxiliary	4.50
Western District Youth Fellowship	382.00
John S. Boykin	10.00
Robert L. Brown	20.00
Roney B. Bunn Jr.	25.00
Wilson, First	
J. D. Skinner	30.00

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Unity Church (Wilson), purchase of tractor	\$ 1,000.00	
The Rev. Doug Skinner, Christmas cards	15.00	
The Rev. Doug Skinner, telephone calls	24.74	
The Rev. Doug Skinner, gift of curtains and window shades for apartment	113.65	
Earl Griffin, motel room	7.00	
Woman's Auxiliary		
Christian Service Fund	268.74	
Life Award Fees	240.00	
Woman's Auxiliary Cragmont Rally	1,650.00	
State Youth Convention (Chapel Fund)	2,000.00	\$5,319.13
Total Receipts from Churches and Individuals		
Church Finance Association,		\$13,644.62
Seventh Loan Advance	31,500.00	31,500.00
Withdrawal from Savings	21,125.00	21,125.00
Total for Which to Account		\$66,269.62

**Disbursements**

Operational Expenses	\$ 1,770.71	
Winterville Insurance Agency, van insurance	88.00	
Belk, shower curtains for new building	85.79	
Cragmont Assembly, to open camp operation account	1,000.00	
House of Carpets, carpet for new building	4,600.00	
Leas, vacuum cleaner for new building	177.75	
Burress Insurance Agency, dining hall	73.70	
Beacon Outlet Store, blankets for new building	426.40	
Retreat deposit rfeund	25.00	
Nashville Fire and Safety Company, fire extinguishers	563.89	
J. Cliff Meyer, Inc., ninth partial payment	47,000.00	
Transfer to General Savings	1,000.00	
Transfer to Building Fund	9,346.23	
Total Disbursements		\$66,157.47
Balance on Hand, June 1, 1979		\$ 1,216.78

**EARMARKED FUNDS**

General Fund	\$ 1,216.78
General Savings	415.77
Main Building Fund	3,150.58
Total in Bank, June 1, 1979	\$ 4,783.13

**RESOURCES—WITH GOD!**

(Continued from Page 2)

problem that bore so heavily upon the disciples. After the disciples had voiced their appeal to "send away" the multitude, Christ considered the "little" and saw in it a "lot." He had them bring to Him the five loaves and two fishes.

Any problem placed at the feet of Jesus can be solved. He is the great solver of problems. We can do nothing within ourselves, but we can "do all things" in Jesus.

Jesus not only fed the multitude of the Spiritual Manna from Heaven, but He took care of their physical nurture as well.

Why do we "poor-mouth" God?

Don't we know that the cattle on a thousand hills are His? Do we lose sight of His power, His capacity to provide, His unfathomable Grace?

The next time someone gets up in a church conference and says, "We are but a small church. We cannot do this or that. We cannot afford to take care of the needs of building or furnishing God's house. We ONLY have a little money in the treasury." Just remember that our God can and will provide if we meet his criteria in faith and commitment.

If we place our resources into His hands to be blessed, from what appears to us through human eyes to be little will be large when we look at it through

spiritual eyes. Trust Him in all things.

**CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE**

Saints Delight Free Will Baptist Church of Greene County, Ormondsville, North Carolina, is seeking a pastor. Any one interested please call 746-2034 from 8 until 9 p. m. or write Mac Bowen, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Elm City, North Carolina, is in need of a full-time pastor who will move into the parsonage. Any minister who is interested may contact Mr. William P. Bailey at Route 1, Box 150, Stantonsburg, North Carolina 27883; or phone, 243-6916.

The Rev. James Warren of Kinston, North Carolina, announces that he is available for a full-time church. He was ordained September 25, 1972, in services held at Whaley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina.

Brother Warren is a member in good standing with the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists. Any church in need of a full-time pastor may call 527-1648 or write to the Rev. James Warren, 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501. He will be glad to come and render services either Sunday or Wednesday night.

**MINISTERIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE**

The Rev. L. E. Ambrose announces that he is available to fill the pulpit for any minister who might be vacationing, who is sick, or who needs to be away from his church for some other reason. He may be contacted at Route 2, Box 162, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; telephone 797-4738.





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*"Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ." (Matthew 28:20).*

# THE BIBLE SERIES

## NEW CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM Nursery Through Primary Lessons

Christ commissioned the church to go into the world and make disciples of others. Christian education has a large role to play in this task. To make disciples of others, we must teach them to be Christ-like. We, at the Free Will Baptist Press, have developed a new children's curriculum which will aid in the accomplishment of this aim. This new curriculum, **The Bible Series**, is Bible based and relevant to today; it teaches attitudes, not just concepts.

**My Bible Pictures** are colorful 5 x 7 miniatures of the teaching picture used in the Nursery class on Sunday morning. On the back of the card, the day's Bible story is printed so parents can read it to the child during the week. Their theme for the winter quarter will be "Jesus, the Son of God."

**The Storyteller** is a take-home paper for Preschoolers. Comprised of Bible stories, realistic life-related stories, and activities, **The Storyteller** causes Bible truths to become more meaningful to the child. During the winter quarter, **The Storyteller** will focus on "Jesus of Nazareth."

**My Bible Weekly** is a take-home paper for Primary students. It is comprised of Bible stories (with difficult words defined), life-

related stories, and activities. Often activities involve the children with ministers, missionaries, and other church leaders. During the winter quarter, Primary students will study "Jesus, God's Gift to Man."

**The Preschool Teacher** and **The Primary Teacher** contain helpful suggestions for teaching more effectively. These guides are self-contained and, when used with a Bible should be all a teacher needs to feel biblically and educationally sound in the classroom.

**Preschool Teaching Aids** and **Primary Teaching Aids** provide resources such as attendance charts, maps, teaching pictures and puppets which make learning a more meaningful experience.

## Children's Home

### PRESS EMPLOYEES MAKE CONTRIBUTION



*The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey and Marvin Hathaway*

Mr. Marvin Hathaway presents a check to the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, Executive Director of the Children's Home, on behalf of the employees of the Press.

### CAMP CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED



*Loading for camp.*

Cragmont and Vandemere here we come! All of our children have the opportunity to go to summer camp each year. Several attend Cragmont and others attend Vandemere. Several children received Christ as their Saviour this year, and many others renewed their vows.

The Blanch Snell Endowment Fund set up by the Snell Family provides camp fees for a number of children each year. Churches, classes, auxiliaries, and youth groups make it possible for others to attend camp through their contributions. If your group wishes to help with camp expenses this year, send a contribution of \$65 to the Children's Home, P. O. Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

### WE THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW!

Did you know the average age of children coming into care today is twelve to fifteen years old? Did you know the Children's Home has a foster home program? Did

you know we are looking for Christian couples to be foster parents? We would like you to know the answers to these questions and other information about the Children's Home.



*Some of our children at Home.*

We are beginning to schedule appointments for the fall to visit our churches. The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, our Executive Director, and Mr. Harold Dunn will be happy to visit your church, or a group within your church, and share news and information about the Children's Home. Mr. Humphrey frequently visits churches on Sunday mornings representing the Home, teaching a Sunday school class and preaching in the morning service. Mr. Dunn is a layman and would be happy to teach a Sunday school class and bring greetings from the Home during the morning worship service. On Sunday evening, Wednesday evenings, or at any other time convenient for your prayer meeting, class, or auxiliary group, Mr. Humphrey or Mr. Dunn will be happy to come, show slides, and have an open discussion on our work here at the Home.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Write to: The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, P. O. Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557 or call 235-2161. We would like to visit every one of our member churches thanking them for their prayers and support.



# NEWS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

## NOTES

and very gratifying and spurred interest in other such projects.

### Old Fashioned Sunday Cape Colony Mission

Cape Colony Free Will Baptist Mission, Edenton, will observe an old fashioned Sunday, July 29 with dinner on the grounds homemade ice cream, horse shoes, and games. A slide presentation on the work of the Home Missions Department will be given by Mr. Dean Kennedy. Overalls and bonnets are welcomed.

### First Union of the Western Conference to Meet

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet Saturday, July 28, 1979, with the Wilson, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County. The host pastor, the Rev. Clyde Cox, and the Union extend a cordial invitation to you. The Rev. Sam Joyner of Durham will preach the Union message.

### Woman of the Year at Daly's Chapel Church



Ora Gray Sutton

The Woman's Auxiliary of Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church pauses to honor a faithful and dedicated auxiliary member whom they have chosen as the woman of the year. This very special person is Mrs. Ora Gray Sutton who has been a member of Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church since her late teens.

Ora Gray is a loyal member of the auxiliary, having served as president for several years. She is

### Fifth Eastern District Sunday School Convention

The Fifth Eastern District Sunday School Convention will meet at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina, on Sunday, July 29, at 10 a. m. It is asked that all churches be represented as there will be important business to be discussed.

### Highland Pines Church Visited By Two Pastors

Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church in Hamlet, North Carolina, was visited by two Free Will Baptist pastors from West Virginia on Sunday, July 7. The church's new pastor, the Rev. F. Joe Griffith, taught public school and pastored in West Virginia before coming to Hamlet. The visiting ministers were the Rev. John R. Frame, pastor of the Bandytown Free Will Baptist Church in Bandytown, and the Rev. Jim Wilson, pastor of the Spruce Laurel Free Will Baptist Church in Clothier. Both ministers are members of the Boone County Quarterly Meeting. Mr. Wilson delivered the morning sermon. Mr. Griffith and his wife, Rae, were delighted to have the ministers and their wives visiting with them for the weekend.

### Second Union SS Convention And Union Meeting

The Second Union Sunday School Convention and the Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists will meet at 3 p. m., Sunday, July 29, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro. The Rev. O. B. Jones is the pastor. All

area churches are urged to attend. Bruce Gray is the president of the Sunday school convention and Randolph Harris is the moderator of the union meeting.

### Accepts Challenge Palmer Memorial Church



Five members of YFA at Palmer Memorial church.

When the Rev. Joe Ingram suggested in one of last year's issues of **Command** that a good project for youth groups would be to support the education of Kim and Stevie Baker, the YFA of Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Garner, North Carolina, accepted this suggestion as a challenge and adopted it as its main project for the year.

There were several fund-raising efforts. After selling EZ Serves (handy kitchen utensils) and more doughnuts than they care to remember, the YFA members sponsored a walk-a-thon. Through these efforts, the YFA surpassed its goal. On Sunday, June 10, five of the members, who are pictured above, presented Mr. Ingram with \$385 to be used for the education of the Baker children in the Philippines.

Having an established worthwhile goal proved to be exciting



a quiet, dependable, and trustworthy individual. She is ready and willing to assist whenever the need arises.

She has served in many positions of the church. In years past she served as leader of the youth auxiliary, as secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school and is currently assistant secretary and treasurer. For many years she worked faithfully in the Bible school and served as a director for two years.

The auxiliary sincerely appreciates her devoted efforts and leadership in the auxiliary.

She is the daughter of the late Kirby and Esther Holland and was born February 27, 1926. She is a graduate of Moss Hill School in Lenoir County. Ora Gray is married to Keith Sutton of Seven Springs and they have two daughters, Mrs. Dolly Outlaw and Mrs. Cora Smith.

Ora Gray is mayor of Seven Springs and this position shows her outstanding work and interest in her community as well as her church.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Proverbs 31:10-12).

#### **Fifth Union Meeting of Eastern Conference to Meet**

The Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference will meet on Saturday, July 28, at Camp Vandemere at 10 a. m. Mr. Charles Mason will give the devotions. The Rev. Jerry English will bring the morning message. Lunch will be furnished by Camp Vandemere for a nominal fee.

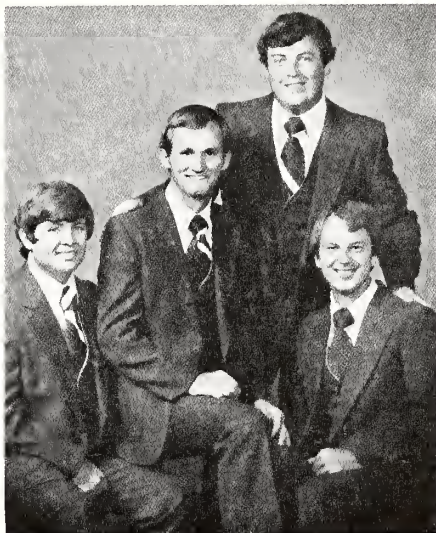
#### **Pleasant Hill Church Announces Gospel Sing**

Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Grimesland, North Carolina, plans to have a gospel sing Sunday, July 29, at 7 p. m. by the Chapelettes of

Chocowinity. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend this special singing.

The Rev. Robert Roberson is the pastor of the church.

#### **Heaven Bound Singers To Be in Concert**



*The Heaven Bound Singers*

The Heaven Bound Singers from Kinston, North Carolina, will be in concert at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson on Sunday evening, July 29, at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox extends an invitation to everyone to come for this special night of song.

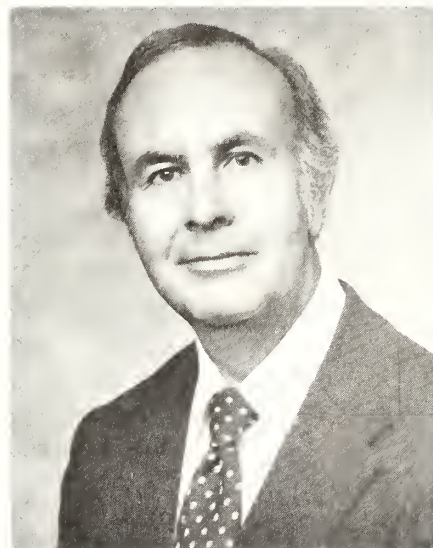
#### **Black Jack Church to Have Singspiration**

Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, invites everyone to a singspiration on July 29 at 7 p. m. featuring "Four Cleffs" and "Peace Makers Trio" from Dunn, North Carolina. There will be a fellowship hour following immediately in the Cherry Educational Building. The Rev. Cedric Pierce is the pastor.

#### **Revival at Mount Tabor Church**

The revival at the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina, will be

August 6 through August 11. The Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro,



*The Rev. Earl Glenn*

pastor of the LaGrange Church, LaGrange, will be the visiting minister. Services will begin each evening at 8. There will be special singing each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Ransom McAbee and the church membership invite everyone to attend.

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#### **IN MEMORY OF MR. EDWARD CHESLEY KING SR.**

Folkstone Church

In loving memory of Edward Chesley King Sr., who departed this life, May 25, 1971.

Today recalls sad memories  
Of our dear one gone to rest  
And the ones who think of him today  
Are the ones who loved him best.

Gone is the face we love so dear  
Silent is the voice we loved to hear  
Too far away for sight or speech  
But not too far for thought to reach.

Sweet to remember him who was here  
Though gone away is just as near.

The world changes year to year  
And friends from day to day  
But never will the one we loved  
From our memory pass away.

We dream of you dear loved one  
And we see your smiling face  
And know that you are happy  
In your Father's chosen place.



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For August 5

## GOD LOVES AND FORGIVES

Lesson Text: Hosea 14

Memory Verse: Hosea 14:9

### I. INTRODUCTION

Too often we may hear it said that the God of the Old Testament is a God of wrath. The statement bears record to the truth, but it is not the whole truth. And if one infers that the Old Testament God of wrath therefore is different from the New Testament God of love, that inference is false. God is one, and with Him there is no changing of character. He is a God of wrath and a God of love. The God of the Old Testament is the God of the New Testament also.

In both Testaments we are made aware of the wrath of God. What can be plainer than the words of the Apostle Paul, writing of the coming of the Lord in judgment, "in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 1:8)? And John writes of the seven vials of God's wrath that are to be poured out upon the earth (Revelation 16:1). The wrath of God is a reality in all ages, in the New Testament no less than in the Old.

Likewise, the love of God is revealed to us in the Old Testament as well as in the New. Jeremiah 31:3 speaks of God's love as "everlasting." Compared to this we read that "his anger endureth but a moment" (Psalm 30:5). The balance between God's wrath and His love is also revealed in Psalm 103:8—"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in

mercy (or, in steadfast love)." Our lesson today deals with these two aspects of the nature of God—His wrath and His love.—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. When Amos appeared with his message of condemnation, Hosea was a young man. Hosea was a native of Israel, and it was his unhappy lot to witness the further degradation of his people as they sank deeper and deeper into idolatry and open sin.

B. Some years had passed since Amos had delivered his predictions regarding the fate of Israel. The nation was reaping what it had sown. Hosea, realizing all of the trouble and sorrow that were yet to come upon the Israelites because they had forsaken God, pleaded with them to cease their unfaithfulness and to return to God. Hosea knew of the severity of God's punishment; but he also knew of His love and His willingness to forgive. He made this the theme of his message.

C. Hosea's message from the Lord was revealed in an extraordinary way, illustrated in the prophet's own experience. The truth was wrenched from Hosea's own broken heart, growing out of the unfaithfulness of his wife. Hosea 1:2, 3 is taken to mean that Gomer, if not a woman of loose morals at the time of her marriage to Hosea, was at least one inclined to harlotry, who became unfaithful later. This gave Hosea an illustration of the way his people had treated God. The nation had been especially chosen by the Lord, blessed and loved by Him. Gomer had entered into a covenant relationship with

Hosea, and Israel had entered into a covenant relationship with God. Both Gomer and Israel had proved unfaithful.

D. Would Israel be utterly despised and cast away? Many take the Scripture record to mean that this question too was answered through the prophet's own experience. After leaving Hosea for her illicit lovers, Gomer went from bad to worse and was finally sold into slavery. Then the word of the Lord came to Hosea, "... Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine" (Hosea 3:1). The phrase "flagons of wine" seems to refer to the worship of Baal. So Hosea found Gomer and brought her back, redeemed from her slavery. He knew that as he had suffered over the unfaithfulness of Gomer, God had suffered over the unfaithfulness of Israel. But as he had brought Gomer back, God would redeem and bring Israel back.

E. All of our Bible Text for today is taken from Hosea 14 which deals with the Lord bringing Israel back even as Hosea brought Gomer back.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Although called "minor," Hosea was one of the most important prophets of the Old Testament. His writings are filled with reflections of God's love for Israel, and at the same time consist of many warnings to the nation.

B. Hosea was a man of wealth, culture, and wide experience. His home was in Samaria, the pleasure-loving capital of Israel, the northern kingdom, and it was to this kingdom that he prophesied. His work followed upon that of Amos, coming in the closing years of the idolatrous king, Jeroboam II, and continuing into the years of anarchy which followed the death of that monarch.

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# LEST WE BE FOUND SLEEPING

All of us have surely acknowledged the belief that Christ will come again. What many of us have neglected is the possibility that it might be imminent. Even though we accept it as a certainty, we think of it as a far-removed, future event. But the Second Coming may be as close as our doorstep.

Today's news of the world sounds so familiar it could be straight out of the Bible. Headlines of newspapers and magazines and television and radio commentaries fairly preach impending doom: rulers are overthrown, countries are under siege, devastations imperil the populations, unbelievable atrocities are perpetrated against the innocents, diseases ravage both youth and old, death and destruction are deterrents to fruitful living, children are born into poverty never to escape from it; and the whole world seems to seek the wrong way out.

He's coming suddenly, and at a time when we think not, say the Scriptures. For generations man has tried to fix the time, to no avail. We have read of and heard of, and even seen TV coverage of men climbing to the tops of mountains to await the coming—at a specified time and location, only to be disappointed. A few such announcements of the coming were made as much as a year in advance. And some futurists waited the year out patiently, actually seeming to believe that man could forecast the event—especially when it was claimed that a divine contact had revealed the occasion.

If anyone believes the Bible (and we all should), it is clear that no man can predict the Second Coming. We are taught that no one knows when the Lord shall come again—no one except the Father. According to the Holy Word, He has withheld that information even from the Son.

The Christian life should not be a passive one, but for many it is. No Christian who is worth his salt can afford to be noncommittal. No Christian who is worth his salt and who loves and looks forward to the Lord's return can be found idle.

Let us all be alert; let us watch and faint not. Whether at even, midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning, let us watch therefore, lest coming suddenly He finds us sleeping!

The Second Coming may be as close as our doorstep!



# MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

REGISTRATION  
9—9:30 A. M.

AUGUST 6-7

HENDERSON BUILDING  
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Monday, August 6

“Effective Styles of Leadership for the Minister” The Rev. Robert L. Baldrige  
Coordinator of Leadership Development  
Conference Council on Ministries  
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Worship

The Rev. Royce Reynolds  
The Rev. Bobby Taylor

Lunch

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Tuesday, August 7

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Chaplain and Supervisor  
School of Pastoral Care  
North Carolina Baptist Hospital

Worship Service

The Rev. Bruce Barrow  
The Rev. Fred Johnson

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Atlantic Christian College

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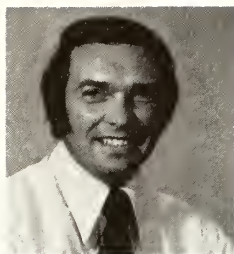


**There's another  
type of energy crisis,  
where demand  
is less  
than supply  
and  
availability . . .**

# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1979, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA**





Tommy Manning  
Editor

## EDITORIAL

### WHERE IS THE REAL ENERGY CRISIS?

No one denies wholeheartedly that the present energy crisis and all its ramifications cause more than a little uneasiness. Even if we doubt the fact of an actual crisis (and some certainly do), we nonetheless feel the sting in terms of higher prices for gasoline, possible rationing, and the very recent thermostat control.

The trouble, say the experts, is that demand exceeds supply and availability. Anytime that unbalance occurs, there is bound to be trouble. The appeal is made for conservation, but many who have not believed or who refuse to accept the truth of a real shortage, or who think that such a clear and present danger is nonexistent, carry on as usual. And that number includes many who make otherwise sensible approaches to living.

Only within the past few weeks, when gas stations closed because they had sold all, or for some reason could not get their allocations, and when lines of cars reminiscent of the 1973 fuel shortage became a part of many city scapes, did people really sit up and take notice. To add the proverbial insult to injury, the OPEC nations (which supply major oil stores) raised the price of crude oil and threatened the world (and it seemed the United States, in particular) with the forecast of critical depletion.

President Carter, in what many have called a strategic political move, has called for careful conservation. He has perhaps boosted morale a bit with his plan for the creation of synthetic energy. The production of synthetic energy will cost billions of dollars. The waste products of such production are expected to be environmentally unsafe, if not altogether hazardous to human life. It has further been suggested that the huge oil conglomerates will be the ones profiting from synthetic

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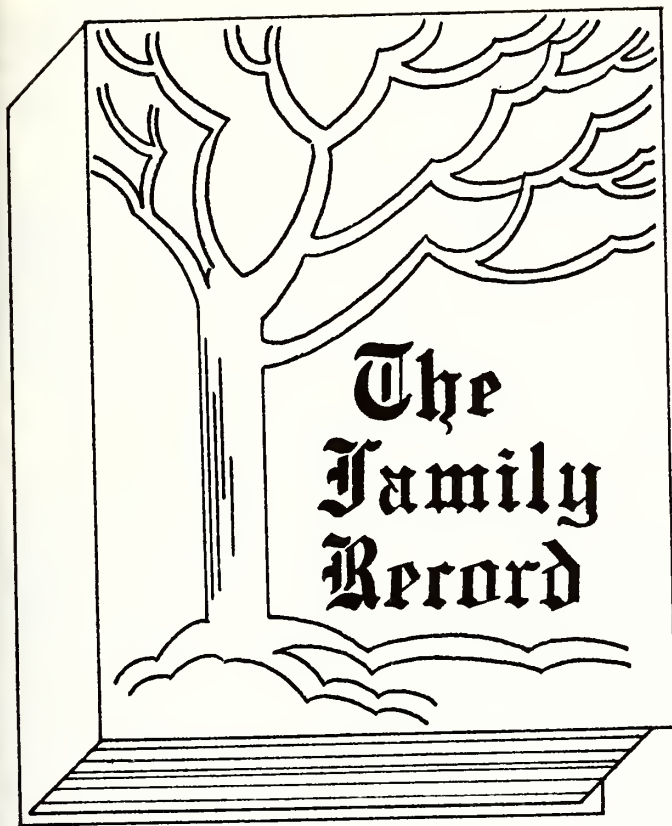
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by the Rev. Robert May  
Ahoskie, North Carolina

Read Luke 16:19-31.

**A** few months ago the television audience was given the opportunity to see again the heart-stirring movie called "Roots." It portrayed the lifestyle of a slave and his family. This film, taken from the book "Roots," showed not only the good but the bad. It not only portrayed the moral but the immoral as well.

Most of us had rather not have our family record aired before the whole world. For there are very few families that have all white sheep, or all sheep and no goats.

The world may never learn some things that hang from our family tree. Yet, there is a record and that record is written and kept by God.

In Luke's Gospel we find our Lord giving to us a complete record of one family. He has left nothing out, nor is it in error. He also has our record and not one word or deed is overlooked.

New techniques are coming on the scene each year for keeping records: IBM machines that have a brain or a memory—microfilm that can keep thousands of words in a compact area. At the present time our church records are being filmed at Mount Olive College for safekeeping. Yet none of these methods are as accurate as God's records. While I am preparing this message the space ship "Skylab" is falling back to earth, and there has been a record made of its every orbit.

What kind of record will yours be? It depends upon you! Your every move is being written down each day.

Let us look at some very interesting things written about a family in Luke 16:19-31.

**First**, there is given a financial record.

Jesus begins the history of this family by telling what most folk are interested in—WEALTH. "There was a certain rich man" (Luke 16:19). "How much was he worth?" These are the words usually asked after the death of a wealthy man or woman.

Here is a record of a man that had everything he desired. Not one thing he wanted was ever denied him. Yet there was one thing, and by far the most important, lacking. He was not rich toward God. Oh, the worry that money brings. The more people get the more they want. Jesus never condemned a man for his riches or a lack of it, but as the Apostle Paul said, "the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). Let us note at this point that a person can be just as money-crazy about a few dollars as he can over great amounts of wealth.

A rich man is not concerned over the high prices of food or gasoline. He has the money to get what he wants regardless of the price. Not so with the poor, who have barely enough to live on. "Your riches are

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corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten" (James 5:2).

**Second**, the record gives the size of the family.

There is something fascinating about large families. I was reared in a large family—five sisters, four brothers. Well do I remember the old wooden bench at the table filled with hungry children.

The record tells us that the rich man had five brothers. It was possible that he had sisters, since women were not mentioned as much as men. Not only was the rich man's soul at stake, but several souls were involved. The Lord "is not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9).

**Third**, the family was separated by death.

Someone has said, "Two things are sure in this life—death and taxes." Even more certain are death and judgment. Death is a wicked, cruel, conquering king. This is one appointment that most people would rather not keep. There is no way around death, except the coming of Christ the second time while one lives. "It is appointed unto man once to die" (Hebrews 9:27). Jesus tells us in Luke 16:22, "The rich man died and was buried." How often (in hospitals, homes, nursing homes) have I heard death's music in the cry of broken hearts. Death is inevitable and Jesus is the preparation. This is the only way to be ready at death.

Who is wise among you? It is the man that settles the sin debt with Jesus Christ. Some may think death is not coming and continue to sin, but the record will read—he died.

Are you satisfied with **your** record as it now stands? If not, right now you can change how it will read.

**Fourth**, the record shows one in hell.

"The rich man . . . died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments. . . ." (Luke 16:22, 23).

We are not going into detail as to what hell is or is not. Someone has said, "Hell is at the end of a Christ-rejected life." It will not be a pleasant place according to the Word of God.

Several weeks ago this news item stirred the hearts of many. "Father backs automobile over his son who is killed." Words cannot describe the feeling that this father had. Yet this is not as bad as a parent who influences a child in the wrong way and sends his soul to hell. Hundreds of parents, some you probably know, have no care or concern over their children, when it comes to Sunday school and worship. Parents, one day

the family record will be complete; have you done your part? Will your son or daughter spend eternity in hell because of your neglect? I trust that our family record will not read, "one in hell."

**Fifth**, the record: one gone—five left.

Hindsight is very good, but so often it is of little or no good. How often have we said, "If I had listened, or if I had known, things would have been different." The father who backed his car over his son no doubt said, "If I had only looked the second time, but now too late."

The rich man died and in hell remembered. He remembered how well he had fared and how Lazarus had been ill treated. More than this, back home were five unsaved brothers that would soon follow him in death. He asked Abraham to send Lazarus, the man that was nothing to the rich man while on earth, to be missionary. ". . . I pray thee . . . father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment" (Luke 16:27, 28). Life on earth may get rough, but it cannot be compared to a life in hell without hope. There was now a vacancy around the family table—one member in hell.

**Sixth**, the family record could have read differently.

"Why do you want Lazarus to go back to your earthly home? All these years they have had the prophet's testimony." Everyone had a chance to repent; for God is not willing that any should perish. Even if one went back from the dead, they would not listen. And so it is today, preaching on almost every corner and many are still without hope. The preaching of the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit goes unheeded.

The rich man, by his own decision, made his bed with the wicked in Hell. He wrote the last word of his life as recorded in the family record—LOST. "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

The rich man made the choice, and he later saw his mistake. His chance was gone for him to change his destiny. We do not know when the last page of our family record will be written, but we can know HOW it will read. By faith in Jesus Christ, the last page of our record will close with this word—SAVED! Saved by the grace of God.

## The Rev. Hollon Norris

EMERSON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Tabor City honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Hollon Norris. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A DEDICATED FAMILY

submitted by Barbara Sellers



*The Rev. and Mrs. Hollon Norris and Junior*

We, the members of Emerson Free Will Baptist Church, would like to honor our pastor and his family this week. The Rev. Hollon Norris is a devout man of God, who is always ready to help anyone at anytime to do the work that God has called him to do.

Brother Hollon, as we all call him, was born and raised in Tabor City, North Carolina. He moved to Thomasville, North Carolina, where he was married in May of 1962. He and his wife both were saved

December 27, 1964. He served on the deacon board until he was called into the ministry to preach God's holy Word. He was called to pastor Old Fashion Free Will Baptist Church in Denton, North Carolina, and was ordained on May 19, 1972. During his two years there, they built a new sanctuary. The church grew great in the Spirit and in number, but Brother Hollon was led by the Spirit of God to leave and was called to come to Tabor City to pastor Emerson Free Will Baptist

Church. Emerson has truly been blessed by the leadership of this servant of God.

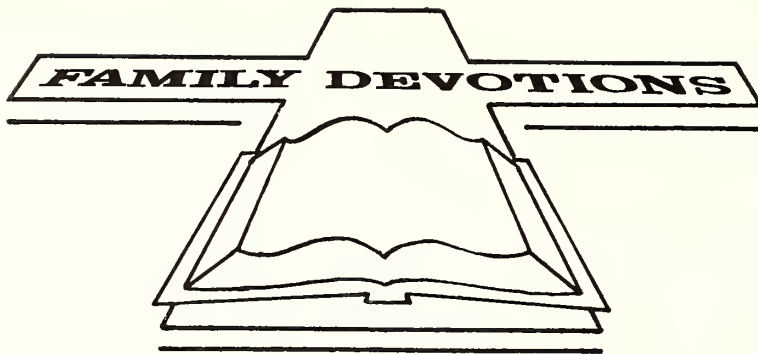
Everyone in the congregation feels the work of the Holy Spirit as he works, ministers and delivers God's message to them. His main concern that all come to a saving knowledge of the Lord is evidenced by his message each week. We cannot begin to measure the extent of his ministry to the church and community, as we cannot measure God's love and mercy for his servants. When Brother Hollon began his ministry with us we were having preaching services twice a month; right away we began full-time services with a continual growth each week.

During his ministry we have experienced the joy of receiving many new members, who under his sermons have yielded their hearts to the calling of the Holy Spirit and accepted Christ and have become great workers for Christ. We also have witnessed many times altar services where the young and old alike have prayed and wept together in love for their needs and those of other members of this church family. We have experienced a more open and meaningful commitment to kneel before God. People of this community, as well as church members, have come to love and appreciate the Rev. Hollon Norris and his loving family.

He is often called to families for counseling, weddings, and funerals. During his ministry with us, we have grown spiritually beyond measure. Also, we have added to the church two Sunday school rooms, a vestibule, new carpet, new paneling, and central heating and air conditioning. The yard and driveway also have been blacktopped and new shrubbery has been planted.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

Scripture Reading—John 3:1-16

THE GREATEST GIFT—

JOHN 3:16

GOD . . . . . The Greatest Lov  
SO LOVED . . . . . The Greatest

Degree

THE WORLD . . . . . The Greatest  
Company

THAT HE GAVE . . . . . The Greatest  
Act

HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON . . . . .

The Greatest Gift

THAT WHOSOEVER . . . . . The

Greatest Opportunity

BELIEVETH . . . . . The Greatest  
Simplicity

IN HIM . . . The Greatest Attraction

SHOULD NOT PERISH . . . . . The  
Greatest Promise

BUT . . . . . The Greatest Difference  
HAVE . . . . . The Greatest Certainty

EVERLASTING LIFE . . . . . The  
Greatest Possession

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Scripture Reading—John 14:15-31

TO LIVE WELL

To live well in the quiet routine of life; to fill a little space because God wills it; to go on cheerfully with a petty round of little duties, little avocations; to smile for the joy of others when the heart is aching—who does this, his works will follow him. He may not be a hero to the world, but he is one of God's heroes.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Living well is not necessarily measured in terms of gaining worldwide recognition. One need not be a global celebrity to merit God's notice. As one lives for Him, he receives attention from where it really counts.*

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

Scripture Reading—Romans 2:1-10

CHRIST THE LEADER

L-oving . . . . . Hebrews 2:10

Because He has made the way at such a cost.

E-ssential . . . . . Philippians 4:19

Cannot do without Him.

A-bsolute . . . . . John 21:22

Must let Him lead altogether.

D-ivine . . . . . John 14:6

He knows the way.

E-xcellent . . . . . Psalm 23:2, 3

Good company, and He cannot err.

R-eady . . . . . Isaiah 48:17

But only becomes ours when we accept Him.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*"Where He leads me, I will follow!" How often have we made such an assertion? What if He leads us through the valley? (He may!) What if He leads us to heights unknown? (He may!) Let us never lose sight of Him. He will never mislead; but we may follow amiss, if we don't keep our hearts attuned to His will.*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:15-23

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

In newspaper English, Galatians 5:22, 23 would read something like this: "The fruit of the Spirit is an affectionate, lovable disposition, a radiant spirit and a cheerful temper, a tranquil mind and a quiet manner, a forbearing patience in provoking circumstances and with trying people, a sympathetic insight and tactful helpfulness, generous judgment and a big-souled charity, loyalty and reliability under all circumstances, humility that forgets self in the joy of others, in all things self-mastered and self-controlled, which is the final mark of perfecting."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*"Patience" is often spoken of as one of the chief fruits of the Spirit. It would seem that if everyone were patient, all the other fruits would manifest themselves readily. In fact, one can't have one of the fruits without a measure of all the others.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The greatest gift, of course, is the Son of God, Christ Jesus, the Supreme Sacrifice for all mankind. Let us never discount the awesome responsibility that is ours when we accept the Gift!*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 2:1-10

CHRISTIANITY

The Scriptures give four names to Christians:

saints, for their holiness.

believers, for their faith.

brethren, for their love.

disciples, for their knowledge.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Regardless of the names given to Christians for individual virtues, the most important thing for them to do is to be ambassadors for Christ—in thought, word, and deed!*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

Scripture Reading—Matthew 2:1-10

CHRIST

When I'm on top of the mountain, He's the bright and morning star

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When I'm on the side of the mountain,  
 He is the Rose of Sharon.  
 When I'm in the valley,  
 He's the lily of the valley.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Christ is always the Comforter or those who believe in and follow Him. He is all things to Christians, whether in joy or sorrow, sunshine or shadow.*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 1:1-20

**CHURCH ON SUNDAY**

One day the telephone rang in the clergyman's office of the Washington church which President Franklin Roosevelt attended. An eager voice inquired, "Do you expect the President to be in church Sunday?"

"That," answered the clergyman, "I cannot promise. But we expect God to be there and we fancy that should be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*No one should attend church merely because his friends go, nor even to be in the presence of a famous person. The proper reason for church attendance is worship of God. He and He alone should be the cause for attendance.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

**MINISTERIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE**

The Rev. L. E. Ambrose announces that he is available to fill the pulpit for any minister who might be vacationing, who is sick, or who needs to be away from his church for some other reason. He may be contacted at Route 2, Box 162, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; telephone 797-4738.

**STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT**

June 30, 1979

The following action was taken by the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention, May 10, 1979, at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove, Cape Fear District.

1. All North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Conventions in the future will be scheduled to convene on the second Thursday in May.

2. Registration fee for the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention increased to \$10. (This action adopted in May, 1978, and called to our attention again in May, 1979.) The registration should be mailed to the state treasurer in April each year. Local auxiliaries do not send a written report to the state auxiliary convention: each district secretary sends a report which includes the combined information taken from the local reports which includes the combined information taken from the local reports sent to the district conventions in the spring.

3. Life Membership Award fee increased to \$35.

4. Mrs. Dola Dudley elected to serve as Director of the 1979 Woman's Conference at Cragmont; Mrs. Alice Barrow elected to serve as Registrar and Treasurer.

5. Project goals for 1979-80 are as follows:

Missions .....	\$6,000
Home Missions .....	\$2,500
Each Auxiliary	\$20
Foreign Missions .....	\$3,500
Each Auxiliary	\$20
Children's Home .....	\$3,000
Microwave Ovens	
Each Auxiliary	\$20
Mount Olive College .....	\$2,500
Furniture for Reception Area of College Hall	
Each Auxiliary	\$20
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.	
Each Auxiliary	\$20

**Retirement Homes**

Each Auxiliary \$20

6. Memorial gift of \$15 will be made to Moye Library, Mount Olive College, in event of death of an Executive Committee member or her husband.

7. The Yearbook of Programs, **Devotion**, will follow the calendar year.

8. Regarding Study Courses: Resolved:

\*1. That one-half the active membership of a local auxiliary attend a mission rally for it to count as a study course; that all other studies be properly prepared and announced.

2. That we recognize three courses of study on **Methods**:

- a. Woman's Auxiliary **Manual of Methods**
- b. A course based on History of Free Will Baptists
- c. Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina

\*Literature Committee Report, February 17, 1979 (Adopted May, 1979)

9. In honor of the State President, Mrs. Rachel M. Duncan, the Convention will purchase one square foot of the new building at Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated, at a cost of \$25.

10. Resolution submitted by the Anna Phillips Loan Fund Committee: the Anna Phillips Loan Fund becomes the Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund and will be administered by Mount Olive College and the purpose will remain the same as originally stated, "the education of North Carolina Free Will Baptist students." Contributions to the Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund should be made through your district treasurer. (The resolution will appear in **The Free Will Baptist**.)

NORTH CAROLINA  
 WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
 CONVENTION  
 Rose Raper, Secretary



## A POSITIVE VIEW OF THE "PROPOSED ARTICLES OF FAITH AND PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS"

*The following statement is that of DeWayne Eakes, who is solely responsible for its contents.*

Due to the negative publicity given the "Proposed Revision" recently in some quarters, I feel a need to offer positive response to the issue in light of the upcoming special called session of the State Convention on August 14. My response is wholeheartedly in support of the proposed document as one of the many ministers who labored for two years to revise the "1955 Discipline" at the instruction of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. At the outset let it be understood that none of the members of the revision committee are naive enough to believe that we have formulated a "perfect document." However we do feel that the proposed revision reflects much more clearly our English General Baptist Heritage than does the present 1955 Discipline, as well as setting forth in much clearer form our Doctrine and Polity.

As we understand the August 14 called session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the purpose is to offer and incorporate into the document such constructive changes, additions, and alterations as will make the document acceptable to the majority of our people. Those who are expending such great effort to insure the defeat or tabling of any action on the proposed document are in effect creating a great deal more "heat than light" on the issue. A wise alternative, I believe, would be to expend this energy and concern in formulating well thought out constructive changes where the entire body deem them expedient. It then is incumbent upon the entire body, functioning according to the democratic

process, to accept as binding that which the majority approves, subject of course, to the document's ratification by the necessary majority of the conferences.

The major area of concern as I have heard it discussed is fear that the conference is infringing upon the rights of the local congregation. A careful reading of "Relationship of the Local Church to the Conference," Page 38 in the Proposed Revision, will allay any misconceptions. The section reads as follows:

"Each local church is a distinct organization, with full authority to manage its own internal affairs, elect its officers, receive, dismiss, discipline, and exclude members in accordance with this book of discipline.

"The annual Conference is a distinct organization made up of its member churches, represented by delegation, and its member ministers and its own elected officials. It has full authority to manage its own affairs and the responsibilities delegated by its members.

"Since neither the local congregation nor the annual Conference exists as an Original Free Will Baptist entity apart from the other, the annual Conference, being the highest tribunal, shall have final disciplinary authority over the local church."

Readers should compare this statement with the statement in the 1955 Discipline under the heading, "Independence of Churches." A comparative reading at this point will reveal no change in the polity. Our polity is neither purely congregational nor connectional. It is a "hybrid" of the two, with the Annual Conference having certain responsibilities as delegated by its member churches through their chosen delegates. Those who would advocate the complete "Independence" of the local Church from delegated disciplinary authority, as vested in the Annual Conference, are outside both the traditional and present stream of Church Polity

for the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

As we come together for this special session of the State Convention, let us come with a conciliatory spirit rather than an incendiary attitude. God grant that we may bring the attitude of Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, and let us reason together, Says the Lord . . ." and Ephesians 4:1-3, "I . . . entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with a humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (NASV). This is an important endeavor and our feelings are a part of our entire being; let us bring the best of our reason and faith as Christians united in the common goal of building the Kingdom of God on earth, to this task.

## Coming Events . . .

August —Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as State Convention Promotional Work

August 3, 4—Summer Orientation, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

August 6, 7—Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

August 6-11—Woman's Conference, Cragmont

August 7—Retirement Homes Board Directors Meeting, 10 a. m. Children's Home, Middlesex

August 7—Board of Superannuated meeting, 1 p. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

August 14—Special Session, North Carolina State Convention, Leno Community College, Kinston

August 22—Children's Home Board Directors meeting, 9 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

# CHRISTIAN CADET CONFERENCE

JUNE 25-30

THEME: "SHARING GOD'S LOVE"

God has blessed us again with another spirit-filled week of Christian fun and fellowship!

The Christian Cadet Conference was planned and directed by the Rev. Bobby R. Taylor of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina. It was evident that much time and preparation had preceded this week of encampment because of the harmonious attitudes of the campers and counselors throughout the week of activities.

There were a total of 162 campers attending the Christian Cadet Conference from ages 6 to 18. God poured out His love through the speakers during the week and thirty-seven (37) children came forth to make a first-time decision to follow Jesus Christ. There were many others who rededicated their lives to the cause of Christ and became stronger Christians through this time of fellowship.

We received full cooperation, courtesies, and efforts toward comfort from the camp managers, the Rev. Doug and Jenny Skinner, and their staff.

We are humbly thankful for the privilege of having been in Christian fellowship with our friends and God during the camp week. We are hopeful that our churches will encourage our young people's activities and participation in their churches during the coming year.

The children of today will comprise the churches of tomorrow. It is our sacred duty to lead these children to God for Christ's sake.

James W. Cahoon  
(for the counselors)

## Our Readers Write

### DISAGREES WITH EDITORIAL VIEW

("We Have Our Boat People Too!" July 18 editorial)

Dear Tommy,

My personal understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ and His teachings is that were He here today in the flesh, He would be on a boat in the South China Sea in a rescue effort to save the "Boat People," and He would take them in no matter what the cost.

Tommy, Christ died on the Cross for every person (The Supreme Sacrifice), and every harsh act of rejection or cruelty toward these people is not Christian. The very suggestion that we turn them away is con-

trary to all that I understand about my Lord.

America is a big land. One reason for America's greatness is that throughout its history it has extended a hand to the oppressed peoples of this earth. The day it ceases to do this will be a dark day, and for a Christian to even suggest this is certainly a dark day.

Sincerely,  
Harold Jones, Pastor  
Living Waters  
Free Will Baptist Church  
Pikeville, North Carolina

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## SPECIAL SESSION

### NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

OF

### ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Campus of Lenoir Community College  
Kinston, North Carolina

**AUGUST 14, 1979**

Registration 8:30 A. M.  
Session Begins 9:30 A. M.

Purpose is to consider the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline

All churches are requested to designate their delegates, one for each 100 members or fraction thereof. If possible, delegates should obtain a copy of the proposal and read and study it before arriving. Copies are available at the Press and branch bookstores, for \$1 per copy. A letter will be mailed to each church soon, asking for the names of the delegates.



# RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS QUARTERLY REPORT

FOR  
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE, 1979)  
TOTAL: \$51,905.14

<b>ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Corinth	\$ 10.00
Free Union	515.55
Gum Neck	50.00
Hickory Chapel	393.00
Malachi's Chapel	400.00
Mount Tabor	188.12
Mount Zion	300.00
Piney Grove	50.00
Plymouth, First	300.00
Shiloh	21.00
Sidney	162.46
Sound Side	50.00
Saint Paul	160.00
Trinity	200.00
Union Chapel	104.78
Union Meeting	17.15
Sunday School Convention	51.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,973.59</b>

<b>BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Cedar Hill	\$ 30.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30.40</b>

<b>CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Bethel	\$ 200.00
Casey's Chapel	196.50
Catalpa	75.00
Christian Chapel Mission	150.00
Daly's Chapel	50.00
Eastwood	651.87
Faith Mission	75.00
Goldsboro, First	390.00
Haymount Mission	153.67
Hopewell	112.14
Johnston Union	257.00
Lee's Chapel	1,416.61
Oak Grove	275.00
Palmer Memorial	114.09
Pleasant Grove	300.00
Riverside	250.00
Shady Grove	1,350.00
Saint Paul	200.00
Tee's Chapel	844.75
Victory Mission	20.21
West Clinton	54.00
Yelverton Grove	224.38
Union Meeting	22.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,382.22</b>

<b>CENTRAL CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Aspen Grove	\$ 348.00
Ayden	390.00
Bethany	376.80
Black Jack	1,509.80
Cedar Grove	100.00
Daniels Chapel	300.00
Dilda's Grove	318.87
Edgewood	222.00
Elm Grove	20.00
Free Union	321.22
Friendship	2,779.32
Gum Swamp	200.00
Greenville, First	280.00
Grimsley	150.00
Harrell's Chapel	25.00
Hickory Grove	311.65
Hugo	110.00
Hull Road	497.00
King's Cross Roads	1,050.19
Little Creek	165.00
Marlboro	165.00
Old Saints Delight	100.00
Ormondsville	8.00
Otter's Creek	216.14
Owen's Chapel	129.71
Piney Grove (Pitt)	74.00
Pleasant Hill	300.00
Reedy Branch	440.36
Rose Hill	250.00
Rose of Sharon	125.00
Saratoga	5.00
Spring Branch	405.00
Sweet Gum Grove	395.60
Tarboro, First	1,003.35
Walnut Creek	100.00
Williamston, First	233.00
Winterville	917.28
Second Union	11.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,354.07</b>

<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Angola	\$ 10.00
Antioch	300.00
Bethlehem	510.00
Bridgeton	222.00
British Chapel	250.00
Core Creek	252.12
Core Point	65.00
Christian Chapel	200.00

Crab Point	25.0
Croatan	200.0
Davis	100.0
Deep Run	417.0
Dublin Grove	244.9
Edwards Chapel	45.0
Faith	95.0
Friendship	105.4
Gethsemane	120.0
Gray Branch	605.0
Hillsberry	131.8
Holly Springs	681.6
Indian Springs	11.0
Jackson Heights Mission	168.9
Juniper Chapel	192.8
Kinston, First	362.8
Lanier's Chapel	10.0
May's Chapel	400.0
Mosley's Creek	21.0
Mount Pleasant	100.0
Mount Zion (Onslow)	100.0
New Bethlehem	181.2
New Haven	246.1
Northeast	155.1
Oriental	28.0
Otway	108.0
Pearsall Chapel	150.0
Pilgrims Rest	100.0
Reunion Chapel	150.0
Rock of Zion	447.8
Rooty Branch	135.0
Sneads Ferry	100.0
Smyrna	75.0
Spring Hope	200.0
Saint Mary's	260.0
Vanceboro	200.0
Verona	100.0
Wardens Grove	253.4
Warsaw	66.5
Whaley's Chapel	150.0
White Hill	25.0
White Oak	40.0
Wilmington, First	25.0
Wintergreen	37.0
Third Union	80.0
Fifth Union	75.0
Fifth Sunday School Convention	41.0
Zoa Bryan Circle	25.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,401.0</b>

<b>PEE DEE CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Beaverdam	\$ 575.0
Emerson	286.4
Mount Calvary	50.0
Oak Grove	225.0
Thomasboro	100.0
First Union	60.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,296.5</b>

<b>PIEDMONT CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Bethany	\$ 140.00
Christ	30.00
Community	100.00
East Rockingham	135.08
Heritage Mission	112.94
Highland Pines	15.00
Hopewell	120.00
Union Gospel	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 728.02</b>

<b>ROCK FISH CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Mount Moriah	\$ 40.30
Sandy Grove	15.00
Rock Fish Conference Meeting	26.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 81.40</b>

<b>TOE RIVER CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
McCourry's Rock	\$ 30.00
Poplar	20.00
Roan's Chapel	100.00
Roaring Creek	135.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 285.06</b>

<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Baptist Road Cathedral	\$ 60.00
Barnes Hill	153.00
Black Jack Grove	250.00
Branch Chapel	917.97
Calvary	375.00
Elwood Lane	73.64
Everett Chapel	359.28
Flood's Chapel	75.00
Free Union	91.00
Fremont	345.00
Friendship	440.00
Kenly	10.00
Little Rock	680.00
Marsh Swamp	652.84
Micro	125.00
Milbournie	375.00
Mount Zion (Nash)	118.76
New Sandy Hill	150.00
People's Chapel	569.76
Pine Level	111.25
Piney Grove	140.00
Pleasant Grove	31.00
Pleasant Hill	200.00
Pleasant Plain	125.00
Rains Cross Roads	150.00
Rock Springs	75.00
Rosebud	15.00
Saint Mary's	466.84
Selma	100.00
Sherron Acres	550.00

Stancil's Chapel	510.03
Stoney Creek	1,002.00
Stony Hill	300.00
Trinity	825.00
Union Chapel	97.50
Union Grove	208.50
Unity (Durham)	150.00
Unity (Wilson)	140.00
Watson's Grove	50.00
West Hillsborough Mission	100.00
Wilson, First	1,250.00
First Union Western Conference	100.00
First District Sunday School Convention	25.00
Western District Youth Fellowship	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,618.47</b>

<b>OTHER STATES CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Bim Ladies Aid	\$ 30.00
Boone County Youth League	50.00
Free Will Baptist Church in Shelby, Ohio	69.06
Laurel City	67.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 216.10</b>

<b>STATEWIDE BODIES CONTRIBUTION</b>	
North Carolina Free Will Baptist Auxiliary Convention	\$2,538.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,538.22</b>

**MEMORIALS GIVEN DURING THIS QUARTER: \$1,041.70**

<b>GIVEN BY:</b>	<b>FOR WHOM:</b>
Mr. James Gardner	Paul Joyner
Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church	Paul Joyner
Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church	Lloyd Gay
Mrs. Louise Mallard	Mrs. Lila Harrison
Mr. George Beamon	Mr. Bennie A. Saunders
Ms. Kay Heath	Woodington Free Will Baptist Church
Mrs. Eunice S. Pierce	Mrs. Blanche Snell
Mrs. C. L. Lupton	Mrs. Allie Potter
Mrs. C. H. Baker	Mrs. Dana Davis
Lonnie Worrell	Mrs. C. J. Barnes
Malachi's Chapel	R. L. Spencer
Melvin Cunningham	Bennie A. Saunders
William and Bessie Dilday	Summer Woodrow Earley
Hickory Chapel, Adult Choir	Summer Woodrow Earley
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perry	Summer Woodrow Earley
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Worrell	C. J. Barnes
Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell Williamson	Allie Lamm

Mr. and Mrs. George Stinagle	Virginia Dildy
Mrs. Thomas Honeycutt	Virginia Dildy
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Pittman	Betsy Hudsketh
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Corbett	Leila Lewis and Allie S. Lamm
Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell Williamson	Leila Lewis

**WELCOME VOWELLS**



*Mr. Humphrey welcomes the Vowells to the Retirement Homes.*

Recently the Retirement Homes ministry was expanded to include the Dawson House. On May 15, 1979, the Clyde Vowells from the Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church in Durham moved into the Dawson House. Having lived in a government housing project in Durham prior to moving to Dawson House, Mrs. Vowell said, "The Dawson House is an answer to our prayers. We are very happy here." The Vowells join Mrs. Thelma Rulli and Miss Bonnie Farmer in our Retirement Ministry.

The Vowells were active for many years in the Sherron Acres church in Durham. Mr. Vowell retired from the city of Durham. The Vowells have four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Application has been made for the second apartment in Dawson House and we will be announcing our new residents later this summer.



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For August 12

## ISAIAH'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

**Lesson Text:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Memory Verse:** Isaiah 6:8

### I. INTRODUCTION

Isaiah was the son of Amoz (not Amos) and lived in Jerusalem. Tradition has it that he was of noble birth. This has not been established, but we do know that he had ready access to the royal court and became the adviser of kings. He was born around 765 to 760 B. C., when Uzziah, who was also known as Azariah, was on the throne.

The kingdom of Judah reached heights of glory under Uzziah that it had scarcely known since the days of Solomon. He was able to subdue the Philistines and other hostile neighbors to Judah. He strengthened Jerusalem and built fortifications elsewhere in the land. He promoted animal husbandry and provided many wells to supply water for extensive herds and flocks. He was also interested in expanding agriculture. He rebuilt the seaport of Elath, on the Gulf of Aqaba, making possible sea trade through the Red Sea to Ethiopia and on to the Indian Ocean. All of this contributed to a period of great prosperity.

Even so, there were weaknesses in Judah. There was an outward splendor, since the gross national product was at its height. But underneath this appearance of glory there was an inner corruption. The nation had risen in prosperity and in power but it was fast sinking in luxury and wickedness. Everywhere there was injustice, vice, oppression of

the poor, and cruelty. There was much religion, but it consisted of cultic practices devoid of any devotion to the ways of God. "This people draw near me with their mouth," Isaiah said, "and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me" (29:13).

In his later years Uzziah usurped the priest's office and was smitten with leprosy. Undoubtedly this failure of the good king in his old age, and his death that followed, was a shock to Isaiah. It would be a reminder of the ultimate weakness of even the greatest of human leaders, and in the case of Uzziah, at a time when the nation was so greatly in need of strong and righteous leadership. Isaiah sought the temple, knowing that although the earthly king might fail, the King of kings remained firmly on His throne.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. For the last two Sundays, we have studied two prophets of Israel, the Northern Kingdom. Today we study a prophet of Judah, the Southern Kingdom, who was a contemporary of Amos and Hosea. While Jeroboam II was enjoying his long and prosperous reign in the north, Uzziah was equally situated in the south. There had been a long period of comparative peace and prosperity in both of these kingdoms. However, many of the people were still in deep poverty, and they suffered at the hands of unscrupulous profiteers in business and crooked judges in the courts. The rich were given to luxury and idleness and were indifferent to the sufferings of the

poor. This naturally caused hatred to flourish, thus weakening the nation.

B. At this time Assyria was coming to power, only to be successfully challenged by Egypt. About the time Isaiah began his ministry, or shortly thereafter Tiglathpileser of Assyria invaded Palestine. He was bought off by Menahem, king of Israel (2 Kings 15:19). He returned, however, in 734 B. C. to capture Damascus and many cities of Israel.

C. Judah, where Isaiah prophesied, was not as bad religiously as Israel. Uzziah had been a good king. "He did that which was right in the sight of the LORD . . . Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places" (Kings 15:3, 4). Judah copied the practices of her heathen neighbors just as Israel had done. The worship of God had lost its spiritual and moral nature and had become sensual and mechanical. The fact that God is holy and demands holiness on the part of His people had been forgotten.

D. God had planted the Hebrew nation as a very pleasant vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-4). Instead of bringing forth fruit, the vineyard produced only wild grapes. Therefore it would be laid waste and trodden down. Already the king who sat upon the throne of David (Uzziah) had been brought down by leprosy and his son Jotham was co-regent. A six-fold woe was pronounced upon the nation because of its depravity (Isaiah 5:8-23). It seemed to be a hopeless task to which Isaiah was called. But over and above all was God, and the prophet knew it. God spoke to him, and God would speak through him.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

**HAVE YOU RENEWED  
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**

# NEWS OF DENOMINATIONAL & INTEREST NOTES

## Beaverdam Church Youth Place First Place



Beaverdam winners.

Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church, Clarendon, North Carolina, is very proud of its youth. Those participating in the AFC Bible Bowl Quiz were Delane Cartrette, Rickey McPherson, Starr Cribb, and Kindel Buffkin. This group came in first place in the State Competition and also placed first place in the General Competition which consists of several states. It was held in West Virginia. It is hoped that this will encourage all Free Will Baptist youth to get active in this program.

The pastor of the Beaverdam church is the Rev. William J. Godwin. The youth directors are Rudy Cartrette, Minnie Godwin, Idell Mercer, and Martha McPherson.

## Saint Paul Church Has Fellowship Supper

At their regular monthly fellowship supper meeting on Wednesday, July 18 in the fellowship building at Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church at Newton Grove, the members honored their pastor, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin on his birthday. He was surprised by the group

singing "Happy Birthday" and he was presented a gift from the church. There was birthday cake and homemade ice cream enjoyed by everyone during the special fellowship. At the close of the program Mrs. Idell Herring read a poem that she had written about his life. It was to honor and show gratitude for the life and faithful service to the church and community by its loyal pastor and his devoted wife, Christine.

## Vacation Bible School at First Church, Wilson

Vacation Bible School will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, August 13 through August 17 from 7 until 9 each evening. The theme of this year's program is "Jesus, I'm His . . . He's Mine." Classes will be offered for all age groups, preschool through college. The church is located at 910 Granger Street in Wilson and the pastor, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox extends an open invitation to come and join in. For further information regarding the Bible school, call Alane Vester, director, at 243-4885 or Craig Simmons at the church office, 291-6446.

## Higher Ground Presented at First Church, Wilson

Calling all young people to hear in concert, Higher Ground, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson. These three young men lift up the name of Jesus in testimony and song August 23, Friday night, at 7:30. Higher Ground demonstrates the unique ability of communicating with an audience through their songs and their love for God and His people. Their range will bring the oldest member to the youngest member

of the congregation into a warm feeling of worship of Jesus Christ.

## Belhaven Church to Have Homecoming

The Belhaven Free Will Baptist Church will hold a homecoming day on August 26. The Rev. Beverly Ballard, pastor, joins the active members in extending a cordial invitation to all former members, friends of the church, and everyone to attend.

During the morning worship service at eleven, the pastor will speak. All former pastors will be recognized and given an opportunity to contribute to the service.

Picnic lunch will be served in the fellowship hall.

After lunch, a singing will be held during the afternoon. Any singers of the area will be welcome.

This will be the first homecoming at Belhaven church in many years and may become an annual event if enough interest is shown.

## Pews and Carpet Dedication Is Set for August 5

Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort County, recently purchased and has installed new pews. Also, new wall-to-wall carpeting was installed in the sanctuary.

The pews and carpet will be dedicated in a special service at 11 a. m. on August 5. Most of the pews were contributed in memory of former members and ex-pastors of the church. All families of those making such contributions are being urged to attend and will be recognized during the service.

The Rev. Beverly Ballard, pastor, will be in charge of the service. All present members join the pastor in extending an invitation to all interested parties and friends of the church, plus the public.

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## Mount Olive College

### AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP



*Donna Catherine Seymour*

Donna Catherine Seymour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Seymour of Goldsboro, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mount Olive College for the 1979-80 academic year. A member of Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church, Cathy graduated as valedictorian from Charles B. Aycock High School. She has been named in Who's Who Among American High School Students and a Governor's School Nominee. She also received a Home Economics Award and Outstanding Senior Chorus Member award. Cathy was President of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Falconettes and Falconaires, French and Literary Clubs. At Mount Olive she plans to major in religion.

### MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AUGUST 6, 7

The Annual Ministers' Institute will be held at Mount Olive

College Monday and Tuesday, August 6, 7. The theme of "Effective Church Leadership and the Minister" will be presented by a host of prominent speakers.

There is no fee to attend; however, ministers are asked to arrive by 9 a. m. to register and enjoy a short social time together. The first session will begin at 9:30 a. m.

On Monday, the Rev. Robert Baldrige of Raleigh, a coordinator of Leadership Development on the conference Council of Ministries Staff of the United Methodist Church, will address the group on "Effective Styles of Leadership for the Minister."

A worship service will follow led by the Rev. Royce Reynolds, pastor of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Walstonburg, and the Rev. Bobby Taylor, pastor of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville.

Following lunch, Mr. Baldrige will address the group on "Conflict and Management."

Tuesday's seminar will include a presentation by the Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace entitled "The Minister and His Family." Wallace is a Free Will Baptist pastor serving as Chaplain and Supervisor at the School of Pastoral Care of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

A worship service will follow led by the Rev. Bruce Barrow, pastor of Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church in Duplin County, and the Rev. Fred Johnson, pastor of Northeast Free Will Baptist Church in Mount Olive.

Following lunch, the group will be addressed by Dr. William O. Paulsell, professor of religion at Atlantic Christian College, on

"The Personal and Spiritual Development of the Minister."

The concluding session, entitled "The Professional Development of the Minister," will be led by the Rev. DeWayne Eakes, pastor of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Lucama.

Sessions on both days will end by 3 p. m.

For more information, write or call Frank Harrison at Mount Olive College 658-2502 or at home 658-9363.

### SUMMER ORIENTATION

All students who are planning to attend Mount Olive College for the first time are reminded of the summer orientation session Thursday and Friday, August 2, 3.

Registration for the two-day orientation is Thursday morning at 8:30 a. m. until 10 a. m. The program is designed to acquaint students with all phases of college life before coming to campus on August 19 and 20. Activities will conclude by noon on Friday.

### PASTOR OF THE WEEK

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We don't want to forget Brother Hollon's wife, Dot. She has been a real asset to his ministry. She stands behind him with her prayers and support and is always willing for God's work to come first. She also sings with different groups at church and is active with the little folk's class.

Then too there is Junior, their son, whom we all love.

We want to thank you, God, for sending a family like this to our church. We love you, Brother Hollon, and we are a family together. We pray God will bless you and your family as you all sow His seed, as He promises to reap the harvest.

Surely, God has richly blessed Emerson Free Will Baptist Church by sending this dedicated family to us.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## EDITORIAL

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production, for they are best equipped for an undertaking like the mass production of "artificial energy." Thus, they are the ones expected to be receiving the contracts or experiments of such mammoth proportions. No independent company—not even the federal government—is prepared to undertake such a venture.

Some futurists have strongly advised that the government release for mining thousands of acres of mineral-rich land (now held in reserve), which federal laws prohibit from being mined. If mined, these lands are said to promise the solution to the U. S. shortage. Of course, we will have to wait to see what happens with his promise, if anything; and while we wait, the energy crisis is still with us.

There is another energy crisis, the kind that a Senate subcommittee would not consider important enough to look into. Not one tax dollar will be spent to determine its cause or the number affected by it. But to many persons, it seems as dangerous a threat as the lack of fuel. That other energy crisis involves one's religious life, and more importantly, his spiritual (Christian) power.

Men (and women) complain about being powerless. The complaint is not new, but perhaps more prevalent. We complain about being unable to perform certain tasks and being unable to reach certain heights. The truth is, we haven't exerted enough spiritual effort. We despair in the valley and term the mountain "impossible." The truth is, nothing is impossible. We have sold the Lord short. In word we proclaim Him Lord and Master of the universe, as the all-powerful God. But in deed we impose human limitations on His might.

We are certainly men and women of little faith. We faint at the slightest hint of opposition. We haven't the energy to praise His name, let alone conquer victories for Him. But, there is no energy shortage with Him. The trouble is, demand falls short of supply and availability. The fault is ours.

The real energy crisis is within us. And if our souls are not full of Him, we need to tap the source more often, and with greater fervor!

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## NEWS NOTES

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Special music is being planned and Sunday School Superintendent Alton Ausbon is urging the Sunday school to reach an attendance goal of 50 or more.

### CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

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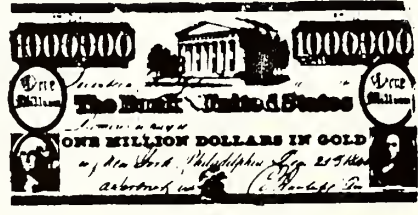
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Duty?  
To keep a promise?

Do you go for any reason  
other than enlightenment  
and edification?





Tommy Manning  
Editor

## EDITORIAL

# YOU MAY AS WELL STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH—IF!

You may as well stay away from church

- if you go merely because it's the family tradition.
- if your mind constantly wanders to the ocean, the mountains, or some other distant place.
- if you really don't want to go anyway.

You may as well stay away from church

- if you harbor a grudge against the minister, a neighbor, or some fellow parishioner.
- if you complain about the music, the order of worship, the general rendering of the service.
- if you are so intent on criticizing that you make that your main reason for attending.

You may as well stay away from church

- if you go because you promised a fellow member that you wouldn't miss that special meeting.
- if you go to show off your good taste in clothes and are intent on appraising the attire of others.
- if you feel certain that you know more than anyone else there.

You may as well stay away from church

- if you have decided that there is nothing of interest there for you.

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# QUALIFICATIONS OF A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

by Dr. Michael Pelt



I am grateful for the opportunity of addressing this gathering of pastors and Sunday school superintendents at this first banquet sponsored by the State Sunday School Convention. The attendance at this event has far exceeded the expectations of the officers of that organization and I hope that it is a sign of renewed interest in the work to be done by our Sunday schools.

When invited to address this group a few weeks ago I had to consider carefully the choice of a subject, for I wanted to focus attention on a key element in the development of better Sunday schools. I therefore read carefully a statement prepared and adopted by the Sunday School Convention in recent years entitled, "Report on Sunday School Improvement." I commend this effort to establish standards for the improvement of Sunday school work and would urge that these standards continue to be upgraded as more of our schools meet the standards we now have. One section in this statement deals with the qualifications of Sunday school teachers. This gave me the idea for the subject of this address tonight.

I firmly believe that good teachers are the key to better Sunday schools. If the gospel of Christ is best communicated through human personalities, then

good teachers are absolutely essential to an effective Sunday school program. The best of well-made plans cannot be administered or carried out in the local church without capable and dedicated individuals.

These persons must be identified and recruited for leadership roles in the church, including teaching in the Sunday school. We cannot sit back and wait for them to volunteer. Their interest in the church's program must be cultivated and they must be encouraged to develop their talents for service to the church. If teaching is what they are best suited for, then the pastor and Sunday school superintendent must help to equip them for this work. That is part of the responsibility of any good pastor or superintendent. If we are not providing learning opportunities for teachers and prospective teachers, then we must start a program of teacher development as early as possible.

If good teachers are the key to good Sunday schools, what are the characteristics of a good teacher? Can we identify those things which a person may already have or could perhaps acquire in order to be a good teacher? I shall try to answer this question by grouping the qualifications of a good teacher in three different categories.

## I. Personal Religious Life and Faith

The teacher must have had personal religious experience which he or she is able to communicate to others and upon which he draws in interpreting the Christian faith to others. Not everyone may have this experience in the fullness desired, at least at the beginning, but it should be a growing experience, something that increases as one attempts to share and interpret it to others. Among other things it will include:

- (a) An experiential knowledge of Christ and personal commitment to the way of life revealed in Jesus Christ.

*Turn the Page*

*(An address delivered by Dr. Michael Pelt at a banquet for pastors and Sunday school superintendents and their wives in Kinston, North Carolina on September 10, 1978.)*



- (b) Consciousness of fellowship with God through the Holy Spirit. The teacher incarnates that Spirit of Christ in his daily living. Thus he bears the "fruit of the Spirit."
- (c) Being a loving person, caring deeply about the Christian welfare of other people—"loving souls."
- (d) Recognition of the church as the chief agency through which God's saving purpose is accomplished. This means that the teacher will be a member of the church and fully participate in its life and worship.
- (e) Readiness to assume responsibility for and participation in the work of the church. His concerns will include the work of building the church.
- (f) Willingness to **prepare** for this work and to give the time and energy necessary for effective service. This means that he will have to be a good steward of his time and talents if he is to become an effective worker.

## II. Knowledge and Understanding

There is a vast area of knowledge and information needed by the person who aspires to be a good

Sunday school teacher. As a minimum it should include:

- (a) Such an understanding of the Bible as will enable the teacher to use it with satisfaction both in his personal study and in interpreting it to others.
- (b) An intelligent grasp of Christian beliefs and the doctrines of one's own denomination. (Some teachers have a bad theology.)
- (c) Some knowledge of how the Christian church developed through the centuries and of one's own denomination, its history and present program.
- (d) An understanding of how persons learn and how they grow in Christian character.
- (e) A knowledge of the program of Christian education in one's own local church and more detailed knowledge of the course of study for the age group the teacher works with.
- (f) Knowledge of methods of instruction and guidance suited to the age level with which the teacher works.
- (g) Some understanding of the significant issues and problems in contemporary society, in the nation and in the world, and how these issues

relate to the individual Christian as well as the church.

## III. Insights and Skills

Personal experience and the acquisition of the kinds of knowledge suggested already should lead to the development of competencies and skills which are needed in working with people in the Sunday school. Among the most important insights and skills required for effective teaching are these:

- (a) Insights into the interests, needs, problems and capabilities of the age group with which he or she works; also the ability to deal helpfully with these. (This means the teacher will get to know those pupils in his class, their background, home life, their special experiences, problems, spiritual needs, their work, etc.)
- (b) Ability to lead individuals to personal commitment to Christ and to the church and to share fully in its life and work.
- (c) Skills in leading others in various activities including worship, study, fellowship, and service in ways that bring about growth toward maturity in Christ on the part of all who share these activities.
- (d) Insights into the problem areas of human life today, awareness of

the unfinished tasks of the Kingdom, and skill in engaging with others in study and appropriate action as Christians in the community, the nation, and the world.

Some of these areas of knowledge and skill we have outlined are problematic and difficult to achieve. The entire scope of these qualifications may be as great as to overwhelm us. I am not suggesting that we wait until we find people with these qualifications before we ask them to teach or to prepare themselves as teachers.

Part of our responsibility as ministers and superintendents is to provide opportunities for training and development on the part of our teaching staff and try to motivate them to become good teachers. Our task is not unlike that of Jesus, who chose certain men to be with Him. He spent months, perhaps years, in making disciples of these men. The pastor of a church has a similar job to do. Out of all those who hear the gospel and enter the fellowship of the church, he must find those who are ready to share the burden of Christ's mission to the world. Then he must teach them, equip them for ministry to others. This implies that laypersons have a very important role in the life and work of the church, but they must be prepared for that role. Many of them will not have the opportunity for such preparation before they are recruited for work; therefore, they need to be provided with such opportunities before they develop poor habits in teaching and other leadership roles in the church. Others with years of experience can improve their knowledge and skills in order to be more effective teachers.

You have made a beginning

toward the goal of better trained teachers in Sunday school. Some teachers have done the prescribed reading for certification and others have tried to upgrade themselves through attendance at workshops sponsored by the Sunday School Convention. Some teachers are able to adapt what they have learned in other settings to the needs of the church and its program of teaching. But all of these efforts are insufficient to enable Sunday school teachers to do what needs to be done in our churches today.

We have just begun an institute program at Mount Olive College

which is known as the Paul Palmer Institute for Christian Studies. The courses outlined in the brochure which announces the Institute are designed in most cases for persons who want to be better informed and better equipped for service to the church. We urge the Sunday School Convention and the Sunday schools represented here tonight to consider either to adopt this program or to choose appropriate courses which in your judgment can meet the greatest needs of Sunday school teachers and workers and we call upon every teacher to enroll in these courses for their own growth and development.

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## EDITORIAL

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—if you know beyond a doubt that you're better than all the others who attend.

—if you are convinced that it is beneath your dignity to be moved by the Spirit.

You may as well stay away from church

—if you count the minutes until the final prayer is prayed.

—if you commend the minister for a good sermon which you haven't really listened to.

—if you smile your approval for the whole service but inwardly feel repulsed by it.

You may as well stay away from church

—if you go for any reason except that of enlightenment and edification.

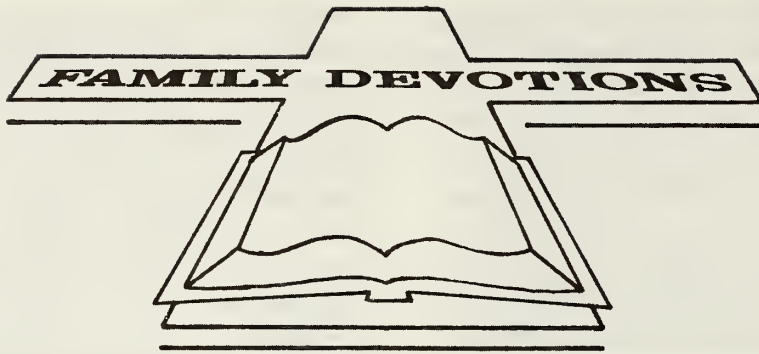
—if you don't go expecting, even desiring, a touch from the Almighty.

—if you aren't willing to forget self and submit to His leadership.

You may as well stay away from church

—if you aren't willing to "let go, and let God have His way."





## SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Scripture Reading—Psalm 68:  
1:15

### BOOKS

If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country and the people do not become religious, I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian. If the truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of corrupt and licentious literature will.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The best way to thwart the spread of pornography is to make the Bible and other good books more appealing and more accessible. The Word must be taken to every house, every family. Its influence should not be underestimated.*

## MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 29:  
18-24

### THE BIBLE

A skeptic in London recently said, in speaking of the Bible, that it was quite impossible in these days to believe in any book whose author was unknown. A Christian asked him if the compiler of the multiplication table was known. "No," he answered.

"Then, of course, you do not believe in it?"

"Oh, yes, I believe in it because it works well," replied the skeptic.

"So does the Bible," was the rejoinder, and the skeptic had no answer to make.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It need not be emphasized that the Bible "works well." This fact is borne out in the lives of great Christians; it is also borne out in the lives of the very humble, those disdaining any worldly fame. The Bible has been seen to work when all else fails.*

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

Scripture Reading—Mark 1:1-15

### AN OLD QUESTION

Question: Can I be a Christian without joining the church?

Answer: Yes, it is possible. It is something like being:

A student who will not go to school.

A soldier who will not join an army.

A citizen who does not pay taxes or vote.

A salesman with no customers.

An explorer with no base camp.

A seaman on a ship without a crew.

A business man on a deserted island.

An author without readers.

A tuba player without an orchestra.

A parent without a family.

A football player without a team.

A politician who is a hermit.

A scientist who does not share his findings.

A bee without a hive.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*When one becomes a Christian it will follow that he will want to become associated with those like faith. Where else can he find it in so much evidence as in the church?*

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Scripture Reading—Matthew  
28:19, 20

### THE UNKNOWN TEACHER

I sing of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war. It is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young. She lives in obscurity and contends with hardship. For her no trumpets blare, no chariots wait, no golden decorations are decreed. She keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and makes the attack on the trenches of ignorance and folly. She awakens sleeping spirits. She quickens the indolent, the unstable. She communicates her own joy in learning and shares with boys and girls the very best treasures of her mind. She lights many candles which, in later years will shine back to cheer her. This is her reward.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Oftentimes the "unknown teacher, the one who courts earthly fame, is the one who has the most lasting influence on her students. The seed such a teacher sows grow into strong plants—her greatest tribute.*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Scripture Reading—John 10:  
10

### TEN BEATITUDES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

Blessed is the leader who has not sought the high places, but who has been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going and how to get there.

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essed is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

essed is the leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

essed is the leader who seeks the best for those he serves.

essed is the leader who leads for the good of the most concerned, and not for the personal gratification of his own ideas.

essed is the leader who develops leaders while leading.

essed is the leader who marches with the group, interprets correctly the signs on the pathway that leads to success.

essed is the leader who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.

essed is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for service.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*By their leadership, Sunday school superintendents and teachers direct lives to a better way. Many of us can point to an influential teacher or superintendent who helped us grow spiritually strong.*

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Scripture Reading—John 16:22-

#### PRAYER

What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, nor new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through rough methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Men of prayer are those most often depended upon by people of the church. The praying elders are those most often called upon*

*to lift any cause to God. Let us be fervent in our praying. Someone may consider us worthy to be designated, "Men of Prayer." More importantly, praying brings us into a closer relationship with God and produces miracles.*

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Scripture Reading—Psalm 81:1-10

#### LANGUAGE

The story is told of Gordon Maxwell, missionary to India, that when he asked a Hindu scholar to teach him the language, the Hindu replied:

"No Sahib, I will not teach you my language. You would make me a Christian."

Gordon Maxwell replied, "You misunderstand me. I am simply asking you to teach me your language."

Again the Hindu responded, "No, Sahib, I will not teach you. No man can live with you and not become a Christian."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The true Christian reveals himself in word and deed, without trying to. No Christian can hide his Christianity any more than the shining sun can hide its brightness. Christianity is such that it is reflected in every good thing a Christian does. Christianity is the cause for every act of selfless service.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

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#### CRAGMONT MANAGER RESIGNS

The Rev. Doug Skinner, who has served as manager of Cragmont Assembly for the past several years, has submitted his resignation to the Board of Directors.

Doug and Virginia Skinner have given many hours of service to their denomination through their work at Cragmont.

Doug is very handy with his hands and has been very instrumental in the planning of the new building. He saw the old building torn down and worked tirelessly to get the new building ready for the 1979 camping season.

Virginia has served in many areas as the wife of our manager. She has kept the books for the Assembly, served as treasurer, dietician, and hostess.

The Skinners will be leaving Cragmont December 31, 1979. Pray for them as they work in other areas of our denomination.

Willis W. Wilson  
President  
Board of Directors  
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## TWO RECEIVE FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Bettina Herring and Janet Lee Boswell have been awarded Faculty Scholarships to Mount Olive College for the academic year, 1979-80.

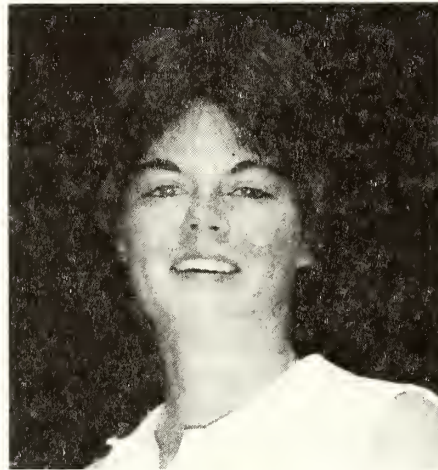


Bettina Herring

Miss Herring, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Herring of Goldsboro, is a 1979 honors graduate of Rosewood Union High School. While in high school she was an all-conference basketball player and a member of the varsity softball team. Bettina served as student council representative and vice-president of the Monogram Club. She was also a member of the school business club and secretary for the Future Homemakers.

As a member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, she enjoys playing on the church softball team.

Miss Boswell, the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas E. Boswell of Grifton, is a 1979 graduate of North Lenoir High School. While



Janet Lee Boswell

in high school, Janet was vice-president of her senior class and a representative on the student government organization. In college, she plans to major in psychology. Janet is a member of Grifton Free Will Baptist Church.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

by W. N. Reynolds  
Special Assistant to the  
President

*(Note: W. N. "Nate" Reynolds is a retired bank executive serving as Special Assistant to College President W. Burkette Raper. Among his varied duties, Reynolds calls on local firms to support the College's efforts for quality educational opportunities. From his associations with the College since 1976, he wrote the following guest editorial for the GOLDSBORO NEWS ARGUS, reprinted here.)*

Why should area businesses and individuals be interested in Mount Olive College?

I am constantly being called upon to answer this question. This gives me an opportunity to talk

about a subject of which I never tire.

Three years of association with the dedicated people on campus and contacts with local business and individuals emphasize two obvious aspects, to me at least, of the College and its relation to the community that supports it.

First. It is an industry of a size and quality to be desired by area Chamber of Commerce. The annual operating budget in excess of \$2,000,000, including \$800,000 payroll, is practically all spent in the area served by the College and local businesses. The incidental money spent by the students is a small factor. A total of \$3 million, at original cost, has been invested in capital improvement with an additional \$5 million planned for the near future. Seventy-five people support the families from its operation.

Second. It is an education institution of high quality providing an opportunity for a education to many area students who might not otherwise have chance to improve the quality of their lives and that of all those around them. My first real strong impression of the College was the obvious dedication of the people who work there. The competent faculty and staff under the inspired leadership of Dr. W. Burkette Raper, are dedicated to providing opportunities for cultural, social and spiritual growth of those who attend.

The administration of the College is committed to a policy not denying admission to any qualified and deserving student for financial reasons. To that end, a program of financial assistance is provided through academic and athletic scholarships, work programs, loans and government grants, so that many with no financial resources of their own are provided the entire cost of their stay. There is no reason for anyone who really wants an education but has no financial resources to miss that chance.

Although students represent all sections of North Carolina and several other states, 75 percent of the students reside within 80 miles of the campus, making it truly a local institution in terms of service but one which provides preparation for broader horizons.

Educational programs are presented in an atmosphere of Christian service emphasizing a high moral standard of conduct and ethics. With a vision of the campus riots and the "hippies" of the 60's and early 70's the most vivid recollection of modern college students, it was a pleasant surprise to find the students at Mount Olive College to be generally wholesome young Americans, most of whom are trying to take advantage of their opportunities.

Though Mount Olive College is not for everyone, many can find the small family atmosphere a helpful transition from their homelife to the cold realities of a competitive economy and sometimes cynical society. Many older students who have achieved certain other milestones are returning to complete their own education in local colleges like Mount Olive.

It seems to me that small colleges like Mount Olive are helping to infuse into young Americans the principles of freedom and private enterprise which helped to build our nation and are absolutely necessary if our way of life is to survive.

Furthermore, in all my contacts with businesses and individuals selling Mount Olive College I have yet to hear an adverse criticism. Surely, with this kind of reputation something good must have happened to the more than 4,600 students who have experienced college life there over the first 25 years of its history. In my opinion, Wayne County and the surrounding area would miss Mount Olive College if it were not here.

## PAUL PALMER COURSES BEGIN AUGUST 27

Six course selections are being offered by the Paul Palmer Institute for Christian Studies beginning Monday, August 27.

Two of the eight-week courses offered on the Mount Olive College campus include "Introduction to Psychology" at 7 p. m. with the Rev. Frank Harrison as instructor, and "Old Testament" at 8:30 p. m. with the Rev. Sheldon Howard as instructor. Both classes will be held in the Henderson Building, Room 115, and each class will meet for one hour and fifteen minutes.

### Courses Off-Campus

The eight-week courses offered off-campus will be held at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, and Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church educational building outside Goldsboro.

At Marsh Swamp church, the course entitled "The Hebrew Prophets" will meet at 7 p. m. with the Rev. Ray Wells as instructor. "The Free Will Baptist Church" course will meet at 8:30 p. m. with the Rev. DeWayne Eakes as instructor. Classes will begin on Monday, August 27, but will continue for the remaining seven weeks, meeting on Tuesday nights. (The second class is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4.)

At Stoney Creek, the courses offered include: "Missions and Christian Stewardship" at 7 p. m. with the Rev. Joseph Ingram as instructor and "Evangelism" at 8:30 p. m. with the Rev. Harold Jones as instructor. All classes at Stoney Creek will meet on Monday nights in the educational building.

### Cost and Books

The cost of each course is \$20 per course. In addition, there is a one-time \$10 registration fee for persons who have not previously been enrolled. Books may be obtained at the first meeting of each class.

Anyone interested in more information concerning the Paul

Palmer Courses or who would like additional information on earning an Institute Certificate, is encouraged to contact: Frank R. Harrison, Director, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone (919) 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

### DR. RAPER AT BETHEL CHURCH

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Whortonville, on Sunday, August 12, at the 11 a. m. worship service.

The Rev. Larry Higgins is pastor.

## Coming Events . .

August—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention for State Convention Promotional Work

August 6-11—Woman's Conference, Cragmont

August 14—Special Session, North Carolina State Convention, Lenoir Community College, Kinston

August 22—Children's Home Board of Directors meeting, 9 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex

### OUR READERS WRITE

(Editorial: "We Have Our Boat People, Too!")

Tommy,

I am surprised by your editorial in the July 18 magazine. I felt led to send along this Scripture, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17). Also read Hebrews 13: 2, 3, 5-8; Philippians 4:10-13; 1 Corinthians 4:1-16; and Luke 18:18-30. My prayer is that God will bless you.

Your brother in Christ,  
Bill Fryar

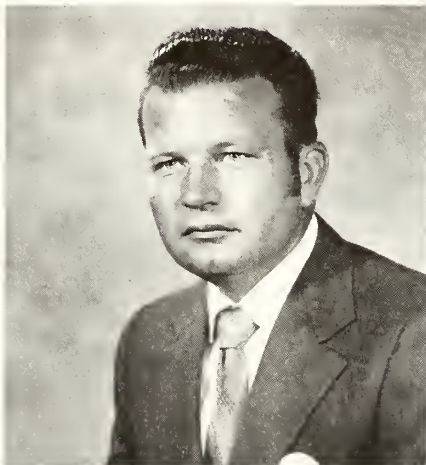


## *The Rev. Emmitt Earl Jones*

GRANTS CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH near Mount Olive honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Emmitt Earl Jones. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### **A SPECIAL PERSON**



*The Rev. Emmitt Earl Jones*

The Rev. Emmitt Earl Jones came to our church in July, 1970. He has worked faithfully and loyally for us at Grants Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, near Mount Olive, North Carolina. Brother Jones is very concerned about the lost in the community, and visits the sick of the church as well as in the community.

Under his leadership we have finished the fellowship hall, added two classrooms, put in air conditioning and central heating in the church. We have bought a piano, new carpet, and pews for the sanctuary.

Brother Jones, who lives near Mount Olive College, takes night courses whenever possible.

He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones of Duplin County. He married Annie Pearl Sutton in 1958. They are the

parents of three children: William, 19, is in the United States Marines stationed in Alabama; Jackie, 18, is a sophomore at Mount Olive College; and Gary, 14, is a student at Mount Olive Junior High.

This family is very active in the church, available when needed.

Brother Jones is employed with Carolina Power and Light Company, serving as a line and service supervisor since 1963.

Brother Jones leads the choir, sings specials, and preaches every Sunday, except fifth Sundays. We thank God for sending this special person to us.

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### **SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC**

by Fred Baker

It was a beautiful sunshiny morning, Saturday, June 9, 1979. It was the last weekend before school started here in the Philippines. We had planned a Sunday school picnic as a special treat. Everyone was to meet at Pastor Jimmy Basarte's home at 9 a. m. By 9, we had more people than could get aboard the Ford Fiera. One of our laymen went to hire another vehicle. About 9:30 a. m., 46 eager picnickers of all ages with their baskets crowded into the two vehicles and we were off for the day.

The place chosen for the picnic was about twenty-one kilometers (13.5 miles) from Puerto Princesa City. The spot lay gracefully at the foot of the mountains and is called Balsahan. Balsahan is a very unique place. It has wild animals (in cages), a large tree house, many picnic shelters, and lots of cool shade trees. One of the treats of Balsahan is a pool made of rock which serves as a reservoir to catch the cool mountain river waters to be used for irrigating the rice fields below. It also made one of the nicest swimming pools you could imagine. The cool, sparkling, crystal clear waters were a refreshing treat to all who entered in. Also, there were some pretty steep mountain trails to climb. One of the tallest was called "The Stair Way to Heaven." Linda, Kim, Stevie, four others, and I made it all the way to the top. It wasn't Heaven, but it was one of the most beautiful views we have ever seen.

We all spread our lunches and everyone ate their fill. There was plenty of food and it was enjoyed by everyone. After lunch, a brief rest under a cool shade tree, and another dip in the pool and, surprisingly, it was time to go home. The day had gone by so fast. The other vehicle had returned to help carry us home. Before leaving Balsahan, we all gathered around and had a special prayer thanking God for creating a place called Balsahan and for allowing us to enjoy and refresh ourselves there for the day.

It was a very well planned church activity that was deeply enjoyed by young and old alike. A special thanks to the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist laymen for doing such a good job in planning and choosing the location. We all returned home a little tired, but feeling much better than when we had left. We rejoice to know that God is so good.

# NEWS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

## Cragmont Assembly

### NEWS IN MAKING

Cragmont is in the middle of the summer camping season. So far this has been one of the largest attended camping sessions ever held. We are very thankful to God for this increased interest.

"Ma" Hansley brought two groups in July. The YFA conference of 78 campers attended July 2-7. July 9-14 saw 102 with the AFC conference. Also we want to praise the Lord for the 35 first-time decisions for Christ made during the Christian Cadet Conference.

July 16-19 was the Annual Ministers' Conference. There were 124 registered, 102 of whom were ministers. This is the largest conference they have had in several years. The ministers enjoyed many great, inspiring messages during their conference.

We are grateful for all the contributions made during June, Cragmont Month. Our savings accounts are looking better now, and we know the Lord will provide enough money to pay the first installment on our loan this November.

Continue to pray for us and for the continued success of Christian camping at Cragmont.

In His service  
The Rev. Doug Skinner  
Manager

## PREACHER'S DIARY

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I am having a hard time convincing young parents the importance of teaching their children obedience, responsibility, and respect for others. It seems to me that they should want other people to like their children.

### 20 Years of Service People Honored



Group received 20 years of service recognition

On July 22, 1979 the Woman's Auxiliary of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Fremont, honored those of their church who had served as leacons, teachers, and organist or twenty years or more with a special service and reception. They were presented engraved plaques in appreciation of their faithful services. Those honored were Mrs. Deanye Morris, Mrs. Margaret Aycock, Mrs. Olive Whaley, Mr. Floyd Morris, Mrs. Bertha Morris, Mrs. Inez Sullivan, Miss Louise Edgerton, and Mr. Zeb Whaley. Also recognized but absent were Mrs. Geneva Pope, Mr. George Futrell, and Mr. Cecil Holland.

### Highland Pines Church Has Bible School

The Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church in Hamlet, North Carolina, has just completed a very successful vacation Bible school. This was the first one held in two years. The theme was "Jesus, I'm His. . . He's Mine." An average of 75 pupils was in attendance each evening at 7 with 15 adults conducting the school. Many thanks are given by the

church to each of the children who helped make this vacation Bible school a real success and a special thanks to the program chairperson, Mrs. Patsy Taylor.

### Piney Grove Church, Roper Announces Revival

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, announces revival services, August 13 through August 17, at 7:30 p. m. There will be special music each evening. The Rev. Francis Garner will be the evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Billy Reynolds, invites the public to attend.

### Homecoming Held at Baptist Cathedral Church

Homecoming was held at the Baptist Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, on July 29. It was the first homecoming in the church's new building. The pastor, the Rev. M. E. Cox, brought a stirring message, and a gospel sing followed a gracious homecoming meal prepared by the ladies.

### Church Honors Pastor On Birthday

The Rev. Ray Harrison, pastor of Core Point Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Blounts Creek, was given a birthday dinner following church services on Sunday, July 22. All members and visitors present enjoyed the fellowship with the pastor and his wife.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that the Rev. T. C. Farmer has a new address. It is Route 2, Box 398-C, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577.



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For August 19

## CHALLENGE TO TRUST GOD

**Lesson Text:** Isaiah 5:1-7, 19

**Memory Verse:** Isaiah 7:9

### I. INTRODUCTION

Isaiah's call to the prophetic ministry came in the year that King Uzziah died. Jotham the son of Uzziah ruled for sixteen years, but this period is passed over in silence in the Book of Isaiah. It was a time of comparative calm for Judah. Then Ahaz came to the throne at the age of twenty. In 2 Kings 16:2 it is recorded that he "did not that which was right in the sight of the Lord his God."

Two of Judah's neighbors, Israel to the north and Syria to the east and north, desired to throw off the yoke of Assyria imposed upon them and they sought the help of Ahaz in their rebellion. But Ahaz refused, whereupon Syria and Israel made war against him, advancing against Jerusalem. The king of Judah was terrified, and his feeling of terror spread among the people (Isaiah 7:2). In spite of the assurances of Isaiah that God would deal with the enemies of His people, Ahaz refused to trust in the Lord. (This situation was the occasion for the giving of the Immanuel prophecy—"a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son"—in Isaiah 7:14.) "If ye will not believe (or, better, "will not trust in God"), surely ye shall not be established," Isaiah said (7:9). But Ahaz did not put his trust in God. Instead, he had his mind set on deliverance from another source, namely, for the very Assyria against whom Israel was rebelling. So he sent word to the Assyrian king, Tiglath-pileser,

saying, "I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me" (2 Kings 16:7). Along with his message, Ahaz sent the king of Assyria silver and gold out of the temple as a present.

Isaiah had spoken of a child that would be born and had told Ahaz, "Before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings" (Isaiah 7:16). That is, the conspiracy of Syria and Israel against Judah would come to nought. However, the prophet warned Ahaz that trouble would come upon Judah through the king of Assyria, in whom Ahaz was putting his trust (v. 17). The Assyrians would overthrow Damascus and Samaria, the enemies of Ahaz, but they would not stop at that. Instead, they would advance into Judah like an overflowing river, and the people of Judah, along with Ahaz their king, would be in trouble up to their neck (8:8).

However, God would not permit His people to be utterly destroyed. This was the faith of Isaiah, who even named one of his sons Shearjashub, meaning "a remnant shall return." Thus, over against the doubt of Ahaz we have the trust of Isaiah. At the time of our lesson, the invasion by the Assyrians was soon to begin, if indeed it had not already started. Ahaz had rejected the words of Isaiah. Now the prophet shows the guidance and the protection that are available from the Lord. The lesson begins with a statement of

the certain failure of any conspiracy against a people who have God with them—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The first crisis to come to Judah during the ministry of Isaiah came in 735 B. C. when the Northern Kingdom of Israel had formed an alliance with Syria under Rezin to curb the growing power of Assyria. They tried to appeal to Ahaz of Judah to join them. When he refused they declared war on Judah. Ahaz then secured the help of Assyria against the advice of the Prophet Isaiah.

B. Isaiah predicted that the land would be invaded by the armies of their ally Assyria.

C. When Isaiah failed to get Ahaz to turn to God, he then appealed to the people. He urged them to turn to God as a sanctuary. Furthermore, he gave a prophecy concerning how the people would stumble over their rejection of God's Word and ultimately over the coming of the promised Messiah. Isaiah told them that all they needed to do was turn to God and trust in Him and that He would take care of them.

D. Finally, Isaiah laid down the alternative for the people. If they did not hear his message and turn to God, they would suffer utter ruin. The alternative to turning away from God is always ruin.

E. Isaiah pleaded with the people not to turn to all kinds of soothsayers to try to understand what had happened and would happen, but to turn to the Word of the Lord. Aren't men still turning to all kinds of places seeking an interpretation of what is happening and a look at what will happen? Isaiah pleads for all of us to turn to the Word of God for our information.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Political and military alliances are often welcomed when a common enemy threatens nations, but once the danger is

# LAYMAN COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REVISION OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE

by Justin H. Kornegay

*The following statement is that of Justin H. Kornegay, who is solely responsible for its contents.*

First, let me say, I am a Christian, thank God, by choice; God's offer and mine to accept. God offered me a complete pardon and I accepted under His conditions some forty-odd years ago.

Second, I am an Original Free Will Baptist, again thank God, by choice, and also under conditions as set forth by the denomination. I have made an in-depth and prayerful study of every Christian doctrine I could find over the years and I am persuaded that "The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists" as set forth in the proposed revision are in as nearly complete harmony with God's Holy Word as recorded in the King James Version as any doctrine I have studied.

The plan of salvation was already set up together with its requirements, conditions, and provisions by its author and finisher, God, who had every right and authority to set it up as He chose, **before** I accepted it. This being true, I **had** to meet and still have to meet its conditions to be and continue a part of the family of God. By the same token, the Original Free Will Baptist denomination was already established together with its requirements, conditions, and provisions before I joined it; therefore, I had to meet and still have to meet its conditions to be and continue a part of its family.

The operation of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination through the unique combination of democratic, congregational, and connectional church government protects the denomination from infiltration, protects the local church from infiltration, and protects the individual member

from contamination, so long as each remains true to the doctrine. This combination has saved the church of which I am a member, on more than one occasion. I am very thankful we have the joint ownership of property because if we had not had it this way, we would have nothing now. If ever I, or my church, or my conference should cease to be true to the Original Free Will Baptist denomination, then I believe that we (I, my church, or conference) should forfeit any and all claim to anything attained while true to the denomination.

I commend the revision committee because I think they have done an outstanding job and I trust and pray that we, for the preservation of our denomination, will adopt it as is. I believe if this document is adopted in its entirety and properly adhered to and explained to both new converts and transferees that it will do much to eliminate two of our most persistent problems over the years, church splits and loss of property. Then perhaps we can put a more united effort to the real mission of the church, winning souls for Christ and preparing His Bride for the wedding.

May I urge you to fervently pray about the matter and then follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

passed that same alliance may become a burden to the cooperating parties. We saw this well demonstrated near the close of World War II. Hitler's regime was in its death throes, the allies were approaching Berlin from the west, while Russia was approaching from the east. According to agreement between the leaders of America and Russia, we slowed down our progress, much to General Patton's chagrin, to allow the Russians to come into Berlin first. At the time it seemed the thing to do, but within less than two years the east and west were in what was then called "a cold war."

B. When political decisions are made without the counsel of God, the risks are too great for us to take. This was true for Judah under the reign of Ahaz, Uzziah's grandson. Most foolishly, Ahaz, in direct opposition to Israel's plea to rely on God alone, called on Assyria to help against Syria and Israel. Assyria attacked these two enemies of Judah, which they would have done anyway, and conquered them. Samaria, capital of Israel, fell, and the people of Israel were taken away captive to Assyria. Ironically, Ahaz himself became a vassal (a kind of servant) to Assyria as a result of the political alliance. Later he made an alliance with Egypt to get help to postpone the day when Judah would also be destroyed. Later, during the reign of Hezekiah, this foolish alliance would bring shame to Judah.

The lesson in all this is simple: we are to trust God and make no alliances with the forces of evil in the world. To do this is to show that we believe our God is able to sustain us against those who would destroy His works in us. Faith in God, not military prowess or diplomatic subtleties should be the influence back of our political decisions.

—The Advanced Quarterly  
(F.W.B.)

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## Children's Home

### INVITATION TO FISH FRY



Group at fish fry

The children and staff at the Children's Home made their annual trek down 264 to the 264 Fish Fry recently. Each year Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whiteside of Wilson have the entire campus as their guests. Mr. Whiteside and his family allow the children to order all they can eat from their varied menu. Of course, seafood is the staff favorite, but hot dogs run a close second with the kids. This year alumni awards were presented and a movie made at the Children's Home during the 1940's was shown. Our thanks to the Whitesides and their staff for a good time and a good meal!

### HOMECOMING



Time to eat

On July 8, the alumni of the Children's Home gathered from near and far, the older and the younger, for their annual homecoming. The weekend began on Saturday with games, good fellowship, and renewing old acquaintances. A pig picking

highlighted the day. On Sunday, worship services and the alumni meeting were held in the morning hours. Lunch on the grounds, campus tours and more fellowship and games made the day complete.



Games played by children

Since 1920, more than 700 children have spent some part of their life on the campus of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Their stay ranged from a few short months for some to 17 years for others. Some former residents even came back to work at the Home and have spent the larger part of their lives at the Home.

Alumni Homecoming is, indeed, a special time. It is hoped that all our alumni will be able to return at some time to visit. As our "roots" become increasingly more important, Free Will Baptists can take pride in knowing that hundreds of men and women can look back and remember the place where they got their start.

### CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS TOWELS AND WASH CLOTHS

Our women have been faithfully providing towels and wash cloths for the Home through the years. Our supply is presently short. We appreciate our auxiliaries putting on a drive to provide towels and wash cloths. We have a sufficient supply of bed linens for some time to come. We can use some pillows

for the children's beds. You may take your contributions directly to the Home, or take them to either the Union Meeting in your district, the called State Convention Meeting in August, or the regular convention in September. We would like to thank each of you in advance for your response to this particular need.

### REMEMBER THE WAY WE WERE



A walk around campus

On July 7 and 8, more than 100 alumni of the Children's Home gathered on campus for Homecoming. A good bit of time was spent reminiscing, walking around campus to see what was the same or what had changed. There was time for play and renewing old acquaintances. They came from Maryland to Florida and the east to the western part of the state. It was a weekend to be remembered.



Fun and play time

### SUMMER SCHOOL

At the close of the school year all our children were tested. Those needing additional help are attending a summer school program this summer. Classes meet in the morning. Cathy Cahoon, Becky Barnett, Linda Earp, and

net Strickland, all Elementary Education and remedial math and reading specialists, offer individualized instruction for each child in his or her area of difficulty. Each child will be tested at the end of the summer to measure his or her progress.



*Studying takes time*

Most of the children coming into here today will be one to three grades behind in school. In spite of all the programs available in the public schools, many of our children cannot catch up. Our summer programs enable them to continue working on projects started during the school year. The children will begin the new school year with a great deal more confidence, having caught up on their work.



*Individualized instruction*

### **CLASS OF 1930 TO HAVE REUNION**

The Class of 1930 of the Middlesex High School will hold a reunion in the near future. The class is attempting to locateagnes West, a former resident of the Children's Home. If anyone has any information regarding the whereabouts of Ms. West, please contact us at (919) 235-2161, P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557, at the Children's Home.

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## **TWO SAVED AT DEAF CAMP**

by Taylor Hill



*Dale and Jasmine Albertson*

A girl fifteen and a boy eleven were saved at our Summer Camp for Deaf Children. The camp

directors, Dale and Jasmine Albertson, report that everything went very well.

They had forty students and fifteen volunteer workers, some of whom spent their vacation time to assist at the camp.

My heart was blessed beyond description when I saw all the love and voluntary effort that went into the camp.

Our hats are off to Dale and Jasmine and all of those who assisted in the camp.

The camp was held at Eagles Nest Campground that is owned by Mount Olive College.

It is hoped that we can continue to keep the Deaf Camp going as a regular annual event. The camp is sponsored by North Carolina State Home Missions and Church Extension.

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# **SPECIAL SESSION**

## **NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION**

### **OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Campus of Lenoir Community College  
Kinston, North Carolina

**AUGUST 14, 1979**

Registration 8:30 A. M.  
Session Begins 9:30 A. M.

Purpose is to consider the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline

All churches are requested to designate their delegates, one for each 100 members or fraction thereof. If possible, delegates should obtain a copy of the proposal and read and study it before arriving. Copies are available at the Press and branch bookstores, for \$1 per copy.

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# OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following statement is that of Royce Reynolds, pastor of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, who is solely responsible for its contents.

While there are many positive views being shared and while there are many influential ministers in our denomination who strongly endorse the proposed Articles of Faith, there are also many of us who feel that we cannot endorse this work in its present form. The section on church polity is a work that deserves much praise since it takes away power from neither the local church nor the conference. However, the doctrinal section of this work leaves much to be desired. But, let it be known that this section was, by far, the most difficult for our committee to revise and remain within the bounds of Free Will Baptists beliefs.

After comparing, very carefully, the present Statement of Faith and Discipline to the proposed Articles of Faith, this writer felt that others ought to be made aware of what a great difference there is in the doctrinal statements of the two. Following are some changes, additions, and omissions, that we believe every Free Will Baptist should know about before they blindly endorse this work.

## ARTICLE I. Doctrine of God

The proposed Articles of Faith make no statement as to the perfection of God. This is an important statement. The present Statement of Faith reads, "He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness." Also left out of this statement of the Doctrine of God are the words; Creator, Preserver, Governor of the Universe, Redeemer, Saviour, Sanctifier, and Judge of Men.

## ARTICLE II. Doctrine of Christ

The proposed Articles of Faith make no statement as to the perfection of Christ or to the fact that, though He was man, He was sinless. The present Statement reads, "He possesses all divine perfections." Also omitted under the Doctrine of Christ are the proofs of His divinity listed on Pages 15-18 in the present Statement of Faith. The word, "Redemption" was omitted in connection with the section on Christ. Left out, too, is the section dealing at length with the Incarnation of Christ.

## ARTICLE III. Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

There is no statement here either about the perfection of the Holy Spirit. The present Statement reads, "one with the Father in all divine perfections." This statement found in the present Statement of Faith does not need to be left out: "He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against." The word "Creator" is not used to describe either God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit. The proposed Articles of Faith uses this phrase which does not make clear the personal action of God in creating the universe: "He is the source of all existence." In our opinion, the statement in the proposed Articles of Faith under the Doctrine of the

Holy Spirit gives one the impression that God is not a person but an influence. The pronoun, "He" ought to be used in this section.

## ARTICLE VI. Doctrine of Man

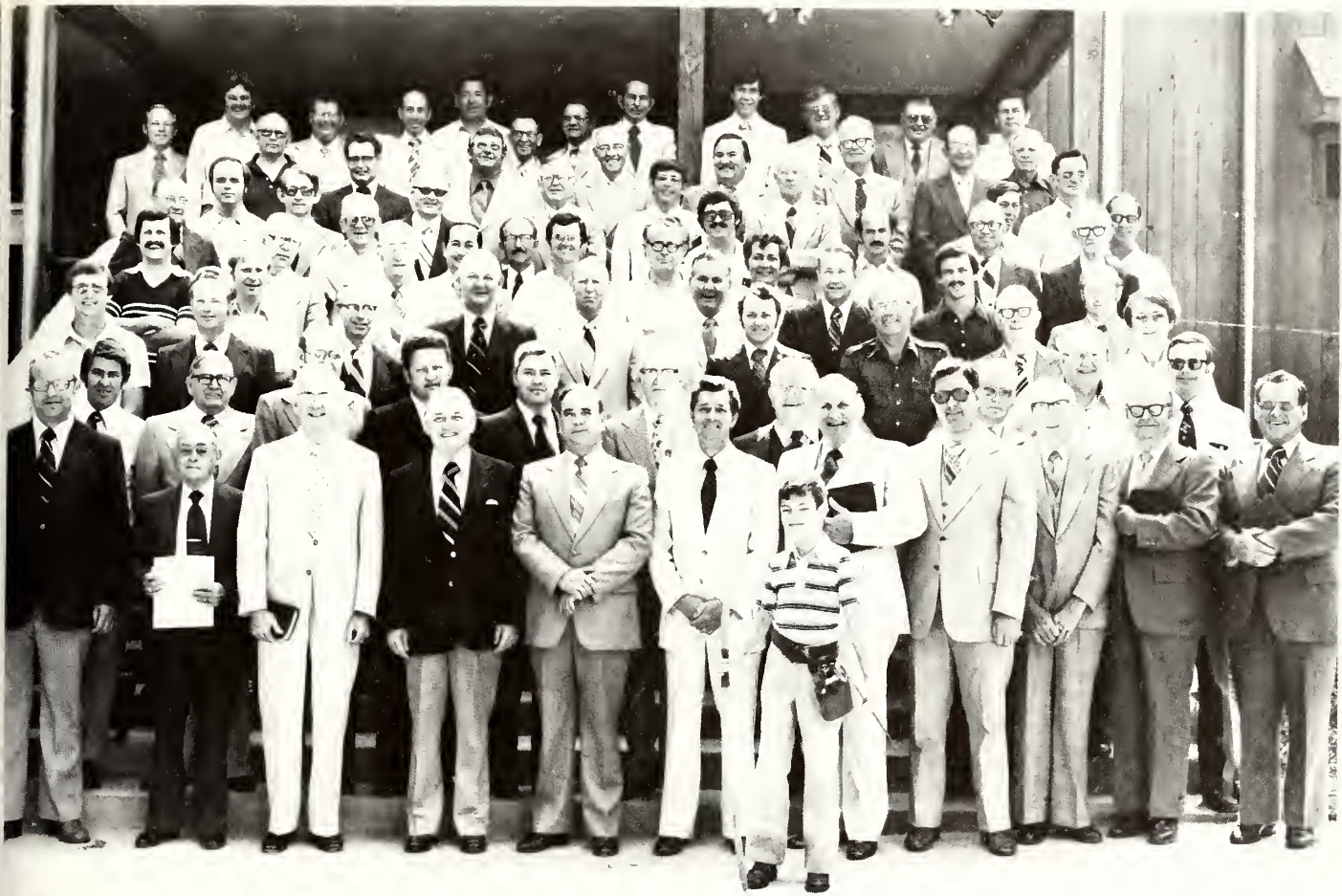
Nothing is mentioned as to the fact that Satan played a role as tempter in the fall of Adam. One would not know that he even exists without searching all the footnotes. The present Statement of Faith mentions the "tempter" in connection with the fall of Adam. Free Will Baptists **DO** believe in the Doctrine of Satan. Don't we? If so, why is there no statement in this revision concerning his work on earth?

## ARTICLE VII. Doctrine of the Church

This article says a lot about the local institution but very little about the "true spiritual church." It reads, "We believe that the church is the body of Christ, all believers everywhere." The Bible says "the devils also believe." This writer believes that the present Statement of Faith says what Free Will Baptists believe: "None but the regenerate are its members." "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

This writer believes that the majority of Free Will Baptists would not want to accept this revision in its present form. There are too many important words and doctrinal statements (doctrine of angels, and doctrine of Satan) omitted. If we are being too critical, please forgive us. If we believe that our present Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists North Carolina is far better than the proposed Articles of Faith.

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# ANNUAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

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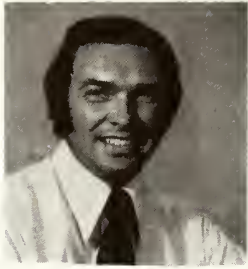
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Tommy Manning  
Editor

## EDITORIAL

# THE DANGER OF SUPPOSING SOMETHING CONTRARY TO THE SCRIPTURES

We have almost gotten used to modernists taking liberties with the Bible. Their conjectures concerning the unfolding of events are certainly not appreciated by most scriptural adherents. For the most part, they are viewed as the design of the world—just one more of Satan's attempts to reduce the Bible to near nothingness.

Modernists or anti-Bible scholars aren't the only ones we need to watch. We should watch ourselves and our fellow Christians. Surely it would be an error to compare the lot of us to literalists who try to explain away many of the recorded occurrences which the majority of us accept as biblical truth! But, there may be something around that is just as bad as, if not worse than, the effort to "explain away" the Bible. It is the act of making outrageous suppositions.

At first glance these suppositions may seem harmless and merely an attempt to romanticize the Word. But here is the trouble: **romanticizing the Word.** The Word must not be changed, not even altered a little. We accept the Bible as the best representation of God's divine will. We insist that it is His Word; we abhor the ascription: "It contains His Word." Even those who don't accept it all as absolute truth dislike anyone's tampering with it. A lot of speculation centers around the crucifixion.

Consider this: If Jesus died that we might be saved (and He surely did), then why suggest that Pilate should have let Him go? Why suggest that if Pilate had released Jesus, the Roman governor would have had great influence, and would have made an even greater impact on history as one of His followers? Was it not preordained and prophesied that Christ would be delivered into the hands of sinful men, bleed, and die for the salvation of the world?

If we change the gospel story (or indeed, any other Bible narrative) to suit our creative thinking, we could come up with all manner of "what ifs." We could offer all kinds of provisions for the

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# SCENES OF THE ANNUAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Cragmont Assembly, July 16-19



*The Rev. C. L. Patrick addresses the group.*



*The Rev. D. W. Hansley delivers an inspiring sermon.*



*Relaxing between sessions.*



*W. L. Brickhouse and Robert May chat between sessions.*



*Part of the crowd gathers for a session.*



*C. H. Overman, Mrs. Francis Garner, David Charles Hansley, and Francis Garner render special music.*



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We would like every Original Free Will Baptist minister to become a member of the Ministerial Association. Dues of \$5 are payable once a year, and most of our ministers pay these at the Cragmont Ministers' Conference. If you would like to become a member, please send \$5 to the Rev. Ralph Sumner, Oriental, North Carolina 28571. The secretary will be notified and will mail you a membership card promptly.

We had the greatest registration of ministers at our Cragmont Conference this year that we've had for many years. A total of 88 ministers were registered, with about 20 wives also attending. It was a wonderful

spiritual experience for all. Don forget to join us next year.

Francis Garner, **President**  
Royce Reynolds, **Secretary**

**NO TAX ON THESE**

A tax assessor came one day a poor Baptist pastor to determine the amount of taxes the past would have to pay. The following conversation took place:

"What property do you possess?" asked the assessor.

"I am a very wealthy man," replied the minister.

"List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed.

"First, I have everlasting life," John 3:16.

"Second, I have a mansion in Heaven," John 14:2.

"Third, I have peace through passeth understanding," Philippians 4:7.

"Fourth, I have joy unspeakable," 1 Peter 1:8.

"Fifth, I have divine love which never faileth," 1 Corinthians 13:8.

"Sixth, I have a faithful, pious wife," Proverbs 31:10.

"Seventh, I have healthy, happy, obedient children," Exodus 20:12.

"Eighth, I have true, loyal friends," Proverbs 18:24.

"Ninth, I have songs in the night," Psalm 42:8.

"Tenth, I have a crown of life," James 1:12."

The tax assessor closed his book and said, "Truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

*Those who say  
they will forgive,  
but can't forget  
the injury  
simply bury the hatchet  
while they leave  
the handle uncovered  
for immediate use.*

## EDITORIAL

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traveling of the plan. Hypothetical situations are not a part of the Word, and those of us who profess faith in the Bible and the God who inspired it should not (in my opinion) reduce it all to human reasoning. How often has it been said (and rightly so) that the ways of God are beyond those of man?

Unconsciously, when we reflect on the events which led to the coming of the Lord, we reckon it unforgivable, unthinkable, unacceptable that He should have suffered such indignity, such cruelty, and such a terrible execution. We sometimes color our verbal accounts and our written ones with unintended sentimentality. (We should hasten to assert here that no one—and I rely not this editor—advocates the murder of anyone, and certainly not that of the Son of God.)

But, isn't it a harsh necessity that the Scriptures be fulfilled? In we—should we—however noble and well-meaning our intentions, alter the facts by supposing alternatives? Is it not commendable to suggesting that the divine plan might have been better considered? Is any of us wise enough and brave enough to imply that God might have modified His plan?

Several questions compel our attention, but they may never be answered this side of Heaven—and certainly not through human reasoning. If we allow them, they could cast shadows over our faith. Consider the following two:

Question: Could Pilate (or someone else in authority) have acted differently and allowed Jesus to go free?

Answer: Not if the Scriptures were to be fulfilled.

Question: Could Judas (or some other betrayer) have changed his mind during the garden meeting and refused to deliver Christ to the hands of His enemies?

Answer: Not if the Scriptures were to be fulfilled.

Note the following Scriptures:

“And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a sepulchre” (Acts 13:29).

“But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that was written in their law, They hated me without a cause” (John 15:25).

“... These are the words which I spake unto you, . . . that all things must be fulfilled, . . . concerning me” (Luke 24:44).

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, . . .” (Romans 15:4).

If Jesus died that we might be saved, we must accept the plan, the unfolding of events, and the whole story of the incarnation, death, and resurrection as divinely programmed. Christ was slain from the foundation of the world. For anyone to suppose otherwise, to believe, is to suggest disbelief in the Word of God.

## PREACHER'S DIARY

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

Many years ago, my family and I took my pastor and his family with us to our favorite fishing and picnic spots on the banks of a river near our home.

We had a good day fishing, roasting weiners, and watching the children play.

He has told me on several occasions since then that it was one of the happiest days of their lives and that it was the only time that anyone in the church had ever shown any such interest in them.

### BUILD A LIFE

by C. B. Howell  
Member of Baptist  
Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church

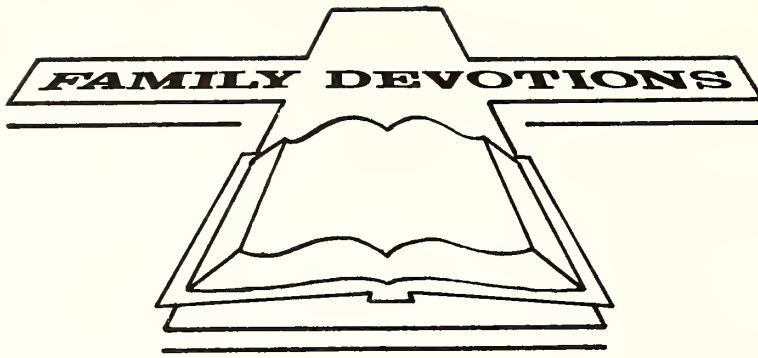
Help me build a life, O Lord, strong enough to know when I am weak, brave enough to face myself when I am afraid. A life unbending in honest defeat; gentle and humble in victory.

Build me a life, O Lord, with faith and patience, the foundation-stone of knowledge. Lead me, I pray, not in paths of ease and comfort, but in stress of difficulties and challenge. Help me learn to have compassion for those who fail.

Help me build a life, O Lord, with a clear and clean heart—high goals. Help me to master myself before I seek to teach others. May I laugh and be joyful, but never forgetting how to weep.

Help me to build a life, O Lord, full of humility, meekness, and simplicity, an open mind of sure wisdom for in these I will find true grace in Thee, After all these are accomplished—then and only then can I whisper thank you Lord—I have lived for Thee.





## SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Scripture Reading—Romans 1:1-12

### A LITTLE BOY

A little boy was crossing the ocean with his father, who was captain of the ship, when they ran into a storm. The waves tossed the ship about like a cork and everyone was stricken with fear. But the boy sat still, with his eyes directed toward a certain spot.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*May we always direct our eyes to our blessed Redeemer who is able to sustain us. When we put our trust in God, He never lets us down.*

## MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 50:1-10

### IS MAN DRIFTING?

Today man sees all his hopes and aspirations crumbling before him. He is perplexed and knows not whither he is drifting. But he must realize that the Bible is his refuge, and the rallying point for all humanity. It is here man will find the solution of his present difficulties and guidance for his future action, and unless he accepts with clear conscience the Bible and its great message, he cannot hope for salvation. For my part, I glory in the Bible.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible is our greatest Book. If we read it daily, we can find the answers to all problems we encounter.*

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 12:1-12

### CLIMBING STEPS

Books and study are merely the steps of the ladder by which one climbs to the summit; as soon as a step has been advanced, he leaves it behind. The majority of mankind, however, who study to fill their memory with facts, do not use the steps of the ladder to mount upward, but take them off and lay them on their shoulders in order that they may take them along, delighting in the weight of the burden they are carrying. They ever remain below because they carry what should carry them.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Man on his own can never solve the problems of the world, but man with the help of God can make living a memorable experience.*

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 3:1-15

### ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

I think oftimes as the night draws nigh  
Of an old house on the hill,  
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred  
Where the children played at will.  
And when the night at last came down,  
Hushing the merry din,  
Mother would look around and

ask,  
“Are all the children in?”

’Tis many and many a year since then,  
And the old house on the hill  
No longer echoes to childish feet  
And the yard is still, so still.  
But I see it all as the shadow creep,  
And though many the years have been,  
Even now, I can hear my mother ask,  
“Are all the children in?”

I wonder if, when the shadows fall  
On the last short, earthly day,  
When we say goodbye to the world outside,  
All tired with our childish play,  
When we step out into that Other Land  
Where mother so long has been,  
Will we hear her ask, as we did old,  
“Are all the children in?”

And I wonder, too, what the Lord will say,  
To us older children of His,  
Have we cared for the lamb,  
Have we showed them the fold,  
A privilege joyful it is.  
And I wonder, too, what our answers will be,  
When His loving questions begin  
“Have you heeded My voice?  
Have you told of My love?  
Have you brought My children in?”

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Have you heeded the Master’s voice? Did you give Him your love? Can you truthfully say “Yes, Lord, my children are in.”*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 16:15-20

### UNHAPPY SON

The story is told of a king who had an unhappy little son. The prince had everything he could wish for—pony, toys, even a yacht to sail in the lake. Still he was unhappy.

One day the king consulted a wise old man about his son. The

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...d man took a piece of paper and wrote on it some words in invisible ink. He told the king to hold the paper between his eyes and a lighted candle that night and he would be able to read the words. That night the king lit a candle and held the paper before it. Here was the message: "The secret of true happiness is to do a little kindness to someone every day."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*What a wonderful message the wise man gave the king. True happiness begins when we put God first, others, second; and self, last.*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24**

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 10-21

**THE BEST MINDS**

The best minds that accept Christianity as a divinely inspired system believe that the great end of the Gospel is not merely the saving, but the educating of men's souls, the creating within them of a noble disposition, the subduing of egotistical pretensions, and the perpetual enhancing of the desire to do the will of God—a will that is synonymous with goodness and truth—may be done on earth.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*When Jesus said, "Not my will, but thine be done," He was committed to die on the Cross for everyone.*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25**

Scripture Reading—Romans 1-10

**A MAN**

A man met a boy on a country road with a basket of bread on his back. "What have you in that basket, my boy?" asked the man. "Bread, sir." "Where did you get that bread?" "From the baker, sir."

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"And where did he get the flour?" asked the man.

"From the farmer, sir."

"And where did the farmer get the flour?" continued the man.

"From seed, sir."

"And where did he get the seed?" persisted the man.

The boy paused, then exclaimed in an awe-struck voice, "From God, sir!"

Yes, behind each loaf of bread is God!

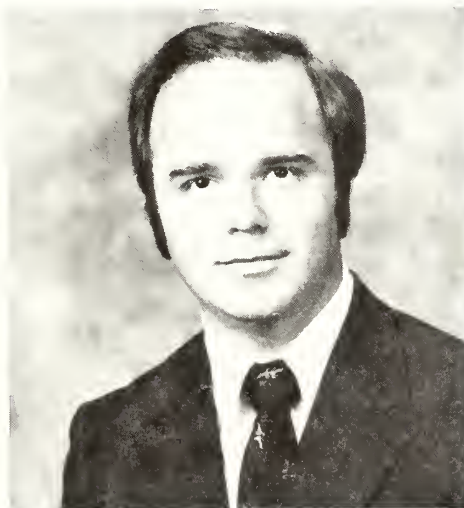
**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. His greatest gift was His son, Jesus Christ.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

**NEWS NOTES**

**Stoney Creek Church Gets New Pastor**



*The Rev. Gary Bailey*

The Rev. Gary M. Bailey began his ministry as pastor of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro on July 8, 1979. He comes to Stoney Creek from his former pastorate at Elm Grove church near Ayden. He was there nearly five years.

He is twenty-seven years old and a graduate of Mount Olive College. He received his B. S. degree from North Carolina State University.

He is very active in denominational work and currently holds the following positions: Member of the Ordaining Council of the Central Conference, member of the Executive Committee of the State Sunday School Convention, member of the Board of Directors of Cragmont Assembly, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, and Secretary of the State Convention of Churches.

He is married to the former Kristie Raper of Mount Olive. They have two children, Suzanna, age two and Justin, age 8 months. They reside at Route 2, Box 489, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

**"Elderly" Members Honored At Emerson Church**



*Honored were left to right: Bertie Nobles, Atha Ann Cribb, the Rev. and Mrs. Austin Duncan, Nevada Grainger, Soldier Berry Grainger, Harrie Norris, Bernice Sales, Lewis Sales, Menta Tyler, Archie Norris, Billie Norris, and Grantham Allen. Standing with the elderlies on the right is the church's pastor, the Rev. Hollan Norris.*

"Elderly" members from the age 50 years and above from the Emerson Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Tabor City, North Carolina, were honored with a covered dish supper on July 14, 1979. The dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nobles. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## FALL SEMESTER BEGINS AUGUST 19

Applications for the fall semester at Mount Olive College are up 10 percent over last year, College officials announced today.

Limited residence space is available; however, interested students should apply now for the fall semester. Day or night classes schedules can be arranged through a college counselor for full-time or part-time attendance.

All new resident students will move into residence halls on Sunday, August 19, at 2 p. m. Returning students are scheduled to move in at 3:30 p. m.

Commuters and resident students will register for classes Monday and Tuesday, August 20, 21. Classes begin on Wednesday, August 22.

### Night Class Schedule

Night classes begin Monday, August 27, with courses in "English Composition" and "Accounting" (with lab). Tuesday night courses include "Introduction to the Old Testament," "Introduction to Data Processing," and "American Literature." "Business Law" will be offered on Wednesday nights. All night classes are from 7 p. m. until 9:50 p. m.

### Special Programs

Military Extension, Continuing Education (adult education), and Cooperative Education programs will be headed by Donald Leacott, Director of Special Programs at the College.

Leacott will coordinate class schedules for adults interested in attending college either full-time

or part-time, under the Continuing Education program.

In the area of Cooperative Education, the Program will place interested students in business positions within the community.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone 658-2502.

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## EVENING COURSES LISTED

The following evening classes will be offered at Mount Olive College:

On Monday nights, beginning August 27.

English Composition  
Accounting

On Tuesday nights, beginning August 28.

Introduction to Old Testament  
Introduction to Data Processing  
American Literature

On Wednesday nights, beginning August 29.

Business Law

All classes will meet from 7-10 p. m. Interested persons may register now. Registration will remain open until the second class meeting. For more information, contact the Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone 658-2502.

## ACKISS TO DIRECT 1979 COLLEGE DINNERS

A graduate of Mount Olive College and secretary to the President since 1965, Mrs. Ackiss is well-known among Free Will Baptists for her previous work with the dinners and for her active participation in denominational activities. She is a member of Spring Hill church near Goldboro.

In announcing her appointment as President Raper declared "During her years of employment at Mount Olive College, Mrs. Ackiss has demonstrated her effectiveness and proved her loyalty to both the College and the Free Will Baptist church. Under her leadership our 1979 dinners set an all-time high in both attendance and in financial support. Both the Board of Trustees and I have confidence in her ability to direct the seventeenth (17) annual dinners and to coordinate this part of the College development programs with our pastors and churches."

Mrs. Ackiss has announced that the theme for the dinners this year will be, "To Fulfill God's calling for our youth and for our church."

Planning sessions for August will include:  
Lenoir County—Tuesday, August 28 at 8 p. m. at First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston  
Greene County—Friday, August 31 at 8 p. m. at Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church near Snodgrass Hill.

The schedule for other counties will be announced soon. All those who attend the planning sessions will be given a copy of the devotional classic, **The Great Thing in The World** by Henry Drummond.

Mrs. Jean F. Ackiss, secretary to President W. Burkette Raper will direct the 1979 College dinners among the Free Will Baptist churches of North Carolina.

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**AUGUST—  
STATE CONVENTION  
PROMOTIONAL WORK**

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# Church Auxiliaries

Treasurer's Report,  
End of First Quarter,  
July 31, 1979

Balance in Bank April 30, 1979 \$ 3,824.01

## Receipts

General Fund:	
Life Membership Fees	\$ 15.00
Contributions	20.00
Promotional (CSF)	105.37
Per Capita Dues	56.50
Registration Fees	<u>820.00</u>
Denominational	\$ 1,016.87
Enterprises	<u>10,192.30</u>
Total Receipts (*)	<u>11,209.17</u>
Total for Which to Account	15,033.18

## Disbursements

Convention Expenses	
and Allocations	887.27
Denominational	
Enterprises	<u>10,192.30</u>
Total Disbursed (*)	<u>11,079.57</u>
Balance in Bank, July 31, 1979	<u><u>\$ 3,953.61</u></u>

## Banks

Branch Banking and Trust Co.	
(Checking)	\$ 953.61
Church Finance Association	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 3,953.61</u></u>

(\*) Total receipts this quarter include all monies received at the State Convention.

Total disbursements include allocations made by the Convention. For itemized list see the report of the Finance Committee in the minutes.

## Denominational Enterprise Report

	Item.	Rec.	Disb.
Church Extension (Home Missions)		\$ 1,679.67	\$ 1,679.67
Foreign Missions:			
General Fund	85.50		
Mexico	225.00		
Baker—Van	104.00		
Children's Educational Fund	23.80		
General	100.84		
State Project—Missionary Wives	<u>836.91</u>	1,376.05	1,376.05

Central Conference Missions 15.00 15.00

## Mount Olive College:

General Fund	110.13		
Alice Lupton Scholarship	110.50		
J. C. Griffin Scholarship	25.00		
Books	15.00		
State Project (College Hall)	<u>442.67</u>	703.30	703.30

## Free Will Baptist Children's Home:

General Fund	224.00		
Clothing	250.00		
Child Support Allowance	285.00		
Music for Cindy Rhodes	45.00		
Pump House Project	25.00		
Furniture	60.00		
Memorial for Faulkner Children	70.00		
State Project (Microwave Ovens)	<u>971.19</u>	1,985.19	1,985.19

Superannuation 168.42 168.42

Cragmont Assembly Inc. Building Fund 3,196.37 3,196.37

Retirement Homes, Inc. 60.00 60.00

Life Membership Fees (Mount Olive College) 60.00 60.00

## Christian Service Fund: (\*)

Missions	210.73		
Mount Olive College	210.73		
Children's Home	158.05		
Cragmont	158.05		
Superannuation	105.37		
Retirement Homes	<u>105.37</u>	948.30	948.30

Totals \$10,192.30 \$10,192.30

(\*) 10 percent retained for promotional (see receipts \$105.37)

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser,  
Treasurer

## RESOLUTIONS REGARDING ANNA PHILLIPS LOAN FUND

WHEREAS, through the years of its existence the Anna Phillips Loan Fund has served a good but limited purpose in the

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## The Rev. C. Felton Godwin

OAK GROVE AND SAINT PAUL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES near Newton Grove honor their pastor this week, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### A COMMUNITY BORN PERSON

by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warwick



The Rev. and Mrs. C. Felton Godwin

The members of Oak Grove and Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Churches in the Newton Grove area would like to honor their pastor, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin. Both churches are indeed fortunate to have a pastor from the community. Oak Grove is his own home church, and Saint Paul is a neighboring church, almost like home for him.

Incidentally, he was born within sight of Oak Grove church. In fact, his birth was first announced

at a revival meeting at the church. His father, Isham D. Godwin, ran to an open window and whispered, "It's a boy."

He grew up in a God-fearing home, and at an early age accepted Christ at Oak Grove church. Since then, he has continued to mature in the Christian faith.

After graduating from Westbrook High School in the Newton Grove area, he attended Wake Forest College. He then entered

the business world after marriage to the former Christi Gilbert.

For many years before entering the ministry, he served as Sunday school teacher, superintendent of the Sunday school and a deacon of Oak Grove. In 1962, he was recommended by the ordaining council of his home church for license to preach. He was ordained in 1963 and immediately began pastoring West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church and Oak Grove church. He later served Pilgrims Home church in the Eastern Conference for two years.

In 1970, he resigned from Pilgrims Home church to accept the call to Saint Paul, where he is still serving along with Oak Grove. He has served Oak Grove as his home church, for the past sixteen years and Saint Paul for the past nine years.

In addition to serving both churches really well, he is active in almost all the denomination activities. He served as moderator of the Cape Fear Union Meeting from 1965-1974. He is currently serving on the Executive Board of the Cape Fear Conference, the Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference, the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Board of Directors, the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees, the Cragmont Assembly Board of Directors, and he recently represented the Cape Fear Conference on the Faith and Discipline Revision committee.

Brother Felton says that he cares for his people both physically and spiritually because he owns and operates Godwin's Superette near his home. He does not let it interfere with his pastoral duties, however, because if and when he needs to leave, he can always locate the store if no one is available to keep it.

He and his wife are really concerned about the sick and bereaved of their members and other people of the community. They are always there when the

ee needed, whether the occasion  
for sickness, grief, or joy. Even  
ough they do not have any  
children, they are fondly called  
Uncle Felton and Aunt Christine  
the community boys and girls.

In addition to their church  
activities, they are active in many  
community organizations. They  
have been active in the Eastern  
Star for many years. They are  
also members of the Westbrook  
Chaple. This year, they are ac-  
tive in Newton Grove's centennial  
celebrations.

Christine is a very versatile  
pastor's wife. She uses her talents  
skillfully and efficiently. She is a  
Sunday school teacher, an ac-  
tive member of both church  
auxiliaries, and an assistant choir  
director at Oak Grove. For years,  
she was the leader of the league at  
Oak Grove, and later helped  
organize the youth fellowship,  
which is still active. She directs  
most of the weddings in the two  
churches and participates in the  
social parties. One of her hobbies  
is growing roses for her husband  
to wear on Sunday.

Felton appreciates the music of  
the choirs. Realizing that music is  
a vital part of the worship service,  
he supports and encourages his  
choirs. He always asks for  
volunteers to sing during the  
services when there is no special  
music. He, too, is blessed with a  
musical talent and will sing when  
it is needed.

Under his pastorate, both  
churches have been renovated.  
Oak Grove has added new pews,  
a carpet for the entire church, a  
kitchen, and central heat and  
water for the fellowship hall.

Saint Paul has carpeted the  
entire church and fellowship hall,  
added new cushions for the pews  
and choir chairs. The highlight of  
the physical improvements,  
however, has been the addition of  
a lovely and spacious fellowship  
hall, which was completed in 1977.

Felton and Christine own their  
own home, which is located half-  
way between their two churches.  
It seems that God planted them in  
their convenient location for the

purpose that they are rendering;  
that is, for their untiring Christian  
leadership. They are a great asset  
to our churches and communities.  
Both churches have grown  
spiritually as well as materially  
under his ministry.

We are indeed thankful for  
them, and we welcome this op-  
portunity to honor them and to  
express our great love and  
respect for them.

### DEDICATED TO OUR PASTOR AND WIFE

As he steps up in the pulpit,  
You can see upon his face  
A countenance befitting one,  
Filled with God's love and grace.

He looks the part of shepherds  
Leading God's wayward sheep  
As he lifts us up in reverent prayer  
Beseeching God our souls to keep.

He holds high the torch of faith;  
He guides us on our way;  
He shows us the love of God;  
He lives it day by day.

He uplifts the sick and saddened—  
All those who have a need  
He begs God to bless and keep us;  
Our bodies and souls to feed.

He baptizes our repentant loved ones;  
He eulogizes our beloved dead;  
He holds the marriage ceremony  
When our grown-up children are wed.

God chose some extra special parents  
To entrust with this precious baby boy.  
He was to them a dream fulfilled;  
He was their pride and joy.

As neighbors we took a great delight  
As we watched our little preacher man,  
Little knowing that for us and him  
God had a holy, divine plan.

God blessed him too with a wonderful  
brother,  
Also a wife as dear as he;  
She was a crowning joy to him;  
She fits him to a "T."

Her quiet presence so like a lovely flower  
Sheds a sweet fragrance wherever she  
goes;  
The beautiful deeds she does each day,  
Only our Heavenly Father knows.

They've served us well for many years;  
Always faithfully side by side;  
God has blessed Felton in a wonderful way  
With Christine as his bride.

Please God accept our heartfelt thanks  
For the blessing of this dedicated pair;  
Please grant them many more useful  
years,  
For all in their pastoral care.  
—Written by Mrs. Idell Herring, a  
member of Saint Paul church

## Coming Events . . .

August—Entire Month Designated by the  
State Convention for State Convention  
Promotional Work

August 22—Children's Home Board of  
Directors Meeting, 9 a. m., Children's  
Home, Middlesex

September—Entire Month Designated by  
the State Convention as Home  
Missions and Church Extension Month

September 3—Labor Day

September 3—Free Will Baptist Press  
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September 12—"State Convention  
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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For August 26

## WHY NATIONS CRUMBLE

**Lesson Text:** 2 Kings 17:5-14

**Memory Verse:** Deuteronomy  
30:19

### I. INTRODUCTION

Just what determines destiny? Some maintain that life follows the domino theory of events. We all know what happens if a number of dominoes are placed on end one behind the other, and the first domino is toppled. All of the other dominoes will be toppled in turn. It cannot be otherwise. "What does this have to do with living?" one might ask.

When applied to life, the domino theory declares that every human action is the inevitable consequence of prior conditions. Each action, it is said, is the result of environmental, physical, and psychological factors. In effect, such a philosophy holds that whatever a person says or does, he could not have done differently under the circumstances. Under the domino theory of life, man is considered to be an automaton. He does not really "decide" to commit a dastardly crime nor do the heroic acts; his deed, good or bad, is inevitable.

If this view were true—and the Bible certainly insists that it is not—then there would not have been any purpose in our lessons for this past quarter. The theme of these lessons has been that man can make choices and that he is responsible for the choices he makes. Furthermore, those choices have a great part in determining destiny, not only for himself but for others. Man does have a will, and ultimately the

exercise of that will, especially in regard to his relationship to God, determines destiny.

It is also possible for one to change his mind. If he has decided foolishly, he need not go on in that foolish way. This means that a bad decision need not be final. In our lesson of three weeks ago, Hosea assured Israel of God's love and of His willingness to forgive. The prophet appealed to the people to recommit their lives to the Lord, but his message fell on deaf ears. The destiny of the kingdom of Israel was ultimately determined by that decision.

Our decisions also determine our destiny. We are not puppets, manipulated by the strings of fate. We can choose the way of God if we will. Our lesson today deals with what happens to a nation that chooses evil and scoffs at God's way. It should serve to warn us of the fate that awaits any people who persist in ungodliness.—**Standard Lesson**

### Commentary

### A. HINTS THAT HELP

Every Sunday school student will remember that at the death of King Solomon, the United Kingdom of the Hebrew people divided and became two kingdoms. The kingdom in the north was composed of ten tribes and was called Israel, with its capital at Samaria. The kingdom in the south was composed of two tribes, with its capital at Jerusalem. It was called Judah. In this lesson today we study about the downfall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

B. Hoshea, the son of Elah, the last king of Israel, ascended the throne in the twelfth year of Ahaz, king of Judah. His reign extended

for a period of nine years (2 Kings 17:1). We are told that "he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him" (2 Kings 17:2). In the absence of detail we can only conjecture that this indicates decrease in the former active opposition to the worship of God. We suspect that Hoshea in some way gave offense for the new Assyrian king paid a visit to Israel, and Hoshea was brought to heel (2 Kings 17:3). A little later, Hoshea began intrigues with the king of Egypt and failed to pay his tribute to Assyria. This prompted the king of Assyria to take Hoshea and put him in prison. The city of Samaria, however, closed its gates and the siege began.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.E.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Samaria was the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. It was here that the nineteen kings of Israel reigned. In the latter years of the nation's history, the kings made alliances with other nations, principally Assyria and Egypt, much to the displeasure of God. We saw in last Sunday's lesson how even Judah made an alliance with Assyria in an effort to defeat both Syria and Israel.

B. Nothing good ever came from these alliances, for in the sight of God they were unholy. I wanted them to trust in Him and let Him bring to pass their well-being. But because Israel failed to trust God we see in the very beginning before us that the king of Assyria finally came into the land and laid siege to Samaria for three years.

—**The Advanced Quarter (F.W.E.)**

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Walter Reynolds  
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## JUNE, 1979

Submitted by Virginia Skinner  
Treasurer

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Sunday School	25.00
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Fellowship Class	64.60
Sunday School	30.22
Shady Grove	300.00
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Auxiliary	25.00
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Convention  
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Pleasant Plain  
YFA  
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fund) reimburse for linens  
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received by a specified treasurer elected by the State Auxiliary Convention until all such payments are fully received or until such time as some delinquent loans may of necessity be canceled. Funds collected by this treasurer shall be turned over to the Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund at least quarterly.

### IN SUMMARY, MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. That since Mount Olive College can administer the Anna Phillips Fund without any administrative expenses being charged to the Fund;
2. That since the Fund can achieve its original purpose of providing education loans to North Carolina Free Will Baptist students, and by properly investing the principal which is not on loan, needed scholarships can also be provided;
3. That since the College can administer the loans under terms whereby they are insured and thereby help to protect erosion of the Fund through delinquent loans;
4. That since the College, as an educational institution, has means for collecting loans which are not available to a private committee;
5. That since the irrevocable transfer of the principal of the Fund would be a valuable addition to the endowment assets of Mount Olive College for accreditation purposes; therefore,

6. We recommend to the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention that all financial assets of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund be transferred without unnecessary delay to Mount Olive College to be placed in the new Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund for us as outlined above, all stipulations herein given to be dutifully observed.

Recommendation from:  
**THE ANNA PHILLIPS  
 LOAN  
 FUND COMMITTEE**  
 to  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
 OF THE  
 NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
 WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
 CONVENTION**

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

### LILLIE MAE SASSER

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser has served diligently and faithfully for many years in the capacity of chairman-treasurer of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, and,

WHEREAS, the growth and development of the Fund through the years have been due largely to devotion to her duty as chairman-treasurer of the Fund, and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sasser has shown a genuine and deep concern for the educational needs of many young students, and has prayed and worked earnestly for the burgeoning forth of these students while they were in training, therefore,

### BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the North Carolina

State Woman's Auxiliary Convention in regular session give to Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser a Standing Vote of Appreciation for her faithful and unstinted service in this capacity, and,

2. That a copy of this resolution be included in the next official minutes of the convention, that a copy be published in **The Free Will Baptist**, and that a copy be presented to her in a proper and gratifying manner by the president of the convention.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
 WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
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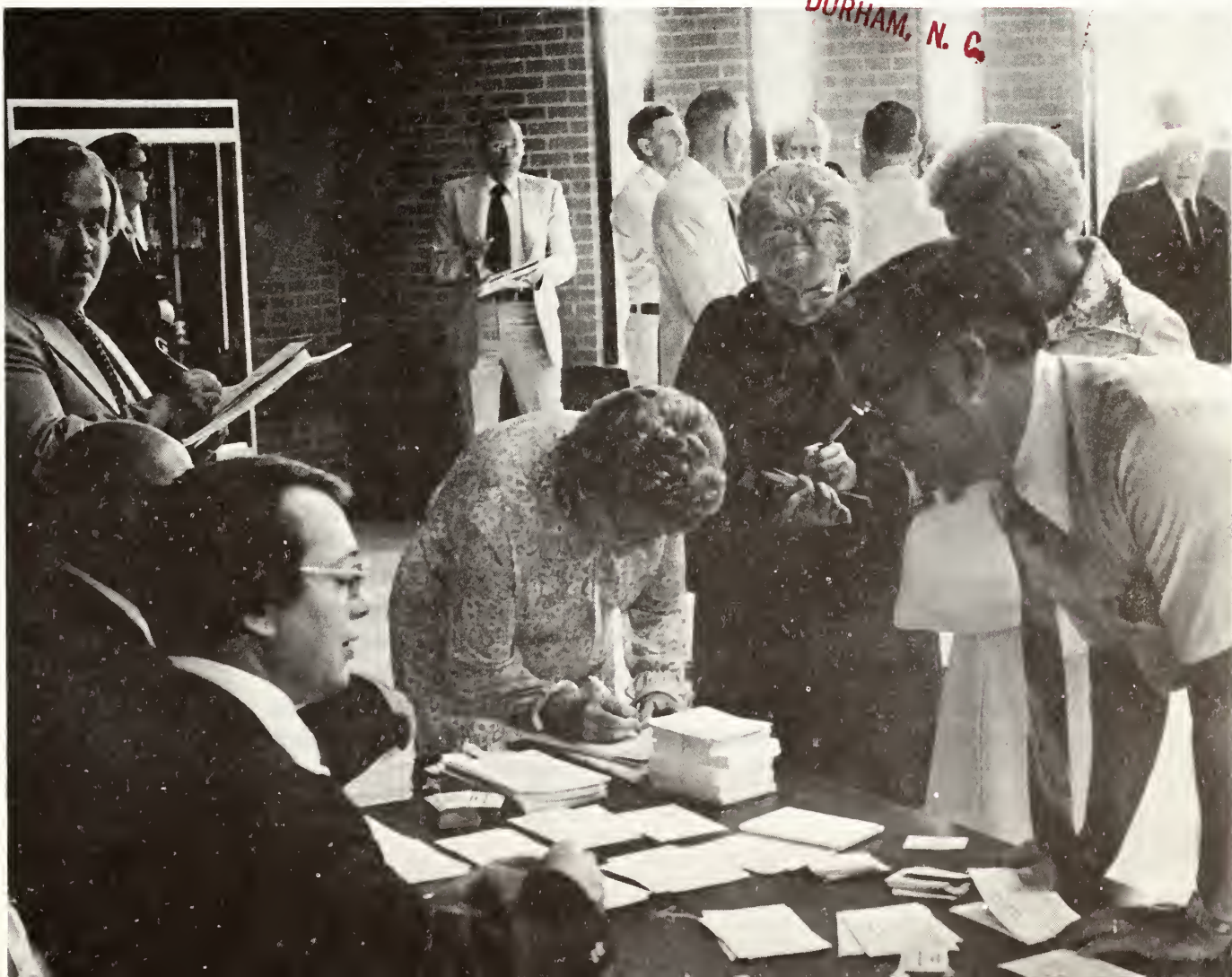
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**WARM AND COLD ‘FUZZIES’:  
PSYCHOLOGICAL TOOLS  
(Useful for Christians, Too)**

Currently, in the field of psychology-sociology, little creatures called “fuzzies” dominate the scene. Warm fuzzies (sometimes called warm strokes) actually amount to a good pat on the back. Psychologists generally agree that everybody needs several such praises a day. Some claim that at least forty are needed every twenty-four hours for one to enjoy emotional well-being. Warm fuzzies, then, provide positive reinforcement.

Cold fuzzies, on the other hand, take the form of negative remarks, derogations, slaps on the wrist (physical or mental), and other forms of criticism: non-verbal gestures of disdain, scornful glances, sighs, or any other demonstration of disapproval. The reason that people need so many warm fuzzies per day, psychologists agree, is that it takes much positive reinforcement to build one up while it requires very little criticism to tear one down.

The need for warm fuzzies is not restricted to the emotional realm. There are spiritual needs, too—especially is there the need to have commendation offered for one’s staying true to Christian principles. We somehow expect a person to remain in the mainstream of godly living, and this expectation is not necessarily a bad one. However, we too seldom accord praise for adherence to Christian living, and very quickly, and perhaps too often, bring a person to task for just a little sidestep. Rebuke, of course, should be issued when it is in order and needful; but it is conceivable that too many cold fuzzies in the form of severe reprimands from an “unerring coach” can make it impossible to bounce back to productive living.

The emotionally sound, of course, can be subjected to an unbalance of fuzzies and not reflect behavior too much outside the norm. The problem occurs when someone who is a little emotionally unsteady (or in the case of Christianity, someone not quite firmly fixed in the faith) is bombarded with a lot of negativism. Such a person is bent low, caused to suffer self-recrimination, and may experience irreparable harm. He simply may not be able to cope; he may question his ability to “hold out to the end.”

While some people provide personal warm fuzzies for themselves and compensate for the lack of praise offered by another, there are an equal number who inflict themselves with cold fuzzies. Here, cold fuzzies take the form of self-repudiation, where people accuse themselves of sins which they may or may not have committed. A recorded case in question concerns an old lady

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# SALVATION

**F**OR I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." When you read this verse—Romans 1:16—in a **Scofield Bible**, you will see a footnote on that page. The footnote reads: "The Hebrew and Greek words for **salvation** imply the ideas of **deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, soundness, or completeness, or wholeness.**"

Salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, embracing into itself all the redemptive acts and processes, as justification, redemption, grace, propitiation, imputation, forgiveness, sanctification, and glorification. Salvation is in three senses: (1) the believer has been freed from the guilt and penalty of sin; (2) the believer is being saved from the habit and dominion of sin; (3) the believer is to be saved in the sense of entire conformity to Christ. Salvation is by grace through faith, a free gift, and wholly without works. The divine order is: first

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salvation, then works."

I'm especially interested in five words in this footnote, the Hebrew and Greek for salvation, which imply the ideas of deliverance; safety, preservation, healing, soundness, or completeness, or wholeness.

Let's look at these words.

## 1. **DELIVERANCE**—Luke 13:10-17

A woman had been crippled by a spirit for 18 years. She had bent over and could not straighten up at

*... it is the power of God ...*

(Romans 1:16).

all. Jesus saw her terrible condition and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." He then put His hands on the woman and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Verse 19 in this passage tells us **Satan had kept her bound for 18 years.**

But the wonderful part of the story is that **Jesus set her free. He delivered her from her infirmity!**

Romans 11:26 tells us Jesus is **the Deliverer.**

In Colossians 1:13 we read that Jesus has rescued or delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.



Fred A. Rivenbark

We read in 2 Peter 2:9 that He delivers us from trials.

Our wonderful salvation includes being delivered from sin . . . from the dominion of darkness . . . sin from infirmities . . . from all that would hinder our usefulness for the Lord.

Jesus is in the delivering business today!

You may need to let Him deliver you from some habit that hinders your usefulness for the Lord . . . maybe the habit of watching TV too much . . . or the habit of gossiping . . . or the habit of lying . . . or laziness . . . or dishonesty . . . or the habit of demanding your own rights, your own way. Whatever you need to be delivered from, Jesus is the Great Deliverer. Our salvation includes deliverance.

## 2. **SAFETY**—Matthew 8:23-27

Jesus and His disciples were in a boat . . . and without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake . . . so that the waves swept over the boat. Through this storm, Jesus was asleep.

The fearful disciples went to Jesus and woke Him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are going to drown!"

But Jesus replied, "You of little

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faith, why are you so afraid?"

Jesus then got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and everything was completely calm.

The disciples didn't realize it, but while they were in the boat with Jesus, they were perfectly safe. We sing the chorus, "With Christ in the vessel, we can smile at the storm, smile at the storm, smile at the storm, with Christ in the vessel, we can smile at the storm as we go sailing home."

Our salvation includes **safety**.

Psalms 91 teaches that if we dwell in the secret place of the Most High we will abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Now, we know that if we are in a person's shadow, that person is not far away.

We are safe as we abide real close to Jesus, and it is His good pleasure to protect us from the wiles of the devil.

As long as we are in the presence of our Lord, we have nothing to worry about. We are safe.

Salvation includes **safety**.

### 3. **PRESERVATION**—1 Thessalonians 5:23

In writing to the Thessalonian believers, the Apostle Paul prayed that their whole spirit, and soul and body would be **preserved** blameless unto the coming of Jesus Christ. It was the apostle's desire that God keep them . . . that He preserve them alive . . . that He guard . . . protect them until the coming of Jesus Christ.

You see, God has no problem preserving us . . . keeping us . . . protecting us . . . guarding us . . . because HE IS ALL-POWERFUL.

God uses the same power in sustaining us that He demonstrated when He raised Jesus His Son from the grave. We must not ever rely on our own strength. "The arm of flesh will fail you; you dare not trust

your own." God preserves. He guards. He protects. He keeps.

It is the Father's good pleasure to protect us until Jesus Christ returns for His children.

Part of our salvation is **preservation**.

4. Our salvation also includes **Healing**. All through the Gospels we read accounts of Jesus' healing. He healed wherever He went.

We read of Jesus' **miraculous healings** all through the Gospels. In Matthew 9 we read that two blind men were healed. In Luke 8 we read the story of the woman with the issue of blood being healed.

Robert B. Reeves Jr. writes: "The Biblical words for **healing** and **salvation** have the same root meaning in both the Hebrew and the Greek. The meaning is ultimately **to be made whole**. The distinction we have made between them, under the influence of the neoplatonic dualism, applying healing to the body and salvation to the soul, is utterly alien to the Bible. Man's health is his salvation, and his salvation is his health; for both are signs of his wholeness as a creature."

Our salvation includes healing! Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. When we read the Gospels and see His intense interest in healing sick bodies, we cannot help noticing the many sick bodies He made whole. Is He any less interested in healing our bodies than in healing those persons He touched nearly 2,000 years ago?

Jesus heals our physical pains . . . our minds . . . our emotions . . . our memories. He is our Healer! We must never forget this—Jesus is our Healer!

### 5. **SOUNDNESS**—Another

word for **soundness** is **wholeness** or **completeness**.

What did Jesus say to the woman whom He healed in Mark 5? You remember the woman with the issue of blood? "**Thy faith has made thee whole.**"

And in Matthew 15:28? Jesus healed the Syrophenician woman's daughter . . . and Verse 28b reads: "And her daughter was made whole from that very hour."

In John 5 we read of the man lying by the pool of Bethesda, and in Verse 6 we read that Jesus said to him, "Wilt thou be made whole? **Do you really want to be made whole?** Do you know there are some people who really don't want to be made well? They rather enjoy their sickness. What else would they have to talk about? This is a very important question: "Do you really want to be made whole?"

Salvation includes **soundness wholeness, completeness**. And as we increase intellectually and physically and in our relationship with God and in our interpersonal relationships, we achieve this wholeness.

### **CONCLUSION**

Perhaps too often when we think of salvation, we think in terms of the conversion experience only. Salvation is also a **present** experience. Thank God for the conversion experience—yes! We should also be grateful for the present and future aspects of salvation—deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness, or completeness, or wholeness.

Jesus **delivers** us from all that keeps us from being what God wants us to be. With Him, we are always safe in the presence of our wonderful Lord. Jesus **preserves** us. He **heals** us—our bodies, minds, emotions, memories. He makes us **whole**, or **complete**.

**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST**

## The Rev. Noah Brown

MEMBERS DELIGHT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH near New Bern honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Noah Brown. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A WORKING SERVANT OF GOD

by Linda Gaskins



The Rev. Noah Brown

In October, 1976, the Rev. Noah Brown and his wife, Margaret, came to Saints Delight Free Will Baptist Church. They brought them boundless energy, genuine concern for their brethren and love for God that is visible in every thing they set out to accomplish. It is Brother Brown's desire that all men have the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and he diligently works toward that goal.

In June, 1943, Brother Brown began his ministry at the age of twenty-four. Since then he has visited ten churches, supplied two churches, and pastored three missions. He has held many offices in our denomination including: President of the Carteret County Ministerial Association, Moderator of the Carteret County Convention Meeting, and member of the Mission Board of the Eastern

Conference, and has served as chairman of the Church Extension.

Brother Brown was born on July 8. He was sixty-one this year. He and Mrs. Brown have four children, two boys and two girls. They also have ten grandchildren.

Harry and family live in Durham where he is pastor of Northern Free Will Baptist Church. Danny and his family live in Raleigh. Their daughter, Violet Barefoot, and her husband live in Elizabeth City with their three children. In Morehead City, where Brother and Mrs. Brown lived and ministered before coming to Saints Delight, lives daughter Jean Kitrell with her husband and three children.

This year Brother Brown will receive his 35th perfect attendance pin in Sunday school, an accomplishment we should all strive to copy. He is presently continuing his education by attending Carolina Bible Institute at Pine Level under the Rev. Floyd Cherry one night each week.

In the short time our church has been fortunate enough to have Brother and Mrs. Brown, it has grown in number and accomplishments. The Sunday school enrollment has exceeded two hundred and there have been forty-six members added to the church. We have finished paying for the parsonage and started a building fund that has nearly reached \$10,000. All this and much

more have been brought about under his guidance and leadership.

There is no rest for Brother Brown. An acquaintance of his recently said he knew when Preacher Brown had on his coat, he was on business for God, but when he did not he was on personal business. But anyone who knows Brother Brown at all knows that is not true. He is always at God's business, preaching, witnessing, handing out tracts, and visiting. He's never too busy and his door is always open. By the life he lives we see he truly knows God and God uses him in every way.

### IN MEMORY

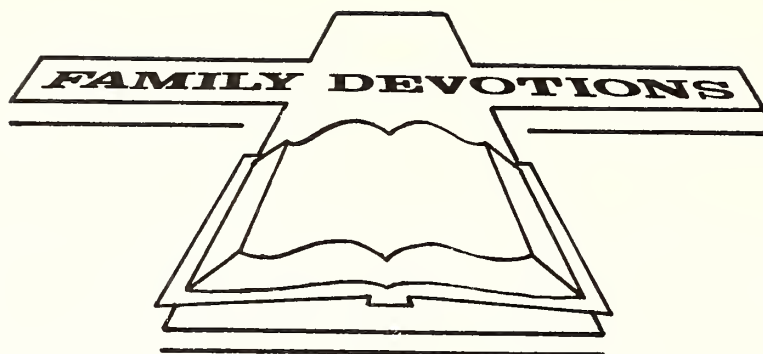
I still see her sweet smile and feel her soft touch. She has been gone a year now, but her love remains with those who are left.

He has been gone eleven years, but I remember well his sparkling eyes and friendly grin. We miss him, too, but we know his love is with us also.

I am speaking of my great-grandparents, Sam and Mittie Edwards. They gave so much to their family, their many friends, and their church, St. Mary's, in Wilson County, I know God must have prepared a beautiful reward for them. They were not worldly rich or educated, but they left us an inheritance and knowledge of things that cannot compare with anything this world has to offer. We speak of them often with love, and while we long to see them again and give them just one more hug and kiss, we know they are at home with their beloved Lord. And better still, we shall see them again someday, and what hugs will be exchanged then! Pa promised he would be waiting for us if he went first; now they are waiting together. Somehow this reassurance eases our sense of loss.

Submitted by  
Penny Edwards





## SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Scripture Reading—Psalm 145:  
1-5

### THE SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE

The secret of a happy life  
Is an industrious hand,  
Which gladness finds in earnest  
work

For noble purpose planned.  
It leaves no time for idle fears,  
Thoughts morbid or depressed,  
But cheerfully it does its part  
And leaves to Heaven the rest.

The secret of a happy life  
Is in a loving heart  
Whose good-will flows to all its  
kind,

To all would joy impart.  
It shares in others' weal and woe;  
Is not with self engrossed.  
The richest and the happiest heart  
Is his who loves the most.

The secret of a happy life  
Is a believing soul  
Serenely trusting in the power  
Which animates the whole.  
On earnest, upright, loving lives  
Heavens' choicest blessings fall;  
The Christ of God within the soul  
The crowning joy of all.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*To have Christ within one's soul  
is to know the peace and joy that  
only a Heavenly Father can give.  
A happy person shares his  
blessings with others.*

## MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Scripture Reading—Matthew  
5:1-12

THE LAYMAN'S BEATITUDES  
Blessed is the man whose

calendar contains prayer  
meeting nights.

Blessed is the man who does not  
remain away from church  
because it rains.

Blessed is the man who can stay  
over an hour in a church  
service.

Blessed is the man who loves the  
Lord's work with his  
pocketbook as well as his  
heart.

Blessed is the man whose watch  
keeps church time as well as  
business time.

Blessed is the man who leaves the  
back pew for the late comers.

Blessed is the man who does not  
have a summer "lay-off" from  
his religion.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christ blesses His people in  
numerous ways. Do you "count  
your blessings" each day? Prayer  
should begin and end our daily  
activities.*

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Scripture Reading—John 28:1-  
10

### LITTLE THINGS

Little drops of water, little grains  
of sand,

Make the mighty ocean and the  
pleasant land;

So the little moments, humble  
though they be,

Make the mighty ages of eternity.

So our little errors lead the soul  
away

From the path of virtue, far in sin  
to stray.

Little deeds of kindness, little  
words of love,

Help to make earth happy like the  
Heaven above.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Every good and perfect  
comes from God. His greatest  
was Jesus Christ, His son and  
Saviour. May we ever be thank  
for His generosity.*

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

Scripture Reading—Psalm 1  
1-6

### EVENING PRAYER

Thank You, God, for this nice day  
Thank You for my work and play  
For Your care the whole day  
through.

Thank You, God, for all You  
Amen.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A simple heart-felt prayer by  
small child can be an inspiration  
to any true believer. Give them  
the opportunity to pray with  
young, and they will continue  
pray in later years.*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Scripture Reading—Luke 6  
13

### PRAYER

Prayer is so simple;  
It is like quietly opening a door  
And slipping into the very presence

of God,  
There in the stillness  
To listen to His voice;  
Perhaps to petition,  
Or only to listen;  
It matters not.  
Just to be there  
In His presence  
Is prayer.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Talk to God as if you are talk  
to a friend, for He will hear  
answer. Friends may let  
down but Christ will be with you  
good times or bad.*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

Scripture Reading—Leviticus  
27:32-34

### GIVING

Once there was a Christian, he  
a pious look.

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consecration was complete,  
except his pocketbook.  
d put a nickel in the plate,  
n with might and main,  
d sing, "When we asunder  
part, it gives us inward pain."  
dropped a nickel in the plate,  
neekly raised his eyes  
d the weekly rent was paid for  
a mansion in the skies.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**  
*God loves a cheerful giver. If we  
t His work to continue, we  
st be willing to help in any way  
can.*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—Luke 10:7-9

**GOD'S TENTH**  
e parts for thee and one for  
me.  
ine for earth, and one for  
Heaven;  
nine are thine, and one is  
mine,  
ut, oh, how slowly given!  
ospel land thy life is spanned,  
ith all Christ's blessings o'er  
hee,  
le o'er the earth without new  
birth,  
ost millions sink before thee.  
y sink to hell, while you could  
tell  
he glorious gospel story;  
from the gold which thou dost  
hold,  
y tithe could bring them  
glory.  
parts for thee and none for  
me;  
ll for earth, and none for  
Heaven!  
from my gold which thou dost  
hold,  
y tithe thou hast not given.  
souls for thee, no souls for me,  
ll for hell, and none for  
Heaven!  
from my gold which thou dost  
hold,  
y tithe thou hast not given.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**  
*Do you give your tithes and  
offerings freely? God says in His  
Word that "all the tithe of the land  
is the Lord's."*

Selected from *The Speaker's  
Sourcebook*, Zondervan Pub-  
lishing House.

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## EDITORIAL

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who insisted that some small, personal sin had caused her to lose her soul. It seems that she had been a devout Christian, but had done something contrary to her Christian character, and which she considered totally unforgivable. She berated herself continually and carried penance to unbelievable extremes. She would not eat or drink, and regarded any effort to keep alive as a sin. So, doctors had to force-feed her through a tube.

Psychologists imply that the woman enjoyed being a "great sinner," or perhaps wanted to be "the greatest sinner of them all." She thus got more attention and recognition than if she acted normally. Undoubtedly, this woman was emotionally sick; all the warm fuzzies in the world could not cure her; yet warm fuzzies given at the right time could have prevented her sickness, say the experts. If only she had had a Christian friend to lift her up who knew the importance of offering some solace! Perhaps just a word of reassurance: "God will forgive you. Ask Him for forgiveness and the strength to overcome the weakness. He understands."

Yes, God understands and cares; and though it would be inadvisable and wrong to suggest that God will pardon all "slips," it is expedient to advise the erring one of His understanding, to provide a spiritual warm fuzzy.

All of us have the ability, innate or learned, to use psychological tools. In the spiritual realm, it is particularly important that we take care in using them. In the wrong hands, and used indiscriminately (even on ourselves), warm and cold fuzzies can wreak havoc!

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## NEWS NOTES

### Homecoming at Highland Pines Church

Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church of Hamlet will have its annual homecoming on Sunday, August 26. Morning services will be at 10 and 11 with dinner being served at noon. Special services will begin at 2 p.m. at which time the church note will be burned and the Rev. Steve English will be bringing the homecoming message. Afternoon activities include an open house at the parsonage in Briarwood followed by supper in the church fellowship hall. A song and praise service will begin at 7 p.m. All former members, friends, and neighbors of the church are extended a warm invitation by the

church membership and their pastor, the Rev. F. Joe Griffith.

### Pastor Honored

On Thursday night, July 20, thirty members of the White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, met at the home of Mrs. Hattie Bright for a going-away dinner for the pastor, the Rev. T. C. Farmer, and his family. The Rev. and Mrs. Billy Hardee from Oak Grove church also attended the dinner. Everyone enjoyed the Christian fellowship and the delicious dinner. The Farmers received many nice gifts.

With all the good times, there was sadness in the loss of the Mr. Farmer and his family. They will be a blessing to any church. Mrs. Farmer has a way with young people that is just great.

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Patricia Carter

Perky, blonde Patricia Carter always has a smile on her face. At 21 years of age, she is majoring in elementary education in hopes of teaching kindergarten through the third grades.

Patricia is a member of Dawson's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, where her father, the Rev. Kenneth Carter, is pastor. Her two sisters, both graduates of the College, are teachers of elementary education.

"It wasn't planned to be a family occupation; it just worked out that way," she said. "Education is all we ever talk about at home."

Her oldest sister, Del Carter Daniels (class of 1972) teaches first grade in Stantonsburg, and her other sister, Linda Carter Rodwell (class of 1974) teaches second grade outside Dallas, Texas. Patricia's mother is a teacher's aide in the Halifax County school system in Enfield, where they live.

"Being around people learning is exciting to me. We are always discussing different educational theories," Patricia said.

Patricia also participates in the work-study program at the College. She serves as a part-time secretary for the Dean of Students office.

"I talk with all the secretaries more than I do with the girls at the dorms," she said. "I love working at the College because everyone is easy to get along with."

This summer Patricia is taking a Marriage and the Family course. After the fall semester, she will have completed her requirements for graduation and will transfer to Atlantic Christian College in Wilson.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carter.

## COLLEGE ADDS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Mrs. Nancy Coss Sampsell of Beulaville has been appointed to assist President W. Burkette Raper in directing and coordinating the development program of Mount Olive College as it relates to alumni, parents, foundations, friends, and public relations.

A native of Chatham, New Jersey, Mrs. Sampsell earned her A. B. degree from Bucknell University and her M. Ed. from Harvard University. While at Harvard she served as Assistant Agency Relations Manager for the United Way of Massachusetts Bay with responsibility for coordinating and raising funds for the Management and Administrative Skills Training program.

Mrs. Sampsell graduated **cum laude** from Bucknell University in 1978 with a concentration in psychology and economics. She was a dean's list student throughout college and while at

Bucknell she served in the development office as Assistant Coordinator in Alumni Relations. She also received a campus leadership award and was named in AMERICA'S NAMES AND FACES, 1977-78.

Mrs. Sampsell is a 1974 graduate of the Harvard School of Education with a concentration in administration, planning and social policy.

She is the wife of David Sampsell Jr., an engineer on assignment at Camp Lejeune. Her professional affiliations include CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) and Phi Delta Kappa, a national education fraternity.

"My professional goals will be to foster Mount Olive's strong asset: a student-oriented environment, high quality education, and positive Christian commitment," she stated.

## FOUR AWARDED FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Four Free Will Baptists have been awarded faculty scholarships to Mount Olive College for the fall semester, 1979.



Windy Elaine Bowen

From Saint's Delight Free Baptist Church near New Bern, Windy Elaine Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bowen of Greenville.

A graduate of D. H. Conley High School, Windy was named **Who's Who Among Americans**.



High School Students. She served as a cheerleader and member of the Pep Club and Literary Club. She also won the English Award in 1975.



Cathy M. Herring

Cathy Herring, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Herring of White Oak Grange, is a member of White Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church. A 1979 graduate of North Henoir High School, Cathy was an officer of the Future Farmers of America and a member of Junior Achievement.



Susan Dolores Williams

Susan Dolores Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Williams of Bethel, is a member of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church. A 1979 graduate of North Henoir High School, Susan was a member of the Future Homemakers of America. She is

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also president of the Youth Fellowship at Gum Swamp church.



Angela Kay Windley

Angela Kay Windley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell M. Windley Sr. of Pantego, is a member of Free Union Free Will Baptist Church. A 1979 graduate of Pungo Christian Academy, Angela was named Most Athletic and Best Personality of her senior class. She also served as president of the sophomore class and vice-president of the junior class. Active in sports, she won several awards as girls basketball co-captain including Most Improved and All Conference.

She was listed among **Who's Who in American High School Students** and was a member of the Annual staff and Beta Club. She also received an honorable mention in the Science Fair.

#### DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS ANNOUNCED

The appointment of David Earl Allen as Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College was announced by College President W. Burkette Raper and the College Board of Trustees. Mr. Allen began working August 15.

Originally from Wilmington, Allen is a 1969 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He later earned his Master of Education degree from East Carolina University with a major in administration.

A veteran of the high school classroom, Allen served the last three years as Assistant Principal at D. C. Virgo Junior High School in Wilmington. His professional affiliations include membership in Phi Delta Kappa, the North Carolina Council of Teachers in Foreign Languages and the North Carolina Association of Secondary School Principals.

Allen and his wife, Yvonne, have two children.

#### HEADS DINNERS



Jean Ackiss, Secretary to College President W. Burkette Raper, will direct the 1979 College dinners among the Free Will Baptist churches of eastern North Carolina. Under her leadership, the 1978 dinners set an all-time high of 4,144 in attendance and \$118,273 in financial support. Looking over plans with Mrs. Ackiss is Dianne B. Riley, Associate Director of Admissions and active Free Will Baptist. Dinner planning sessions begin August 28.

#### MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. Jack Lassiter, associate pastor of Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church, is available for full-time or part-time pastorate and revival meetings. He can be reached at 1207 Wrenn Road, Durham, North Carolina, or phone 596-3339.

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION IS COMING IN SEPTEMBER.



## SPECIAL SESSION NOT SO ROWDY

by Tommy Manning

If anyone went to the Special Session of the State Convention, Tuesday, August 14, looking for a firestorm, he got disappointed. Thanks to the able direction of Convention President David Charles Hansley, the session (held in the gymnasium on the campus of Lenoir Community College, Kinston) was one of the most orderly I can remember. The orderliness was particularly significant in view of the pre-convention publicity given in some circles. But the Convention was far from uneventful.

There were a number of expected questions and ensuing discussions about the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline, but possible disorder was prevented when, early during the morning session, the Revision Committee requested another year of study. A motion was carried "That the Executive Committee remand the proposed revision back to the Revision Committee for further study and revision after hearing discussion at the called session and receiving suggestions from individuals and groups within the Convention."

During the morning session, the Convention heard the reading of the proposed revision by the Revs. Andrew Hill, Gary Bailey, Davie Brinson, and Ed Gonzalez. The afternoon was devoted to discussion.

Items presented from the floor for the committee's consideration in further study included the following:

- recommended that the King James Version of the Bible be recommended for use by Free Will Baptists and cited as the divinely inspired Word of God.
- recommended that the language expressing the

infallibility of the Word needs clarity.

- recommended that "We believe that the Church is the body of Christ, all believers everywhere" be changed to read: "We believe that the Church is the body of Christ, all **born-again** believers everywhere."
- recommended that clearer definition be given to the Holy Spirit, His work, what Free Will Baptists believe concerning His purpose: guidance, direction, and how He moves; and a statement citing that He can be sinned against.
- recommended that the word **perfect** be included in the doctrine of God, that He be cited as the creator of mankind and the universe. (Reference was made to Article 5, Page 12, of the proposed revision which does describe God as the Creator.)
- recommended that doctrines of angels, Satan, and fall of man be included. (The committee reported that these doctrines were inadvertently omitted.)
- recommended that under the duties of deacons, the original language be retained to read: "to assist the pastor in promoting order and attendance **upon the means of grace . . .**"
- recommended that Section 3, Page 35, dealing with joint ownership of a mission be deleted. (Much discussion centered around the ownership of a mission. Also, non-voting and delegate status

of mission members convention situations were questioned.)

- Question: Will church sign their property over the conference? Will the conference pay off debt incurred by mission?
- Question: Why are members of mission "less" than "regular" Free Will Baptist?
- Statement: The proposed document **does not** discriminate against missions, missionaries, and members of missions.
- recommended that phrase "change of heart," under Church Membership, be changed to read: ". . . a person who gives evidence of being **born again . . .**"
- recommended that calling of minister be clarified through the citing Scriptures.
- recommended that under The Call (The Ministry) the word **supernatural** be added to this sentence ". . . he must possess natural and **supernatural** abilities . . ."
- recommended that **mission** be added Number 2 under Examination and Qualification for License: "He must be a member in good standing of an Original Free Will Baptist Church **mission** for at least one year."
- Question: "Is church mandated to support projects of State Convention if projects violate personal conscience?" Response: The Church Covenant states that upon becoming a member, one promises to "cooperate in the promotion of denominational institutions and enterprises, the support of the work of the local church, and the evangelization of the world."

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# SPECIAL SESSION RETURNS PROPOSED REVISION TO COMMITTEE

by the Rev. Scott Sowers

The special called session of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists returned the proposed articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (Of the General Baptist Heritage) to the Revision Committee when it met in Kinston, Tuesday, August 14. The action was effected when the Convention adopted a report from the Executive Committee stating "that the Executive Committee remand the proposed revision back to the Revision Committee for further study and revision after hearing discussion at the called session and receiving suggestions from individuals and groups within the Convention." The Convention also approved the plan of the Executive Committee to allow the Revision Committee to receive written proposals of amendments until November 15, 1979.

The special called session was called by the Executive Committee to consider the proposed revision of the present Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. The proposed revision is the result of work begun in 1976. At the State Convention which met in Mount Olive, September 15 and 16, 1976, the Convention recommended that a committee be formed to study and revise the Statement of Faith and Discipline. This committee had its first meeting on March 1, 1977, in the Free Will Baptist Historical Room at Mount Olive College.

After the special session was called to order and devotions held,

the Convention began by adopting a program for the day. The Convention then adopted the report of the Executive Committee. The proposed revision was then read in its entirety. The reading was done by four readers and took the rest of the morning session. The Convention reconvened after lunch to hear discussion and recommendations from individuals and groups. Total time for discussion was limited to three hours, with the various sections of the document receiving equal duration. Special forms were made available for written recommendations concerning the revision. The Revision Committee was instructed to listen to the individual and group input and to study the written proposals as they continue their work.

The Convention was attended by approximately 600 people. Re-

gistration included 330 delegates, 194 ministers, and 71 visitors, for a total registration of 595. The Convention remained orderly throughout the day and before adjourning extended its appreciation to the Rev. David Charles Hansley, President of the Convention, for the orderly and fair manner in which he presided over the session. Thanks were also extended to the Revision Committee for their work and to the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, and Lenior Community College for hosting the Convention.

Churches, individuals, and groups that wish to propose amendments should use the form provided by the committee. These forms were available at the Convention and a copy will appear in **The Free Will Baptist** at a later date. The forms should be mailed to The Revision Committee, North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Post Office Box 362, Ayden, North Carolina 28513. The proposals must be received by November 15, 1979. The proposal coming from a group or church must be signed by the proper officials.



*Readers and Convention officials take a break.*



# VIGNETTES OF SPECIAL SESSION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14  
KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Photos by Scott Sowell



Mary Ann Lee speaks to the point of church government.



The Rev. Ray Wells (at podium), the Rev. Fran Brinson, Victor Burress, Tom Caroon, Justin Kornegay the Revs. Alton Howard, Wayne Watson, and Rub Owens wait their turn to speak.



MOC President W. Burkette Raper stresses a point.



Convention President D. C. Hansley discusses point of order with parliamentarians (left) N. B. Barrow and C. B. Hansley.



The interest of the crowd was evident throughout the session.



The Rev. D. W. Hansley, chairman of the Revision Subcommittee, clarifies a point.

# Palawan Bible Institute Begins Classes

by Wayne King



The first student body and faculty of P. B. I. Front row (left to right): Jimmy Bassarte, Virginia Manzano, Ther Macoler, Loida Laqrosa, Patricia Manzano, Roberto Daqomboy. Back row (left to right): Wayne King, Deborah King, and Fred Ker.

On Wednesday, June 13, the Palawan Bible Institute became a reality as six students enrolled in the opening day of classes—two men and four young women. Not a large enrollment, to be sure, but at least a beginning!

With no dormitories yet available, the School can accommodate interested students within the city of Puerto Princesa only. And since P.B.I. is not yet open on the outside, our first student body is limited to young people within the local Free Will Baptist Church here. So, to have a full-time Bible students from the same church is pretty great, we think, and we praise the Lord for them!

The school day begins at 7:30 each weekday morning with a twenty-minute chapel period, followed by 3 one-hour classes with breaks in between. The first semester's curriculum includes the following courses:

- Introduction to Bible Study
- The Biblical Way of Salvation
- The Life of Christ
- Discipleship Seminar
- Studies on Prayer
- Christian Ethics
- English I

Some courses meet 3 times per week; some, two times; and others only once. An afternoon music class meets once a week also. With this one exception, there are no classes after lunch. Instead, this time is primarily used to give students work opportunities in P.B.I.'s Work Program.

Pastor Jimmy Basarte, who has been attending the classes, told his church on the first Sunday morning after the school opened, "I have studied the Bible for 25 years, but in just 3 days at P.B.I., I have learned so many things about God's Word that I never knew before. I realize this School can be a real blessing to our lives."

The opening days of school have been filled with interest and anticipation of many good things to come. The words of the Lord to His people long ago have been called to the attention of our hearts and minds by the Holy Spirit:

"Do not despise this small beginning, for the eyes of the Lord rejoice to see the work begin. . . ." (Zechariah 4:10, **The Living Bible**).

These opening days have been encouraging. And we, too, are glad to see the work begin!

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Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

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#### REGULAR SESSION

NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
CONVENTION

OF

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Campus of Lenoir Community College  
Kinston, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1979

Registration 8:30 A. M.  
Session Begins 9:30 A. M.

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# Home Missions

July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979

ALBEMARLE	
Albemarle District Sunday School Convention	\$ 122.00
Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention	368.58
Albemarle Union Meeting	139.00
Belhaven	25.00
Cape Colony Mission	85.00
Free Union (Beaufort County)	491.00
Hickory Chapel	945.43
Malachi's Chapel	189.50
Mount Tabor	156.00
Mount Zion (Washington County)	220.00
Piney Grove	25.00
Plymouth, First	50.00
Saint Paul	105.68
Shiloh	294.63
Sidney	348.34
Union Chapel	584.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,150.09</b>

CAPE FEAR	
Bethel (Johnston County)	\$ 181.00
Cape Fear Conference	402.60
Cape Fear District Auxiliary Convention	12.87
Casey's Chapel	95.00
Catalpa Mission	252.00
Dalys Chapel	50.00
Eastwood	95.00
Goldsboro, First	1,400.00
Haymount Mission	1,379.60
Hopewell (Smithfield)	771.23
Johnston Union	325.00
Lee's Chapel	802.40
Mount Olive	10.00
Oak Grove	100.00
Palmer Memorial	232.23
Pleasant Grove	310.00
Powhatan	520.00
Riverside	910.00
Robert's Grove	182.50
Saint Mary's Grove	75.00
Shady Grove	816.20
Smithfield, First	170.00
Smyrna	50.00
Stevens Chapel	50.00
Tee's Chapel	513.00
Victory Mission	150.25
West Clinton	84.50
Wooten's Chapel	131.77
Yelverton Grove	220.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,292.15</b>

CENTRAL	
Aspen Grove	\$ 110.60
Ayden	230.00
Bethany	509.06
Black Jack	1,117.29
Central Conference Layman's League	56.00
Community	12.50
Daniels Chapel	1,030.00

Dawson's Grove	38.00
Dilda's Grove	40.00
Edgewood	421.05
Elm Grove	665.74
Free Union (Greene County)	437.00
Friendship (Greene County)	1,942.81
Greenville, First	920.00
Grimsley	361.11
Gum Swamp	390.62
Harrell's Chapel	900.00
Hickory Grove	68.94
Howell Swamp	65.00
Hugo	589.25
Hull Road	1,124.97
King's Cross Roads	277.99
La Grange	150.00
Little Creek (Greene County)	21.50
Marlboro	250.22
Ormondsville	30.00
Otter's Creek	582.65
Owens Chapel	315.00
Peace	268.25
Piney Grove (Beaufort County)	30.00
Piney Grove (Greenville)	288.74
Pleasant Hill (Pitt County)	20.00
Reedy Branch	675.28
Roanoke Rapids	10.00
Rocky Mount, First	561.50
Rose of Sharon	22.50
Rose Hill	412.50
Saratoga	345.00
Second Union	24.89
Second Union Sunday School Convention	100.00
Spring Branch	620.00
Sweet Gum Grove	65.00
Tarboro, First	1,310.00
Walnut Creek	200.00
Watery Branch	15.00
Williamston, First	872.60
Winterville	1,042.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,541.02</b>

EASTERN	
Angola	\$ 60.00
Antioch	400.00
Arapahoe	762.74
Beaufort Mission	205.00
Bethel (Pamlico County)	220.10
Bethlehem (Duplin County)	120.00
Beulaville	390.00
Bridgeton	225.00
Cabin	161.00
Christian Chapel	375.00
Core Creek	240.00
Core Point	20.00
Crab Point	273.45
Croatan	80.00
Davis	117.83
Deep Run	20.00
Dublin Grove	50.00
Eastern Conference Missions	100.00
Faith Mission	137.64

Faith	200.
Fifth Sunday School Convention	40.
Fifth Union Meeting	100.
Folkstone	785.
Friendship	127.
Gethsemane	50.
Grant's Chapel	50.
Gray Branch	467.
Hillsberry	25.
Holly Springs (Newport)	2,876.
Indian Springs	25.
Jackson Heights	301.
Juniper Chapel	356.
Kinston, First	200.
Lanier's Chapel	70.
Macedonia	308.
May's Chapel	225.
Moseley's Creek	165.
Mount Zion (Onslow County)	75.
Mount Zion (Pamlico County)	130.
New Bethlehem (Pamlico County)	55.
New Haven	150.
Northeast	199.
Oak Grove	41.
Oriental	119.
Pearsall Chapel	257.
Pilgrims Home	150.
Pilgrims Rest	174.
Piney Grove	268.
Rock of Zion	525.
Rooty Branch	55.
Russell's Creek (Carteret County)	5.
Saints Delight	324.
Saint Mary's	637.
Sandy Plain	1,155.
Sarecta	370.
Smith's New Home	160.
Snow Hill	430.
Sound View	137.
Spring Hope	46.
Third Union District	67.
Wardens Grove	273.
Warsaw, First	24.
Welcome Home	500.
Westside	15.
Whaley's Chapel	406.
Wintergreen	80.
Woodrow, First	85.
Verona	5.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,256.</b>

INDIVIDUALS	
Anonymous	\$ 25.
Adcox, John	10.
Askew, Lillie Mae	2.
Aycock, Ralph	300.
Baker, Fred	75.
Ballard, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E.	15.
Benoist, the Rev. Jesse C.	5.
Brickhouse, Mildred	5.
Brinson, J. C.	20.
Britt, Sidney	5.
Brown, the Rev. Bobby	10.
Bryan, A. B. (1/2 Foreign Missions)	20.
Caton, Jesse	10.
Coats, C. M.	50.
Creech, Sharlene	85.
Crumpler, Larry and Cathy	20.
Daughty, Person	2.
Duncan, Lester and Nancy	170.
Ferrell, Gwen	15.
Fournier, Susan Joe	2.
Fowler, Edna	25.

Flough, D. H.	10.00
Cay, Adaline H.	10.00
Cay, Mary T.	1.00
Cice, Herbert and Marilyn	6.00
Farris, Dennis I.	60.00
Farrrell, John and Alice, Sr.	8.00
Feyes, Mrs. Jenny	25.00
Fath, Calvin and Debra	15.00
Fath, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E.	5.00
Fath, Roger and Mary	5.00
Fell, Andrew	10.00
Fell, John David	60.00
Fell, Taylor	20.00
Ferguson, Mrs. Annie	1.00
Fanson, Mr. and Mrs. Royal	10.00
Fanes, Nellie	10.00
Fanes, Randall A.	5.00
Fayner, the Rev. and Mrs. James V.	10.00
Fennedy, Arthur	150.00
Fennedy, Percy	150.00
Fevett, the Rev. and Mrs. James	10.00
Fohn, Jay and Cindy	1.00
Folnier, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy	7.00
Folamb, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas	5.00
Folts, Joe and Betty	15.00
Folore, Mr. and Mrs. Wade	5.00
Folretz, Mrs. Anna H.	10.00
Folmery, John C.	1.00
Folgett, C. A.	5.00
Folp, Maurane	1.00
Folllips, Frances	5.00
Folllips, Luby and Alice	10.00
Folynor, Mrs. Hattie	1.00
Folddick, Mrs. David	1.00
Folodes, Mr. and Mrs. Walter	25.00
Foley, Mrs. Dianne	25.00
Folts, Amelia A.	5.00
Folgers, Furnie and Lois	10.00
Folper, Mr. and Mrs. E. G.	15.00
Folse, Mildred	5.00
Folsser, Ada B.	25.00
Folxton, Priscilla	1.00
Folone, Clifford	15.00
Folanley, Lillian	5.00
Folmmer, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin	40.00
Folmner, the Rev. Ralph	5.00
Folw, Jeff	1.00
Folw, Letty	5.00
Folmpson, Cooper	50.00
Foller, W. H.	50.00
Folpp, Mrs. Leo	2.00
Folrest, Mary	5.00
Folrggs, R. C.	2.00
Foloodall, Johnny	20.00
Folorrrell, Lonnie W.	25.00
Folotes, Joseph and Doris	170.00
Total	\$ 2,025.00

**PEE DEE**

Peaverdam	\$ 1,118.22
Peypress Creek	68.25
Peerson	500.00
Peedom Mission	300.00
Peount Calvary	75.00
Peak Grove	1,454.18
Peede Dee Association	172.47
Peede Dee District Association	75.50
Peede Dee Union No. 1	45.00
Peede Dee Union No. 2	100.00
Peestate Youth Convention	150.00
Total	\$ 4,058.62

**PIEDMONT**

Baptist Cathedral	\$ 330.00
East Rockingham	.50
Heritage Mission	416.51
Hopewell	160.00
Piedmont Conference	100.00
Total	\$ 1,007.01

**WESTERN**

Agape Mission	\$ 50.00
Barnes Hill	200.00
Branch Chapel	1,000.00
Calvary	420.00
Durham, First	30.00
Elwood Lane	100.00
Everett Chapel	583.22
Fellowship	89.50
First Sunday School Convention	50.00
First Union	400.00
Flood's Chapel	50.00
Free Union	270.00
Fremont	452.50
Friendship	270.00
Holly Springs	200.00
Kenly	262.51
Little Rock	363.25
Living Waters	50.00
Marsh Swamp	133.85
Micro	81.93
Milbournie	22.73
Mount Zion (Nash County)	167.95
New Sandy Hill	50.00
Oak Grove (Wilson County)	421.75
People's Chapel	198.45
Pine Level	483.52
Piney Grove (Johnston County)	320.00
Pleasant Plain	95.00
Pleasant Grove	1,946.71
Pleasant Hill	400.00
Rains Cross Roads	125.00
Rock Springs	22.50
Rosebud	193.00
St. Mary's	1,091.94
Selma	100.00
Sherron Acres	600.00
Spring Hill	1,020.00
Stancil's Chapel	53.31
Stoney Creek	510.00
Stoney Hill	77.50
Trinity	820.00
Union Grove	250.00
Unity (Durham)	303.00
Unity (Wilson)	100.00
Western District Youth	25.00
Western District Auxiliary Convention	35.37
West Hillsborough	100.00
Wilson, First	820.00
Total	\$15,409.49

**OTHERS**

North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary (Christian Service Fund)	\$ 540.17
Mission Rally Cash Offerings	140.71
Total	\$ 680.88
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$74,355.59</b>
Refunds	156.57
Earmarked Foreign Missions	15.00

Earmarked Eastern Conference Missions	50.00
Total Income For Year	\$74,577.16

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Missions	\$56,366.57
All Mission Travel	2,414.57
Payments on Loans	2,969.16
Printing, Postage, Supplies, Equipment and General Office Expenses	8,009.53
Deaf Camp at Eagles Nest	578.30
Earmarked Foreign Missions	15.00
Earmarked Eastern Conference Missions	50.00
Total Disbursements	\$70,403.33

Balance July 1, 1978	\$11,304.62
Total Income	74,577.16
Total for Which to Account	\$85,881.78
Less Disbursements	70,403.13
Balance, June 30, 1979	\$15,478.65

Respectfully Submitted,  
Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer

## Coming Events . . .

- August—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention for State Convention Promotional Work
- August 22—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a. m., Children's Home, Middlesex
- September—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month
- September 3—Labor Day
- September 3—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston
- September 12—"State Convention Mission Rally" under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board
- September 12, 13—North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches, Lenoir Community College, Kinston, North Carolina
- September 20—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention
- September 26—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention
- September 30—Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention
- September 30—Central Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention
- September 30—Mount Olive College Sunday in local churches



## Special Session . . .

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—Question: Personal pronoun "he" is used throughout in reference to minister. Are not, then, conferences which have ordained or may ordain women in violation? Response: Personal pronoun "he" used to represent both male and female genders, and ordination of women left to individual conferences.

-recommended that last paragraph on Page 49 be deleted altogether. It reads: "The Executive Committee shall, when necessary, call upon the members of any church, when such church or congregation is engaged in factional disputes or doctrinal and disciplinary infractions, to assemble themselves upon the premises of their local church for the purpose of inquiry, examination, or questioning that peace may be established in an orderly and Godly manner. Those refusing to meet when notified, without being excused by the Executive Committee, may be set aside from the fellowship, or may be excommunicated for breach of duty."

—Question: Should not the church have the right to handle all its own business apart from outside intervention?

—Statement: The government we have is the

distinguishing characteristic of Original Free Will Baptists.

—Question: Do licensed ministers have voting power? Response: Only **ordained** ministers have that power.

It should be pointed out, in case anyone misunderstood the reason for the Special Session, that the meeting was called for the express purpose of **considering** the Proposed Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline. The terms "vote on," "accept," "pass," or "reject" were never used officially by any member of the Executive Committee or Revision Committee in any written or verbal publicity.

It is good to report that a general spirit of brotherly love and Christian harmony was evident throughout the meeting.

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## NEWS NOTES

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### "Distant Thunder" Presented At Everett Chapel Church

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the viewing of the film "Distant Thunder" at the Spiritual Life Building of Everett Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina, on Saturday, August 25, at 7 p.m.

There will be a brief intermission at which time light refreshments will be served. No admission will be charged, however, a love offering will be taken.

This film is being sponsored by the youth organizations of the church.

### Dedication Services Held at Piney Grove Church

A dedication service for the new addition to Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kennington, was held Sunday night, August 19, by the Rev. Charles L. Renfro. The new addition includes a kitchen and fellowship hall. Mr. Renfro gave thanks to everyone who helped with the project.

Following a picnic meal prepared by the ladies of the church, special music was rendered by the church quartet and Jennifer Gudac accompanied by Mrs. Betty Lou Pope on the piano. Piano solos were rendered by Greg Dixon.

### Western District Youth to Meet

The Western District Youth Fellowship will meet Saturday, August 25, at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Beginning at 3:30 p.m. there will be softball sackraces and many other recreational activities. Everyone is asked to bring a sandwich for supper. Drinks and watermelon will be furnished at 6:30 p.m. camp-fire service will begin at 7:30 p.m. with group singing and special testimonies. All events will be held outdoors, weather permitting, and everyone is invited to attend.

## PASTORS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS BANQUET

Friday, September 7, 1979  
King's Restaurant,  
Kinston, North Carolina  
Guest Speaker—Dr. Alan Sharpe

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# HOWEVER INEXPENSIVE, IT IS STILL STEALING!

Nearly every working person, at some time or another, has taken from his place of employment a pen, pad, or some other small object for personal use. As inconsequential as a rubber band or paper clip may be, factually speaking, unless they belong to us personally, we have stolen when we have removed them from the office for something other than company use.

Not many companies would fire an employee for taking a pencil, rubber band, or other small item for himself. In fact, many companies expect this little indiscretion and allow for it in their budgets. Many employees alibi that the company "can certainly afford it," that the company "will never miss a few pens, pencils, rubber bands, or paper clips."

It is not a matter of whether the company can afford it or will never miss the small items taken. It is a matter of what is right and what is wrong. Taking one cent that doesn't belong to you is as bad as taking a thousand dollars. Taking a pen that doesn't belong to you is as bad as taking a costly book. Men's eyes see differently, of course, and ascribe greater importance, and consequently, greater crime, to the thousand dollars and the expensive volume. But God looks on the act, the heart attitude. He doesn't judge the act on the basis of the cost of the item taken.

And, attitude must be considered. Most people who think nothing of taking a stamp or paper clip would think at least twice before taking money or a book. Even the most devout of Christians look at a company pen less critically than a book on the shelves. The pen which "sprouts legs" and walks away in the company of an employee (or another person) may not provoke even a small reprimand, but a twenty-dollar book which "takes up" with the same employee might draw the ire of the employer, and certainly with good cause. But to the matter of right and wrong, perhaps both items should merit the same value.

It might seem that one strains at a point to suggest the sin involved in the taking of a pen, pencil, pad, paper clip, or some such item for one's personal use. Surely, these incidental items intended for employees' use (while on the job) are not anything to become upset about. Perhaps not, but if one can condition himself to viewing the intentional taking of these objects as all right, he might graduate to bigger game. We would hope not, but the danger exists.

We believe that most people who do take these items never dream of actually stealing. It is just something which seems convenient, even accepted as proper conduct. After all, everybody does it. The fact that everybody does it might be a signal for us to watch the act more closely, and more seriously.

When God commanded that "Thou shalt not steal," He did not put a price tag on the item. If we are guilty of stealing even the smallest and most inexpensive objects, however unintentionally, let's strive to correct our behavior. Better yet, let Him direct our behavior!

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Walter Reynolds

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# STATE CONVENTION TO MEET SEPTEMBER 12, 13

THE Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, along with the Mission Rally, will be held in the Lenoir Community College gymnasium in Winston, North Carolina. The September 12 and 13 meeting should be the largest gathering of Original Free Will Baptists in history, as many churches, delegates, and pastors are getting ready for the Convention.

During the course of the setting, messages will be delivered by the Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, and the Rev. William J. Godwin, pastor of Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Vance Link, missionary to Mexico, will speak at the Mission Rally which will begin at 7:30 on Wednesday evening. Mr. H. M. "Smokey" Eggers, the Executive Director of the Association of Baptists for Outgoing, will attend to make a "Good Shepherd" presentation to a worthy member of our ranks. A fraternal delegate from the

General Baptists of the United States will also be present.

Many displays will be located in the rooms adjacent to the lobby. Of particular interest will be the Free Will Baptist Press display where **The Bible Series** can be viewed. Also stained glass window samples can be seen here.

Remember, each church should send its pastor and his wife as well as its delegates. Every church representing may send a delegate for every 100 members or fraction thereof. It is important that delegates attend the entire Convention, **not just the first day**, since the majority

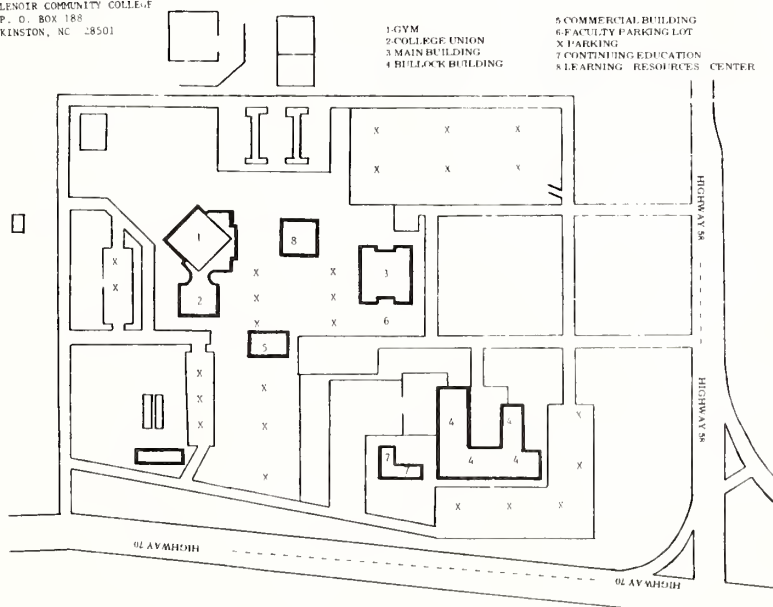
of business is transacted on Thursday.

Registration for the Convention will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the session will open at 9:30. The Rev. David Charles Hansley is the President of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, and he urges attendance.

When delegates and ministers arrive, they will receive a booklet of reports. This booklet will help to save time, giving those in attendance an opportunity to see and hear what the speaker is saying instead of trying to hear over those passing out materials. An announcement screen will also be provided so the president and secretary will not be taking up valuable time to make simple announcements. A central

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September 17—7:30 P. M.  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
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September 18—7:30 P. M.  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Wilson, North Carolina

September 20—7:30 P. M.  
Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church  
New Bern, North Carolina

September 24—7:30 P. M.  
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Building  
Ayden, North Carolina

September 25—7:30 P. M.  
Oak Grove Community Building  
Route 2, Bladenboro, North Carolina

September 27—7:30 P. M.  
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Kinston, North Carolina

Published and printed by the Free Will Baptist Press, and created and developed by Janie Sowers, this curriculum is Bible based and relevant to today; it teaches attitudes, not just concepts. You will not want to miss the workshop nearest you. Be sure to attend one or more!

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information desk will located in the display area to assist anyone with any questions on locations as well as convention facilities. Should anyone expecting a call, he will be able to leave this information at the desk. You will be informed immediately upon receipt of such. Every effort is being made to make this Convention the best yet.

To miss this Convention is to miss one of the best opportunities to help your church advance for Christ!

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## **CONSIDERATIONS**

God sees the heart, not the hands; He values the giver, not the gift.

God provides food for every bird, but He does not place it in the nest.

No enemy can come so near to you as God is not nearer.

He who makes God first will find God with him at the last.

God chastens us with many instruments, but they are all held in His ever-loving hand.

God never commands and expects obedience without providing grace to obey.

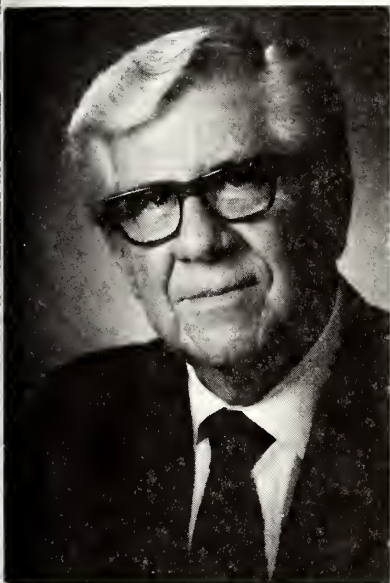
If you will do all God wants you to do, then you can do all God wants you to do.

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## The Rev. C. F. Bowen

SHADY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, honors their pastor this week, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. Our pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A MAN OF MANY TALENTS



The Rev. C. F. Bowen

God is sovereign. In infinite wisdom He created the universe and He directs all that He has devised according to a foreordained plan. In accord with this plan, God has given to man natural talents and spiritual gifts. Some are given only the ability while others receive many spiritual gifts. "To whom much is given, of the same shall much be required." Man, on the other hand, is a free, moral agent; he can develop his gifts and use them for the glory of God or he can neglect them. However, he must one day stand before God to give account of all that was entrusted to him.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen is a man of rare and varied talents and gifts and he has disciplined himself and trained himself to develop his God-

given abilities in order to use them to bring honor and glory to God. His writings are deep and meaningful, yet they are so clearly and simply written that each reader can fully comprehend the content and, if he so desires, apply these teachings to his own life. Mr. Bowen is a magnificent teacher. As he delves deeply into the Word of God his listeners hear truths they have not been able to discern for themselves. They gain an appreciation for the fact that the Bible is relevant and speaks to their own needs and should be applied to their lives. Yet Mr. Bowen is often heard to say at the close of the lecture, "We have barely scratched the surface." His sermons reflect prayerful preparation and under the impact of the Holy Spirit are presented with power and persuasion. Each member of his congregation is forced to search his heart and know that he can never again be neutral about the subject explained. No matter what the subject matter, no one who sat in the congregation can truthfully leave and say, "I don't understand the gospel message." Mr. Bowen often blends his harmonious bass voice with the choir thus adding to his voiced testimony the message of music.

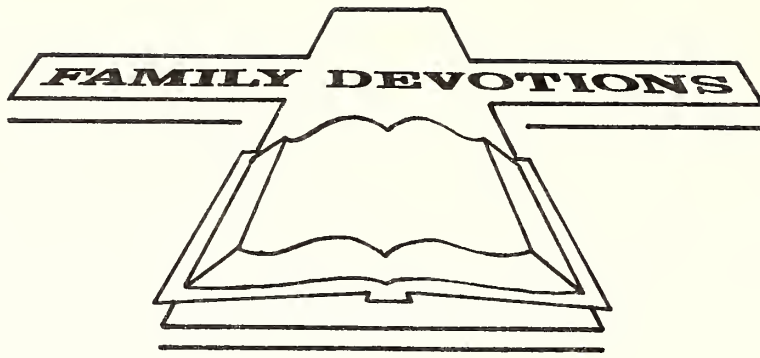
How grateful the people of Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, are that the Lord led Mr. Bowen to be

our interim pastor. From the time our former pastor left until our new pastor comes, he has not only bridged the gap but he has abundantly met our needs. The sick and shut-ins of the community say thankfully, "He visited me." Bereaved families have been comforted by his presence and his loving sympathy and have experienced God's peace through His Word. To those troubled by deep, personal problems he has been both counselor and friend. No word spoken to him in confidence has ever been repeated to a living soul. From his store of wisdom he is able to give forth words of wisdom and truth; yet no one is ever shackled with unasked advice from him. We thank the Lord for all these marvelous qualities and for the way he gives of himself to others.

Though he claims to be semi-retired, he's active yet, This fact, we admit, brings no one regret. If the Lord wills, may this always be true Up to the very end, when his life is through. He can say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight . . ." I have kept the faith, by day and by night. May he know even now his labors are not in vain, And that the fruit from his efforts will remain. Poor poetry, Mr. Bowen declares, causes him to despair, So, please, Mr. Editor, don't print my name anywhere!

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:1-10

**THE TEACHER'S PRAYER**  
 Lord, who am I to teach the way  
 To little children, day by day—  
 So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them knowledge—but I know  
 How faint they flicker and how low  
 The candles of my knowledge glow.

I teach them power to will and do—  
 But only now to learn anew  
 My own great weakness through  
 and through.

I teach them love for all mankind  
 And all God's creatures—but I find  
 My love comes lagging still  
 behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be,  
 O let the little children see  
 The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**  
*A good teacher must inspire his students. Follow the example of the Master Teacher and everything will work out fine.*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Scripture Reading—Romans 12:1-10

**CHRISTIANITY**  
 A lot of Christians are like

wheelbarrows—not good unless pushed.  
 Some are like canoes—they need to be paddled.  
 Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.  
 Some are like footballs—you can't tell which way they will bounce next.  
 Some are like balloons—full of wind and ready to blow up.  
 Some are like trailers—they have to be pulled.  
 Some are like neon lights—they keep going on and off.  
 Some are like a good watch—open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**  
*Which description fits you? To be like a good watch—open face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works is our best one. Why not try it?*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3:13-21

**BE HAPPY**  
 Life is too short to be sad in,  
 To carry a grouch or be mad in,  
 'Tis made to be happy and glad in,  
 So let us be friends and be happy!  
 Friends are too scarce to be sore at,  
 To gloom and to glower and roar at,  
 They're made to be loved and not "swore at,"  
 So let us be friends and be happy!

Love is the store we should lay in,  
 Love is the coin we should pay in,

Love is the language to pray in,  
 So fill up with love and be happy

**PRAYER THOUGHT**  
*A friend is one who "loveth all times." Treasure your friends for they are near and dear who you need them.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Scripture Reading—Job 33:1-

**GOD'S WAY**  
 God moves in a mysterious way  
 His wonders to perform;  
 He plants His footsteps in the sea  
 And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines  
 Of never-failing skill,  
 He treasures up His bright designs  
 And works His sov'reign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
 The clouds ye so much dread  
 Are big with mercy, and shall not  
 break  
 In blessing on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeling sense,  
 But trust Him for His grace;  
 Behind a frowning providence  
 He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
 Unfolding every hour;  
 The bud may have a bitter taste  
 But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
 And scan His work in vain;  
 God is His own interpreter,  
 And He will make it plain.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**  
*God works in mysterious ways to perform His mighty works. Follow His commands and you will be victorious.*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 12:1-10

**SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS**  
 You talk about your business,

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Your bonds and stocks and gold;  
And in all worldly matters  
You are so brave and bold.  
But why are you so silent  
About salvation's plan?  
Why don't you speak for Jesus,  
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather,  
And the crops of corn and wheat;  
You speak of friends and neighbors  
That pass along the street;  
You call yourself a Christian,  
And like the gospel plan—  
When why not speak for Jesus,  
And speak out like a man?

Are you ashamed of Jesus  
And the story of the Cross,  
That you lower His pure banner  
And let it suffer loss?  
Have you forgot His suffering?  
Did He die for you in vain?  
If not, then live and speak for  
Jesus,  
And speak out like a man.

I'd like to tell the story sweet  
Of Jesus, wouldn't you?  
To help some other folks to meet  
Their Saviour, wouldn't you?  
I'd like to travel all the way  
To where I'd hear my Jesus  
say:  
You've helped my work along  
today."  
I'd like that. Wouldn't you?

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Are you ashamed to let the world know you are a Christian? Tell others about the Saviour when you have the opportunity.*

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:25

#### WORKERS WITH HIM

Little is much when God is in it;  
Man's busiest day's not worth  
God's minute,  
Such is little everywhere,  
For God the labor does not share;  
To work with God and nothing's  
lost,

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Who works with Him does best  
and most:  
Work on! Work on!

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*"Work for the night is coming," is often sung in our services. How true it is! Working on a job you enjoy can almost be called pleasure.*

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:7-15

#### THIS WORLD

This world is not so bad a world  
As some would like to make it;  
Though whether good or whether  
bad,  
Depends on how we take it.  
For if we scold and fret all day  
From dewy morn till even,  
This world will ne'er afford to  
man  
A foretaste here of Heaven.

This world in truth's as good a  
world  
As e'er was known to any,  
Who have not seen another world,  
And these are very many.  
And if the men, and women, too,  
Have plenty of employment,  
Those surely must be hard to  
please  
Who cannot find enjoyment.

This world is quite a clever world  
In rain or pleasant weather,  
If people would but learn to live  
In harmony together;  
Nor seek to burst the kindly bond  
By love and peace cemented,  
And learn the best of lessons, yet  
To always be contented.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The world contains peoples of every race. When we can live in harmony we will truly find joy unspeakable.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

#### FIRST CHURCH, TARBORO, JOINS OTHER CHURCHES IN EVERY FAMILY PLAN

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, joins other churches in the every family plan of **The Free Will Baptist**. A 25 percent discount is given when local churches send **The Free Will Baptist** to the home of every family; names and addresses to be provided by the churches. Churches are billed quarterly.

The following churches are already taking part in this plan: Core Creek church, Cove City; Davis church, Davis; Dawson Grove church, Enfield; Free Spirit Mission, Black Creek; Free Union, (Beaufort County) Belhaven; Friendship, Farmville; Happiness Mission, Fayetteville; Hickory Grove, Ahoskie; Oak Grove, Newton Grove; Reedy Branch, Winterville; Rock of Zion, Grantsboro; St. Paul, Newton Grove; and White Oak, (Jones County) Cove City.

It is suggested that other churches of the denomination join this plan. **The Free Will Baptist** should be going to every home.

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#### NOTICE

##### From Western Conference Board of Ordination

The Rev. Bobby G. Bazen has voluntarily left the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and has united with another denomination. His name is subsequently dropped from the roll of ordained ministers.

The name of Mr. James Everett Webb Jr. is dropped from the roll of licensed ministers in the Western Conference or Original Free Will Baptists. His license was voluntarily surrendered because he could not adhere to our stated doctrines.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clyde Cox, Chairman  
DeWayne Eakes



# NEWS & NOTES OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

## Youth Choir Choral Jubilee

On Sunday night, July 29, the Youth Choir of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, presented a Youth Choral Jubilee. The members of the choir sang several songs of inspiration. Personal testimonies were shared with the church family. Featured soloists for the evening service were Miss Sharlene Creech, Miss Rayne Shirley, and Mr. Johnny Skinner. Special guests for the service were the New Life Trio of Goldsboro. They presented a melody of songs a capella. For the occasion the church was decorated with spiral candelabra with an elevated cross. Flowers were placed in the sanctuary for the morning and evening services by the members of the youth; and later presented to the Rev. and Mrs. James Evans, the parting interim pastor. The Youth Choir is directed by Mr. Johnny Skinner, and the pianist is Mrs. Joan Allen.

## Core Creek Woman's Auxiliary Work

The members of the Core Creek Auxiliary saved dimes for the Eastern Conference Mission. They did this for six months. At the end of this period, they had collected \$65. There were twelve members participating in this project. There are fourteen now on the roll.

## Homecoming Celebration At Sweet Gum Grove

Homecoming will be celebrated at Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Stokes, on Sunday, September 2. Joe Hudson will deliver the homecoming message. A featured part of the morning service will be a memorial observance for deceased members.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds, after which a singspiration will be held, featuring local and visiting musicians.

Everyone is invited to attend these festivities which promise Christian fellowship and inspiration.

## Rock of Zion Church Holds Bible School



Wiener roast enjoyed by all.

The Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro, North Carolina, held its vacation Bible school August 6 and 7 at Camp Vandemere. There were four classes, with 53 pupils, 9 teachers, and 12 workers.

In addition to their classes, the children enjoyed crafts and other recreational activities; including volleyball, kickball, and of course, swimming. The ladies of the church fixed a picnic lunch for the children on Monday; and Tuesday they enjoyed a wiener roast.

Camp Vandemere wishes to commend the teachers and workers for their fine work with the children in this Bible school.

Special recognition should go to their pastor, the Rev. Ra Williamson, who worked in all phases of this project.

Camp Vandemere appreciates the opportunity to serve the churches and extends an invitation to the people to come and take advantage of what they have to offer.

## Faith Mission Ladies at Work

The Faith Free Will Baptist Mission of Leland, North Carolina, started a ladies auxiliary on November 3, 1970. They have set up some projects to help the church. So far they have reached all the goals which they have set. The pastor's wife helped to get the rest of the communication set which was needed, so it went through as being one of the ladies auxiliary projects.

The ladies have had three year sales—two through the church and one through the ladies auxiliary. The auxiliary is currently working on a project to help buy one window for the mission. The auxiliary has helped the Children's Home. The members say that they might be small in number, but they are willing to work.

## Friendship Church Auxiliary Sponsors Bazaar

The Woman's Auxiliary of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, will sponsor their annual bazaar on Saturday, September 1, and Monday, September 3, at Emory which is located at the intersection of Highway 39 and 231.

They will have home-made crafts, clothes, baked goods, and many other things for sale.

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STATE CONVENTION  
IS COMING IN  
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# NC STATE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FWB

## SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1979

KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
CAMPUS, LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE



*The Rev. David Charles Hansley, president, will preside at this, the sixty-seventh session of the Convention. He pastors Daniels Chapel church, Wilson.*



*The Rev. William J. Godwin, pastor of Beaverdam church, Chadbourn, will be one of the featured speakers.*



*The Rev. Vance Link, missionary to Mexico, will be the special speaker for the Mission Rally, Wednesday night, 7:30.*



*The Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of Marsh Swamp church, Sims, will be one of the featured speakers.*



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## DR. RAPER HONORED



Mount Olive College President, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, right, was recently presented a plaque commemorating his 25 years of work at the College. Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce President, Rick Kraft, left, made the presentation on behalf of the Civic Club coalition. Dr. Raper began his presidency on August 2, 1954.

## PLANNING SESSIONS FOR DINNERS SET

The following counties will be holding planning sessions in preparation for the annual dinners in support of Mount Olive College:

**Greene County**, Thursday, August 30, at 8 p.m., Hull Road church near Snow Hill.

**Beaufort County**, Friday, August 31, at 8 p.m., Memorial church near Chocowinity.

**Pamlico County**, Sunday, September 2, at 3 p.m., Mount Zion church near Vandemere.

**Johnson-Wake Counties**, Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield.

**Wayne County**, Thursday, September 6, at 8 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro.

**Carteret County**, Saturday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m., Crab Point church near Morehead City.

**Nash County**, Sunday, September 9, at 3 p.m., Barnes Hill church near Nashville.

**Craven County**, Monday, September 10, at 8 p.m., Saint Mary's church, New Bern.

**Pitt County**, Monday, September 10, at 8 p.m., Reedy Branch church near Winterville.

**Onslow-New Hanover Counties**, Friday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m., Folkstone church.

**Wilson County**, Tuesday, September 18, at 8 p.m., Daniels Chapel church near Black Creek.

**Sampson, Harnet, Cumberland Counties**, Thursday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m., Oak Grove church near Newton Grove.

**Jones County**, Sunday, September 23, at 3 p.m., Whaley's Chapel church near Richlands.

Each church represented at the planning sessions will receive a copy of the book, **The Greatest Thing in the World** by Henry Drummond.

## PAUL PALMER ENDOWMENT FUND AT MOC

by W. Burkette Raper  
President

On the report form to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, there is a line entitled, "Mount Olive College Endowment and Other Special Funds." The Endowment referred to here is the "Paul Palmer Endowment Fund at Mount Olive College," and we wish to encourage our churches to include a contribution for this purpose. The amount of the contribution is left to each church.

The Paul Palmer Endowment Fund was established by the State Convention in 1959—twenty years ago—for the purpose of strengthening the educational services of Mount Olive College to Original Free Will Baptists. The fund was named for the founder of the first Free Will Baptist church in North Carolina, the Rev. Paul Palmer, a courageous and energetic minister out of whose labors our denomination took roots and grew. An early historian described Palmer as "a man of large conceptions, of proper self-respect," but as one that "had not thought of himself more highly than he should have thought," (*Diary of John Comer*).

These Christian qualities of Palmer are greatly needed in our day, and by a gift to the Paul Palmer Endowment Fund, your church will be helping to perpetuate the concepts on which our church was founded. We, Free Will Baptists, should join the Psalmist in affirming, "Yea,

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ave a goodly heritage" (Psalm 6:6).

In summarizing the ministry of Palmer, G. W. Paschal writes, Palmer started the Baptist work in North Carolina and from his time until now it has made constant progress. But from the first the Baptists suffered the handicap of not having a sufficient number of men of education and zeal to lead and instruct the converts made." This lack of "men of education and zeal" is a problem Free Will Baptists have never overcome, but today much progress in this direction is being made, and Mount Olive College stands at the forefront of this progress.

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### FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS ATTENDING MOC

The following Free Will Baptist students are incoming freshmen at Mount Olive College for the 1979-80 academic year.

The students include Seth D. Allen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Allen of Smithfield and Hopewell church; Angela Mae Coltrain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gray Coltrain of Williamston and Rose of Sharon church; James Melvin Edwards, son of Mrs. James W. Edwards of Newport and Sound View church.

Also, Rebecca A. Garner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Garner of Garner and Trinity church; Rodney Clarence Howard Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney C. Howard of Pink Hill and Christian Chapel church; Patricia Lucille Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Jones Jr., of Roper and Mount Zion church; Russell Wayne Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wayne Williamson of Wilson and Marsh Swamp church.

And, Teresa Jane Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Warren of Smithfield and West Calvary church; Janice Lynn Wooten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. Wooten of Pinetops and Peace church.

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# Children's Home

## CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Our women are always faithful in meeting household needs for us at the Children's Home. The list of items below comes from one of our cottages. All of the other cottages need similar items from time to time as well. The cottage needs 21 pairs of curtains. Since the windows vary in size and we are able to buy wholesale, a contribution for the curtains might be more appropriate, unless, an auxiliary would like to make them for the cottage. The other items need not be a certain color or brand and you might wish to purchase them locally.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and your continued loyal support.

Curtains  
Bedspreads (single)  
Pillows  
Towels and Wash Cloths  
Plastic Glasses (Dishwasher safe)  
Sharp Kitchen Knives  
Steak Knife Sets  
Large Table Cloths  
Small Round Table Cloths  
Trash Cans With Lids  
Small Trash Cans for Rooms

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### ROSE HILL CHILDREN MAKE CONTRIBUTION

The children of the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville received regular Sunday offerings through the year for their brothers and sisters in Christ at the Children's Home. They contributed \$319.77 to the Home recently, from these offerings during the past year. Boys and girls can work for God's kingdom too. All of us at the Children's Home appreciate all the boys and girls who have shared with us this year.

## URGENT!

The Children's Home is in need of relief houseparents. Single persons or married couples will be considered. Applicants need to be mature and physically capable of working with groups of 10-12 children. Apply to Mr. Humphrey at 235-2161 immediately.

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## RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

### WALTER AVERY

On July 30, 1979, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call to His reward our brother in Christ, Walter Avery, age 93. He was the oldest member of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County. His smile and handshake will be greatly missed as he was very faithful and always greeted everyone in this manner.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, 3 daughters, 6 sons, 2 sisters, 1 brother, 26 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Therefore be it resolved:

First: That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

Second: We extend our deepest appreciation for his devotion, for he truly set an example of faithfulness.

Third: A copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Elsie Smith  
Myrtie Ruth Tyson

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### BOOKSTORES AND PRESS CLOSED

The Ayden Bible and Bookstore and Press Foundation, 811 North Lee Street, Ayden, along with the branch bookstores of Smithfield, New Bern, Wilson, and Kinston, will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. They will be opened Tuesday, September 4, at the regular hours.



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For September 9

## GOD'S SAVING ACTS

**Lesson Text:** Deuteronomy 26:5-11; Exodus 15:11-13

**Memory Verse:** Exodus 15:13

### I. INTRODUCTION

Those forty years provided the occasion for the Book of Deuteronomy. God gave the laws to Moses and the people soon after they left Egypt. But the book of laws was not bound in black leather and kept in every home. After forty years the new generation could hardly be expected to know much about the laws by which their lives should be ordered.

Moses then was near death, and he knew it. He called the people together to listen as he recalled the history of their wanderings, reminded them of the laws God had given, and added other instructions and encouragement. Our text brings us a bit of the inspired instruction he gave.

—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The lesson today concerns a beautiful practice of the Children of Israel each year at harvesttime. The story goes that when the season's grain was ready for reaping, the Israelites were to take the firstfruits—the best of the first gathering—and putting it in a basket, they were to take it to the priest as an offering unto the Lord (Deuteronomy 26:2). At the same time they made their offering, they were to make confession unto the Lord, thanking Him for His many

mercies to His people over the years.

B. As they recalled God's blessings and His leadership through the years, it was inevitable that they would mention their ancestral father, Jacob, and how he came to Egypt during the good days when Israel was not under bondage of any kind. They would also confess their gratitude for the deliverance of later generations which were in bondage in Egypt.

C. As a teacher, you should relate the story as given in these passages and stress the fact of God's saving acts through the ages—how He delivered His people on many such occasions. The climax of the lesson should be an application of these truths to our situation—how God also delivers us from the bondage of sin when we come to Him in repentance and faith.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. As we saw in last Sunday's Introduction to the September lessons, the narrative is one of the literary forms in which the Scriptures were written. Both the Old and New Testaments are filled with these narratives, but it is especially true of the Testaments' books of history.

B. These narratives, or Bible stories, were not placed in the Scriptures just to give us a kind of history of God's people; the fact is, if they were simply historical data, as we understand the writing of history, it would be difficult to explain many of the gaps and omissions found in the chronological accounts.

C. Another fact is that the Holy

Spirit, who moved upon some forty persons over a period of about 1,500 years to write the Scriptures, had something far more important in His purpose than merely the giving of historical information: He used these narratives to show God's saving acts among men.

D. Take one of the very first stories of the Old Testament as an example: the fall of Adam and Eve. This narrative is given in fairly good detail, telling of man's sin and of God's love for His principal creation, climaxing in Genesis 3:21 which tells of how God clothed Adam and Eve in nakedness with skins of animal. This, of course, typified the Lamb of God which someday would be slain that His blood might cover our sins. This ancient narrative, a great truth of God's Word, was one of the first to show the saving acts of God in the Bible.

—The Advanced Quarter

(F.W.B.)

E. Observe the symbolism in the story of Israel's deliverance from Egypt and the entrance into Canaan: (1) Egypt represents the world—the bondage of sin. (2) The wilderness represents the unsurrendered Christian life. The Christian has been brought out of the world but, like the Israelite, still wanders in indecision regarding total surrender. (3) Canaan represents the total surrendered Christian life—no more wandering in indecision. (4) The River Jordan represents the "death to the self-life." Once the Christian can fully crucify the flesh and cross this "river" he will know the blessedness of full surrender.

F. God saves us not because we deserve to be saved, but because His Son, Jesus Christ, died for us and paid the penalty for our sin. Unless Christ is in our lives God will not recognize us as His children.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

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# CAMPING SEASON AT CRAGMONT

by Harry Grubbs  
Vice-President  
Cragmont Assembly

The 1979 camping season at Cragmont is almost over with near-record numbers in almost every conference. We are very thankful for this renewed interest in the ministry of Cragmont Assembly. We believe our new lodge is the main reason for such great numbers.

The new guest lodge is serving many functions so very well. As one approaches Cragmont in a northerly direction on North Fork Road, he sees a beautiful architectural masterpiece. The natural cedar siding is set off by the stone masonry around the basement below the front porch. Much of the stonework is remnants of the old main building.) As the guest ascends the steps at the front entrance of the lodge, he can look to his left at a magnificent twelve-foot-wide veranda that beckons the lazy sway of rocking chairs lolling occupants to peaceful bliss. As he enters the double-paned glass double doors he finds himself in a spacious, carpeted lobby. To the right he views a glass wall which houses the camp office. He continues to the center of the lobby to find a corridor on the right leading to the infirmary on the right of the corridor, two bedrooms on the left, and finally to the manager's two bedroom apartment. Back in the lobby, on the left another corridor leads to four guest bedrooms equipped for the physically handicapped on the left side of the hall and two storage rooms on the right. Each of the bedrooms has three twin beds. Back in the lobby again, one can continue to the rear of the lobby where a sharp left turn will lead to

public restrooms, but where a continuing forward approach will lead to the entrance to the chapel-assembly room. (We have used the term chapel-assembly because 1. it is the chapel, the place of worship, but 2. it is not only the place of worship, it is also a gathering place for classes, meetings, and even light recreation such as skits and stunts. Therefore, we have avoided a single term "chapel" which would connote worship only or a single term "assembly room" which leaves out worship.) The chapel-assembly is a gorgeous, carpeted, cedar-pannelled room with open beams. On the end next to the lobby is a huge, beautiful fireplace built with stone, many from the old main building. This chapel-assembly will seat 200 comfortably. Now back to the entrance lobby. Straight ahead and bearing to the right is the stairway leading to the second floor of sixteen bedrooms and a counselling room. There are a total of forty-two twin beds on the second floor. Behind the upstairs in the lobby is a down stairway leading to the half-basement. In the basement are a store, canteen, recreation area, workers' lounge, camp laundry, and storage areas. This building has a fire escape on each end and the latest in smoke detectors, alarms, and escape lights. This building is beautiful, functional, and safe. We, as Free Will Baptists, can feel proud of what Cragmont has to offer physically; it has always offered the greatest in spiritual blessings. We who serve on the Board of Directors are proud of the

building, and we hope that you will use it.

This building was built for \$383,334.73 plus carpet at \$4,600 plus architect's fee of \$11,500 for a total of \$399,434.73. In addition to this amount, we had to have the old main building demolished at a cost of \$5,600, water and sewer lines rerun for \$10,500, and we had to buy bedding for the new lodge at \$4,581.20, making the grand total spent \$414,515.93. Of this amount Free Will Baptists have already paid \$139,515.93, and we the Cragmont Board of Directors thank you for what you have done and are doing. Because of your gifts already, we had to borrow only two-thirds of the money to build—\$275,000. However, we owe the first payment of this sum in November, 1979. Okay, churches, campers, friends of Cragmont, please don't let Cragmont down. Let's continue to support this great mission of our denomination. Let's pay for this building in less, much less, time than the twenty years for which we borrowed the money.

## Coming Events . . .

- September—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month
- September 3—Labor Day
- September 3—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston
- September 12—"State Convention Mission Rally" under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board
- September 12, 13—North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches, Lenoir Community College, Kinston, North Carolina
- September 15—Central District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro
- September 20—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention
- September 22—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention, at Harrell's Chapel church near Snow Hill
- September 30—Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention
- September 30—Central Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention



## WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

The Cragmont Woman's Conference is now history and what glorious history it was. There was a record, 230 in attendance, for any conference at Cragmont.

The theme for the week was "Behold Him" taken from Psalm 48:1. The hymn of the week was "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

The rising bell was at 7 a.m. Morning devotions were conducted at 7:45 in the beautiful new chapel. Those sharing these blessings throughout the week were: Thelma Jackson, whose subject was "Trust;" Happy Taylor, who spoke on "Tranquility;" Sheryll Eason, whose subject was "Treasures;" and, Christine Godwin, who described qualifications to "Teach."

We had to eat our meals in two shifts due to the size of the conference so breakfast was served at 8 and 9 a.m.

At 9:45 each morning Alma Dale, accompanied by Geraldine Summerlin, thrilled our hearts in the directing of the music period. There was so much talent among the campers that it is almost impossible to name all of those who rendered special music in song, at the organ, and at the piano. Our thanks go to everyone who made any contribution to the music of the conference.

The morning worship at 11 a.m. each day featured a Bible study by Pluma Sullivan on Tuesday. Her topic was "Praise." Alice Barrow spoke to us on Wednesday about "Prayer." Rachel Duncan brought the study Thursday on "Preparation." Becky Jo Sumner spoke to us on "Propagation" on Friday. Each of these speakers brought inspirational messages on her topic.

Lunch was served each day at noon and 1 p.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, many of the campers went to Asheville

Mall on a shopping trip. Wednesday afternoon some campers went to the fabric shop while others explored Cragmont. Some climbed Mount Allen. One of those reaching the top after a 2-hour climb was a lady 66 years of age.

On Wednesday afternoon a softball game was played by some, and after the service Thursday night, a basketball game involved some of the "younger" campers. Friday afternoon featured a talent show which was pure fun time.

The evening worship services were planned around the Theme: "Behold Him." Lizzie Dawson expounded on "Behold Him—as Saviour;" Geneva Wilder, "Behold Him—as Lord;" Caroline Castelloe spoke on "Behold Him—as King." Following the service Wednesday evening, an offering was taken for Cragmont in the amount of \$5,013.55 for which we were very grateful.

The Rev. Joe Ingram, Director of Foreign Missions, was present for the traditional mission service on Friday night. He spoke from the subject "Behold Him—as Redeemer." This service is always the highlight of the conference. The offering for missions was \$2,574.44.

Words cannot be penned as to how five bus loads of women felt as they arrived at Cragmont Monday afternoon, and many saw the new building for the first time.

Dola Dudley, Conference Director, brought greetings to the campers in the chapel that night and thanked God for the wonderful place that has been provided for our enjoyment.

Brother Douglas Skinner, Jenny, and the entire staff worked so hard to make the Conference the physical success that it was. We thank them sincerely.

We also thank Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Barrow, and Mrs. Sasser for

the program and the many hours they labored to see that things happened on schedule. Our cups overflow as we return to our homes and start planning for another Cragmont Woman's Conference in 1980.

Ruth L. Warrick  
Corresponding Secretary

### WELDON WOMAN RECEIVES AWARD FROM CHURCH

Mrs. Jerusha Webb was presented the Life Membership Award recently at the Community Free Will Baptist Church by the Woman's Auxiliary.

The auxiliary says of Mrs. Webb, "The service she has rendered to our Auxiliary, our church and our community has truly been a service of loyalty and faithfulness.

"She has served as the Ann Phillips chairman and on the Benevolence Committee faithfully. Mrs. Webb has served many hours behind the scenes. Each spring and summer she places her own beautiful fresh flowers in the sanctuary.

"Her age did not hinder her from making the missions work from Weldon to Halifax in 1971. Her life is a testimony of Corinthians 4:16."

The honoree's daughter-in-law Mrs. Elsie Webb, pinned the Life Award Pin on Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Robert Knight gave a prayer of love, joy, and thankfulness for one who has been an example before us.

The choir sang "Love Lifted Me," Mrs. Webb's favorite song and testimony.

### PREACHER'S DIARY

Taylor Hill

A certain man said at a church fellowship supper, "Fellows, the reason that I am here tonight is simply because I love being with you all."

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# STATEWIDE PASTORS' AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' BANQUET

September 7, 1979  
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**Speaker — Dr. Alan Sharp**

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Please send the reply form below to Stanley Jenkins by September 5.

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Yes, I plan to attend the Pastors' and Superintendents' Banquet, September 7.

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**They gave what they could: the animal with which they eked out a living.**



## AN OX FOR THE LORD?

A recent issue of *Living Waters Mission Gram*, a publication of Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina, carried a story of unusual sacrifice, something too few of us know very much about. The pointed story can teach us a lot.

It seems that a rich businessman and prominent attorney were traveling the world. In one small Korean village they encountered what appeared to them a most peculiar sight. They saw a boy pulling a plow which was steered by an old man. Amused as he was, the attorney took a picture of the unlikely occurrence and showed it to a missionary in the next village.

The missionary explained why the old man and boy were forced to plow the field in such a strange way, a way unthinkable to modern man with all his benefits of mechanization. Said, the missionary, "I know the old man and boy well. As poor as they are, they wanted to contribute something when the little church was built in the village. But they had no grain to spare. Winter was coming on, so they sold their ox and gave the money to the church building fund. Now, without the animal, they have to pull the plow themselves."

The attorney decried what he considered a stupendous and unnecessary sacrifice. "Why did you allow it?"

"They regarded it as a great joy. They were happy that they had an ox to give to the Lord's work."

An ox for the Lord! It reminds us of the widow's mite, the "all that I have" gift. Too few of us are willing to give of our abundance, to say nothing of our poverty. Many of us live in splendorous luxury; hardly a one of us can claim to be poverty-stricken. When we compare our living to that of the old man and boy, we should feel ashamed.

Perhaps one has to have almost nothing before he sees the need of giving sacrificially to the Lord. It is doubtful that any of us would be willing to sell the family car (what to most people has become a necessity to livelihood rather than a luxury). But shouldn't we be willing to give this much for God? If the sacrifice sounds too dear, consider the ox. The old man and boy had no grain, nor any money. They gave what they could: the animal with which they eked out a living.

The Lord probably will not require our cars, nor any great sacrifice. He only expects us to give what we can. But few of us give that much. We alibi that we have so many obligations. We must have new clothes, conveniences, resources for the future. And we give God the dole, most often a mere pittance.

But some poor souls still struggle in darkness, lost and undone, perhaps because we are unwilling to give an ox for the Lord.

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# CAMP VANDEMERE DIARY (WOMAN'S CONFERENCE 1979)

By Nina Grace Register

**U**HAT happens when forty-six campers representing twenty churches, six Free Will Baptist conferences and three other denominations get together at Camp Vandemere?

First, they greet old friends and make new ones. Then, each chooses her bed for the week. And by the time everyone helps everyone else get settled and unpacked, they have merged into a family of loving members.

And it happened as the fourth annual Woman's Conference at Camp Vandemere got underway Monday morning, June 18.

Thirty-two were enrolled for the full week, with thirteen part-time and several one-day campers also present. We can hardly believe it, compared to seven part-time campers only four years ago! Our largest part-time total was Thursday.

As soon as we were settled, we gathered in the lobby for devotions conducted by Rena Kirk, District Conference President. Using the theme, "His Light Shines Through," and appropriate Scripture, she emphasized the "worship" arm of the triangle on the Woman's Conference emblem. After an excellent lunch prepared by Betty Crumpler, Pauline Mizzelle, and the kitchen staff, we gathered under the great outdoor tent for Bible study. Lottie Caroon, from Mount Zion church, spoke on various ways God's light shone through the lives of great Bible women. At the evening service, the Rock of Zion church choir sang, and their pastor, the Rev. Joey Williamson, spoke. He was introduced by Rhoda McScott.

There were two other highlights at the evening service. A lighthouse has been designated as the Camp Vandemere emblem, and the Eastern District women commissioned a painting of a lighthouse scene to be done by the Rev. Carlton Lucas. It was unveiled by Betty Taylor, Woman's Conference Director, and presented to the Rev. Joey Crumpler, Executive Director of Camp Vandemere, who accepted it on behalf of the Board of Directors. The painting will hang in the lobby of the dormitory.

In addition, we honored each Woman of the Year who was present. They were: Pat Gurganus, Holly Springs church, Newport; Callie Turnage, Wintergreen church, Cove City; Dorothy Mizzell, Mount Zion church, Bayboro; Ora Gray Sutton, Daly's Chapel church, Seven Springs; and Edith McCoy, Core Creek church, Cove City. A reception in their honor was held after the evening service.

To emphasize another arm of the triangle of the emblem, Bertie Howard, from Smith's New Home church, spoke on "His Light Shines Through Service" at the Tuesday morning devotions. Velma Morris, District Treasurer, also used the theme in her afternoon Bible study. The ladies enjoyed a book-craft with Cynthia Wood, and some of them also began making silk flowers under the direction of Hazel Stilley. The Rev. T. C. Farmer from Pee Dee Conference was a special visitor. Choirs from Wintergreen and Mount Zion churches joined us for the evening service, with the sermon by the Rev. Bobby Brown, pastor of Wintergreen. He was introduced by Callie Turnage.

Wednesday was another full day. Immediately following morning devotions by "Miss Camp Vandemere 1979," Sally Dawson, we boarded Rock of Zion church's "Hallelujah Chariot" driven by Ray Williamson. We crossed the river on the ferry from Minnesott, lunched at Morehead City, and visited Fort Macon and Pine Knoll Shores. During the evening service The Limestone Singers joined us for an outdoor concert. Joey Crumpler acted as master of ceremonies, presenting Mr. Williamson for evening devotions, and the Singers from Duplin County.

Thursday was Missions Day, and most of the program was planned by Adaline Gray, District Missions Chairman. Her morning devotions emphasized the "Missions" arm of the triangle. After lunch she presented the skit, "Lovest Thou Me?" assisted by Dola Dudley, State Missions Chairman; the Rev. Joe Ingram, State Missions Director; the Rev. Harry Jones, pastor of Smith's New Home; and Annie Belle Hines and Nina Grace Register, music directors.

*Turn the Page*



This was part of the afternoon Bible study. Throughout the day, different phases of our mission work were presented and explained by the following: the Rev. Walter Sutton, for the Eastern Conference Mission Board; the Rev. Joe Ingram, foreign missions in Mexico, the Philippines, and India; and the Rev. Taylor Hill, for State Home Missions. With diagrams, slides, and personal anecdotes, they were able in this relaxed atmosphere to go into more detail than usual, and had time to answer questions. A special offering received in the afternoon for missions was divided equally among the three Boards.

The Thursday evening worship was very special. Happy Taylor, conference director, recognized members of the Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere; State and District Auxiliary officers; the wives of ministers; visiting ministers; and other visitors. The Youth Choir from Bridgeton charmed us with their songs and enthusiasm; the Camp Vandemere Campers Choir sang; and Annie Belle Hines sang, "Just Where He Leads Me." Dola Dudley was the evening speaker.

Mrs. Anna Foy, from Verona church, was crowned the new "Miss Camp Vandemere." Even though we had noted that afternoon and there was some campaigning on her behalf, both Mrs. Anna and her husband, Norman, were quite surprised when she won. Runner-up was Cynthia Wood, from White Oak Grove.

Quite a few people participated in "testimony time," expressing gratitude to God and telling certain things they had enjoyed during the week. After the

service we had shortcake, coffee, and tea before saying goodnight to guests and each other.

Friday morning everyone was up early, packing. For the devotions, Ruth Warrick, State Corresponding Secretary, used the Apostles' benediction, Hebrews 13:20, 21, pointing out that His light shines through any barrier to give us peace and keep us in His will. She then joined hands and sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," reluctant to end the 1979 Woman's Conference.

As busy as we were, there was time to: (1) walk with the Rev. Willie Stilley, Norman Foy and Milton Mizzt to set the nets, which provided fresh fish for two meals; (2) gather in the lobby to see slides and snapshots made in other years; (3) read; (4) walk to the river, to Mrs. Lupton's garden, or to the store, or the fishhouse and watch them shell scallops, or visit the canteen; (5) swing; (6) sing; (7) enjoy the flowers provided by the ladies from Rock of Zion and Mount Zion churches; (8) pose for our group picture; (9) greet Mrs. Bertha Thompson's Spanish-speaking great-grandson who arrived from Spain with his parents; and (10) plan to get together at Cragmont, for the next Convention, and the Conference next year.

Happy Taylor, director, expressed her appreciation to the ministers, choirs, and churches who assisted in making the conference successful. She stated that she is grateful for increased interest in the Woman's Conference and hopes it will continue to grow.

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## Great Happenings from

### **CRAGMONT**

The conference season for 1979 has ended. The last two conferences were wonderful. The Rev. J. B. Starnes brought 127 campers for Young People's Bible Conference; all of them seemed to have a terrific time.

Leave it to the women to set a new record. Woman's Conference registered 212 campers this year. That was the most to ever attend Cragmont during one conference. However when counting all the visitors who came for only a few days, there were close to 220 to attend the Woman's Conference. Of course, with that many

campers everyone had to be patient and give in a little, but everyone had a great time. The oldest camper (but youngest at heart) was 89 years old, and she had the best time of anyone. During their Cragmont Night service, an offering of over \$5,000 was taken for the Main Building Fund. Thank you, ladies!

We are now entering into the weekend retreat phase of the camping season. As has been said before, every weekend is already full to capacity for groups. However there may be a few rooms available for overnight guests just passing through. This year Cragmont will remain open until December 2 since the Main Building is heated.

We are grateful for all donations being sent to Cragmont.

We do not wish to appear to be begging for money, but we must raise \$35,000 by November 14, the first payment due on our loan from Church Finance. So, any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated. Most of all, we desire your prayers. The Cragmont would be in the center of God's will always, and that will continue to be a place for the renewing of the soul, spirit, and the body.

Note to all treasurers: The treasurer for Cragmont Assembly is Mrs. Virginia Skinner. Please send all donations to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., 1233 North Forest Road, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

In His service  
The Rev. Doug Skinner  
Manager

## The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry

THE PINE LEVEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Pine Level honors its editor, the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry this week. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### A MAN HAVING AUTHORITY

By Rudolph R. Jones



The Rev. Floyd Cherry

The Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church is truly blessed by having its pastor, the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry. It was in June, 1975, that Mr. Cherry began his pastorate in Pine Level. He has been in the ministry since 1932, having started in Alabama, his native state. He moved to North Carolina in 1949 and has pastored churches in Durham, Greenville, and Wilson. No one can doubt his devotion to God and the work of the church.

Mr. Cherry is a graduate of Dothan High School, Dothan, Alabama; Zion Bible School of Lakely, Georgia; and received his S. degree from the University of Florida at Gainesville in 1945. He

has done graduate study at Duke University and East Carolina University.

Mr. Cherry served as Editor at the Free Will Baptist Press for three years from 1952 to 1955. His two books—**An Introduction to Original Free Will Baptists and Evangelism—The Marching Orders of the Church** were published by the Press. He has served as Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, of the North Carolina State Convention, Trustee of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee, and as a board member of Mount Olive College. He has also been writer of the **The Bible Teacher** quarterly for a number of years.

Mr. Cherry is founder and President of the Carolina Bible Institute. Many of our ministers have attended the Institute and can testify to Mr. Cherry's devotion to this important work and his concern and love for people.

During his ministry at Pine Level, a Christian Life Center has been built. He has also started a monthly church newsletter which has been an informative and much appreciated ministry. More importantly, several persons have been saved and united with the church during this time. One of his important and much appreciated concerns has been the sick and

shut-ins. He has been very faithful in visiting and ministering to these people.

Mr. Cherry is married to the former Edith Day of Marianna, Florida. They have three grown children: Reuben Cherry, Greensboro; Mrs. Linda C. Lockamy, Swan Quarter; and Mrs. Phoebe C. Rice of Raleigh.

It is with thanks to God that we have the opportunity to honor him in this small way, and it is our prayer that he may have many years in God's service.

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### HICKORY GROVE CHURCH PLANS FALL REVIVAL

The Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church announces its fall revival for the week of September 10-15. The church is located on Highway 30, four miles east of Bethel, North Carolina.

The guest evangelist for the services will be the Rev. Scott Sowers, pastor of Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina.

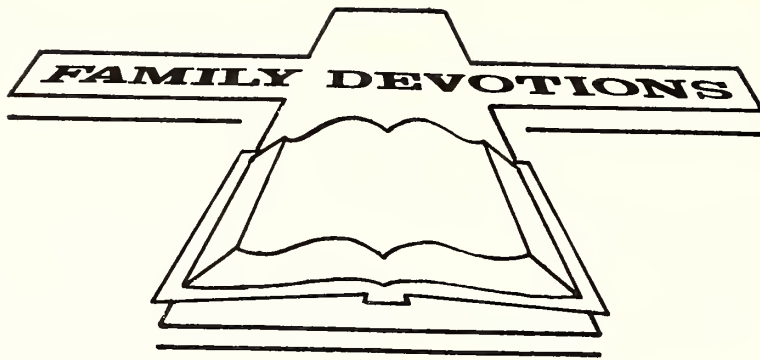
Services will begin each evening at 7:45. The pastor, the Rev. Hubert Burress, will be assisting in these services. The pastor and the congregation will welcome your presence at these services.

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### PRAYER REQUEST

The Rev. Herman Wooten (retired) is reportedly not doing well at this time and requests prayers from his friends and acquaintances throughout the denomination. Those who may feel inclined to remember Mr. Wooten and his wife with gifts at this time may send their offerings to 104 Avery Street, Garner, North Carolina 27529.





## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 55:

11

### MAN'S FAILURE —GOD'S SUCCESS

A Moravian missionary named George Smith went to Africa. He had been there only a short time and had only one convert, a poor woman, when he was driven from the country. He died shortly after, on his knees, praying for Africa. He was considered a failure.

But a company of men stumbled onto the place where he had prayed and found a copy of the Scriptures he had left. Presently they met the one poor woman who was his convert.

A hundred years later his mission counted more than 13,000 living converts who had sprung from the ministry of George Smith.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*God promised that His Word would not return unto Him void. Let us be diligent in passing it on to others!*

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 23:7

### HEART ATTITUDE

If I am decent merely because the neighbors require it, my decency is not really decent. But when I am honest, not because business demands it, but because I demand it . . . when I am generous, not because my friends insist upon it, but because my heart insists upon it . . . when I am decent, not because the neighbors

require it, but because I require it . . . then I have found the secret of responsibility.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Inward direction, that which stems from a personal experience with God, is much better than outward transformation. The intangible change within will be reflected in every outward action. Conscience makes character!*

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:9

### A TIRELESS SERVANT

John Wesley traveled two hundred and fifty thousand miles on horseback, averaging twenty miles a day for forty years; preached forty thousand sermons; produced four hundred books; knew ten languages. At eighty-three he was annoyed that he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes, and at eighty-six he was ashamed he could not preach more than twice a day. He complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*By comparison to John Wesley, how lazy the present-day Christian is! With all diligence we should proclaim the Lord's Word; taking advantage of every waking hour, we should spread the good news.*

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 13:5

## MY SYMPHONY

To live content with small means  
To seek elegance rather than luxury and refinement rather than fashion;  
To be worthy, not respectable and wealthy, not rich;  
To listen to stars and birds, babes and sages with open heart;  
To study hard;  
To think quietly, act frankly, tenderly, await occasions, hurry never;

In a word, to let the spiritual unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common—

This is my symphony.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The most symphonic life, the most harmonious living, can be achieved through adherence to godly principles. The Great Conductor produces the best music!*

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:4

### ABOUT HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS

A pastor was passing a large department store and followed a sudden impression to speak to the proprietor.

He said, "I've talked carpentry and beds but never my business with you. Will you give me a few minutes?"

Being led to the private office the pastor took out his Testament and directed his attention to the passage after passage, and urged him to become a Christian. Finally the tears began to roll down the man's cheeks.

"I'm seventy years old, I was born in this city and more than a hundred ministers and a hundred officers of the various churches have known me in the business way. You are the only man who has ever talked to me about my soul."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Oh the souls that hunger for the Word! As Christians, it is our sacred trust and duty to tell everyone about our Lord.*

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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Scripture Reading—Acts 3:19

### CONVERSION AGE

Suppose that Paul had been inverted at seventy instead of thirty-five. There would have been no Paul in history. There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at eleven and not at seventy; a Dr. Watts because he was converted at nine and not at sixty; a Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at eight and not at eighty; a Richard Baxter because he was converted at six and not at sixty.

How much more a soul is worth that has a lifetime of opportunity before it than the soul which has nothing! Lambs are of more worth than sheep in the realm of souls as well as in the marketplace.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is expedient to "save them while they are young." It is necessary to save them, or to bring them to a saving knowledge of Christ, whenever they will consent: in youth or old age. With sincerity let us offer the Word of life to everybody, regardless of age.*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 1:19

### BE DIRECT!

The Duke of Windsor tells about his first attempts at public speaking after he became the Prince of Wales:

"The more appearances I had to make, the more I came to respect the really first-class speech as one of the highest human accomplishments. No one I knew seemed to possess that rare and envied gift of speaking well in so high a degree as Mr. Winston Churchill, who was a sympathetic witness of some of my earliest attempts. 'If you have an important point to make,' he advised, 'don't try to be subtle and clever about it. Use the pile driver. Hit the point once, and

then come back and hit it again, and then hit it the third time, a tremendous whack!'"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

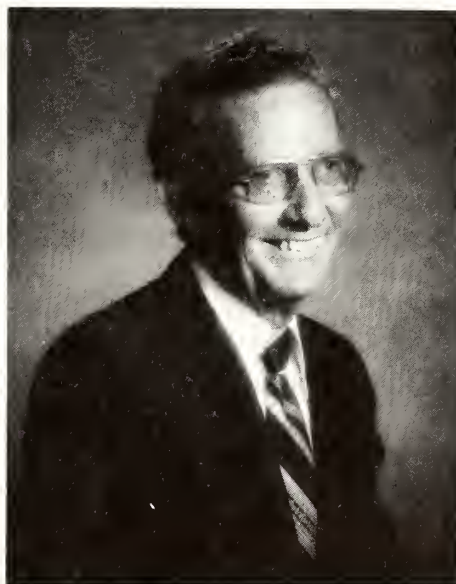
*With boldness of word we should speak the truth of the gospel. There is no ambiguity in the assertion, "Ye must be born again!"*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

## ROBERT L. STRICKLAND RECEIVES LICENSE

By Kathy P. Hayes

Robert L. Strickland, an active member of Daniels Chapel for 33 years, became a licensed minister Sunday, August 12. He received his license during Daniels Chapel's morning worship services and delivered his first sermon as a licensed minister there during the evening worship service.



Robert L. Strickland

Since accepting Christ while in military service in 1941 and returning to Daniels Chapel in 1946, Strickland has served as superintendent of the Sunday school for ten years and as a member of the Christian Board of Education for two years. He has also been a member of the

Gideons International for the past three years during which time he has held the state office of Zone Leader and the local office of Church Assignment Secretary. Strickland feels that his experience with the Gideons should be a great asset to his service as a minister.

An employee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for 26 years, Strickland has also been self-employed in the yard maintenance business for ten years. He is married to the former Dorothy Snipes of Wilson, and they have three daughters, Mrs. Vivian S. Ellis, Mrs. Janie S. Allen, and Miss Cathy Strickland, and four grandchildren.

In preparation for the full-time ministry, Strickland is presently enrolled in college-level Bible courses through the Moody Bible Institute and will be enrolled in advanced minister's courses this fall through an outreach program of Mount Olive College. Furthermore, Strickland is accepting invitations to serve as a guest or supply pastor in desiring churches. In addition to Daniels Chapel, he has spoken at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson and at Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church in Crisp.

Pastors and churches needing a guest or supply pastor are encouraged to contact Robert L. Strickland at P. O. Box 3932, Wilson, North Carolina 27893, or phone (919) 237-1850.

### MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. W. M. Pollard announces that he will be available for pastoral or supply work within driving distance from Greenville. He may be contacted by writing him at 111 Glenwood Drive, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; or calling 752-3310 (day) 756-2211 (night).

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# CHARTER MEMBER OF LOCAL FWB CHURCH IS 95

by Phyllis Moore

**L**aVINA Jolly Wilson, who is 95 years old on May 23, 1979, was born to Fedora and Jesse Jolly in rural Pitt County in 1884. And today, "Nannie," as she is called by her grand and great-grandchildren, is still active and alert as she prepares for each coming day.

She lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Landis Hill, at 407 West Boundary Street, LaGrange. Mrs. Hill, along with Mrs. Wilson's daughter-in-law Harriette Wilson, and granddaughter, Irene Wilson, were on hand when "Nannie" was interviewed, as she has hearing difficulties.

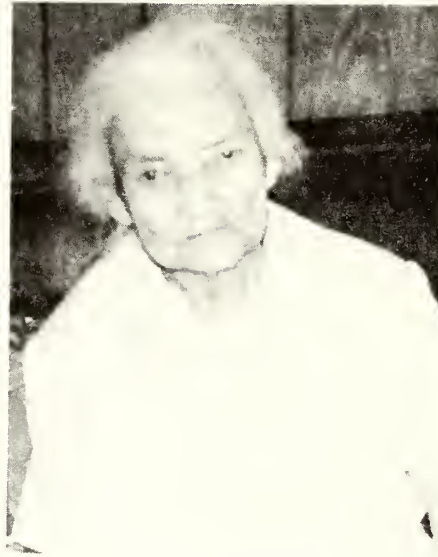
She grew up in the Ayden-Winterville area, where she went to a one-room school for about four months during the winter and two months in the summer. The summer school was always offered because the other months were spent picking cotton.

"Children in that day had to work. I never did attend a nine-month school like they have now," she said. "They didn't have grades like they do now."

Until her teens, she helped her parents on the family farm. She was one of eight children, five of whom reached adulthood.

At the age of 19, she became the wife of Joseph Walter Wilson, and they lived in Pitt County. Friends and relatives came to the November, 1903 ceremony by horse-drawn buggies.

They began their married life in a



LaVina Jolly Wilson

two-room house built by Wilson across from his parent's home. He worked at Ayden Lumber Company while she stayed home and sewed and quilted. From her grandmother, she had inherited a love for sewing, learning also how to spin thread to make cloth, from which she made her own clothes.

"I used to make all the children doll clothes. I was hoping that my grandchildren would like to sew, too," she said teasingly, a remark intended mainly for her granddaughter LaVina Irene, her namesake. "I guess Irene comes the nearest to all of them to liking to sew. She does crewel work."

"I am blessed with good eyesight. I usually put on my glasses when I am going to thread needles. But my hearing is not so good."

When work became scarce in those early years, the Wilsons moved to Edenton, but soon after

returned to LaGrange, "I believe was 1908," says Mrs. Wilson.

The first night they were in LaGrange, they stayed at the Creech house across from what is now the LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church. Previously, she had attended Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church with her family in her early years, and at this time the closest Free Will Baptist church was Hull Road at Arba, a considerable distance to travel, particularly by horse and buggy.

Churches in LaGrange held services only once a month, so they were able to visit other denominational churches, including Baptist, Holiness, Christian, and Methodist Protestant. For Mrs. Wilson, the practicing of attending church was a regular one, with her joining the church at the age of 11 at Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

When the Methodist Protestant church in LaGrange closed, some Free Will Baptists in the area, including the Wilsons, purchased the building, forming the first Free Will Baptist church in LaGrange. Mrs. Nannie is one of two surviving charter members of that establishment.

Always taking her family to church, Mrs. Wilson assisted in teaching the junior boys and girls Sunday school for approximately 50 years. Whenever she was called to play the pump organ, she would and when not playing, would sing in the church choir.

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## FREE WILL BAPTISTS DO NOT NEED A DOCTRINE OF SATAN

*The following statement is that of Harry Grubbs, pastor of Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church, who is solely responsible for its contents.*

Recently in discussions regarding the Proposed **Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists** it has been proposed that we need a doctrine of Satan. This writer firmly disagrees with that sentiment.

According to Webster's Dictionary, doctrine is "a: something that is taught b: a principle or position . . . in a . . . system of beliefs." Free Will Baptists have no place for Satan in our system of beliefs, because we do not believe in Satan. To believe in something means very simply to have faith in it. Our doctrinal statements are called "Articles of Faith," and we certainly have no faith in the devil. Free Will Baptists do not believe the Bible, and the Bible speaks of Satan, the devil, Lucifer, Beelzebub, the serpent, a great red dragon. The Bible also speaks of astrology, witchcraft, fortune-telling, divination, hatred, idolatry, false prophets—but Free Will Baptists do not believe in these things and have no such doctrine, because they are to be trusted. Satan is also to be trusted, not given a place in our doctrine.

We do not believe in Satan because what one believes in has direct effect upon that person's life. There are many people who believe there is a God, but they do not believe in God; therefore, God has little effect on their lives. Free Will Baptists do believe there is a devil, the personification of evil, but we do not believe in him. If we believe in Satan he will affect our lives. People who believe in astrology are affected by it; the horoscope becomes their Bible. People who believe in witchcraft, fortune-

telling, or divination are definitely affected by such. Those who believe in Sun Myung Moon are affected in opposition to Christ; Moon claims he is the Messiah. People who believe in Satan are Satanists. Free Will Baptists are Christians, not Satanists. We do not want Satan to have even the least effect on our lives.

People give allegiance to what they believe in. To believe in something means to be committed to it (James 2:14-20). Free Will Baptists believe in God who revealed Himself in the Person of Jesus Christ, and we are committed to working in and for His kingdom. We have no place for allegiance to, i.e., commitment to Satan. That is totally opposite of belief in and commitment to God.

To believe in something or someone also means to trust that thing or that person. Good marriages are based on trust—believing in each other, faith in the partner, commitment to the spouse. Our faith in God is based on trust in Him. Sinners cannot trust the devil, so surely Christians cannot. Satan promises so much, but he can deliver so little. Satan promised Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him (see Matthew 4:8, 9), but Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords (see Revelation 19:16) by doing the will of God, not by worshiping Satan. Satan is not to be trusted nor believed in.

What would we say about Satan? that he causes us to sin? Hogwash! Satan cannot make us sin. He can tempt us, but we are the ones who sin. We cannot blame the devil for our sins. We are responsible for our own sins,

so God will not accept "The devil made me do it." Satan will not be punished for our sins either; Christ has already accepted the penalty for sin for all who believe in Him. Those who do not believe in Christ will pay their own penalty, and Satan will not do it for them.

Free Will Baptists believe in a God who created human beings to be responsible. He made us in His image—that's a lot to live up to. He gave us a mind with which to think. He gave us a spirit with which to communicate with Him. He made us free, moral agents—free to accept Him or reject Him; free to commit sin or shun sin. We then are responsible for our own sins. But praise God! We are able to respond to God's love which He has abundantly poured out to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. It is our own choice to accept or reject the gift of salvation. If we accept Christ as Saviour and Lord, rely on Him for daily guidance, worship Him, and serve Him, we do not need a doctrine of Satan.

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## Coming Events . . .

- September—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month
- September 10—Laymen's League, Free Union church, Greene County
- September 12—"State Convention Mission Rally" under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board
- September 12, 13—North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches, Lenoir Community College, Kinston, North Carolina
- September 15—Central District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro
- September 20—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention
- September 22—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention, at Harrell's Chapel church near Snow Hill
- September 30—Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention
- September 30—Central Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention



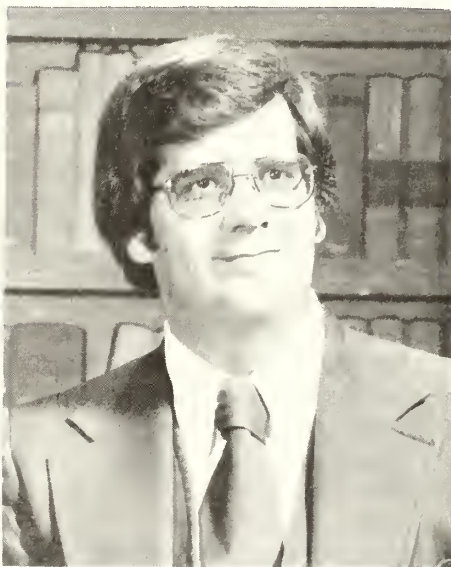
# NEWS & NOTES OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

## White Oak Grove, LaGrange Announces Harvest Sale

There will be a barbecue dinner cooked at Seth Dawson's Dairy Barn near White Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Dinner will be followed by a harvest sale. There will be many items made by church members for this special day of fellowship. Baked goods will also be prepared.

If you come from Kinston, take a left on the LaGrange overpass. Seth Dawson's Barn is about a mile on the right. Come share this big day in the church on Saturday, September 22, 1979.

## Saint Mary's Church Kenly, to Have Homecoming



The Rev. Davie Brinson

Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly, will celebrate its thirty-second annual homecoming on Sunday, September 9. Services will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The homecoming message will be preached by the Rev. Davie Brinson, a former pastor and now

pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville. The noon meal will be served in the fellowship building.

The afternoon service will consist of a memorial service in honor of those members who have been promoted to glory during the past year. Immediately following, we will have a singspiration. The Masters and The Watchmen, from the Goldsboro-Pikeville area, will be the special guests.

A special invitation from the Rev. Leslie Hawley, pastor, is extended to all former pastors, members, and friends to share in worship and celebration on this day.

## Steadmans Honored On August 26

The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Steadman were honored on Sunday, August 26, in the fellowship building of Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson. As a token of their love and appreciation, the church members presented Mr. and Mrs. Steadman with an engraved silver platter. The YFA presented to them a gold leaf clock.

They have been with Rosebud for 13 months. Both Mr. Steadman and Kathy, his wife, became very active in all church activities from the very beginning. They worked diligently with the young people. Mrs. Steadman became leader of the YFA and also the teacher of the intermediate class. While at the church, Mrs. Steadman helped to form a cherubs class. Everyone was blessed by their untiring interest in people, young and old alike. There was always a smile and warm handshake for everyone who came through the doors of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Steadman are houseparents at the Free Will

Baptist Children's Home Middlesex. Mr. Steadman leaves the church at Rosebud to become chaplain at the Children's Home. The Lord has called him to work, and it is felt that he will be an asset to the Children's Home. Prayers and love go with them both.

Mr. Steadman leaves Rosebud to go on with the work of the Lord. The Rev. Jack Lassiter is assuming the pastorate.

## Special Lord's Supper Service Observed at Hickory Chapel



Left, Mrs. Wayne Overton, President, Women's Auxiliary; right, Mrs. Robert May, President, Women's Auxiliary.

On August 16, 1979, the Sunday School, the Women's Auxiliary and the Women's Fellowship of Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, met in a joint session. They met at the church and proceeded to the Methodist Fellowship Hall in twos, one from each auxiliary. Here they observed The Lord's Supper by candlelight. This was a very impressive service in which approximately thirty members participated.

## Homecoming at Otter's Creek Church

Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, announces its annual homecoming

ning on Sunday Septem-  
16, with the Rev. Johnny  
aylor, former pastor, as the  
aker. The Rev. Ralph Aycock  
ne pastor of the church. Special  
ging will be rendered in  
afternoon by the King's  
ssengers. Everyone is invited  
ttend and enjoy the services.

### Eastern District Birth Convention to Meet

The Eastern District Youth  
vention will be held at Smith's  
w Home Free Will Baptist  
urch, Deep Run, North  
olina, on Saturday, September  
New business will be the  
ction of new district officers.  
ne prepared to run for office.  
r more information contact  
s. Linda Ford, Eastern District  
ith Chairman, Route 2, Box 37-  
Arapahoe, North Carolina  
10.

### Laymen's League Meeting Scheduled

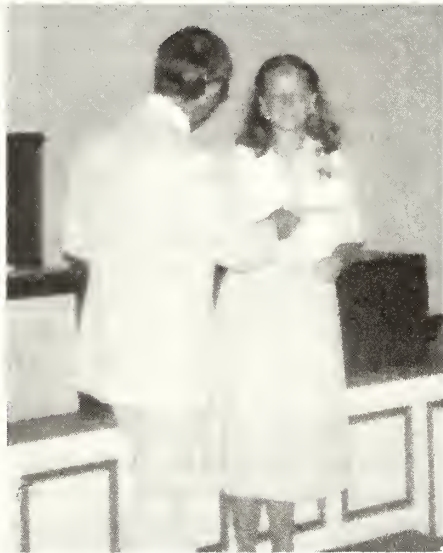
The Laymen's League Fel-  
ship of the Central Con-  
e will have its quarterly  
eting Monday, September 10,  
9, at 8 p.m. The host church  
l be Free Union Free Will  
ptist Church located on County  
ad 1239, four miles south of  
lstonburg in Greene County.  
All laymen are urged to  
resent their church regardless  
whether their church has an  
ive league. Please note the  
ange in the location since the  
t meeting.

### "Jan Pittman Day" Observed at Calvary Church

August 12 at Calvary Free Will  
ptist Church, Wilson, was  
clared by the pastor, the Rev.  
wey C. Boling, as "Jan Pitt-  
an Day." Jan is an eighteen-  
ar-old graduate of Fike High  
hool. She has served as church  
anist and organist since she was  
out thirteen and a half. She is a  
shman at Mount Olive College  
is year.

When Jan arrived for Sunday  
ool on August 12, she was  
esented a corsage of yellow  
ses by the YFA and AFC. An

arrangement of beautiful flowers,  
given by Mr. and Mrs. Boling,  
decorated the communion table in  
Jan's honor. Her favorite songs  
were sung by the congregation,  
choir, and Mrs. Joan Pate. A  
"This Is Your Life" presentation  
was hosted by Mrs. Florence  
Taylor, several adult members,  
and friends—including her music  
teacher, Mrs. George Tomlinson  
and daughter, Miss Josie  
Tomlinson.



*The Rev. Dewey Boling makes  
presentation to Jan Pittman.*

One of Jan's best friends, Shelia  
Windham, told of their ex-  
periences with the honoree and  
their feelings for her. Not long  
after Mr. Boling came to Calvary  
church (in 1968), Jan accepted  
Christ as her Saviour. Mr. Boling  
described her during the morning  
service as one of the most  
dedicated young people he had  
ever pastored. He stated that Jan  
had always done whatever he  
asked of her, even to sacrificing  
her own time and desires. He  
urged the congregation to develop  
three qualities he had found  
abundantly in Jan: willingness,  
faithfulness, and enthusiasm.  
During the service, Jan was  
presented a fifty-dollar savings  
bond as a small token of ap-  
preciation by Mr. Boling for  
helping make his and Mrs.  
Boling's ministry easier.

During the evening service Jan  
was honored by the young people.  
The cherubs sang choruses, and

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harrell sang  
one of Jan's favorite hymns. They  
told of her willingness to find time  
to practice with them and to help  
them in any way she could. Some  
of the YFA members told of their  
experiences with Jan and their  
love and respect for her. In Mr.  
Boling's closing remarks, he told  
of Jan's coming to him and  
wanting to be his little girl and of  
her visits to his home in Clayton,  
and how much he and Mrs. Boling  
enjoyed her visits.

Following the evening service,  
a social was given Jan in the  
fellowship hall by Mrs. Shirley  
Britt, Mrs. Joan Pate, and Mrs.  
Martha Bartlett. A cake featuring  
a piano decorated the serving  
table. Punch, sandwiches, nuts,  
and pickles were enjoyed by all. A  
poster showing pictures of Jan  
from birth to the present time,  
prepared by Jan's sister, Betsy,  
was displayed. Jan was cited as  
an exceptional student and is  
the recipient of a presidential  
scholarship from Mount Olive  
College.

All the members of Calvary  
Free Will Baptist Church love Jan  
and pray that she will always be a  
blessing to those whom her life  
touches.

### Second Annual Pastor And Sunday School Superintendent Banquet

The Second Annual Pastor and  
Sunday School Superintendent  
Banquet will be held on Friday,  
September 7, 1979, at 7 p.m.,  
King's Restaurant, Kinston,  
North Carolina. The guest  
speaker will be Dr. Allan Sharp,  
religion professor from Atlantic  
Christian College. He will share  
some practical insights con-  
cerning ways to improve Sunday  
school's effectiveness. Pastors,  
superintendents, and assistant  
superintendents and their wives  
are asked to come. Meal will be  
served family style at \$4 per  
person. Please respond to Mr.  
Stanley Jenkins by Wednesday,  
September 5. His address is 712  
Cameron Drive, Kinston, North  
Carolina 28501, phone 523-2787.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For September 16

## GOD'S AUTHORITY AND RULE

**Lesson Text:** Matthew 21:33-41;  
13:44-46

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 21:42

### I. INTRODUCTION

The time had come for Jesus to give His life, and the Jewish rulers at Jerusalem were eager to take it. They had announced that He was a wanted man and would be arrested if they could find Him (John 11:57). Jesus steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem and death (Luke 9:51).

It was six days before the Passover when He came to Bethany, two miles east of Jerusalem. Friends welcomed Him with a dinner party (John 12:1, 2), and probably He rested there on the Sabbath.

On Sunday afternoon He went on to Jerusalem, riding a borrowed donkey. People of Galilee were already there for the Passover feast, and hundreds or perhaps thousands of them thronged the road to escort Him into the city. They hailed Him as "the King of Israel" (John 12:12-16), and doubtless many of them hoped that He now was ready to take over the government and drive out the Romans who occupied their country and superimposed a government over that of the local Jewish rulers.

Those local rulers at Jerusalem were in a quandary. They had boasted that they would arrest Jesus, but they dared not do it. Those Galileans were ready to fight for Him even against Rome, and probably they would violently attack anyone who tried to take Him (Matthew 26:3-5).

So Jesus rode unopposed into Jerusalem. Calmly He inspected

the courts of the temple, probably taking special note of the outrageous prices charged by the merchants who had a monopoly on the sale of animals for sacrifice. But the day was ending, and Jesus went back to Bethany for the night (Mark 11:11).

The next day He came again to the temple. Vigorously He expelled the merchants, accusing them of making the house of prayer into a den of thieves. Handicapped people then came to Him for healing (Matthew 21:12-14).

The priests in charge of the temple must have been furious, but they were powerless to arrest Jesus. When He came back the next day to teach in the temple, they attacked Him, not with weapons but with words. They demanded what right He had to disrupt their market and take over the temple court to heal and teach. Jesus answered with a series of parables to make it plain that He was God's Son acting by God's authority. One of those parables begins our lesson text.

—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Jesus was not a preacher in the accepted sense of the word; we think of Him more as a teacher. His so-called "sermon" on the mount was actually a lesson taught by the Master Teacher. Matthew 5:2 says, "And he opened his mouth, and taught them . . ." Then followed His lesson which spanned three chapters, and which covered many needed topics, including the opening familiar Beatitudes.

B. The Master Teacher used parables as illustrations, drawing

from familiar backgrounds which the humble people could understand. To the fishermen He spoke of the net, the fish, the sea, the storm; and they understood. To the farmer He spoke of the grain, the fields, the harvest; and they understood. To the Christian He spoke of stewardship, service, devotion; and they understood. And so do we as we read His words, so adroitly arranged in His numerous parables, and in His stories He told.

C. One of His parables we know so well concerns the household and the careless and wicked husbandmen who betrayed the master's trust. It is given to show us that Christ expects us to be faithful over that which He has entrusted to our hands. We will look at this first and then consider two other parables in this lesson. All three are designed to show God's absolute authority and rule in our lives.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.I.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Parables are another literary form found in the Bible. We usually associate them with the New Testament because of our familiarity with Jesus' many parables. But the Old Testament prophets often used them to illustrate their messages.

B. The word **parable** may be defined in several ways, but "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning" comes pretty close to a good definition. Perhaps the simplest is: a brief narrative comparing two objects for the purpose of teaching, since parables may be used in other ways than for spiritual purposes.

C. Christ used parables freely in the New Testament. He also taught by that means. His stories were generally easily understood since they were always adapted to the experience and intelligence of His hearers—then and now. We understand His parables again when we know the background of God's authority and rule for our lives. No man spoke as Jesus did, then or thereafter.

—The Advanced Quarter  
(F.W.F.)



# Children's Home

"FEED MY SHEEP"



*He is experiencing God's love at the Children's Home.*

His mother died sometime ago. His dad was having trouble getting work to support his mother and sisters, one of which was a baby. What could have been a hopeless situation was averted, because nearly sixty years ago the Free Will Baptists responded to God's call through His Son, Jesus Christ, and founded the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Since that time, he and more than 700 others like him have experienced God's love through the ministry of the Children's Home.

Our annual State Convention of churches meets on September 12 and 13. For a number of years the Children's Home has depended

upon the Convention offering to provide the basic needs of the children in their care. This year's offering is no less important. We encourage each of our churches to bring or send an offering of at least \$200 to the Convention so that he (and others like him) may continue to enjoy a good meal, proper clothing, medical care, a loving houseparent, and a good education. He needs your help. His needs can't be met without the cooperation of all the churches in the state continuing their generous support of the Children's Home. Make your offering to the Convention a generous one this year, for him.

## "CONVENTION TIME"

One of the most interesting features of the State Convention consists of the reports presented by our denominational enterprises. We as a church can all rejoice together as we see how God has taken our loaves and fishes and blessed them through the year. The mere efforts of man

could by no means make the impression on humanity that the church makes year after year. When the church in oneness extends its heart and its hand in the name of Jesus Christ, mountains are moved, men and women are snatched from the clutches of the evil one, children are taught, the aged and the neglected are cared for, and God is glorified.

Such is the story of the Children's Home. Our forefathers presented "what they had" in faith to the Lord, and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was born. During 1978-79 our churches presented their gift to God in faith and by Convention time nearly 75 children will have received care through the ministry of the Children's Home. It's been a good year, and we hope you will come to the Convention and celebrate our successes and God's blessings.

Many challenges face our church people today. Day-to-day financial security has become a major problem for all families. The questionable state of our country as a whole is in causes us to cast a longing eye heavenward and wonder, "O Lord, how long?" We must accept the challenges of the time as did the people of Old Testament days. With sword in one hand and brick in the other the walls were rebuilt and the city restored. As we put our hands to the work and watch and pray for God's will to be done, we will know the joy in our souls that Christ spoke of, in our lives each day.

Our Convention is a time of rejoicing and celebration of God's faithfulness to us all through the year. It's also a time of setting goals for and recommitment to the work God has called us to in the year to come. We'll see you at the Convention!

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## REGULAR SESSION

NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
CONVENTION

OF

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Campus of Lenoir Community College  
Kinston, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1979

Registration 8:30 A. M.  
Session Begins 9:30 A. M.

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## ADMISSIONS OFFICER TO VISIT SCHOOLS

David Allen, Mount Olive College Director of Admissions will visit in the following schools next week. Free Will Baptist students attending these schools are invited to come by and bring their friends.

- September 10— Bunn High School (Bunn, North Carolina)  
Louisburg High School (Louisburg, North Carolina)
- September 11— Norlina High School (Norlina, North Carolina)  
John Graham High School (Norlina, North Carolina)  
Warren Academy (Norlina, North Carolina)  
Vance County High Schools (Henderson, North Carolina)  
South Granville High School (Creedmoor, North Carolina)  
J. F. Webb High School (Creedmoor, North Carolina)  
John Nichols High School (Creedmoor, North Carolina)
- September 12— Northern High School (Durham, North Carolina)  
Southern High School (Durham, North Carolina)  
Person Senior High School (Roxboro, North Carolina)
- September 13— Durham High School (Durham, North Carolina)  
Hillside High School (Durham, North Carolina)  
Jordan High School (Durham, North Carolina)  
Durham Academy (Durham, North Carolina)
- September 14— Chapel Hill High School (Chapel Hill, North Carolina)  
Orange High School (Hillsborough, North Carolina)

## PLANNING SESSIONS FOR DINNERS SET

The following counties will be holding planning sessions in preparation for the annual dinners in support of Mount Olive College:

**Wayne County**, Thursday, September 6, at 8 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro

**Carteret County**, Saturday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m., Crab Point church near Morehead City

**Nash County**, Sunday, September 9, at 3 p.m., Barnes Hill church near Nashville

**Craven County**, Monday, September 10, at 8 p.m., Saint Mary's church, New Bern

**Pitt County**, Monday, September 10, at 8 p.m., Reedy Branch church near Winterville

**Onslow-New Hanover Counties**, Friday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m., Folkstone church

**Wilson County**, Tuesday, September 18, at 8 p.m., Daniels Chapel church near Black Creek

**Sampson, Harnett, Cumberland Counties**, Thursday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m., Oak Grove church near Newton Grove

**Jones County**, Sunday, September 23, at 3 p.m., Whaley Chapel church near Richlands

Each church represented at the planning sessions will receive a copy of the book, **The Greatest Thing in the World** by Henry Drummond.

## ATTENDED INSTITUTE



The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Kirkland, left, of Ashford, Alabama visited with Dr. Michael Pelt during the recent Ministers' Institute held at Mount Olive College. Kirkland pastors Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church just over the Florida state line in Malone, Florida.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## CHARTER MEMBER

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A member of the woman's organization, the Winning Workers, which she served as vice president, she has been and continues to be a member of the Claude Williams Circle. And around 1958-60, she was honored by having a circle named after her. The Vina Wilson Circle was formed as an outgrowth of the Williams' auxiliary, which grew to be so large it was divided. Mrs. Claude Williams, for whom the other circle is named, and Mrs. Wilson are the two oldest church members. Over the years, she has served the denomination well. She served many times as a delegate to the Sunday school and State Conventions, and at the age of 86, in 1970 she rode a bus for 300 miles to Cragmont Assembly at Black Mountain, North Carolina. She has helped the circle serve the Rotary club suppers, and has stood on street corners begging for money for the Free Will Baptist orphanage in Middlesex. She has three children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. J. L. Wilson and his wife Annie Laurie live at 407 West Boundary Street, and have two children, Linda and Sandra. Jodie and Harriette reside in LaGrange, and have three children, Irene of LaGrange, Gloria Allen of Mount Airy, and J. W. of Kinston. (J. W. has three children.) Carolyn and Lois Hill have one son, Dr. Donald Howe, who lives in Gastonia with his wife, Frances, and their children, Lisa, Chris, and David. When Mrs. Hill was working and Donald was growing up, Mrs. Wilson would look after him. And one day, Mrs. Hill concedes that she

"could not have found anybody this good in guiding him." For a daughter to feel this way about her mother is a fine tribute.

"No one in the family has lived to be this old. I'm the only one living. I don't know what the Lord's keeping me here for, but I'll do what He wants me to do," says Mrs. Wilson.

In fact, she was quick to admit, "I don't feel old! I don't know how anybody would feel to be old. I used to could chop an acre of cotton a day, but I can't do that now."

In 1968, she lost her husband of 64 years. Since that time, she has busied herself with reading, and continues to sew, knit and crochet. And of course, she still attends church faithfully, as her health permits.

"Time passes away the fastest when I read," she says of her favorite pastime, one which has not yet required reading glasses. "I read some part of the Bible every night before I go to sleep."

The books she reads, the Holy Bible and inspiring novels, reveal a lot about this person, Vina Wilson. They reflect her strength of faith and character, and the inspiration she gives to others.

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### THE ANSWER TO HOW THE FAYETTEVILLE AREA MISSIONS CAME INTO EXISTENCE

by Taylor Hill

Due to some misleading information about how these missions were established, I find it necessary to set the record straight for the sake of our Lord and many of his faithful servants:

(1) It all started with the establishment of the Eastwood Mission church with Taylor Hill, director, and was endorsed by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro in the year 1964. This church was always self-supporting and became one of our ten most fruit-bearing and sup-

porting churches within a ten-year period.

(2) The Victory Mission was sponsored and mothered by the Eastwood church, the State Home Missions Department, and the Cape Fear Conference in the year 1973 and is a good supporter of our denomination and is now self-supporting.

(3) The Catalpa Mission was sponsored and mothered by the Eastwood church, the State Home Missions Department, and the Cape Fear Conference in the year 1974 and is a good supporter of our denomination.

(4) The Haymount Mission was established in the year 1976 after a mutual agreement was signed by all the attending church members that certain members could go out in good standing with Taylor Hill and start the new mission and the others would stay and maintain the church. In the agreement, the mission gained title to the church bus; and those who remained promised to keep the church in good standing with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. The Haymount Mission has always been self-supporting and is one of the best supporters of our denominational activities and enterprises.

All of the Fayetteville and Hope Mills area missions are bearing much good fruit, and all are in good fellowship with one another.

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## NEWS NOTES

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### Homecoming Services At Piney Grove

Homecoming services will be observed on September 9 at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10, and morning worship at 11. Dinner will follow. The New Life Singers from Daniels Chapel will be featured in the afternoon singspiration. The public is invited to attend. The pastor of the Piney Grove church is the Rev. Tommy Evans.



# Annual Foreign Mission Rally

(In Conjunction with the State Convention)

## LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE GYMITORIUM

Kinston, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 12, 7:30 P.M.

### SPEAKER

Missionary to Mexico, Rev. Vance Link, will be our principal speaker. Come and hear him . . . Missions Director, Rev. Joseph Ingram will preside . . . Board chairman, Rev. Gary Bailey will present the Foreign Mission Board . . . C. F. Bowen will lead the singing.



REV. VANCE LINK



JUDY DAIL BOWEN

### FEATURED SINGING

Special Music and singing will be provided by the music department of First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, and Mrs. Judy Dail Bowen of Bethany Church, Winterville, N. C.

## BRING AN OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

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# The Free Will Baptist

*Miss Sch  
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1979, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA



Some of the things of God must be accepted without questioning or proving. Some things exist just because they are.



## IS THERE ANY NEED TO EXPLAIN?

An aged minister once said, "A lot of smart people claim they don't believe nothing unless they see it. (But) look, friend, you can't see electricity in the high-tension wire up yonder, but I dare you to touch it! No, you can't see that electricity, but you can see the light."

That thought was supported by a friend in Sunday school (September 2). She had taught Science in high school some time back and was thoroughly familiar with the popular Science-versus-God discussions. After we talked for a while Sunday evening (after the church service), I felt led to pen a few thoughts on the subject.

Some biblical truths are accepted as self-evident, or apparent without proof or reasoning. Other truths, which really defy what some consider as needed explanation, must be accepted on faith.

Faith is a definite part of Christianity. Some of the things of God must be just accepted, without questioning or proving. If we begin to doubt, to question, to analyze and prove, in a sense we destroy. We must realize that some things exist (even basic truths) just because they are.

Take, for instance, the biblical account of creation. The question of evolution nearly always raises its head. It was affirmed in the Sunday school class that it is doubtful that one can believe the "fact" of evolution and maintain his belief in the Genesis creation. The two schools of thought are just not complementary enough to enjoy joint acceptance, at least not among Christians.

Conceivably, there may be some persons who wouldn't be bothered by the scientific proof of evolution. Their faith might be strong enough not to be shaken. Some people would revere God just as much, and would be no less worshipers in the wake of such "proof." But, others would be utterly destroyed. It is important, then, that the strong members of our number protect the weak ones. As with all things, we must not let "wisdom" be a stumbling block.

Some minds view God as inexplicable and expect Him to remain so. Many of us object to man's trying to affix reason and rationale to God's being and His works.

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# Can the Church Be Replaced?

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard

“Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (1 Corinthians 16:2).

THE Electronic Church” or “The Electric Church” can religious broadcasting take the place of the local church? Many pastors and church officials are pondering this question. Much publicity has surfaced concerning the astronomical growth in the use of radio and television to proclaim the message of salvation to the world. In the past 25 years, according to available statistics, the use of the electronic media (which includes radio, TV and the use of cassettes) has gone from a handful of “radio preachers” to “big business” evangelists and multi-purpose organizations. Some of these groups, including the locally better-known PTL and CBN, are employing the use of satellites in getting their religious programming “to the utmost” parts of the world. Some figures taken from a survey of a cross-section of America and detailed in an article by William F. ... appearing in a recent publication entitled “Ministry,” show that during a typical week Mr. and Mrs. Average American spend 16 hours sleeping, 26 hours working and 8 hours eating. Of the 168 hours spent in leisure activities,

26.4 are spent in front of the television set. Radio claims 21.3 hours; newspapers 4.2 hours; magazines, 3.3 hours; with records and tapes coming in for 1.3 hours. Attending movies, sports or cultural events occupies 17 minutes of the average week, which is a little more than the 12 minutes spent reading books. All other activities fit into the remaining 24 hours.

It is interesting to note that the survey shows that the average number of hours spent in front of the TV set and listening to the radio combined (47.7) to be more than any other activity in his life except sleeping. This indicates that almost two full days of the week are spent in watching television and listening to the radio.

What concerns church officials most about the phenomenal growth of the so-called “Electronic Church” is how much money is poured into these organizations by churching Americans.

Most of the larger religious broadcasting facilities not only have expensively equipped studios and auditoriums for spectators, but they have branched out into extremely expensive international efforts to reach out with their programs to all

the world. Too, they are not content to just concentrate on the electronic aspect, but they have entered the fields of publication, education, and extended missions.

It is hard to not go along with the communications feature of these “big business” organizations. They offer time in many instances to the local church. They give recognition to many evangelistic efforts. For the most part, then, their communication emphasis does much good.

But, when we consider the millions of dollars given by listeners to support all these efforts, we can but conclude that they are in competition with the local church.

As a pastor, I have met head-on the question, as I am sure other pastors are asked, “If I give money to a television ministry can I count that as part of my tithes and offerings?”

In the first place, if through the North Carolina Original Free Will Baptist denomination we contributed more to our Foreign and Home Missions Boards and to our educational facility at Mount Olive

*Turn the Page*



College, and gave more support to publications through the bookstores and printing facilities operated by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, plus other enterprises under our convention and local associations, we could see greater strides taken in these fields of endeavor.

It is not my intent to advocate selfishness. I do feel, however, that after we have taken care of all the financial needs within our own denomination, then if we wish to give additionally to the non-denominational organizations with big budgets, my blessing would be overwhelming.

Furthermore, when we look around at our churches with inadequate space, with out-dated furnishings and equipment, with severely underpaid pastors, we feel that the first duty is as Paul stated in his letter to the church at Corinth (see text verse—1 Corinthians 16:2). The key to what Paul instructs the church to do with its tithes and offerings is in the words "in store." The word "storehouse" is used elsewhere. It is clear to me that as long as a need exists in the home church and in the denomination, our financial gifts should be channeled to supply these needs.

We would not try to judge the efforts of the "Electronic Church." Surely, God must be in much that is being done through proclaiming the gospel to the unchurched and to the innumerable persons in far-flung areas of the world where churches are not in existence.

Shut-ins at home and in hospitals are able to enjoy the preaching of the Word by God-fearing men over the sound waves. Many of our hospital rooms are equipped with color TV so that bedridden Christians, as well as non-

Christians, may see and hear gospel preaching.

We feel we have no fight with the "Electronic Church" except to make our own people realize that their "firstfruits" should go to the local church and to the denomination.

We would suggest, if our advice was sought, that this "phantom church" might not over-extend itself and become a financial hazard, subject to criticism of the press media. Anything that calls itself "Christian," when the world gets just an inkling of wrong financial procedures, can bring reproach not only on all Christian

endeavor, but also the very Christ whom we serve.

When a reproach is brought up the name of the Lord by an individual or an organization, it affects the whole body. Sometimes the reproach is unfounded and comes about through an erroneous quotation by some news reporter. This is to be expected because Satan uses many means to undermine even the best and most "above-board" activities. We should weigh these matters carefully and by no means let them affect our love for the Lord Jesus Christ, nor our fervent service for His cause.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 34 Years Ago

"The Vacation Bible School was held at Rock Ridge High School during the week of June 4 through the 8, with an average attendance of 150 each day. One hundred and thirty-one received perfect attendance certificates. This work was carried on by the ladies of the community with outside speakers at the devotional periods. The commencement was held at Marsh Swamp Church on Sunday, June 10th, and at the Sunday school with a large attendance."—Marsh Swamp Vacation Bible School

"Spring Branch Church, in Greene County, near Walstonburg, North Carolina, wants a pastor for another year. It is a good church which is located in a fine farming community. They have services on first Sundays in each month, morning and evening services. Ministers who are interested in first Sunday work and would like to serve this church are requested to write, or get in touch with Mr. Jesse Gay, Walstonburg, North Carolina."—Pastor Wanted

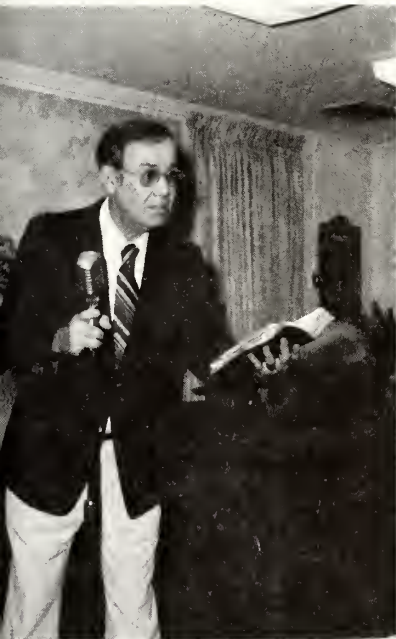
"There will be a Homecoming Day service at Smith's New Home Church on the fourth Sunday in June, the 24th. All former pastors, members and visitors are invited to come and let us enjoy the day together. We are to have a picnic lunch on the ground. We are hoping to have several speakers that day to make talks. Rev. N. D. Beaman, Pastor, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Clerk."—Homecoming at Smith's New Home

"The eighteenth annual session of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention will meet with the Free Union Church of Beaufort County, on Monday night, June the twenty-fifth, and Tuesday the twenty-sixth."—Attention, Leaguers!

## The Rev. Joe Johnson

ELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Wilson, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Joe Johnson. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A DEDICATED MAN



The Rev. Joe Johnson

ellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, honored the Rev. Joe Johnson to be its pastor April 15, 1979. He served New Sandy Hill church in Raleigh; Micro church, Micro; Riverside church near Princeton; Sandy Plain church near Greenville, before coming to Fellowship church. Although he has been with us a short time, we love and appreciate him for the leadership he has given. Mr. Johnson is truly a God-given, and God-sent person. He knows how to work with both the young and old. He has not compromised with the world. He preaches the old-fashioned gospel that stood yesterday and will still stand tomorrow. We look forward to his Sunday morning and night

services, as well as the Wednesday night prayer meeting, for we know that we will hear a message sent from God.

Mr. Johnson visits the sick of the church and the community when they are in the hospital or at home. He will help in any way he can whenever the need arises.

Brother Johnson's wife, Clyde, is a great inspiration to us also. She is always willing for God's work to come first, standing behind her husband with her prayers and support. They have four sons; three are married and away from home, the other one lives with them.

We at Fellowship church thank God for sending this fine couple to work with us.

### NOTE OF THANKS

God saw fit to call home a very precious soul, Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, the widow of the Rev. Rommie Mitchell. At the age of 88 she went to be with our Saviour, August 18, 1979, after a lingering illness.

We, the family, would like to express our thanks for the prayers, cards, and gifts that the numerous churches sent to her over the years. We ask that you continue to pray for us, for our loss is hard to bear. We know God will comfort us in the years ahead, and that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Lillian M. Wilson  
Ida Ruth Mitchell  
Annie Mae M. Pittman  
Clinnon Mitchell  
James Mitchell

## HOME MISSIONS

### EASTERN CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD HOSTS RALLY

by Taylor Hill

On August 17, 1979, it was a beautiful sight to see the Carteret County churches rally to the support of the Beaufort Mission.

The idea was conceived and carried out by the Eastern Conference Mission Board. I think it was just wonderful to see such a great turnout by the community churches for this great cause; I am sure that Pastor James Gurganus and the mission members' morale was boosted beyond measure.

The Rev. Walter Sutton stated that other such rallies were being planned throughout the Eastern Conference. It would be nice if our other conferences would do the same.

The fellowship was just great as it always is when God's people are in one accord in the advancement of His kingdom and sharing love and mercy toward others.

The rally was held at Russell's Creek church of which the Rev. Carol Hansley is the pastor. The offering was \$2,663.98. Taylor Hill was the keynote speaker.

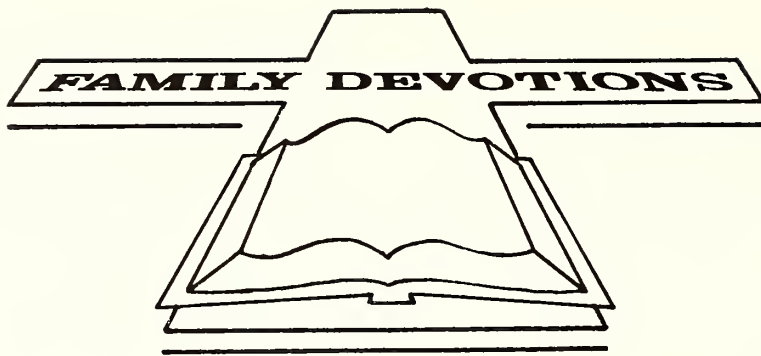
### Preacher's Diary

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

I see people become disenchanted with God when they find out that they can't boss Him around.

Why not give  
The Free Will Baptist  
as a gift?





TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Scripture Reading—Ephesian  
6:18-24

DON'T GIVE UP!

I've taught a class for many  
years;  
Borne many burdens—toiled  
through tears  
But folks don't notice me a bit;  
I'm so discouraged—I'll just quit.

Sometime ago I joined the choir  
That many folks I might inspire;  
But folks don't seem moved a bit  
And I won't stand it. I'll just quit.

I've led young people day and  
night  
And sacrificed to lead them right.  
But folks won't help me out a bit,  
And I'm so tired, I think I'll quit.

Christ's cause is hindere  
everywhere  
And folks are dying in despair.  
The reason why? Just think a bit;  
The Church is full of folks who  
quit.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Quitters don't amount to much  
physically or spiritually. We must  
persevere to the end. We will have  
our reward.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Scripture Reading—James 1:1  
10

HANDS

My hand is large and his is small,  
And there is nothing on earth a  
all

More important than the task  
That lies ahead of me. I ask  
For wisdom, Lord, that I may  
lead

This child aright; his every need  
Depends on me. Be Thou my  
guide

That I, in walking by his side,  
May choose the right paths for his  
feet.

The days are swift, the years are  
fleet,

Make me alert in deed and word  
As we go forward, blessed Lord:

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Scripture Reading—Acts 6:1-10

I'LL GO WHERE YOU  
WANT ME TO GO—MAYBE

I'll go where you want me to go,  
dear Lord,

Real service is what I desire.

I'll sing a solo any time, dear  
Lord.

But don't ask me to sing in the  
choir.

I'll do what you want me to do,  
dear Lord,

I like to see things come to pass.

But don't ask me to teach boys  
and girls, O Lord.

I'd rather just stay in my class.

I'll do what you want me to do,  
dear Lord,

I yearn for thy kingdom to  
thrive.

I'll give you my nickels and  
dimes, dear Lord.

But please don't ask me to tithe.

I'll go where you want me to go,  
dear Lord.

I'll say what you want me to  
say.

I'm busy just now with myself,  
dear Lord.

So I'll help you some other day.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We procrastinate—even about  
doing things for the Lord. And if  
we are willing to do anything for  
Him, we most often give him the  
time left over. This should not be  
so!*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Scripture Reading—Romans 1:  
16-25

WHICH?

Just see how short this candle is,  
This candle that I hold.

It represents a man who found  
The Lord when he was old.

And though his light is shining  
now

And bright beyond a doubt  
He hasn't much to give because  
His light will soon be out.

This candle that I have will  
Burn much longer than the other.  
I love its glowing light, don't you?  
It represents a mother.  
She found the Lord in middle age  
Her children were all grown.  
If only she had known the Lord  
When they were still at home.

This candle is a larger one  
It represents a youth  
Who gave his heart to God  
And walks the path of right and  
truth.

His light can shine out long and  
bright

With many trophies won;  
With more to give because  
He found the Lord when he was  
young.

Which candle do you want to be?  
The short one or the tall?  
The voice of Jesus calls to you  
Come now! Give Christ your all.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Giving one's life to God while  
one is young is ideal; it follows  
that one will then have more time  
to serve Him, so far as length of  
life is concerned. But God will  
accept—He even desires—those of  
all ages. Don't neglect your  
salvation.*

His precious clinging hand in mine,  
With always, Lord, my hand in Thine.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Rearing children is a difficult task, an awesome responsibility. But if we depend upon the Lord, and follow Him, we can lead the little ones aright.*

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Scripture Reading—Psalm 68: 1-12

#### THE LAYMAN'S BEATITUDES

Blessed is the man whose calendar contains prayer meeting nights.

Blessed is the man who does not remain away from church because it rains.

Blessed is the man who can stay over an hour in a church service.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord's work with his pocketbook as well as his heart.

Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time.

Blessed is the man who leaves the back pew for the late comers.

Blessed is the man who does not have a summer "lay-off" from his religion.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Lord's business is not to be taken lightly. We should get "out front" and work diligently for Him.*

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8: 1-8

#### MY NEIGHBOR'S BIBLE

I am my neighbor's Bible  
He reads me when we meet;  
Today he reads me in my home—  
Tomorrow, in the street.  
He may a relative or friend,  
Or slight acquaintance be;  
He may not even know my name,  
Yet he is reading me.  
And pray, who is this neighbor,

#### THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Who reads me day by day,  
To learn if I am living right,  
And walking as I pray?

Oh, he is with me always,  
To criticize or blame;  
So worldly wise in his own eyes,  
And "Sinner" is his name.

Dear Christian friends and brothers,

If we could only know  
How faithfully the world records  
Just what we say and do;

Oh, we would write our record plain,

And come in time to see  
Our worldly neighbor won to Christ

While reading you and me.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our example is all some people have to "read." Let us be certain that we conduct ourselves in such a way as to inspire them to godly living.*

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Scripture Reading—Psalm 68: 1-11

#### MY BIBLE AND I

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,

Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh!

In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm!

Thy friendship unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,

When life had grown weary and death e'en was nigh!

But all through the darkness of mist or of wrong,

I found there a solace, a prayer and a song.

So now who shall part us, my Bible and I?

Shall isms or schisms or "new lights" who try?

Shall shadow or substance or stone for good bread

Supplant thy sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Oh, no, my dear Bible, exponent of light!

Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight!

And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,

We'll travel together, my Bible and I.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The comforting friend, the guide to Christian living, the Bible. It should be the most important book in every library. It should be the most frequently read, too. Give the Bible its rightful place!*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

## Change of Address

The Rev. Billy R. Nowell announces that he now has a new address. His new address is Route 2, Box 386, Clayton, North Carolina 27520; phone 553-5158. His old address was Route 2, Box 398-D, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577.

## Coming Events . . .

September—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month

September 12—"State Convention Mission Rally" under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board

September 12, 13—North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches, Lenoir Community College, Kinston, North Carolina

September 15—Central District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro

September 20—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention

September 22—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention, at Harrell's Chapel church near Snow Hill

September 30—Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention

September 30—Central Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention



**Financial Report From**

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July, 1979

Submitted by Virginia M. Skinner, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 1979		\$2,522.93	Whaley's Chapel	25.00	
	<b>Receipts</b>		Woodrow, First		
<b>Albemarle Conference</b>			Mrs. Robert E. Parker	<u>25.00</u>	\$1,044.60
Free Union	\$ 100.00		<b>Western Conference</b>		
Mount Tabor			Branch Chapel	\$ 100.00	
L. E. Ambrose	50.00		Durham, First		
Piney Grove			Mrs. Verena P. Johnson	100.00	
League	50.00		Flood's Chapel	5.00	
Sidney	<u>9.75</u>	\$ 209.75	Friendship		
			Woman's Auxiliary	40.00	
<b>Cape Fear Conference</b>			Holly Springs	400.00	
Hopewell			Little Rock	100.00	
Sunday School	50.12		Marsh Swamp		
Johnston Union	50.00		Bible School	133.27	
Lee's Chapel			Milbournie	23.00	
Senior Youth Choir	100.00		Pine Level	200.00	
Palmer Memorial	45.06		Pleasant Grove		
Woman's Auxiliary			Youth (for Dishwasher)	691.10	
in honor of			Mrs. Ella Ricks	100.00	
Miss Becky Jo Sumner	25.00		Pleasant Plain	10.00	
Powhatan	50.00		Sherron Acres	100.00	
Saint Paul	75.00		Spring Hill		
Victory Mission	<u>27.80</u>	422.98	The Rev. and Mrs.		
			Bill Dale	200.00	
<b>Central Conference</b>			Saint Mary's		
Aspen Grove			Sunday School Class No. 8	25.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	10.00		Union Grove		
Bethany	171.00		Jovance Whaley	10.00	
Sunday School	15.00		Unity, Durham	25.00	
Black Jack	690.00		Wilson, First	<u>250.00</u>	2,512.37
Free Union	400.00				
Friendship			<b>Others</b>		
Sunday School	25.00		State Youth Convention	\$ 367.65	
Greenville, First			Christmas Cards	30.00	
Mrs. L. E. Ballard	75.00		Retreat Deposits	50.00	
Hickory Grove	50.00		Anonymous	<u>65.00</u>	512.65
Layman's League	59.12		Withdrawal from General		
Marlboro	100.00		Savings	<u>4,000.00</u>	4,000.00
Ormondsville			Total for Which to Account		\$12,990.2
Bible School	71.32				
Reedy Branch			<b>Disbursements</b>		
Sidney P. Clark Jr.	20.00		Operational Expenses	\$ 661.24	
Rose Hill			Dick Murphy Sales, rugs		
Sunday School	25.00		for main building	311.58	
Williamston, First	36.00		Burress Insurance Agency,		
Winterville League	<u>17.50</u>	\$1,764.94	insurance for		
			main building	4,048.00	
<b>Eastern Conference</b>			John E. Reid, architectural		
Bethlehem			services	300.00	
Zoa Bunn Circle	\$ 25.00		Hoyle Office Supply, desk		
Christian Chapel	200.00		chair, office accessories	648.29	
Deep Run	313.50		Sears, vacuum cleaner,		
Hazel S. Taylor	25.00		filing cabinet	330.40	
Reba Hill Blizzard	25.00		Transfer to Building Fund	1,546.57	
Emma G. Elmore	25.00		Transfer to General		
Mrs. Elton Harper	25.00		Savings	<u>2,241.10</u>	
Eastern District Woman'			Total Disbursements		\$10,087.18
Auxiliary	48.60		Balance on Hand,		\$ 2,903.04
Lanier's Chapel			August 1, 1979		
Susie M. Lanier	20.00				
Rooty Branch	75.00				
Saint Mary's	137.50				
Third Eastern Youth	50.00				
Trent	25.00				

**Earmarked Funds**

General Fund	\$2,903.04
General Savings	1,140.50
Main Building Fund	5,264.22
Total in Bank.	
August 1, 1979	<u>\$9,307.76</u>

for God's guidance as we work together to carry on this portion of his work.

If you cannot attend, represent by letter to our district secretary, Mrs. Carol Prescott, Route 1, Box 294-A, New Bern, North Carolina 28560.

Mrs. Rena Kirk  
Vice President  
Eastern District

**MINISTERS AVAILABLE**

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The Rev. W. M. Pollard announces that he will be available for pastoral or supply work within driving distance from Greenville. He may be contacted by writing him at 111 Glenwood Drive, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; or calling 752-3310 (day) 756-2211 (night).

**ATTENTION VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT**

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene September 20 at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina. The Sound View Woman's Auxiliary will co-host the convention.

Please encourage your auxiliary members to attend. Pray much for the convention and

**Change of Address**

The Rev. Ray Wells wishes to inform people his new address is Route 1, Box 298, Sims, North Carolina 27880. His old address was 703 North Webb Street, Selma, North Carolina 27576.

**WOMEN AT CRAGMONT**



**F.W.B. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY - AUGUST 6-11, 1979**



# NEWS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

## NOTES

### Everett Chapel To Have Homecoming

Everett Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming day on Sunday, September 23. Dr. Billy R. Yawn, pastor, joins the members in extending a cordial invitation to all former members, friends, and everyone to attend.

A picnic lunch will be served in the Spiritual Life Building of the church following the morning worship hour. After lunch, a singspiration will be held. All singers of the area are welcome to participate.

"Founder's Day" will be the theme for this special homecoming day.

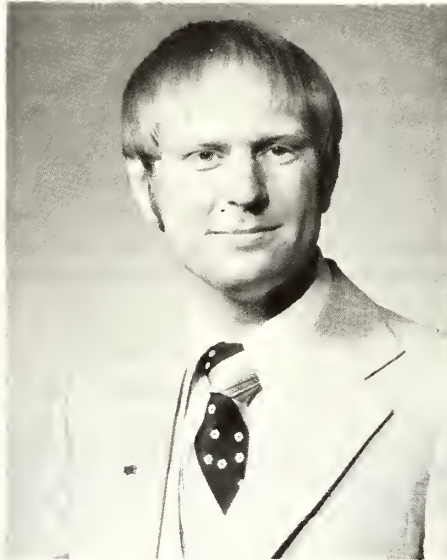
### Revival at Sneads Ferry Church

Revival will be held September 17 through September 21 at the Sneads Ferry Free Will Baptist Church, Sneads Ferry. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The evangelist will be the Rev. Chris Singleton, pastor of Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church. The pastor, the Rev. O. B. Taylor, and church membership invite everyone to attend.

### Calvary Church To Have Revival

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, will hold its fall revival September 16 through September 21. Services will be at 7:30 each evening. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Rudy Owens from Unity church, Wilson. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Dewey Boling. There will be special singing each night and a fellowship hour after Friday night's service. The public is cordially invited.

### Saints Delight Church Announces Revival Services



Mike Scott

Saints Delight Free Will Baptist Church near Bridgeton will hold revival services beginning Sunday, September 9. The guest evangelist is Mike Scott, pastor of Johnston Union church in Clayton. Sunday service begins at 7 p.m. and all services Monday through Friday begin at 7:30 p.m.

### Revival in Progress Pilgrim's Home Church

Revival is in progress through September 14 at the Pilgrim's Home Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Dover. The evangelist is the Rev. Don Gray, pastor of Gray Branch church, Deep Run. The time of these services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Eldon Brock is the pastor of the church.

The church will also observe homecoming on Sunday, September 16. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Piney Grove Church Has Revival and Homecoming

The fall revival meeting at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist

Church (Beaufort County) began September 10 and will continue through September 15 with services at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Curt Jones, pastor of Williamston Free Will Baptist Church is the guest evangelist, with the pastor, the Rev. Beverly Ballard assisting. Special musicians from neighboring churches are being invited to participate. Everyone is invited to attend.

On September 17, the church will hold its annual homecoming day. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m. The message for the morning worship at 11 will be delivered by the pastor. Special recognition will be given former pastors. A gift will go to the youngest member of the large family attending. A picnic lunch will be served and an afternoon gospel singing will be featured. The Messengers quartet from Winterville, North Carolina, will be there. All former members, pastors, friends, and interested persons are being invited to spend September 17 at Piney Grove church, located on state road 100 five miles south of Bear Grass.

### General Conference Youth Report

The General Conference Youth met on June 25, 1979. The theme of the conference was "Youth Walking in Truth." The Scripture taken from 3 John 4.

The choir of Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Chelyah, West Virginia, opened the General Conference Youth Convention with several beautiful songs for God's glory. The majority of ceremonies, Richard Estep of Little Creek gave such a warm welcome. In his devotion, he used many illustrations from both the Old and New Testaments on youth giving their hearts to the Lord and walking in the truth.

The Freedomaires Quartet sang several selections which blessed many hearts.

The YFA winners for the Bible bowl quiz were as follows:

First place winner, Crab Point from Morehead City, North Carolina.

Second place winner, Beaverdam from Chadbourn, North Carolina.

Third place winner, Victory Mission from Hope Mills, North Carolina.

There was only one entry from the AFC. Beaverdam is that winner.

There were 169 people registered with an offering of \$90.

The questions for next year's Bible Bowl Quiz will be on Foreign Missions and are being processed now. Your district youth chairman will get copies of the rules and questions as soon as they are ready. You can also write Mrs. Edna Fowler, P. O. Box 164, Cumberland, North Carolina 28331, or phone 919-425-7873 for your copy.

### **BS at First Church, Wilson**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson just experienced one of the best vacation Bible school weeks on record. Attendance soared as high as 179 children and teachers. Classes from nursery ages to the upper teens experienced the teaching of the theme, "Jesus, I'm His . . . e's Mine" as related to the shepherd and the sheep.

The commencement program was given the following Sunday night with each group presenting music and skits. The beginners sang while slides were being shown of various classes and activities of the week. The other groups presented Scripture, music, and skits written by Mrs. Nancy Matthews and Mrs. Jackie Simmons. Miss Alane Vester and Craig Simmons were the directors for the week. Everyone from the students to the teachers experienced many blessings from this week of vacation Bible school.

### **Barnes Hill, Nashville Announces Revival and Homecoming Services**

Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Nashville, North Carolina, located on State Road 717, 2 miles east of Sandy Cross,

announces revival services September 17 through September 22 at 7:45 each evening. Prayer room will open at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Robert Durham of Rocky Mount will be the guest evangelist.

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, September 23, with services beginning at 9:45 a.m. Lunch will be served on the grounds and a singing will be held in the afternoon.

The pastor, the Rev. Edgar A. Benton, and the members invite the public to attend. A special invitation is extended to senior citizens and former pastors.

### **Revival and Homecoming At Ayden Church**

The Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, announces revival services to be held the week of September 17-21, 1979. The speaker for these services will be the Rev. Jerry Rowe, pastor of Holly Springs church, Newport. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 and there will be special music each night.

On Sunday, September 23, homecoming services will be held. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. and the morning worship at 11. Lunch will be served in the fellowship building at noon. The Laymen's League will be in charge of an afternoon song service which will feature several singing groups.

An invitation is extended to all interested persons to attend these services. The pastor of the Ayden church is the Rev. C. H. Overman.

### **Receives License To Preach**

On Sunday, August 19, 1979, Leon Harris, a member and deacon of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, was issued a license to preach the gospel. This action was taken after Mr. Harris stated to his church that he felt that God had called him into the gospel ministry, and after he had appeared before the Ordaining Council.

The pastor, the Rev. C. H. Overman states: "Brother Harris is a fine young man, and can adequately fill the pulpit for any minister in any of our churches." Mr. Harris is available for part-time pulpit supply. His wife, Judy, works closely with him. They have one child, Jodi.

### **Homecoming at Pleasant Grove Church**

Homecoming will be celebrated at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, on Sunday, October 7, 1979. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. with Mrs. Lucille Smith of Goldsboro teaching the lesson. The Rev. William L. Dale, pastor of Spring Hill church, will deliver the homecoming message. Dinner will be served on the church grounds, after which a memorial service will follow given by Mrs. Lida Greenup. After that a singspiration will be held. The featured singers will be the Pennington Family Singers, the Faith Masters from Goldsboro, and the Masters Quartet from Pikeville.

The pastor, the Rev. James Lupton, and the church membership invite everyone to attend these services.

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## **MINISTERS AVAILABLE**

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The Rev. C. F. Bowen announces the end of a term of several months as interim pastor of Shady Grove church in Sampson County. He also states that if your church needs his services as revivalist, supply pastor, or interim pastor (if possible), he may be reached at Route 2, Box 393, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, or by phone: 734-9310 (Goldsboro).

The Rev. Ed Fordham announces that he is available for pastoral work. He may be reached at 821 Chattawka Lane, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; phone 637-9420.



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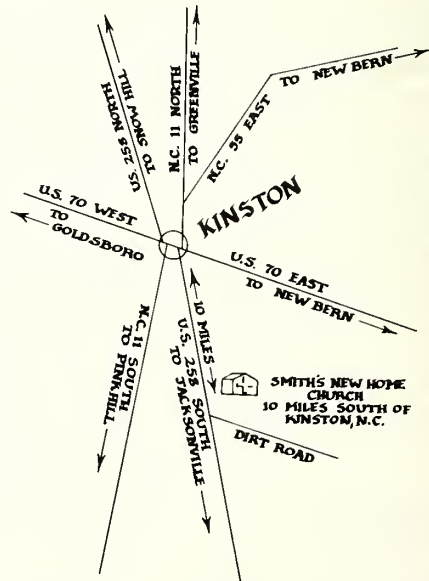
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## EDITORIAL

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We prefer a God who is above the understanding of man, even if He is shrouded in mystery. It does not perplex us unduly that certain spiritual truths will never be clear until the by-and-by. Most people who live by faith are happy and trusting, anyhow.

Most of us accept His omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence without question. And we think, personally, that it can be dangerous to try to analyze the things of God. We've insisted before that He cannot be reduced to human reasoning. If we dissect Him, He becomes less than God.

Some people argue that we are too protective of our God. If He is not enduring enough to stand up under questioning and critical examination, He is not worth valuing, they suggest. We take exception here, for we have been taught (and we believe) that the things of God and the ways of God are **above** man's. Man, when analyzing, has a limited frame of reference—his own. And when he reaches some inexplicable point, he has no recourse, humanly speaking, except that of denial, for that which cannot be explained is usually denied as truth and labelled "doubtful."

Those who are so smart that they don't believe anything unless they see it probably deny the new birth, for it is not scientifically feasible that a person can be born again. A spiritual birth is just not reasonable. It cannot be explained. My personal belief (and, I believe that of most Christians) is that there are many things that need no explanation. Believing in half the battle, anyhow. No, we may not see God, but we see His evidence!

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### 'WHAT IF GOD WENT ON STRIKE'

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

We are living in a day of strikes and violence. Now recent news is led with the truckers' strike. They say that they are being treated unfairly. They say the government is going to have to meet their conditions or else.

They don't seem to care about the ones that are losing their crops because of the strike. They seem to think that it's all right to treat them unfairly. They seek to think that all the world should sit up and listen when they speak. Are they really justified in what they are doing? Jesus said first get the beam out of our eyes and then we would be able to see how to get the mote out of our brother's eye.

How many times has God been mistreated? How many times has

He been treated unfairly? How many times have we failed to give God the very best we have? It's a good thing for us that God does not look at things the same way we do. God does not go on strike because He's being treated unfairly or maybe because of the things we do that He does not like. What if God were to say that He was through being treated unfairly. Most church members go to church on Sunday morning, that is once or twice a month. Sunday nights they just don't seem able to make it and Wednesday nights there's just no way to get them there.

What if God just sat down in Heaven and folded His arms? What if God gave the sun orders to quit shining and not to give off any more heat? And what if He told the moon not to give any more light? What if God told the oceans to dry up? Then suppose that God would turn off the air and the oxygen, till we could breathe no more.

If man goes on strike because he's being treated unfairly, don't you think that God would be justified if He was to go on strike? No one has been mistreated as much as God. He has been put off, rejected as Lord and His judgment has been despised. He was rejected by His own, and today mankind is doing every thing possible to destroy His works on earth.

But, through all this God still carries on His work blessing you and me, supplying our needs and providing so many free things.

So men go on strike because they say they want a better deal. They don't stop to think about what a deal they are giving God. We owe God everything, and there is no way that we can ever repay Him. But men don't seem to care whom they hurt, God or man, just as long as they get what they want.

We think that everything is in a mess now, and so it is as far as man can make a mess. But let's take time to stop and think, what a mess we would really be in if God should go on strike!



# **MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

## **RILEY TO VISIT HIGH SCHOOLS**

Dianne Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will visit in the following high schools next week. Free Will Baptist students attending these schools are invited to come by and bring their friends.

- September 17— North and East Rowan High Schools  
West and South Rowan High Schools  
Salisbury High School  
Mooresville High School  
Albemarle Senior High School
- September 18— North, South, and West Iredell High Schools  
Alexander Central High School  
Statesville High School
- September 19— Saint Stephens, Maiden  
Fred T. Foard, Bunker Hill  
Bandys High School  
Newton-Conover High Schools  
Hickory High School
- September 20— East Burke High School  
Freedom High School
- September 21— Central Cabarrus High School  
Concord Senior High School

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## **ALLEN TO VISIT HIGH SCHOOLS**

David Allen, Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will visit in the following high schools next week. Free Will Baptist students attending these schools are invited to come by and bring their friends.

- September 17— Lumberton Senior High School, Lumberton  
Hoke County High School, Raeford  
Robeson County Schools
- September 18— Whiteville South High School, Whiteville  
West Columbus High School  
Tabor City High School  
Nakina High School  
Williams Township, Nakina
- September 19— Hoggard High School, Wilmington  
E. A. Laney High School, Castle Hayne  
New Hanover High School, Wilmington
- September 20— New Hanover High School, Wilmington  
Bladen County Schools  
North Brunswick High School  
Acme-Delco High School, Leland
- September 21— Pender County Schools

On August 28, the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees approved a five-year development plan with the target of making Mount Olive College a four-year institution in 1984.

The addition of a junior class in the fall of 1984 will culminate with the first senior graduating class in May, 1986.

The college was chartered in 1951 by the sponsorship of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. The Convention recently approved a resolution asking the Board of Trustees to move aggressively toward making Mount Olive College a four-year institution.

The goal of four-year status is highlighted by maintaining and improving the commitment to Christian educational excellence, expanding library resources, promoting student scholarship, enhancing the quality of the faculty, and developing physical facilities to meet the requirements of accreditation as a four-year institution.

Financial support to Mount Olive reached an all-time record in 1978-79 of over \$1,000,000. At the meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an operating budget of \$2,324,889 for the 1979-80 fiscal year.

College enrollment figures are in excess of 380 registered students with residence halls filled to capacity. Registration will close September 7.

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## **SINGERS CONTRIBUTE**

The Sonlite Singers, represented by Alice Hines Winterville, presented a gift of \$309 for College Hall to Mount Olive College President V. Burkette Raper. Alice, her brother David, and a cousin Bryant Hines formed the Sonlite Singers while all attended Mount Olive College last year. Although the group never charged for performances, several love c

ings were collected. Alice, who a sophomore and the only one of e group remaining at Mount ive, presented the gift, saying, "We wanted the money to go for smething really worthwhile for d's service, so we chose College ll."



ce Hines presents check to Dr. W. urkette Raper for college hall.

### HOMECOMING SERVICE SPEAKER

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, resident of Mount Olive College, will preach the homecoming worship service at Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, September 16.

The Rev. Leon Grubbs is pastor.

### PLANNING SESSIONS FOR DINNERS SET

The following counties will be holding planning sessions in preparation for the annual dinners in support of Mount Olive college:

**Onslow-New Hanover Counties,** Friday, September 14, at 7:30 a.m., Folkstone church

**Wilson County,** Tuesday, September 18, at 8 p.m., Daniels chapel church near Black Creek

**Sampson, Harnett, Cumberland Counties,** Thursday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m., Oak Grove church near Newton Grove

**Jones County,** Sunday, September 23, at 3 p.m., Whaley's chapel church near Richlands

Each church represented at the planning sessions will receive a copy of the book, **The Greatest Thing in the World**, by Henry Drummond.

## THE BOOK CORNER

Frank R. Harrison,  
Mount Olive College

**The Normal Christian Life** by Watchman Nee (Christian Literature Crusade Press) is an inspiring delight to read. Its theme is very simple: "Christ is our life!" This book is written in clear practical language as a guide along the pathway of faith.

This is a book that is an inspiration to read as well as a good book to study in order to strengthen and deepen one's Christian life. The chapter entitled "Walking in the Spirit" is one of the best commentaries on this concept of the Apostle Paul that I have ever read. It is filled with excellent insight: "Living in the Spirit means that I trust the Holy Spirit to do in me what I cannot do myself. This life is completely different from the life I would naturally live of myself. Each time I am faced with a new demand from the Lord, I look to Him to do in me what He requires of me. It is not a case of trying, but of trusting; not struggling, but of resting in Him" (p. 119).

The author's theme is very clear: "The power of His resurrection is on our side, and the whole might of God is at work in our salvation . . . the life of Christ has been planted in us by the new birth and its nature is not to commit sin" (p. 48). The normal Christian life is the life Christ has put in us that we may become what God intended for us to be in His creation—His children.

## IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND

by Hazel E. Taylor

It's been a year ago today since Edward passed away and it seems as if it were only yesterday.

I just miss him in that sort of way.

I knew he was sick but didn't realize just how much he'd be missed.

I know God knew his heart as well as He knows mine and there must have been a special place that He need him at this time.

The little things he tried to do, to him were all in vain, and to me I really didn't understand.

But Lord, I plan to meet Him in that grand and glorious land.

Life is so lonely here all alone, because we were together mostly from dusk until dawn.

We shared many precious memories, we also had our woes, but none so great that love didn't outgrow.

When my time comes I hope it will be as quick as his.

Then we'll never be sick, but can mingle our voices together so that we can understand really what we wanted to tell each other there in the ICU Recovery.

My love for Him was great, honest, and true.

Never did I hear Him call me that I didn't answer to.

The almost thirty-six years together were only too short as I look back and think of our lives together.

God bless me as I still mourn my loss and help me to carry this heavy cross.



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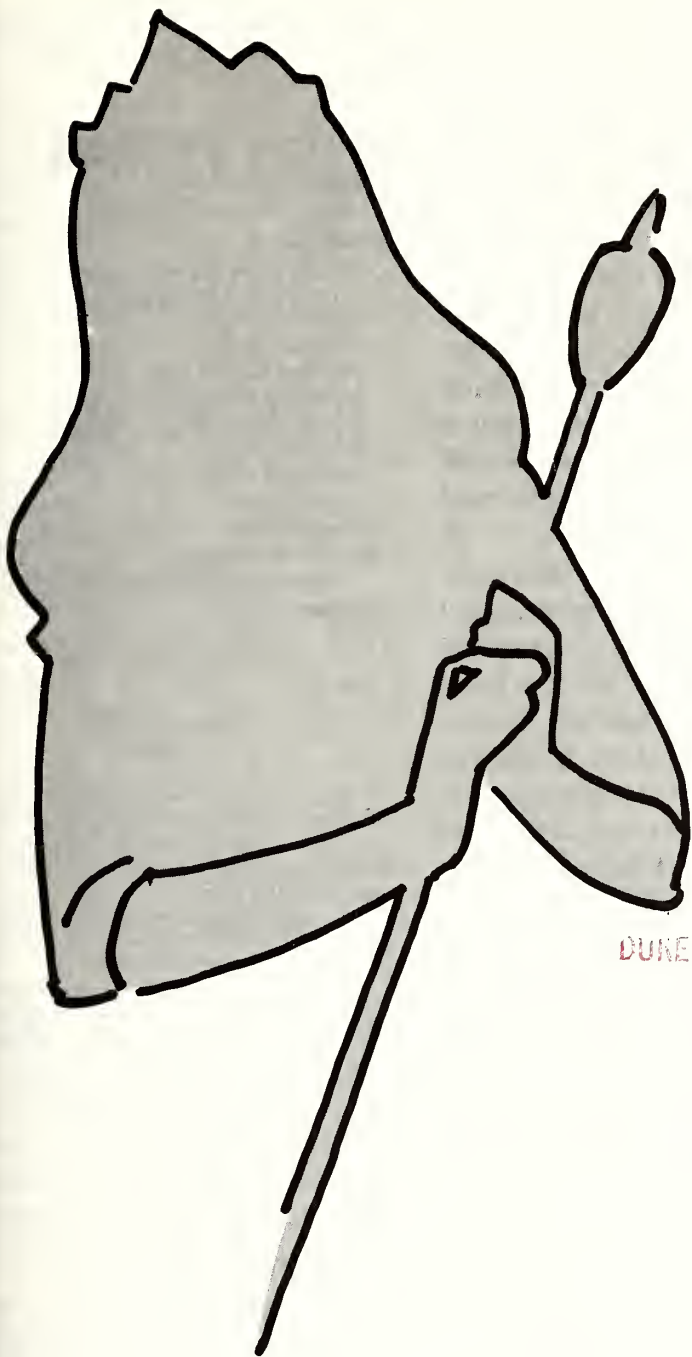
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The newly crowned Miss America, Cheryl Prewitt of Mississippi, insists that prayer and faith in God are responsible for her being able to walk after sustaining crippling injuries eleven years ago. She further insists that her winning the national title was one of His miracles.

It is refreshing to see a young person like Miss Prewitt display obvious faith and have the courage to voice her Christianity—especially when it is not the fashionable thing to do. It reminds us of the testimony of a former Miss America, Vonda Kay Van Dyke, who with a dummy and a talent for ventriloquism reached thousands with the Christian gospel. Miss Prewitt will probably do it with her music, as she is a talented singer and composer owning the copyright on at least 10 gospel songs.

Recent Miss Americas have been the subject of controversy. Some have fallen at least a little short of the all-American-girl image of wholesomeness and purity. Some have reportedly engaged in questionable drug experimentation; others have suggested that free love and premarital sex are individual choices not to be dictated by any code of behavior. While there has never been any real proof that some who bore the title indulged in questionable activities during their reigns, their verbal assertions did much to mar the image and cloud the vision of Miss America, the institution.

While it is no monumental occurrence for a Christian to be awarded the coveted title, it is nonetheless noteworthy. Miss America represents womanhood for the country, and as such, she does cast influence, favorably or unfavorably in accord with her personal behavior and code of conduct. We would hope, of course, that Miss Prewitt will live true to her witness and that perhaps those who admire her—especially the young women of her generation—will emulate her manner. Who knows the impact she will have as she travels all over the country and to some foreign nations?

It is significant that she has pledged 10 percent of her earnings to God. She recounted in an interview how God miraculously caused her leg to grow two inches in length during a 1974 prayer observance in a Jackson, Mississippi, revival meeting. It was (and is) the type of miracle one hopes for and occasionally hears about, but seldom expects or sees. It came to her, she feels, because of the faith of other believers and herself. In any event, both legs are of equal length now, and to the doctors' wonder she walks normally, a feat they said she'd never accomplish.

This fact in itself is an item worthy of praise. And it is encouraging to see someone give God the credit. All too often He is petitioned but not thanked. We commend Miss Prewitt for her testimony to His healing power.

It is not really too surprising, this healing. After all, it is no more than His Word promises in Matthew 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive."

Cheryl Prewitt apparently knows this. So should we all.

# PERPLEXED? THERE IS AN ANSWER

by Marilyn B. Davenport



*(Mrs. Davenport is a wife and mother, a former high school Science teacher, and a member of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina, where she is active in all phases of church work.)*

**T**ODAY'S young people are considering themselves grown-up just as soon as they learn about the birds and the bees. The trouble is the birds and the bees were created in such a way that their instincts are all they need to live by. Man is much more complex.

We are endowed with brains vastly superior to those of any other living creature, with unlimited potential to learn. The Lord intended for us to use this structural advantage in our beings to grasp for understanding of how to handle this knowledge before we tackle life with all its complexities and consequences.

Girls can hardly wait for the time when they are allowed to wear hose, heels, makeup, and other things which may cover up their childlike innocence. In fact, many are altogether too anxious to **lose** that precious quality.

Boys, many of whom are barely shaving yet, taunt and tease each other about whether or not they have made any conquests. They rarely stop to think about the unexpected consequences of unwise decisions.

What about alcohol and tobacco—even drugs? Certainly being able to handle any or all of these is an

**adult** quality. Isn't that what **men** and **women** are using today to "enrich" their lives? Shouldn't the youth of our land—even every land—emulate such "adult" behavior?

Innocence and other virtues are qualities to be ashamed of now. One cannot be "in" unless he is doing his own thing (which is really everybody else's thing rather than his own).

Many preachers, teachers, and others in positions of authority are just like everyone else now, and even young children are beginning to call them by their first names. A lot of adults like this first-name basis, as it seems to give them an excuse not to have to put their best foot forward for the younger generation. In too many instances they just teach what they are **paid** to teach anyway. A system of values, if not missing, is not as well structured as was formerly the case. Adult leaders liken themselves to teenagers, who in turn have nobody to look up to (since looking to God is out of the question and ridiculous!). It is no wonder many young people have the "I know as much or more than

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you do'' attitude. It is not too unbelievable that in many cases they do know as much or more.

Children are often told ''Such and such is true, because Mama and/or Daddy says so,'' when there is no other answer they can understand. Mama and Daddy should accept the fact (as children of God) that what **He** says is true just because God says so in the Bible. There should be no ''But whys,'' ''But hows,'' ''But whens,'' etc., just as we tell our children when they question our answers.

When we read complex books we learn all we can from them, often even check outside sources of information; but we rarely fully understand their entire contents. Yet, we accept the fact that the contents are all **true**, because they are written by authors who know more than we do about the subjects.

Most of us do not comprehend how a television works, yet we enjoy its programs without even trying to understand how we receive them.

We ride around in automobiles, fully enjoying the benefits thereof, and leave the repairs and upkeep to those in the know.

As we read our Bibles, we should learn from the parts we can all understand and let this acquired knowledge pave the way to rich, full lives for us. The parts we do not understand we should not doubt, nor try to prove or explain, but rather accept them without question as being beyond our understanding, and as being written by someone much more in the know than we.

We strive for high school, even college, diplomas, knowing that we won't know everything there is to know when we graduate. In fact, the more we learn the more we realize there is to know.

We clean ourselves regularly, knowing we are constantly picking up germs and that we cannot possibly be perfectly clean.

We dress our best, knowing that someone where we are going will be dressing better.

Yet, how many of us will strive for perfection in our **Christian lives**, when we know we cannot reach the goal? Too often we turn to the predominant ''nobody's perfect'' attitude and use it as an excuse not to try. Everything in our life-styles is becoming carefree and casual—even the things meant to be most meaningful.

In a poll for a popular TV game show, a high percentage said ''No'' when asked the question, ''Do you think that living together without marriage is no longer a sin?'' In view of all recent happenings, the answer was not totally unexpected. But for the Christian, it is a sad day when such a prevailing attitude of permissiveness exists.

How can society defile our great Author and Creator by putting its own interpretations to even the parts of the Bible that **anyone**, even the young child, can understand? Doubt is taught, often by example, and is **very contagious**.

The things we strive for today are usually things that make us prosper financially. The Lord could have made us perfect, even rich; instead, we are given a choice of striving to do His will and reaping the vast rewards both now and evermore, or living our lives in the new generation way and suffering the consequences now and hereafter. The rewards for making the first choice may not be financial, neither can they be spent. Our money has a way of getting away from us, anyway. What we buy with it eventually wears out or loses its value.

People have always preferred listening to a preacher who is short and to the point—one who itemizes and organizes his sermons well. Perhaps this is the reason the Lord, in essence, summarized the contents of the Bible and gave us a clear-cut, easy-to-understand guide to leading happy, fulfilling, meaningful lives, when He gave us the Ten Commandments.

Even a toddler understands ''Thou shalt'' and ''Thou shalt not,'' if we use this terminology in telling him what he can and cannot do. And, after all, is this not the most important thing to understand? And how about ''Ye must be born again''? Isn't this clear and unmistakable?

Think about the shape God's people were in when the Commandments were given to them, and compare it with the conditions that are spreading so rapidly today. Isn't it time for the Ten Commandments to be reinstated, reiterated, reemployed, and reemphasized in our hearts and in our lives?

The reason we are created in the first place is to glorify God. If we try to live by His Commandments, and are fulfilling this purpose to the best of our abilities, of course, should go without saying that we must accept Christ as our Saviour; but sad to say, some learned men are suggesting that this is no longer necessary for meaningful living.

Young or old, we should take serious stock of our spiritual lives. We must not be swayed by every wind doctrine, not even by sophisticated men of great knowledge who attempt to undermine the great truth of the Bible. These ''scholars'' are as close as next door, and often come to us in proverbial sheep's clothing.

It is time for **real** Christians to take a stand!

## The Rev. M. E. Cox

PTIST CATHEDRAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH in Durham honor their pastor this week, the Rev. M. E. Cox. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A DEDICATED MAN



The Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Cox and daughter

The members of Baptist Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church in Durham are proud and honored to have the Rev. M. E. Cox as our pastor. In the days in which we live it is hard to find a pastor who is loving, kind, and who stands upon the Word of God as Brother Cox does.

His years of service for the Lord in the gospel ministry number twenty-six. He has built five churches during these years of service and has never once failed to be a leader of his people and a considerate shepherd to his flock. He has served our church in many ways. He has served as Sunday school teacher, choir leader, minister to the sick, besides being persistent in winning the lost

through his preaching of the Word. Beyond these duties Pastor Cox has scheduled a regular radio broadcast, regular hospital visits plus the administrative tasks of our church. Even so occupied he is available to those bereaved, ready to uplift the brokenhearted and help those who are down on their luck.

Besides serving his people with a fervent zeal, he is a minister of whom the Free Will Baptist denomination can be proud. He serves the Piedmont Conference as its moderator and also serves on the board of directors of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Another outstanding point about our pastor is his wife, Mrs. Maxine Cox. Sister Cox, as we call her, serves as president of the Ladies'

Auxiliary and is always ready to help anyone in any way she can. If there ever was a true woman of God Sister Maxine certainly qualifies.

We were a group of people in 1977 with no pastor and no church. Brother and Mrs. Cox came to us and God has since blessed us so that words could never tell. We thank God for Brother M. E. Cox and it is our hope that in some way we can return to him a small measure of what he's meant to us.

### PREACHER'S DIARY

by Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

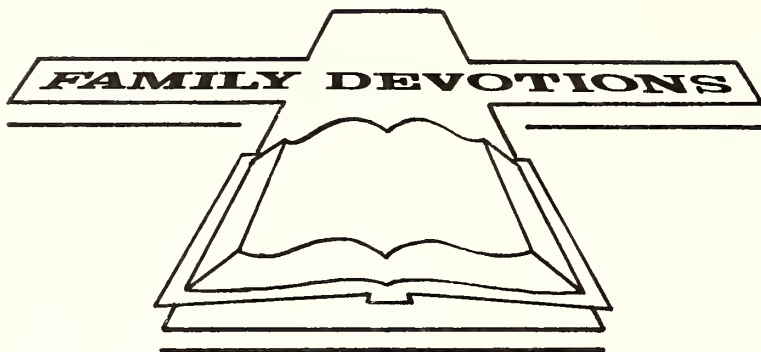
I, along with my church choir, was allowed to put on a Christian program in a Veterans Hospital auditorium for the sick patients. An invitation was given at the close and a large number came forth asking for prayer, and several came for salvation: I took their names and passed them on to the hospital chaplain thinking that he would like to make a follow-up call on those who had exercised their faith in the Lord.

I could hardly believe my ears the next day when I received an admonishing phone call from the chaplain. He said, "Giving invitations is against the rules and never do it again!"

To say I lost my cool would hardly describe my response.

Why not give  
The Free Will Baptist  
as a gift?





## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:11-20

### I BELIEVE IN MISSIONS

Because the greatest mission ever known was when God sent His only begotten Son into the world to save it.

Because the world will never be brought to Christ until men bring Christ to the world.

Because Jesus himself taught us that missions are the only way to make disciples.

Because I am a disobedient lover of Jesus if I do not obey His command when He said . . . "Go."

Because if salvation means everything to me, I cannot be happy unless I share it with others.

Because a Christian who does not believe in missions always gets narrow and loses his world vision.

Because the missionary is the greatest hope of the world in its present historical crises.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*God cares for all—all the people of the world! As has been affirmed so often, Christ is the only hope for mankind. Missions are the way He can be presented.*

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—John 4:21-24

### YOU CAN WORSHIP

You can worship God in the woods . . . but you don't!

You can worship God on the lakes . . . but you don't!

You can worship God in your auto . . . but you don't!

You can worship God in a different church each Sunday . . . but you don't!

You can worship God by sending the children to Sunday School . . . but you don't!

The best place to worship God on Sunday is at your church!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*God is present in all places, yes. But the most logical meeting place for you and Him is His house.*

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Scripture Reading—Luke 4:33-40

### WORDS

Words that are softly spoken,  
Can build a world of charm.  
Words of tender passion,  
Can rescue a soul from harm.

Words of wondrous beauty,  
Like silver imbedded in gold,  
Can lift the brokenhearted  
To heavenly joys untold.

Words of love and comfort,  
Can calm a stormy sea.  
Words of courage and wisdom,  
Bring wonderful peace to me.

Words of hope like sunshine  
Fill the heart and soul.  
Wonderful words—how precious,  
Are worth a future of gold.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Words can hurt, heal, destroy, or save. Words can do all things,*

*depending upon the manner which they are spoken. The saving words are found in the Holy Bible. Let's read it with determination.*

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Scripture Reading—Acts 15:14

### VISIT

Christ needs you.  
The church needs you.  
Your pupils need you.  
Your Sunday school department expects it.  
Your ministers appreciate it.  
You have promised to do it.  
So, visit.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A brief visit from someone who cares can make the day for me. Do ever discount the value of your spending a little time with someone. Perhaps you, yourself, will realize a blessing.*

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Scripture Reading—Daniel 7:25

### A BIT OF HEAVEN

There's a "little bit of heaven" each new passing day,  
If you'll take the time to find and not hurry on your way.  
The smile of a loved one, when you are feeling blue,  
Can banish all your cares away and make you start anew.

The handclasp of a true friend worth far more than gold;  
It is a priceless treasure that cannot be bought or sold.  
There's a "little bit of heaven" when bright sunbeams come to twine;

Also in a shaft of moonlight pouring silver on the vine.

In the laughter of a child you can hear the angels sing,  
And a tiny, chubby hand in your palm makes you richer than a king.  
The crimson splash of sunset on the

purple evening sky  
ll paint your heart a memory  
that cannot, ever, die.

ere's a "little bit of heaven" in  
the simple things of earth.  
you can only see them, your  
soul will find new birth.  
ke time to look around you,  
beneath God's sky of blue—  
d you'll find a "bit of heaven"  
right here on earth with you.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Those who take the time to look  
around themselves and enu-  
merate the blessings which  
they have little regret. There  
is so much good to be seen. Don't  
miss it up.*

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Scripture Reading—John 7:1-10

#### LITTLE DROPS

Little drops of water  
Little grains of sand,  
Like the mighty ocean  
And the pleasant land.

Like the little moments,  
Humble though they be,  
Like the mighty ages  
Of eternity.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A moment, a brief span of time!  
A moment spent with Christ in  
contemplation, in silence, in  
thanksgiving can produce im-  
measurable spiritual strength if  
it approaches Him in sincerity.*

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Scripture Reading—Romans 1:  
21

#### REMEMBER A SHUT-IN

Let's remember a shut-in on this  
day.  
Remember one in some little  
way:  
Send him a card, pay a visit or  
two;  
Will cheer him when he's feeling  
blue.

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Take him some books, or send  
him flowers,  
It will ease the pain in the lonely  
hours.

A friendly smile, and a cheery  
hello  
Means more to him than you'll  
ever know.

God will reward you someday I'm  
sure;

A visit from a friend can be the  
best known cure.

I know we all have a moment to

spare

So please, visit a shut-in and show  
him your care.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Those who are shut in ask very  
little of us who are fortunate  
enough to be well, active, and  
unconfined. A brief visit, a chat, a  
card, a call: Oh what joy they can  
bring to the lonely!*

Selected from *The Speaker's  
Sourcebook*, Zondervan Pub-  
lishing House.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 16 Years Ago

"The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., pastor of Piney Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina, announces that the spring revival will begin March 4 and continue through March 9. The evangelist for the services, which will begin at 7:30 each evening, will be the Rev. C. L. Patrick of Walstonburg. Prayer services will precede the services at 7:15 each evening. The pastor and the congregation cordially invite the public to attend all the services and pray for the success of the meetings."—Spring Revival to Be Held at Piney Grove Church, News and Notes

"Twenty members of Pleasant Hill Sunday School near Pikeville, North Carolina, recently received attendance awards at Awards Day ceremonies."—Pleasant Hill Presents Attendance Awards

"The time has come for the young people to present their declamations and essays. Each local auxiliary that has a contestant is asked to please bring him to Holly Springs church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, March 30, at 7 p.m. Each manuscript will be presented at this time and the judges will decide who will go to the district convention."—Attention Youth Chairmen of First Western District

"Mount Olive College will be host to a statewide workshop for Free Will Baptist Vacation Bible School workers on Saturday, April 27. Sponsored annually by the Free Will Baptist Press, the Woman's State Auxiliary Convention, and Mount Olive College, the workshop is expected to draw more than 400 officers and teachers from all parts of North Carolina."—Vacation Bible School Workshop at Mount Olive College

"Churches are reminded that Mount Olive College will close its 1962-63 fiscal year on June 30. All gifts received prior to this date will be applied on the current quotas of churches. All contributions except those to the building fund count toward fulfilling church quotas."—Church Quotas, Christian Education



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## ALLEN TO VISIT HIGH SCHOOLS

David Allen, Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will visit in the following high schools next week. Free Will Baptist students attending these schools are invited to come by and bring their friends.

- September 24 Southwestern Randolph High School, Asheboro  
Stanley County Schools  
Richmond Senior High School, Rockingham
- September 25 Forest Hills High School  
Parkwood High School  
Piedmont High School  
Sun Valley High School  
Monroe High School  
East Union Middle School  
Bowman High School  
Scotland High School
- September 26 Pinecrest High School  
Union Pines High School  
North Moore High School
- September 27 Sanford Central High School  
Jordan Matthews  
Chatham Central High School  
Northwood High School
- September 28 Asheboro High School  
Eastern Randolph High School  
East Montgomery High School  
West Montgomery High School

## COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP ON THE MOVE

by Dianne Riley  
Fellowship Advisor

The Free Will Baptist Fellowship at Mount Olive College is off to a good beginning. During the first two meetings approximately forty students attended.

Much excitement and enthusiasm has been generated by students in promoting programs that shape spiritual life on campus. The Rev. Bruce Steadman from the Children's Home spoke on September 10. One of the projects of the Fellowship is to work with these children and

help them to grow in their spiritual lives.

On September 17, an outside Vesper Service was held by the entire campus with the theme "A Christ-Centered Educational Experience." The film "A Distant Thunder" is scheduled for September 24. The Fellowship meets on Mondays at 5:45 p.m. in Rodgers Chapel. Any Free Will Baptist groups interested in joining the College Fellowship for a program should contact Mrs. Dianne Riley, Mount Olive College, 658-2502.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT SPEAKER AT HOMECOMING

Dr. W. Burkette Rape, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church homecoming on Sunday, September 23, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

The Rev. Harold Swinson, pastor.

## FELLOWSHIP MEETS



The Free Will Baptist Fellowship at Mount Olive College meets Monday evenings at 5:45 p.m. for fellowship and special programs under the direction of Mrs. Dianne Riley. Free Will Baptist groups wanting to plan a program with the Fellowship may contact Mrs. Riley at the College, 658-2502.

## PLANNING SESSION FOR DINNERS SET

The following counties will be holding planning sessions in preparation for the annual dinners in support of Mount Olive College:

**Sampson, Harnett, Cumberland Counties**, Thursday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m., Oak Grove church near Newton Grove

**Jones County**, Sunday, September 23, at 3 p.m., Whale Chapel church near Richlands

**Edgecombe-Halifax Counties**, Monday, September 24, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro

**Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, Pasquotank, and Chowan Counties**

s, Tuesday, September 25,  
 8:30 p.m., Mount Tabor church  
 near Creswell  
 Each church represented at the  
 planning sessions will receive a  
 copy of the book, **The Greatest  
 Thing in the World** by Henry  
 Drummond.

## MOVING RIGHT ALONG

In the light of the closing of  
 hundreds of colleges and schools  
 across the United States in the  
 past few decades, announcement  
 that Mount Olive College planned  
 to elevate itself to a four-year  
 institution by 1986 comes as a  
 surprise.

But in view of what has been  
 accomplished at Mount Olive

since the college was started in  
 the old Mount Olive High School,  
 one has to think twice before  
 laying any bets that the four-year  
 status will not be achieved.

In a short 28 years since its  
 founding by the Original Free Will  
 Baptist denomination, the school  
 has built a new campus with  
 several handsome new buildings,  
 has attracted a student body of  
 several hundred and has, most  
 important of all, managed to  
 survive in an age when the trend  
 is for more and more students to  
 attend public colleges whose tax-  
 supported campuses do not have  
 to charge as much tuition as do  
 the private schools.

No one is comparing Mount  
 Olive College with the University

of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,  
 and it makes no pretense that it  
 attracts the cream of the crop  
 (educationally speaking) from  
 high school graduating classes  
 each year.

But the school fulfills a role, it  
 provides a decent education in a  
 church atmosphere which appeals  
 to many families and in the past  
 28 years it has succeeding in doing  
 it very well indeed.

Whether its students will be any  
 better off by being able to attend  
 the school for four straight years  
 rather than having to transfer for  
 their junior and senior years  
 remains to be seen. But at least  
 the college and its backers are in  
 there pitching and looking ahead.  
 And for that they deserve a round  
 of applause.

— The Sampson Independent

## MRS. RILEY TO VISIT IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, Associate Director of Admissions, will visit in the  
 following high schools next week. Free Will Baptist students attending these  
 high schools are invited to come by and bring their friends.

September 24	South Stokes High School, Walnut Cove North Stokes High School, Danbury Salem Academy Forsyth Country Day School Bishop McGinness High School Kernersville Wesleyan Westchester Academy
September 25	Forsyth County Schools, Winston-Salem
September 26	Thomasville Senior High School Forbush High School Lexington High School Ledford High School Denton High School Central High School West Davidson High School Central Davidson High School North Davidson High School East Davidson High School Lexington Senior High School
September 27	Davie County High School Starmount High School
September 28	Surry Central High School East Surry High School North Surry High School Elkin High School Mount Airy High Schools

## MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. C. F. Bowen an-  
 nounces the end of a term of  
 several months as interim pastor  
 of Shady Grove church in Samp-  
 son County. He also states that if  
 your church needs his services as  
 revivalist, supply pastor, or in-  
 terim pastor (if possible), he may  
 be reached at Route 2, Box 393,  
 Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530,  
 or by phone: 734-9310 (Golds-  
 boro).

The Rev. Ed Fordham an-  
 nounces that he is available for  
 supply pastoral work. He may be  
 reached at 821 Chattawka Lane,  
 New Bern, North Carolina 28560;  
 phone 637-9420.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Note that the Rev. Jeff Scar-  
 borough now has a change of  
 address. His new address is Route  
 5, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.



singing. The pastor, the Rev. Charlie Overton, and the members extend an invitation to everyone.

**Appreciation Day Is Held**

The Baptist Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina, held appreciation day for its pastor, the Rev. M. E. Cox and wife, Maxine, on August 1, 1979. Mr. and Mrs. Cox were both presented a plaque for their faithful service. They also received many gifts from the congregation. The Rev. J. B. Starnes, president of the General Conference, brought the morning message. A gracious lunch was enjoyed by all.

For My Pastor:  
The Rev. M. E. Cox  
God called a man one day  
Filled him with the Spirit  
And gave him words to say,  
With a twinkle of determination  
his eye.  
Listening to his flocks' every word  
and every sigh.  
Loving, considerate, kind  
A man of God like him  
Is certainly hard to find  
As by the hand of Moses  
The Israelites were led  
His congregation is weekly fed.  
When he stands before our  
Saviour on that blissful day  
Well done! Well done!  
M. E. Cox will hear Him say.  
—Anonymo

**Revival Services at White Oak Grove Church**  
Revival services will begin October 1-5 at 7:30 each evening at White Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church near LaGrange. The speaker for the week will be the pastor, Calvin A. Heath. The members of the church would like to invite everyone to attend.

**Sidney Church Announces Homecoming**  
The Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, will observe homecoming on September 23. The Rev. Steve Hargrove joins with the members

**Bowen as Evangelist At Rock of Zion Church**

The Rev. C. F. Bowen is the evangelist for revival services at Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Grantsboro through September 21 at 7:30 p.m. Homecoming will be October 7 with dinner on the grounds and a singspiration. All friends, family members, and former pastors and members are cordially invited.

**Study Course at Bethany Church**

A study course on Evangelism will be taught by Mrs. Alma Warrick at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church for the Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary on Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.

**Revival Services at Barnes Hill Church**

A revival service is in progress at Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church, located 8 miles from Rocky Mount on Sandy Cross Highway. Services are beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Robert Durham of Rocky Mount is the guest evangelist. He is being assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Edgar Benton. The pastor, along with the congregation, invite the public to come and hear the true gospel proclaimed.

**Snow Hill Church Announces Revival**

Revival at Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will continue through September 22. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist is the Rev. Fred Rivenbark. He is a native of Mount Olive. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gus A.

Rivenbark. He has been in the ministry 44 years and has served many churches in North Carolina and Virginia. At the present time, he is assistant pastor of the Sherron Acres church, Durham, North Carolina, and is doing evangelistic work. He is a Godly man that everyone loves and all that hear him are blessed. The pastor, the Rev. John A. Owens, and the membership invite everyone to share God's blessings in the revival of good preaching and good singing. Singing will feature the Spiritual Singers, the Snow Hill Choir, the Gray Branch Quartet, the Jones Family and others under the direction of Mrs. Mary Gold Bell.

**Mount Zion Church Announces Revival**



*The Rev. Walter Reynolds*

Beginning September 23 through September 28 revival services will be in progress at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Walter Reynolds will be the guest speaker. Special music from various churches will help provide some good spiritual



extending an invitation to all  
 mer members and pastors.  
 picnic lunch will be served after  
 ch there will be a  
 gspiration.

**Revival in Progress  
 Birth Church**

Revival is being held at the  
 Birth Free Will Baptist Church,  
 mesville, through September  
 The evangelist is the Rev.  
 rvin Waters. The pastor of the  
 urch is the Rev. Charlie T.  
 ce. Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming will also be ob-  
 served at the church on Sep-  
 tember 23. Everyone is  
 welcomed.

**Surprise Services Held at  
 Pleasant Grove Church**

Recently there were some very  
 surprised people at Pleasant  
 Grove Free Will Baptist Church,  
 ayne County. The senior  
 citizens of the church were  
 recognized and honored.



*Mrs. Lela Jones with Mrs. Fannie Hare, who presented corsage*

A representative of the church,  
 Mrs. Becky Glover, told them how  
 very much they are needed,  
 loved, and appreciated. Those  
 that were the "most advanced in  
 years" were presented flowers.  
 Mrs. Fannie Hare presented  
 corsages to Mrs. Lela Jones and  
 Mrs. Alice Talton, the honored  
 women, and to Mr. Hardy  
 Talton, the honored man, a  
 boutonniere.



*Mrs. Alice Talton with Mrs. Fannie Hare, who presented corsage*

Another surprise was in store  
 for three people that have served  
 Pleasant Grove for many years.  
 Appreciation plaques and a  
 corsage or boutonnieres were  
 presented to Mr. and Mrs. Hardy  
 Talton, and Mr. Alepheus Jones.



*Mr. Alepheus Jones and Mrs. Becky Glover, who presented plaques*

"Miss Mildred" as Mrs. Talton  
 is called, was honored for her  
 many years of playing the piano,  
 singing in the choir, working with  
 the youth of the church, looking  
 after the flowers for the sanctuary  
 each Sunday, teaching Sunday  
 school, and the many other kind  
 deeds she has done for her church  
 and community through the  
 years.

Mr. Hardy Talton was honored  
 for his many years of fine  
 leadership as a deacon, Sunday  
 school teacher and the many  
 other church-community related



*Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Talton*

projects he has started that has  
 helped the church and community  
 to progress to what they are  
 today.

Mr. Alepheus Jones was  
 honored for his many years as  
 Sunday school superintendent,  
 deacon, choir director, and  
 general "jack of all trades" to  
 Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist  
 Church.

The Rev. James Lupton, pastor,  
 also expressed his personal ap-  
 preciation to each of those  
 honored.

**Union Chapel Church  
 Announces Fall Revival**

Union Chapel Free Will Baptist  
 Church, Highway 32, Plymouth,  
 will hold its fall revival October 1  
 through October 5. Services will  
 begin at 7:30 each evening with  
 the pastor, the Rev. O. Swade  
 Benson doing the preaching.  
 There will be special singing each  
 night. Pastor Benson and the  
 church members invite everyone  
 to come and worship God with  
 them.

**Fourth Central Union District  
 Dilda's Grove Church**

The Fourth Central Union  
 District will meet at Dilda's  
 Grove Free Will Baptist Church,  
 Fountain, on September 30, 1979.  
 The scheduled program is as  
 follows:

- Morning Session
  - 10:00—Sunday School
- Turn the Page*



- 11:00—Hymn, "He Is So Precious to Me"
- Response, Kendrick Harrison
- 11:15—President's Remarks
- Mission Report
- Mount Olive College Report
- Greetings from the Children's Home
- 11:30—Special Music, Junior Lancaster and Family
- Sermon, the Rev. Luther Bissette
- 12:15—Lunch
- Afternoon Session
- 1:15—Hymn, "Jesus Paid It All"
- Business Period
- Devotion, Janet Smith
- Special, LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church
- Program, Local Church
- 2:15—Adjournment

**Third Union of Eastern Conference to Meet**

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference will meet at Pearsall Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville, on September 29, at 10 a.m.

**Smithfield Church Hosts Cape Fear Union Meeting**

First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, will host the Cape Fear Union Meeting on Saturday, September 29, 1979. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
- Devotion, the Rev. Wilson Dowdy
- Welcome, Host Church
- Response, the Rev. William David Barrow
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Reading Minutes of Last Union
- Appointment of Committees
- Roll Call of Churches
- Report of Denominational Enterprises
- Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation
- Special Music

- Offering and Offertory Prayer
- Message, the Rev. T. C. Farmer
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- Benediction and Adjournment
- Lunch and Christian Fellowship

The officers are moderator, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley; assistant moderator, the Rev. Edward C. Taylor; secretary, Mrs. Dola Dudley; assistant secretary, Mrs. Ruth Warrick; treasurer, H. T. Hinson; and hymn director, Johnnie Woodall.

**Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention**

Harrell's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina, will host the Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary on September 22, 1979. Mrs. Ernest Carraway is District President and Mrs. Gary Bailey is Vice President. The theme will be "The Joy of the Lord—My Strength." The Scripture will be taken from Nehemiah 8:10. The scheduled program is as follows:

**MORNING SESSION**

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn "Ring the Bells of Heaven," Choruses
- Devotion, Mrs. Melvin Cunningham
- Welcome, Mrs. Betty Parks
- Response, Mrs. Miriam Jones
- 10:20—Recognition Time
- Business Period
- Missions, Miss Leah McGolhon
- Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- Mission Money and Pennies for Cragmont
- Children's Home, Mrs. Jane Tripp
- Retirement Homes
- Love Offering
- Free Will Baptist Press, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
- Hymn "O That Will Be Glory"

- Special Music, Miss Terry Carraway, Mrs. Debra Wooten, Harrell's Chapel
- 11:30—Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. Gary Bailey
- Morning Message, Miss Becky Jo Sumner
- 12:00—Lunch
- AFTERNOON SESSION**
- 1:00—Chorus on Back of Bulletin
- Prayer
- Memorial Service, Mrs. Audrey Taylor
- Our Youth, Mrs. Jack Dail
- Mount Olive College, Mrs. Dianne Riley
- Study Course, Mrs. Gary Bailey
- Cragmont
- Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund, Mrs. Jesse Harris
- Business Period
- Time of Renewal
- Hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing"
- 2:30—Adjournment
- Pianist, Mrs. Debra Wooten
- Organist, Mrs. Carolyn Bright
- Song Leader, Miss Leah McGolhon

**Trinity Church Hosts Union Meeting, SS Convention, And League Convention**

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Pantego, will host the Albemarle Union Meeting, Sunday School Convention, and League Convention on September 29, 1979, beginning at 10 a.m. The scheduled program is as follows:

**UNION MEETING**

- OPENING SESSION** Pianist
  - Prelude
  - 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose
  - 10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Bryan Hines
  - Response, the Rev. Robert May
  - 10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
  - 10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
  - Recognition of Visiting Ministers
  - Roll Call of Churches
  - 10:30—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
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# Northern Free Will Baptist Church Group Goes to Cragmont

by the Rev. Harry G. Brown



*Group from Northern church*

each one. This year when our church bus (THE BLUE GOOSE) pulled out for Cragmont, God blessed us with 47 folks to go and attend the Young People's Bible Conference. Each year it gets better! The devil lost another battle and we praise God that the victory belongs to the Lord. I wish everyone of you could have been around the camp fire on Friday night to hear the testimonies of boys and girls as their hearts were broken, and they wept over unsaved moms and dads. Some were burdened over unsaved friends and relatives. Many of the boys and girls throughout the week were saddened because their church didn't really offer any kind of program for the youth. (Let me say that our young people need the churches to provide such a program

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Four years ago Brother J. B. Barnes asked if I would serve as evangelist for the Young People's Bible Conference at Cragmont. I accepted and my family and I enjoyed that week tremendously. We came home excited and started making plans to return the next year and carry as many as possible from our church with us. When it came time for the Young People's Bible Conference we had eleven that made the trip with us. They came home excited and when it came time for Cragmont again, we had thirty-four. At this time our young people were experiencing a real change in their lives. It seemed as if the warmth of God's presence at Cragmont came as an extra boost to

*Entire Group at Cragmont*





# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For September 23

## TEACHING THE FAITH

**Lesson Text:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, Titus 1:1-4; 2:11-15  
**Memory Verse:** Titus 2:7, 8

### I. INTRODUCTION

**Thessalonians.** Fresh from prison in Philippi, Paul and Silas came to Thessalonica in Paul's second missionary journey. Probably Timothy was with them. On three Sabbaths they taught in the synagogue, and many people became Christians, both Jews and Greeks.

Some of the Jews rejected the gospel, however, and they were furious at its success. They employed some ruffians to start a riot. For the peace of the city the preachers moved on, but vengeful enemies pursued them to Berea. Paul promptly went on to Athens.

By this time Paul was much concerned about the new Christians in Thessalonica. With only a few weeks of teaching, could they stand firm against the enemies? As soon as he could, Paul sent Timothy back to strengthen them.

Some time later, Timothy rejoined Paul in Corinth. He brought word that the Thessalonians not only were true to the faith, but lived by it so notably that they had become famous. Overjoyed at the news, Paul wrote the letter from which we have the first part of our text.

**Titus.** Titus was a Greek Christian who became a helper of Paul. He was among those who went from Antioch to Jerusalem to discuss the question of whether Gentiles might become Christians without becoming Jews as well (Acts 15:1, 2; Galatians 2:1).

Later he was Paul's messenger to Corinth, as Timothy had been his messenger to Thessalonica (2 Corinthians 8:6, 16, 17).

After his third missionary journey, Paul was imprisoned for two years in Caesarea and then two years in Rome. Of his later travels we know but little. At some time, however, he assigned Titus to help the churches on the island of Crete (Titus 1:5). There Titus received the letter from which the latter parts of our text are taken.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It can be said of Paul that in each letter he wrote he stressed the need for "teaching the faith." We are going to use only two of his letters to show what we mean. These two are prime examples of the rest.

B. What do we mean by "teaching the faith"? We are not speaking of the faith that saves the sinner from his sins; that is **saving faith**, the faith that opens the door to eternal life. The faith we speak of when we say "teaching the faith" is actually the entire body of doctrine that makes up the Christian concept. In short, this faith is Christianity. Thus, when we teach the faith we are teaching the doctrines of the church as given by both our Lord Jesus Christ and the writers of the letters of the New Testament.

C. One of the greatest needs of the church today is to know what the Bible teaches. Church members should know what their church believes as based on the Word of God. It is unforgivable that any Christian should attend church for years and still not know the basic teachings of the

Bible. Let us not be found guilty of this neglect; instead, let us search the Scriptures and learn the great cardinal truths of His Word. These letters were written for us; let us use them!

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We come now to the literary form of letter writing as a method of communicating the faith through exhortation and instruction. Thus far in the month we have seen how the Bible made of literary forms such as poetry, narratives, and parable. Letters, or epistles, make up the larger portion of the New Testament.

B. The thirteen letters of Paul (fourteen, if Hebrews may be included; its authorship has not been positively determined) make up the greater part of the literary form. They go from his Epistle to the Romans through his letter to Philemon and, as we have said, possibly including Hebrews.

C. Then there are seven other letters including 1 Peter and going through Jude. Revelation is not considered a letter, but rather prophecy, a part of which we will examine next Sunday. These letters total twenty-one of the twenty-seven "books" which compose the New Testament.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

For September 30

## VISIONS OF THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

**Lesson Text:** Daniel 7:15-18  
Revelation 4:1-8

**Memory Verse:** Daniel 7:18

### I. INTRODUCTION

When Nebuchadnezzar was crushing nation after nation and extending his rule, he told his helpers to find the most promising young men of all nations to receive the best education Babylon could give. They were to be advisers to the king.

us he hoped to have the help of the best brains in the world. Daniel was one of the chosen young men. God's special gifts on distinguished him above the rest, and he became one of Nebuchadnezzar's most valued advisers.

Our text brings us to a time some sixty years later, in the first year of Belshazzar's rule (Daniel 1). Young Daniel now had become an elder statesman, and it seems that the rulers did not seek his advice as often as Nebuchadnezzar had done. Perhaps that was one reason the empire was losing its power. Only a few years later it was to be overthrown.

Daniel himself had a meaningful dream. He saw four beasts come from the sea. The first was like a lion with wings. The second was like a lopsided bear. The third was like a four-legged, four-headed leopard. Apparently the fourth was not like any animal Daniel could name, but it was "dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly." But God, "the Ancient of days," was seated on His throne, and the terrible beast was destroyed. Then, says Daniel, "one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before me. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Daniel 7:13-14).—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

#### HINTS THAT HELP

A. Daniel and Revelation are two books in the Bible given completely to what is called "apocalyptic writing" in the Bible. The word **apocalypse** comes from the Greek and means "unveiling of something which has been hidden. It is pronounced ap-POCKuh-lips. Apocalyptic is pronounced ah-pock-uh-LIP-tick.

B. Both books record visions of the heavenly kingdom received by Daniel and John. Daniel was one of the Hebrew captives taken to Babylon many years before Christ came. While there he prophesied to the Gentile rulers. John, the writer of Revelation, was the Apostle John (not John the Baptist).

C. When we speak of **kingdom**, several thoughts come to mind. (1) There is the Kingdom of God (a part of the Kingdom of Heaven) which Jesus said is within the believer. (2) There is the kingdom rule of Christ on earth for a thousand years which is yet to come. And (3) there is the kingdom—called in our lesson the heavenly kingdom—which Daniel spoke of and which John saw when permitted to look into Heaven while in a vision. But for the purpose of clarity we will think of the "heavenly kingdom" largely in terms of the kingdom of Christ on earth following the tribulation period. However, in order to treat some of the Bible text honestly, we must also think of the "heavenly kingdom" as John saw it in Heaven when the Lord called him to "come up hither."

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

#### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The fifth literary form of writing we find in the Bible is prophecy—the foretelling of events yet to come, such as the prophecies of Isaiah, Micah, and other Old Testament prophets, concerning the first advent of Christ—His birth in Bethlehem.

B. Jesus himself prophesied on several occasions; He warned the people of the coming destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70, and before that, of His own death and Resurrection. The Old Testament has seventeen books of prophecy, divided into what we call major and minor prophetic books. The New Testament has only one: The Revelation.

C. The type of prophecy we are concerned with in this lesson is the apocalyptic writing of Daniel

and John. The word **apocalypse** comes from the Greek and means an uncovering of something which had been hidden. The Book of Daniel and The Revelation would certainly be primary examples of such "uncovering" or "unveiling" of the hidden mysteries of God. These two books should be studied together, for both involve many symbolisms, the interpretations of which are often confusing when the interpreter is himself not acquainted with their real meaning.

D. The two books also contain many visions. Daniel had his visions in dreams, for the most part; John, in preparing for the writing of The Revelation, received visions from the Lord while in exile on the Island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

#### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

Every preacher should prophesy the truth. Many people want a preacher who will preach an easy, carefree religion, promising that all will come out all right in the end, whether one does the Lord's will or not. The true preacher has to say many things the people don't want to hear.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

#### COMMENTS ON PAPER

Dear Tommy,

I am writing in regards to the August 22 issue of the paper. I want to commend you and the others who worked together in covering the called session of the State Convention. In my opinion this is one of the best issues yet. Keep up the good work!

The Rev. Davie Brinson



# NEWS NOTES

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—Announcements

—Prayer Time

## BUSINESS SESSION

10:40—Report of Children's Home, via literature

—Report of Mount Olive College, via literature

—Report of Missions, via literature

—Report of Press, via literature

—Report of Cragmont, via literature

10:50—Reading of Minutes of Last Union for Information

—Report of Treasurer

—Other Business

—Announcements of Next Union

11:00—Minutes Read and Approved

## MORNING WORSHIP

11:10—Hymn

11:20—Special Music, Host Church

11:25—Message, the Rev. Bryant Hines

12:00—Benediction

—Adjournment and Lunch

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### CONVENTION

#### OPENING SESSION

1:30—Devotions, the Rev. Ramson McAbee

1:40—Welcome—Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Oscar Webster

—Response, the Rev. Floyd Burkey

1:45—President's Message, Mr. Ervin Foreman

2:05—Enrollment of Ministers

—Recognition of Visiting Ministers

—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates

—Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks

—Announcements

—Offering for Children's Home

—Offertory Prayer

2:10—Suggestions and Information for the betterment of Sunday Schools

## BUSINESS SESSION

2:15—Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information

—Treasurer's Report

—New Business

—Minutes Read and Approved

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

2:30—Special Music, Host Church

2:40—Benediction and Adjournment

## LEAGUE CONVENTION

7:30—Devotions, Mr. Ray Collier

7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.

—Appointment of Digest Committee

—Offering

—Roll Call of Leagues

—Sword Drill

—Hymn

—Recognition of Ministers

—Announcements

—Special Music, Host Church

—League Program

—Minutes of Last Convention

—Business Period

—Report of Digest Committee

—Awarding of Banners and Picture

—Treasurer's Report

—Adjournment

—Pianist, Miss Wendy Reynolds

## NORTHERN CHURCH

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that will train them in the knowledge of the Word of God. Too many times the church provides a social meeting, rather than one where the main dish is God's Word.

Recreation and socials are important, but you will never change teenager into the image of God without looking daily in the Word of God. Only the Holy Spirit, through the Word of God, can produce the right kind of characteristics one should have.) The camp fire is always special.

Sunday night, August 5, belonged to the campers that attended Cragmont. They shared with our people what Cragmont had meant to them. Some of them were saved. Some of them gave themselves to God for full-time Christian service.

I would like to say "Thanks, Uncle J. B., for the opportunity to carry our young people to a camp where the most important thing is the Bible."

Hey, why don't you start making your plans to go with us next year the Young People's Bible Conference!

## Coming Events .

September—Entire Month Designated the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month

September 20—Eastern District Woman Auxiliary Fall Convention

September 22—Central District Woman Auxiliary Fall Convention, at Harrel Chapel church near Snow Hill

September 30—Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention

September 30—Central Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention

October 11—Albemarle District Woman Auxiliary Convention meets at Sidon Free Will Baptist Church Route Belhaven.

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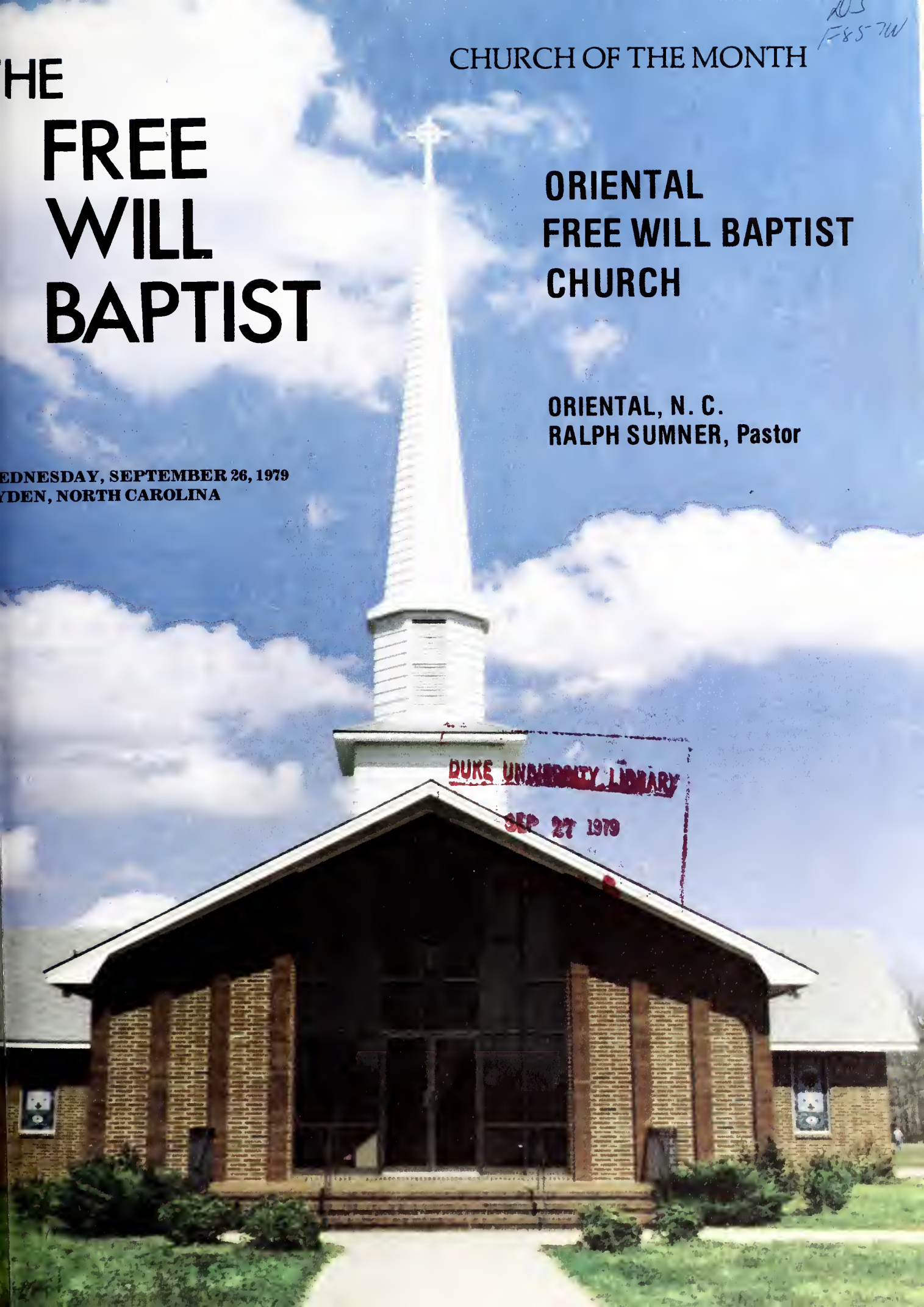
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# Editorial . . .

## INTENT ON CONSUMING OUR CHURCH?

By the Rev. Beverly Ballard

*"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments men" (Matthew 15:9).*

*"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matthew 7:15).*

We watched and listened with interest recently part of program in which a Catholic priest spoke of a charismatic movement in the Catholic church. We also have heard promotion talks by so-called learned men in a large confederation of churches advocating an ecumenical church.

We do not judge the sincerity of these men. We would certainly not condemn those who wish to be heard on matters foreign to our own beliefs. We stand behind our freedom of worship, given to us by the founding fathers of our nation.

However, it behooves us to sound a warning, even as Christ did (see above Scriptures) so that our people can recognize some of the false doctrines attempting to creep into our homes and our churches.

The "bicycling brothers" who are seen in pairs on main streets of our cities, attempting to get into the doors of churches and unchurched alike, will do everything ethical, unethical, and anything they can get by with legally, to shove their doctrines down people's throats.

If Free Will Baptists and all fundamentalists put as much in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ as the Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses and some other groups do in spreading their man-based doctrines, ours would be a denomination unparalleled by other Protestants.

As we listened to the Catholic priest (first paragraph), we were wondering how charismatic their church in South America was when they persecuted Protestant missionaries in the field and put many to death because of their standing by their convictions just a few short years ago.

As for the false prophets, how do we turn these away from our homes? First, the same knob that we use to turn on our television sets is used to turn them off. Why subject our youth to such teachings?

We were recently asked by a neighbor just how to get rid of a couple of young fellows who, after getting a foot in the door, kept returning and kept hammering away at the doctrines of the

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# History of Oriental Free Will Baptist Church

by Bill Mason and Dolly M. Spruill

ORIENTAL Free Will Baptist Church records its beginning with a deed dated July 30, 1900, and recorded November 30, 1900. It was from Thomas H. Carmine to the Trustees of the Eastern Union District Free Will Baptist Church of Pamlico County, North Carolina, and was as follows: R. L. Thornton, J. W. Sanders, and Simon Hill, for a lot 115 x 100 feet on the corner of Broad and Main Streets in Oriental for the sum of \$150.

Riley Sawyer was hired to build the church during 1901 and 1902. Dean Lumber Company of Pamlico furnished part of the lumber which was carried to Oriental by boat. The church was partially completed, dedicated in November, 1901, by the Rev. Jesse Bennett, father of the Rev. Calvin Bennett and grandfather of the Rev. J. Randell Bennett of Weldon and Bridgeton. Elder Redding L. Corbitt held services in the new church during 1902 and 1903, and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hill.

Thomas J. Sawyer of Merritt, with Riley Sawyer's help, built the parsonage on his land close by the church on Main Street during 1903 and 1904. Thomas J. Sawyer was Virginia Sawyer Mason's grandfather. The Rev. George C. Vause was the first minister to live in the new parsonage and held services from 1904 to 1908.

R. R. Allen was the first clerk 1902 to 1904, and Simon Hill was the treasurer. J. L. Edwards was clerk 1904-1905. I. W. Swindell was clerk 1906-1912, and J. W. Sanders was the treasurer.

The first trustees were R. L. Thornton, Simon Hill, and J. W. Sanders in 1900. Jesse Peed was elected trustee in 1903, Rufus Allen and I. W. Swindell were elected trustees in 1908.

The first deacons were Simon Hill, Will Sanders, and R. R. Allen. Other deacons elected were I. W. Swindell, J. L. Edwards, and Rufus Allen.

The Rev. W. W. Lewis, pastor from 1908 to 1912, was the last minister to live in the parsonage. The church did not have a regular pastor from 1912 to 1922, but different ministers held services at different times through these years.

After the church ceased to use the parsonage, Thomas J. Sawyer gave it to his granddaughter, Emma Caroon Armstrong; Mrs. Bessie Griffin lives there now.

The Rev. J. P. Woodard from Stonewall held some services in the church beginning in 1916. In the fall of 1922, Mrs. Annie Whitehurst, Mr. J. W. Sanders, Mrs. D. L. Paris, Miss Pearl O'Neal, Mrs. J. H. Mason, and Mrs. Minnie Goodwin with others had a

meeting and hired the Rev. J. P. Woodard to be the regular pastor and to hold services the second Sunday in each month. Mr. Woodard held services through the twenties until 1932. We had good church attendance and everyone thought a lot of Mr. Woodard. He was Clerk of Court in Bayboro at the same time.

In 1922 the following trustees were elected: J. W. Sanders, E. R. Goodwin, and Mrs. Annie Whitehurst. In 1924 J. H. Mason, Mrs. B. S. Paris, and Mrs. Annie Whitehurst were elected as trustees. From 1928-1936 W. G. Kemp, J. A. Langley, and Mrs. Annie Whitehurst were elected as trustees.

Mrs. Annie Whitehurst's family were great workers in the church. Her daughter, Mrs. Edith Kemp, played the piano in the church from 1924 to 1976. Whatever the Free Will Baptist Church found to do Mrs. Whitehurst and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goodwin, and Mrs. Edith Kemp were always there helping and taking part in it.

E. R. Goodwin, J. W. Sanders, and J. H. Mason were appointed in 1924 to have new windows put in the church, new steps, and some other things fixed.

The following were clerks and treasurers from 1922 to 1948:

Verdie Hopkins, clerk, 1922; Seaton Allen, clerk, 1923; E. R. Goodwin, clerk, 1924-26; Carrie Mason, clerk, 1927; Thelma Lee Mason, clerk, 1928; Mrs. Edith Kemp, clerk, 1929; Mrs. W. J. King, clerk, 1930-32; Mrs. Minnie Goodwin, 1932-1948; Pearl O'Neal, treasurer, 1922-24; Ada Mason, treasurer, 1925; Lucy Barker, treasurer, 1926-27; E. R. Goodwin, treasurer, 1928-29; and Mrs. Minnie Goodwin, treasurer, 1930-1948.

Mr. J. W. Sanders, Seaton Allen, Mrs. Annie Whitehurst, Mrs. Tingle, and C. B. Taylor, were deacons from 1922 to 1936. E. R. Goodwin, Seth Sanders, and William Mason were elected deacons in 1936, and Henry Barker in 1944.

They sold the vacant lot next to the church in 1933 to Mrs. Bessie Griffin for \$250. The church had only been using it for picnic tables and outdoor meetings.

Wind and rain of the 1933 storm floated the church around facing Broad Street, blew off the steeple and part of the roof, and blew out some windows. We moved the church back around facing Main Street and put on a new roof. We also capped the steeple over for the time being and replaced the windows with some new ones from High Point, North Carolina.

The Oriental Free Will Baptist Church did not have a regular pastor from 1933 to 1945, but quite a number

of different ministers held services during these years.

The Rev. Eric Gaskill held lots of meetings from 1932 to 1936, and we would always have a full house. In the forties, around 1944, the Rev. Willie Anderson from Morehead City started holding services at Oriental Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. L. E. Ballard from the Western part of the state began holding regular services at Oriental in 1946 and 1947.

In 1948, E. R. Goodwin, J. H. Mason, Seth Sanders, Henry Barker, William Mason, and Garland Fulcher were appointed to almost rebuild the church.

A new steeple was added, new windows put in, the outside was brick veneered, Sunday school classrooms were built, Ceiletex installed, new hardwood floors were added with rugs in the aisle and pulpit, and a new piano was bought. Mrs. Whitehurst gave a new communion service table. Sunday school and Auxiliary meetings were begun.

The Rev. W. L. Moretz was our minister from 1948 to 1955. He would drive all the way from Swannanoa to Oriental. The Rev. R. L. Edwards was our pastor from 1956-1957.

In 1957 through 1967 the church had the following officers:

The Rev. Clinton Upton, 1957-62; Mrs. George Lee, clerk, 1948-52; Mrs. Evelin Barker, clerk, 1953; Johnny Pittman, clerk, 1954; Mrs. Nellie Norman, clerk, 1955-1957; Mrs. Bertha Thompson, clerk, 1957-67; Mrs. Evelin Barker, treasurer, 1948-50; Seth Sanders, treasurer, 1950-52; William Mason, treasurer, 1952-58; Glenn Woodard, treasurer, 1959-67; J. H. Mason and Johnny Pittman were elected deacons in 1953 with Seth Sanders, William Mason, and Henry Barker elected in the thirties, and forties; and Samuel Mason was elected in 1958.

We rebuilt our pulpit, changing it from a round front with banisters and railing to a plain square front.

In the sixties we changed some windows in the front of the church for better glass from High Point, North Carolina.

We put aluminum siding on the steeple and covered all the outside wood with aluminum siding and reinforced the bell in the steeple.

The following were officers of the church until the present:

Daniel Spruill, treasurer, 1967-68; C. P. Hunnings, treasurer, 1969-74; Charles Mason, treasurer, 1974-

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now; Nellie Norman, clerk, 1967; Madie Prescott, clerk, 1968; Dolly M. Spruill, clerk, 1969-now.

The following were elected deacons in the sixties and seventies: Dallas Spruill, Garland Fulcher, C. P. Hunnings, Brantley Norman, Ralph Broughton, Tom Caroon, Harold L. Stephenson, Bradfore Hodges, and Charles Mason. Harold Lloyd Stephens was treasurer of the building of the parsonage.

The following have served as our pastors:

E. E. Edwards, 1962-1966; M. E. Godwin, 1966-1970; Carol B. Hansley, 1970-1972; Norman Malone, 1972-1973; Alton Mason, 1973-1975; A. B. Chandler, 1975-1977; and Ralph Sumner, 1977-present.

On Sunday morning, January 25, 1970, our church was completely destroyed by fire. The alarm went in at eight a. m., and by noon the walls had fallen. The large bell in the steeple fell to the ground and was badly cracked. That and the communion service were all we had left. We cleaned the bell and had a brick standard built on the new church site and placed it there. The communion service was at my home at the time.

The ashes of our church building were still hot and glowing when our pastor, the Rev. M. E. Godwin, called a meeting of church members together at the First Baptist Church, to make plans for a place to hold our services. All of the other churches of the town at this time kindly offered the use of their churches. A committee of three was appointed to work out a plan whereby we could carry on our services. They were Brothers Garland Fulcher, Dallas Spruill, and C. P. Hunnings.

The following week Mr. John W. Bond of Oriental and stockholder of the Dolphin Company, a new development in our town, spoke to some of the committee and mentioned the possibility of securing a lot in this new development, "Sea Vista," of which Mr. Hoover Taft of Greenville was president. A meeting was held that week and two more members, Brother William Mason and Brother Harry Mason were added. It was learned at this meeting that Mr. J. W. Cowell Jr. of Bayboro had extended to us the use of the old Oriental service center and adjoining apartment for our services. We will always be grateful to Mr. Cowell for his kindness. He also helped on our new building. It helped to keep us together and gave us the initiative to really go to work. In two weeks after the loss of our church we were having services in our "little chapel." The Rev. Graham Lane and many other pastors, laymen, and churches helped us in many ways. The Davis church and Camp Vandemere gave us pews to use and hymnals.

On April 23, 1970, a groundbreaking service was held on the present site. Mr. John Bond acting for the Dolphin Company presented to Brother Dallas Spruill a deed to our church for the lot in Sea Vista. About the middle of May, the foundation was laid by the plans drawn up by Brother Garland Fulcher and accepted by the church.

It was a happy and thankful congregation led by our pastor, the Rev. Carol B. Hansley, that assembled in the sanctuary on the morning of June 27, 1971, for our first worship service in our new church. Of course, we didn't have everything finished and we had a large debt to pay, but we knew with God's help we could do it.

On July 25, 1971, we held a consecration service under the leadership of Brother Hansley. Many friends, former pastors, and members came to worship and fellowship with us on this joyous occasion.

On September 25, 1972, two young members of the church, Brother M. N. Caroon and Brother Harold L. Stephenson initiated a project to build a parsonage. The church gave their consent and a six-room brick home was built on a lot given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Garland Fulcher, located in the Fulcher development, not far from the church.

We were host to the Mount Olive College Weekend Retreat in the spring and fall. We enjoyed having them very much and received a blessing in being with them especially in the Saturday night service and the fellowship.

In 1978 we had a special day to honor Mrs. Edith Kemp who had been our organist for over 60 years with very few absences. Many of her friends were there to honor her. One of her long-time friends whom she had accompanied many times for solos was Mr. W. J. Smith. Many told a few things they had shared with her and each presented her with a long-stemmed red rose. The church presented her a lovely plaque engraved appropriately.

On April 30, 1978, under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Ralph Sumner, we had our day of dedication for the church and parsonage, all debts having been paid. Brother Garland Fulcher and Brother Harold L. Stephenson presented the cancelled notes to the trustees, Brothers Glenn Woodard, William Mason, and Dallas Spruill to be burned. Brother Harold L. Stephenson gave the prayer of praise and thanksgiving. After lunch the trumpet call to assembly was given by Mr. Harris, band instructor at Pamlico County High School, and some of his students. The program commitment was given by Sisters Dolly Spruill, Sylvia Norman, Nellie Norman, Beulah Hunnings, Linda Caroon, Paulette Stephenson, and Bertha Thompson.

We had a lot of help in these past seven years, and are eternally grateful, especially for the prayers of so many.

We thank God and give Him the praise and glory for all we have. We have had some problems, but we didn't expect a rose garden; however, with His help we have overcome them, and know as long as we name the name of Christ as our Lord and Saviour we can and will keep on keeping on.

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## NOTICE

**This year the Bible Bowl Quiz will be based on the Bible, our Foreign Missions, and the book, "Missions in the Free Will Baptist Church" by the Rev. C. F. Bowen. This book is free for the asking, just write to the Rev. Joseph Ingram, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530. There will be a total of 158 questions, and they are now ready. Your district chairman will have copies of the rules, or you may write for the rules and questions to Mrs. Edna Fowler, P. O. Box 164, Cumberland, North Carolina 28331; phone (919) 425-7873.**

## "DISCOURAGED"

By Mary Edwards

Elizabeth City, North Carolina

When you are down and have no place to go,

Just remember God cares and also He knows;

Don't get discouraged and fall along the way,

Just pray to God, He'll hear what you say.

So many times when we feel like giving up,

That's when you ask God to fill your cup:

Pick up the pieces and put away foolish pride,

Because God is a true God and He's by your side.

Sometimes we think no one understands,

But trust in God and He'll hold your hand;

We all have trials and tribulations I'm sure,

So look and pray to God, for the strength to endure.

Oftentimes I find myself with too much pride,

But God reminds me that He's by my side;

He gives me strength and courage to keep on going,

Sometimes I can feel it through my body flowing.

So don't get down, and lose your faith,

Because you want to make it through the gate;

Cheer up and pray to Him for His love,

He'll guide you to Heaven's home above.

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Now is the time to renew your subscription.

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## ALLEN TO VISIT HIGH SCHOOLS

David Allen, Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will visit in the following high schools next week. Free Will Baptist students attending these schools are invited to come by and bring their friends.

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| October 1 | Apex Senior High School<br>Cary Senior High School<br>Athens Drive Senior High School                        |
| October 2 | Wake Forest-Rolesville Senior High School<br>Zebulon High School<br>Sanderson Senior High School             |
| October 3 | Garner Senior High School<br>Fuquay Senior High School<br>Broughton Senior High School<br>Ravenscroft School |
| October 4 | East Wake Senior High School<br>Enloe Senior High School<br>Millbrook Senior High School                     |
| October 5 | Dunn High School<br>Harnett Central High School<br>Western Harnett High School                               |

## MRS. RILEY TO VISIT IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, Associate Director of Admissions, will visit in the following high schools next week. Free Will Baptist students attending these high schools are invited to come by and bring their friends.

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| October 8  | Southern Alamance High School<br>Graham High School<br>Bartley-Yancey High School<br>Morehead High School |
| October 11 | Williams High School<br>Hugh M. Cummings High School<br>Western and Eastern Alamance High Schools         |
| October 12 | Rockingham County Senior High School<br>Stoneville High School  |

## MRS. RILEY TO SPEAK

Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will speak at Winterville Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, September 30, at the 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services.

The Rev. Bobby Futrell is pastor.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College,

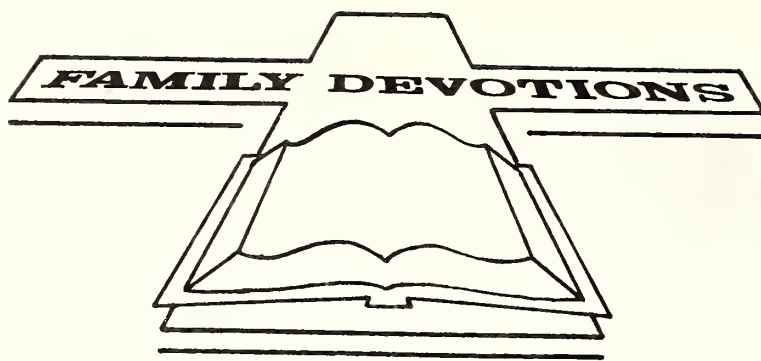
will speak at May's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Dudley for the homecoming worship service Sunday, September 30, at 11 a.m.

## NEW CREATIONS



The New Creations for the 1979-80 academic year consist of eight young women and three young men who love the Lord and wish to serve Him by sharing their testimony through gospel music. The membership of the group as pictured are, first row, left to right, Charlene Richardson from Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church in Beaufort County; Nancy Boykin and Debbie Sharp from Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson; Em Simpson from Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Lucama; Shirley White from Ahoskie; and Lynette Turner from Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro. On the back row, left to right, are Avis Holland from Goldsboro; David Merritt of Fayetteville; David Paul of Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church; and Tony Souder of Trent Free Will Baptist Church. Absent when this picture was taken was Sheri Slaughter from Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church in Newport. If you would like to schedule this group to give a program of gospel music in your church, call Miss Caroline Castelloe at 658-2502 (College) or 658-5711 (home).





## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Scripture Reading—Matthew  
26:36-47

### THE TEACHER'S PRAYER

Lord, who am I to teach the way  
To little children, day by day—  
So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them knowledge—but I  
know  
How faint they flicker and how  
low—  
The candles of my knowledge  
glow.

I teach them power to will and  
do—  
But only now to learn anew  
My own great weakness through  
and through.

I teach them love for all mankind  
And all God's creatures—but I  
find  
My love comes lagging still  
behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be,  
O let the little children see  
The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Those of us who would lead or  
direct others in godly ways must  
depend largely on the Heavenly  
Father's guidance for our own  
lives. Let us ever draw close to  
Him lest we instruct others  
wrongly.*

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Scripture Reading—1 Thes-  
salonians 5:12-28

### MORNING PRAYERS

Father, we thank Thee for the  
night,  
And for the pleasant morning  
light  
For rest and food and loving care,  
And all that makes the world so  
fair.

Help us to do the things we should,  
To be to others kind and good,  
In all we do in work and play  
To grow more loving every day.  
Amen.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Every day should begin with a  
prayer of thanksgiving and  
guidance. We cannot do His work  
without preparation.*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Scripture Reading—Leviticus  
19:15-20

### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Let me be a little kinder;  
Let me be a little blinder  
To the faults of those about me;  
Let me praise a little more.

Let me be, when I am weary,  
Just a little bit more cheery;  
Let me serve a little better  
Those whom I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver  
When temptation bids me waver;  
Let me strive a little harder  
To be all that I should be.

Let me be a little meeker,  
With the brother who is weaker,  
Let me think more of my neighbor  
And a little less of me.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Loving one's neighbor involve  
more than doing good deeds for  
him. It involves living a good  
example, also. Many souls are  
discouraged from the true path  
because we are traveling amiss.*

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 8  
30-35

### MY INFLUENCE

My life shall touch a dozen lives  
before this day is done,  
Leave countless marks for good  
or ill ere sets the evening sun,  
This is the wish I always wish, th  
prayer I always pray;  
Lord, may my life help other  
lives it touches by the way.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*We each touch somebody  
sometime, during our earthl  
journey. May we be careful that  
our influence is of the Christian  
kind. The rewards here and  
hereafter are immeasurable.*

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Scripture Reading—John 1:1-10

### DISCOVER

I cannot invent  
New things,  
Like the airships  
Which sail  
On silver wings;  
But today  
A wonderful thought  
In the dawn was given,  
And the stripes on my robe,  
Shining from wear,  
Were suddenly fair,  
Bright with a light.  
Falling from Heaven—  
Gold and silver and bronze  
Light from the windows of  
Heaven.  
And the thought  
Was this:  
That a secret plan  
Is hid in my hand,  
That my hand is big  
Big.  
Because of this plan.  
That God,  
Who dwells in my hand,

Knows this secret plan  
Of the things He will do for the  
world.  
Using my hand!

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*God works through His faithful servants to accomplish His spiritual deeds. Let us make certain that we are proper instruments through which He can work. If He would use our hands, they must be dedicated.*

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:  
1-8

#### THE BIBLE

The Bible is one of the solid facts of Christianity.

What it is, is not affected by what men think of it.

Changing opinions about the Bible do not change the Bible.

Whatever the Bible was, the Bible is.

And what it is, it has always been.

It is not men's thoughts about the Bible that judge it.

It is the Bible which judges men and their thoughts.

It has nothing to fear but ignorance and neglect.

And the church need have no other fear on its account.

The Bible will take care of itself if . . . *the church will distribute it and get it read.*

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible has stood for ages; and it will live on—in the hearts and minds of Christians—though the physical might of mankind may destroy it. It is indeed the living book. His Word can never be destroyed!*

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 8:1-5

#### HOW TO HANDLE THE BIBLE

Get everything out of it,  
Do not read anything into it,  
Let nothing remain unread in it.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible: protect it as a valued treasure; defend it as a precious possession; feed on it as the bread of life; commit its teachings to memory; take its author to heart!*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

#### "A BORN PERSON"

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

Can you imagine being asked by someone, "Are you a born person? That would seem rather silly, wouldn't it? You would probably say, "Well it's perfectly obvious, isn't it? How could I be here if I had not been born? Do you know some other way that I could get into this world other than being born? And it is equally puzzling when someone asks, "Are you a born-again Christian?" I wonder, is there some other way to become a Christian?

Of course, I know that there is a common and seemingly logical reply to this: "Well, so many people are just church members, so we need to find out whether they actually are Christians." But does the addition of "born again" determine that a person is a "true Christian," or does it mean something else? Could it be that to one person, "born again" means "saved by grace alone," to another, "baptized in the Holy Spirit," to yet another, "fully committed to personal religion with no involvement in social concerns at all." And does "born again" relate to men's pre-millennial, amillennial, charismatic, or anti-charismatic ideas?

Unless "born again" is a more definitive term than "Christian," what help is it in identification? If we start adding adjectives to "Christian," where will we ever stop? We might end up asking, "Are you a convicted, repented, confessing, believing, baptized, Communion-taking, Sunday-keeping, tithing, Scripture-memo-

rizing, praying, nondenominational, New Testament, in the chain-of-authority Christian?"

We need to emphasize what the Bible says. If it's in the Bible then it is the language of the Bible. You must be born again, and Christians are in the Scriptures. But the phrase, born-again Christian, is not in the Bible. If we lack confidence in the meaning inherent in the name "Christian," we'd better try to make that term clear. We only cloud the issue by adding words. It's great to be just a Christian.

#### NOTICE

All churches which have not as yet turned in their letter of report to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists are urged to do so soon.

These letters should be completed as accurately as possible. Incomplete or inaccurate reports will be reflected in the information published in the 1980 Yearbook.

If your church has not mailed in its report I urge you to do so no later than October 15. If you should need report blanks, please let me know. Mail all inquiries and reports to me at the State Convention's address listed below.

Gary M. Bailey, Secretary  
North Carolina State Convention  
Original Free Will Baptists  
P. O. Box 362  
Ayden, North Carolina 28513

#### PREACHER'S DIARY

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

A lot of people have little or no regard for the Golden Rule because they don't understand it.

It does not promise that every person will return your love and respect.



# Cragmont Assembly

Submitted by Virginia Skinner, Treasurer  
 (\*Funds submitted through State Woman's Auxiliary Treasury.)

<p>Balance Brought Forward August 1, 1979 <span style="float: right;">\$ 2,903.04</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Receipts</b></p> <p><b>Albemarle Conference</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">District Sunday School Convention <span style="float: right;">\$ 7.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Free Union <span style="float: right;">49.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Shiloh <span style="float: right;">11.40</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Union Chapel <span style="float: right;"><u>28.56</u></span></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 95.96</b></p> <p><b>Cape Fear Conference</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Bethel <span style="float: right;">\$ 28.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Johnston Union <span style="float: right;">155.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Woman's Auxiliary <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Lee's Chapel <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Pleasant Grove <span style="float: right;">100.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Shady Grove <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Smithfield, First <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Yelverton Grove <span style="float: right;"><u>120.00</u></span></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>483.00</b></p> <p><b>Central Conference</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Mrs. L. E. Ballard, rocking chairs <span style="float: right;">200.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">for: Mrs. Gladys Pounds</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mrs. Winifred Holt, in honor of Elizabeth Hill</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mrs. Emma P. Coltrain</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mrs. Omega Starling</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Carolyn S. Allen</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mrs. J. T. Beddard</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mrs. Bessie Pope</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mrs. Elizabeth Raynor</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Black Jack (in honor of Mrs. Minnie Bailey) <span style="float: right;">7.50</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Community Woman's Auxiliary <span style="float: right;">15.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Dawson's Grove <span style="float: right;">10.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Dilda's Grove Woman's Auxiliary <span style="float: right;">10.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Edgewood <span style="float: right;">15.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Free Union Friendship <span style="float: right;">19.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sunday School <span style="float: right;">25.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Greenville, First <span style="float: right;">500.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Grimsley <span style="float: right;">50.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Hickory Grove Laymen's League <span style="float: right;">25.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Reedy Branch Fidelis Memorial Sunday School Class <span style="float: right;">10.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sunday School <span style="float: right;">25.64</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Second Union <span style="float: right;">13.59</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tarboro, First Hilda Sasser Circle <span style="float: right;">25.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Rose of Sharon <span style="float: right;">100.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Winterville YWA <span style="float: right;"><u>15.00</u></span></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$1,080.73</b></p> <p><b>Eastern Conference</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Arapahoe <span style="float: right;">\$ 200.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Bethel <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p>	<p>*Bethlehem <span style="float: right;">125.00</span></p> <p>*Deep Run <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p>Fifth Sunday School Convention Hillsberry <span style="float: right;">10.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">The Rev. Ronnie Parker <span style="float: right;">100.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Holly Springs <span style="float: right;">500.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Woman's Auxiliary <span style="float: right;">97.54</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Jackson Heights <span style="float: right;">62.18</span></p> <p>*Macedonia <span style="float: right;">12.50</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Pearsall Chapel <span style="float: right;">65.00</span></p> <p>*Russell's Chapel <span style="float: right;">6.00</span></p> <p>*Sound View <span style="float: right;">15.00</span></p> <p>*St. Mary's Wardens Grove <span style="float: right;">50.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Wardens Grove <span style="float: right;">138.05</span></p> <p>*Westside <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p>*Whaley's Chapel <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p>*White Oak Grove <span style="float: right;"><u>20.00</u></span></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1,481.27</b></p> <p><b>Western Conference</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">First Union <span style="float: right;">\$ 150.00</span></p> <p>*Kenly <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Milbournie <span style="float: right;">23.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Mt. Zion (Nash County) <span style="float: right;">75.00</span></p> <p>*Pine Level <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p>*Piney Grove Pleasant Grove <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">L.A.S. <span style="float: right;">25.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Pleasant Plain YFA <span style="float: right;">38.50</span></p> <p>*Rock Springs <span style="float: right;">10.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Rosebud <span style="float: right;">100.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Selma <span style="float: right;">25.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">*Woman's Auxiliary (in honor of Mrs. Raymond Sasser) <span style="float: right;">10.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">St. Mary's AFC <span style="float: right;">300.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">AFC <span style="float: right;">25.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stancil's Chapel <span style="float: right;">170.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stoney Creek Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser <span style="float: right;">25.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Sherron Acres <span style="float: right;">100.00</span></p> <p>*Trinity <span style="float: right;">20.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Unity, Durham <span style="float: right;">25.00</span></p> <p>*Wilson, First <span style="float: right;"><u>50.00</u></span></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1,231.50</b></p> <p><b>Others</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">North Carolina Free Will Baptist Ministerial Association (\$100.00 in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Doug Skinner) <span style="float: right;">\$1,020.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Burrus Insurance Agency, return premium <span style="float: right;">110.00</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">William D. Fryar Jr. <span style="float: right;">50.00</span></p> <p>*State Auxiliary Convention (1 sq. ft. in honor of Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, 1 sq. ft. in honor of Mrs. Rachel Duncan) <span style="float: right;">95.83</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Sidney P. Clark Jr. <span style="float: right;">434.74</span></p> <p>*North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Christian Service Fund <span style="float: right;"><u>158.05</u></span></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$1,868.62</b></p> <p>Total receipts from Churches and Individuals <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ 6,24</b></span></p>
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Withdrawal from Savings 4,600.00  
 Total for Which to Account

**Disbursements**

Operational Expenses \$ 559.62  
 Penlands Stop and Shop, rockers 66.56  
 Discount Foam and  
 Fabrics, pillows 187.20  
 H. Donald Scott, Auditor 327.50  
 C. Cliff Meyer, Inc., final  
 Payment 4,502.73  
\$13,744.12

Transfer to General Savings 2,300.00  
 Transfer to Building Fund 3,239.87  
 Total Disbursements  
 Balance on Hand, September 1, 1979

\$11,183.48  
\$ 2,560.64

**Earmarked Funds**

General Fund \$2,560.64  
 General Savings 3,340.50  
 Main Building Fund 4,004.09  
 Total in Bank, September 1, 1979  
\$9,905.23

**MORE NEWS  
 ABOUT CRAGMONT**

Summer is over and fall is creeping upon us. All of our workers except two have returned home. Wanda Sweat and Sid Clark have remained here to work this fall and continue their education at Mars Hill College. We are so grateful for their help.

When the conference season ended, we began the weekend retreat phase of our work. On our first weekend, 20 people from the Arapahoe church traveled ten long hours to stay with us four days, August 18-21. During the next weekend, August 24-26, there were 70 young people here: 48 from Stencil's Chapel church and 22 from Lee's Chapel. Our faithful Labor Day weekend retreaters, Elwood Lane church, increased their crowd to 43 this year. We are expecting good numbers during the remainder of the weekend retreats. As has been stated before, each weekend through December 2 is already booked and filled for weekend retreats. However there may be room for a few overnight guests during those weekends. Please call ahead to make reservations before coming to the mountains this fall.

Thanks to your support, Cragmont has made the final payment to the contractor upon the new main building. We delayed the final payment for a few months until the last touches were made to the building. However, that does not mean we are "home-free" yet. Our \$275,000 loan from Church Finance for this building has to be paid back. The first payment of \$35,543.68 has to be paid by November 14. We have a long way

to go and a short time to make it. Our prayers are that God will have His will done in this matter. Your finances are our life-support right now. Many are still buying square-feet of the building with many donations given in honor or memory of someone. Others are giving enough to furnish a room. There are several ways you can

make your donation to Cragmont, but only as God would lead you.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Continue to support Cragmont through your prayers, finances, and your visits. May God bless you all.

In His service,  
 The Rev. Doug Skinner  
 Manager

**STATE WIDE  
 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**

**Theme: "Communicating the Love of God to People"**

Sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention of  
 Original Free Will Baptists

**November 28, 29, 1979**

**Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church  
 Wilson, North Carolina**

**Open to Everyone, Ministers and Laymen**

More Information Will Be Announced Later



## The Rev. Ed Miles

CASEY'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Wilson, North Carolina honors its pastor this week, the Rev. Ed Miles. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A PASTOR, FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

by Mrs. Elizabeth H. Casey



*The Rev. Ed Miles*

We, the members of Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina, have been blessed in having the service of the Rev. Ed Miles as our pastor. He came to us from the Children's Home and began his work here in August 1971. Many inspirational messages have been brought to us during these eight years. He built his home in our community, and we are fortunate in having had him here serving as pastor, friend, and neighbor.

Brother Miles has been very active in our community, working in the Grange and serving as Chaplain of the Elroy Fire Department. Whenever a member or neighbor is sick, whether at home or in a hospital, he is always ready to visit and offer prayer, encouragement

and help in any way possible. He offers comfort and sympathy in times of trouble and bereavement. Wherever the need, he is faithful to answer the call.

His intense interest in foreign mission work and his love for the lost led him and Mrs. Miles to accept the call to supply for Missionaries Wayne and Deborah King in the Philippines while they were in the states due to illness. Our church granted him a leave of absence for a few months for this very worthy cause. Prior to his mission work, Mr. Miles served part-time in the church and taught school at Goldsboro Junior High. When he returned and resumed his work, the church changed to full-time.

During his ministry, some improvements have been made. The sanctuary has been remodeled, and air-conditioning, carpet, lights, new pulpit furniture and pews have been added. New lighting and carpet has also been added to the fellowship hall.

Brother Miles is married to the former Bessie Floyd of Olanta, South Carolina, and they have three children, Windy, Gail, and Mitch.

Mrs. Miles has been a faithful pastor's wife, assisting him in every way possible. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miles teach Sunday school classes, Mr. Miles having formed a very important class of Senior High and College Students. Mrs. Miles is

active in the Woman's Auxiliary and also sings in the adult choir.

Brother Miles will be leaving us in September to serve another church. We pray God's blessings on him and the church as he assumes his duties there.

We thank God for all the good that has been accomplished under his leadership, and we pray that he may continue to serve in a way that is pleasing to God. We feel that his choice as Pastor of the Week is a well-deserved honor.

## Coming Events .

September—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month

September 30—Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention

September 30—Central Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention

October—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Superannuation Month

October 3—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention

October 6—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention

October 10—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention

October 11—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention meets at Sidne Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven.

October 18—Western Conference, Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama

October 20—Pee Dee Association Annual Meeting, Mission Valley Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus County

October 24, 25—Eastern Conference

October 27—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention

Why not give  
The Free Will Baptist  
as a gift?

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For October 7

## Christ Gives Meaning to Life

**Lesson Text:** Philippians 1:19-30  
**Memory Verse:** Philippians 1:21

### INTRODUCTION

Paul was a prisoner in Rome, but he was not in prison. He was allowed to rent a home to live in. He had to have a soldier for a roommate, perhaps fastened to him with a chain, but still it was better than jail. What pleased Paul most was not the comfort of his own house, but the opportunity to teach (Acts 28:30, 31).

On the other hand, his privileges had some disadvantages. He had to pay rent and probably had to provide his own food and clothing as well. He had to depend on contributions to meet these expenses. Would any contributions come to a missionary who was a prisoner?

Yes, some did come. Among others, the Christians in far-off Philippi sent a messenger with their offering. And Paul sent a receipt. "I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you" (Philippians 4:18). What "things" did Epaphroditus carry on that long journey? It would hardly be possible to send a box of cookies or pie. Money would be appropriate, of course. But one wonders if the messenger carried a costly cloak from the store of Lydia, a seller of purple (Acts 16:14). Blankets, towels—what other gifts of love might be sent on such a trip? Did Epaphroditus carry a pack on his back all the way, or did he have a donkey or

camel? All these details are unknown, but the love and generosity of the Philippians shine across the world and across the centuries.

Paul's letter to the Philippians is his thank-you note. See how full his gratitude is from the very beginning of the letter (Philippians 1:3).

After his first burst of thanks and his prayer for the Philippians, Paul assured them that his imprisonment had helped the spread of the gospel in two ways. First, the story of this preacher prisoner had spread through the palace (v. 13). Many think this means the palace guard. Those who guarded Paul spread his news among their companions. Second, Paul's imprisonment had made other Christians bolder in preaching the gospel (v. 14). He does not explain just how this came about. Perhaps they were bolder because they saw that Paul was not suffering severely. Perhaps they were making an extra effort because they knew it would make him feel better. Some, however, hoped their preaching would make him feel worse. They wanted to destroy his influence and increase their own. Paul refused to be dismayed by this. Whatever the motives of the preachers, Paul was glad the gospel was being preached (vv. 15-18).—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Some church members do a lot of talking about their religion, and little else; some want things to happen for Christ and the

church, but let it go at that. Thank God for those who work at the tasks of the kingdom and are dependable in every good work. These are the ones who are truly living for Christ.

B. Are you one of those Christians who have a winter religion? These are those whose ardor lessens in the summer. As the mercury in the thermometer goes up their Christian enthusiasm goes down.

C. Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ." A lot of Christians live for pleasure; many live for wealth, to amass a fortune; others are inclined to seek popularity at the risk of losing their convictions; still others want fame and the prestige that goes with it. Each of the above is all right as long as it does not interfere with something greater: conforming our wills to Christ's.

D. Many Christians find no difficulty in living for Christ until the dollar gets in the way. And when you think about how the dollar has decreased in value, one wonders why anyone would sacrifice the joy of dedicated Christian living for a few paltry pennies. What has happened to our sense of real values?

E. It has been pointed out that of all the various parts making up the armor of the Christian, there is none provided for the back. This shows the Christian warrior was never meant to run from his enemies, but to fight the good fight of faith, that he may lay hold on eternal life.

F. Someone has said that all the progress the world has ever known should be credited to the fellow who would not leave well enough alone. Too many church members are satisfied to see the church remain just as it was twenty-five years ago—would you say fifty? It takes a lot of Christian courage to buck these people, but it has been done. Would you like to try it? Who knows, you might really like it.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)





### **Homecoming Services Held at Otway Church**

The Otway Free Will Baptist Church congregation had its annual homecoming services, September 23, 1979. They observed the 25th year in the Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina.

Services began with Sunday school at 10 a. m. and morning worship hour at 11 a. m. During the morning worship hour special music was provided by the adult choir and the quartet of the church. The history of the church for the past 25 years was read. The Rev. J. Elmer Thompson, former pastor, delivered the morning message. Lunch on the grounds was served following the morning worship hour. An afternoon singspiration began at 2:30 featuring the Nelson Family of Harkers Island, North Carolina, and the church youth choir.

The pastor, the Rev. James Kivett and the church congregation welcomed the public to come and worship in these services with them. A special welcome was given to all former pastors and members.

### **Regular Quarterly Meeting For Laymen's League Of Central Conference**

The Laymen's League Fellowship of the Central Conference held its regular quarterly meeting on September 10 at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Greene County. A program was presented by the Rev. Stewart Humphrey, Executive Director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes. He discussed the needs being met by these institutions and the requirements of these institutions that will enable them to meet these needs.

A total attendance of 73 members and guests represented 13 churches and included 8 pastors. An offering of \$67.05 was received for home missions.

### **Eastover Mission Has Revival**

Revival services will be held at Eastover Free Will Baptist Mission on old Dunn Road, Eastover, North Carolina, beginning on September 23 throughout the week. Services will start at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Sexton Vann of Erwin, North Carolina, as the evangelist.

The pastor, the Rev. W. O. Lassiter and members request that each of you be in prayer for the revival and extend an invitation to everyone.

### **Harvest Sale At Ormondville Church**

There will be a harvest sale at the Ormondville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, on September 28 and 29 from noon until. They are going to have a country store, hot dogs, Christmas shop, popcorn, haunted house, bake sale, white elephant sale, craft shop, film, and flower shop. Don't miss it! Come to see it for yourself!

### **Harvest Sale At Winterville Church**

The Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class will sponsor an annual harvest sale at the Winterville Fire Station on Saturday, October 6. All proceeds will go to the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church building fund. Baked goods, arts, crafts, hot dogs, soup, and other items will be on sale from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m. A gospel sing featuring the Psalms and the Gospel Chargers will begin at 6, followed by an auction at 7 p. m. There will also

be a car wash from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m.

### **Rose Hill Church To Have Homecoming**

Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 7. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m. followed by worship service at 11 a. m. The pastor, the Rev. N. Dan Beaman will bring the morning message. There will also be a memorial service during the worship service for the deceased members. Lunch will be served at noon. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

### **First Union of Western Conference to Meet**

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet Saturday, September 29, 1979, with the Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Johnston County. The host pastor, the Rev. Ashley Turner and the Union extend a cordial invitation to everyone. The Rev. John Boykin will preach the Union message.

### **Revival in Progress At St. Mary's Church**

Revival services are now in progress at the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly. The Rev. J. C. Yates, former pastor, and now the pastor of Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson, is the visiting evangelist.

Services began each evening at 7:30 and will continue through Friday evening, September 28. The nursery is open for the convenience of mothers with small children.

The public is cordially invited to worship throughout the week.

### **Second Union of Western Conference to Meet**

The Second Union of the Western Conference and Sunday School Convention will convene with Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Nashville, North

North Carolina, Saturday, September 7, 1979, at 7 p. m.

The church and its pastor, the Rev. Edgar A. Benton, invite everyone to attend.

### **Northeast Church to Have Homecoming and Revival**

Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 7. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m. followed by the morning worship service. The morning message will be brought by the Rev. Mickey Whitfield, pastor of the Warsaw Free Will Baptist Church. A special invitation is extended to all former pastors, members, and friends to attend this service. The lunch will be served at 12:30.

On Monday, October 8, revival services will begin with the Rev. Joseph Ingram, Foreign Missions Director of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, as the guest speaker. Services will begin at 7:30 p. m. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Fred Johnson.

### **First Church, Warsaw, Announces Revival**

Revival services will begin at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Warsaw, October 1-5 at 7:30 a. m. The Rev. Freddie Johnson of Mount Olive will be the evangelist for the week.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Four Oaks and is pastor of the North-east Free Will Baptist Church at Mount Olive.

The Rev. Mickey Whitfield, pastor, and the church membership invite everyone to attend.

### **Revival Services and Homecoming**

#### **at People's Chapel Church**

Revival services will be held at the People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina, October 1 through October 5. Services will begin each evening at 7:45. The Rev. Robert Langley is the

evangelist. He is pastor of Stoney Hill church.

The church will also observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 7. The Rev. Barry Gardner is pastor of the church. The public is cordially invited.

### **Western District WA Convention to Meet**

The Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Johnston County, about three and one-half miles southeast of Clayton on rural paved road 1574, October 3, 1979. The theme will be "Children—Of such is the Kingdom of God." The Scripture will be taken from Mark 10:14: ". . . Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." The scheduled program is as follows:

#### **MORNING SESSION**

- 9:15—Registration
- 9:45—Hymn, "Jesus Loves Me"
  - Devotion, Mrs. Roland Cherry
  - Welcome, Mrs. Maynard Coats
  - The President's Message, Mrs. James Joyner
- 10:15—Hymn, "Bring Them In"
  - Regular Offering
  - Missions Report, Mrs. Mark Taylor
  - Special Music, Trinity Church
  - Our Youth, Alane Vester
  - Retirement Homes, the Rev. Stewart Humphrey
  - The Children's Home, the Rev. Stewart Humphrey
  - Special Offering for the Children's Home
- 11:00—Hymn, "He Loves Me"
  - Morning Worship, Children's Home in Charge
- 12:00—Lunch

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:15—Hymn, "Give of Your Best to the Master"
  - Devotion, Mrs. Nolton Pounds
  - "Cragmont Time," Songs and Testimonies (Bring your Cragmont songbook)
  - Business Session

—Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You"

#### **2:30—Benediction**

Attention Western District Auxiliaries: Please bring a special love offering for the Children's Home. You may also bring any of the following items: pillows, bedspreads (single), towels, washcloths, large tablecloths, small round tablecloths, large trash cans with lids, small wastebaskets, etc.

### **Homecoming-Harvest Day at Robert's Grove Church**

Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming-harvest day, Sunday, October 7, 1979. Sunday school will begin at 10 a. m. under the direction of Bobby Johnson and Miles Jackson. At the 11 a. m. worship service the choir will present special music. Mrs. Susan Faircloth will be in charge of memorial services and the speaker of the hour will be Mr. Claude Moore from Mount Olive College. At the close of the service, the homecoming offering will be placed on the altar.

Lunch will be spread on the grounds and a time of joyous fellowship can be enjoyed by everyone. No afternoon service will be held.

The pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan and the church membership extend an invitation to all former pastors, members, and friends to come enjoy the day.

### **101st Cape Fear SS Convention To Meet at Powhatan Church**

The 101st Cape Fear Sunday School Convention will be held at the Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina, on October 13, 1979. Registration begins at 9:30 a. m. The theme will be "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Lunch will be served.

### **Piney Grove Church Announces Revival**

The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow and the entire congregation of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church,

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Albertson, North Carolina, wish to invite everyone to revival services to be held from October 1 through October 5. The Rev. Bobby Harrell will be the guest evangelist. Special singing will begin at 7:30 p. m.

### **Homecoming and Revival Services at Tee's Chapel Church**

Homecoming will be observed October 7 at Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Smithfield, North Carolina. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m. and the morning message will be delivered by the Rev. Billy Nowell, a former pastor.

David Rose will have a short memorial service for all the members who have passed away since last homecoming.

There will be dinner on the grounds at the noon hour. A singspiration will begin at 1 p. m. with special singing by James Johnson and the Sound of Praise of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, the Revelators and the Tyner Sisters of Smithfield, and the different choirs of the church.

The pastor, the Rev. T. C. Farmer, and the church membership extend a special invitation to all former pastors, friends and relatives to spend the day.

Revival services will begin on Monday night, October 8 through October 12 at 7:30 p. m. The evangelist is the Rev. Arnold Price, pastor of the Pleasant Grove church of Erwin, North Carolina.

Singing is planned each evening. Everyone is invited.

### **British Chapel Church Announces Revival and Homecoming**

Revival services will be held at British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church October 1 through October 5 beginning nightly at 7:30. The Rev. Travis Smith of the Chicod community will be the guest evangelist. Homecoming services will be observed October 7. Everyone is welcome.

### **Pleasant Plain To Have Revival**

Revival will be held October 1 through October 5 at the Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Selma. Services will begin each night at 7:30. The evangelist will be the Rev. Keith Cobb of Fremont Chapel church, Fremont, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser and the church membership invite everyone to attend.

### **Homecoming and Revival At Little Creek Church**

The Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church at Scuffleton, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming service October 7. Sunday school will be at 10 a. m. and the morning worship at 11 a. m. with the Rev. Frank Flowers as the speaker. Lunch will be served on the church grounds.

Revival services will be held October 7 through October 11 at 7:30 p. m. with Mr. Flowers of Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, as the speaker. There will be special music each night.

An invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

### **First Church, Greenville, to Have Revival and Homecoming**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville will have its fall revival beginning Monday, October 1 through Thursday, October 4. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Henry Armstrong. The services will begin each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Davie Brinson, extends a special invitation to the neighboring churches and their pastors to attend this revival.

On Sunday, October 7, homecoming services will be observed with dinner on the grounds at noon.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend.

### **Ormondville Church Announces Revival Services**

Revival services will be held at the Ormondville Free Will

Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayder North Carolina, October 1 through October 5. The Rev. Ra Williamson will be the evangelist. He will be assisted in the service by the Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. There will be special music and singing each night. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### **A Study Course at Black Jack Church**

The Ladies Auxiliary of Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, will sponsor study course on Friday night September 28, 1979, at 7:30 p. m. The theme will be the Woman Auxiliary Manual. The guest speakers will be Mrs. Rach Duncan and Mrs. Dola Dudley. Both of these ladies are officers of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Mrs. Duncan is the president and Mrs. Dudley is the missions chairman. The ladies from Black Jack church feel very fortunate to have these ladies. They encourage all neighboring auxiliaries to attend. The meeting will take place in the education building at the church.

### **Revival Services at Spring Hope Church**

Revival services will begin at Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, New Bern, on the Aurora road, on October 1 through October 6, at 7:30 each evening. Prayer rooms will be open at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Harry L. Bryan of New Bern will be the guest speaker. There will be special singing which includes the Prescott Family and others. The pastor, the Rev. Grady Tucker and the church membership invite everyone to attend.

### **Revival at Sound View Church**

Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 24 (10 miles west of Morehead City in Carteret County), is having revival services October 1 through October 5. The Rev. Bobby Brown is the evangelist. The time of the services is 7:30 each evening.

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ehovah's Witness sect. We answered the question by telling his person to keep his Bible handy and when they come, just meet their presence with some good basic Scriptures. We listed some for their use. We added that if this didn't do the trick, just turn them coldly away and refuse to permit them back into the home. At times, people have even found it necessary to be firm and threaten to have these intruders removed by members of law enforcement agencies. We do not feel the latter should be done except as a "last ditch" effort.

Notice in Matthew 15:9 that Christ minced no words in saying that the religious leaders of that day had transgressed the commandment of God and replaced it with the "commandments of men."

As ministers in our pulpits, we feel we should renew the sound of warning to our people to "Beware of false prophets" and the winds of false doctrines that blow hard at consuming our church.

## Attention

All Sunday school superintendents and assistants of the Cape Fear Conference make plans now with your teachers to attend the 101st Cape Fear Sunday School Convention to be held at Powhatan on October 13, 1979. Let us work together to make this a successful convention. Please return your Sunday school report back to the president.

Submitted by,  
Shirley Haun

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## CHURCHIANITY?

Well-meaning men and women, most often with the sanction and direction of clergy and officials, make trips into the country and congested urban areas to invite people to church. They are promoting church attendance, and usually explain this fact to their contacts. And they are not lazy or stingy. They do this visitation of their spare time and at their own expense.

Very recently my family was visited by such a zealot who stopped in our neighborhood. The young man seemed intent on contacting every household. We informed him as politely as we could that we had our own church which we attended and supported. He was equally polite, insisting that he wasn't trying to get people away from their own churches, but added that we'd certainly be welcome if ever we decided to visit his parish. He hastened to say that his church was large and comfortable.

We have no argument with the young man. We actually admire what he's doing, for too often it is a thankless job, a job few people want but one which a dedicated few do very well. We know the number of doors that have been closed to such efforts. Insults are possibly hurled by those who resent such invitations. Many others possibly accept such invitations, and as a result help to increase church attendance.

We wonder, though, about the many churches which are filled this way—through coercing others to attend, to join "that Father's house may be full." The trouble here is that it is quite possible that the physical house is full and the spiritual one empty. Everyone who becomes affiliated with the church, sincerity notwithstanding, does not necessarily become Christian. And again, emphasis is on numbers rather than souls, the cause seems altogether misplaced. We hasten to admit that everyone should be in church, somewhere, when it's church time. And we certainly join hands in this effort of reaching the unreached.

But, ill-advised attendance campaigns can actually stifle genuine understanding of the gospel message. Too many churches get so involved with upping their attendance that the meat of the Word is not properly presented to and digested by the congregation. There seems an ever-present attitude of reaching for "peak," a numbered goal, sometimes to the exclusion of real spiritual mountaintop experiences.

When the campaign for attendance is discontinued because of success, failure, or for some other practical reason, there seems a lull in the overall activity of the church. There results a psychological shock coupled with a spiritual one. The faithful members feel that they have missed something; and as the attendance shrinks back (and it most surely will), the parishioners begin to question the expediency of the campaign.

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# LAWRENCE LINWOOD PARKER

Submitted by Rosa Parker, Helen Parker, and Judith Hansley

**T**HE Rev. Lawrence Linwood Parker was born October 2, 1914, in Onslow County, North Carolina. He attended Mount Allen College and also Mount Olive College in Mount Olive, North Carolina.

His pastorates included Oak Grove church, four years; Pearsall Chapel, four years; Sneads Ferry Church, twelve years; Lanier's Chapel, four years; and Folkstone Church, twenty-nine years; which included three years as assistant pastor.

He became an ordained minister of the Free Will Baptist denomination on November 1, 1952.

## IN MEMORY OF THE REV. L. L. PARKER

"I'll preach my last message at seven o'clock," he said to his attending nurse at eleven a. m. on Monday morning, May 6, 1979, and then entered into the portals of heaven, there to rest eternally with Lord Jesus Christ, the one whom he had served faithfully for many years, and to be with his loved ones who had gone on before him.

Just three days before his death sang a part of his favorite song, "Teach me, Lord to wait, down on my knees," and after another death, he said, "'Til in your own good time you answer my pleas." Linwood believed in prayer, and in all of his church services the altar call was always extended and encouraged because he taught us that is where you take all your burdens and leave them for Jesus to answer in His "own good time."



*The Rev. L. L. Parker*

Linwood answered the call to the ministry at the same time he answered the call of the Lord. He began testifying and witnessing of the Lord's goodness and mercy in small country home prayer meetings. He sowed many seeds while serving his Lord and the results of his faithfulness will never fully be realized because they extended further than just his church and community. He preached to "Be ye ready" so that when Jesus called we would hear that sweet, gentle voice say, "Come home."

He loved the Lord and his daily living was his living testimony of God's love. He was faithful to God, his church, his family, his community, and to his fellowman. He was not only the pastor and leader of our church, but he was a worker also, bringing peace, unity, and harmony into our church and community. He was always there

when needed with his warm smile, easy-going personality, and helping hand.

Linwood was also faithful to the Free Will Baptist denomination. He always stood firm in its beliefs and doctrine. He supported its meetings, conferences, and conventions with his unfailing attendance. His first absence from a Union Meeting was in 1975 because of illness. He held offices in the Third District Union, Eastern Conference, and also the Third District Sunday School Conference. As he was faithful to his God, so was he faithful to his denomination.

As David was a man after God's own heart, so Linwood was a man after the hearts of those who knew him. He was loved and respected by not only his church congregation and community, but also by those he met and sat with in "heavenly places" here on earth.

Linwood was a dedicated husband, father, and provider for his family. He was married July 22, 1932, to the former Rosa Hobbs of Onslow County, North Carolina. God blessed this marriage with four children: Frederick, Cecil, Richard, and Hilda. A niece, Sylvia Faye, was also reared by Linwood and Rosa, because her mother passed away when she was only twenty-eight days old. There are twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Linwood left a legacy for all of us, and if we are faithful until Jesus calls, then we too will hear His voice

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as He tells us, "Enter in, thou good and faithful servant."

A living tree will be planted as a living memorial in honor of our beloved Linwood.

The following is a memorial to him, written by Judith Hansley.

Oh where will the sheep go? What will we do?

We're so heavy-hearted and we feel so blue.

Our pastor has left us. Some say he is dead,

But not so, my brethren, just gone on ahead

To far greener pastures than found here below.

He taught us the way that we too could go,

So very carefully he showed us the way,

In hopes that we would follow some day.

Let's stop and consider these past thirty years;

The way that he led us, the pleading, the tears,

So close to the altar he taught us to stay,

And not be ashamed to kneel down and pray.

The closer the altar, the sweeter the grazing,

The cooler the water; and, oh, it's amazing

The wisdom he showed in keeping us there,

Always leading us to God in prayer. And when he would sing, "Teach me, Lord, to wait,"

Nearly every time a tear would escape--

Teaching humility, can we not see The many things he taught you and me?

Always leading us with so much love

Toward that Great Master Shepherd, and Heaven above.

Oh where will the sheep go? What will we do?

Let's stay on the altar as he taught

us to,  
And be more dedicated to Christ  
and His cause,  
So we can be ready to go when He  
calls.

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## ATTENTION

An important date to remember is Saturday, October 6, 1979. We are having our regular Albemarle District Youth Meeting (YFA, AFC and CA) at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina. The time is 8 a. m. until 12 p. m. Lunch will be served by the host church.

We will have a guest speaker and special music. Come and let's have a good time in the Lord. Invite your adults to join us. Visitors are always welcome.

Betty R. Sawyer  
Albemarle District Youth Leader

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## NOTICE

All churches which have not yet turned in their letter of report to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists are urged to do so soon.

These letters should be completed as accurately as possible. Incomplete or inaccurate reports will be reflected in the information published in the 1979 Yearbook.

If your church has not mailed its report I urge you to do so later than October 15. If you should need report blanks, please let me know. Mail all inquiries and reports to me at the State Convention's address listed below.

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North Carolina State Convention  
Original Free Will Baptists  
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Ayden, North Carolina 28513

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## EDITORIAL

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Too many ministers, perhaps unwittingly, encourage obeisance to the physical church. They take pride in the church plant and its design, its professional musicians (which, incidentally, are a welcome relief from some well-meaning but unskilled performers). Some ministers (and devoted church members) laud the wide scope of their church's program and facilities, and its almost unlimited Christ-centered activities.

The church is important, yes; but the allegiance, first and foremost, should be paid to Christ. One should dedicate himself to the Lord, not to His house, nor even to the associated activities. The house, though it ought to be respected, is only temporal; and one is not careful, it can become a graven image to him. While it should be comfortable and beautiful after a manner, it should not be so comfortable and magnificent as to detract from the main focal point therein—the Lord himself. (We can't help but caution here those who would build grand cathedrals at the possible risk of worshipping the structure rather than the Lord.)

"Come to my church" should be an open bid, an understood invitation. But "Make thy soul right with God" should be the chief message of every Christian. By our very conduct we should make the church appealing, but greater emphasis must be placed on the Lord, to whom it and all facets thereof should be dedicated.

There is a big difference between churchianity and Christianity. Personally, I'd rather not be invited to church unless Christ is presented as the reason.

## The Rev. N. D. Wiggs

OUND SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH near Columbia honors their pastor this week, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### A Religious Man

Submitted by Members of the Church



*The Rev. and Mrs. N. D. Wiggs*

The Rev. N. D. Wiggs, born December 3, 1921, in Plymouth, is the son of a Free Will Baptist minister, the late Rev. Nestus D. Wiggs and his wife, Mamie Havenport Wiggs. In 1952 he married Evelyn Ann Carroll of Greenville, North Carolina. The marriage took place in the chapel at Middlesex where Mrs. Wiggs had been employed. She now teaches in Special Education at Carroll

Elementary School in Wayne County. They have two daughters, Anne and Monty, who have worked on the staff of Cragmont Assembly for several years. These girls have quite a heritage. Their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were all Free Will Baptist ministers. Also, their aunt and her husband are on the mission field in Panama.

Mr. Wiggs was in military service during the Korean War and served

some time in Korea. Afterwards he accepted the call to the ministry and attended school in Nashville as a part of his preparation. He was ordained in 1952. Since that time he has served on several denominational committees and pastored churches in Beaufort, Craven, Lenoir, Johnston, and Duplin Counties before coming to Tyrrell County. He is now a member of the Central Conference.

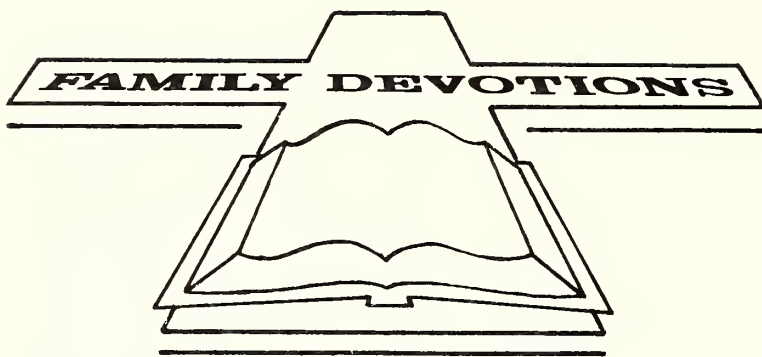
In 1971 he began his pastorate at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, and since that time has grown steadily dearer to the hearts of his congregation.

Sound Side had been without a pastor for some time when Mr. Wiggs came, and therefore we welcomed him and his family with much enthusiasm and joy. He had been with us only a short while before we realized that the time without a pastor had been a period of preparation for us and that the Lord had answered our prayers more generously than we had ever hoped. Mr. Wiggs was just what we needed.

Our church has grown both spiritually and physically under his ministry. In 1975 the church was renovated with the installation of new windows, white paneling, a choir rail, new carpeting, and new light fixtures. Also, a new pulpit, communion table and altar set, and central air and heat were added. Then in 1977 the outside of the church was bricked. A new tract of land has been added for additional burial ground. A recreational area has been cleared with basketball goals and volleyball nets added. The addition of the playground area is an outgrowth of the church's deep interest in its young people, an interest that has been nurtured and fostered by Mr. Wiggs since the beginning of his ministry here.

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Scripture Reading—Job 21:1-15

### PRAYING TO JESUS

One day a mother noticed that her little girl was in her room a long, long time and she had said she was going in to pray to Jesus. Finally, when the little girl came out her mother asked her what she was doing in her room for such a long time when she had just gone in to pray.

“I was just telling Jesus that I love Him and He was telling me that He loves me. And we were just loving each other.”

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Sometimes too brief are those moments spent in communion with our Lord. All of us could take direction from the little girl who lost track of the time because she had chosen “the better thing.” We should all cherish those times—of long or short duration with our Lord.*

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Scripture Reading—Acts 7:20-31

### DEFEATED

I meant to study all the week  
And very carefully prepare.  
I meant to kneel—yes, every day  
And bear each pupil up in prayer.  
But I was weary and I found  
So many things that I must do—  
Important things that could not  
wait—  
The week was gone before I knew.

I meant to visit several homes,  
And mail some cards to absentees  
To let them know that they were  
missed,  
For such a word is sure to please,  
And often brings them quickly  
back.  
But somehow every day went by,

And not a single card I sent.  
And now I ask, “Why didn’t I?”

So this morning when I rose  
I tried to study while I ate.  
I briefly read my quarterly,  
And hurried out, five minutes  
late.  
I found them singing, and I  
dropped  
Breathless, ashamed, into my  
seat,  
For I intended to be there  
That I the earliest child might  
greet.

Time for the lessons, and a group  
Of eager voices beg their turn  
To quote by heart the memory  
verse  
Which I, alas, forgot to learn.  
And so I stumbled through the  
hour,  
And built with stubble, hay, and  
wood—  
Instead of gold and precious  
stones  
And silver, as His servants  
should.

“Go feed my lambs,” was His  
command,  
And shall I hope for them to live  
On little morsels such as this,  
When mighty feasts are mine to  
give?  
“Forgive me, Lord, that I should  
treat  
Thy Word in such a shameful way,  
And may I never stand again  
Defeated, as I’ve done today.”

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Good intentions do not produce miracles, but praying and doing for God can. Preparing ourselves for His service and ministering to His children are two ways to achieve spiritual success. Let us not be found careless in living for God.*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Scripture Reading—Luke 14:25-33

**COST OF FOLLOWING GOD**  
It cost Abraham the willingness to yield his only son.  
It cost Esther the risk of her life.  
It cost Daniel being cast into the den of lions.  
It cost Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego being put in a fiery furnace.  
It cost Stephen death by stoning.  
It cost Peter a martyr’s death.  
It cost Jesus His life.  
Does it cost you anything?

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The price we pay for following God, if anything at all, is so little compared to that of persons in Bible history. May we show our thanks by following Him more closely and thanking Him for the privilege.*

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Scripture Reading—John 4:21-26

### WHY PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH

Some go to church to take a walk;  
Some go to church to laugh and talk;  
Some go there to meet a friend;  
Some go there their time to spend;  
Some go there to meet a lover;  
Some go there a fault to cover;  
Some go there for speculation;  
Some go there for observation;  
Some go there to doze and nod;  
The wise go there to worship God.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Consider very carefully the reason you attend church. If it isn’t for the right reason—worship of God and that only—you must decide whether you need to reorder your life.*

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:1-7

### GATHERING CHILDREN

Some would gather money  
Along the path of life.  
Some would gather roses  
And rest from worldly strife,  
But I would gather children  
From among the thorns of sin;  
I would seek a golden curl  
And a freckled, toothless grin.

For money cannot enter  
In that land of endless day,  
And the roses that are gathered  
Soon will wilt along the way.

ut, oh, the laughing children,  
s I cross the Sunset Sea  
nd the gates swing wide to  
Heaven,  
can take them in with me.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Children are our greatest  
resource. Just as Christ suffered  
hem to come unto Him, we must  
ake care to lead them to life  
verlasting. Our rewards will be  
ouls for the Master.*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12**

Scripture Reading—Matthew  
:1-8

**THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE**

The Bible is concerned only  
identally with the history of  
rael or a system of ethics. The  
ible is primarily concerned with  
e story of redemption of God as  
is in Jesus Christ. If you read  
ne Scriptures and miss the story  
f salvation, you have missed its  
essage and meaning. There  
ave been those who have gone  
hrough the Bible and traced the  
tory of Jesus:

n Genesis He is the Seed of the  
Woman.

n Exodus He is the Passover  
Lamb.

n Leviticus He is the Atoning  
Sacrifice.

n Numbers He is the Smitten  
Rock.

n Deuteronomy He is the  
Prophet.

n Joshua He is the Captain of the  
Lord's hosts.

n Judges He is the Deliverer.

n Ruth He is the Heavenly  
Kinsman.

n the six books of Kings He is the  
Promised King.

n Nehemiah He is the Restorer of  
the nation.

n Esther He is the Advocate.

n Job He is my Redeemer.

n Psalms He is my All and in All.

n Proverbs He is my Pattern.

n Ecclesiastes He is my Goal.

n the Song of Solomon He is my  
Satisfier.

n the prophets He is the Coming  
Prince of Peace.

n the Gospels He is Christ coming  
to seek and to save.

n Acts He is Christ risen.

n the Epistles He is Christ at the  
Father's right hand.

n the Revelation He is Christ  
returning and reigning.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*The Bible speaks of Christ and  
His redemptive love from*

*beginning to end. Let us take  
seriously the plan of salvation and  
share it with others that they may  
have eternal life.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Scripture Reading—Ezekiel  
37:1-11

**DEFEAT**

If you think you are beaten, you  
are;

If you think you dare not, you  
don't,

If you'd like to win but you think  
you can't

It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lost, you're  
lost,

For out of the world we find

Success begins with a fellow's will

It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you  
are;

You've got to think high to rise  
You've got to be sure of yourself  
before

You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go  
To stronger or faster men  
But soon or late the man who wins  
Is the one who thinks he can.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Attitude is important. The  
defeatist never really wins. As  
Christians, if we project a losing  
attitude, we bring shame upon the  
Lord. With Him by our side, we  
can win all battles. Let's trust  
Him completely!*

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## PITTMAN TO SERVE ON COLLEGE BOARD



Charles Walton Pittman III

Charles Walton Pittman III, has been named to the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees for a six-year term beginning December 1, 1979.

A cum laude graduate of Atlantic Christian College, Pittman is Director of Finance for the City of Wilson. He has also attended several seminars on governmental finance and management at UNC-Chapel Hill and other institutions.

Pittman served in all offices of the Executive Board of the Public Finance Officers Association of North Carolina as well as the post of president for 1977-78.

As an active civic leader, Pittman is a life member of Optimist International, a member of the Moose, and Alpha Chi Honor Fraternity.

He is also active in Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church as Sunday school teacher, choir member, and chairman of the finance committee. He is currently serving as chairman for the church fund raising drive to benefit Mount Olive College.

He and his wife, Carol, have two children, Charles Walton IV, and Glynda Marie.

## MRS. RILEY VISITING CHURCHES

Mrs. Dianne Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will speak at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Pamlico County on Sunday, October 7 at the 11 a. m. worship service. The Rev. Larry Higgins is pastor.

On Sunday night, she will address the youth of Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield at their 7 p. m. meeting. Mike Scott is pastor.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at the homecoming service of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church outside Fremont on Sunday, October 7, at the 11 a. m. worship service.

The Rev. Bobby Jones is pastor.

## COLLEGE DINNERS PLANNED

The following dinners to benefit Mount Olive College have been set for the fall, 1979:

**LENOIR COUNTY**—Saturday, October 6, at 7 p. m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston; Stanley Jenkins, chairman.

**BEAUFORT COUNTY**—Saturday, October 13, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School; Oscar Webster, chairman.

**WAYNE COUNTY**—Tuesday, October 16, 7 p. m., Mount Olive College Auditorium; Miss Louise Edgerton, chairman.

**NASH COUNTY**—Thursday, October 18, 7 p. m., Middles Elementary School; Bar Gardner, chairman.

**PAMLICO COUNTY**—Sunday, October 20, 7 p. m., Camp Vandemere, M. (Tom) Caroon, chairman.

**CRAVEN COUNTY**—Monday, October 22, 7 p. m., West Cray High School; Miss Mari DeBruhl, chairman.

**GREENE COUNTY**—Sunday, October 27, 7 p. m., West Greene School, Snow Hill; George Harrison, chairman.

**JONES COUNTY**—Monday, October 29, 7 p. m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston; Eld L. Brock, chairman.

**ON-SLOW-NEW HANOVER COUNTIES**—Tuesday, October 30, 7 p. m., Folkstone church; B. Everett, chairman.

**DUPLIN COUNTY**—Saturday, November 3, 6 p. m., East Duplin High School; William E. Futcher, chairman.

**JOHNSTON-WAKE COUNTIES**—Monday, November 5, 7 p. m., Everett Chapel church, Clayton; Leonard Woodall and Lloyd Hargis, co-chairmen.

**CARTERET COUNTY**—Saturday, November 10, 6:30 p. m., East Carteret High School; David Ward and Hillary Gaskin, co-chairmen.

**PITT COUNTY**—Monday, November 12, 7 p. m., D. Conley High School; Bob Taylor, chairman.

**WILSON COUNTY**—Tuesday, November 13, 7 p. m., Beaufield High School; James Hunt Sr., chairman.

**SAMPSON, HARNETT, AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES**—Thursday, November 15, 7 p. m., Midway School; C. Felt Godwin, chairman.

Why not give  
The Free Will Baptist  
as a gift?

**Homecoming and Revival  
Planned for Kenly Church**

Homecoming will be observed at the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 7. Services will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. followed by morning worship at eleven. The Rev. James V. Boyner, pastor, will deliver the homecoming message. The noon meal will be served in the new fellowship hall of the church.

All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are invited to celebrate this occasion.

Beginning Monday, October 8, lasting through Friday night, October 12, revival services will be held at Kenly church, with the Rev. O. B. Jones, pastor of Tarboro Free Will Baptist Church, serving as guest evangelist. Services will begin nightly at 7:30, featuring special singing by visiting and local groups. The public is urged to pray for these meetings and invited to attend.

**Pleasant Hill Church Revival  
and Homecoming**

Revival services are in progress at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Grimesland, North Carolina, and will continue through Friday night, October 5. Francis Garner is the evangelist.

Homecoming will also be observed at the Pleasant Hill church on Sunday, October 14. The Rev. Robert Rollins is the pastor. There will be a singpiration beginning at 1:30 p. m. featuring the Gospel Gentlemen of Goldsboro. Everyone is invited.

**Homecoming Sunday at  
Johnston Union Church**

On Sunday, October 14, Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Clayton, North

Carolina, will be having homecoming day. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 followed by the worship service at 11. A former pastor, the Rev. Eddie Edwards, will be bringing the morning message. There will be a covered dish lunch served in the church fellowship hall. This will be followed by an afternoon of gospel singing. The Charity Singers of Portsmouth, Virginia, will be the featured singers, and they will be followed by individuals from the church. A great day in the Lord is planned, and the church extends a warm invitation to everyone to attend.

**Revival Services  
At Hull Road Church**



*The Rev. Royce Reynolds*

Revival services will be held at Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Snow Hill, the week of October 8-12. The Rev. Royce Reynolds, pastor of Spring Branch church, will be the guest evangelist for the services which begin at 7:30 each night.

Everyone is welcomed to come and worship in these services. The Rev. Leon Grubbs is the pastor.

**Homecoming at  
Sound View Church**

On Sunday, October 7, Sound View Free Will Baptist Church near Morehead City will be observing homecoming day. Dinner will be served on the grounds with a song service in the afternoon.

All former pastors, their families, and former members have a special invitation to these services. The pastor is the Rev. Gurney Chase.

**Youth for Christ  
Rally to Meet**

On Saturday, October 13, at 7:30 p. m. the Youth for Christ Rally will meet at Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, New Bern. Everyone is invited to come.

**Homecoming at  
Spring Hope Church**

Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 14. The pastor, Grady Tucker, will deliver the homecoming message. Everyone is invited to come and bring a picnic lunch and fellowship with them.

**Albemarle District Woman's  
Auxiliary Convention to Meet**

The Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet at the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Belhaven, North Carolina, on Thursday, October 11, 1979. The theme will be "Lift Him Up." The Scripture will be taken from John 12:32. The scheduled program is as follows:

**MORNING SESSION**

- 9:45—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "O Worship the King"
- Devotion, Mrs. Wally Hargrove
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Kathleen Sawyer

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- Response, Mrs. Robana Fowler
- Greetings, Mrs. Lorraine Garner, President
- Recognition Time
- Appointment of Committees
- 10:30-Reading of the Minutes
- Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- 10:45-Mission News
- Offering
- Hymn, "Blessed Be the Name"
- 11:00-Children's Home News
- Love Offering
- 11:20-Special Music, Mrs. Cynthia Slade
- 11:30-Message, Miss Becky Jo Sumner
- 12:00-Lunch

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:00-Hymn, "Sweet By and By"
- 1:05-Memorial Service, Mrs. Katie Roper
- 1:15-Mount Olive College Report, Mrs. Dianne Riley
- 1:30-Cragmont News
- 1:45-Other Denominational Reports
- 2:00-Miscellaneous Business
- Report of Committees
- Announcement of Next Convention
- Benediction

**Ninety-Third Annual Session Of Western Conference to Meet**

The Ninety-Third Annual Session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will meet at the Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, on October 18, 1979. The scheduled program is as follows:

**MORNING SESSION**

- 9:30-Devotions, the Rev. Larry Melton
- 9:40-Welcome, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes
- Response, the Rev. Keith Cobb
- Roll Call of Ministers, Clerk
- Roll Call of Churches, Clerk
- Recognition of Visitors, Moderator

- Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark
- Business Session
- Partial Report of the Credentials Committee
- 10:45-Report of the Children's Home, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey
- Report of Retirement Homes, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey
- 11:15-Song Service
- Offering
- Special Music, Host Church
- 11:30-Conference Message, the Rev. Clyde Cox
- 12:00-Lunch

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:00-Devotions, John Pittman III
- 1:10-Report of Foreign Missions, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
- Report of Home Missions, the Rev. Ray Wells
- Report of Mount Olive College
- Report of State Convention, the Rev. David C. Hansley
- Report of Board of Ordination
- Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
- Report of Superannuation Board
- Report of Cragmont Assembly
- Report of Camp Vandemere
- Report of Executive Board
- Report of Church Finance Association
- Report of Temporary Committees
- Report of Ministerial Character Board
- Final Report of Credentials Committee
- Report of Treasurer
- Final Business Session
- Closing Devotions, the Rev. James V. Joyner
- Adjournment
- Song Leader-the Rev. Royster Martin
- Pianist-Host Church

**Third District Sunday School Convention to Meet**

The Third District Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Conference will meet with the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, at 9 a. m. on Saturday, October 6. There will be an informative program for those who are interested in improving their skills as Sunday school teachers and officers.

**Revival and Homecoming at Lanier's Chapel Church**

Lanier's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Beulaville, began its revival services, Sunday, September 30, which will continue through Thursday, October 4. The services begin each evening at 8 with the Rev. Clyde Cox as the guest speaker. The pastor of Lanier's Chapel, the Rev. Frank Grubb, invites everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

Homecoming will be observed at Lanier's Chapel church on Sunday, October 7. Dr. Michael Pelt, Chairman of the Department of Religion at Mount Olive College, will be bringing the homecoming message during the 11 a. m. worship. Following lunch there will be a musical worship service with a brief historical sketch of the church.

**Wooten's Chapel Church Announces Homecoming and Revival Services**

Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Raleigh, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 7. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds following the morning worship hour.

Revival services will be held October 8 through October 12 with services at 7:30 p. m. The guest evangelist is Mike Scott, pastor of Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. J. B. Caton Sr. is the pastor of the church. He joins the members in extending a cordial

invitation to all former pastors, members, and friends to attend.

### **Winterville Church Announces Homecoming**

The Winterville Free Will Baptist Church announces its homecoming on October 14, 1979. The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Futrell, will deliver the morning message. The Gospel Chargers quartet will dedicate their record album, "Looking for Jesus," to the Lord. Dinner will be on the church grounds (at the Winterville Fire Station if it rains). The afternoon service will feature a memorial tree which will be decorated with envelopes containing memorial offerings for the building fund. A singspiration featuring all the local talent will follow.

### **Revival Services at Winterville Church**

Revival services will be held at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, October 15 through October 19, 1979, at 7:30 p. m. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. James Lupton, pastor of the Pleasant Grove church, Pikeville. The Rev. Bobby Futrell, pastor, invites everyone to attend all the services.

### **Revival in Progress at Union Chapel Church**

Revival is in progress at the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina. The evangelist is the Rev. David Carter, pastor of Wildwood church.

The pastor of Union Chapel is the Rev. Walton E. Parrish. He invites the public to attend. Services began each evening at 7:45 and will continue through October 5.

### **Revival and Homecoming at The Rose of Sharon Church**

The Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church of Bear Grass announces revival services to be held the week of October 8

through October 13. The speaker for these services will be the Rev. C. H. Overman, pastor of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 and there will be special music each night.

On Sunday, October 14, homecoming services will be held. Sunday school will begin at 10 and the morning worship at 11. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at noon. After lunch there will be a song service which will feature several singing groups.

An invitation is extended to all interested persons to attend these services. The pastor of the Rose of Sharon church is the Rev. Ronnie V. Hobgood.

### **Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention**

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet at Mount Olive College on October 10, 1979. The theme will be "Give Thanks Unto the Lord." The Scripture will be taken from Psalm 92:1: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praise unto thy name, O most high." The program is as follows:

#### **MORNING SESSION**

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn
  - Invocation
  - Devotion, Mrs. Amy Scott
- 10:20—Welcome
  - Response, Mrs. Louie Pierce
- 10:25—President's Remarks, Mrs. Bernice Godwin
  - Business Session
- 11:00—Hymn
  - Missions Report, Mrs. Lizzie Dawson
  - Free Will Baptist Press Report, Mrs. Joyce Wood
  - Superannuation Report
  - Cragmont Report, Mrs. Christine Godwin
  - Mount Olive College Report
  - Children's Home Report, Mrs. Esteline Tart
- 12:00—Hymn
  - Offering

- Special Music, Mount Olive College
  - Convention Message, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough
- 12:45—Lunch

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:45—Hymn
  - Life Award Service
  - Special Music, Mount Olive College
- 2:15—Youth Chairman Report, Mrs. Shirley Adcox
  - Study Course Report, Mrs. Percy Daughtry
  - Field Secretary Report, Mrs. Dola Dudley
- 2:30—Miscellaneous Business
  - Adjournment

### **Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention Announced**

The Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention will be held at the Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Chadbourne, North Carolina, on October 6, 1979, at 9:30 a. m. The theme of the program is "God Calling Yet for Praise." The speaker for the occasion will be Mrs. Rachel Duncan, President of the State Woman's Auxiliary.

### **Homecoming at Pearsall Chapel Church**

Pearsall Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville, North Carolina, will have its homecoming Sunday, October 14, and the fall revival will begin Monday, October 15, at 8 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### **Albemarle District Youth Convention to Meet**

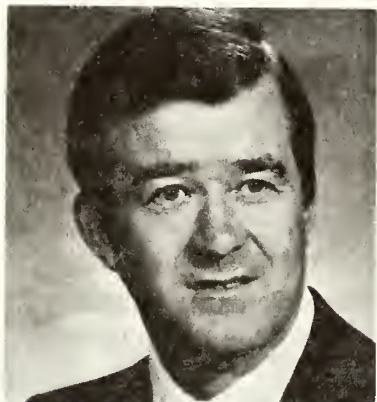
The Albemarle District Youth Convention will meet for the fall session at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, on Saturday, October 6, at 10 a. m. This is a special day for the youth in the Albemarle District. All YFAs, AFCs, and CAs are especially invited along with youth chairmen, pastors, and all interested adults.

*Turn the Page*



There will be chorus time, special music, and an interesting program. Lunch will be served by the host church. Come and have a good time in the Lord.

### Revival and Homecoming At Hugo Church



*The Rev. Jack Mayo*

The Hugo Free Will Baptist Church announces its fall revival for the week of October 8-12. The church is located one mile east of Hugo Cross Roads.

The guest evangelist for the revival services will be the Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of the Ormondsville church.

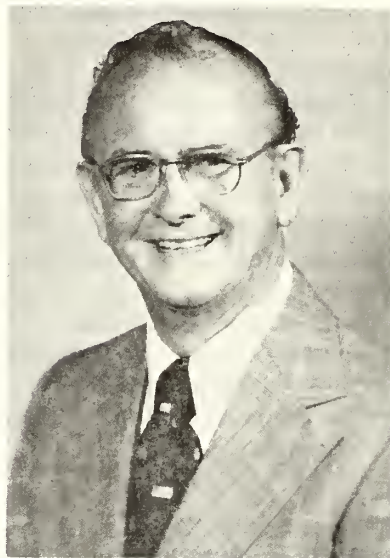
Services will begin each evening at 7:30. There will be special singing each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Tom Miller, will be assisting in these services.

Homecoming services will be observed on October 14. The pastor will be the speaker. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to any or all of these services.

### Revival Services at Jackson Heights Church

Revival services at Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, will begin October 8 and last through October 12. Services will start each night at 7:30 with the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Durham, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. Mr. Rivenbark has been in the ministry for 40 years and is now assistant pastor of Sherron Acres church in Durham,

a church he served as pastor for 19 years. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and is moderator of the Western Conference.



*The Rev. Fred Rivenbark*

Special singing will be featured nightly, and a nursery will be provided. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

### Mount Zion Church Celebrates Birthday In Old Fashioned Way

Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Nashville, observed its eightieth birthday on August 26, 1979. The church was organized on August 26, 1899, during a conference that was being held at Free Union church in Nash County.



*People enjoy food and fellowship*

Elder T. H. Matthews and fourteen other people were instrumental in the organization of the church, and Elder Matthews was elected to serve as the first pastor of the church.

In 1921, the church was represented at the State Convention, and it is presently represented at the Western Conference and State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptists.

Pastors through the years have been T. H. Matthews, G. V. Ferrell, B. B. Deans, N. D. Wigg, E. C. Morris, W. E. Anderson, H. Weathington, R. N. Hinnant, B. Ferrell, L. E. Ballard, M. I. Godwin, R. B. Spencer, Albe Coats, John Swain, and present pastor, Roy Clifton.



*People dressed for the occasion*

On August 26, the church celebrated its eightieth birthday with 180 members and friends in attendance for the worship service and dinner on the grounds. Several dressed in the old fashioned way and the meal included some old fashioned food. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

### Revival and Homecoming At Elm Grove Church

The Rev. DeWayne Eakes, pastor of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, will be the evangelist for revival services October 8-12 at Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Elm Grove is located on Route 3, Ayden, North Carolina.

Mr. Eakes is married to the former Miss Caroline Sullivan. They have a son, Kevin Wayne Eakes, who is eight years old. DeWayne graduated from Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina; and Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For October 14

## CHRIST SETS THE EXAMPLE IN SERVICE

**Lesson Text:** Philippians 2:1-11  
**Memory Verse:** Philippians 2:8

### INTRODUCTION

There are times, of course, when splits are inevitable. When fellowship does not exist, it is useless to pretend that it does. What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Corinthians 6:14, 15). But one who disagrees with us is not necessarily an infidel. We are not to put away a wicked person from among ourselves (1 Corinthians 13); but a difference of opinion, even a sharp one, does not always prove that someone is wicked. We are not to encourage false doctrine by helping those who teach it (2 John 2-11), but doctrine that is distasteful to us is not necessarily false. All too often fellowship is broken for the very reasons that appear in the text of this lesson—and this text presents also the way of making fellowship stronger and sweeter.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### HINTS THAT HELP

A. A pastor was not at home when a stranger called to see him. His wife directed the stranger to the slum section of the city where her husband could most probably be found.

"But I have never met him; how shall I recognize him?" inquired the stranger.

"Oh," replied the wife, "he will be doing good to somebody." What a wonderful compliment to

pay any pastor! He would be so much like Jesus.

If Jesus were on earth today He would probably be found in hospitals, sickrooms, slums, or wherever human misery was greatest. You would not find Him sitting very long at an elaborate desk telephoning people or writing them letters. These things are necessary many times, but the Christian servant who patterns his ministry after that of Christ's will be busy on the streets, in the homes, at the hospitals, around the rest homes and nursing centers, and a thousand other places where people congregate or live.

B. Someone facetiously remarked: "The Samaritan ministered to the urgent needs of the unfortunate victim of the robbers, while the priest and the Levite made a survey." We wonder sometimes if the church in our time is not too much given to the making of surveys, and too little concerned to really do anything about the needs of a bleeding and dying world struggling in its sins without Christ.

C. A speaker once said, "A diagnosis without a dynamic is a debilitating detriment." Well, we can all certainly agree with him on that, but one wonders why he did not simply say, "A survey not followed by sacrificial service is selfish and sinful." Can we also agree on that?

D. The best service we can render to others costs something. Here are a few prices we must pay: worn-out shoes; some gasoline; sore fingertips pushing doorbells; earnest prayer; opening our wallets and purses; "crusading," yes, but caring

more; and showing a spirit of humility when misunderstood and criticized.

E. In the story of the good Samaritan the only one who was willing to pay these prices was the humble, despised Samaritan—the one who had the least obligation to help.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. There were three things Paul wanted to get across to the Christians at Philippi in the first eleven verses of Philippians 2.

B. First, he wanted them to show a sweet spirit of love and concern one for another. In doing this they would bless Paul's heart.

C. Second, he endeavored to show how Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the blessed Son of God, emptied Himself, humbled Himself, and gave His life on the Cross for their salvation.

D. Third, having shown His humbling, Paul revealed to them how God raised Him up again and projected the fact that one day all the earth would name Him Lord.

E. The reasons for doing this are clear: Christ wanted to set an example for service before all those who name His name that they might follow that example. Moreover, if Christ, the Son of God, could so humble Himself in order to be of service to others, certainly we should be ready to do the same for the sake of those who need our help.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

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# Heart Troubled??

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard

“Let not your heart be troubled . . . .” (John 14:1).

**D**O you have heart trouble? Cardiovascular disease, along with cancer, causes more deaths annually than all other normal medical diseases.

Perhaps because of my own scrape with heart trouble, I have read with interest a lot of medical pamphlets on diseases having to do with the heart. Anything that affects the most important and vital organ of the human body should cause concern, especially to those prone to have heart trouble.

Surely, everyone fears heart failure—it usually precedes death. All have some natural fear of death. Our physical nature is to take whatever steps we can to keep healthy hearts.

But, ARE OUR SPIRITUAL HEARTS HEALTHY?

After Christ (in John 14:1) comforted his disciples by saying: “Let not your heart be troubled” He went on to give the cure for spiritual heart trouble—“ye believe in God, believe also in me.”

Belief in God leads to belief in Christ. To believe in Christ is to lay claim to salvation and eternal life. To believe in Christ is to overcome spiritual heart trouble.

The heart is the center of man's being. We read in Genesis 6:5, “God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

But this evil can be removed. When the evil in our hearts is plunged beneath the spilt blood of

Jesus Christ, then God is pleased and we can be assured of our status with Christ.

Evil, or SIN, is the spiritual disease that causes us spiritual heart trouble.

By Adam, sin entered into the world. Sin, like cancer in the physical body, eats out and makes the spiritual heart sordid and dirty. The only cleansing agent is the BLOOD.

Do you need a heart operation?

When the body of this writer was struck down by two attacks of cardiac thrombosis in 1972, it was soon determined by a series of tests at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, that an operation to correct two artery clogs in the heart was needed.

The operation some few months later apparently healed the disease, or made possible control over the disease.

Medical science has done wonders in prolonging life for one who has heart trouble. A pacemaker can be inserted in the chest to help stabilize the heart-beat. Many various types of “procedures” have been successful in sustaining life for the person who would have died of heart disease a few years ago. Even the heart of a healthy person has successfully been transplanted into the body of one whose heart has deteriorated almost to the point of death.

Spiritually, the Master Physician Jesus Christ has made new creatures of men who have stooped to the pits of Hell in sin. A spiritual heart operation is

available to any who will simply pray: “God be merciful to me, a sinner.”

Jesus' blood, applied to the sin-blacked heart, the downfallen, downtrodden man, woman, boy or girl, will cause a complete reversal of the process. Those whose sins are like crimson, are washed as white as snow. The worst disease of the heart, spiritually speaking, is cured through genuine belief in Christ as Saviour, as your personal redeemer.

Spiritual heart operations are not only needed by the unbelieving sinner. They are needed by those who sit in the pews of our churches each Sunday, but who refuse to surrender their all, make full commitment to Christ. Backsliders, troublemongers, gossiping church members need spiritual heart operations as much as the man who has never given his heart to Christ.

I urge all of us to consider the needs of our spiritual hearts. Is your heart fixed in God? Is your motive or intent in the right priority? Psalm 108:1 reads: “O God, my heart is fixed.”

The heart controls our thoughts. Proverbs 23:7 tells us: “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.” Christian joy comes from the heart: “Therefore did my heart rejoice . . .” (Acts 2:26).

So, with all this in mind, let us each endeavor to take the same kind of care for our spiritual hearts as we do our physical hearts.

“Let not your heart be troubled . . . .”

## They Read It in This Paper

### 14 Years Ago

"The Free Will Baptist' would like to have the names of all the clerks, or secretaries, of the Union Meetings, in North Carolina. Please send such information to the Editor, P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina."—Attention Union Meetings

"Smith's New Home church near Kinston, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, February 28, as 'Mount Olive College Day,' the Rev. Robert Fader has announced. Harry Grubbs, a ministerial student at the college, will speak at the morning worship service."—Christian Education

"The Reverend Jack Mayo will be the evangelist for weekend revival services to be held at Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina, April 21-24. The church invites the public to attend these services which begin each evening at 7:30."—News and Notes

Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, will be host for the thirty-eighth annual session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention on Thursday, May."—Our Church Auxiliaries

### BRYAN ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED

An endowment fund has been established at Mount Olive College in memory of the late Anna Belle Hester Bryan (1920-1974) by her family. College resident W. Burkette Raper announced the primary purpose of the endowment would be to provide scholarships.

Mrs. Bryan was a native of Madison County and in 1938 was married to Allen Bennie Bryan, who in 1945 was ordained into the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Following the death of Mrs. Bryan in 1974, Mr. Bryan moved to Sampson County where he is now pastor of Robert's Grove Church. He is also a long-time employee of Belk's and is currently Sales Associate for the men's department in Dunn.

Two of the Bryan children attended Mount Olive College, Edward F. Bryan of Statesville; and Edgar A. Bryan of Washington. One son-in-law, W. Banks of New Bern, husband of Ann Bryan, also attended

Mount Olive College. The other Bryan children are Peggy Joyce (Mrs. Robert A.) Cochran of Robersonville, and Benjamin Hester Bryan, a senior at Midway High School in Sampson County.

Mr. Bryan has served as the pastor of twelve other Free Will Baptist churches: Northeast church of Mount Olive, where the family was living at the time of Mrs. Bryan's death; Hugo church in Lenoir County; Core Creek church of Cove City; First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston; Free Union church in Beaufort County; St. Mary's Grove church in Johnston County; Lee's Chapel in Sampson County; Spring Branch church near Walstonburg; Stoney Hill church in Nash County; First Free Will Baptist Church of Rocky Mount; Cedar Grove church in Martin County; and Calvary church in Durham.

Mr. Bryan has also held a number of offices in various phases of Free Will Baptist church work, including Moderator of the Western Conference, and Director-Treasurer of the North Carolina State Mission Board.

## IN MEMORY OF

### MRS. BESSIE G. MITCHELL

On August 18, 1979, God saw fit to call home Mrs. Bessie G. Mitchell, 88 years old, of Pikeville, North Carolina. She was the widow of the Rev. Rommie Mitchell and was survived by three daughters, Mrs. Annie Mae Pittman, Mrs. Lillian Wilson, and Miss Ida Ruth Mitchell, all of Pikeville; 2 sons, Clinnon of Route 8, Goldsboro, and James of LaGrange; 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

We would like to thank all the churches for the cards and gifts sent to Mom over the years during the illness and also for the kindness shown during her death. May God bless each one.

Submitted by a daughter,  
Mrs. Lillian Wilson

### AN INTERESTING QUOTE

*(The following quotation was submitted by Mount Olive Librarian Gary Barefoot as an item of historical interest. The "rules" were taken directly from minutes of an unidentified Free Will Baptist church and may seem of particular relevance today.)*

1887 Rule No. 5  
Dec. 10th

Rule 5th to change the meeting days from Sat. before the second Lord's day to Sat. before the first Lord's day in each month.

1888 Rule No. 6  
May 5th

That hereafter the Church take the discipline for her rules and be governed by the discipline of the denomination.

1888 Rule No. 7  
Aug. 4th

That hereafter if any member shall bring up anything that is in the past and has been acted upon by the church he shall be excommunicated.

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**October is  
Superannuation  
Month**



## Pastor of the Week

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Another phase of youth ministry began in 1972 with the purchase of a bus for transportation to the various activities of the church. It has been especially beneficial for transporting the young people annually to summer camp at Cragmont.

Our young people know that Mr. Wiggs loves and appreciates them. He looks for and finds the good in them. He uses the youth choir in every church service, thereby letting them know that we need them.

Mr. Wiggs' family means much to our church also. Mrs. Wiggs supports his ministry with her encouragement and understanding. When he came to us, his two teenage daughters, Anne and Monty, quickly became loved and valued members of our youth group.

The church has added 54 new members under his ministry, and has had a spiritual revival. Mr. Wiggs has encouraged a concern for one another. When he first came, he instituted a custom that has proved to be of outstanding spiritual value to us, an altar prayer service as a regular part of the Sunday morning worship hour. As we have knelt around the altar to praise the Lord and to pray for the needs of the church and of one another, we have felt the presence of the Lord and have been strengthened spiritually.

We love Mr. Wiggs because he loves us and because he preaches the Bible and lives accordingly. He

travels long distances to be with us two Sundays a month and on many special occasions. He always has the time and energy to minister to our needs through messages, prayers, visits, and counseling. There is nothing unusual about that, but Mr. Wiggs provides all these services with just that little extra touch of love and caring, so that the blessings seem to flow through his ministry.

Mr. Wiggs is not only our pastor, our leader, our teacher, and our counselor but also a very real part of our church, and we express to him our deep love and appreciation.

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## NEWS NOTES

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*The Rev. DeWayne Eakes*

serves the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists as a representative on the Board of Directors of Cragmont Assembly, and is clerk of the Ordination Board of the Western Conference of Free Will Baptists.

Services at Elm Grove will begin each evening at 7:45. The chapel will be available for prayer at 7:15 each evening.

Special singing will be provided by the adult and junior choirs of Elm Grove and other special groups. Children's church will be conducted each night by the pastor.

On October 14, the church will observe its annual homecoming service. The worship service will begin at 11 a. m. Lunch will follow the morning worship in the fellowship hall. The Rev. W. S. Burns will deliver the sermon and there will be a memorial service for deceased members.

The church invites all members, former members, and friends of the church to attend the revival and homecoming service at Elm Grove.

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## Coming Events .

- October—Entire Month Designated by State Convention as Superannuation Month
- October 3—Western District Woman Auxiliary Fall Convention
- October 6—Pee Dee District Woman Auxiliary Fall Convention, Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourne North Carolina
- October 10—Cape Fear District Woman Auxiliary Fall Convention
- October 11—Albemarle District Woman Auxiliary Convention meets at Sidra Free Will Baptist Church, Route Belhaven.
- October 18—Western Conference, Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucan
- October 20—Pee Dee Association Annual Meeting, Mission Valley Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus County

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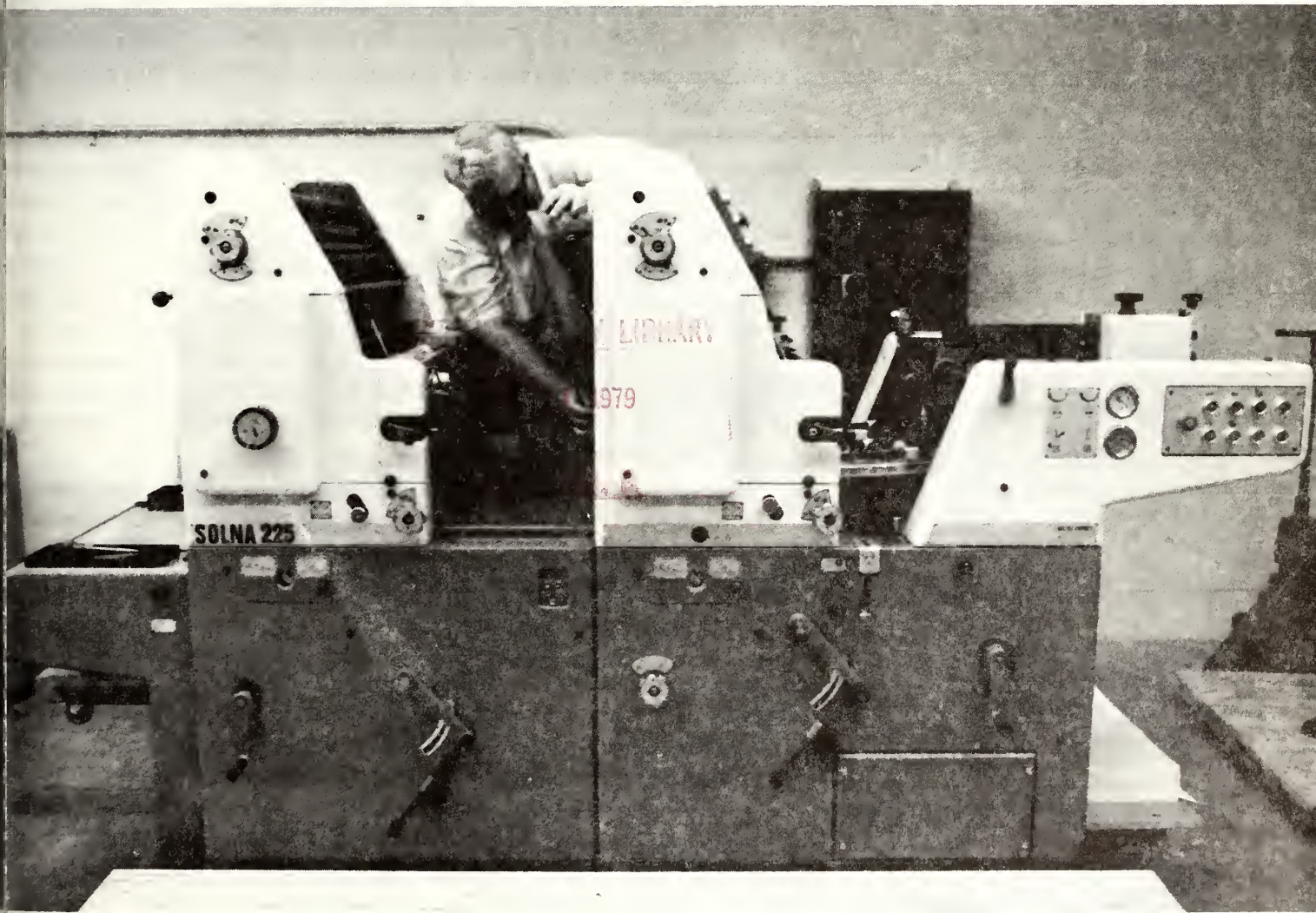
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# The Free Will Baptist

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Marvin Hathaway, production manager at the Free Will Baptist Press, is seen engaging a plate for printing in the new Solna 225 color offset press.



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The Solna 225 prints two colors simultaneously, which, in effect, reduces press time for full-color jobs by approximately one-half. It is capable of printing these two colors at 8,000 impressions per hour, and utilizes exact impression control for different paper thicknesses.

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The Solna 225 is precision built. It is world-renowned for its excellent sharpness in print, having proved itself on the world market. It is a product of expert Swedish precision engineering and offers easy maintenance.

Its precise registration eliminates image ghosts and results in overall correct placement of secondary printed matter (insets of color, etc.); the pre-register system which it features cuts time to a minimum. The new press allows for high speed printing and at the same time offers quality production.

With the new press, make ready times are shorter, for it is more easily loaded and inked than most conventional models. The sheet "slow-down arrangement" ensures excellent register, and the advanced paper feeder allows for superb sheet control, as there is uninterrupted feeding of paper into the printing chamber.

With the implementation of the Solna 225, the printing department at the Press hopes to produce more and better materials for our customers, and with a reduction of overall production time. Quality is certainly a primary concern, both in the production of Sunday school and church literature and incidental printing.

Marvin Hathaway, production manager at the Press, makes the following observation: "I think the Solna 225 is an outstanding piece of equipment—so easily set up—a fine addition to our printing department. It does superb color work and quality printing in general. In short, I'm just tickled to death with it!"

Mr. Hathaway probably expresses the sentiment of everyone associated with the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation.

# Christian Education

By

Dr. Allan R. Sharp, Professor of Religion  
Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina

I know of no area in religion that has been more confusing and drawn more fire than has the Christian education program. Wesley Shrader, in 1957, shocked the religious world by writing a feature article in *Life Magazine* entitled "Our Troubled Sunday Schools." In this article Shrader characterized the Sunday school as "the most wasted hour in the week."

Since that devastating article appeared 22 years ago, we have seen a decline in Sunday school enrollment and innovation after innovation tried, most of which were of little value. This is not to say that we have not done a much better job in training professionals to work with Christian education, because we have. In many denominations we have strengthened the curriculum and that has been a plus factor. But too often we have advocated change for change's sake—a poor reason always to change.

We could well follow the advice of a teacher of blind children as she counseled her successor about teaching blind children: "Don't move the furniture too often." Let us be careful about innovations. The best innovation is a return to the old workable methods.

Tonight, I want us to examine three things: (1) Where are we now? (2) How might we do it? (3) What about tomorrow?

1. Where are we now in Christian education? We have just passed through the experiments of the 1960's and 1970's. We have seen the questionable value of sensitivity training and the counter movement. We have been coping with the frustrations of busying-in students. Unfortunately, we have seen Christian education curricula place emphasis upon everything but biblical story and biblical characters.

Part of the problem has been the confusion of ministers. They have been confused about Christian education, often avoiding making courses in the area. Some of the clergy are just plain disinterested. Others have had little to do with the Sunday school because they felt the Sunday school is the private domain of lay people. And sometimes the minister's advice and leadership are not wanted. Often the response of the laity is, "Let him tend to the parish, we'll look after the Sunday school."

If the clergy are confused, so are the laity. They cannot understand the minister's lack of interest. They are confused by trends in theology such as liberalism, fundamentalism, neo-orthodoxy, demythology, the theology of hope, evangelicalism, the "God is dead movement," etc. We have been afraid to show our notion and even more afraid to witness to what we believe. In many denominations (Disciples of Christ) most are afraid to carry a Bible in the church for fear someone might think them religious. The confusion grows because most of the things that worked three or four decades ago have been abandoned. Finger painting and play

centers have replaced the Bible. My children learned more about the "friendly postman, fireman and policeman" than they did Moses, Saul, and Paul. Memorization has come to be considered "old-fashioned." Do you ever wonder why we abandoned memorization while Madison Avenue advertisers and the producers of "Sesame Street" have proved the power of repetition and memorization.

The students of the Sunday school have also been confused. We have talked about involving students in the educational process but never quite understood what was meant. We have forgotten that the teacher is the measure of the learning experience. Better trained teachers would have kept students in the Sunday school classes. Mark Hopkins was right when he said that the real definition of a school was a log with a teacher on one end and a student on the other. If you do not have master teachers and interested students, you have no educational process. I can honestly say that I have read only a very few books in Christian education in recent years that have made a significant contribution to improving the Sunday school. No one has really come up with a fresh, new and workable idea that I am aware of. This, sadly, is where we are as a result of two decades of confusion.

2. If the above is an accurate description of the Sunday school situation of the past two decades, then, how do we do it so that we can be effective? I want to address the answer to this question to all who are involved in the Sunday school process—the ministers, the laity, the superintendent, and the teacher.

If you are the **minister** think of yourself as an ice cream cone, but you are not the ice cream, but the cone which holds the ice cream. In a nutshell, you are to be supportive. Give the education committee, officer and teachers, your support, help and expertise. Since you are supposed to be the most knowledgeable person in theology in the Sunday school, you might just teach Sunday school. Support is the key word. Help your leaders and teachers do an adequate job.

The Sunday school is not the sole province of either the clergy or the laity. It belongs to God, and all of us are called to do what we can in order that we have a religiously intelligent, sensitive congregation.

If you are on the Christian education committee your work is either advisory or actually one of involvement. If you are advisory, you act on behalf of the official board. Your job is to know the people in Christian education and determine what their particular problem may be. Help plan to make their job easier and more effective. If your task is of a working nature, then function!

*Turn the Page*



If you are the Sunday school **superintendent**, you must be of Herculean strength and wisdom. One twenty-three-year-old, newly elected superintendent was told: "There's nothing much to it. Just see that everything runs well." Of course this may take a considerable number of hours out of your week.

Remember you can't do it all by yourself. Enlist others in the task. One elder, honoring a superintendent for seven years of effective work, called him the church's "insurance policy" for every eventuality. He was a man who had been available when things happened.

If you are a **teacher**, you have the most important job. Teachers should be chosen very carefully and asked to teach in plenty of time to make adequate preparation. Not everyone who volunteers or who is suggested should be accepted. We do not need the person who doesn't like the Free Will Baptist curriculum materials and suggests he has something better. New Christians should be allowed to grow in the faith before being asked. Certainly, we don't need to accept people who are not members of any church, regardless of their willingness to help because they send their children to our Sunday schools. And by all means, reject the woman of whom it is said, "She's just come from the mental hospital, and she needs to get involved."

If you are a **teacher**, it means you have accepted an invitation and you must deliver on your commitment. It is fair for the officers to expect you to be present, to be well prepared, to be interesting, and to be interested in your students.

3. What about tomorrow? It is very difficult to say what organization the Sunday school ought to be. Each church and each situation is different; therefore, the local situation will determine organization.

Robert W. Lynn, Senior Program Officer for the Lilly Endowment, has written an essay on the future of American religious education. This stimulating article directed my attention to three things concerning the future.

The first concerns progressive education. We have just gone through two or more decades of progressive education and it hasn't proven extremely helpful. Will there be a resurgence? No one really knows. We know that much of the enthusiasm of the past decade has lost its appeal. Lynn suggests that we will have to devise programs which are not necessarily dependent upon the presence of a professional educator. We might, he says, just once again believe that America Protestantism can rely on amateurs to run the Sunday school. Someone has suggested that the director of Christian education has lived in twilight zone anyway—"the last to be hired, the first to be fired." One thing you can mark down for certain, the Sunday school movement will either be lay-centered or it will die! Given the current economic situation, I have a feeling many churches may come to this fundamental fact out of sheer necessity.

The second point deals with the mass media of our day. Will the churches be able to come to terms with a media-oriented society? Most of America's values are determined by television, much to our regret. Television certainly has more opportunity to influence our children than the Sunday school does. We are going to have to learn how to use the media and at the same time serve as a moral balancing influence of television. We must not capitulate or use television as an excuse for low attendance. There still are 50 to 60 million people in church on Sunday (30 percent to 40 percent of our church membership). No television program has such a platform. The question is "What are we doing with them?"

The third point deals with the kinds of people we will be working with. The median age continues to rise so that Christian education will have to meet the needs of a post-youth culture. The starved area of adult Christian education will have to be met effectively or we will lose our constituency.

## CONCLUSION

I still have hope for the Sunday school. This hope bubbles eternally in me because basically, I am an optimist. Secondly, I have hope because I know that if we don't have good Sunday schools we will cease to exist as a moral society—yea, perhaps any kind of society. If we do not regroup and strengthen our Sunday school the words of Hosea will become all too descriptive: ". . . for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or kindness, and no knowledge of God in the land" (see Hosea 4:1). Morality is the heartbeat of a nation's life. If there is no knowledge, which can come only through Christian education, then we are as good as dead. The knowledge of which Hosea spoke, while it involves the intellect has a greater meaning. The key to the prophet's meaning is found in Genesis 4:1 "and Adam knew Eve his wife." Knowledge of God is intimate communion with God in whom we live and move and have our being.

Finally, I believe Christian education will survive because the truth and knowledge is from God. He is still in charge. In spite of our experimentations and bungling, God will save us. We cannot save ourselves. He will! So, if I have a word for you tonight it is this—trust in God, for He cannot be ultimately defeated. We do not fight this fight alone!

*(This was an address to pastors and Sunday school superintendents at their banquet, in Kinston, on September 7, 1979.)*

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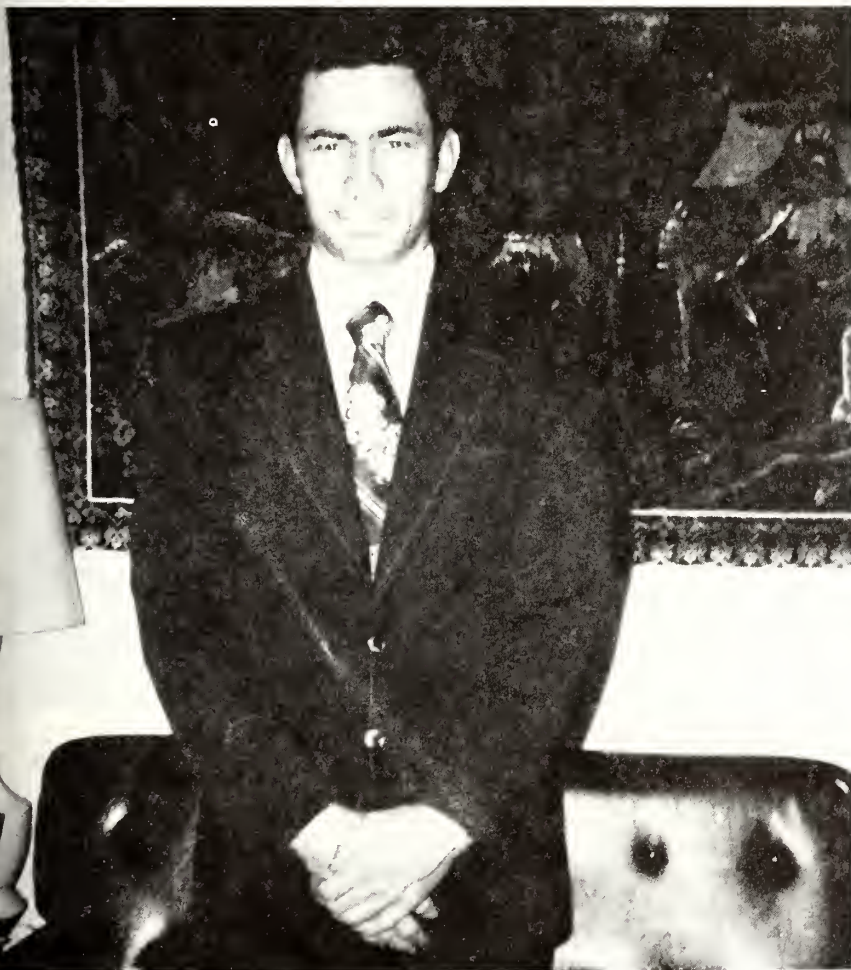
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— Tommy Manning  
Editor

## The Rev. Roger C. Heath

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION, Leland, North Carolina, honors its former pastor this week, the Rev. Roger C. Heath. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### A FORMER PASTOR—A TRUE FRIEND



*The Rev. Roger C. Heath*

We at Faith Mission of Leland, North Carolina, want to express our thanks to a former pastor and dear friend. He is not with us anymore, but we would like for him to know that we care about him and his family. We hope he will get to read this before he goes overseas. His name is the Rev. Roger C. Heath.

He came to Faith about two years ago. He and his family brought the love of God with them as he was a young minister just coming into the ministry.

He worked very hard and did a lot for the Faith Mission when he was here. He came a long way to the mission. He would travel eighty-five

miles every weekend. He really loved the mission.

When there was work to be done he was there working for the Lord. When the church's grass needed mowing, he was there with his lawn mower. He would say that that was part of the Lord's work.

When we started painting downstairs of the mission, he was here with a paint brush.

His family was with him when he came. I believe they loved the mission and wanted to do a lot for the mission.

When he knew you were sick, he was there. He even went to the hospital with some and prayed with them in the emergency room.

Now he is getting ready to leave for Germany, as he is a sergeant in the United States Army. The members of Faith Mission are praying for him and his family hoping they will have a safe journey to Germany. The members also send them their love and hope and pray that they will be back to the states soon. We all will miss them very much.

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### CENTRAL CONFERENCE ORDAINING COUNCIL MEETS

The Central Conference Ordaining Council meets on October 16, 1979, at 10 a. m. at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Ayden. Anyone having any dealings with the Central Conference should attend. The date was changed in order to announce it in the FREE WILL BAPTIST.

Submitted by  
Royce Reynolds

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### REMINDER

Don't forget to send in your proposed changes for the Proposed Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government before November 15, 1979. Mail to North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Box 362, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.



# SUPERANNUATED WIDOWS, MINISTERS, WORKERS, AND RETIREMENT SYSTEM LIST

Remember these persons who have served the Free Will Baptist church so faithfully during the past years. Perhaps you will want to remember them on their birthdays or during the special holidays.

## MINISTERS' PENSION LIST

		(Birthdays)
Rev. Herman Wooten	104 Avery Street Garner, N. C. 27529	February 15, 188
Rev. Wiley Ferrell	601 Tower Street Selma, N. C. 27576	September 27, 19

## DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM RECIPIENTS

Rev. J. P. Barrow	Route 1, Box 475 LaGrange, N. C. 28551	October 26, 188
Rev. L. S. Joyner	1220 Lynn Road Durham, N. C. 27703	November 5, 190
Rev. J. A. Evans	Route 1, Box 100-C Seven Springs, N. C. 28578	November 10, 190
Rev. Willie E. Stilley	Route 6, Box 180 New Bern, N. C. 28560	July 28, 190
Rev. L. B. Manning	P. O. Box 163 Fountain, N. C. 27829	May 13, 190
Mr. Wade Long	702 West Fourth Street Ayden, N. C. 28513	June 21, 190
Rev. R. W. Allman	901 Danbury Drive Durham, N. C. 27703	December 25, 190
Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark	904 Midway Avenue Durham, N. C. 27703	January 16, 190
Mrs. Alice Barrow	Route 2 Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	August 15, 190
Rev. N. B. Barrow	Route 2 Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	October 23, 190
Rev. Clifton T. Rice	P. O. Box 1303 Kinston, N. C. 28501	January 9, 190
Rev. Edgar Benton	Route 1, Box 395-A Fremont, N. C. 27830	September 26, 190
Mr. Ralph A. Bowen	Route 1, Box 394 Ayden, N. C. 28513	March 5, 190
Rev. C. L. Patrick	Route 1, Box 219 Winterville, N. C. 28590	August 17, 190
Rev. W. O. Lassister	Route 3, Box 65 Four Oaks, N. C. 27524	October 4, 190

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Mrs. Julia W. Snyder	718 First Rainbow Street Lexington, N. C. 27292	August 25, 188
Mrs. Mary J. Parrish	Box 43 Elm City, N. C. 27822	September 23, 190
Mrs. W. H. Lancaster	405 Raleigh Road Smithfield, N. C. 27577	August 2, 188

# CONVENTION VIGNETTES

State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina  
meeting at  
Lenoir Community College Gymnasium  
Kinston  
September 12, 13



Executive Secretary Gary Bailey opens session.



Staff writer Janie Sowers (Free Will Baptist Press) discusses new literature with Tommy Manning and Jack Mayo.



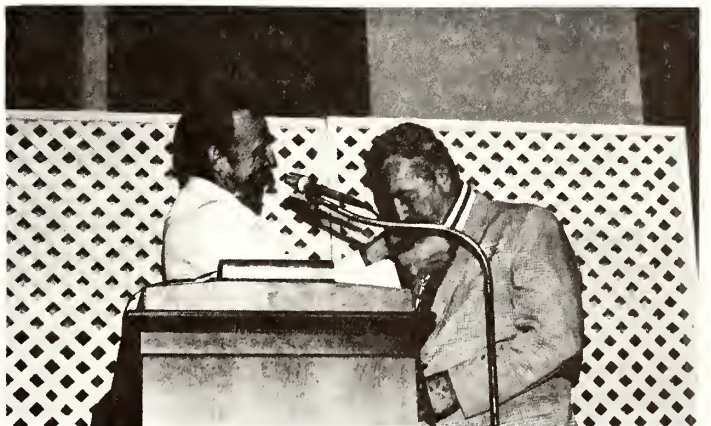
Convention President David C. Hansley looks on as Janie Sowers presents "The Bible Series" to an interested audience.



Foreign Missions Director Joe Ingram, Missionary Vance Link (Texas-Mexico Missions), and Home Missions and Church Extension Director-Treasurer, Taylor Hill.



Smokey Eggers, Baptist Association of Scouting official, presents Good Shepherd Award to D. C. Hansley, the first time such an award was presented to the president of state body.



Frank Crary, member of the Free Will Baptist Scouting Commission, receives Good Shepherd Award, the highest service award.

Photos by Scott Sowers



## Hooray, School Is Out for Linda, Kim, and Stevie

Late on Friday afternoon, August 31, 1979, there was an extremely loud noise here on Palawan. If you think back to that date, you might have heard it all the way where you are. Let us explain to you what it was. Well, let's go back a few months for a clearer detail. The story started ten months ago when we, the Baker family, arrived in the Philippines with our suitcases in hand and a box of schoolbooks for Kim and Stevie.

In just a short while Linda had Kim and Stevie busy at work in school. Teaching two different full grades was not always easy, but they carried on in the midst of many interruptions. We had to buy furniture, get visas and many other things. Then our personal belongings from the States arrived. Linda, Kim, and Stevie were delayed two months while making the move south to Palawan. In the middle of unpacking and setting up housekeeping, Linda returned to the task of the children's school work. They have been busy and have worked very hard. There were other hindrances, but by God's strength, Linda's unwillingness to give up and Kim's and Stevie's hard work, the end of their school work came into view. On Friday afternoon, August 31, 1979, they finished their studies.

Kim is promoted to the fourth grade and Stevie is promoted to the first grade. The extremely loud noise was a hardy "Hooray, Hooray, Hooray" shouted by students, teacher, and Daddy alike.

They will take the month of September for summer vacation and begin next year's studies in October, 1979. We want to thank each of you who have prayed so faithfully for Kim and Stevie in their new school program and for Linda as their teacher. God has been answering your prayers. We want to thank also all those that have worked so hard to provide Kim's and Stevie's school program. We are thankful to God for providing for us the opportunity of teaching them by correspondence. As Linda said, "It has not always been easy, but it is an extreme responsibility, privilege and blessing to teach my own children."

Kim and Stevie are excited about their summer vacation. They have grown a lot physically, mentally and spiritually. From all the Baker family we want to say to each of you: "Thank you for being a part of our lives and ministry for Jesus Christ here in the Philippines." May God richly bless you.

—The Baker Family

### FEBC RECEIVES DRASTIC INCREASE IN LETTERS FROM MAINLAND CHINA

Mail received from Mainland China in response to the radio broadcasts of the Far East Broadcasting Company is sharply increasing since the recent relaxing of China-U.S. relations and the change in Chinese foreign policy.

The first 19 days of April brought in 1,593 letters to FEBC's Hong Kong office, bringing the total for 1979 thus far to 5,644. This is compared with the 58 letters received in all of 1978, and the average of 18 letters received annually for the past 10 years. Response has come from every province of China except Tibet, and 90 percent of the mail received January through March was from non-Christians.

Chinese staff at FEBC studios Hong Kong and Singapore record programs which are beamed more than 21 hours each day to the mainland from five facilities in the Philippines, Korea, and San Francisco. Follow-up to listener response is handled mainly through Hong Kong.

The Far East Broadcasting Company began broadcasting the gospel to China in 1949—the year of the Communist takeover. In addition to its outreach to China, FEBC also transmits Christian programs into Southeast Asia, the Soviet Union, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Saipan, India, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. Short wave and medium-wave stations in five locations provide coverage of a potential two-thirds of the world's population, with 2,100 program hours per week in languages and dialects.

### BASIN FOR FEET WASHING

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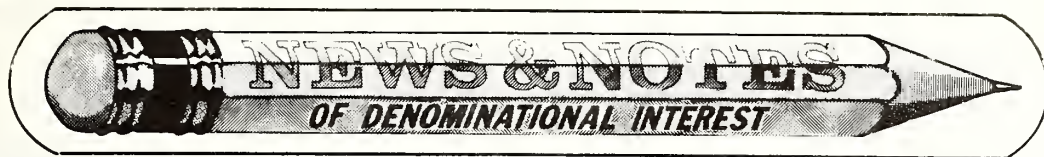
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**Eighty-Fourth Annual Session  
Eastern Conference to Meet**

The Eighty-Fourth Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, October 24, 25. The scheduled program is as follows:

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

- 8:00—Registration, Ministers, Delegates, Visitors
- 9:00—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Ronnie Parker
- 10:10—Conference Called to Order, Conference Clerk
  - Welcome to the Kinston Church, the Rev. Bruce Dudley, Pastor
  - Response, the Rev. Clifton Rice
- 12:20—Moderator's Address, the Rev. David W. Hansley, Moderator
- 1:30—Roll Call of Ministers, Receive Church Letters
  - Partial Report of Credentials Committee
  - Seating of the Delegates
  - Recognize and Welcome Visitors
- 2:55—Report of Camp Vandemere, Inc.
  - Receive Camp Vandemere Offering
- 3:10—Report from Mount Olive College
- 3:15—Worship Service
  - Receive Conference Offering
  - Introductory Sermon, the Rev. Melvin Everington
- 4:00—Lunch, Fellowship Time

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

- 1:30—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Jack Phillips
- 1:40—Report of the Executive Committee

- 1:45—Report of the Examining Board
- 1:50—Report from the North Carolina Board of Superannuation
- 1:55—Report from the General Conference
- 2:00—Report from the North Carolina State Convention
- 2:05—Report from the North Carolina Ministerial Association
- 2:10—Report from the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
- 2:15—Report of the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention
- 2:20—Report from the Church Finance Association
- 2:25—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:45—Recess

**THURSDAY MORNING**

- 9:30—Registration (For those not yet registered)
- 10:00—Scripture and Prayer, James Gurganus
- 10:10—Read and Approve Minutes of Previous Day
  - Roll Call of Ministers Absent Wednesday
  - Receive Church Letters Not Already Turned In
- 10:30—Report from Cragmont Assembly, Inc.
- 10:35—Report of the Eastern Conference Mission Board
- 10:45—Report from the North Carolina State Mission Board
- 10:50—Report from the North Carolina Church Extension Board
- 10:55—Report from the Children's Home
- 11:05—Worship Service
  - Conference Offering
  - Conference Sermon, the Rev. Bruce Dudley
- 12:00—Lunch, Fellowship Time

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

- 1:30—Memorial Service, Memorial Committee
  - 1:45—Final Report of the Credentials Committee
    - Final Report of the Examining Board
  - 2:00—Committee Reports
    - Leagues
    - Sunday Schools
    - Temperance
    - Resolutions
    - Digest
    - Finance Committee
    - Nominations
    - Election
  - 3:00—Miscellaneous Business
    - Read and Approve the Minutes
    - Installation of Officers and Committee Members
  - 3:15—Adjournment, Closing Hymn, Benediction
- Moderator, the Rev. David W. Hansley  
Assistant Moderator, the Rev. T. Bruce Dudley  
Clerk, the Rev. Bill Futch  
Treasurer, S. Woodrow McCoy  
Member-at-Large, the Rev. A. Graham Lane

**Watery Branch Church  
Announces Revival**

Revival services began at the Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Stantonsburg, Sunday, October 7 at 7 and Monday, October 8, through Friday, October 12, at 7:45 p. m. The Rev. Don Gray, pastor of Gray Branch church of Kinston is the evangelist. There is special singing each night by the church and local groups. The Rev. A. G. Smith, the pastor, and the church membership invite everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

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### **Homecoming and Revival at Owens Chapel Church**

Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming Sunday, October 14. Sunday school will begin at 10 a. m. followed by worship services at 11 a. m. with the Rev. R. W. Allman, a former pastor, bringing the morning message. Lunch will be served on the church grounds.

Revival services will begin October 15 through October 20 at 7:45 p. m. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. C. M. Coats. The supply pastor, the Rev. Clinton Davis, and the church membership invite everyone to attend these services.

### **Shiloh Church Announces Revival Services**

Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina, will be having revival services, October 15 through October 19 at 7:30 p. m. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. David Charles Hansley, pastor of the Daniels Chapel church of Wilson.

On Sunday, October 21, the church will celebrate its homecoming and harvest day. Sunday school is at 10 a. m. with worship service beginning at eleven.

The pastor, the Rev. Marvin R. Waters, and the congregation cordially invite the public, former pastors, and friends to these special services.

### **Homecoming at Mount Tabor Church**

Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina, will have its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 14. Sunday school will begin at 10 a. m. followed by the morning worship service at eleven.

The Rev. Larry Barbour of Wilson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, will bring the homecoming message.

The pastor, the Rev. Ransom McAbee, and the church membership invite all former members and pastors to attend. Lunch

will be served at noon. There will be a singspiration in the afternoon.

### **Shady Grove Church To Hold Revival**

Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Spivey's Corner will be holding revival October 15 through October 19 at 8 p. m. The Rev. J. B. Starnes of Morehead City will be the guest evangelist. The church family joins with their pastor, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough, in inviting the public to come and worship with them.

### **Homecoming and Fall Revival At Moseley's Creek Church**

The annual homecoming at Moseley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church between Dover and Fort Barnwell, North Carolina, will be Sunday, October 21. Sunday school will be at 10 a. m. with morning worship at eleven. Dinner will be provided by the church at 12:30 p. m. An afternoon sing will be held in the church sanctuary by the Chapelettes. The Free Will Baptist League will meet at 6 p. m.

The fall revival will begin Monday night, October 22, and will continue through Friday night, October 26. Services will begin nightly at 7:30. The Rev. Calvin Heath will be the guest evangelist.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. W. H. Willis. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### **Revival Meetings and Homecoming at West Clinton Church**

Revival services will begin October 11 at 7:30 each evening and will continue through the week at the West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church in Clinton. The speaker will be the Rev. Robert Duncan from Brunswick, North Carolina.

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, October 14 with Mr. Duncan doing the preaching. The pastor, the Rev. Hubert Stanley, joins with the members in extending an invitation to all former

members and pastors. Lunch will be served at noon after which there will be a singspiration.

### **The Lesters to be at Westside Church**



*The Lesters*

The Lesters of St. Louis Missouri, will be in concert at the Westside Free Will Baptist Church, 1203 Lynn Drive (next to Bill Fay Memorial Park), Kingston, North Carolina, Wednesday October 10, 1979, at 7:30 p. m.

Miss Lynn Taylor (front, right) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Taylor, 1004 Tyree Road, is a member of this outstanding gospel group.

The Lesters are reputed as one of America's best loved, best known, and most talented family entertainment groups on the road today, and have had universal success in almost every medium: records, television, radio, and concerts.

The Lesters began in gospel music more than fifty years ago and have sung before thousands of people all over the United States, Canada and overseas. It has become a tradition of the Lesters to take their entourage on an annual pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Continuing the tradition of great gospel music that Harvey and Opal Lester started more than 50 years ago, the Lesters travel more than 100,000 miles a year sharing the joy of being a Christian. Just recently they

appeared at Six Flags Over Mid America, where they performed thousands of people for two days. Also, recently, some of the Lesters were invited by President and Mrs. Carter to visit the White House in Washington, D. C. Herschel Lester reports gospel music was very well accepted at the White House and looks forward to going back.

Their television programs are seen throughout the United States and are produced at Meramec Taverns in Stanton, Missouri. The program entitled, "Gospel Goes Underground with the Lesters," is filmed entirely in the beautiful ballroom of the famous Cave. In their home market in St. Louis, the program is seen on Sunday morning at 7:30 a. m. on NBC affiliate KSD-TV.

Today the Lesters are going stronger than ever before, and their travels are taking them to more and newer places every week.

The public is cordially invited to see the Lesters in Kinston on October 10. There is no admission charge.

**First Church, Rocky Mount, No Have Revival**



*The Rev. Roy Clifton*

The First Free Will Baptist Church, 406 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount, will have revival services

beginning Monday night, October 15 and continuing through Friday night, October 19. The evangelist for the week will be the Rev. Roy Clifton. He is a most beloved and dedicated pastor. He has been preaching for ten years and is going on his seventh year at Mount Zion church. He is also a graduate of Carolina Bible Institute. The services will start nightly at 7:30 with special singing each night.

The church will be having its annual homecoming day on Sunday, October 21. There will be dinner on the grounds at noon, and special singing in the afternoon by the Oak Grove Boys from Elm City.

The pastor, the Rev. Larry W. Barbour, and the members of the church extend to everyone an invitation to come and worship in these services.

**The Lesters to be at Daniels Chapel Church**

The Lesters from St. Louis, Missouri, will be at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in the Black Creek Community near Wilson, on Friday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. David Charles Hansley, pastor of the church, cordially invites the public to attend.

Admission is free but a free will offering will be taken to defray expenses.

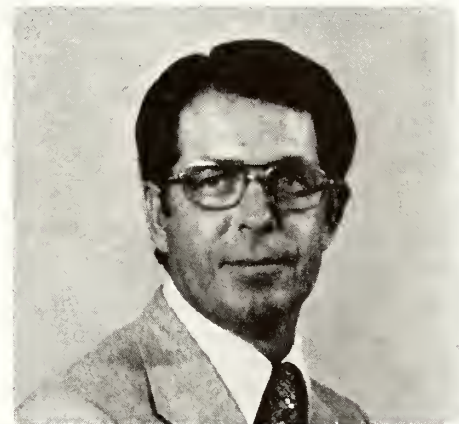
The Lesters are truly one of America's best loved, best known and most talented family entertainment groups on the road today. They are seasoned professionals and have had universal success in almost every medium—records, television, radio, and concerts.

**Revival in Progress At Grants Chapel Church**

Revival services are in progress at the Grants Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Mount Olive continuing through October 13. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The Rev.

William Littleton of Beulaville is the guest evangelist. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Emmitt E. Jones. Please pray for the remainder of these services.

**First Church, Goldsboro, Gets New Pastor**



*The Rev. Norman Ard*

The Rev. Norman Ard began his duties as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church on August 1. He is a native of South Carolina, but attended Mount Olive College, and has pastored Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina for the past twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ard have three children—Marla, a student at Atlantic Christian College; Joe, a student at Wilson Technical Institute; and Todd, a student at South Lenoir High School.

The Ards have been in Pink Hill for a number of years before his assuming this pastorate.

**Homecoming and Revival At First Church, Goldsboro**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro observed homecoming on Sunday, October 7. The Rev. John Adock, a former member, delivered the homecoming message. A picnic lunch was served at noon. During the afternoon a brief memorial service was observed, and the couple of the year was announced. This was followed by a program of gospel music presented by the church's chancel choir.

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A special part of the program was the burning of the mortgage on the sanctuary.

Revival services are in progress through October 12 with the Rev. Gary M. Bailey, pastor of Stoney Creek church near Goldsboro as the evangelist. Special music is being featured each night. A nursery is provided for all services. The pastor, the Rev. Norman Ard, is assisting in these services. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

#### **Revival and Homecoming At New Bethlehem Church**

Revival at the New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro, will continue through October 12 at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Walter Sutton is the guest evangelist. He is pastor of Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul.

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, October 14 with dinner on the grounds. The pastor, the Rev. Graham Lane, and the members extend an invitation to everyone.

#### **Oriental Church Has Revival**

The Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental North Carolina, announces revival services continuing throughout the week of October 8 at 7:30 p. m., with the Rev. Harry Bryan of New Bern as the guest evangelist. The Rev. Ralph Sumner, pastor of the church, is assisting in the services. Special singing is being planned for each service. The public is extended a very cordial welcome to attend the remainder of these services.

On Sunday, October 14, Oriental church will observe its annual homecoming. Lunch will be served immediately following the morning worship service. Everyone is also invited to attend the homecoming and enjoy a day of Christian worship and fellowship. The homecoming message will be given by the pastor.

#### **Folkstone Church to Have Homecoming and Revival**

Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church, Holly Ridge, will observe its annual homecoming day on Sunday, October 14. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. followed by the morning service. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at the noon hour. A singspiration will follow with special singing from the different church choirs.

The pastor, the Rev. Dallas D. Bryson, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to everyone to come and enjoy the day.

Revival services will begin on Monday night, October 15 through October 19 at 7:30 p. m. The evangelist is the Rev. Lloyd F. Hargis, pastor of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Clayton, North Carolina.

Singing is planned each evening. Everyone is invited.

#### **YFA Present Play**

The YFA of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County presented the play "The Peril of Reluctance" for youth Sunday services on September 30. Johnny Lewis led the services.

Young children in the church sang a few songs led by Gladys Oakley with Verna Heath playing the piano. Flowers in the church were given in honor of the Woman's Auxiliary by the Young Woman's Auxiliary and were presented by Carol Ellis.

Special music was rendered by the youth choir. Members of the YFA in the play were Carlton and Carlissa Oakley, Denise Cobb and Jeff Moore.

Ushers for the service were Dennis Beamon, Mickey Newton, Larry Cobb, and Tony Holloman. Susan Beamon was pianist and organist for the service.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, pastor of Friendship.

## **STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**

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The Rev. Marvin Waters

**Everyone Welcome**

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For October 21

## CHRIST PROVIDES THE PATTERN FOR GROWTH

**Lesson Text:** Philippians 3:3-16  
**Memory Verse:** Philippians 3:14

### INTRODUCTION

The first Christians were Jews. From infancy they had been taught to think of themselves as God's chosen people and to avoid unnecessary contact with non-Jews. It was hard for them to believe that Jesus meant even Gentiles when He told them to reach to every creature.

This feeling was so firmly fixed that it took special revelations to persuade Peter to share the Gospel with Gentiles (Acts 10). When he did, he was sharply criticized by other Jewish Christians. After full consideration, however, the Christians agreed that God was sending His salvation to all mankind (Acts 11:1-18).

The more exclusive Jews then said that Gentiles might become Christians but they could not be saved unless they became Jews also. After full discussion, the spirit-guided church rejected that idea. Salvation was granted through Christ to Jews and Gentiles alike (Acts 15:1-29).

Some Jews in the church stubbornly refused to accept this decision. They traveled widely in Gentile areas, declaring to the Christians that they must become Jews. Paul vigorously combated that false teaching. He discussed at length in his letter to the Galatians, and it is in the background of this lesson from Philippians.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. We have a job to do, and the time in which to do it is running out. We must reach a spiritual maturity in a hurry so that Christ may yet be honored in this world, and souls brought to a saving knowledge of Him.

B. The world can easily tell if we have been with Jesus: they see the marks of Christian growth which come out all over us as we walk with Him. What do they see when we fail to walk with Him?

C. Look again at the "Christian bones": jawbone Christians are those who do a lot of talking about their religion, and little else; wishbone Christians are those who want things to happen for Christ and the church, but let it go at that; while backbone Christians are those who work at the tasks of the kingdom and are dependable in every good work. Which of the three would you say has matured in Christ?

D. You can always tell who the mature Christians are in the church: they are usually always on the job; they complain little if any at all; they do not move from church to church just because things don't go to suit them; they always support the church financially and with service—well, there are many other signs; what signs do you have?

E. One reason why so many church members lose interest and fall by the way is that they have never joined Jesus Christ! Just joining the church is missing the mark by a million miles. Only those who are in Christ and are growing do not fall by the way.

F. If we are just church members, blessings only come

out of our mouths—they are just words with no heart. If we are mature Christians, blessings come out of our hearts, and our words mean something they never meant before.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In last Sunday's lesson, taken from Philippians 2, we had much to say about service and read how Paul showed Christ as our example in service. He told how He humbled Himself, did what His Heavenly Father sent Him to do, and how He was exalted when His task was finished.

B. In Philippians 3 our concentration will be on Christian growth, an experience which normally extends from that of service. In short, one cannot grow spiritually until he has learned to serve obediently.

C. Christ provided the perfect pattern for Christian growth. He was willing to abdicate the glory of Heaven which was rightfully His, surrender His total will to that of the Father, and offer Himself in every way possible—even unto death—to show that He expected to minister and not be ministered unto.

D. If we are to follow Christ's example (or pattern) for growth, we too must be willing to give up anything that stands in our way of helping those who need us; we must say with Jesus, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done"; and we must thrust ourselves into the public arena of human life and offer whatever service we have—even unto death if need be.

E. Once we have reached these decisions we have come to the starting place. As we begin to act upon those decisions we begin to grow. When we have become completely committed to Christ's will we can say we have grown in Him.

—The Advanced Quarterly  
(F.W.B.)



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE MAKES MAJOR DECISION

There will be those, of course, who raise eyebrows at the decision by Mount Olive College Trustees to move toward a four-year institution.

Eyebrows were raised 25 years ago when the Free Will Baptists, with \$6.17 in the kitty, made the incredulous announcement that they planned to establish a two-year college at Mount Olive.

With a young man by the name of Burkette Raper as its president, Mount Olive College set up operations in a building the Wayne County school system had abandoned.

A decision crucial to the success of the institution was made. That decision was to invest in quality of instruction and teaching tools at the expense of new brick and mortar.

Thus, in record time, the fledgling institution, still operating in the aged, patched-up structure, won full accreditation.

Students who might have been turned off by the surroundings, were turned on by what they found at Mount Olive.

Not only did the school provide an excellent liberal arts education, it also maintained a code of conduct for its students and its faculty not found in many institutions today.

At Mount Olive, a student—and his parents—knew that learning and living would be in a Christian atmosphere. The college was not, of course, for everyone. But what it offered was of great importance to those who chose Mount Olive.

Today the college still uses the original building. But in addition

it has a new campus and structures which are second to none in appearance and in quality. They represent investments of more than \$4 million.

The school operates on an annual budget of \$2.3 million, compared to \$60,000 the first year.

The key to the success of Mount Olive College has been Dr. Burkette Raper's ability to attract to the institution faculty members and administrative personnel who share his fervor and total commitment.

They, in turn, have attracted a student body and produced graduates who have become testimonials to the quality and the ideals of Mount Olive College.

Moving toward four-year status is an ambitious and courageous decision. It was not taken lightly. Mount Olive College has the record, the momentum and the reason to succeed.

—Reprinted from **Goldsboro News-Argus**, September 27, 1979

## COLLEGE DINNERS PLANNED

The following dinners to benefit Mount Olive College have been set for the fall, 1979:

**BEAUFORT COUNTY**—Saturday, October 13, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School; Oscar Webster, chairman.

**WAYNE COUNTY**—Tuesday, October 16, 7 p. m., Mount Olive College Auditorium; Miss Louise Edgerton, chairman.

**NASH COUNTY**—Thursday, October 18, 7 p. m., Middlesex Elementary School; Barry Gardner, chairman.

**PAMLICO COUNTY**—Saturday, October 20, 7 p. m., Camp Vandemere, M. N. (Tom) Caroon, chairman.

**CRAVEN COUNTY**—Monday, October 22, 7 p. m., West Crave High School; Miss Marie DeBruhl, chairman.

**GREENE COUNTY**—Saturday, October 27, 7 p. m., West Greene School, Snow Hill; George Harrison, chairman.

**JONES COUNTY**—Monday, October 29, 7 p. m., King's Babecue Restaurant, Kinston; Eldo L. Brock, chairman.

**ON-SLOW-NEW HANOVER COUNTIES**—Tuesday, October 30, 7 p. m., Folkstone church; C. B. Everett, chairman.

**DUPLIN COUNTY**—Saturday, November 3, 6 p. m., East Duplin High School; William E. Futch, chairman.

**JOHNSTON-WAKE COUNTIES**—Monday, November 5, 7 p. m., Everett Chapel church, Clayton; Leonard Woodall and Lloyd Hargis, co-chairmen.

**CARTERET COUNTY**—Saturday, November 10, 6:30 p. m., East Carteret High School; David Ward and Hillary Gaskins, co-chairmen.

**PITT COUNTY**—Monday, November 12, 7 p. m., D. H. Conley High School; Bobby Taylor, chairman.

**WILSON COUNTY**—Tuesday, November 13, 7 p. m., Beddingfield High School; James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

**SAMPSON, HARNETT, AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES**—Thursday, November 15, 7 p. m., Midway School; C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

## PAUL PALMER COURSES ANNOUNCED

The Paul Palmer Institute of Christian Studies will feature three locations of courses for the second term beginning Monday, October 22, and Thursday, October 25. Each course is eight weeks in length.

Courses offered on the Mount Olive College campus beginning Monday, October 22, are "Preparation of Sermons" taught by Frank R. Harrison at 7 p. m. and "Christian Beliefs" taught by Dr. Michael Pelt at 8:30 p. m.

Courses offered off-campus at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson beginning Monday, October 22, are "Christian Beliefs" taught by Ray Eakes at 7 p.m., and "The Free Will Baptist Church Part II (Doctrine and Polity)" taught by Wayne Eakes at 8:30 p.m.

Courses will also be offered off-campus at Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church beginning Thursday, October 25. These courses are "The Free Will Baptist Church Part I (History)" taught by Dr. Michael Pelt at 7 p.m., and "Principles of Christian Education" taught by Sheldon Howard at 8:30 p.m.

These two courses are being taught in conjunction with the late Sunday School Convention and may be applied toward the Teacher Certification Program. Sunday schools are encouraged to help pay tuition.

Cost of the courses will be \$10 if they are taken without credit. Cost will be \$20 per course if taken for certificate credit through the Paul Palmer Institute. Credited courses also require a one-time registration fee of \$10.

Books may be obtained the first meeting of class.

### MRS. RILEY TO SPEAK

Mrs. Dianne Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will speak at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church outside Middlesex on Monday, October 14, for the Sunday school hour and the 11 a.m. worship service.

The Rev. Paul Grubbs is pastor.

### NEW TESTAMENT ART ON DISPLAY

A series of etchings by Georges Braque, one of the few contemporary masters of religious art, is on display in the Henderson Building of the Mount Olive College campus.

The "Miserere" includes 58 etchings with New Testament

themes that depict the different forms of human misery and man's confrontation of that misery.

The exhibit comes from the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh through sponsorship of the Mount Olive College Art Department and Art Club.

### COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at the homecoming services of Hopewell Methodist Church near Newton Grove on Sunday, October 14.

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### TERRY TREE

by Barb Von Hasseln

Once there was a tree named Terry. He was so very proud of his beautiful green leaves. They were so shiny and brilliant! He thought he was the best looking tree on the whole block.

It was summertime and Terry's leaves stayed bright and green all through June, July, and August.

At the beginning of September when all the boys and girls were going back to school, Terry noticed that some of his green leaves were fading! Slowly, day by day, his leaves were turning colors! Some of his leaves became yellow, some red, orange and brown!

"I thought my green leaves were nice, but with all these pretty colors I have to be the most beautiful tree!" During October and November, Terry's leaves began to drop off his branches. Soon, there were no more leaves left!

"All my beautiful leaves are on the ground. I look terrible!" The days started to get cooler and cooler. One day some snowflakes fell on Terry's branches. They made him feel so cold!

One night late in December, there was a bad snow storm. Snow swirled around Terry's trunk. The wind howled and snapped one of his branches off! These storms continued through January and February.

Early in March Terry was awakened by the sun shining in his eyes. It felt so warm and nice. A little while later, he felt water running from his branches. The sun was melting the snow! Spring will be here pretty soon, he thought.

Little bumps shown on all his branches. Then little tiny specks of green peeped out. A couple of days later, Terry knew what was happening. His leaves were growing back again! He was so happy! He knew that God had taken care of him through all the seasons! And we know that God will take care of us through all the seasons of our whole life!

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Robert Rollins announces that he now has a change of address. His new address is P.O. Box 1215, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; phone 524-5017.

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### Church Available

Mount Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Newport, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor. Anyone interested should contact Ruth Mottolo, Route 2, Box 57, Newport, North Carolina 28570, or phone 726-2650.

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### ATTENTION!

Now is the time to honor your pastor in our "Pastor of the Week" column in this paper. The editor will be happy to assist you in making it a surprise for him and his family.

Editorial Department



*During*  
*October . . .* **OBSERVE**  
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**in**  
**YOUR CHURCH**

The State Convention has designated October as

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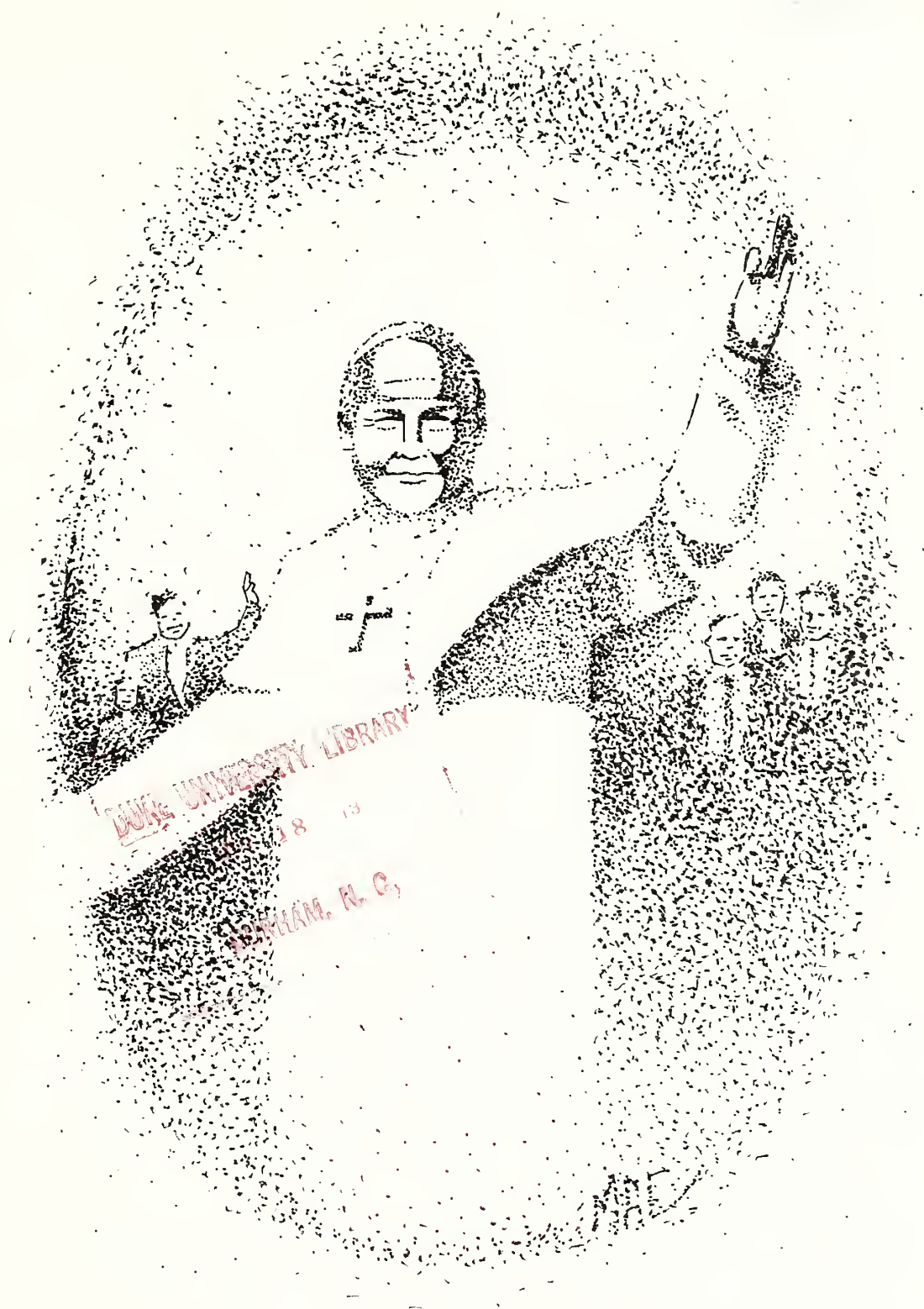
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He is indeed a spiritual leader, but nonetheless fallible, because he is in actuality a mere man. The Pope is certainly not divine, despite reverence paid him by those who elevate him in mind and heart . . .



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# The Free Will Baptist



## THOU SHALT NOT WORSHIP THE POPE

No Free Will Baptist, regardless of his open-mindedness, can appreciate the almost divine respect paid Pope John Paul II during his recent visit to the United States. It might be safe to assume that most Protestant Christians in general resented the adoration shown the Catholic leader. Some vocalized their dismay and wondered aloud if Jesus Christ himself would be so nobly received.

The several thousand who flocked at each scheduled stop of the so-called "Holy Father" (often hours and hours in advance of his appearance), represented a combination of curiosity, loyalty, and, certainly, on the part of Catholics, sincere respect and devotion. But from where we sit, it seems a flagrant violation of the first commandment.

No man, pope or not, deserves such homage. Even those of his faith who disagree with some of his "reaffirmations" seemed to pay him reverence, even in their standing disapproval of his mandates. While taking issue, they nonetheless bowed or knelt before him in utter veneration, if not obedience.

The expensively-robed pontiff was always heavily guarded; security was tighter than for any visiting head of state, it has been reported. He enjoyed, during his several days' visit, a type of admiration, and in such magnitude, as never before seen in this country. Perhaps his position is deserving of honor; perhaps his character is such as to evoke praise—but surely not to the extent that it becomes worship. And despite Roman Catholic protests that "His Holiness" is deserving of highest praise, it causes most Protestants to cringe.

I must admit that I had viewed the Pope's coming with some skepticism, mainly because I had anticipated the occurrence of praises in voice and action that no human being (in my opinion) deserves or should accept. Even though, during his installation as head of the Catholic Church, he had refused the three-tiered crown which announces the Pope as "Father of princes and kings, Ruler of the World on earth, and Vicar of our Saviour Jesus Christ," he did little during his time in the States to dissuade the actual obeisance of his subjects.

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# Stewardship of the Ninety

by Stan Mooneyhan

submitted by the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison

**F**OR as long as I can remember, I have heard sermons about the offering of the tenth. Tithing, it is called. Given as a part of Old Testament law, it is probably best known because of Malachi 3:10, that great passage about bringing the tithes into the storehouse. Jesus put His approval upon the practice (Matthew 23:23). Tithing is not only an efficient way of giving but a biblical way—ten percent off the top.

But I get the feeling that many of us think once the ten percent is out of the way, the rest is ours, scot-free, to do with as we please. In our concern to be biblical, we overlook the fact that stewardship has something to say not only about the top ten percent but about the other ninety. After all, that's where we do a significant part of our living—in the ninety. And it is there where we reveal what we think is important.

It is in the ninety, not in the ten, that we publicly and conspicuously witness to what we really believe are the priorities and implications of discipleship.

Too often stewardship is promoted on the grounds of what it will do for the steward. Of the tithe, God indeed says, "Prove me!", but far from being a **quid pro quo** business transaction, is this not a call to those who already claim to be committed? Commitment comes first. As love can never give enough, so commitment can never give enough, never do enough. And total commitment, like true love, keeps no ledger. Requisite love is its own reward. When our attention is focused upon what we hope to get, we are in no frame of mind to give what it takes.

Preaching which offers physical comfort, financial security, spiritual tranquility as a payoff for following

Christ is heresy. The more deeply we love, the more vulnerable we become. Only when we do not care, does it not hurt. Similarly with commitment, only when we do not care, does it not cost.

We have attached the payoff principle to all that we do and are and have as Christians. Because we are God's people, we think we deserve special privilege. There is indeed something special about our situation, but it is special responsibility, not special privilege. We are among the elect, but note to what we have been elected: servanthood. Becoming a child of the King is a license for being a servant, not a franchise for demanding service.

Like our Lord, we came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. This is the reverse of everything that "important people" have ever believed or wanted to believe about themselves. It's not an easy proposition for Christians to accept. We would like to go to the head of the gasoline line if we could. We would like to get what's "coming" to us. We, as easily as others, see the logic of looking out for number one.

All this real-life wishing and living, all this authentic witnessing for good or ill falls somewhere in the ninety percent. So does our house and the car in the garage. So does the use of a skill, whatever it is, however we use it. So do our financial investments, which are in some way affecting the world for better or worse. So does the amount we spend on an evening out, a dinner in, a suit of clothes or a gown.

One cannot set a Christian lifestyle for others. As has been pointed out, wealth is relative. Poverty in one

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part of the world is affluence in some other part. It is as easy to say of little as of much, "Lord, this is mine—hands off!" But where you are and where I am, in some clear way our handling of the ninety, as well as our handling of the other ten percent, says something eloquent about our Christian commitment, perhaps more than we care to have said about it.

The widow's mites were so great because what she had left was so little. I wonder how we would fare under that kind of measurement? In America, Christian giving for the most part is not terribly demanding. "Give until it hurts," the adage goes. But are we really giving at all if it **doesn't** hurt? On the other hand, what does "hurt" mean? Is it anything more than a readjustment to a new commitment, the "expulsive power of a new affection"? Do commitments ever really "hurt"?

Perhaps stewardship is not so much giving up something as doing what one thinks is most important. Parents who modify their lifestyle in order to give their child a college education do it not out of compulsion but out of joy. It's not your burden—it's your child!

I guess what I am thinking these days is that God is not so much trying to teach us fractions as to get us to understand that it all belongs to Him—the nine dollars somewhere as well as the one dollar in the collection plate.

Maybe the question Jesus is asking each of us—and the one we had better be prepared to answer without embarrassment—is, "Where are the nine?"

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—Tommy Manning  
Editor

## Coming Events . .

October—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Superannuation Month

October 18—Western Conference, Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama

October 20—Pee Dee Association Annual Meeting, Mission Valley Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus County

October 24, 25—Eastern Conference

October 27—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention

October 27—Western District Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson

November—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home Month

November 1—Cape Fear Conference, Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Benson

November 6—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

November 6—Board of Superannuation Meeting, 1 p.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

November 7—Central Conference

November 10—Central District Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church

November 11—Children's Home Day in local churches

# Children's Home

## PLAY BALL FOR THE CHILDREN

The Ayden Free Will Baptist Church and the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church battled it out recently on behalf of the Children's Home. The men played against the women and, from what we hear, the men of Ayden have a healthy respect for the female team.

Meetings were canceled and sacrifices were made in order to make it a good game. Pastor C. H. Overman and Pastor W. S. Burns cheered their respective teams on.

Proceeds from the game amounted to \$260. It was all fun, but the Christian fellowship also served a purpose far greater than the fun involved. The children on the campus of the Children's Home will have many of their needs met in the coming days because a group of Christians down Ayden way sought to have a good time in the Lord for a good cause.

## POSTERS AND BULLETIN INSERTS

New posters and bulletin inserts will be made available to all our member churches in late October in order for them to prepare their annual Thanksgiving offering drive for the Children's Home. We need our pastors to let us know how many bulletin inserts they need. Write: Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

months. Our offerings are holding up pretty well, but the cost of care on a day-to-day basis is increasing. The result is, of course, that our day-to-day assets are buying less and less. We face daily cutbacks. Conservation efforts are helpful, but conservation is not enough.

November is Children's Home Month. Many of you will be making your annual contribution to the Children's Home. Remember our minimum goal is \$9.75 per member. Others will be receiving special offerings and we encourage you to make them generous.

We have been able to pay our bills weekly this past year and we would like to continue to be able to do so next year. Each of our churches must not only meet our minimum goal of \$9.75 per member, but also they must exceed it if we expect to keep up with inflation.

Christian child care is more needed today than perhaps ever before. Several hundred youngsters in this state will have to depend on Christian people and the Children's Homes to provide for their care next year. Seventy children needed it this year. God will send us many more next year. They can count on the Free Will Baptists to do their part! Amen!

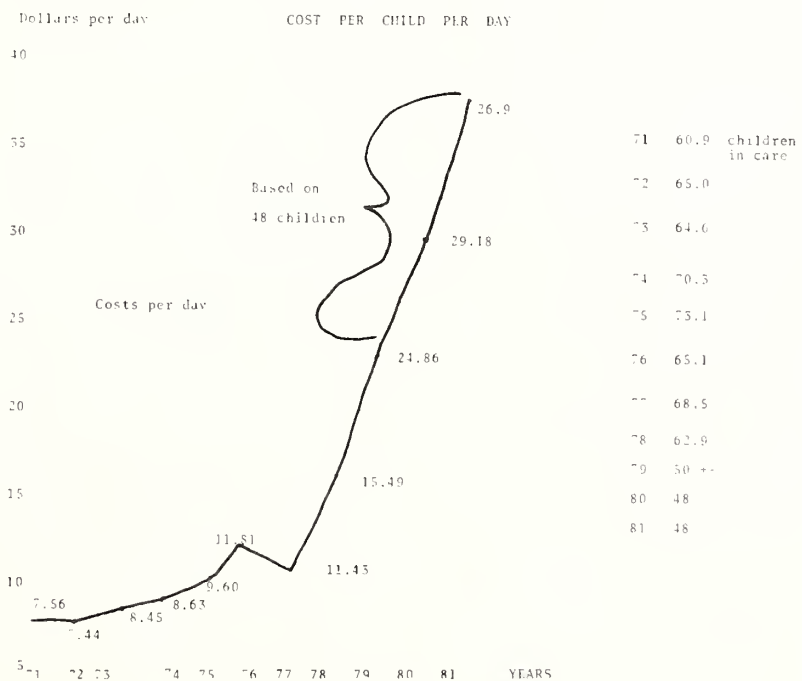
## TWENTY-SIX IN EIGHTY-ONE

Based on current inflation rates and our present income, the Children's Home will be able to care for only 26 children in 1981. Attention to the financial health of the Children's Home and our own homes has become a major concern for us all in these last few

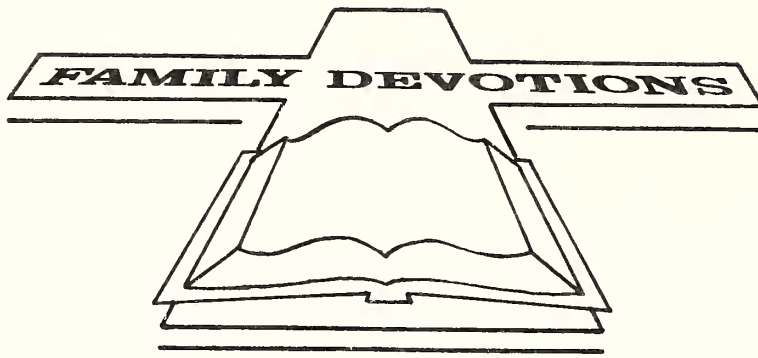
## NEW TURKEY FOLDERS ARRIVE

Many churches have sought to involve their youth in their special Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Home by using the turkey folder. This folder has encouraged small children to give to the Children's Home work for 30 years or more. The children enjoy them, and God's work with homeless, dependent, and neglected children is blessed.

Order turkey folders for your Sunday school children so that they may learn the principle of Christian stewardship early in life. Write: Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc., P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.







Scripture Reading—Acts 2:1-36

DETERMINATION

I am only one, but I am one;  
I cannot do everything,  
But I can do something,  
What I can do I ought to do,  
And what I ought to do  
By God's grace I will do.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God and one are always to the majority. Don't underestimate what you, one person, can do with God by your side.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:1-6

HEART OF A CHILD

An angel passed in his onward flight,  
With a seed of love and truth and light,  
And cried, O where shall the seed be sown—  
That it yield most fruit when fully grown?  
The Saviour heard and He said, as He smiled,  
Place it for Me in the heart of a child.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The heart of the child is fertile ground indeed. Where else can the seed of love and truth and light find greater nurture?*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Scripture Reading—Acts 11:22-27

FOUR NAMES

The Scriptures give four names to Christians:  
saints, for their holiness.  
believers, for their faith.  
brethren, for their love.  
disciples, for their knowledge.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we are able to secure for ourselves any of the names above, the world will surely know whom we worship.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Scripture Reading—Colossians 1:10-20

A TREE

Some people touch a tree and find but wood to feed a fire;  
Yet, carpenters can feel a floor or sense a soaring spire . . . .  
The sculptor looks upon its trunk and carvings fill the air,  
While others come and see the hearts which lovers whittled there . . .

The farmer reaches for its fruit; the traveler seeks its shade;  
The boy can see a raft of logs on streams of flowing jade . . . .  
The outdoorsman will think of crafts to blunt an ocean's rage;  
The pharmacist will see its roots; the publisher a page . . . .

The birds find one beloved branch; but mothers see the beds  
Wherein at nightfall, they will tuck their precious heads . . . .  
The artist grasps the golden flame that leaves of autumn toss,  
And some, whose souls are deep as time, can see a Saviour's cross.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The tree can be all things to all people—depending upon what a person wants to do with it. As we consider its potential, we must admit with Kilmer, “. . . only God can make a tree.”*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Scripture Reading—Luke 11:34-44

LET US SMILE

The thing that goes the farthest toward  
Making life worthwhile,  
That costs the least and does the most,  
It's just a pleasant smile.  
The smile that bubbles from heart  
That loves its fellowmen,  
Will drive away the clouds of gloom,  
And coax the sun again;  
It's full of worth and goodness, too,  
With manly kindness blent,  
It's worth a million dollars and  
It doesn't cost a cent.

There is no room for sadness  
When we see a cheery smile  
It always has the same good look—  
It's never out of style;  
It causes us to try again  
When failure makes us blue  
The dimples of encouragement  
Are good for me and you;  
It pays a higher interest  
For it is merely lent,  
It's worth a million dollars and  
It doesn't cost a cent.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*A smile does and says more than all the kind words in the world.*

world. Use the smile to good advantage. The Christian smile is an expression of unlimited value.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Scripture Reading—Luke 23:1-8

### SOME FAULTS

Make sure that however good you may be, you have some faults; that however dull you may be, you can find out what they are; and that however slight they may be, you had better make some patient effort to get rid of them.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Recognize your faults; admit them; then pray to God for the ability to rid yourself of them.*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Scripture Reading—Psalm 36:1-12

### IN EVERY HOUSE

A Bible and a newspaper in every house, a good school in every district—all studied and appreciated as they merit—are the principal support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Hardly a house is without the Bible; hardly a person reads or studies the Book as he should. Let's work diligently to remove that proverbial dust!*

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## ONLY ONE DAY AT A TIME

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen

Little faces were pressed against the windowpane. Their beautiful little eyes were full of tears and ears. "Mommy! Mommy!" They

sobbed over and over. "Mommy, don't leave me," they called. The big black car or hearse was driven away. Everything was silent except the little ones. They seemed to stand all alone at that moment.

Then the silence was broken loud and clear, "Why is Mommy leaving us?" they said, as tears ran down their little cheeks. Their faces turned up to me. My heart seemed as if it would break again. There was a question, "What is she going away for?" "Where is she going?" "Is it better there?" "Does she love us anymore?" "Why did she go?"

This moment can happen to any of us. What and how will we be able to say to a small child who wants to know all the reasons these things happen?

As parents, please God, let us live as if this were our last day with our little ones. I was grown when my dear mother left us to go home to God.

Yes, where—why—what? was in my mind too. The emptiness with Mother gone was hard for me, an adult to accept. I loved her so.

The days I spent fishing in a little canal where the fish were the size of goldfish was not a waste of time to me, because my little ones were just as pleased as if we were on a huge boat in the biggest body of water. We didn't have so many toys to pick up in their day, because money was scarce. The children had good times making toys to entertain themselves. When they got old enough for school very seldom did they come home to an empty house.

The first thing I'd hear, "Ma, are you home?"

Then I knew the next thing was the kitchen for food. There were no

Pepsis or chips, etc., but good old ham and biscuits, even black-eyed peas, were good.

Oh! How I plead with the younger parents, please, please, don't lose your most important thing—your time with your little ones.

All of my children are grown now and on their own. My time is over to guide them any further. I had to let go of their hands. I pray to God to hold their hands in loving care. I'll be here, only if they ask, because I am a mother always and I wish the Christian way for my children.

Someday the big black car or hearse will come for me. May I say here and now that just the old shell will ride in that black hearse. I thank God for saving my soul.

I look back again to these little sad faces and I pray that every mommy and daddy that has to leave to ride this big black car that their little ones will know they are going home to be with God. Some day we all will meet in Heaven and there will be no reason for Mommy and Daddy to leave them behind anymore.

I leave your little ones at the window of life. It is up to you as parents to guide your own children. The path of life is yours to walk. Please don't let your children walk too far alone. Most of life's paths are full of holes and stumps. Will you as parents hold their hands "now," because someday you will have to let go of their hand. You can no longer guide them; it will be too late. We only have one day at a time. Live it well.

May I say with G. R. Prynne:

"Jesus, meek and gentle  
Son of God most high,  
Gracious, loving Saviour  
Hear thy children's cry."

God bless us all.



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## COLLEGE DINNERS PLANNED

The following dinners to benefit Mount Olive College have been set for the fall, 1979:

**NASH COUNTY**—Thursday, October 18, 7 p. m., Middlesex Elementary School; Barry Gardner, chairman.

**PAMLICO COUNTY**—Saturday, October 20, 7 p. m., Camp Vandemere, M. N. (Tom) Caroon, chairman.

**CRAVEN COUNTY**—Monday, October 22, 7 p. m., West Craven High School; Miss Marice DeBruhl, chairman.

**GREENE COUNTY**—Saturday, October 27, 7 p. m., West Greene School, Snow Hill; George Harrison, chairman.

**JONES COUNTY**—Monday, October 29, 7 p. m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston; Eldon L. Brock, chairman.

**ON-SLOW-NEW HANOVER COUNTIES**—Tuesday, October 30, 7 p. m., Folkstone church; O. B. Everett, chairman.

**DUPLIN COUNTY**—Saturday, November 3, 6 p. m., East Duplin High School; William E. Futch, chairman.

**JOHNSTON-WAKE COUNTIES**—Monday, November 5, 7 p. m., Everett Chapel church, Clayton; Leonard Woodall and Lloyd Hargis, co-chairmen.

**CARTERET COUNTY**—Saturday, November 10, 6:30 p. m., East Carteret High School; David Ward and Hillary Gaskins, co-chairmen.

**PITT COUNTY**—Monday, November 12, 7 p. m., D. H.

Conley High School; Bobby Taylor, chairman.

**WILSON COUNTY**—Tuesday, November 13, 7 p. m., Beddingfield High School; James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

**SAMPSON, HARNETT, AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES**—Thursday, November 15, 7 p. m., Midway School; C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

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Mr. Leonard L. Parnell by Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville.

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#### **"LETTER TO GOD"**

Free Will Baptist Fellowship

The Free Will Baptist Fellowship meets weekly for business and an inspirational program on the Mount Olive College campus. The following letter to God was written by a College student during meditation time at a fellowship meeting.

"Dear Jesus: I know I don't always talk to you as often as I should, but it isn't because I don't love you. You know how busy I get at times and I sometimes forget. I'm really ashamed of myself when I forget because you have done so many wonderful things for me. I could never thank you enough for the many prayers you've answered or the way you've healed my body so many times.

"I really love you with all my heart and want to be a servant for you. You have comforted me in my sorrows and fears so many times, that I wonder if you ever think that I am happy. You always come just in time and when I need you the most.

"I could never repay you for the wonderful things that you have done for me. I hope that my devotion and service to you will be some kind of repayment. I love you with all my heart. Please keep your tender hands upon my life always. I love you."

#### **GUEST SPEAKER AT JUNIPER CHAPEL CHURCH**

Mrs. Ruth Warrick will speak at Juniper Chapel church near Vanceboro for Mount Olive College Day, Sunday, October 21, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

A native of Smithfield, Mrs. Warrick is employed with Mount Olive College and will speak about the College as well as bring an inspirational message.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER AT PALMER MEMORIAL CHURCH**

Mrs. Dianne Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will speak at Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Wake County on Sunday, October 21, at the 10 and 11 a.m. worship services.

The Rev. Danny Braswell is pastor.

#### **DR RAPER IS GUEST SPEAKER**

Mount Olive College President, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, will speak at the College Day service of Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County on Sunday, October 21, at the 10 and 11 a.m. worship services.

The Rev. Robert Fussell is pastor.

#### **NEW CREATION SCHEDULE**

The New Creations, Mount Olive College's singing gospel group, will appear at the following church-college dinners this week:

Nash County dinner in Middlesex on October 18 at 7 p.m.

Pamlico County dinner at Camp Vandemere on October 20 at 3 p.m.

Craven County dinner at West Craven High School on October 22 at 7 p.m.



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# SUPERANNUATED WIDOWS, MINISTERS, WORKERS, AND RETIREMENT SYSTEM LIST

Remember these persons who have served the Free Will Baptist church so faithfully during the past years. Perhaps you will want to remember them on their birthdays or during the special holidays.

## MINISTERS' PENSION LIST

*(Birthdays)*

Rev. Herman Wooten	104 Avery Street, Garner, N. C. 27529	February 15, 1893
Rev. Wiley Ferrell	601 Tower Street, Selma, N. C. 27576	September 27, 1902

## DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM RECIPIENTS

Rev. J. P. Barrow	Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, N. C. 28551	October 26, 1889
Rev. L. S. Joyner	1220 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C. 27703	November 5, 1905
Rev. J. A. Evans	Route 1, Box 100-C, Seven Springs, N. C. 28578	November 10, 1905
Rev. Willie E. Stilley	Route 6, Box 180, New Bern, N. C. 28560	July 28, 1909
Rev. L. B. Manning	P. O. Box 163, Fountain, N. C. 27829	May 13, 1900
Mr. Wade Long	702 West Fourth Street, Ayden, N. C. 28513	June 21, 1909
Rev. R. W. Allman	901 Danbury Drive, Durham, N. C. 27703	December 25, 1908
Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark	904 Midway Avenue, Durham, N. C. 27703	January 16, 1910
Mrs. Alice Barrow	Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	August 15, 1911
Rev. N. B. Barrow	Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	October 23, 1911
Rev. Clifton T. Rice	P. O. Box 1303, Kinston, N. C. 28501	January 9, 1907
Rev. Edgar Benton	Route 1, Box 395-A, Fremont, N. C. 27830	September 26, 1911
Mr. Ralph A. Bowen	Route 1, Box 394, Ayden, N. C. 28513	March 5, 1914
Rev. C. L. Patrick	Route 1, Box 219, Winterville, N. C. 28590	August 17, 1911
Rev. W. O. Lassister	Route 3, Box 65, Four Oaks, N. C. 27524	October 4, 1912

## WIDOWS' PENSION LIST

Mrs. Duffy Toler	131 North Eastern Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	February 8, 1884
Mrs. Julia W. Snyder	718 First Rainbow Street, Lexington, N. C. 27292	August 25, 1896
Mrs. Mary J. Parrish	Box 43, Elm City, N. C. 27822	September 23, 1903
Mrs. W. H. Lancaster	405 Raleigh Road, Smithfield, N. C. 27577	August 2, 1899



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For October 28

## CHRIST GIVES CAUSE TO REJOICE

Lesson Text: Philippians 4:4-13  
Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19

### I. INTRODUCTION

Paul the prisoner was writing to Philippians persecuted (Philippians 1:29), but he wrote a joyous letter. He rejoiced that the gospel was being preached (v. 18). He looked forward to the Philippians' rejoicing when he would see them again (v. 26). He expected to rejoice at Christ's coming because he then would see the results of all his work (2:16). If his life was to be sacrificed in the course of his service, he rejoiced in that; and he called the Philippians to rejoice with him (vv. 17, 18). He sent Epaphroditus to bring rejoicing to his brethren (v. 28). He called his fellow Christians to rejoice in the Lord, for this is one of the marks of the real people of God (3:1, 3). Nearing the end of his short letter, he repeated that call to rejoicing as we see it in our text.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Christ came to bring joy into the world. Many have an erroneous idea of Christianity. They think of it as a kill-joy faith. Many measure it by its restrictions and not by its privileges. Some say that the Bible says very little about God's people laughing and joking and making merry; so we should keep a straight face!

B. Yet Paul calls upon the Philippians to "Rejoice, and again I say rejoice." The fact is he

told them to rejoice always, whatever the circumstances. Surely he would not say such words without a smile on his own face.

C. John wrote: "These things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." People full of joy usually express it with radiant faces and laughter filled with sunshine.

D. In Proverbs we read: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

E. Over the arched entrance to a ward in a big city hospital is this suggestion: "If you can't smile, don't go in." Christianity is the religion of a singing, smiling, laughing, radiantly happy people. At the same time they are a people who can pause and weep with the sorrowing, bend down and lift up the fallen, and then smile some more.

F. Christ wants us to be happy; that is why He gave us the Beatitudes, the word literally meaning "happy." In his love and enthusiasm for the Philippians, Paul wrote the last part of his letter in a vein of superb joy, hoping that its contagion would reach his friends in far away Philippi. You see, Paul was in prison at the time of this writing, but no cells or bars could dampen his joy in Christ. Is that true of you and me today?

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. If we claim to be saved, and go about the community with long faces, the corners of our mouths turned down, and the note of pessimism on our lips, we misrepresent and betray our

Lord. He wants us to radiate the joy He so freely gives.

B. "It is a poor religion that is strong only when the owner is sick."

C. We have seen more cheerful faces on iodine bottles than on some Christians.

Sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace;

What you wear in your heart you wear on your face.

—**Selected**

D. Preaching the truth makes people either sad, mad, or glad. Too many people today leave church on Sunday neither sad, mad, or glad; they go out as they came in. Better go out mad than just go out!—**Vance Havner**

E. Some of the greatest Christians in the world have been those who have suffered the greatest pain.

F. The flower that sends forth the sweetest fragrance is the one which has been crushed.

G. The test of a grateful Christian is whether he can rejoice in the valleys of discouragement as well as he can on the mountaintops of success. Christ walked the valleys too.

H. The finest project we can engage in is to sit down and count our blessings and then rise up to praise the Lord.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

Do we look upon the illness of a friend or the death of a loved one or upon some other dire calamity in our lives with the same feeling we had when we were children? Of course, we never get too "adult" to accept all things "with becoming grace and a lovely smile," but we can try. If Christ has taught us well, we should have learned to rejoice in all things, somehow, someway.

The only limitation to our rejoicing in all things will always be found in us, not in our circumstances, and certainly not in Christ.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**



### **Revival Services at Piney Grove Church**

Revival services are being held at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina, through October 19 at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. C. F. Bowen is the guest speaker. Special singing is being rendered each night. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Lynwood Renfrow, extends a warm welcome to everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

### **Mrs. Fannie Hall Honored**

On Friday night, September 28, the Woodmen of the World had its annual awards night. This camp (336) is from Newport, North Carolina. Mrs. Fannie Hall got the Woman of Woodcraft award. "Miss Fannie," as many people call her, is a member of Sound View Free Will Baptist Church. She is faithful to the church, the camp, and the Eastern Star.

This award was a surprise to her, and she deserved it because she never complained when asked to do something. She always said she would try to do her best.

### **Pleasant Plain Church Has Homecoming**

Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Selma, North Carolina, observed its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 14. The day's activities began with Sunday school at 10 a.m. followed by the worship service at eleven. The Rev. Clarence Bowen brought the morning message. Lunch was served at noon. During the afternoon service, a memorial service was held and a singspiration featuring the King's Disciples was held. All former pastors, members, and friends were invited.

### **Homecoming Services at Friendship Church**

Homecoming services will be observed at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 28, 1979. Sunday school will begin at 10 a. m. followed by the morning worship service at eleven. The speaker will be a former pastor, the Rev. Terry Woodard. Lunch will be served in the educational building at the church at noon. There will be a gospel singing service in the afternoon beginning at 1:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### **Pleasant Hill Church Announces Homecoming**

Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, will have its homecoming Sunday, October 21, with the Rev. Stewart Humphrey, Executive Director of the Children's Home, as speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Larry Melton, cordially invites everyone to attend.

### **Homecoming Day at Sandy Plain Church**

Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Pink Hill, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming on Sunday, October 21. The Rev. Carol B. Hansley will preach the morning message, which will be followed by lunch in the educational building. The Four in Christ will be singing in the afternoon. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to enjoy the services.

### **Malachi's Chapel Church To Have Homecoming**

Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Columbia

will have homecoming October 28. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m. Worship services will be at eleven. There will be a picnic lunch. Everyone is invited.

### **Calvary Church to Have Annual Homecoming**

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, will hold its annual homecoming services Sunday, October 21. The pastor, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, will deliver the morning message. Lunch will be served on the church grounds. A singspiration will be held in the afternoon. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited.

### **Homecoming and Revival At Edgewood Church**

Homecoming will be observed at the Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church near Crisp Sunday, October 21. Former members and pastors and friends are invited. Following lunch there will be a musical service in the afternoon.

Revival services will begin Monday night, October 22 through October 26 at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. C. F. Bowen. Special music will be featured each night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### **Revival and Homecoming At Harrell's Chapel**

Harrell's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill will have revival October 22-26 beginning nightly at 7:30 with the Rev. Charles Suggs as evangelist.

Homecoming will be observed October 28 with the Rev. W. O. Lassiter preaching the morning sermon. The Rev. Julius Gordon Massey is pastor.

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### **Bethany Church to Have Homecoming and Revival**

Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, near Winterville, North Carolina, will observe its ninety-ninth anniversary during homecoming services Sunday morning, October 21, at 11 a.m. Tribute will be paid to those who have labored faithfully in the church through the years, and there will be a memorial service for those who have died during the past year. The Rev. C. L. Patrick will deliver the homecoming message. Former pastors, members, and friends are urged to attend this homecoming service. The nursery will be open from 10 a.m. until noon. Lunch will be served during the noon hour followed by a time of fellowship and gospel singing during the afternoon.

Beginning Monday night, October 22, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing through Friday night, October 26, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes of Lucama, North Carolina, will be the evangelist for the fall revival. In addition to the gospel messages, there will be special music each evening. Please pray and witness and attend each evening.

### **Homecoming at Mount Zion Church**

On Sunday, October 21, Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church near Roper, North Carolina, will be observing homecoming day. Sunday school will begin at 10 and morning worship at 11. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at noon.

After lunch there will be a song service which will feature singing groups from various churches. All former pastors, their families, and former members and friends are welcomed. The pastor is the Rev. Charlie Overton.

### **Homecoming and Revival At Memorial Church**

Homecoming will be observed at Memorial Free Will Baptist Church at Chocowinity on Sunday,

October 21. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. followed at 11 with worship services and a short memorial service for the Rev. Roy L. Cauley Sr. The pastor, the Rev. Dallas Pinkham, will deliver the homecoming message. There will be a picnic lunch following these services.

All members, former members, and friends are invited to attend.

On Monday night, October 22, the Rev. Bobby Taylor of Greenville will begin revival services. Services will begin nightly at 8 and will continue through Friday night, October 26. The church extends a warm invitation to everyone to attend these services.

### **Revival at Rose Hill Church**



*The Rev. C. L. Patrick*

Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, will have its fall revival beginning October 29 through November 2. Services will begin at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of Bethany church near Winterville, will be the guest evangelist. Special music will be presented each night.

The pastor of the Rose Hill church is the Rev. N. Dan Beaman. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Homecoming at Long Ridge Church**

Homecoming at Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Olive, will be observed October 28. The activities of the day will include Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship services at eleven. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at noon. There will be an afternoon sing with visiting church choirs taking part. A former pastors, members and friends are invited by the Rev. Philip Wood, pastor, and the church membership to attend and enjoy a day of fellowship together.

### **Western District Youth Fellowship to Meet**

The Western District Youth Fellowship will meet Saturday night, October 27, at 7:30 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson. The youth of the church will be presenting a new musical work by Dallas Holm entitled "His Last Days." Dallas Holm is the author of the popular song "Rise Again." This new musical revolves around the events that took place prior to the crucifixion of Christ.

### **Homecoming, Revival At Moseley's Creek**

Homecoming services will be observed at Moseley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church (located between Dover and Fort Barnwell, North Carolina), Sunday, October 21. Janice Tucker and her singing group will be rendering messages in song and testimony. An afternoon singspiration will be held immediately following lunch.

Revival services begin Monday night, October 22, and will continue through October 26, meeting nightly at 7:30, with the Rev. Calvin Heath as guest evangelist.

The pastor, the Rev. W. F. Willis, issues a warm invitation to the public.

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### EDITORIAL

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I suppose all of us—even non-Catholics—accord the Pope some respect, by virtue of his office of leadership. But, while he is indeed a spiritual leader (and high priest for many), he is nonetheless fallible, because he is in actuality a mere man. Yes, a man—little more than any minister of the gospel (if indeed any more important). The Pope is certainly not divine, despite reverence paid him by

those who elevate him in mind and heart.

John Paul II's genuine affection for children, the aging, the physically and mentally handicapped struck a note of empathy in most of us and surely caused us to view him as truly a compassionate man—but just that, a man. His quality of affection is something we have conditioned ourselves to expect of a person in a ministerial role, and, subsequently, should not be viewed as something that extraordinary.

There are no living saints, and few dead ones. Let us not, then, make this Pope more than he really is. He is deserving of some honor, yes, but certainly no worship. As Christ said to Satan during the temptation, ‘‘Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.’’

#### Piney Grove Church, Pitt County, to Have Revival

Revival will begin October 22 through October 26 at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jack Mayo is the evangelist. Special music will be rendered each night. On Tuesday night the Revelators will sing, and on Thursday night the Chargers will sing. The Rev. Tommy Evans is the pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend these services.



## **CRAGMONT NEWS**

By Mrs. Virginia Skinner  
Treasurer

Do you realize that, as a member of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination, you personally are a part-owner of Cragmont Assembly? You are represented by the State Convention, League Convention, Sunday School Convention, and the Woman's Auxiliary in your ownership.

Your camp, Cragmont Assembly, acting upon your suggestion, began a new building program in 1977. The old main building was torn down at a cost of \$5,000, another \$10,500 got us ready to build, and a new main building was built in its place with a total contract cost of \$383,249.73. In order to pay the contractor, your Board of Directors borrowed \$275,000 from Church Finance. The remainder of the total contract cost, \$108,000, was paid by cash on hand (donations that had accumulated over the last few years). In the past year we have also paid in cash \$12,648.20, buying furnishings for the new building, plus \$3,990 in architect fees. We have done well so far.

However, November 14, 1979, is going to be a big day for us. That is the day the first loan payment of \$35,543.68 is due. On October 1, Cragmont had a total of \$16,154.37 in the bank. As you can see, we are \$20,000 short of our first payment.

You are probably wondering why we initiated a building program if we could not make the payments. Let us assure you that we do not anticipate any problems in payment

after the first year. This first year has been a big one financially because of construction costs and furnishings. During January through September, 1979, \$69,110.65 in donations were received, compared to \$64,522.89 for the entire year of 1978. Fantastic! Yet for the same period of time, \$12,000 was spent preparing the new building for its opening in May. Most of those disbursements will not be made again. So we should have ample time to accumulate next year's payment.

This letter was intended to again remind you of our urgent need for your financial support. I have given you an idea of our present financial status. My prayer is that you may feel led of God to help in our present need. Let me thank you now for your past support and for your future interest. God will richly bless you for your concern for your camp. On hand at this time is

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“Flesh and Blood,” suggested incest, and a dark day for mankind . . .”



# THE RAWNESS OF FLESH AND BLOOD

Most things can probably be done tastefully so as not to offend the public, or, in particular, moral people. Television strives to follow this premise, it seems, only when its networks receive threats of audience boycotts.

Even in the face of such boycotts, CBS Television aired the controversial movie, "Flesh and Blood," a story about a young prisoner-turned-fighter whose relationship with his mother was quite out of the ordinary. If the film was tasteful, the definition has changed.

Under strong protest, CBS agreed to delete the incest scenes (between the mother and son) which had been planned to communicate the "honesty" of some life situations. The most graphic of such scenes may indeed have been deleted, but those which remained were more than most of us were prepared for.

Seduction of a young man (or woman) is surely bad; when it is reproduced in film for viewing "entertainment," it is worse. When the subjects are parents and offspring, it is disgusting. The mother in this instance came across as a sex-starved seductress whose physical lust transcended parental love. The very idea, modern thought notwithstanding, is sickening.

Most people know that incest is a fact of life. It happens. Most reported cases reveal father-daughter violations. Mother-son relationships are rare in case histories, though it is probable that many exist—whether with willing or unwilling subjects. But for incest, or the fact of it, to be imposed upon a television audience, with all the candor of a wild animal (however subtle in pursuit), is just short of atrocious. As revolting as incest is, and as barbaric as the show seemed, one wonders what the media will explore next.

There are few sins so offensive as incest. Profaning natural parent-child love with physical feeling not intended by the order of things, and certainly not prescribed by God's Law, is too objectionable to elaborate upon. And to show it on television, or elsewhere, as a "possibility" for physical and emotional satisfaction is absurd.

Whether planned by the writer or not, the son in the movie showed more sense than the mother. His expressed reluctance to the involvement the mother suggested only served to paint her as one not able to restrain animal urges. The son probably had had thoughts of such an entanglement with his mother, for he played her game and made more than one reference to her physical appeal. The love scenes between them, though not photographed explicitly, were suggested so strongly that little was left for one to imagine.

One might ask why any Christian would subject himself to such a film, especially if he had misgivings about it to begin with. The truth is, so much publicity about the movie had come our way via brochure, letter, magazine, and personal contact that we felt

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# The Sparrow's Secret

by Celia Hales

ON a hot summer night in June, a woman checked into a Holiday Inn in Dallas, Texas—half a continent away from family and friends. The national convention of her professional organization was underway, and it was good to be among so many people who shared a common vocation; still, the trip had been long and the woman looked forward to an evening alone, an evening to relax and reflect upon the directions that life was taking her.

The room was quiet after she turned off the evening news, leaving a dark television screen. There was no radio. The telephone was silent also, the call back home already made. Propped up on pillows, the woman read slowly and easily some favorite inspirational leaflets. Casually she thumbed through the Gideon Bible, selecting favorite passages for the comfort that they provided and the quiet frame of mind that they induced. Peace of mind and soul crept in, and the kind of leisurely, non-formalized prayer that had characterized her "alone" times as a child began. Gratitude for a life that she found increasingly abundant in inner and outer ways came from the depth of soul, unsought but much appreciated. Moments sped by, but time lost all meaning. Gratitude opened the heart to another feeling, a deep, profoundly deep sense of being loved. The woman knew that this, felt in her own way, was the peace that passeth understanding.

She laid down the Bible, pushed aside the leaflets. Letting this wondrous peace envelop her, she let her mind wander in total relaxation. Very suddenly, but not totally unexpectedly, she felt new intuitions rise to the surface. She sensed, as though from God himself, that God's love meant something more than she had known before. The realization, half-formed in reverie, became clear words to her mind: God's help in this life is a free offer; a gift that He longs to share with anyone who will open up to Him in total and utter self-surrender. And then there was more: Only in surrender can come help of the intense degree that God would like to offer, because only when self gets out of the way can God's silent action in the heart take root.

As the woman reflected over these ideas, she felt immense relief, a sense of "too good to be true." What about the Protestant work ethic, the belief that faith without works is dead, the belief that God helps those who help themselves? Surely the works would come, she mused, but they would be God's works, works done **through** her, not **by** her, and infinitely better than would ever be possible by self-effort. Life did not have to be lived laboriously; indeed, **should** not be. "Let me handle it," God seemed to say. "I want to handle all the myriad details of everyday living; I want to smooth the way for you. All of this, if you will remain surrendered to me—and you **must** remain surrendered or I cannot act in all of these countless ways, as much as I might wish to do so."

The woman relaxed in this new intuition. She could have read it in any number of inspirational books, and she could have deduced it from biblical teachings. Why had she not before realized this great gift? Why had she striven so hard, even in the midst of affirmations of faith? Perhaps life was not **meant** to be a struggle. Radical thoughts, perhaps, but the certainty that the woman had come to recognize as God's voice had spoken—at least to her in this place and in this time. Several months later, as she sought to put form and order to the experience, she would wonder if this was the secret in the words, "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 10:39).

But this night there was no reasoning about the experience—only a kind of wondering surprise that God's truth could be so simple and yet, heretofore, so elusive. Why, indeed, do we struggle so hard?

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# CHRISTIAN OR CHRISTLESS HOLIDAYS?

by the Rev. Bobby L. Futrell  
thanks to the Rev. N. D. Beaman, Mrs.  
J. J. Carroll, and Mr. Macon Page



**W**E promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world . . . ."

Do these words sound familiar? They should, for they are taken from the Church Covenant of Original Free Will Baptists of the State of North Carolina. This "solemn covenant," accepted by every Original Free Will Baptist all across North Carolina, the United States, and the world, gives us written guidelines concerning our attitude toward worldly living. This covenant, graciously given and freely received, is all too often ultimately forgotten. Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is my prayer that Free Will Baptists the world over accept the following "admonition and reproof with meekness" and "awake to righteousness, and sin not" (1 Corinthians 15:34). It's also my prayer that we would continue to make "it our chief business to

make Christ known to the world and constantly pray and toil that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." To this end I submit the following article:

Have you ever taken time to consider in what position you place holiness in your church? I'm not talking about a denomination, I am referring to godliness! I'm certain that no church is going to allow wild parties, or other heathen practices to infiltrate their church; it would be terrible if they did! My friends, we're not that far from it! If we continue to allow the slow degeneration of our separated status to creep into our local assemblies, where will it stop? You say you don't believe it's that big a problem? Maybe not, but just think about your own attitude toward holidays for example.

How about Christmas? The foundations of Christmas are definitely not heathen. As a matter of fact the only heathenistic custom I know of

relating to Christmas is mistletoe. The American Encyclopedia says, "Mistletoe is mentioned in Norse Mythology in the story of Baldur. The custom of hanging the mistletoe from the ceiling comes from the belief of the Druids that to bring good luck to the house the plant must never touch the ground. The custom of kissing under the mistletoe can be traced to the Druids who believe that a kiss under the mistletoe meant a sincere pledge to love and a promise of marriage."

Now I don't know of any church that hangs it over its doorway and in its halls and allows everybody to embrace under it although I understand it has been used at church-related parties. But it's not the infrequent use of mistletoe that I want to enlighten you about. It's the way some churches allow its members to observe the occasion. In some churches it's a yearly thing to remember some needy member at Christmas with a bag of food and a few dollars to spend, then the rest of the year to forget them. I'll admit it's better to be benevolent once a year than not at all, but the benevolence of the church is an unending call "to distribute the bounty of the church among its needy members."

I'm also certain that far too many churches overemphasize Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, and the rush for presents instead of the quiet, reverent spirit of worship that I feel should accompany the observance of the birth of our Saviour.

Christmas wine, alcohol-flavored eggnog and a hot toddy are always in the wrong spirit!

Brothers and sisters, we are told "avoid all appearance of evil! The dictionary defines evil as "sinful, mischievous, worthless. Christian friend, when you say the word Christmas to a child and the first thing that he thinks about is Santa Claus and toys, the blessedness of Christmas has already been lowered to an ungodly level! Santa Claus ma

ave his place in society but in the church it is evil!

"Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:8, 2).

I see nothing godly about Santa Claus. His red suit, his fat belly, a sleigh pulled by eight or nine reindeer just don't add up to godliness. I think you understand what I'm saying. Colossians 3:9 says, "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds." My friend, you'll have a hard time convincing God of the worth of Elf-prepared toys, red nosed reindeer, and a flying sleigh!

Or how about Easter? A time when Christians remember the resurrection of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Perhaps you're not aware of the facts. The **American Educator Encyclopedia** says, "The English word (Easter) is from the name of a Teutonic goddess of spring or the dawn and many of the Easter customs probably had their beginnings in the pagan celebrations of the rebirth of the world in the spring. The Easter egg is a symbol of new life . . ."

Easter should be one of the most holy of the holidays but with its name originating in pagan mythology, and many of its customs stemming from heathen celebrations, Christian friend, we should see to it that the worldly way of celebrating Easter doesn't find a place in our churches. First Timothy 5:22 says, "Neither be partaker of other men's sins; keep thyself pure." Look at your church, my brother or sister in Christ, have you allowed Easter egg hunts, the Easter bunny, and new clothes to creep into your commemoration of the rising again of our Lord?

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in Him" (1 John 2:15).

We must do everything within our power to eliminate the leaven of worldliness from our church programs. Let's not let Peter-cotton-tail fill our church with colored eggs and chocolate bunnies, but let us be filled with the spirit serving the Lord!

Maybe we should close by taking a close look at Halloween. Again, **The American Educator Encyclopedia** says, "The modern idea of Halloween probably developed from the ancient Druids of the British Isles. They believed that on a certain night wicked spirits could turn people into animals, and that witches rode across the sky on broomsticks and black cats."

In the Scriptures I find at least eight different passages directly denouncing those that participate in the occult, witchcraft and sorcery. In spite of the Scriptures and the heathen origin of Halloween there are many churches throughout America that include "haunted houses," "witches' brew," and other ungodly horrors as a part of their October program; that is inviting the devil himself to dine on the souls of unsuspecting teenagers and children. My friends, you can't play with Satan and come away without being burned.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God . . . Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:14-17).

Friends, how can we be separate if we continue to allow pagan celebrations and worldly amusements to have a place on our church program? The answer is, the only thing separate will be our name, hypocrite! Matthew

12:33 says:

"Either make the tree good and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt and his fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by his fruit."

It's high time for Free Will Baptists throughout the world to examine their own assembly and take a stand for the right and holy, and take the necessary steps to eliminate the spread of worldliness from our churches and "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump as ye are unleavened" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

"Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

And "May the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

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## Coming Events . . .

October—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Superannuation Month

October 24, 25—Eastern Conference

October 27—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention

October 27—Western District Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson

November—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home Month

November 1—Cape Fear Conference, Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Benson

November 6—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

November 6—Board of Superannuation Meeting, 1 p.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

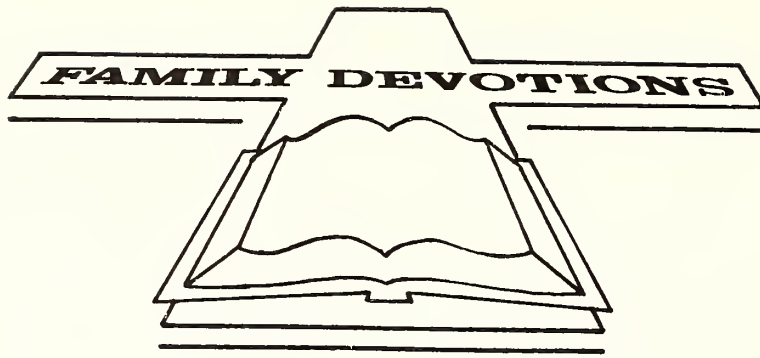
November 7—Central Conference

November 10—Central District Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church

November 11—Children's Home Day in local churches

November 14—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex





## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Scripture Reading—Proverbs  
30:1-10

### THE RECORD BOOK

If all the things you ever said,  
Were written in a book:  
And all your thoughts were on  
display,  
So all could take a look:  
I guess there's not a living soul,  
Who wouldn't hang his head:  
And feel ashamed before the Lord  
And wish that he were dead.

There is a record book I'm told  
With every deed and word;  
It even keeps the records of  
Our thoughts that can't be  
heard;  
The good, the bad and every sin  
For nothing has been missed:  
It really makes me feel ashamed,  
To think what's on my list.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A record of thoughts and deeds  
and words—every one—kept by a  
holy scribe! Consider your per-  
sonal record. Would you feel  
comfortable if it were to be  
published or broadcast for all to  
read?*

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Scripture Reading—Luke 18:1-  
15

### GOD'S TENTH

Nine parts for thee and one for me.  
Nine for earth, and one for  
heaven;  
The nine are thine, and one is  
mine,  
But, oh, how slowly given!

In gospel land thy life is spanned,  
With all Christ's blessings o'er  
thee,  
While o'er the earth without new  
birth,  
Lost millions sink before thee.  
They sink to hell, while you could  
tell  
The glorious gospel story;  
Far from the gold which thou dost  
hold,  
My tithe could bring them  
glory.  
Ten parts for thee and none for  
me;  
All for earth, and none for  
heaven!  
Far from my gold which thou dost  
hold,  
My tithe thou hast not given.  
No souls for thee, no souls for me,  
All for hell, and none for  
heaven!  
Far from my gold which thou dost  
hold,  
My tithe thou hast not given.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Many persons withhold the  
tithe, thinking, perhaps, that it is  
unnecessary. Yet, the Bible  
impresses one that a tenth of  
one's goods belong to God. As we  
have learned, one truly gives to  
God only when his gift has ex-  
ceeded the tenth.*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Scripture Reading—Ecclesi-  
astes 3:1-8

### TAKE TIME

Take time to work—it is the price  
of success.  
Take time to think—it is the  
source of power.  
Take time to play—it is the secret  
of perpetual youth.  
Take time to read—it is the

foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to worship—it is the  
highway to reverence.  
Take time to be friendly—it is the  
road to happiness.  
Take time to dream—it is hitching  
one's wagon to a star.  
Take time to love and be loved—it  
is the privilege of the gods.  
Take time to live—it is one secret  
of success.  
Take time for friendship—it is a  
source of happiness.  
Take time to laugh—it helps lift  
life's load.  
Take time to worship—it is the  
highway of reverence.  
Take time to pray—it helps  
bring Christ near, and washes  
the dust of earth from our  
eyes.  
Take time to be holy—for without  
holiness no man shall see the  
Lord.  
Take time for God—it is life's only  
lasting investment.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Time for everything except  
serving God! Oh that mankind  
were as diligent in giving time to  
Him as for personal interests! As  
the saying goes, "Only what  
done for God will last" anyhow.  
Let's devote more time to Him.*

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Scripture Reading—Genesis  
20-22

### A YOUTH

A youth is a person who is going  
to carry on what you have started.  
He is going to sit right where you  
are sitting, and, when you are  
gone, attend to those things which  
you think are important. You may  
adopt all the policies you please,  
but how they will be carried out  
depends on him.

He will assume control of your  
cities, states and nations. He is  
going to move and take over your  
churches, schools, universities  
and corporations.

All your books are going to be  
judged, praised or condemned by  
him. The fate of humanity is in his  
hands.

So it might be well to pay him

ome attention!

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*We set examples for youth, sometimes without realizing we do. It would behoove us, then, to watch what we do, that the pattern they follow is acceptable if not deal.*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:1-10

**TRUST IN YOURSELF**

Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment; trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you; trust in money, and you may have it taken from you; trust in reputation and some slanderous tongue may blast it; but trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Mankind should not put his trust in any temporal thing—not even himself! Trust that knows no disappointment can only be found in the Heavenly Father.*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:1-10

**TROUBLE**

When we think about people  
Trouble grows;  
When we think about God  
Trouble goes.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Thoughts centered on God are always good. uplifting thoughts. If thoughts are on Him, they cannot be on the world and sin.*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:1-12

**ADD IT UP!**

Every seventh day is a Sunday, therefore:  
Every seven years one has lived a full year of Sundays.  
A person 21 years old has had 3 years of Sundays for his spiritual improvement,

One of thirty-five has had five years,

One of seventy has had ten. This is great addition if the Sundays are spent in church.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*It goes without emphasizing that Sundays should be spent in the Lord's house. Aside from duty, there are manifold blessings to be found there. Try it!*

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The Rev. Ray Wells announces that he now has a new address. His address is the Rev. Ray Wells, Route 1, Box 67-A, Sims, North Carolina 27880.

The Rev. Philip Wood would like to announce his new address. It is now Route 1, Box 97, Kenansville, North Carolina 28349, phone 296-1606.

**THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER**

**24 Years Ago**

“In a recent session of the stockholders of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. held in Ayden, North Carolina, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Wooten of Ayden were employed as caretakers and general managers of the institution located at Black Mountain, North Carolina, for the year 1955. They left immediately for Cragmont to assume their responsibilities.”—Rev. and Mrs. Wooten Assume Duties at Cragmont Assembly

“The Fourth Union of the Central Conference of North Carolina Free Will Baptists convened with Free Union Church, Greene County, Saturday, January 29, 1955, with every church in the union represented with an offering.”—News Notes, 4th Union of Central Conference Met with Free Union Church

“Sunday, February 13, the British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Lenoir County, North Carolina, met for the purpose of organizing a Free Will Baptist League. The pastor, Rev. Graham Lane, and his wife were in charge of the organization. There were a large number of young people present for the organization who became members of the league.”—News Notes, F. W. B. League Organized At British Chapel Church

“Harrell's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina, will begin a revival on March 13 and it will last through March 20. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Vernelson, will do the preaching and services will begin each evening at 7:30.”—News Notes, Harrell's Chapel To Have Revival

“November is orphanage month in the state. You have received containers for your offerings which are in the form of a Thanksgiving turkey. May we let the words of Jesus open our hearts during the month of November. When our hearts are opened by our love for Jesus, so will our pocketbooks be opened.”—Attention! North Carolina Sunday Schools



# Cragmont Assembly

## FINANCIAL REPORT September, 1979

Submitted by Virginia Skinner, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward September 1, 1979 \$ 2,560.64

### Receipts

#### Albemarle Conference

Free Union	\$ 15.00	
Sidney	21.81	
Union Chapel		
League	50.00	
Union Meeting	12.36	\$ 99.17

#### Cape Fear Conference

Goldsboro, First		
Dorcas Circle	\$ 10.00	
Robert's Grove		
Ladies Sunday School Class	25.00	
St. Mary's Grove	150.00	185.00

#### Central Conference

Dilda's Grove		
Sunday School	\$ 43.94	
Fourth Union Meeting	21.61	
Friendship		
Sunday School	25.00	
Howell Swamp		
Weekend Retreaters	68.70	
Hugo	75.00	
Otter's Creek	115.94	
Owens Chapel	72.40	
Piney Grove		
Mr. and Mrs. William Tripp	25.00	
Reedy Branch		
Sunday School	23.00	
Williamston, First	24.00	494.59

#### Eastern Conference

Bridgeton	\$ 25.00	
Fifth Union Meeting	25.00	
Saints Delight	116.00	
Sandy Plain		
Weekend Retreaters	22.80	
Third Union Meeting	50.00	
Whaley's Chapel	75.00	313.80

#### Western Conference

Little Rock	\$ 200.00	
Micro	100.00	
Milbournie	23.00	
Northern	1,000.00	
Pleasant Hill	100.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	50.00	
Sherron Acres	100.00	
Spring Hill	500.00	
St. Mary's	125.00	
Unity, Durham	25.00	
Wilson, First	250.00	
B. A.'s	10.00	2,483.00

#### Others

Retreat Deposit	\$ 25.00	
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North Carolina Free  
Will Baptist Woman's  
Auxiliary Cragmont  
Woman's Conference  
Total receipts from  
Churches and Individuals  
Withdrawal from Savings  
Total for Which to Account

Operational Expenses  
Penland's Stop and Shop, rockers  
Burress Insurance Agency  
Transfer to General Savings  
Transfer to Main Building Fund  
Total Disbursements  
Balance on Hand, October 1, 1979

General Fund  
General Savings  
Main Building Fund  
Total in Bank, October 1, 1979

### MORE NEWS

The fall is slipping right away. The weekend retreats are going well with almost-capacity crowds each weekend.

On September 7-9 we had 46 campers from the Sandy Plain church and 37 from the Pleasant Hill church. Spring Branch church visited us on September 21-23 with 40 campers. Again on September 28-30 there were 48 people from the Casey's Chapel church and 35 from the Edgewood church. We started off October with another large group composed of campers from ten churches: 48 from the Black Jubilee Grove church, Greenville.

We are also having several guests during the week now. Many people are wanting to see the fall colors in the mountains. It was predicted that the peak of the colors would be a week later than usual this year. However, a recent cold snap has brought out many of the trees so that it seems the peak will be right on schedule—the third weekend.

\$ 5,038.55

\$ 8,614.11  
1,175.00  
\$12,349.75

\$ 9,897.22  
\$ 2,452.53

## "MA" BALLARD MOVES

by Harold J. Dunn  
Director of Retirement Homes



Mrs. Gertrude Ballard

Mrs. Gertrude "Ma" Ballard moved into the Retirement apartment in Dawson House in September. Mrs. Ballard is a welcome addition to our Retirement Home. She calls this a "marvelous" place and says it is a "blessing" to her.

Mrs. Ballard and the late Rev. L. E. Ballard worked here at the Children's Home for several years. (She won't tell me how long ago.) She says it sure has changed, but it still seems like coming home. She likes to reminisce about their work here with the children.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ballard have always been active in the different denominational enterprises. You can remember them at Cragmont and all conventions and conferences. I don't think "Ma" Ballard ever missed an auxiliary meeting; in fact, she still goes.

The Rev. L. E. Ballard was a "pusher" in Sunday school and league work. We still read and study his written words of wisdom.

Mrs. Ballard has two sons, Jerry and Beverly, and six grandchildren.

She plans to visit Jerry in Ohio in the near future. Beverly is living in Greenville, North Carolina, and pastoring Piney Grove church in Beaufort County.

"Ma" Ballard's address, phone number, and birthday are as follows: Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc., P. O. Box 250, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557, phone: 1-235-4951, birthday, August 26.

I'm sure she would appreciate a card or call.

NOTE: The Retirement Homes are full and one applicant waiting.

## EDITORIAL

(Continued from Page 2)

almost obligated to watch to see if CBS had deleted the scenes promised.

We watched and were astonished, even appalled. If the original version was any rawer or more vulgar than the edited version, what, indeed, is television coming to? Those in charge of the "sin-box" are surely making it live up to its reputation. The viewing audience, this writer included, should register opposition to such airings, by switching off the tube and informing sponsors of disapproval. Sometimes sponsors have to be hit in the pocketbook before they take notice.

Now is the

time to renew

your subscription.

October. If you plan to come to the mountains during October, do yourself a favor: Make Advanced Reservations!

During Woman's Conference several women donated money to buy rocking chairs for the new front porch. We were finally able to purchase these chairs in September, and they are a lovely addition to the new main building. We are also grateful for the women's \$5,000 offering for Cragmont during their Cragmont Night service.

We are still praying for your assistance in financial support by November 14. There seems to have been a slight increase in donations during the past few weeks, but it is not enough to make that \$35,000 payment on the loan. We trust that you will seek God's guidance in your contribution to our building fund. We are so grateful for each church which has made a special donation above its regular budget amount. God will bless you in a special way by helping us in this special time of need.

Continue to pray for us and for the continued success of God's work at Cragmont Assembly.

In His Service,  
The Rev. Doug Skinner  
Manager



**Wintergreen Church to Have Revival Services**



*The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark*

Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, will be holding revival services beginning October 29 through November 2. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. Special singing will be featured nightly. The guest evangelist is the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, assistant pastor of Sherron Acres church, Durham, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Brown, invites everyone to attend.

The church will observe its annual homecoming day on Sunday, November 4. All members and friends are invited to attend. The morning message will be brought by the pastor and dinner will be served on the church grounds. All former pastors and their families are invited.

**Daly's Chapel Church To Have Revival**

Revival services will be held October 29 through November 2 at Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist

Church, Route 1, Seven Springs. Services will begin each night at 7:30. The evangelist will be the Rev. Bryce Rouse. The pastor, the Rev. David W. Hansley, and the church membership invite everyone to attend.

**Piedmont District Ladies Auxiliary to Meet**

The Piedmont District Ladies Auxiliary will meet October 27 at Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church, Hamlet. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Each auxiliary is asked to bring towels and washcloths for the Children's Home.

**Revival in Progress At Free Union Church**

Revival services are being held at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Nash County, through October 27 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Dale Albertson, pastor of Free Spirit Mission near Wilson, is the evangelist. Prayer room opens each night at 7:15.

Harvest day will be Sunday, October 28, with the pastor, the Rev. Lester Duncan, bringing the morning message. There will be lunch at noon in the fellowship building with singing in the afternoon. The pastor and the church membership invite everyone to attend.

**Homecoming and Revival Services at Rock Springs Church**

Homecoming will be observed at Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Nash County, on Sunday, October 21. The Rev. Luther Bissette will bring the morning message. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at noon. There will be a singspiration beginning at 2 p.m. featuring the Watchmen Quartet from Fremont, North Carolina.

On Monday night, October 22, revival services began at 7:30 and will continue through Friday night, October 26. The Rev. Charles Renfrow, pastor of Piney Grove church, Kenly, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. Special music will be rendered each evening. The pastor, the Rev. John Boykin, invites the public to attend.

**Dilda's Grove Church Has Homecoming**

Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming day on Sunday, October 28. The message for the morning worship will be delivered by Mr. James Barbour from Kinston, North Carolina. A picnic lunch will be served in the fellowship building at noon. An afternoon gospel singing will feature the Revelators.

The pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette, and the church membership invite everyone to attend these services.

**Homecoming and Revival At Cabin Church**

Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 28.

Revival services will begin Monday night, October 29, continuing through Friday night, November 2. Prayer room will open at 7:15 p.m. Regular services will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing each night. The Rev. Luther Swinson will be the evangelist. The pastor is the Rev. William L. Littleton. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

**Western District WA Sponsor Study Course**

The Western District Woman's Auxiliary will sponsor a book study on stewardship entitled, "Martha, Martha." Ms. Caroline Castelloe of Mount Olive College will be the guest speaker. The study will be held at Spring Hill church on Highway 70 near Goldsboro, November 6, at 7:30 p.m. All Free Will Baptist

churches are invited and urged to attend.

### Sidney Church Announces Revival Services

Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, North Carolina, will be having revival services October 29 through November 2. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Arnold Price, pastor of the Pleasant Grove church of Erwin, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Parrish, and the congregation cordially invite the public to come and worship in these services. There will be special singing each night.

### Homecoming at Core Point Church

Homecoming will be observed at the Core Point Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, October 28. The morning message will be brought by the Rev. A. Graham Lane. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Ray Harrison.

On October 29 through November 3, the church will be having revival services. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Ray Williamson. There will be special singing each night. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## IN MEMORY OF MARIETTA DUNN WILLIS

by Kathleen W. Dunn

On the second day of August, 1979, Marietta Dunn Willis passed away at the age of 91. She was born in Beaufort County, North Carolina, on March 16, 1888, the daughter of the late Henderson and Sidnie Toler Dunn. After the death of her parents she moved to Arapahoe, North Carolina, to live with her brother, the late Lewis Bryan Dunn.

In 1914 she married Manley L. Willis, a native of Arapahoe, North Carolina, and there were two children born of the marriage, a son, Leland Ivan

Willis, and a daughter, Kathleen. After moving to Arapahoe she became a member of the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church where her membership remained until her death. She always attended the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church whenever possible, and always enjoyed homecoming day very much. After moving to New Bern and Bridgeton, North Carolina, she very often attended the Bridgeton Christian Church with her son and daughter. Whenever possible, she would attend Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church and the White Hill Baptist Church in the White Hill community where she was reared and is now buried. But she never wanted to change her membership from the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church where she lived most of her married life and reared her two children. Her husband, Manley L. Willis, passed away in 1948. She was also the sister of the late Charles Kelly Dunn Sr., who was the manager of the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, for many years.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and a dedicated Christian. She had one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter. She was loved by many of her nieces and nephews, and by many friends

who will miss her. I, myself, miss her so very much.

The following is a poem written by her many years ago:

### HOMECOMING AT THE CHURCH

It's always such a pleasant thing  
To hear the people pray and sing;  
To see them walking down the aisle  
With sober faces or a smile.  
And when the sermon's at an end,  
To clasp the hand of an old, old friend.  
Friends who've been away so long,  
Now strolling about among the throng.  
Dinner is served upon the ground  
And nature's blessings do abound.  
Some of the faces there are new,  
And others are older, not a few.  
It makes us think of times gone by  
When we were young; how time does fly.  
So when before we've had a chance  
to talk with all, or get a glance;  
The church again rebounds with song,  
So back we enter with the throng,  
To hear again the people sing  
In praises to the Lord our King,  
But now we look and dim the sky,  
And with a sigh we say good-by.

## STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

"Communicating the Love of God to People"

Sponsored by the North Carolina  
State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists

**November 28, 29, 1979**

Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church  
Wilson, North Carolina

Time: Sessions Begin on Wednesday, November 28 at 1:30 p.m.  
on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.  
on Thursday, November 29 at 9:30 a.m.

The Executive Committee of the State Convention urges our churches to bring their Wednesday evening services to the Conference. Load your cars, vans and buses!!

**Keynote Speaker—The Rev. Ora J. Johnson**  
Director of Department of Evangelism  
and Church Growth of the General  
Baptist General Association  
Poplar Bluff, Missouri

Other Speakers include—The Rev. DeWayne Eakes  
The Rev. J. B. Starnes  
The Rev. Marvin Waters

Everyone Welcome



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For November 4

## CHRIST'S AUTHORITY IN THE NEW COMMUNITY

**Lesson Text:** Ephesians 1:11-23

**Memory Verse:** Ephesians 1:22,  
23

### I. INTRODUCTION

"Jesus Christ is Lord!" The time will come when even those who have denied Him will at last agree that He is the King eternal (Philippians 2:9-11). This is **predestinated**.

This does not mean that everything in the world goes exactly as the Lord wishes. Wise parents sometimes allow a child to have his own way, even if they know it is not the best way. Likewise, God gave Adam and Eve a choice, and He gives us a choice. He "suffered all nations to walk in their own ways" (Acts 14:16), mistaken as those ways were. Now He "commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30), but He does not compel them to repent.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." So said our Lord (Mark 16:16), but that was not all He ever said. We must understand that some conditions are attached to the promise. If his belief is a genuine living faith that produces good works, if his obedience continues after baptism throughout his life, if he is faithful unto death, then he will receive a crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

This is predestinated. God has determined it already. But He has not determined that I personally will believe and be baptized and remain faithful unto death. That is my choice. He has not determined in advance that you will

receive a crown of life. That is your choice. This is to be remembered whenever predestination comes into our study, as it does in this lesson.

"Jesus Christ is Lord!" That great fact underlies the whole series of lessons we are using. Last month we surveyed Philippians, noting how the lordship of Jesus is related to persons. Now we will read Ephesians, noting how the lordship of Jesus is related to the church.

Both Philippians and Ephesians were written during the two years Paul was a prisoner in Rome (Acts 28:16, 30). Ephesus was a city on the east side of the Aegean Sea. Paul had taught there for nearly three years (Acts 19:1-41; 20:13-35). From there the gospel had spread over the province of Asia (Acts 19:10, 26).—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The Book of Ephesians is one of the most profound of all the New Testament books. Its richness, depth, excitement, and graciousness are well known to all Bible students. Its counterpart in the Old Testament is the Book of Joshua. The relation between these two books is obvious to the careful reader. Joshua is the story of the entrance of the Children of Israel into Canaan and points up the struggles of Israel to come into their inheritance—the land of promise. Ephesians is the story of Christians entering into their "Canaan," the fullness of the dedicated life. As with the Israelites, the Christians also have their battles, but victory is assured us in the power of Christ.

B. Ephesians is divided into two parts. Chapters 1-3 deal with some great doctrines of the Christian faith. Chapters 4-6 tell us how to put what we learn into practice. The epistle shows clearly God's authority over His church and accepting that authority is a part of the Christian's dedication.

C. The church at Ephesus received high praise from John in Revelation. He praised their work, their labor, and their patience. He commended them for not fainting or growing weary in Christian service. But he had to tell them that he had something against them, because they had left their first love (Revelation 2:4)—meaning the love for soul winning, among other things. John advised them to repent and do the first works again. Paul says nothing about this in his letter to the church, perhaps because he wrote quite some time before John.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Christ's Lordship and the New Community" is the theme of Unit II of the general topic, "Christ Our Lord," and the unit's four studies are taken from Ephesians, Paul's letter to the Christians at Ephesus. The New Community refers to the "gathered people" in the church as the body of the risen Lord, and who have a mission in the world.

B. Ephesians was written by the Apostle Paul from Rome in A.D. 64 while he was still a prisoner there, and is the first in order of the Prison Epistles. This letter is one of the most vital epistles Paul wrote, having its counterpart in Joshua in the Old Testament. As Joshua led the Children of Israel into the Promised Land under many trials, so Ephesians portrays the entering of God's people, Christians, into a more surrendered spiritual experience.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## COLLEGE DINNERS PLANNED

The following dinners to benefit Mount Olive College have been set for the fall, 1979:

**GREENE COUNTY**—Saturday, October 27, 7 p. m., West Greene School, Snow Hill; George Harrison, chairman.

**JONES COUNTY**—Monday, October 29, 7 p. m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston; Eldon L. Brock, chairman.

**ONslow-NEW HANOVER COUNTIES**—Tuesday, October 30, 7 p. m., Folkstone church; O. B. Everett, chairman.

**EDGEcombe-HALIFAX COUNTIES**—Thursday, November 1, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro; Rufus Harrell, chairman.

**DUPLIN COUNTY**—Saturday, November 3, 6 p. m., East Duplin High School; William E. Futch, chairman.

**JOHNSTON-WAKE COUNTIES**—Monday, November 5, 7 p. m., Everett Chapel church, Clayton; Leonard Woodall and Lloyd Hargis, co-chairmen.

**WASHINGTON, MARTIN, TYRRELL, PASQUOTANK, AND CHOWAN COUNTIES**—Thursday, November 8, 7:30 p.m., Washington County Union School, Roper; David Cahoon, chairman.

**CARTERET COUNTY**—Saturday, November 10, 6:30 p. m., East Carteret High School; David Ward and Hillary Gaskins, co-chairmen.

**PITT COUNTY**—Monday, November 12, 7 p. m., D. H.

Conley High School; Bobby Taylor, chairman.

**WILSON COUNTY**—Tuesday, November 13, 7 p. m., Beddingfield High School; James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

**SAMPSON, HARNETT, AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES**—Thursday, November 15, 7 p. m., Midway School; C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

## MRS. RILEY TO SPEAK

Mrs. Dianne Riley, Associate Director of Admissions, will speak at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in Sea Level on Sunday, October 28, for the Sunday school and worship service.

On Sunday night at 7:30 she will speak at King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church for Youth Night. The Rev. Frank Brinson is pastor.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt County on Sunday, October 28, for the 11 a.m. worship service.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick is pastor.

## COLLEGE SPEAKER AT GREENVILLE CHURCH

Dr. Michael Pelt, Chairman of the Humanities Division at Mount Olive College, will speak at First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, Sunday, October 28, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Dr. Pelt, an ordained Free Will Baptist minister, will also give a

report about the College, a denominational enterprise of the Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Davie Brinson is pastor.

## RELIGIOUS LIFE RETREAT PLANNED

The annual Religious Life Retreat for students at Mount Olive College will be held the weekend of October 26-28 in Oriental, North Carolina.

The Scripture ". . . without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5) will be the theme for the weekend program. The weekend activities include a worship service at Oriental Free Will Baptist Church on Friday night at 7:30 conducted by the Rev. Ray Williamson, pastor of Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Grantsboro.

Saturday will be spent in discussion groups and other forms for reflection, study, discussion, worship, and renewal.

A singspiration and campfire will be held Saturday night and the weekend will conclude after the Sunday morning worship service scheduled for 8:30.

The Spiritual Life Retreat is under the direction of Frank R. Harrison, Chaplain at the College.

## NEW CREATIONS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

The New Creations, Mount Olive College's traveling gospel group, will be appearing at the following events during the week:

Mount Olive College Spiritual Life Retreat in Oriental, North Carolina the weekend of October 26-28.

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Pamlico County on Sunday, October 28. Public is invited.

Jones County Dinner in support of Mount Olive College on Monday, October 29.

Onslow-New Hanover Counties Dinner in support of Mount Olive College on Tuesday, October 30.

**October is Superannuation Month**



# Children's Home

## THE REVELATORS IN CONCERT



The Revelators of Wadesville, Indiana, will appear in concert at the churches listed below. The concerts will be for the benefit of the Children's Home. All proceeds will go to the Home. The group

will present a music program and their full-sized puppet program entitled "Noah's Ark" at each concert. Area churches are urged to join in with sister churches in concerts in their area.



### October

21	(Sunday)	7:00 p.m.	Greenville, First
23	(Tuesday)	7:30 p.m.	Piney Grove (Pitt)
24	(Wednesday)	7:00 p.m.	Westside
26	(Friday)	7:00 p.m.	Free Union (Albemarle)
27	(Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	Sound Side
28	(Sunday)	10:00 a.m.	Dilda's Grove
28	(Sunday)	7:00 p.m.	Yelverton Grove
31	(Wednesday)	8:00 p.m.	Friendship (Western)

### November

2	(Friday)	7:00 p.m.	Christian Chapel (Eastern)
3	(Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	Mount Olive (Piedmont)
4	(Sunday)	10:00 a.m.	Tarboro, First
4	(Sunday)	7:00 p.m.	Sweet Gum Grove
7	(Wednesday)	7:30 p.m.	Rose of Sharon
9	(Friday)	7:30 p.m.	Verona
10	(Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	Rock of Zion
11	(Sunday)	10:00 a.m.	Williamston, First
11	(Sunday)	7:00 p.m.	Spring Branch
12	(Monday)	8:00 p.m.	Harrell's Chapel
14	(Wednesday)	7:30 p.m.	Black Jack
16	(Friday)	7:30 p.m.	Community (Central)
17	(Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	Pleasant Grove
18	(Sunday)	10:00 a.m.	Gum Swamp
18	(Sunday)	7:00 p.m.	Holly Springs (Eastern)
21	(Wednesday)	7:00 p.m.	Sidney
24	(Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
25	(Sunday)	10:00 a.m.	Little Rock
25	(Sunday)	7:00 p.m.	Hugo

## GETTING IT TOGETHER

Her family is broken, spread out like so many pieces of puzzle. She contemplates "getting it together." Is it possible? Will she be able to go home again? Will there ever be a home for me to go to?

More than 90 percent of the children in care today are there because of family problems. Moms and dads who were not capable of setting a good parental example or simply deserted their families altogether. Add child abuse to the list, divorce, imprisonment, financial problems and death. No matter what the cause may be, for her it amounts to separation, rejection, and brokenness.



She can put the puzzle together all by herself, but arranging the pieces of a broken family and a broken life are beyond her capabilities. She needs help. She needs our help. She has done nothing wrong. She is the innocent victim of the influences of sin in the family today. The first step in the process of helping her is to provide for her immediate needs: food, clothing, shelter, education and spiritual life. She has the puzzle finished. Through the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home she has had those immediate needs met. The larger puzzle, her family, her future, remains scattered. She needs help with that part of her life, too!

The Christian witness of the staff of the Children's Home, her family services worker in particular, the local pastor, and local community services are all brought to bear on her biological parents' problems. If at all possible we want to enable her to see the pieces of her own biological family in their proper places once again. The very best thing we can do for her is to help her own parents give her a Christian home.

The next best solution and all those that follow are less than God intended for her. God wanted her to have a happy, comfortable spiritual home with the parents who bore her. If second or third best is all that life can provide, she may have to be placed permanently in a foster home or a children's home. Whatever the choice of placement it should be designed to meet her specific and individual needs.

She will not have to get her future together all alone, for she has Free Will Baptists, hundreds of them, thousands of them, praying for her, giving sacrificially for her care. She will have a future, she will have a family, because she has been adopted by the family of God of which we, as Free Will Baptists, are members. She will have a life in the future because of the dedication of Free Will Baptists to children through the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Your generous Thanksgiving offering is needed at this time to ensure that she and dozens of other children like her will have the opportunity for abundant life.

**QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTIONS  
REPORT FOR  
JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1979  
Total: \$48,232.58**

<b>ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE</b>	
Belhaven	\$ 50.00
Free Union	320.00
Gum Neck	20.00
Hickory Chapel	270.00
Malachi's Chapel	350.00
Mount Tabor	229.20
Mount Zion	100.00
Shiloh	201.48

Sidney	79.97
Sound Side	50.00
Sunday School Convention	44.31
Union Chapel	196.76
Union Meeting	14.36
Total	<u>\$1,926.08</u>

<b>BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE</b>	
Cedar Hill	\$ 12.00
Total	<u>\$ 12.00</u>

<b>CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE</b>	
Catalpa Mission	\$ 50.00
Daly's Chapel	150.00
Goldsboro, First	210.00
Hopewell	399.82
Johnston Union	394.00
Lee's Chapel	539.85
Oak Grove	200.00
Palmer Memorial	135.18
Pleasant Grove	200.00
Powhatan	300.00
Riverside	200.00
Robert's Grove	250.00
Saint Mary's Grove	200.00
Shady Grove	615.00
Smithfield, First	300.00
Smyrna	100.00
Tee's Chapel	50.00
Victory Mission	27.80
Yelverton Grove	165.96
Total	<u>\$ 4,487.61</u>

<b>CENTRAL CONFERENCE</b>	
Aspen Grove	\$ 784.00
Ayden	775.00
Bethany	212.00
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Community	366.79
Daniels Chapel	100.00
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Free Union	425.29
Friendship	429.73
Greenville, First	430.00
Grimsley	200.00
Gum Swamp	685.00
Harrell's Chapel	470.00
Hickory Grove	317.32
Hugo	125.00
Hull Road	200.00
King's Cross Roads	203.98
LaGrange, First	350.00
Little Creek	20.00
Marlboro	385.00
Ormondsville	8.00
Otter's Creek	548.41
Owen's Chapel	250.00
Peace	100.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	150.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	26.00
Reedy Branch	636.79
Rocky Mount, First	160.00
Rose Hill	744.77
Saratoga	509.00
Spring Branch	60.00
Tarboro, First	100.00
Union Number 2	13.59
Walnut Creek	200.00

Watery Branch	15.00
Williamston, First	431.15
Winterville	<u>1,084.13</u>
Total	<u>\$13,437.34</u>

<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>	
Angola	\$ 60.00
Antioch	330.00
Arapahoe	25.00
Auxiliary District Fund	177.15
Bethlehem	100.00
Bridgeton	152.00
Cabin	55.00
Christian Chapel	300.00
Core Creek	416.04
Crab Point	75.00
Croatan	200.00
Davis	400.00
Deep Run	316.00
Dublin Grove	288.66
Ephesus	268.09
Faith (Craven)	105.00
Fifth Sunday School Convention	30.00
Friendship	100.00
Gethsemane	120.00
Gray Branch	200.00
Holly Springs	300.00
Jackson Heights Mission	186.54
Juniper Chapel	205.00
Kinston, First	142.75
Lanier's Chapel	20.00
Macedonia	800.00
May's Chapel	350.00
Memorial	100.00
Mount Zion (Onslow)	50.00
New Bethlehem	381.25
New Haven	298.74
Northeast	98.64
Pearsall Chapel	150.00
Rock of Zion	212.58
Rooty Branch	159.59
Saint's Delight	106.00
Sandy Plain	30.00
Smyrna	75.00
Sneads Ferry	100.00
Spring Hope	150.00
St. Mary's	250.00
Trent	108.00
Union Number 3	50.00
Union Number 4	108.05
Union Number 5	75.00
Vanceboro, First	185.00
Verona	32.92
Warden's Grove	545.27
Warsaw, First	27.00
Whaley's Chapel	220.59
White Hill	50.00
White Oak Grove	620.00
Total	<u>\$ 9,905.86</u>

<b>PEE DEE CONFERENCE</b>	
Beaverdam	\$ 625.00
Cypress Creek	88.35
Emerson	100.00
Macedonia	152.20
Mount Calvary	110.00
Oak Grove	425.00
Union Number 1	87.00
White Oak	60.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,647.55</u>

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**PIEDMONT CONFERENCE**

Baptist Cathedral	\$ 140.00
Bethany	30.00
East Rockingham	87.30
Heritage Mission	62.70
Highland Pines	230.00
Hopewell	120.00
Union Gospel	100.00
Total	\$ 770.00

**ROCK FISH CONFERENCE**

Sandy Grove	\$ 200.00
Conference	10.25
Total	\$ 210.25

**TOE RIVER CONFERENCE**

Cox's Creek	\$ 100.00
Curtis Creek	60.00
Odom's Chapel	100.00
Roan's Chapel	150.00
Roaring Creek	58.40
Total	\$ 468.40

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Barnes Hill	\$ 350.00
Branch Chapel	951.36
Calvary	425.00
Elwood Lane	19.76
Everett Chapel	174.04
Fellowship	75.00
Flood's Chapel	75.00
Friendship	239.75
Kenly	220.00
Little Rock	390.00
Living Waters	100.00
Marsh Swamp	190.00
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Micro	350.00
Milbournie	375.00
Mission Valley	50.00
Mount Zion (Nash)	311.64
Mount Zion (Wilson)	120.00
New Sandy Hill	150.00
Northern	1,000.00
Oak Grove	286.00
People's Chapel	20.00
Pine Level	109.69
Piney Grove	125.00
Pleasant Grove	515.00
Pleasant Hill	300.00
Pleasant Plain	163.50
Rains Cross Roads	150.00
Rosebud	315.00
Selma	50.00
Sherron Acres	550.00
Spring Hill	700.00
St. Mary's	460.00
Stancel's Chapel	300.34
Trinity	25.00
Union Chapel	65.00
Union Grove	301.50
Union Number 1	100.00
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Western District	
Youth Fellowship	50.00
Wilson, First	2,375.00
Youth Fellowship	30.96
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Free Will Baptist	
Church, Shelby, Ohio	111.00
Laurel City	

Sunday School	63.2
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**OVERHEARD IN AN ORCHARD**

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,  
 "I should really like to know  
 Why these anxious human beings  
 Rush about and worry so."  
 Said the Sparrow to the Robin,  
 "Friend, I think that it must be  
 That they have no Heavenly Father  
 Such as cares for you and me."

—Elizabeth Cheney

**Oak Grove, Bladenboro to  
 Observe Homecoming, Revival**

The Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Bladenboro, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming,

Sunday, October 28. During the worship service, a special program of music will be presented by the McPherson Quartet. Lunch will be served at one o'clock.

Revival services will begin Sunday night, October 28, at 7:30, with the Rev. Walter Sutton, pastor of Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist.

The Rev. James B. Hardee, pastor of Oak Grove, and the church membership issue a cordial invitation for all to attend the homecoming celebration and the revival services.

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## BE ON THE LOOKOUT: UNCONSCIONABLE PEDDLERS ON THE LOOSE!

There should be a law against the peddling of books, brochures, and pamphlets to old people. Quite often these items of "reading interest" are imposed upon the unsuspecting, those who have no real need of them. In an effort to avoid further annoyance, they pay the peddler five or ten dollars for a subscription to a magazine or book they really don't want.

The peddler most often preys on the sympathy of the aging, citing crippled children as his cause, or subtly advising the sympathetic housekeeper that he (and many times, she) is working his way through college, hastening to add that this is his only means of income. We have heard the story so often that the impact has lessened for us, but many old people don't notice too critically the expensive car and attire of the peddler which bespeak anything but the poverty which he usually pleads.

There may be no crime in making one's living through the peddling of books, trinkets, "objects of religious art" (though many would rightly disdain to buy any religious image), or magazines. The selling profession certainly needs persons who will take the goods to the door, directly to the interested party. The door-to-door selling of merchandise takes a certain ability, if not talent, and requires a strong, forceful, outgoing personality. A garrulous fellow (or girl) will certainly be more successful. But one who talks a mild-mannered person into buying something he or she doesn't really need or want should be given an award for deception rather than diligence.

Sales pitches vary from the crippled children gimmick and the help-me-go-to-college angle. There are missionary efforts, church building enterprises, food-for-the-poor campaigns. A few zealous ones maintain that they want to get the "Lord's Word into every home" and set about to sell their most expensive Bible to a poor aged person who really hasn't any money to spare, and who generally has a serviceable Bible already. I suppose this is where we most oppose the peddling: to old, perhaps ailing persons who don't know how to say no to an insistent seller. Those peddlers who deliberately misrepresent themselves or their cause and knowingly pass off to someone something they really don't want or need will be reckoned with in the by-and-by, certainly. But we who can do something about it now should make our displeasure known and help unsuspecting persons to deal with emotional implications associated with the selling and buying game. There is no shame in not wanting the peddler's goods; one should not be made to feel that he has to buy what the peddler is selling; one can tell the salesman plainly, but politely, that he really is not interested—regardless of how pitiful the peddler makes it all sound. If one really has no need, nor desire, for an item, one should not feel conscience-bound to buy.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

# History of Northeast Free Will Baptist Church

Submitted by Mrs. Lorraine Sutton

VERY little is known about the early years of Northeast Original Free Will Baptist Church located in Wayne County, North Carolina, but according to some of the senior citizens of the community, it was organized around 1827. Mr. John A. Kornegay gave the land on which the first church was located. This was approximately one and one-half miles from the present site, and since a small stream of water called Northeast Run was near, the church was given the name Northeast. In the minutes of the General Conference of 1881 held at Howell Swamp church, Northeast was represented by letter and gave a membership of seventy-nine. In these same minutes, an obituary, written about Elder I. M. Lane, stated that he united with Northeast church in 1866; so from this information, Northeast is assumed to be one of the older Free Will Baptist churches of the area.

In February of 1888, according to a deed recorded in the Wayne County courthouse, Mr. Kornegay again donated land when the congregation decided to move its place of worship to the site on which the present church is erected. In this deed, the church is listed as North Creek, but in all other available sources of information, it is called Northeast. No one seems to know how the difference in names came about but the latter is the name by which it is now known.

A fire which destroyed the home of the clerk in 1928 burned the early records of the church but much may be gleaned from the minutes of the Eastern, General, and Annual Conferences, which are kept in the library of Mount Olive College. Older members have been helpful in supplying needed information.

Around 1903, the congregation decided to build a new and larger church since the membership had grown considerably. In the early years worship services were held once a month with the pastor coming into the community. Some of the ministers who served the church as pastors during these years were: Elders Henry Cunningham, A. E. Rouse; the Revs. Jesse Barrow, Robert Kennedy, A. L. Davidson, George Kennedy, H. R. Faircloth, R. H. Jackson, W. A. Hales, Lloyd Vernon, D. W. Hansley, and Sam Kennedy.

On August 15, 1936, the Ladies Aid Society, the forerunner of the Woman's Auxiliary, was organized for the ladies of the church and has continued to serve the church well.

In 1946, interest had increased so that worship services were held two Sundays a month. Ministers who served the church during this period were: the Revs. M. E. Godwin, M. L. Tyndall, Wesley Price, Walter Sutton, Richard Mabe, Ed Miles, H. A. Grubbs, Jack Mayo, and Lynwood Boyette. The Revs. O. B. Taylor, S. A. Smith, and Walter Bass served as interim pastors.

As time passed and the Sunday school grew, the sanctuary was no longer sufficient for teaching and in 1949, five rooms were added to the church. For the first time at Northeast, a lesson could be taught without disturbance from other classes.

In 1957, additional space was needed so an educational building which contained three classrooms, rest rooms, and kitchen were erected. During these years, improvements were made on the sanctuary as the need

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presented itself, and then our thoughts turned to building a parsonage. In 1960, this dream was realized and for the first time in our history, we had a pastor living on the church property.

By 1964, the older Sunday school rooms needed quite a bit of repair; thus we began to think in terms of a long-range building program. With this thought in mind, a brick veneer building consisting of eleven classrooms, fellowship hall, rest rooms, and kitchen were constructed with the intention of either building a new sanctuary or renovating the old one in the future. After much prayer and thought, the decision was reached to build a new one. Plans were drawn for a brick veneer structure containing a vestibule, sanctuary, pastor's study, choir room, and baptistry. On November 18, 1967, the foundation was laid and on April 7, 1968, the dedication service was held. As has been the case in all of the church building programs, the people have worked faithfully and deserve much credit for their labors.

In 1972, an organ was purchased which has added much to the worship service through music. Full-time worship service was begun in

1973, and additional land was bought for future development.

A new central heating and cooling system was installed in the educational building in 1974, and in 1976, the parsonage underwent extensive remodeling. A large den with fireplace, half bath, utility room, and carpet were added and the exterior brick veneered.

The Revs. A. B. Bryan and Bruce Dudley have served Northeast church on a full-time basis as does the present pastor, the Rev. Fred Johnson. The Revs. Scott Sowers, Paul Grubb and Fred Baker have worked as student ministers.

For many years the Free Will Baptist League was a vital part of the church but has been replaced by the Cherub, AFC, and YF youth groups.

The church continues to prosper and with God's help we believe that it will continue to do so. God has truly blessed Northeast church since its beginning and He is to receive all glory and honor for the work that has been accomplished through the years.

## MY GRANDPA'S PRAYER

Tribute to Lois McLawhorn  
by Leon Harris

He could humble himself in a child-like way  
cause he read his Bible, he knew how to pray.  
When his soul felt a hunger on his knees he would fall  
and once again on his Lord he would call.  
"I just want to get closer to Jesus," he said  
with tears in his eyes as he lowered his head.  
Oh Lord can't my hungry soul be fed  
"I just want to get closer," he said.  
At the altar one Sunday with the preacher in prayer,  
He revealed to him just why he was there.

He was looking for help, cause he felt a need  
and he had a hunger that he couldn't feed.  
"I just want to get closer to Jesus," he said  
with tears in his eyes as he lowered his head.  
Oh Lord can't my hungry soul be fed,  
"I just want to get closer," he said.  
God reached down His almighty hand  
and gathered the soul of this noble man.  
In a place prepared for him to stay,  
His soul is living with Jesus today.

## ATTENTION WA MEMBERS OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE

There will be a district-wide study course on "Evangelism" at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, on Tuesday night, November 6, 7:30. Mrs. Ruth Warrick will be the teacher. Let this course finish your quota of study courses for the year!

## PREACHER'S DIARY

A certain church invited me to speak on missions and agreed to give us the offerings for our mission work. I advertised and invited a lot of people to come and bring an offering: the offering was so generous that the church ushers and treasurer decided that it was too much for us and held back a portion.

# MEET THE CREATOR-DEVELOPER of ‘THE BIBLE SERIES’ CURRICULUM

## Free Will Baptist Curriculum for Children

**J**ANIE Jones Sowers, the twenty-five-year-old wife of Free Will Baptist minister Scott Sowers, created and developed “The Bible Series” Free Will Baptist curriculum for children, and thus provides one of the most effective, instructional, and spiritually edifying set of publications ever produced by the Free Will Baptist Press.

“The Bible Series” received the approval of the board of the Free Will Baptist Press, its management, and editorial department before production, and follows biblical and editorial guidelines prescribed by the denomination. The series encompasses nursery through primary lessons (which can be expanded and slightly modified for the junior department), is Bible-based and relevant to today. Emphasis is placed on attitudes, not just concepts. It is felt that strict learning is not enough in and of itself; it must be exercised; it must be applied; it must be activated in individual lives before the Word can have fruition.

Mrs. Sowers has provided activities, testings of concepts, expansion, recapitulations of premises, and an overall emphatic teaching of strict Bible doctrines, at the same time making Bible learning and application refreshing and enjoyable. The young people experience; they actually do what the Bible teaches; they commit Scriptures to memory; they commit the teachings to action; Christian principles are reinforced; salvation is shown to be



*Janie Jones Sowers*

necessary; and Christ is presented as the best Friend, not some far-removed entity which they find fearsome and unreachable.

Janie Jones Sowers expresses her deep love for children in her writing. It becomes obvious that she understands and experiences with them; she becomes a wise and helpful teacher, but at the same time (and with the same emotion) becomes a trusted friend. Her congenial personality shows through; her warmth and spirit of Christian love for all people are apparent; her primary commitment to God supersedes all else. No one, child or adult, can read one complete lesson of the new series and not feel spiritually uplifted, edified, challenged and motivated to act—to be Christian, and to experience what Christianity really is. Being Christian, then,

is not enough, says Janie Sowers through her stories, lessons, activities, and post-lesson experiences; Christianity must be lived for it to be effective and rewarding and enjoyable, which, of course, is what God must have intended.

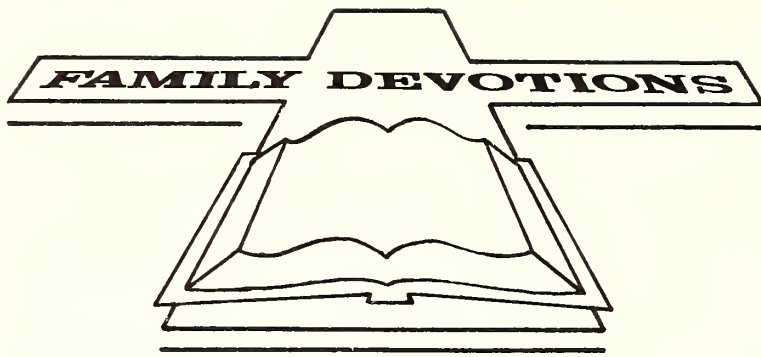
Mrs. Sowers’ creative and developmental talents make possible a wide range of instructional aids which appeal to even the hard-to-motivate child; too often the so-called “dull” child has been ignored; this series sparks new interest; it takes the most popular Bible stories and gives them new life; it takes the infrequently read stories and gives them added zest, while adhering strictly to biblical interpretation.

A lot can be said about Janie Sowers as a dedicated Christian and pastor’s wife and as a worker for her church and the denomination, but she disdains praise except that which ascribes the final tribute to Christ. She has, nonetheless, always proved diligent and productive in any undertaking. Her school career and success bespeak her industry and productivity, her quality as a well-rounded individual and scholar. Her educational career is distinctive; a portion follows:

- a 1972 honors graduate of the Washington, North Carolina, High School
- editor of Packromack, the school annual
- editor of Opus, literary magazine, Medalist Award recipient
- scholastic marshal

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy  
4:1-10

### SOME YEARS

Some years ago in Italy a missionary lady offered a Bible to a stonemason who was building a wall. He did not want the Bible but finally accepted it. When the lady left the man removed a stone from the wall and placed the Bible in a hollow space. He then continued building the wall around it, laughing to think how he had fooled her. Not many years after this there was an earthquake which caused many buildings and walls to fall. One dangerous wall was still standing and the workmen were tapping it to make it fall. "Perhaps there is a treasure there," one worker said as he moved part of the stones. There, in the hollow place where the mason had placed the Bible several years before, the workman found the "treasure." He took it home and read it, and was led to love it and to serve God. Indeed he had found a great treasure.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The real value of the Word cannot be measured. The Bible is a treasure indeed! Let us guard its teachings in our heart. May we reflect its worth by living godly lives.*

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Scripture Reading—John 8:33-43

### MY BIBLE

My Bible is not true in spots,  
But true in every sense;  
True in its tittles and its jots,  
True in each verb and tense;  
True when it speaks of Heaven's joy,  
True when it warns of hell;  
Its truth is gold without alloy—  
Its source a Springing Well.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If everyone lived by the precepts put forth in the Word, the whole world (and its sundry people) would have occasion to rejoice. Real peace and happiness are possible through an application of its principles.*

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Scripture Reading—Mark 9:36-46

### A CHILD'S CREED

I believe in God above;  
I believe in Jesus' love;  
I believe His Spirit, too,  
Comes to teach me what to do;  
I believe that I must be  
True and good, dear Lord, like  
Thee.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Oh to be like Him! The child's creed should be that of every adult as well! Let's make it ours!*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Scripture Reading—Luke 16:1-10

### CHILDREN IN CHURCH

The little children in each pew  
are like enchanted flowers.  
They nod and sway—and yet  
they plan—across the quiet  
hours.  
And some of them drift into  
sleep, against a mother's  
breast,  
And some of them, in singing  
hymns, find stimulating rest!  
Their parents smile and  
sometimes nod, above each  
curly head,  
But, oh, they listen carefully as  
lesson texts are read—  
And feeling fingers touch their  
own, like drifting butterflies,  
They peer, with heightened  
tenderness, into each other's  
eyes.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It must be a joy beyond description—that which parents experience when they see their children in church and watch them develop into mature souls for God.*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Scripture Reading—Acts 26:22-32

### DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN

He has a mind and he knows it.  
He has a will and shows it.  
He sees his way and goes it.  
He draws a line and toes it.  
He has a chance, and takes it,  
A friendly hand and shakes it,  
A rule, and never breaks it,  
If there's no time, he makes it.  
He loves the truth, stands by it,  
Never, ever tries to shy it,  
Whoever may deny it,  
Or openly defy it.  
He hears a lie and slays it.  
He owes a debt and pays it.  
And, as I have heard him praise  
it,  
He knows the game and plays it.  
He sees the path Christ trod  
And grips the hand of God.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*There is one sure thing about the dedicated Christian: he will be Christlike in adversity and prosperity.*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Scripture Reading—Ephesians  
1:1-21

### FAMILY AT CHURCH

Hand in hand, in Sunday dress,  
Parents with their children go,  
Asking God their lives to bless,  
Wanting all His love to know.

At the church door families  
meet,  
Chatting as the spire bells  
chime,  
Telling all upon the street  
Once again it's worship time.

By the pew the father stands,  
Joining them when still are  
they.

Then, eyes closed and folded  
hands,  
All together kneel to pray.

Earth has glorious scenes to see;  
Near and far is beauty rare.  
But no fairer sight can be  
Than a family joined in  
prayer.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The most beautiful scene in  
church is probably that family  
which attends together, sits  
together, prays together, and  
worships together. The strength  
of the nation probably lies in the  
worshipping family—unified.*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Scripture Reading—Galatians  
3:18-29

### THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

It was battered and scarred, and  
the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth the  
while,  
To waste much time on the old  
violin?  
But he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid for this old  
violin?

Who will start the bidding for  
me?

A dollar, a dollar, who'll make it  
two?

Two dollars, and who'll make  
it three?

"Three dollars once, three  
dollars twice, Going for  
three," but no;

From the back of the room a  
gray haired man  
Came forward and took up the  
bow.

Then wiping the dust from the  
old violin,  
And tightening up all the  
strings,  
He played a melody pure and  
sweet,  
As sweet as the angels sing.

The music ceased and the  
auctioneer  
With a voice that was quiet  
and low  
Said, "What am I bid for the old  
violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars, and who'll  
make it two?  
Two thousand, and who'll  
make it three?  
Three thousand once, three  
thousand twice,  
Going, and gone," said he.

The people cheered, but some of  
them said,  
"We do not quite understand,  
What changed its worth?" Came  
the reply,  
"The touch of the master's  
hand."

And many a man with his life out  
of tune,  
And battered and scarred with  
sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to a  
thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.

A mess of pottage, a glass of  
wine,  
A game, and he shuffles along;  
He's going once, and he's going  
twice,  
He's going and almost gone.

But the Master comes, and the  
thoughtless crowd  
Never can quite understand

The worth of the soul, and the  
change that is wrought  
By the touch of the Master's  
hand.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Master's touch, however  
subtle, can change the value of a  
soul—from utter worthlessness to  
excellence. Has the Master  
touched your life?*

Selected from *The Speaker's  
Sourcebook*, Zondervan Pub-  
lishing House.

## NEWS FROM . . .

### RETIREMENT HOMES

Mrs. Gertrude Ballard left  
October 24, 1979, to visit her son,  
Jerry Ballard, in Ohio for about  
four weeks.

Miss Bonnie Farmer has  
recuperated from her automobile  
accident and is doing fine. Mrs.  
Rulli has been her chauffeur  
since her accident. They enjoy  
being together.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Vowell  
have completed their little  
workshop in the basement of  
Albemarle. Mr. Vowell enjoys  
mending chairs and fixing things  
around his house. Carpet was  
installed in their bedroom  
recently. It helps keep their feet  
warm.

Mrs. Thelma Rulli is enjoying  
good health and is very active.  
She is very helpful with the  
children when the houseparents  
need a little rest. Did you know  
that Mrs. Rulli has been at the  
Children's Home since 1923?

All of the retirees enjoy the  
Sunday evening worship service  
and Tuesday evening Sunday  
school at Memorial Chapel. The  
Rev. Bruce Steadman is the  
pastor.

The Retirement Homes Board  
meets November 6, 1979, at 10  
a.m., in the conference room at  
the Free Will Baptist Children's  
Home.

Harold J. Dunn  
Director of Retirement Homes



**Peace Church  
Announces Revival**

Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, announces revival services November 12 through November 16 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. W. S. Burns of Ayden will be the guest evangelist. The Rev. L. B. Manning is the pastor of the church. There will be special singing each night. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

**Reedy Branch  
Church Homecoming**

On Sunday, November 4, 1979, the people of the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville will be celebrating their One Hundred Seventy-Ninth Homecoming.

The church was built around 1800 near a branch overgrown with reeds thus giving the founders an idea to name the church, Reedy Branch church.

The church has had twenty-nine pastors during this time. The Rev. Henry Melvin was the first full-time pastor of the church and stayed for nine years.

The Rev. Willis W. Wilson is the present pastor and has been with the people for sixteen years. This will be his seventeenth homecoming day that he has served the church.

Beginning at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school, Dean Wingate, the Sunday school superintendent will be in charge. At 11 a.m. the morning worship will be with the pastor bringing the message. Dinner will be served in the church's recreation building which is 100 x 60 feet. At 1:15 p.m. the annual songfest will be enjoyed by all who choose to stay. In the past the church has been full for this service. Mr. Blanie Moye will be directing the songfest. It will feature two

quartets of the church, the two youth choirs, the church choir, solos, and duets.

Tommy Manning, editor of literature at the Free Will Baptist Press, will serve as organist for the day. Tommy has been organist for the church around twelve years. Mrs. Lou Nanney will serve as pianist.

All former members, former pastors, and friends of the church are invited to come and enjoy the day.

**Pee Dee  
Conference News**



*Left to right: Taylor Hill, Brooks Sykes, Hubert Burrell, Billy Hardee, Jackie Godwin, Joe Ingram, and Harold Dunn.*

"Lord, it's good to be here," Those were the words that were heard spoken on the altar.

It was a good day: a very inspiring message was brought by the pastor, the Rev. Brooks Sykes, who said, "We must familiarize ourselves with the Word of God and follow it; not man: for there are so many false prophets in the world today."

The meeting was held at Mission Valley church near Clarendon, North Carolina. The church was established in the late 1930's and has met in a small wood frame building until a couple of years ago when they built a brick sanctuary.

**Revival Service  
At Grimsley Church**

Revival services will be held November 12 through November 16 at the Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, Greene County. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The guest evangelist is the Rev. Robert May of Ahsokie. There will be special music each night. The Rev. Don Fader is the pastor of the Grimsley church. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Dilda's Grove Church  
To Have Revival**

Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, will have its fall revival beginning November 5 and continuing through November 9. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Ralph Aycock, pastor of Otter's Creek church near Fountain will be the guest evangelist.

The pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette, and the church extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend these services.

**Revival at First  
Church, Wilson**

A series of evangelistic services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson beginning Sunday night November 4, and continuing through Thursday night, November 8. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Joseph Ingram of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Mr. Ingram is the Foreign Missions Director for the Free Will Baptist denomination. There will be inspiring singing by different groups of the church and visiting singers. The pastor, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox, and members extend a warm invitation to come and worship. The church is located at 910 Granger Street.

**Revival Services at  
Holly Springs Church**

The Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church announces its fall revival for the week of November 5-9. The church is

located near Kenly. The guest evangelist for the revival services will be the Rev. J. C. Yates of Saratoga.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30. There will be special singing each evening. The pastor, the Rev. W. R. Martin, will be assisting in these services.

The public is invited to attend.

**Cape Fear Conference Meeting at**

**St. Mary's Grove Church**

The One Hundred Twenty-fifth Session of the Cape Fear Conference will convene with the St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, on November 1. The scheduled program is as follows:

**MORNING SESSION**

- 8:30—Registration
- 9:00—Congregational Singing
  - Scripture and Prayer, Edwin S. Scarborough
  - Welcome, the Rev. Edward C. Taylor
  - Response, the Rev. Arnold Price
- 9:15—Call to Order
  - Registration Rules Explanation by Credentials Committee Chairman, the Rev. Billy R. Nowell
  - Roll Call of Officers
  - Roll Call of Churches
  - Recognition of Visitors
  - Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin
  - Appointment of Committees
- 9:45—Mount Olive College Report
- 10:00—Children's Home Report
- 10:15—Denominational Enterprise Reports
- 11:15—Congregational Singing
  - Offering and Offertory Prayer
  - Special Music
  - Sermon, the Rev. Henry Armstrong
- 12:00—Recess for Lunch

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:15—Congregational Singing

- Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. John Raeford Lee
- 1:25—Report of Standing Committees
  - Executive Committee
  - Ordaining Council
  - Sunday School Convention
  - Cape Fear Mission Board
  - Woman's Auxiliary
  - Cape Fear Ministers Conference
  - Board of Education
- 2:15—Report of Temporary Committees
  - Temperance
  - Resolution
  - Obituary
  - Credentials
  - Nominating
- 3:00—Business Session
  - Treasurer's Report, Mr. Harvey Hinson
  - Adjournment

Song Director, Johnnie Woodall  
Pianist, Mrs. Faye Johnson

**Revival in Progress White Oak Church**



The Rev. A. Graham Lane

White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Maysville, North Carolina, is having revival services at 7:30 p.m. through November 2. The Rev. A. Graham Lane, pastor of New Bethlehem church, Grantsboro, North Carolina, is the guest evangelist.

The pastor, the Rev. Alton Mason, extends an invitation to everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

**Smith's New Home Church Has Youth Convention**

The Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, had the Eastern District Youth Convention recently. The convention was a beautiful success.

New district officers were chosen. They included: Todd Ard, president; Kelly Cauley, secretary; Kelly Buck, vice president; and Toni Murray, assistant secretary.

The past officers included: Joe Ard, president; Darrell Parrish, vice president; Susan Hill, secretary; and Brenda Parks, assistant secretary.

The advisors for the new term are Mrs. Elbert Daw, Fifth Union; the Rev. Calvin Heath, Third Union; and Ms. Lisa Buck, Carteret Union. Dana Hollowell and Bob Fussell were past advisors.

Please don't forget that the declamation topic is "Lord, You Light Up My Life." The essay topic is "Youth Helping the Church Grow." The Bible bowl quiz is on Foreign Missions. For further information contact Mrs. Linda M. Ford, Route 2, Box 37-A, Arapahoe, North Carolina 28510, phone (919) 249-0651.

The Spring Convention will meet March 15, 1980 at the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church.

Don't forget to send outstanding YFA and AFC members' write-ups and pictures so they can be featured in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST.

**Central Conference to Meet At Reedy Branch Church**

The Annual Meeting of the Central Conference will meet at the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, on November 7. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Conference call to order at 10 a.m. The Rev. W. S. Burns will deliver the message during the worship time. Lunch will not be served at the church.

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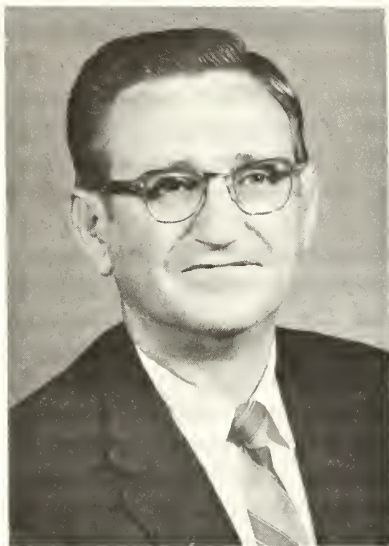


## The Rev. J. B. Starnes

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Morehead City, North Carolina, honors its pastor this week, the Rev. J. B. Starnes. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### AN ACTIVE PASTOR

Submitted by Janice Coleman



*The Rev. J. B. Starnes*

In June 1978, the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, welcomed as its new pastor the Rev. J. B. Starnes. This is the second time for Brother Starnes at Faith. He pastored here previously in 1961-63. We are truly grateful that the Lord has again led him our way.

Brother Starnes married the former Addie Stack on May 11, 1939, in Kannapolis. She is our pastor's right hand and a great asset to our church. Not only does she stand behind her husband, but works actively in every phase of church activities including the position as director of music. They

have two daughters and two sons and five grandchildren.

The Rev. J. B. Starnes was licensed to preach October 5, 1941, at Mount Zion in Kannapolis and was ordained August 8, 1943. He served in the Navy during World War II. After returning he was called to pastor Ben Avenue Church in Kannapolis for 5 1/2 years.

In 1952 he began his work in Eastern North Carolina where he served the following churches: Gray Branch (Deep Run), Cabin (Beulaville), Piney Grove and Sarecta (Duplin County), Smith's New Home (Kinston), Wintergreen (Cove City), Gethsemane (Craven County), British Chapel and Hugo (Lenoir County), Pleasant Grove (Pikeville), Holly Springs (Newport), and Faith.

Not only is Brother Starnes an active pastor, but he is also active in denominational activities. He has served on the Executive Board of the State Convention and as moderator of the Eastern Conference. He is presently serving as President of the General Conference, a member of the Superannuation Board, and as a member of the Retirement Home Board. He is also in charge of Youth Week each year at Cragmont.

Since Brother Starnes has been at Faith church, we have undertaken a remodeling program for our church. Most of the exterior work has been finished, but we are still in the process of remodeling the interior.

Under his leadership we are in the process of beginning a visitation campaign to promote interest and growth here at Faith.

We here at Faith church, appreciate the work of our pastor and his wife. They have brought us a spirit of love and fellowship that had been long gone.

Thank you, Lord, for sending Preacher Starnes and Miss Addie our way again.

## Coming Events . . .

- November—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home Month
- November 1—Cape Fear Conference, Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Benson
- November 6—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex
- November 6—Board of Superannuation Meeting, 1 p.m., Children's Home, Middlesex
- November 7—Central Conference
- November 10—Central District Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church
- November 11—Children's Home Day in local churches
- November 14—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex
- November 22—Thanksgiving Day
- November 22—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston
- November 17—Thanksgiving Services, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex
- November 20—Board of Trustees Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive
- November 20—Founders' Day, 11 a.m., Rogers Chapel, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

## "The Bible Series"

### Creator-Developer

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- member, National Honor Society
- member, Quill and Scroll, literary organization
- named to Who's Who Among High School Students
- member, Pep Club
- member, Spanish Club (president, senior year)
  
- a 1974 graduate of Mount Olive College (North Carolina), A. S. in Religion
- co-chief marshal
- member, Free Will Baptist Fellowship
- member, Kappa Chi
- named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges
- member, Religious Life Committee
- member, Phi Theta Kappa
- member, Dorm Council
- Bryan scholar
- Dean's List scholar
- 1973 recipient of Perrett Award (scholarship)
  
- a 1978 graduate (summa cum laude) of Atlantic Christian College (Wilson, North Carolina), A. B. in Religion and Philosophy; minor in Sociology
- 1978 nominee, Danforth Fellowship (scholastic)
- Dean's List scholar
- member, Alpha Chi (scholastic)
- member, Sigma Pi Alpha (scholastic: languages)
- recipient, 1978 Scholastic Award (presented to graduate with highest scholastic record in college career)
- recipient, Rotary Cup (scholastic)

Mrs. Sowers acknowledges Christ's Great Commission to His church. She insists (with the affirmation of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.) that Christian education has a large role to play in the task. In keeping with that precept, the Free Will Baptist Press has produced "The Bible Series" as an aid in the accomplishment of this aim. The new curriculum is available now and will be implemented with winter quarter: December, 1979-February, 1980. The Press and its personnel praise God for this accomplishment, praying His guidance in its continuance.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED  
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**

## Consolidated Offices

By action of the Trustees of the Duke Endowment recently, in Greenville, South Carolina, the Charlotte and New York offices of the Endowment will be consolidated during the months ahead in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The transfer of the foundation's New York operations and personnel from Rockefeller Center to Charlotte will enable the 55-year-old philanthropic trust to relate its entire program more directly to its beneficiaries, all of which are located in North Carolina and South Carolina. The move will bring various administrative, investment and accounting divisions to Charlotte where the offices of the hospital, child care, and education sections are already located.

"The trustees' objective," according to Archie K. Davis, trustee chairman, "is obviously to achieve improved operating efficiencies and a better coordination of managerial functions."

"The consolidation of the two offices will," Davis said, "enable the trustees and staff to continue and sustain more directly their close relationships with the institutions and programs designated as beneficiaries by the founder, Mr. James B. Duke, in a surprise announcement on December 9, 1924."

That historic announcement at Mr. Duke's home in Charlotte described a plan by which \$107 million would eventually be made available to aid, for all future years, four educational institutions (Duke University, Davidson College, Furman University and Johnson C. Smith University), community nonprofit hospitals and child caring institutions in both Carolinas, rural United Methodist churches in North

Carolina and retired North Carolina Methodist ministers.

In 54 years since, the Duke Endowment has made grants and allocations totaling \$494,814,454 or almost a half billion dollars to the causes specified by Mr. Duke. Payments to beneficiaries in 1978 amounted to \$28,426,312.

"This half-century of philanthropy has improved life for thousands of Carolinians by reason of the partnership between the Duke Endowment and leaders in educational, hospital, child care and religious programs throughout the two states," according to Mr. Davis.

"This consolidation is a move," he said, "to bring our Duke Endowment administrative operations closer to those 'partners' whose progress and cooperation has enabled the Endowment to serve the region which for Mr. Duke was 'home.'"

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## JESUS IS MY SAVIOUR

*by Robert Lawrence Jr.  
age 8 years*

God is a man so powerful,  
And is so brave and true.  
God loves every man and  
woman.  
God loves all of you.

Jesus came as a little babe.  
Satan was glad when Jesus died.  
Jesus was mocked and spit upon,  
Jesus was the Man that was  
crucified.

Jesus rose again on the third  
day,  
And ascended on to glory.  
Jesus came to earth again.  
I heard that old, old story.

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**Why not give  
The Free Will Baptist  
as a gift?**



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For November 11

## THE NEW COMMUNITY THE LORD BUILDS

Lesson Text: Ephesians 2:11-22  
Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:14

### I. INTRODUCTION

Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning  
to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your  
teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless,  
tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden  
door.

The above words were inscribed in 1903 on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. Millions of immigrants were streaming past the welcoming statue, searching for a place to breathe free. In later years, however, the golden door began to close. Immigration was restricted, lest the new world be as overcrowded as the old.

There is another community where the door is wide open. There never has been nor ever will be a restriction placed on entrance here. "Whosoever will" may come. This is the church of the living God, the new community the Lord builds.

As we saw in last week's study, the first chapter of Ephesians closes with a ringing declaration that Jesus Christ is seated at God's right hand, exalted far above all other authority and power, and made head over all things.

Chapter 2 then begins by telling how the Ephesians and we who are Christians came into that church. We were dead in sin, but God made us alive and

lifted us up to sit in heavenly places in Christ. So were we brought from death to life, and the text of this week's lesson has other ways of describing the transformation.—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. What would have happened in the infant church if only Jews had made it up and were its only members for several centuries? This fascinating question must of course go without answer. We can be thankful that God never intended that it remain Jewish in content—that He planned from the beginning that it include all who would believe, whether Jew or Gentile.

B. It is true that Jesus came primarily—at first—to His own people, the Jews, but He ministered also to others, Samaritans, Greeks, Romans, to mention only a few. He wanted Israel to have the opportunity to name Him Lord and King of their lives, but suffered the disappointment of being rejected by many of them, especially their religious and official leaders (John 1:11, 12).

C. In the brief years that followed His ascension, His apostles took the message of salvation to many people beyond the Jewish community. Paul did more of this than anyone else. He taught that salvation and the church were for all believers, and in his letter to the Ephesians pointed out that the racial, religious, and political walls of separation were to be torn down, that all believers might be a part of the Body of Christ without anyone feeling inferior to

another because of different ethnic backgrounds. It was no an easy task for him, but we can be thankful again that he succeeded where he did.

D. The question for us is, Are we helping Christ build His church by giving the gospel to the unsaved around us and extending it into the farthest regions of the earth, in obedience to the Great Commission? As we consider these things, let us look at what we were before Christ touched our lives, what we are now, and what we are in Him.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. To build one must often first tear down. The face of a city may change drastically over a period of a few short years, as old, dilapidated, decaying buildings are demolished to make way for dazzling new structures.

B. As Jesus walked among the people of ancient Palestine He found racial, ethnic, and religious walls which separated Jews from Gentiles, Samaritans from hostile Jews, Greeks from Romans. He came to demolish these walls and in their place erect spiritual and religious structures in which all believers might live together as brothers in Christ. The weapons He used were love, mercy, and understanding, in the hope that all to whom He ministered might see that through His sacrifice on Calvary's Cross, it was possible to live together in harmony and love.

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

The proper place for the ship to be is in the water, but if the water gets into the ship, the ship will sink. The proper place for the church is in the world, but if the world gets into the church, the church will go down in disgrace. Let's keep it from doing that!—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

# PUTTING YOU FIRST . . .

## THE MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE WAY!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO ATTEND OUR  
FALL HIGH SCHOOL DAY FOR SENIORS  
AND THEIR PARENTS  
TO BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1979  
10:00-1:00 P. M.  
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE CAMPUS

Come visit our campus, meet some of our students and faculty and see for yourself what Mount Olive has to offer YOU. WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1979**

### PROGRAM

10:00	Arrival and Registration Henderson Building	11:00	Group Meeting Admissions Procedures Financial Aid Academics Career Planning Spiritual Life Student Services	12:15	Lunch Downtown Campus (Auditorium) Special Music: MOUNT OLIVE SINGERS
10:15	Campus Tours Refreshments			1:00	Auditions: MOUNT OLIVE SINGERS Music Service Scholarships
10:30	Devotionals—Rodgers Chapel Special Music: NEW CREATIONS				Conferences: (Upon request) Faculty Admission Personnel

#### Detach and Mail



**PLEASE RETURN  
THIS FORM  
BY NOVEMBER 1**

I PLAN TO ATTEND.

I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT WOULD  
LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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(Number)



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## DINNER AMOUNTS ON THE RISE

The County dinner totals in support of Mount Olive College are on the rise with an increase of \$4,568.23 over last year for the first five dinners already held.

	1978	1979	Difference
Lenoir	\$ 5,317.00	\$ 4,825.00	\$ -492.00
Beaufort	4,783.15	5,502.91	+ 719.76
Wayne	13,396.25	16,355.00	+ 2,958.75
Nash	2,618.28	2,731.00	+ 112.72
Pamlico	<u>7,677.00</u>	<u>8,946.00</u>	+ <u>1,269.00</u>
Total	\$33,791.68	\$38,359.91	+ \$4,568.23

The goal for the seventeen dinners is \$125,000 for 1979. Last year, the dinner program raised \$118,000.

"As we embark on the ambitious goal of becoming a four-year College, our county dinners show the outstanding devotion Free Will Baptists have for God's work at Mount Olive College," stated Dinner Co-ordinator Jean Ackiss.

## NEW CREATIONS SCHEDULE

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will be performing in the following places this week:

Thursday, November 1 at the Edgecombe-Halifax Counties Dinner in Tarboro.

Sunday, November 4 at Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Pink Hill for the evening worship service.

## ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Dianne Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will be visiting in the following high schools next week.

All Free Will Baptist students and their friends are invited to stop by for a visit.

Monday, November 5—New Bern City, Jones County, Pamlico County Schools, West Craven High School, Havelock High School

Tuesday, November 6—Carteret County Schools

Wednesday, November 7—D. H. Conley High School, North Pitt High School, Washington City, Beaufort County, Hyde County and Plymouth High Schools

Thursday, November 8—Ayden-Grifton High School, Farmville High School, J. H. Rose High School

Friday, November 9—Kinston High School, Greene Central High School

## DR. RAPER TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Everett Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, on Sunday, November 4, at the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services.

The Rev. Billy Yawn is pastor.

## MRS. RILEY TO SPEAK

Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, Associate Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College, will speak at Otway Free Will Baptist Church in Carteret County on Sunday, November 4, at the Sunday school and 11 a.m. worship services.

The Rev. James Kivette is pastor.

## COLLEGE DINNERS PLANNED

The following dinners to benefit Mount Olive College have been set for the fall, 1979:

**EDGECOMBE-HALIFAX COUNTIES**—Thursday, November 1, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro; Rufus Harrell, chairman.

**DUPLIN COUNTY**—Saturday, November 3, 6 p.m., East Duplin High School; William E. Futch, chairman.

**JOHNSTON-WAKE COUNTIES**—Monday, November 5, 7 p.m., Everett Chapel church, Clayton; Leonard Woodall and Lloyd Hargis, co-chairmen.

**WASHINGTON, MARTIN, TYRRELL, PASQUOTANK, AND CHOWAN COUNTIES**—Thursday, November 8, 7:30 p.m., Washington County Union School, Roper; David Cahoon, chairman.

**CARTERET COUNTY**—Saturday, November 10, 6:30 p.m., East Carteret High School; David Ward and Hillary Gaskins, co-chairmen.

**PITT COUNTY**—Monday, November 12, 7 p.m., D. H. Conley High School; Bobby Taylor, chairman.

**WILSON COUNTY**—Tuesday, November 13, 7 p.m., Beddingfield High School; James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

SAMPSON, HARNETT, AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES —Thursday, November 15, 7 p. m., Midway School; C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

**News from**

**Charlotte Mission**

Submitted by Members of the Mission

We at the Charlotte Mission would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped in making our revival and homecoming such a memorable occasion. Our guest speakers were Brother Hampton Wallace from Norwood on Thursday night, Brother M. E. Cox from Durham on Friday night, Brother Leonard Lindsay from Kannapolis on Saturday night, and Brother Joe Hudson from Greenville for our Sunday morning worship service. We thank God for these dedicated men who came and brought God's message. We were also delighted to have Brother Taylor Hill with us.



Black Jack youth present play at Charlotte revival.

During the Sunday morning worship service, Brother Joe Hudson presented to us an offering of \$581 from the youth group, "The Sugar Frosted Saints" from the Black Jack church in Greenville, North Carolina. Our hearts are full and we are so proud of this special group of young people who have given so unselfishly of themselves and made so many things possible for us at the mission.

Their latest project for us was our church sign and such a beautiful sign!



Brother Joe Hudson with the "Sugar Frosted Saints." The puppets are in the background.

After our worship service everyone enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch and fellowship on the church ground. To complete the festivities, the "Sugar Frosted Saints" presented us with a special message through their puppets. We don't think anyone left without receiving a blessing and saying it was good to be in the house of the Lord.

**NEWS NOTES**

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Those present will be free to go to the restaurant of their choice during the one-and a half hours of lunch time.

Please address all correspondence to the new Conference clerk, the Rev. Leon Grubbs, Route 2, Box 290, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580.

**Free Union Church, Greene County, to Have Homecoming**

Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Greene County, will have homecoming on November 4. The Rev. Bob Fussell is the pastor. Everyone is invited to attend.

**A grateful mind  
is  
both great and a  
happy mind.**

**EDITORIAL**

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Millions of dollars are spent annually for cheap trinkets, the like of which are available at carnivals or county fairs—the like of which the majority of persons look upon with utter disfavor, and such as they would not have in their homes. An equal amount, if not more, is spent on unwanted books and magazines. Some of these books and magazines are replete with questionable material; others are obviously saturated with religion, usually doctrinal tenets of sects and cults foreign to orthodox Christianity. If these were not peddled, they would not be sold in such quantity.

There should be a law against the deceptive peddling of books, brochures, pamphlets, and trinkets to unsuspecting persons, but until such a law is enacted, we must do what we can to educate each other to the wiles of unconscionable peddlers.

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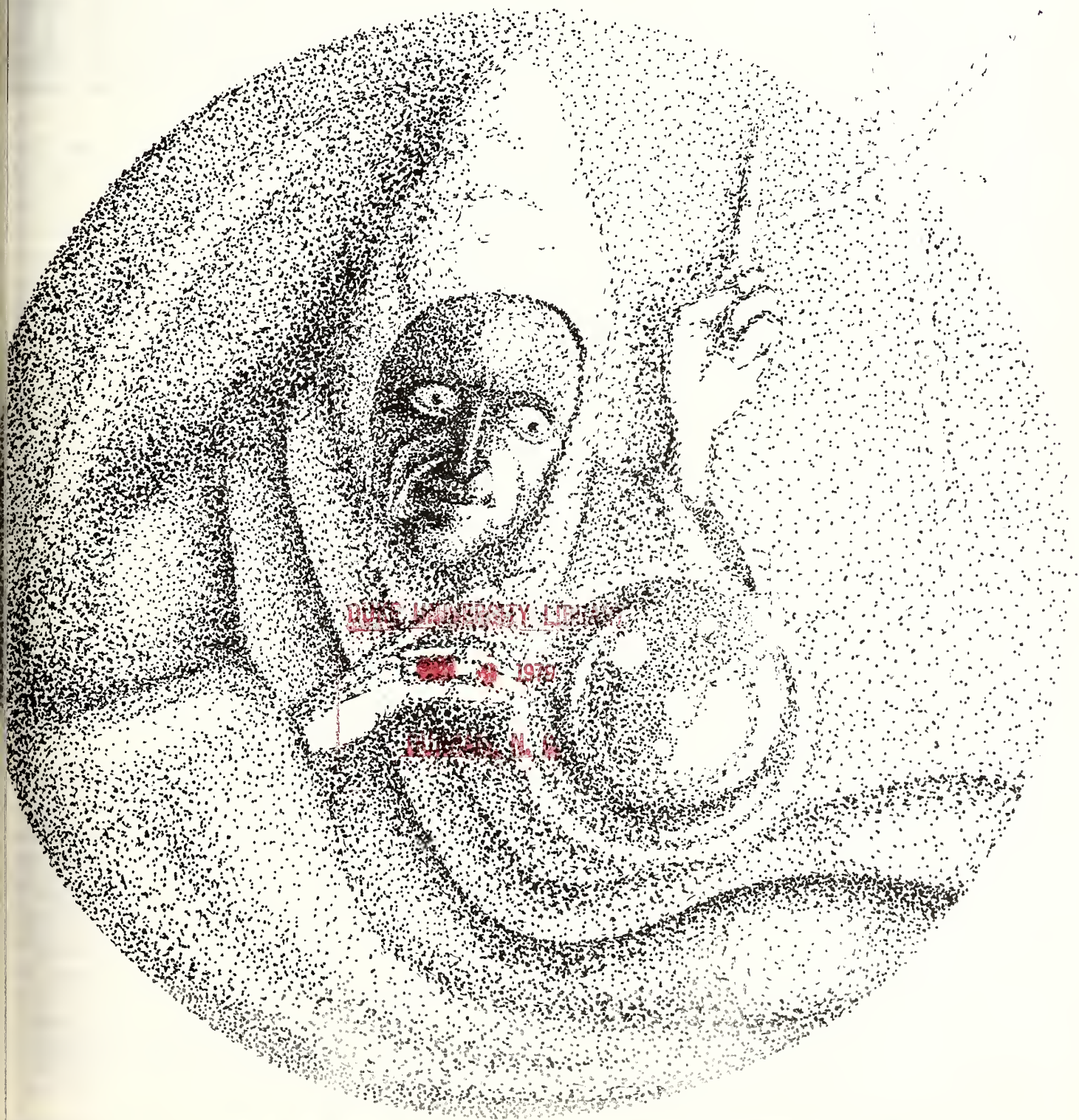


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## "DIVINING BY THE FAMILIAR SPIRIT"

She calls forth the demons of darkness, evokes the spirits for her own spiteful purpose or for the clandestine desires of her patrons. The spiritualist casts her witch-like spell on the naïve and maintains her satanic charm.

The ignorant or emotionally gullible implore her; she gives them what they want: a promise, some hope, bits of general information about a loved one or someone they wish to contact. The distorted voice of the departed spirit achieved through devious means, perhaps a fleeting glimpse of his or her materialized form, a clap of thunder, flashing lights, strange music; and promises of more success with subsequent seances and offerings.

For several years now there has been renewed talk about spirits returning to communicate messages to living persons. The communication usually comes through a medium, a person claiming the power to be a channel between the spirits and the earthly world. Stories are told about socially prominent people—even those in influential positions—invoking spirits for advice and guidance. Perhaps some of us have contemplated dallying in the phenomenon, but the very thought is ill-advised.

While the masters of black art (of which "spirit saying" is a part) usually seek out the unlearned, they have recently enjoyed the respect of the educated. In fact, some educators (who should remain nameless in this writing) admit that they subscribe to this revival of medieval superstition—if not to personal experimentation, certainly to more than a passing interest. For the sake of "philosophy," many are delving passionately into psychic studies, the occult, even Satan worship. And some of these may be future teachers of our children.

As unlikely as might be thought, these soothsayers and "spirit dealers" may not be wearing the traditional garb. Their "fortune telling" attire is no longer a give-away to such carryings-on, for present-day witches, warlocks, and spiritualists look, act, and dress little differently from the average person (except during incantations and other ceremonies).

For a person to proclaim, without fear and with deep conviction, that he or she worships Satan is more than most of us can fathom. If we have been favorably influenced by the Christian church, it is unthinkable. Yet, there are those who make no bones about the object of worship and quite confidently cite Satan as it. All of the black arts, even the seemingly harmless communication with the dead, should strike terror in the heart of those who would maintain their inner balance and spiritual health.

The atmospheric wonder, uneasiness, and attention to sinful practices connected with all witchery should be enough

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# WOMAN OF THE YEAR

## Rose Raper Selected As BPW's Woman of the Year for 1979

MRS. Rose Mallard Raper of Mount Olive was named Woman of the Year by the Mount Olive Business and Professional Women's Club at its annual banquet Monday night at Southern Belle restaurant.

Mrs. Raper is wife of Mount Olive College President Burkette Raper, and has been active in civic, church, community, and Mount Olive College affairs for many years.

Margaret Price Anderson, chairman of the BPW Woman of the Year committee, presented the award to Mrs. Raper. She described the winner as "more than just a career woman" because of her active involvement in various community and professional activities.

Mrs. Raper is employed part-time as a records secretary at Mount Olive College, but she has worked as an unpaid assistant to her husband during the past 25 years he has served as president of the two-year Free Will Baptist College.

Mrs. Anderson said, "Besides the fact that she works as a records secretary during the day, Mrs. Raper is also called upon to work at many odd hours during the day and night.

"In all her work, she is noted for the detail with which she handles even the smallest of assignments. That same efficiency is evident in the way she has excelled as a mother of a large family.

"Because of the demands of her husband's job, she has often taken full responsibility for running the household and has very successfully helped nurture Christian ideals and social responsibilities in her children."



*Mrs. Rose Raper*

Mrs. Raper is the daughter of Mrs. Annie Mallard and the late Rom Mallard of Trenton. She has one sister, Mrs. Horace Phillips, a school teacher in Trenton, and a brother, Graham Mallard, an assistant school principal in Kinston.

Her children are Burke Raper, a senior at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey; Olivia (Mrs. Ray Jr.) Best of Dudley, a bookkeeper at Sutton Electric Company, in Mount Olive; Elizabeth (Mrs. Brad) Hood of Grantham, graduate of ACC, Wilson, a registered nurse employed at Wayne Memorial Hospital; Stephen Raper, a junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Laura Raper, a senior at Southern Wayne High School; and Kristie (Mrs. Gary) Bailey, graduate of ACC, Wilson, a housewife of Route 2, Goldsboro.

Mrs. Anderson said the recipient "has enthusiasm, in-

tegrity and the ability it takes to make a leader. She has proven herself to be very efficient, and her involvement in her community is an integral part of her being."

"Mrs. Raper will go the 'second mile' to lend a helping hand," Mrs. Anderson said. "She serves wherever the need exists."

### ABOUT THE WINNER

Mrs. Raper is a native of Jones County. She attended Jones County schools and was valedictorian at Trenton High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from East Carolina University.

She is a member of the Eastern Star, former local and area leader in Girl Scouts, and she assisted with the Boy Scouts program, having a son who earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mrs. Raper was also an active leader in the former Service League, where she helped

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## WHY THEY FIRED THE PASTOR

by John M. Drescher

I don't know how long he had been at the church when the members noticed. I'm certain he must have been on his best behavior for at least a few months.

Some members think that the first time they noticed was the night he failed to show up for a committee. The next day he explained to a member that he had met a friend who had invited him to a community activity. "I knew you could carry on without me," he said with a disarming smile.

When he missed the first prayer meeting is a matter of dispute. Some say one day and some another. But all agree that he failed to show up a number of times. Not that he ever failed to provide for a speaker; it was just that, well, people kind of expect the pastor to be at prayer meeting. A member recalls one explanation: "'A little job I had to get done at home,' he said. 'It wasn't much, but it was bugging the wife.'"

Then it was a Sunday evening he missed. The members do remember that date, because just the week before, he had spoken on the brotherhood of believers and the necessity of Christian fellowship—"so much the more as you see the day approaching," he had quoted. "The fact is," he explained to a member, "I wasn't on the program, and since the whole family was at home for once, I decided to take time out with them. And I was really tired and probably wouldn't have gotten much out of the service anyway."

Probably all this would have been forgiven if it hadn't been for the morning he arrived ten minutes

late for the church service. And that morning he was to be the speaker. He didn't give any explanation—just marched up the aisle to the front and went on as if nothing had happened. Before long he was late more often than not. It got so you could almost count on his walking in with the other latecomers. When a deacon ventured to speak to him about it, he just said he had gotten into the habit of starting late and it was hard to kick the habit.

The whole thing came to a head the morning he didn't show up for the service at all. On the spur of the moment, members learned later, he had decided to go for a drive, since the fall colors were so beautiful. "Not many more nice days left," he said. "And I thought I'd not be missed, since I met so many members on the way."

Well, it was then that the church board met, talked over what it meant to be a minister in their church, and decided to get a dependable minister.

"He doesn't even know what membership in the church means," said one board member.

"He doesn't realize the importance of the church," said another.

The secretary summed it all up in the minutes of the meeting, after the vote to dismiss him had been passed.

"It was clear he cannot be a minister here if he insists on acting just like the rest of the members . . ."

(Submitted by Ray Wells, by permission from *The Ministry Magazine*.)

## The Rev. Rayford Byrd

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Durham honors their associate pastor this week, the Rev. Rayford Byrd. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

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### “ONE OF GOD’S DEDICATED WORKERS”

*Submitted by Mrs. Dolly Cates*



*The Rev. Rayford Byrd*

We, the members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, would like to honor our associate pastor, the Rev. Rayford Byrd. Mr. Byrd stood by us in time of need, always there to lend a helping hand.

We have been without a pastor for a few months, and Brother Byrd has been there for every meeting, and preaching on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights. We can never tell him how much his faithfulness has meant to us as a church family.

Brother Byrd was licensed to preach on September 5, 1971; and was ordained January 4, 1974. He has been associate pastor since 1976.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Byrd of Selma, North Carolina. He is married to the former Terry Toler, and they have a lovely daughter, Angie, age 9. The Byrd family is a great asset to our church. Terry is our substitute piano player, active in the Ladies' Auxiliary, AFC's, and sings in the choir. Angie sings beautiful solos for the congregation on Sundays.

Brother Byrd has a full-time job, in addition to his pastoral duties. He has held the position of Machine Service Technician with IBM for 13 years.

We thank God for sending us one of His dedicated workers, whom we all love very much.

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### FEATURE

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develop civic and planning programs and a food and services project for the needy when there were no welfare programs.

She is active in the blood-mobile and Red Cross programs, and recently completed a successful year as president of the Twentieth Century Club of Mount Olive.

The winner is a member of the Free Will Baptist church; where she serves as clerk-treasurer, and is very active on a district and state level in the Woman's Auxiliary of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists. She has served as district secretary and is currently secretary of the state body.

BPW officials said Mrs. Raper is "well respected" in the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities and the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

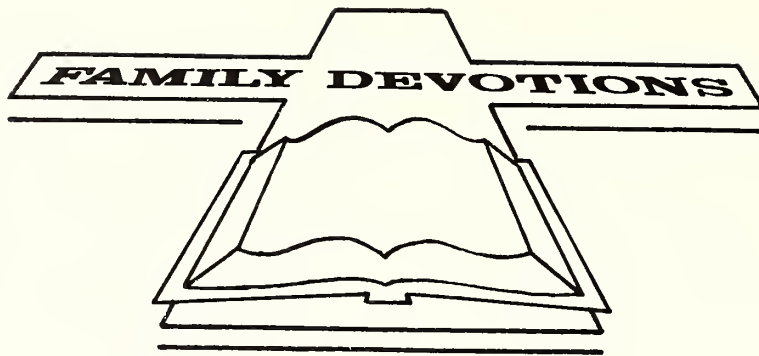
They said a "dual concern and interest in her life is Mount Olive College. In addition to assisting her husband at the college, Mrs. Raper serves as a hostess to students, faculty members, and friends of the college, and she has been invaluable in the area of public relations."

—The Mount Olive Tribune

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:28-38

### JUST ONE SHORT HOUR

Lord, what a change within us  
 one short hour  
 Spent in thy presence will  
 prevail to make!  
 What heavy burdens from our  
 bosoms take,  
 What parched grounds revive as  
 with a shower!  
 We kneel, and all around us  
 seems to lower;  
 We rise, and all, the distant and  
 the near,  
 Stands forth a sunny outline  
 brave and clear;  
 We kneel, how weak! We rise,  
 how full of power!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*One short hour spent with God!  
 Imagine the strength it affords!*

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Scripture Reading—Romans 16:16-27

### BOBBIE'S PRAYER

Dear Father, there is this other  
 boy tonight  
 Who's praying to a god that's  
 made of wood:  
 He asks it to take care of him  
 tonight  
 And love him—but it won't do  
 any good.  
 He is so far I cannot make him  
 hear.  
 I'd call to him and tell him if I  
 could

That You'd take care of him,  
 that You are near  
 And love him—but his god is  
 made of wood.

I know he'd ask You if he only  
 knew,  
 I know he'd love to know You if  
 he could.

Dear God, take care of him and  
 love him, too,  
 The other boy whose god is made  
 of wood.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Though the prayer seems a  
 farfetched reality, there are  
 many of our contemporaries  
 who, by their actions, indicate  
 that they depend upon gods other  
 than the Almighty. Let's present  
 the Heavenly Father as the Only  
 One in all that we do.*

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Scripture Reading—Colossians  
 1:1-18

### IF THERE WERE NO CHURCHES

If there were no churches there  
 would be:  
 No church fellowship!  
 No Sunday schools!  
 No prayer meetings!  
 No Christian homes!  
 No "salt of the earth!"  
 No "light of the world!"  
 No gospel preached to lost  
 sinners!  
 No missionaries sent to the  
 foreign fields!  
 No "body of Christ" in the  
 world!

No rapture and wedding day of  
 the church to look for!  
 No training courses for the  
 youth of the land!  
 No family altars!  
 No preachers to visit the sad  
 and lonely homes!  
 No prayers for sinners!  
 No moral training for boys and  
 girls!  
 No Christian colleges!  
 No love for the lost sinner!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Many persons have little or no  
 use for the church until it isn't so  
 accessible as customarily. Let  
 each of us take the privilege of  
 church attendance seriously and  
 utilize its resources.*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Scripture Reading—1 Corin-  
 thians 14:1-15

### THE WAY

Have you ever watched a child  
 At the close of day—  
 Have you ever seen that child  
 Fold its hands and pray?

Not a thought of human pride,  
 Envy, doubt or care;  
 Not the love of earthly things  
 Can be reigning there.

Humble words and simple faith,  
 Trust in God, complete,  
 Eagerness to cast itself  
 At the Saviour's feet.

So must you to find the way,  
 Mark the Saviour's Word;  
 As a humble, simple child,  
 Come unto the Lord.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*As humble children we must  
 find our way to salvation and  
 Heaven. Without guile and with  
 absolute sincerity we must seek  
 the way to life, joy, and that  
 peace that passes understanding  
 with our Lord.*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Scripture Reading—Ephesians  
 6:18-24

## PRAY

When the great seething mass  
of others' need  
overwhelms me,  
I will pray.

When the great scalding blow  
of others' wrath  
falls round me,  
I will pray.

When the blind indifference  
of this world  
dismays me,  
I will pray.

When selfish greed and lack  
of faith hold sway,  
appall me,  
I will pray.

When the loved beauty of  
our Father's world  
enchants me,  
I will pray.

When His great loving kindness  
fills my soul,  
delights me,  
I will pray.

When God's mercy, His pardon  
and His grace  
challenge me,  
I will pray.

This His good gift to us  
His children here—  
that we may pray.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Pray for whatever reason and  
whenever! In fact, pray without  
ceasing as the Scriptures teach.  
Then one can have true com-  
munion with God.*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Scripture Reading—1 Corin-  
thians 13:11-13

## ONLY A BOY

His trousers are torn, rolled up  
to the knee;  
A hole in his shirt which he  
caught on a tree;  
But I see a soul for whom Jesus  
has died,

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Clothed in His righteousness,  
pressed to His side.

I see not labor and hours of  
prayer  
Spent for that freckled-faced  
naughty boy there,  
But I see a Saviour with arms  
open wide,  
Waiting in heaven to take him  
inside.

I see not freckles, but man fully  
grown,  
A heart filled with God's Word  
I've carefully sown,  
A life speaking forth for the  
Saviour each day,  
O Lord, for this boy I most  
earnestly pray.

I see not his mischief, but energy  
bent,  
Put to the task where the Lord  
wants it spent;  
O God, make this lively,  
mischievous boy  
A power for Thee, to Thy heart  
great joy.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Each of us who have children  
want their souls safe with Christ.  
Any parent will surely pray for  
God's direction for his son or  
daughter, and in turn should live  
the example for the child.*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Scripture Reading—Matthew  
7:24-29

## BUILDING A TEMPLE

A builder builded a temple,  
He wrought it with grace and  
skill:  
Pillars and groins and arches  
All fashioned to work his will.  
Men said, as they saw its beauty,  
"It shall never know decay,  
Great is thy skill, O builder,  
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple  
With loving and infinite care,  
Planning each arch with  
patience,  
Laying each stone with prayer.

None praised her unceasing  
efforts,  
None knew of her wondrous  
plan;  
For the temple the teacher  
builded  
Was unseen by the eyes of men.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Teachers too often go unlauded  
for the "building" they do. Each  
of us can recall with fondness  
the influence some favorite  
teacher cast—especially that  
godly wisdom imparted by those  
who loved Him!*

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## Coming Events . . .

November—Entire Month Designated by  
the North Carolina State Convention as  
Children's Home Month

November 7—Central Conference, Reedy  
Branch Free Will Baptist Church,  
Winterville

November 10—Central District Youth  
Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., Ormondsville  
Free Will Baptist Church

November 11—Children's Home Day in  
local churches

November 14—Children's Home Board of  
Directors Meeting, 9 a.m., Children's  
Home, Middlesex

November 16—Laymen's Singspiration at  
Friendship church, Greene County at  
7:30 p.m.

November 17—Laymen's Singspiration at  
Elm Grove church, Pitt County at  
7:30 p.m.

November 22—Thanksgiving Day

November 22—Free Will Baptist Press  
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November 17—Thanksgiving Services,  
10:30 a.m., Memorial Chapel,  
Children's Home, Middlesex

November 20—Board of Trustees Meeting,  
9:30 a.m., Mount Olive College, Mount  
Olive

November 20—Founders' Day, 11 a.m.,  
Rogers Chapel, Mount Olive College,  
Mount Olive



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

All ministers whose churches are affiliated with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists are invited and encouraged to attend a meeting in Rodgers Chapel at Mount Olive College on Monday, December 3, at 10 p.m. to review the requirements and to make recommendations regarding Mount Olive becoming a four-year college. Minister's wives are also invited.

This meeting is planned especially for ministers and is the first denominational meeting planned for this purpose since the 1979 session of the Convention approved senior college status for Mount Olive.

We invite those attending to be our guests for lunch. Please make reservations by returning the form below to President W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 by November 28.

W. Burkette Raper, President  
James B. Hunt Sr., Chairman  
Board of Trustees

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please check appropriate blanks.)

I plan to attend the Ministers' Meeting at Mount Olive College on December 3.

I plan to stay for lunch.

My wife will accompany me.

## DR. RAPER AT NORTHEAST CHURCH

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Olive, on Sunday, November 11,

at the 11 a.m. worship service. The church is without a pastor.

### HIGH SCHOOL DAY REMINDER

An important reminder that High School Day at Mount Olive College will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, in the Henderson Building.

Seniors and their parents are invited to spend the day learning about the educational opportunities at Mount Olive. Churches, bring a busload!!

### NEW CREATIONS SCHEDULE

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will be performing in the following places this week:

November 8 at the Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, Pasquotank, and Chowan Counties Dinner in Roper.

Sunday, November 11, at Dobbs School in Kinston and on Sunday evening at Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield.

The New Creations share their message of praising Jesus Christ through song and testimony under the direction of Miss Caroline Castelloe.

### COLLEGE DINNERS PLANNED

The following dinners to benefit Mount Olive College have been set for the fall, 1979:

WASHINGTON, MARTIN, TYRRELL, PASQUOTANK, AND CHOWAN COUNTIES—Thursday, November 8, 7:30 p.m., Washington County Union

School, Roper; David Cahoon, chairman.

CARTERET COUNTY—Saturday, November 10, 6:30 p. m., East Carteret High School; David Ward and Hillary Gaskins, co-chairmen.

PITT COUNTY—Monday, November 12, 7 p. m., D. H. Conley High School; Bobby Taylor, chairman.

WILSON COUNTY—Tuesday, November 13, 7 p. m., Beedingfield High School; James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

### PREACHER'S DIARY

Taylor Hill  
Home Missions Director

My wife and I decided to give a poverty-stricken man some money at church on Sunday, but he became angry at my preaching and left before I had the chance to give it to him.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For November 18

## THE REIGN OF LOVE IN THE NEW COMMUNITY

**Lesson Text:** Ephesians 4:15, 16,  
25-5:2

**Memory Verse:** Ephesians 5:1, 2

### I. INTRODUCTION

This week's lesson has its background in all that has gone before it in Ephesians. Note how the theme of love runs through all of it.

God called us with the intention of making us "holy and without blame before him in love" (1:4). Paul was delighted to hear that the Ephesian Christians were living up to that calling in their "love unto all the saints" (1:15), as we saw in the lesson of two weeks ago. He said God redeemed us because of "his great love wherewith he loved us" (2:4-6); and His redemption transcends worldly barriers and blends His people into one new community, as we saw last week.

In Chapter 3:14-19 we find Paul's prayer that Christians will be "rooted and grounded in love" and at least in part will come to know "the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." Chapter 4 then begins with two great thoughts. First, we are to preserve "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (v. 3). Second, among the members there are great differences in gifts, in abilities, in duties. Some are apostles, others are prophets, others are pastors and teachers (v. 11); but various abilities are all to be used in harmony to build up the church and its members "till we all

come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (vv. 12, 13).—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. If Christ is the Head of the church it means that He is the Ruler of the church. His reign is one of love. His love for us is a model for our relationships with one another. If we pattern our love after His model, a new way of compassion and mutual forgiveness will replace the old way of anger and hostility. If we live in this love we will do so without the masks of pretension and dishonesty; we will be "open Christians," having nothing to hide from our brothers and sisters in Christ. In this way others can come to depend upon what we say, knowing they will not be harmed by our words and actions but rather be blessed in their relationship with us.

B. The world is all around us, threatening us with possible defeat and disgrace. But if members of the church live daily in the power of the Holy Spirit, we shall overcome the world and have nothing to fear.

C. Our lesson today is designed to help us put away the things in our lives which estrange us one from another, and at the same time show us the "more excellent way" of love one for another. One of the greatest needs of the church of Jesus Christ today is for her members to persevere in love and show brotherly concern for the well-being of all within the

camp. When this takes place, revival is not far behind.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Love must reign in the life of the New Community of saints if Christ is to be honored in it. Love is the power that gives supremacy over the force of selfishness in the Christian's experience; it teaches us the new way of compassion and forgiveness and replaces the old way of anger and hostility.

B. This does not mean that persons who live in the New Community of saints never have any feelings of pretentiousness, anger, resentment, or bitterness, but it does mean that they learn through love how to come to grips with these feelings and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, are able to master them and allow love to reign supremely.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

C. Many have hatred in their hearts toward others, yet bring their gifts to God and profess love to Him. God does not want our gifts until we have done all possible to be in love and charity with our fellowmen.

D. The Bible says, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar . . ." (1 John 4:20).

E. The soul grows wondrously lovely just by loving, by pouring out its faithful affection. Why not love more that the soul may grow more?

F. Nothing is harder than to try to be a Christian with halfhearted desire. But to one in whom the love of Christ is fully formed, nothing can be easier and more natural than to be a child of God.

G. When the Apostle Paul saw the love of Christ, he was changed from a hostile persecutor of Christians to one who most earnestly bore his cross for Christ's sake. This same love will do miracles for you and me. What Christ has done for millions of others He can and will do for us if we let Him.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**



# PASSING THROUGH DOORS

by Mrs. Leona Faulkner

Have you ever given thought of the many doors we pass through during our life? What's beyond those doors?

If you happened to be born in a hospital, the first door you passed through led to the outside world, the hospital doors. Next, it was entering through the door where you would live many years, God willing.

If you have Christian parents who are faithful, you are taken through church doors. You have good parents who love you and try to prepare you for the doors you must pass through in life.

The Scripture says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). The home and church are the best place for this training. As you grow older, you take part in the hymns, the prayers, Bible study, and prayer meeting.

You get old enough to start school, so you pass through doors at school for several years. Then, maybe college doors to prepare you for life and business. Mother and Dad are praying for you, that God will protect you. They have faith in you.

There are others that do not have Christian parents. The children do as they please, roaming here and there, getting in with the wrong crowd, and going through the wrong doors. Satan has many many places of entertainment enticing boys and girls to enter: the doors to the ABC store, the barrooms, the gambling rooms, the beer joints and all kinds of vice and sin.

For example: A young man (I'll call him Ronnie) began picking up items in stores and getting away with it, so he went on for higher stakes and breaking into places of business.

Finally, Ronnie was caught red-handed, was taken through courtroom doors, then placed in a cell behind doors. The doors to the cell clanged shut and locked. He lay down on his cot and began thinking. Now why did I do such a foolish thing? I have a good home and kind loving parents. I was taught not to steal.

He thought of the years he had attended church regularly, the times he took part in programs and the good times he had on church picnics. After thinking about the past and of what he had done, he began to pray and asked God to forgive him. If God would only see him through this trouble, he would live for Him and do good deeds the rest of his life.

The date for the hearing came. As he entered the courtroom, there were his father, mother, sister and brother; weeping, loving and praying for him. Oh, how it hurt deep down inside him to hurt them so much.

The judge had talked to his parents and decided it would do much good to let him be confined for a while, to learn what it was like to be lonely inside a jail. Thus, the judge gave Ronnie three months to think it over and he was returned to his cell.

In a few days his mother came to see him. Oh, how glad he was to see her. He asked her to forgive him and to please keep praying for him. Then he wanted her to hurry and bring his Bible, the Bible she gave him on his seventh birthday, so he could read it while locked in his cell.

The three months were over. With a good lecture from the judge to walk in the straight and narrow way and stay out of trouble, he hurried outside. Oh, how good it felt to breathe fresh

air again, to be free to go home to his parents and loved ones.

There are so many more doors. After death, we are taken through the doors of the undertaker, then through the hearse door out to the cemetery.

Jesus said in John 10:9, "I am the Door." He also said in Revelation 3:20, "Behold I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he will sup with me."

The door where Jesus knocked the knob in on the outside. It's up to everyone to hear him and open the door and receive Him as his Saviour. After death we go to enter that blessed abode where Christ is on His throne. When we knock, He opens the door but what will He say to us? Will He welcome us inside with outstretched arms or say — "Depart from me, I know you not?"

How sad it will be to be turned away from the Lord Jesus Christ, the new Jerusalem, the eternal city, where there are no death, sorrow, sickness, no night there: no need of a candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light and they shall reign forever and ever.

Let him in your heart today we have no promise of tomorrow. Be careful of the doors you open each day.

J. B. Atchinson wrote a hymn long ago as follows:

There's a Stranger at the door—Let Him in;  
He has been there oft before, Let Him in;  
Let Him in ere He is gone, Let Him in, the Holy one;  
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, Let Him in.  
Open now to him your heart, Let Him in;  
If you wait, He will depart, Let Him in;  
Let Him in, He is your Friend,  
He your soul will sure depend,  
He will keep you to the end, Let Him in.



# CHILDREN'S HOME

Submitted by Stewart Humphrey



*Sing with praise and thanksgiving*

On Saturday, November 17, at 10:30 a.m., annual thanksgiving services will be held at the Children's Home. The services will be a time of prayer, singing, and thankful praise unto the Lord for another bountiful year. First and foremost, we can be thankful for our precious salvation. In God's Word, we, His children are promised fulfillment of our every need. God has been faithful and our needs have been met. Our

children and staff, the Revelators, and you, our many friends, will be together in Memorial Chapel in one accord lifting up to God our thanksgiving praises. It's going to be a grand and glorious day and you will not want to miss it.

We will have lunch on the grounds again this year. The

Home will provide barbecue, slaw, bread, and beverages for the meal. We encourage you to bring a picnic lunch to go along with our preparations.

There will be an open house in the afternoon. Everyone will be invited to tour the campus. Plan to stay long enough to meet our staff and children.

The Revelators will be singing in the afternoon. The concert will be outside, weather permitting.

Plan to come for the entire day. We promise you an enjoyable day.

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**He enjoys much  
who is  
thankful for little.**

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Ray Wells announces that he now has a new address. His address is the Rev. Ray Wells, Route 1, Box 67-A, Sims, North Carolina 27880.

The Rev. Philip Wood would like to announce his new address. It is now Route 1, Box 97, Kenansville, North Carolina 28349, phone 296-1606.

## EDITORIAL

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frighten most of us away from the thought of indulgence. The associated paraphernalia, including tarot cards, dolls, potions, bits of fingernail, pieces of cloth, strands of hair, animal "effects," and sundry other "tools" serve as aids toward casting spells, invoking spirits, and producing just the right situation for the medium. They are artificial means of achieving an end, and sometimes an unexpected end.

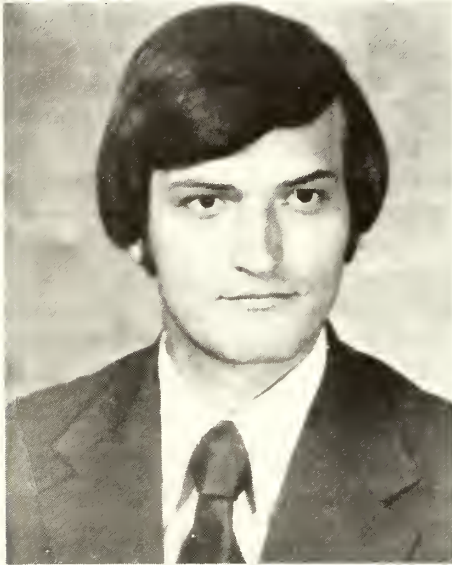
More and more people are becoming obsessed with things of Satan, especially those things which mystify. It behooves us all to try the spirits, whether they "be of God." Even the dedicated Christian can be led astray by skillful demons, whether spiritual or physical. If never before, the Christian must fortify himself against the powers of darkness. Woe be unto any who toy with Satan's charms and charmers! For whatever reason!



*Finding promises in God's Word*



**Revival to Be at  
Reedy Branch Church**



The Rev. Marvin Waters

On Monday night, November 12, revival services will begin at the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville. They will continue through Friday night, November 16.

The Rev. Marvin Waters of Pinetown will serve as the evangelist for the week. The church feels fortunate to have Mr. Waters for this series of meetings. He is one of the outstanding preachers and presents a most inspiring message.

He is pastor of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church near Pinetown and has been there for over six years.

He graduated from Williamston High School; he has a B. S. from Mount Olive College; B. A. in Religion and Philosophy from Atlantic Christian College; and an M. A. in Counselor Education from East Carolina University.

He is past president of the Beaufort County Ministerial Association, and presently serving as Director of the Beaufort County Chaplain's Association.

He is also serving as Secretary of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. He is serving as Secretary of the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists.

He was the recipient of the Jordan Citizenship Award while a student at Mount Olive College. In 1977 he received the Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of the Year.

He is married to the former Peggy Ann Stocks of Washington, North Carolina.

The pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson, invites everyone to attend. There will be special music each evening. Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Loyalty Sunday Observed  
At Daniels Chapel Church**

On November 4, the Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church observed Loyalty Sunday. This occasion has come to have a special meaning to most of the members. They are given an opportunity on this day to give back unto the Lord a special offering above the regular tithes.

Last year's offering was \$5,231.50; this year's goal was set for \$7,000.

**Core Creek Church  
Announces Revival Services**

Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, will be having revival services November 12 through November 16 at 7:30 p.m. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Earl Glenn. There will be special music each evening.

The following Sunday (November 18) the church will observe Harvest Day. After the service, lunch will be served on the church grounds.

The pastor, the Rev. Melv. Everington, and the congregation cordially invite the friends to come and worship.

**Revival Services at King's  
Cross Roads Church**

The Rev. Davie Brinson pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville will be the guest speaker at revival services at King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church. The services will be held November 12 through November 17 at 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing nightly.

The church is located three miles from Dupree's Cross Roads off Highway 222 between Falkland and Fountain. The pastor, the Rev. Franklin Brinson, invites everyone to attend.

**Stoney Creek Church  
Announces Revival**

Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church will have its fall revival services on November 12-16. The guest speaker for the week will be the Rev. O. B. Jones, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, North Carolina. The services will begin each evening at 7:30. Stoney Creek church is located on the Patetown Road four miles north of Goldsboro, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Gary M. Bailey, and the entire congregation invite the public to attend these services.

**Revival at Sweet  
Gum Grove Church**

Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Stokes, North Carolina, is having its fall revival November 5 through



November 10 at 7:30 p.m. Joe Hudson, a former pastor, is the guest speaker. Special music is presented each night. A nursery is provided. The pastor, the Rev. David Hill, and the church extend an invitation to everyone to attend these services.

**Weekend Revival Scheduled For Johnston Union Church**



The Rev. Robert Milton Murray Jr.

The Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church will be having revival services November 9 through November 11 with the Rev. Bob Murray Jr. as the guest evangelist. The services will be held Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 and will conclude Sunday morning at 11. During the Sunday evening worship service at 7, the New Creations from Mount Olive College will be on hand to share their song and testimony to the glory of God. A great weekend in the Lord is expected and the public is cordially invited.

**Revival Services in Progress at Westside Church**

Revival services are in progress at the Westside Free Will Baptist Church, 1203 Lynn Drive, Kinston, North Carolina (next to Bill Fay Memorial Park), Monday, November 5, through Friday, November 9,

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1979. Services are beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. David Charles Hansley as visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the remainder of these services. Each service is featuring special music.

**Revival at Pleasant Grove Church**



The Rev. Royce Reynolds

Revival services will be held at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, November 12 through November 16. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Royce Reynolds, pastor of Spring Branch church, Walstonburg. Prayer rooms will open each night at 7:15. Special music will be rendered each night. The church membership and the pastor, the Rev. James Lupton, invite the public to attend.

**WHERE WE'RE GOING WRONG AS SEEN BY:**

TAYLOR HILL  
DIRECTOR OF HOME MISSIONS

I am a realist. I believe in dealing with facts and the fact is that we as a denomination of churches most definitely have a

serious problem in making headway. Something is holding us back. What is the problem and what can be done about it?

After much prayer and research, I am persuaded that our problem lies in our failure to show enough real love for one another within our own ranks. Disloyalty, skepticism, unrest and bitterness have crept into our camp and our people are becoming more and more divided, unhappy, and disenchanted with the church and its responsibilities. We seem to have gotten on a fault-finding binge and for the most part just can't seem to see any good in anything or anyone anymore. It staggers the mind to see the number of preachers and lay people that are so indifferent to the teachings of the Bible when it comes to love, patience, mercy and good works toward the brethren. We talk about evangelism, but I know for a fact that there can't be any evangelizing by any of us until we have gotten the beam out of our own eye. We must get back to the basic fundamentals of Christian living which calls for self-analysis, humble repentance and showing our love for one another within our own camp. For the most part, we are giving one another a hard time rather than treating one another like real brothers and sisters. The early Christians showed an unmistakable love for one another and they flourished and so will we when we learn to do as they did. There isn't much that we can do for anyone in the field until we have learned to show our love for those next to us, in the home, and within our own church congregations. Sure, we say we have love, but for the most part, we have been doing a poor job of showing it. I trust that we all will do more in the service of charity (love in action, the Christian way). Read Acts 2:37-47.

**November is Children's Home Month**



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BLESSINGS WITH**

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**AND**

***The "Our Place Gang"***

**November 11, 1979**

**Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church  
Route 1  
Winterville, North Carolina**

**"ALL GOD'S CHILDREN"**

**Come Early—  
Get a good seat!**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Pastor: Willis Wilson**

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## SINGSPIRATION FOR LAYMEN

The Laymen's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will be having its Fall Singspiration on November 16 and 17. Everyone is invited to attend these enjoyable and inspiring music services. There is no admission but a freewill offering will be received for Home Missions, so please be prepared. The program is as follows:

Friday, November 16, 1979

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Greene County, at 7:30 p.m.

The Friendship Singers  
The Pleasant Hill Quartet  
The Gospelairees  
The Tarboro Men's Quartet  
The Rose Hill Singers  
The Ormondsville Singers  
The Bethany Singers  
The Chargers

Saturday, November 17, 1979

Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, at 7:30 p.m.

The Elm Grove Singers  
The Jones Singers  
The Greenville Singers  
The Williamston Singers  
The Reedy Branch Quartet  
The Psalm's Quartet

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 12 Years Ago

"The Second District League Convention of the Central Conference will convene with the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, Saturday evening, January 7, 1967, beginning at 7:30. The president, Mr. Tommy Manning, calls your attention to the change of dates. The previous date of December 31, 1966, has been changed to January 7, 1967, due to the fact the first date falls on New Year's Eve. All leagues in the district are urged to be represented and visitors are welcome."—News and Notes, Black Jack Church to Host Second District League Convention

"The Mount Olive Jay-Cee-Ettes have made an initial payment of \$700 toward their goal of \$1,000 for the new library at Mount Olive College. The club made the money sponsoring various projects including a womanless beauty pageant. Mrs. Norma Carole Thompson, president; and Mrs. Sue Hanford, treasurer; presented the check to President W. Burkette Raper."—News from Mount Olive College

"On February 6, the Rev. Raymond Sasser of Tarboro, North Carolina, will conduct a study course at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina. The course to be studied will be 'Prayer, the Mightiest Force in the World,' and will begin at 7 p.m. This course is being sponsored by the woman's auxiliary of the church and the public is cordially invited to attend."—Woman's Auxiliary, Study Course at Gum Swamp Church

**Don't  
Forget . . .**



Central District Youth Fellowship  
Saturday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m.  
Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church  
Route 1, Ayden



# NOVEMBER

## CHILDREN'S HOME MONTH



### ***ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE***

**November 17, 1979**

**10:30 A.M.  
Memorial Chapel**

Lunch on the Grounds—Afternoon Campus Tours  
(Barbecue, slaw, bread, and beverages provided by the Home)

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The plight continues: Out of one terrible circumstance into another, the unending cycle progresses. The soap opera audience is held captive.



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# A NEW CONCERN FOR PREACHING

HERE is evidence from all denominations of a new or renewed concern for preaching. During the past twenty or so years the sermon has been downgraded by many clergy who came to think that there are better methods of communicating the Christian message. But the laity have continued to expect or at least to hope for good preaching. As one of my colleagues has put it, "The laity have not become fed up with preaching as such but only with the kind of preaching we've been giving them."

Now many of the clergy, while not ruling out other methods of communication, are coming to see the sermon in the context of worship as having primacy. More and more of them are becoming diligent in their preparations for preaching, no longer content to spend a couple of hours on Saturday mulling through pulpit journals and books of sermons to find heat-and-serve goodies which, with a dash of one's own sermonic sauce, can be served to the congregation.

Some clergy of course continue to downgrade the sermon. I know of a psychologically-sophisticated pastor who says that those who spend long hours in sermon preparation are simply getting ready to go on ego-trips, which he seems to think a sin against both Sigmund Freud and the Holy Spirit.

There are not many ego-tripping pulpit princes around anymore. Bernard Shaw pointed out, "A popular pulpit can be as perilous to a man's soul as an imperil throne." But perhaps most of us who preach have a touch of the ham on our souls—as does anyone who practices his profession before assemblies or groups. We ordinary journeymen

preachers often lay eggs to go with our ham when we are not carefully prepared.

There are signs that we are coming into the new day of the competent pastoral preacher. This person has been a primary support of the faith through the Christian centuries, and what we are now seeing—I hope we are—is the recovery of an essential emphasis.

The competent pastoral preacher recognizes that for a vast majority of adults in the church the only significant agency of continuing Christian education is the sermon. He also recognizes that for them the primary instrument of counseling is the sermon, despite the pastoral counseling that is being done on a one-to-one basis and in small groups.

Preachers must be concerned for the educational and counseling dimensions of sermons. This is in no way inconsistent with the traditional understanding of preaching as the proclamation of the Word of God, the explication of biblical insights and principles which speak to the needs and problems of people, insights and principles that can be clarified and illuminated from modern behavioral and other disciplines.

Much time and energy are needed for the preparation of adequate sermons for today. Church members, especially congregational officials, must ensure that their pastors have time for the disciplines and devotions which undergird effective preaching. A pastor is not necessarily loafing when he spends most of his mornings holed-up in his study.—J. A. Davidson, Dominion-Chalmers United Church, Ottawa, Canada (Used by permission **Pulpit Digest**, Jackson Mississippi).



# Free Will Baptists Do Need a Doctrine on Satan

*The following statement is that of Mike Scott who is solely responsible for its contents.*

In the September 5 issue of **The Free Will Baptist** the article "Free Will Baptists Do Not Need a Doctrine of Satan" appeared. With all due respect to the author, I firmly disagree with his statement.

In the article the definition of doctrine was stated as, "(a) something that is taught, (b) a principle or position in a system of beliefs." By the very definition of the word, we need such a doctrine. To believe in something DOES NOT necessarily mean to have faith in it. For example, I know and I believe that a man lived by the name of Adolph Hitler, but that in no way makes me a Nazi. I know and believe that there is a person named Sun Myung Moon, but a Moonie I am not. To testify to the reality of something, or someone, is not a full-fledged commitment to that thing or person.

Again, a doctrine is something that is taught, a principle or position. Free Will Baptists, as well as all Christians, need to be made aware of the reality of Satan. They need to know of his craftiness, deceitfulness, and evil ways. It has been said, "A good offence is a good defence." The more we know about Satan and his evil, and the more aware we are of his cunning, the better prepared we will be to overcome him by faith in our risen Lord and Saviour.

There is a movement at work today which questions the reality, or personhood, of Satan. In my college and seminary studies I was instructed that Satan did not exist. I was told that there was not a personal

devil. I was taught that there was evil in the world, but there was no devil as the father of that evil. Now THIS is hogwash!! Satan is alive and well on planet earth. He is a trickster, a deceiver, and a liar. He is the embodiment of all that is evil and contrary to the will of God. As Peter states, "the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Free Will Baptists need to be aware of this, and I feel that we need a statement to this effect. We as Christians are all too aware of the reality of Satan.

Time and time again the Scriptures speak of the reality of Satan. In the **Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia** the statement is made, "he (the devil) is said 'to deceive' the whole world (Revelation 12:9), involving intellect; he goes forth with 'great wrath' (Revelation 12:12), exhibiting emotion; he 'makes war' (Revelation 12:17), thus doing the works of a person." The **Wycliffe Encyclopedia** further states, "The devil is a personal, superhuman, evil, created being, a fallen angel, without corporeal material form . . . . Though it is unpopular today to believe in the personality of the devil, the Scripture teaches both his reality and his personality."<sup>1</sup> If we as Free Will Baptists were to include this or a similar statement in our Articles of Faith, it would not be a statement of faith IN Satan; rather, it would be a statement of our awareness of the reality of Satan, and of his evil work in the world today.

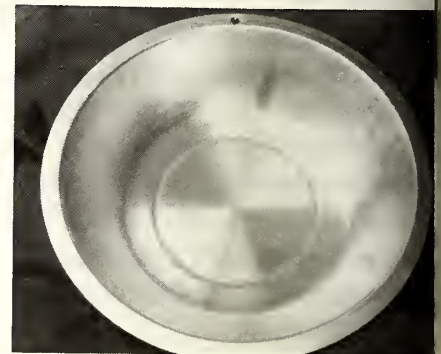
Our faith is in God and in His saving work through Christ. We

do know and believe that God is all powerful and supreme, and that Satan is already a defeated foe. Praise God! The Scriptures teach that he has already been judged of God and awaits his doom at the final judgment. (Matthew 25:41, Revelation 20:10). We can rejoice in the fact that there is victory over Satan through Christ. "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). But, we should ever be reminded that Satan is still our adversary, and that he still possesses tempting power. I believe that we as Free Will Baptists do need a doctrine on Satan.

<sup>1</sup>These references came from the **Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia** edited by Charles F. Pfeiffer, Howard F. Vos, and John Rea. Vol. I, the article "Devil," pp. 453-454.

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## The Rev. Walter Pollard

SAINTS DELIGHT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, honors its former pastor this week, the Rev. Walter Pollard. Your pastor can be the next one honored. The editor will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.

### PASTOR RETIRES AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS

*Submitted by Members of Saints Delight Church*



*Mrs. Lucille Pollard*



*The Rev. Walter Pollard*

The Rev. Walter Marvin Pollard was born November 13, 1915, in the Belvoir, North Carolina, community. In 1936 he was married to Hilda Worsley of Greenville. After moving to Greenville, Mr. Pollard and his family attended the First Free Will Baptist Church. He became a dedicated Christian and taught Sunday school for twenty-five years.

In 1963, Mr. Pollard received the call to preach and was ordained as a minister at Reedy Branch church. He then became a supply minister for a number of churches. In 1964, Mr. Pollard

accepted the pastorate of Saints Delight Free Will Baptist Church near Ormondsville. The Lord richly blessed his work there. He was indeed a dedicated pastor. He visited the sick, shut-in, and was always available in time of need. Even when his wife was very ill and after her death he was dedicated to the church and its ministry. During his pastorate the church has also grown spiritually.

The people of the church were excited when Mr. Pollard met and married one of its members, Lucille Stanley, in 1978. Mr. Pollard has now retired from the full-time pastorate, but has en-

joyed the church so much that he has decided to stay on as an active member.

On November 13, 1979, Mr. Pollard will celebrate his sixty-fifth birthday. We would like to say happy birthday and thank him for the many acts of kindness he showed the congregation of our church.

### FEET OF CLAY

by Ida Wooten Tripp  
Greenville, North Carolina

Strong in body, keen of mind;  
A perfect man, you say?  
Full of weakness, mortal sins,  
Built with feet of clay.

Pride and envy, greed and lust  
All within him lay  
Unforgiven, lost in sin,  
Damned by feet of clay.

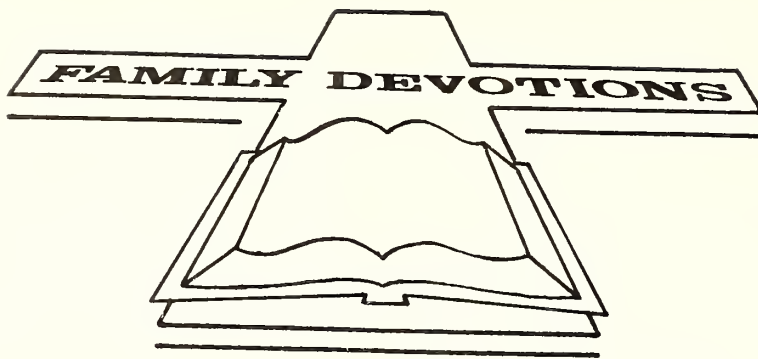
Like the idol, gold and brass,  
With silver overlay.  
Borne like chaff before the wind,  
Crumbled feet of clay:

Not like the Master—perfect  
One,  
Strong in every way;  
The mortal's strength is but a  
dream;  
It rests on feet of clay.

With humble tears she washed  
his feet;  
Sweet ointment on them lay;  
She dried them with her long,  
dark hair;  
They were not feet of clay.

Standing there, as pure in heart  
As in the manger lay,  
Forgiving prostitutes and thieves;  
He had no feet of clay.





## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Scripture Reading—John 10:1-18

### WHAT AMERICA NEEDS

A leader like Moses, who refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, but was willing to go with God.

Army generals like Joshua, who knew God and could pray and shout things to pass rather than blow them to pieces with atomic energy.

A food administrator like Joseph, who knew God and had the answer to famine.

Preachers like Peter, who would not be afraid to look people in the eye and say, "Repent or perish," and denounce their personal as well as national sins.

Mothers like Hannah, who would pray for a child that she might give him to God, rather than women who are delinquent mothers of delinquent children.

Children like Samuel, who would talk to God in the night hours.

Physicians like Luke, who could care for physical needs and introduce their patients to Jesus Christ who is a specialist in spiritual trouble.

A God like Israel's, instead of the "dollar god," the "entertainment god," and the "auto god."

A Saviour like Jesus, who could and would save from the uttermost to the uttermost.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Above all, America needs a reaffirmation of her faith in*

*Almighty God. Let each of us do our part toward the reestablishment of the premise on which the nation was founded.*

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:1-15

### IT'S THE LAYMAN

Leave it only to the pastors, and soon the church will die;

Leave it to the womenfolk, the young will pass it by.

For the church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,

And the church that is to prosper needs the layman on the job.

Now a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys,

But he also has the training of all our girls and boys;

And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here,

And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere.

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things,

To teach that way of living from which all that's noble springs;

But the pastor can't do it singlehanded and alone,

For the laymen of the country are the church's buildingstones.

When you see a church that's empty, though its doors are open wide,

It's not the church that's dying—it's the laymen who have died.

It's not just by song or sermon that the church's work is done,

It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Too often the work of the Lord is left to ministers. Yes, they do have an awesome responsibility to carry on His work; but the laymen must accept the Christianity in a serious manner and undertake to do what they can for the upbuilding of His kingdom.*

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Scripture Reading—Luke 6:24-45

### A LADY

A lady was filling a box for India when a child brought her a penny. With it the lady bought a tract to put in the box. The tract was at length given to a Burmese chief, and it led him to Christ. The chief told the story of his Saviour and his great happiness to his friends. They also believed, and cast away their idols. A church was built there. A missionary was sent, and fifteen hundred were converted from heathenism. All of these wonderful changes were the result of that little seed.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The smallest, seemingly most insignificant thing done for the Lord can produce such wonderful results. A little deed of kindness can transform a life, which, in turn, can influence thousands of others for good.*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Scripture Reading—Joshua 24:1-15

### THE CHOICE

The granddaughter of Aaro Burr had gone to an evangelistic service and given her heart to Christ. That evening she came to her grandfather and asked him why he didn't do the same. His story was a sad one. He told her that when he was fifteen years old he had gone to an evangelistic service and walked

ot without giving his heart to  
Christ. Out under the stars he  
looked up toward the heavens  
and said, "God, if you don't  
gather me, I'll never bother  
you."

"Honey," he told his little  
granddaughter, "God kept His  
part of the bargain. He's never  
gathered me. Now it is too late."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*God does not force Himself  
on anyone. Yet, He is ever  
there, ever willing to help, to  
receive, and to pardon. He is not  
willing that any should perish  
but that all should come to  
repentance and life in Him.*

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Scripture Reading—Psalm 100

#### A PENNY

A small boy observed his  
mother put a penny on the of-  
fering plate at the morning  
service. On the way home from  
church, she freely criticized the  
poor sermon they had heard.  
But, Mother," said the boy,  
what could you expect for a  
penny?"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is so true as it regards  
offerings of the Spirit: We get out  
what we put in. If we ever are  
inclined to criticize the church or  
its work, let us first examine  
ourselves and our offerings  
(physical and otherwise) to its  
program.*

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Scripture Reading—Colossians  
3:12-20

#### SOME WHO DO NOT GO TO CHURCH

Mr. Speeds will clean his auto,  
Mr. Spurs will groom his  
horse,  
Mr. Gadds will go to Coney,  
With the little Gadds, of  
course,  
Mr. Flite will put carbolic

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On his homing pigeon's perch,  
Mr. Weeds will mow his  
bluegrass,  
Mr. Jones will go to church.

Mr. Cleet will drive a golf ball,  
Mr. Tiller steer his boat,  
Mr. Popper, on his cycle,  
Round and round the state will  
mote.

Mr. Swatt will watch a ball  
game,  
Mr. Stake and sons will search  
Through the bosky woods for  
mushrooms,  
Mr. Wilks will go to church.

Do you ask me what's the  
matter?

Do you wonder what is wrong?  
When the nation turns from  
worship,  
Sermon, prayer and sacred  
song?

Why do people rush for pleasure,  
Leave religion in the lurch?  
Why prefer a padded auto  
To the cushioned pew in  
church?

Reader, well I know the answer,  
But if I should speak aloud  
What I think is the real reason,  
It would queer me with the  
crowd.

You'll be popular, dear reader,  
When you wield the critic's  
birch;  
You'll be safely in the fashion  
If you blame things on the  
church.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Innumerable things keep us  
from attending church—but  
these "things" are seldom, if  
ever, necessary deterrents. Let's  
examine our reasons for staying  
away and then examine the  
reason we should go to church.*

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—Romans  
12:1-15

LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE!  
Live the Christian Life!  
Men will admire you,  
Women will respect you,

Little children will love you  
and  
God will crown your life with  
success.

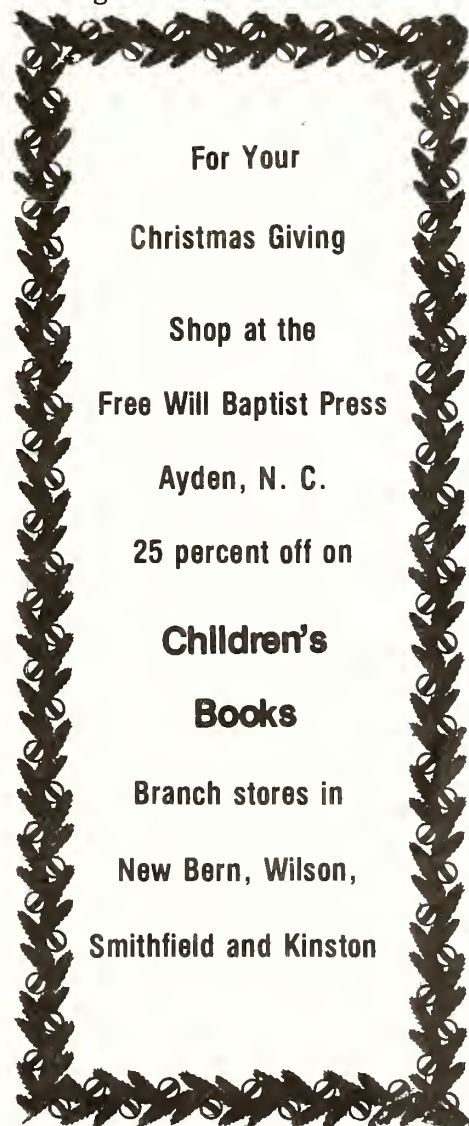
And when the twilight of your  
life mingles with the purpling  
dawn of eternity

Men will speak your name with  
honor  
And baptize your grave with  
tears,  
As God attunes for you the  
evening chimes.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If for no other reason, one  
should live the Christian life for  
the spiritual rewards enjoyed  
with the living. Aside from the  
inheritance of Heaven, there are  
countless joys to the experienced  
in Christ.*

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# North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

**Treasurer's Report, End of Second Quarter, October 31, 1979**

Balance in Bank, July 31, 1979		\$ 3,953.61
<b>Receipts</b>		
General Fund:		
Life Membership Fees	\$ 50.00	
Contributions	6.00	
Promotional (CSF)	<u>142.44</u>	198.44
Denominational Enterprises		<u>18,185.84</u>
Total Receipts		18,384.28
Total for Which To Account		<u>22,337.89</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Convention Expenses and Allocations		171.70
Denominational Enterprises		<u>18,185.84</u>
Total Disbursed		<u>\$ 3,980.35</u>
Balance in Bank, October 31, 1979		18,357.54

**Banks**

Branch Banking and Trust Co. (checking)		\$ 980.35
Church Finance Association		<u>3,000.00</u>
		<u>\$ 3,980.35</u>

**Denominational Enterprise Report**

	Itemize	Received	Disbursed
Church Extension (Home Missions)		\$ 1,483.81	\$ 1,483.81
Foreign Missions:			
General Fund	\$ 2,928.94		
Mexico	225.00		
Baker	20.60		
State Project (Missionary Wives)	<u>1,217.79</u>	4,392.33	4,392.33
Central Conference Missions		150.00	150.00
Mount Olive College:			
General Fund	19.00		
Alice E. Lupton Scholarship Fund	51.00		
Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund	192.00		
Books	35.00		
State Project (College Hall)	<u>988.52</u>	1,285.52	1,285.52
Free Will Baptist Children's Home:			
General Fund	150.05		
Clothing	450.00		
Child Support	120.00		
Allowance	15.00		
State Project (Microwave Ovens)	<u>1,148.98</u>	1,884.03	1,884.03
Superannuation		155.00	155.00
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.:			
Building Fund	6,866.19		
Rocking Chairs	<u>66.00</u>	6,932.19	6,932.19
Retirement Homes, Inc.		506.00	506.00

Life Membership Fees  
(Mount Olive College)

Christian Service Fund: \*  
Missions  
Mount Olive College  
Children's Home  
Cragmont  
Superannuation  
Retirement Homes

Totals

\*) 10 percent retained  
for promotional  
(see receipts \$142.44)

## ALBEMARLE DISTRICT YOUTH CONFERENCE MET

Submitted by Kim Peele

On October 6, 1979, the Albemarle District Youth Conference held its meeting at First Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina.

The congregation sang, "Keeps Me Singing." A Carawan gave the devotional from 2 Peter 3:17-19, and Rev. Francis Garner led the group in prayer. A poem was read by Paula Webster, and Delois Best gave the welcome. A response was given by Judge Alexander of Sound Side church, Columbia, North Carolina.

The roll was called by Betty Sawyer which found 6 churches present, 2 ministers, and 100 people registered. Recognition of visitors and ministers followed.

A new secretary-treasurer was elected. She was Kim Peele of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina.

Youth group reports followed and were given by the following churches:

Free Union AFC, Wernersville; Nobles; Free Union YFA, Glenda Brooks; Plymouth YFA, and AFC, Youth Chairman; Shiloh YFA, Susan Moore; Sidney YFA, Ellen Jones; Hickory Chapel, Youth Chairman; and Sound Side YFA and AFC, Robin Sawyer.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Ramond T. Sasser, Treasurer

The next Albemarle Youth Convention will be held at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, April 5, 1980.

The Youth Chairman's Report was given by Betty Sawyer. Mr. Garner then made comments. A chorus time was led by Pam Garner.

The offertory prayer was given by the Rev. Steve Hargrove, visiting minister. The offering was then taken with a total of \$29.79.

Special music was provided by the Plymouth Youth Choir and Free Union Youth Choir. Mrs. Garner then led the group in a song and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Coates as guest speakers. Mr. Coates spoke on the pressures of young people today. Mr. Garner made comments then allowed the congregation to comment.

The closing song was sung. It was "Footsteps of Jesus."

The benediction was pronounced and a blessing for dinner was then given by Mr. Garner. A delicious lunch was then served.

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## NEWS NOTES

### Pin Sunday Celebrated



People receiving pins

On July 8, 1979, Saints Delight Free Will Baptist Church near Bridgeton celebrated Pin Sunday. Seventeen people received attendance pins ranging in years from 1 to 35. The total years attended were one hundred and four.



The Rev. Noah Brown received his thirty-fifth pin from Superintendent Arthur Powers.

Many other accomplishments have taken place in the last year also. The church has thirty-one new members, and the fund established toward building additional facilities has reached \$10,900.

The pastor's study has been remodeled, has new lighting, and

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## CHURCHES RECEIVE AWARDS

The following Free Will Baptist churches received awards during the first eleven dinners held in support of Mount Olive College.

Three \$100 awards were presented at each county dinner: (1) To the church giving the largest amount at the dinner; (2) to the church giving the most per capita (per member) at the dinner; and (3) to the church with the most high school students attending the dinner.

County	Church Giving Largest Amount	Church Giving Most Per Capita	Church With Most High School Students
Lenoir	LaGrange	Hugo	LaGrange
Beaufort	Smyrna	Smyrna	Smyrna
Wayne	Stoney Creek	Spring Hill	Spring Hill
Nash	Barnes Hill	Stony Hill	Union Chapel
Pamlico	Mount Zion	Mount Zion	Barnes Hill
Craven	Juniper Chapel	Juniper Chapel	Rock of Zion
Greene	Hull Road	Howell Swamp	Warden's Grove
Jones	Friendship	Friendship	New Haven
Onslow	Folkstone	Verona	Howell Swamp
Edgecombe-Halifax	Tarboro, First	Dawson's Grove	Pilgrim's Home
Duplin	Sandy Plain	Warsaw, First	Folkstone
			Tarboro, First
			Community
			Piney Grove

## FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM

Founder's Day at Mount Olive College will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 20, at an eleven o'clock service in Rodgers Chapel.

The program will be presented by Dr. Michael Pelt, Chairman of the Humanities Division, and Mrs. Lorelle Martin, Chairman of the Science Division.

## MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moyer Library, Mount Olive College, during the month of October, 1979, totaled \$602 and are as follows:

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Mr. Latney W. Pittard by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper Mount Olive.

Mr. E. J. Pope Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Bryce H. Ficken, Mount Olive.

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Mr. Blount Willoughby by Laura Wiggins Bible Class, Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie.

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Leah Elizabeth Brock by Mount Olive College Alumni Association, Mount Olive.

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Mrs. Lida Greenup by Woman's Auxiliary, Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville.

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Elaine Jones, Mount Olive.

every psychological disorder imaginable; every physical concern, too, is aired. The "normal" characters live "normal" lives. Hogwash!

If the soaps are true to life; if indeed they depict life as it really is, aren't we in some kind of mess? Nearly always the characters work their way through dilemmas with little more than human reasoning. After all, any definite reference to God's intervention and leadership is usually disdained. And isn't it interesting that though we seldom see the characters smoking, almost without exception they are depicted as having to grab a drink of alcohol when under duress?

The plight of the stars continues: out of one terrible circumstance into another, the unending cycle progresses. Captive audiences live through it all, empathetic or not, and never miss an episode, watching the segments in doctors' offices, bus stations, and wherever. The housewife isn't by herself. Everybody seems addicted, with no cure in sight. Why do we watch? Could it be that we are masochistic and don't know it?

How, then, can one truly "Do all to the glory of God" and remain so faithful to something which is most often ungodly? Comment?

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 18 Years Ago

"Miss Beatrice Marie Brickhouse, eleven year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Brickhouse, Columbia, North Carolina, has been elected pianist for the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church. Beatrice Marie became a Christian when only nine years of age and united with the Sound Side Church. At eleven years of age, she serves as pianist for the worship services, league and Sunday school."—News and Notes

"The Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Grifton, North Carolina, will conduct a singspiration Sunday, January 29, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing through 9:00 p.m. The church hopes to have several choral groups to participate in this program. All singers are invited to take part in this program. The public is cordially invited to attend."—News and Notes

"Mount Olive College has set a goal of \$10,000 for gifts during February, which is being observed as Education Month by the North Carolina State Convention. Free Will Baptists in other states are also invited to make special gifts to the college this month."—Christian Education

"Youth Sunday will be observed at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina, March 19, 1961. The youth of the church will be in charge of both the Sunday school and the morning worship. Dwight Boyd will bring the message at the eleven o'clock service. All officers and teachers will be the youth of the church."—News and Notes

### MINISTERS' REMINDER

A meeting of Original Free Will Baptist Ministers will be held on Monday, December 3, at 10 a.m. in Rodgers Chapel on Mount Olive College campus to review the requirements and recommendations of ministers in view of making Mount Olive College a four-year College.

Your thoughts are desired. Please plan to attend.



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For November 25

## The New Community and the Forces of Evil

Lesson Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:11

### I. INTRODUCTION

Not the least of life's puzzles is the paradox of war and peace. It was the Prince of Peace who said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword" (Matthew 10:34). He warned His apostles that He was sending them into a world of hatred and murder (John 15:18-21; 16:2); yet He said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27). In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul begins with a wish for peace. He proclaims that Christ is our peace, and he urges us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Yet he closes the letter with a ringing call for us to put on the whole armor of God and take the sword of the Spirit. Truly the peace of God passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7). It is peace even in the midst of battle.

Prominent in Ephesians is the theme of unity in Christ, which is unity with righteousness and goodness. Heathen Ephesus with all its wickedness is in the background, however, and so there is conflict between good and evil. Chapter 4 told us to put off the old man and put on the new, put away lying and tell the truth, stop stealing and work for a living, avoid dirty talk and speak constructively, get rid of bitterness and be kind. In Chapter 5 the conflict is more evident as we are warned

against the sins of the heathen that bring the wrath of God upon the disobedient. We are told to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." In Chapter 6, the conflict comes into the foreground as we are told to strengthen and arm ourselves for battle against enemies that are powerful though unseen.—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The evil of this world is diametrically opposed to the goodness of the Kingdom of God. For every righteousness in the community of saints there are multiple forces of evil. When we would do right we are beset with temptation to do wrong. This is obvious in every walk of life and in every area of Christian living.

B. When we think we are secure in a flourishing Christian home, we suddenly face the disturbing assault of evil. It is often seen in the indiscretion of careless parents, in the breakdown of morals in our children, in the collapse of our domestic bulwarks of strength. If left in this condition, the home is doomed to complete failure.

C. When our nation reaches the level of mutual harmony in international relations, problems arise overnight which appear insurmountable within a few weeks. If left in this condition the nation may face possible war or, at the very best, irreparable damage to our relations with the other nation.

D. When the church begins to bask in its apparent safety from inner conflict and thinks it faces

years of undivided harmony and fellowship, something happens and the fellowship is disrupted and the scene changes from one of tranquility to one of sorrow, defeat, and despair. If left in this condition, the glory of the church is dimmed and the cause of Christ rendered ineffectual in the world.

E. When the Christian individual reaches toward the pinnacle of spiritual success and thinks that all is well, Satan's assaults upon him are more heavily concentrated and the end is one of the disillusionment and oftentimes utter defeat.

F. But in spite of all these possibilities there is a way out. If families and nations and churches and individuals will listen to God's instructions, there is a victory over the forces of evil which are of Satan. Paul tells us about it.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

Life in the New Community of the saints is not one of simple ease and entirely void of difficulties, defeats, and dissolutions. Times of sweet victory are interspersed with periods of trials, problems, and discouragements. Forces of evil are ever at hand because Satan has no intention of letting up in his determined fight to infiltrate the community and defeat Christ. The forces of evil he uses most effectively are the promoters of beverage alcohol, narcotics, and drugs, and immoral lewdness on every hand. To a great extent he has succeeded: things once looked upon as evil are now often accepted as commonplace indulgences of our society and culture. There is never a time when these forces of evil are not present.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

November is  
Children's Home Month

## CAPE FEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The one hundred and first Sunday School Convention of the Cape Fear Conference convened with Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, October 13, 1979. The theme was "Work Till Jesus Comes."

The Rev. John Adcox had the devotions, reading Scripture from John 4:12. He also led in prayer.

Everyone received a warm welcome from the Rev. Billy Nowell, pastor of the host church. Jessie Hartley responded to the welcome.

Robert Haun appointed the following committees:

Nominating: Mrs. Dola Dudley, Mrs. Ruth Warrick, Mr. Milton Wiggs.

Finance: The Rev. Leonard Woodall, The Rev. Billy Nowell, Mrs. Hazel Lassiter.

Resolutions: The Rev. Otis Lassiter, Mr. Frank Baumgartner, Mrs. Lillian Stanley.

The youth choir of Powhatan sang, "Sweet Sweet Spirit" and "Alleluia," after which the offering was taken.

Harold and Tina Wallace rendered special music. They sang, "Sweet Sweet Spirit," "I'd Like to Kneel Down," and "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me."

The Rev. Arnold Price was the main speaker of the convention. He read one verse of Scripture, Deuteronomy 10:12. The title of his message was "Service for God." He brought out many ways of improving our Sunday schools. Each one surely went away with a greater determination to go back to his local Sunday school with a prayer and message on his heart to build a more spiritual Sunday school. Anyone desiring a tape recording of this message please contact the secretary of the Convention: Mrs. Paul T. Lassiter, Route 3,

Box 284, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603.

After the message, the congregation sang, "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord."

The business session was opened by Robert Haun.

The secretary, Paul Lassiter, called the roll with thirteen churches answering. He read the minutes of the previous convention; they were approved.

Robert Haun recognized twenty-three Sunday school teachers and five Sunday school superintendents.

Jessie Hartley gave the treasurer's report, the amount was \$148.66.

John Adcox presented the plaques. Steven's Chapel was awarded the plaque for the largest increase in attendance. Wooten's Chapel received the plaque for the largest number present at the convention.

The chairman of the Finance Committee reported that their report was given along with the treasurer's report.

The Resolutions chairman presented the following resolutions:

1. Be it resolved: That the convention give Powhatan church a rising vote of thanks for graciously accepting this body today.
2. Be it resolved: That we each pray earnestly for our Sunday School Convention and its officers that we might continue to have a glorifying convention.
3. Be it resolved: That all teachers and superintendents be informed of their obligations to this convention before they are installed.
4. Be it resolved: That each superintendent promote the convention in his local

church and ask that it be included in the budget.

5. Be it resolved: That a complete statistical report of his convention be compiled for the 1980 yearbook and a copy be sent to the superintendents.

A motion was made and passed for the Resolutions to be adopted.

The Nominating Committee presented the following officers to serve two years:

President, John Adcox  
Vice President, Arnold Price  
Secretary, Mrs. Paul Lassiter  
Treasurer, Jessie Hartley

Jessie Hartley declined the nomination; Mrs. James Stanley was nominated from the floor.

A motion was made and passed for these officers to be accepted.

Mrs. Ruth Warrick made a motion to give a rising vote of thanks to the returning officers. The motion passed.

The Rev. Leonard Woodall noted the Mount Olive Benefit Dinner would be at Everett Chapel, November 5, 1979, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Joyce Nowell announced next year will be the 200th year for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

Tee's Chapel volunteered to entertain the 1980 convention.

The Rev. Billy Nowell gave the benediction and grace. A delicious lunch was served in the fellowship hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Haun, President  
Paul Lassiter, Secretary

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## FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, FARMVILLE, ENJOYS ANNUAL RETREAT AT CRAGMONT

## MINISTERS' BANQUET PLANNED

Dear Fellow Ministers:

The Ministerial Association will be having a banquet for Free Will Baptist Ministers and their wives, in conjunction with the State Convention's Evangelism Conference. This will be our only mid-year banquet held this year. We hope that you and your wife will be able to join us this year. We encourage each of you to attend the Evangelism Conference and the Ministers' Banquet.

The Ministers' Banquet will be held on the first day of the Conference, November 28, 1979, at 5 p.m. We will hold our banquet at The Kountry Kitchen Restaurant in the Winoca Shopping Center, on the 264 bypass, in Wilson, North Carolina. The Rev. Marvin Waters will be the spaker after supper is served. The Evangelism Conference will meet again at 7:30 p.m. at Daniels Chapel church, near Wilson.

We must know how many people to prepare for at the banquet. Please fill out the form provided elsewhere in this paper and mail it to me, along with your check to cover the cost of the meal. Please make all checks payable to the North Carolina Ministerial Association. The evening meal will be a banquet-style dinner of roast beef and ham and will cost \$5.50 per person. We will be looking forward to seeing you soon.

Please mail your reply form so that we will receive it no later than Friday, November 23, 1979.

Yours in Christ,  
Royce L. Reynolds, Secretary  
Route 2, Box 51  
Walstonburg, N. C. 27888

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



For six consecutive years members of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina, have enjoyed a weekend retreat at Cragmont Assembly.

This year, the retreat was held the weekend of October 25-28, with 94 persons attending. At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 25, two busloads left Friendship for the 300-mile trek to the Free Will Baptist camp at Black Mountain. Accompanying them was their pastor, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

Activities enjoyed during the retreat were varied. All who attended can attest to the unique spirit of fellowship which exists at Cragmont and which is made possible by persons united in one accord, as was the case of those who attended from Friendship. The name, "Friendship," which designates their church, seemed especially significant; the atmosphere was filled with the quality.

Besides fellowship, but in no way subordinate, were times spent in devotional meetings, the regular evening services observed by the group, the Sunday school lesson taught by I. Z. "Bud" Cobb, and the side trip to Maggie Valley where many were awestruck by God's handiwork.

While appreciating and benefitting from the serious and spiritually edifying group meetings, there were at least two occasions for "Fun Time" under the direction of Mrs. Johnny Holloman and Susan Beaman. During this time, two skits were presented: "The Mad Professor" (in which the supposed problems of one person were passed on to another with the final realization that each one preferred his own) and "Susie Short" (who, with great humor, both entertained and instructed).

Recreation during the day was under the direction of Tony Holloman (basketball), Bud Cobb (softball), Johnny Holloman (mountain climbing), and Linwood Cobb (horseshoes).

The Cragmont retreat not only benefitted the Friendship members who attended, it also benefitted Cragmont Assembly. To

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## Children's Home

### LICENSE STUDY COMPLETED

by Stewart Humphrey  
Executive Director

Under the leadership of former Superintendent Sam Weeks and the Board of Directors of the Children's Home, our Home has been licensed since 1974. Licensing is a voluntary matter for church-related children's homes. Licensing for us means that, in the judgment of the elected officials of our state and the agencies set up to monitor the quality of services being offered by agencies within the state, we are doing a good job in child care.

We have just finished our study for this year. We were very proud of ourselves. Our work during the past year was in good order. A great deal of effort was made to reach all our families and make sure that the plan of care for each family of children was meeting the needs of the child and his family.

The standards for child care institutions were drawn up by the child care agencies in the state several years ago. The standards the institutions placed upon themselves have enabled the children's homes in this state to escape undue federal interference.

Being able to hang a license certificate in our Conference Room signifies to our Board and to our people across the state that your child care staff at the Home is doing a good job with children. Needs are being met, children are being spared abuse, neglect and the other evils that plague the lives of children.

This Thanksgiving we are grateful to all of you who have remembered us in your prayers and your giving. Without your support we could not meet the standard of excellence our Lord

has set for us. After all, meeting His standards is our aim in life as Christians. When we strive to reach for God's will in our personal lives, our churches and our denominational work, you can be certain that we will exceed any legitimate standard man can set for us. Praise God, we've met man's standards for another year and our prayer is that God, too, has found us faithful.

### ATTENTION

The Revelators will be with us for the winter and spring. Churches wishing to have this group sing for them can contact Mr. Humphrey at the Children's Home at 235-2161 or P. O. Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557. Proceeds from the free will offerings will go to the Children's Home.

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## Coming Events . . .

November—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home Month

November 14—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

November 16—Laymen's Singspiration at Friendship church, Greene County at 7:30 p.m.

November 17—Laymen's Singspiration at Elm Grove church, Pitt County at 7:30 p.m.

November 17—Thanksgiving Services, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex

November 20—Board of Trustees Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

November 20—Founders' Day, 11 a.m., Rogers Chapel, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

November 22—Thanksgiving Day

November 22—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

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## FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Free Will Baptist Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, November 20, on the campus of Mount Olive College. Members of the Society will begin their meeting with a luncheon in the College cafeteria, followed by a business session and the program.

The program will feature two presentations dealing with the history of Free Will Baptist doctrine. The presenters will be the Revs. Bill Futch and DeWayne Eakes, both of whom are members of the Revision Committee which was charged by the State Convention with the task of preparing a revision of the **Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina**. They will examine the proposed Articles of Faith from the perspective of the present and former statements of faith.

The president of the Society, Dr. Michael Pelt, will introduce the program with some comments on the General Baptist Confession of 1660.

All Free Will Baptists are invited to attend the meeting. It is suggested that those who can should plan to attend the program of Founder's Day in Rodgers Chapel at 11 a.m. that day.

## NEWS NOTES

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three Sunday school classrooms have new paint. The class building for the special children has also been remodeled.

Paneling, paint, and new drapes have been added to the

fellowship building. New lights, heating, and air conditioning facilities were also installed. The kitchen has been completed with a new hot water heater and air vent for the stove. Ten tables and fifty chairs have been purchased.

### A Bazaar and Craft Sale at Friendship Church

A bazaar and craft sale will be held at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County on Saturday, November 17, starting at 10 a.m. The Young Woman's Auxiliary is sponsoring the sale to make a donation to the church. Christmas gifts and a variety of decorations can be purchased. Everyone in the church and community is urged to support this project.

### Annual Mission Conference To Be Held at Living Waters Church

The Annual Mission Conference will be held at Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, November 14-18.

The services on Wednesday through Friday will be at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday evening at 6:30 there will be a banquet at the Nahunta Woman's Club. Sunday services will be at 7 p.m.

Four missionaries, including Bill Boerop, southeastern representative for Greater Europe Missions; and Bill Harding, special representative for Sudan Interior Missions will be in attendance.

The theme is "The Living Word for the Whole World." There will be special music each service.

The pastor, the Rev. Harold Jones, wishes to extend a cordial invitation to the public for all the services.

## FRIENDSHIP MEMBERS AT CRAGMONT

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show their appreciation for what Cragmont means to the denomination, Friendship made a donation of \$1,355 to the Assembly while there.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds states that the group experienced a good time in Christian fellowship and spiritual edification and adds that "we are already planning for next year's trip." And it is reported that everyone is looking forward to the seventh annual retreat.

Perhaps other churches would like to consider such an outing.

## Ministers' Banquet Planned

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Mail To:  
North Carolina Ministerial Association  
Royce L. Reynolds, Secretary  
Route 2, Box 51  
Walstonburg, North Carolina 27888

Yes! I do plan to attend the Ministers' Banquet on November 28, 1979, at 5 p.m. at the Kountry Kitchen Restaurant in Wilson, North Carolina.

My party will include \_\_\_\_\_ people. I enclose the proper amount (at \$5.50 per person) to cover the cost of the meal. I understand that I can request a refund in the event that an emergency arises and I am unable to attend.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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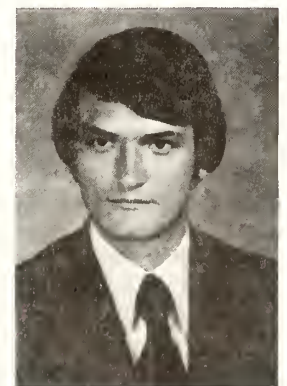
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# EVANGELIZE NOW!

## DONT MISS THE STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

The winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ particularly important in today's world. Perhaps more than ever we as established Christians are faced with false prophetic ungodly spirits, cults, and the occult. Satan-based personal philosophies, and disciplines invade even the most firmly fixed adherents to Christianity, and often, subtly yet definitely, they have their sway.

For the reasons cited above, as well as others, the Free Will Baptist denomination has felt the need to place new and better defined emphasis on evangelism. The four evangelists of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have claimed their places, both as a part of history and as the basis for many of the sermons preached with evangelistic tenor and for the edification of the spiritually hungry. And present day ministers of that gospel which was established with Christ know, perhaps better than formerly, that the lost must be reached at any cost. This has always been the supporting theme of the Word preached to the masses—especially those away from and beyond the daily hearing of the good news.

As important as those unenlightened souls of other places certainly are, those unenlightened ones at hand deserve our attention too: the ones down the block, apartment dwellers and tenants, the fatherless, the motherless, the sick (in soul and body), the destitute—anybody and everybody who does not know Christ—untold thousands! Dare we suggest millions?

In error we sometimes think that everyone near us has heard and received the gospel; it has been (and is) so accessible. But, everyone has not claimed it. A discipline—another discipline—must be accepted before it can be practiced. Availability sometimes breeds indifference. If indifference exists in our ranks, let's do something to alter that situation.

It is a divine mission, seeking the lost for God. If any man considers it less, he may as well not try. We must go in His strength, for His cause, and under His direction—wherever and whenever. We must not wait for some spectacular vision to get us moving. If the vision is not within us—if we don't sympathize and empathize with the sin-drenched, unrepentant souls who grope in darkness—we cannot expect to bring them in. Halfhearted efforts for our Lord do not avail anything except failure. Appropriate here is the advice from a Sunday school teacher of years past: "Pray mightily, but put feet on your prayers!"

A one-to-one soul-winning campaign is surely effective. We admire those who take seriously their duty to witness personally and directly. There are those, too, who have a talent for influencing larger gatherings for good—where the united spirit of dozens, hundreds, or even thousands of souls lifts itself

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# Mrs. Bertha Sumner Smith

September 9, 1908—October 9, 1979

By W. Burkette Raper, President  
Mount Olive College



**W**E are met here today (October 11) not to mourn the death of Mrs. Bertha Sumner Smith, whom we all affectionately knew as "Ma," but to celebrate her victory over death. Death can destroy the body and cause it to return to the dust from whence it came, but death cannot destroy the soul because the soul is God in us, and God is eternal. The Bible teaches that when this mortal body becomes clothed in immortality, death is then swallowed up in victory. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," declared the Apostle Paul.

What is this victory? It is the victory of faith—faith in God. Just as God gives us our sight and our hearing so that we can perceive the physical universe in which we live, even so He gives us faith by which we can transcend the visual and transient things of this mortal life. All that this physical body can perceive is perishable, but what we see and know by faith is eternal. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

## The Eternal

On this earth we are pilgrims

—we have no continuing city. We only encamp here as we journey toward that City which hath foundation, whose builder and maker is God. When we are young and healthy that City seems afar, but as we grow older and our bodies grow weaker the lights of that City become brighter and brighter until we reach the point when we know that our true home is not here but yonder. From this perspective death is not a tragedy but is the valley through which we pass in experiencing release from our mortal bodies. God walks with us through this valley and then gives us an immortal body that is not subject to suffering or to death.

Let us therefore not mourn but rather let us give thanks to God that Ma Smith has passed from death to life. Death has done its work. It has hurled at her the worst it has to offer, but the power of death is limited; it has no control over her soul which has found its refuge in God. "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." Death may proclaim in pride its dominion over what is perishable, but when it has destroyed all that is mortal, death itself will die and what is eternal will —forever and ever.

A few weeks ago I said to Ma: "Ma, you live in two worlds—this world and the next—what is the difference?" Her reply was: "All

*On October 9, 1979, after an eight-year battle with cancer, passed from this mortal life into eternal life. Bertha Sumner Smith was 71 years old. Her funeral was conducted on October 11 in the Free Will Baptist Church of Beulaville, North Carolina, by Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College; the Rev. Chris Singleton, her pastor; and the Rev. G. L. Foushee, a family friend and pastor of the Beulaville Baptist Church. Burial was in East Duplin Memorial Gardens.*

*Mrs. Smith was the wife of the Rev. Stephen A. Smith, a well known and greatly beloved Free Will Baptist minister. In addition to more than forty years of ministerial service to Original Free Will Baptists, Ma and Pa Smith (as they are affectionately known) served on two occasions as Superintendent of the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina.*

*As a living memorial to Mrs. Smith, her family and friends have established the "Bertha S. and Stephen A. Smith Endowment Fund" at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina. The Fund will be a permanent investment with the income used to advance the Christian ministry of the College.*

Turn the Page



the things in this world will pass away, the only thing that counts is what is eternal." In her suffering she knew the truth and meaning of those words found over a cathedral door in Milan, Italy:

"All that pleases is but for a moment;  
All that troubles is but for a moment;  
Only what is eternal is important."

### **A Soldier of the Cross**

Although Ma focused her mind and heart upon the Eternal, she was faithful to the duties and opportunities of this life. With the Apostle Paul, she could say:

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

#### **1. She fought a good fight.**

For eight years she fought cancer—bravely and without self-pity. She presented her body unto God as a living sacrifice, that it might be holy and acceptable in His sight. She found her strength in the Word of God—in such passages as these:

"Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:20b, 21).

"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" (Philippians 1:29).

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

#### **2. She finished her course.**

Ma Smith lived a good and useful life. She shared fully in the ministry of her husband, whether it was preaching the Gospel, visiting the sick, befriending those in need, or opening her home to her family or caring for the orphan—and that is why we called her "Ma."

She was always pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, whom she knew as her Lord and Saviour.

#### **3. She kept the faith.**

The years of suffering were not easy for her, but she knew that God could be trusted. She did not try to make God into her image, but she asked Him to make her into His likeness. She knew that God was too big to fit into the human mind, but she knew that His wisdom was infinite and that she could find refuge and strength in Him.

She knew whom she believed and she was persuaded that He was able to keep what she committed unto Him against that day when she would stand in His eternal presence. She knew that faithful saying in 2 Timothy 2:11, 12:

"If we be dead with him we shall also live with him.

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him."

When some people hit bottom, they may fall through; but not Ma—she found the foundation firm and sure. She was "persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,

nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

#### **4. Her crown of righteousness.**

Ma told me once: "When I walk **through** the valley of the shadow of death, we know we are on our way to see God face to face." She believed the Scripture and she trusted God for the future.

Through all of her years of suffering, she "heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sitteth upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely," (Revelation 21:3-6).

In this hour, let us thank God for this Soldier of the Cross who fought a good fight, who finished her course, who kept the faith and who now wears the crown of eternal life given by her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Ma Smith would not have us to mourn but rather to ask ourselves:

"Am I a Soldier of the Cross, A follower of the Lamb?"

## EDITORIAL

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Must I be carried to the Skies  
 on flowery beds of ease?  
 Sure I must fight if I would  
 reign,  
 Increase my courage, Lord.  
 I'll bear the toil, endure the  
 pain,  
 supported by His Word"  
 —Isaac Watts

### NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Sammy L. Sumner thanks you kindly for the notes, food, cards, calls, flowers, gifts to a memorial fund at Camp Vandemere and every expression of Christian love at the death of our beloved son and brother. It was a comfort to know you cared and were willing to share in our loss. This will always be treasured. God bless each of you is our prayer.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Sumner and Ralph Jr.

### In Everything Give Thanks

For all that God in mercy sends—  
 For health and children, home and friends;  
 For comforts in the time of need,  
 For every kindly word and deed,  
 For happy talks and holy thoughts;  
 For guidance in our daily walk—  
 In everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,  
 For verdant grass and lovely flowers,  
 For song of birds, for hum of bees,  
 For the refreshing summer breeze,  
 For hill and plain, for stream and wood,  
 For the great ocean's mighty flood—  
 In everything give thanks!

For the sweet sleep which comes with night,  
 For the returned morning light,  
 For the bright sun that shines on high,  
 For the stars glittering in the sky—  
 For these and everything we see,  
 O Lord, our hearts we lift to Thee;  
 In everything give thanks!

Selected

Heaven under the right direction, under the right dividing of the Word, through the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit.

Everybody has a commission; it is not limited to ministers. Too often Christian lay persons dispense all the responsibility to their preachers; but by virtue of the very name, "Christian," one is duty-bound to evangelize. No person should shirk such a beautifully rewarding responsibility; rewards are forthcoming and immeasurable. One soul won for Christ should be cause for a lifetime of rejoicing, yes. But no one should gloat in satisfaction over that one soul—the true evangelist will seek others!

"Communicating the Love of God to People" is the theme for the State Evangelism Conference planned for November 28, 29 at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson. State Convention President David Charles Hansley zealously promotes this project, insisting that it should be an experience in love, in fellowship, in a rekindling of the reason for preaching, that the lost may be saved and the erring be challenged to renew their relationship with the Almighty.

Four speakers will issue the challenge; God will accomplish His will; the fervor of evangelistic concern and action will be carried forth through the words of Dr. Ora Johnson, the Revs. DeWayne Eakes, J. B. Starnes, and Marvin Waters. God will receive the praise, the honor, and the glory. Souls will reap untold benefits.

And what a day of rejoicing that will be, when we all get to Heaven! Just to know that somebody was saved from the ravages of sin—what a wonderful realization, both now and in the world to come.

Make your plans to attend the State Evangelism Conference. Pray and study your Bible; ask His guidance and expect—yes, expect—to see souls saved for the kingdom.

Evangelize now! And be happy.

## Coming Events . . .

- December 25—Christmas Day
- December 24, 25—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston
- December 30—Mount Olive College Day in Local Churches
- November—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home month
- November 22—Thanksgiving Day
- November 22—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston
- December—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month
- December 3—Central Conference Layman's League Meeting, Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, Pitt County

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 Christmas gift.



# Come, Ye Thankful People

Henry Alfred

George Elvey

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest-home;
2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;
3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take His har-vest home;
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest-home;

is safe-ly with-er-eth in, Ere the win-ter, corn be-  
 and tares to with-er some, Un-der joy or  
 His field shall that day, All of-fen-s-es pur-ge a-way  
 er Thou Thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,

Give us our want to be  
 When the first corn shall pe-  
 the first tares cast  
 Thy pres-ence to hide:

Come to God's peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest-home.  
 Lord of har-vest, that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 But the fruit to store In His gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 Come, with all the angels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest-home.



# Children's Home

submitted by Stewart Humphrey

## I AM THANKFUL

**Timothy 1:12:**

("... I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.")

-As Christians today we all can lift our voices and thank God together for salvation.

-We all can lift our voices and thank Him for an opportunity to serve Him.

-Some of us were given even weightier ministries. Some to pastor, some to teach... some—the care of His "little ones."

As Paul wrote to the Colossians, We give thanks to God... always for you.

-Paul was giving thanks because the Colossians had shown great love for the saints of the church.

-I give thanks today for you... You who have cared to give, time, talent, tithes, and prayers that have enabled the 84 children in our care this year, and the 687 children who have been in our care since our beginning, to have an equal chance to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as did our forefathers.

-Prisons and dungeons, chains and shackles have not bound them, but death, loneliness, fear, separation, rejection, abuse, and neglect, have robbed them of the opportunity to have a home life that offered them the abundant life that your children and mine have known.

-Because you cared, because you prayed, because you gave, because you loved as God loved you, we can stand and thank God today for Free Will Baptist people who have in the past and will in the future meet these needs of God's "little ones."

-Christ had no hands but your hands, no feet but your feet, no tongue but your tongue, no help but your help—in this past year to achieve His will on earth.

-You gave your hands, feet, tongue, your help, your best—and on behalf of our staff and children, I thank God today for the Free Will Baptist church.

## MOUNT ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS BAKE SALE

The Teenagers' Sunday School Class of the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in the Albemarle Conference recently had a bake sale for the Children's Home. A total of \$115 was raised for the Home.

Each year young people raise hundreds of dollars for the Home through various projects and the turkey folders. Our church can be proud of the stewardship record of our youth.

## AREA CRUSADE GIVES CONTRIBUTION TO HOME

The churches of the Spring Hope Area sponsored an area crusade in October. Many lives were blessed by the singing and preaching during the crusade. The offerings received at the crusade were donated to the

Children's Home. They amounted to \$248.40.

The Rev. Roy T. Clifton and the members of the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church near Nashville played a big role in helping to make the crusade a success.

## ATTENTION!

Now is the time to honor your pastor in our "Pastor of the Week" column in this paper. The editor will be happy to assist you in making it a surprise for him and his family.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Robert Rollins announces that he now has a change of address. His new address is P.O. Box 1215, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; phone 524-5017.

## Church Available

Mount Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Newport, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor. Anyone interested should contact Ruth Mottolo, Route 2, Box 57, Newport, North Carolina 28570, or phone 726-2650.

## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Note the increase in the subscription price of **The Free Will Baptist**, effective November 1, 1979:

1 year—\$6  
(plus 24 cents tax for NC residents)

2 years—\$11  
(plus 44 cents tax for NC residents)

4 years—\$22  
(plus 88 cents tax for NC residents)



# Cragmont Assembly

OCTOBER, 1979

Submitted by Virginia M. Skinner, Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward, October 1, 1979

\$2,452.5

## Receipts

**Albemarle Conference**

Gum Neck		
Florence Liverman	\$ 200.00	
Sunday School Convention	6.00	\$ 206.00

**Cape Fear Conference**

Casey's Chapel		
Adult Sunday School Class	\$ 25.00	
Hopewell		
Sunday School	47.88	
Lee's Chapel		
Fellowship Class	67.44	
Sunday School	33.99	
Oak Grove		
Youth	100.00	
Palmer Memorial	50.70	
Smithfield, First	50.00	
Victory Mission	52.08	427.09

**Central Conference**

Bethany	\$ 95.28	
Black Jack	80.00	
Robert Hudson, in honor of Della, Robert, and Robby Hudson	75.00	
Sugar-Frosted Saints, in honor of Joe Hudson	25.00	
Edgewood	25.00	
Rufus Harrell	50.00	
Elm Grove		
Weekend Retreaters	92.00	
Friendship	1,000.00	
Sunday School	380.00	
Howell Swamp	25.00	
King's Cross Roads		
Youth	10.00	
Ormondsville		
AFC	300.00	
Otter's Creek		
Sunday School	22.15	
Piney Grove		
Celia C. Tripp, in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Skinner	50.00	
Reedy Branch	780.00	
Fidelis Memorial Sunday School Class	30.00	
George A. Merrell, in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Willis Wilson	25.00	
Kevin, Ardeth, Lynnelle, Charles Little (1 square foot each)	100.00	
Rose Hill		
Sunday School	25.00	
Second Union	10.75	
Winterville	200.00	\$3,400.18

**Eastern Conference**

Beaufort Mission	\$ 5.00	
Crumpler, Mrs. Cathy W., in memory of her grandfathers: Edward Chelsey King Sr. and Elbert Wallace	25.00	

Jeep Run		
Mrs. Reba Blizzard	25.00	
District Woman's Auxiliary Convention	27.09	
Fifth Union	20.00	
Fifth Sunday School Convention	10.00	
Mt. Zion, Pamlico County		
Oriental	25.00	
St. Mary's	18.00	
Third Sunday School Convention	1,182.50	
	<u>30.00</u>	1,367.59

<b>Eastern Conference</b>		
First Union	\$ 150.00	
Flood's Chapel	5.00	
Free Union		
The Rev. Lester Duncan	20.00	
Little Rock	25.00	
Weekend Retreaters	153.00	
Milbournie	23.00	
Piney Grove	30.00	
Rains Cross Roads		
Woman's Auxiliary	100.00	
Second Union	35.00	
Selma		
Mrs. Rex Hartley	10.00	
Sherron Acres	100.00	
Fellowship Bible Class, in honor of Mrs. Elector Wright	25.00	
Stancil's Chapel		
YFA	100.00	
Unity, Durham		
Unity, Wilson	25.00	
Wilson, First	100.00	
Penny Edwards	<u>50.00</u>	951.00

<b>Others</b>		
Sidney P. Clark Jr.	\$ 250.00	
Mt. Tabor Ladies Bible Class (Christmas Cards)	<u>18.00</u>	<u>268.00</u>
Total receipts from Churches and Individuals		\$6,619.86
Withdrawal from Savings	<u>350.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>
Total for Which to Account		\$9,422.39

**Disbursements**

Operational Expenses	\$ 360.00	
Transfer to General Savings	1,800.00	
Transfer to Main Building Fund	<u>4,645.09</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$6,805.09</u>
Balance on Hand, November 1, 1979		\$2,617.30

**Earmarked Funds**

General Fund	\$ 2,617.30
General Savings	4,128.19
Main Building Fund	<u>15,790.14</u>
Total in Bank, November 1, 1979	\$22,535.63

**MORE NEWS**

Praise the Lord! We are proud to be a part of a denomination who knows how to come through in a crisis. In October we made known our need for financial help in order to make the first payment on the loan for the new main building. In those 31 short days from October 1 to November 1, \$6,282 in special offerings were received. With the other donations received, we will THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

be able to make a substantial payment on the loan. We must admit we did not raise the entire \$35,000, but enough, plus a little more, was received in order to pay the \$21,700 interest charge (which had to be paid). Thank you all so much.

We are slowly winding down the 1979 camping season. October was a very good month for weekend retreats. On October 5-7, two groups visited Crag-

mont: 46 from Black Jack church and 35 from Piney Grove church, Greenville. On October 12-14, faithful Little Rock church made their eleventh retreat to Cragmont bringing 61 people. During that following week, Kinston, First Church brought 21 people from their Retired People's Club to stay at Cragmont and to sightsee in the mountains. The fall color peak

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Cathy Seymour

Miss Cathy Seymour of Goldsboro knows exactly what she wants to do.

"When I finish college I'm going to work for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Waxhaw, North Carolina," she said.

When asking this pert 18-year-old exactly what she'll be doing, she described a service of secretarial duties, bookkeeping, and very careful reading.

"One mistake could cause a whole Bible to have to be reprinted," she explained.

As a secretarial science major, Cathy is applying herself seriously to her trade. She has joined the business and professional club, Phi Beta Lambda, and the Free Will Baptist Fellowship. Her love of singing and playing the piano also keeps her busy as a member of the Master's Quartet of Pikeville. She and her brother,

Doug, also a student of Mount Olive in 1977, are both involved with the Quartet, performing about 8-10 times each month. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Seymour and are members of Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church.

After explaining the seriousness of her calling, Cathy said, "Oh, I forgot to tell you, there isn't any pay for working at Wycliffe's; it's all voluntary, like missionary work."

"There are some people who go to remote foreign countries and spend eight and ten years learning the language so they can come back to Wycliffe's and translate a Bible for them," she said.

Now that's dedication!

## HANDEL'S MESSIAH SCHEDULED

Two performances of Handel's Messiah will be presented by The Mount Olive College Chorus and members of the Mount Olive Community on Tuesday, December 4, at 11 a.m. and at 8 p.m. in Rodgers Chapel.

The public is cordially invited and admission is free.

## MINISTERS' REMINDER

A meeting of Original Free Will Baptist Ministers will be held on Monday, December 3, at 10 a.m. in Rodgers Chapel on Mount Olive College campus to review the requirements and recommendations of ministers in view of making Mount Olive College a four-year College.

Your thoughts are desired. Please plan to attend.

## MAKE EVERY HOME A "FREE WILL BAPTIST" HOME

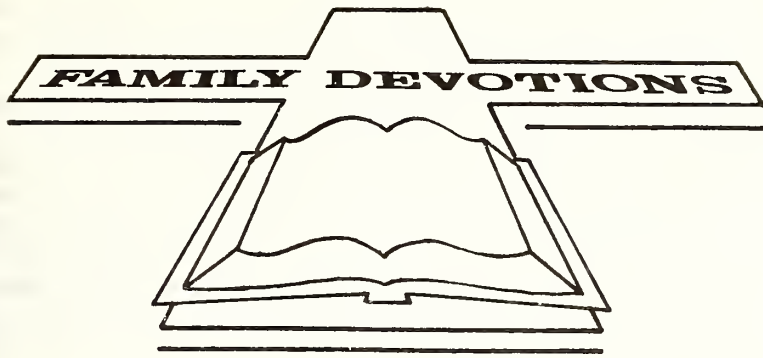
Every Free Will Baptist family should be receiving THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. We would like to suggest the Every-Family Plan, in which a 25 percent discount is given when local churches send the magazine to the home of every church family. (The names and addresses are provided by the churches; the churches are billed quarterly for the subscriptions.)

As added incentive, the Press is prepared to offer a free one-year subscription to the pastor of any church which participates; and a certificate signifying the church's participation in the Every-Family Plan will be presented.

Fifteen Free Will Baptist churches and missions are presently active in the Every-Family Plan: Aspen Grove, Fountain; Core Creek, Cove City; Davis, Davis; Dawson's Grove near Scotland Neck; Free Spirit Mission near Wilson, Free Union, Pinetown; Friendship, Farmville; Happiness Mission, Fayetteville; Hickory Grove, Bethel; Oak Grove, Newton Grove; Reedy Branch, Winterville; Rock of Zion, Grantsboro; Saint Paul, Newton Grove; Tarboro, First, Tarboro; and White Oak, Maysville.

Why not make your church a member of this distinctive group? Discuss the plan with your church membership and let us at the Press know when you desire to implement this plan in your church.

Put THE FREE WILL BAPTIST in every Free Will Baptist home. Subscribe through the Every-Family Plan. Do it today!



## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Scripture Reading—Psalm 4:1-

### BUSY

It is very significant that in every recorded instance the Apostles were busy at their daily work when the Master called them.

Peter and Andrew were fishing;

James and John were mending their nets;

Matthew was sitting at the receipt of custom.

God never visits an idle or unserviceable life.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Do you want God to visit you? If so, your life must be lived fully—you must be receptive to His leading. You must present yourself as a willing vessel through whom He can work.*

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:1-11

### READ IT THROUGH

I supposed I knew my Bible,  
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,

Now a bit of John or Matthew,

Now a snatch of Genesis;

Certain chapters of Isaiah,

Certain Psalms (the twenty-third),

Twelfth of Romans, first of Proverbs,

Yes, I thought I knew the Word.

But I found a thorough reading

Was a different thing to do,

And the way was unfamiliar  
When I read the Bible through.

You who like to play at Bible,  
Dip and dabble here and there,  
Just before you kneel a-weary,  
And yawn out a hurried prayer;

You who treat the Crown of Writing

As you treat no other book—  
Just a paragraph disjointed,  
Just a crude, impatient look—  
Try a worthier procedure,  
Try a broad and steady view—  
You will kneel in very rapture  
When you read the Bible through.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If one would read the Bible as avidly as he reads many other books—from cover to cover and from start to finish in as short a time as possible, many spiritual benefits could be enjoyed. The Bible, the Living Word, directs and guides to everlasting life.*

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 30:1-10

### THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is concerned only incidentally with the history of Israel or a system of ethics. The Bible is primarily concerned with the story of redemption of God as it is in Jesus Christ. If you read the Scriptures and miss the story of salvation, you have missed its message and meaning. There have been those who have gone through the Bible and traced the story of Jesus:

In Genesis He is the Seed of the Woman.

In Exodus He is the Passover Lamb.

In Leviticus He is the Atoning Sacrifice.

In Numbers He is the Smitten Rock.

In Deuteronomy He is the Prophet.

In Joshua He is the Captain of the Lord's hosts.

In Judges He is the Deliverer.

In Ruth He is the Heavenly Kinsman.

In the six books of Kings He is the Promised King.

In Nehemiah He is the Restorer of the nation.

In Esther He is the Advocate.

In Job He is my Redeemer.

In Psalms He is my All and in All.

In Proverbs He is my Pattern.

In Ecclesiastes He is my Goal.

In the Song of Solomon He is my Satisfier.

In the prophets He is the Coming Prince of Peace.

In the Gospels He is Christ coming to seek and to save.

In Acts He is Christ risen.

In the Epistles He is Christ at the Father's right hand.

In the Revelation He is Christ returning and reigning.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christ is the central theme of the Bible. Every book of the Holy Word directs souls to Him, to salvation through Him, and to life with Him. Fail not to take advantage of the blessings which await.*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:1-10

### BOOKS

Books! Books! Books!  
And we thank Thee, God  
For the gift of them;  
And the lift of them;  
For the gleam in them  
And the dream in them;

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For December 2

## CHRIST PREEMINENT IN ALL THINGS

**Lesson Text:** Colossians 1:9-20

**Memory Verse:** Colossians 1:17

### I. INTRODUCTION

Colosse was situated in the mountains of southwestern Asia Minor. No doubt many of its people enjoyed a winter vacation by the sea at Ephesus, something more than a hundred miles away by a good highway. Besides, the magnificent temple of Diana was there, and throngs came to join in its ceremonies (Acts 19:27).

It seems that Paul had never been in Colosse (Colossians 2:1). He had spent more than two years in Ephesus, however, and from there the gospel had spread throughout the Roman province called Asia (Acts 19:10). Epaphras was one of the Colossians (Colossians 4:12), and from a few hints in Scripture we conclude that he was one who visited Ephesus. There he heard the gospel and became a "fellow servant" with Paul; and when he went back home, the Colossians heard the gospel from him (Colossians 1:7).

A few years later, Paul was taken as a prisoner from Caesarea to Rome, as we have seen in our studies in Philippians and Ephesians. For reasons unknown to us, Epaphras was his "fellow prisoner" (Philemon 23). Some take this to mean that he voluntarily stayed with Paul to help him. Naturally he told Paul about the brethren in Colosse, and Paul was happy to hear of their faith and love (Colossians

1:4, 7, 8). He was much concerned, however (Colossians 2:1), because various false teachings were being heard among them (Colossians 2:8, 16-23). His letter to the Colossians expresses his concern and gives his inspired advice.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It has been said that Christ walks in history, in the affairs of men. Once He did this literally while He was on earth, although His presence was confined to a very small area of the then known world. But when His disciples took His message of salvation into other parts of the world His influence went with it, and men came to know Him and to experience vicariously His sufferings and victories.

B. Of course, Jesus is not with us today in person, so it is left to us to see that His message of salvation reaches the peoples of the world—not only His message of redemption but also His teachings which are designed to help people live together as they should. But in giving these teachings, we must make certain that men know that above all, Christ has the preeminence in all things.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Our memory selection declares the preeminence of Christ our Lord in all things: "... he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:17). This simply means that Christ existed before all else began, and that after all

things were created He held them together. His preeminence over all things and in all things means that He has primacy or first place and authority in all things. He is the source and sustainer of order in the universe. In our world of chaos and confusion, Christ is still in control and we who serve Him will triumph with Him in the end.

B. In his letter to the Christians at Colosse, a city of Asia Minor, Paul seeks to set forth the fact of Christ's superiority over all His creation and stresses the importance of His work of reconciliation.

C. The city of Colosse was situated about one hundred miles east of Ephesus on the west coast of Asia Minor. It was a pagan city and, notwithstanding many false teachers in the area, the true gospel teachings had reached the city and a church had been established there. Paul was greatly instrumental in helping the small congregation get its start.

D. Being a prisoner in Rome at this time, the apostle was unable to visit Colosse, so he did the next best thing: he wrote this letter we call Colossians to them. He had been informed of the faithfulness of the saints at Colosse and ever since the day he had heard of it he had prayed constantly for them with thanksgiving. His great desire for them was that they might be **filled with the knowledge** of God's will and to have **all wisdom** (that they needed). They needed knowledge to learn of basic principles of Christian living, and wisdom to apply that knowledge so they would have **spiritual understanding**. The church today has the same needs. Many among us have much **knowledge** but few have sufficient **wisdom** to use that knowledge for the benefit of those whom they teach.

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

# HOME MISSIONS

July 1, 1979—September 30, 1979

## ALBEMARLE

Albemarle District	
Sunday School Convention	\$ 4.50
Albemarle Union Meeting	6.00
Bhaven	5.00
Fire Union (Beaufort County)	332.33
Hickory Chapel	162.44
Mount Tabor	50.00
Mount Zion	
(Washington County)	50.00
Saint Paul	86.37
Sloah	145.64
Sney	131.49
Union Chapel	142.82
Total	<u>\$1,116.59</u>

## CAPE FEAR

Belhel (Johnston County)	\$ 23.80
Calpa Mission	50.00
Cape Fear Conference	40.12
Clay's Chapel	50.00
Coldsboro, First	536.00
Edgemount Mission	5.00
Edgewood	429.46
Edmonston Union	100.00
Edwards Chapel	199.96
Edwards Grove	25.00
Elmer Memorial	95.76
Elmwood Grove	200.00
Elwhatan	45.00
Elverside	200.00
Elbert's Grove	222.00
Elm Mary's Grove	75.00
Elm Grove	313.65
Elmfield, First	82.50
Elm's Chapel	623.75
Elmory Mission	99.99
Elmton's Chapel	45.00
Elmverton Grove	122.50
Total	<u>\$3,584.49</u>

## CENTRAL

Eden Grove	\$ 5.00
Eden	65.00
Eden Jack	144.94
Eden Conference	
Layman's League	67.05
Eden's Chapel	1.00
Eden's Grove	10.00
Eden's Grove	200.00
Edgewood	89.19
Eden Grove	156.14
Eden Union	
(Greene County)	1.50
Eden's Chapel	686.26
Eden's Chapel	375.00
Eden's Chapel	209.39
Eden's Chapel	292.35
Eden's Chapel	225.00

Hickory Grove	5.61
Hugo	207.50
Hull Road	280.73
King's Cross Roads	132.39
Marlboro	71.00
Ormondsville	60.00
Otter's Creek	165.94
Peace	12.00
Piney Grove	60.00
Reedy Branch	242.89
Roanoke Rapids	12.50
Rocky Mount, First	180.00
Rose Hill	210.00
Rose of Sharon	5.00
Saratoga	100.00
Second Union	13.59
Spring Branch	341.00
Sweet Gum Grove	15.00
Walnut Creek	100.00
Watery Branch	15.00
Williamston, First	239.00
Winterville	569.50
Total	<u>\$5,566.47</u>

## EASTERN

Antioch	\$ 100.00
Arapahoe	326.00
Bethel (Pamlico County)	20.00
Bridgeton	83.00
Cabin	22.50
Christian Chapel	212.50
Core Creek	130.00
Crab Point	67.00
Croatan	20.00
Davis	100.00
Deep Run	90.00
Dublin Grove	10.00
Eastern Conference Auxiliary	112.35
Faith	100.00
Fifth Eastern	
Sunday School Convention	10.00
Fifth Union Meeting	50.00
Folkstone	10.00
Friendship	89.35
Gethsemane	33.00
Grants Chapel	50.00
Gray Branch	210.00
Holly Springs (Newport)	1,854.49
Jackson Heights	93.27
Juniper Chapel	444.41
Kinston, First	25.00
Macedonia	225.00
May's Chapel	1.00
Moseley's Chapel	40.00
Mount Zion (Crawford County)	25.00
Mount Zion (Pamlico County)	10.00
New Haven	110.00
Northeast	102.00
Oak Grove	55.33
Oriental	28.85

Otway	100.00
Pearsall Chapel	95.00
Pilgrims Rest	145.00
Rock of Zion	125.46
Rooty Branch	25.00
Russell's Creek	151.15
Saints Delight	417.09
St. Mary's	411.41
Sarecta	10.00
Snow Hill	200.00
Sound View	370.69
Third Union District	15.00
Trent	100.00
Wardens Grove	169.02
Westside	76.50
White Oak Grove	20.00
Wintergreen	377.91
Woodrow, First	25.00
Total	<u>\$7,694.28</u>

## INDIVIDUALS

Ackiss, Roger and Robin	\$ 10.00
Baker, Fred	50.00
Beaman, Helen	25.00
Braswell, Richard and Gloria	15.00
Brinson, Davie	10.00
Britt, Juanita	1.00
Burbage, Mary	1.00
Burkey, Floyd	5.00
Capps, Noah	50.00
Cherry, Glenn	5.00
Clifton, Roy	25.00
Crocker, Gordon	15.00
Deaxer, A. C.	1.00
Flowers, E.	2.00
Foyles, Jennifer	5.00
Gardner, Annie Mae	2.00
Goulding, Parthenia	10.00
Gray, Ruby	2.00
Harris, Gregory	4.00
Hart, Wesley	2.00
Hott, T. W.	20.00
Jenkins, A. Stanley	2.00
Johnson, Ora J.	10.00
Jones, Louise	1.00
Kennedy, Arthur	100.00
Kennedy, Ed	40.00
Kennedy, Percy	100.00
Kleinerth, Margaret	10.00
Moore, Wade	10.00
Norris, Clarence	2.00
Overman, C. H.	25.00
Parker, Ronnie	25.00
Pate, Charles	100.00
Pittman, Cassie L.	1.00
Pope, Herbert C.	5.00
Rhodes, Walter	25.00
Rose, Ada	1.00
Scott, Amy B.	5.00
Skinner, Construction Company	40.00
Spruill, C. L.	2.00
Stanley, Lillian	5.00
Stokes, Bessie	1.00
Taylor, Fred S.	100.00
Watson, Wayne	5.00
Watson, George	1.00
Wells, Lois	2.00
Whitehurst, Daniel	2.00
Wingate, James	5.00
Total	<u>\$ 885.00</u>

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# AN AMENDMENT OF INCLUSION FOR THE PROPOSED ARTICLES OF FAITH AND PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Article 8, Doctrine of the Holy Scriptures

by the Rev. Franklin Brinson

*(The following statement is printed verbatim as received from the Rev. Franklin Brinson as per his request. Mr. Brinson is solely responsible for its contents.)*

(To entire committee for the revision of the F.W.B. Statement of Faith & Discipline.)

Brethren:

As a letter of explanation regarding the enclosed amendment to include, please take note of the following.

1. This amendment is only an inclusion of great historic facts, and **will not change** any of our previous beliefs or any original stand on this subject.
2. This amendment **does not single out any translation** as being an only, or most inspired translation of our day.
3. This amendment **does not prohibit** any pastor or church from using or accepting any translation he, or they choose to use.

**Brethren, What This Amendment Does:**

1. Includes to preserve in our Articles of Faith & Principles of Church Government for Original F.W.B., the historic facts of the believe by our fore fathers of the English General Baptist Heritage of **their** acceptance of the 1611 authorized K.J.V. **OVER** (John Wickliffe in 1384) (William Tindal in 1530) (Miles Coverdale in 1535) (Taverner's Bible in 1539) (The Great Bible or Bishops Bible in 1539) and (The Douay Bible in 1582 & 1610.) from among the earliest translations.
2. Shows that we believe God had a hand in the inspiration of the Scriptures into English from His Original Inspired Writings.
3. And that it was the 1611 A.K.J.V. translation believed to be the most inspired in 1611, which was passed down to us by our fore fathers from our English General Baptist Heritage in that day.

Dear Brethren, let us preserve this great part of our history in our Articles of Faith & Principles of Church Government, for all our people to appreciate, and to know about.

Sincerely, in interest of all  
our people and in love,

Franklin R. Brinson, Pastor  
King's Cross Roads Church.

P.S. This amendment **cannot** be changed since it is only History, and one can not change History.

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## Cragmont Assembly

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weekend was full with 23 people from Elm Grove church and about 25 other individual guests. October 25-28 was the largest retreat of the season. Friendship church near Farmville brought 93 people.

Cragmont is open until December 2 this year. We are considering extending the season earlier and later into the year since the new main building and the dining hall are now heated. Please drop by to see us if you are in the mountains. With the construction of the new main building there will be someone staying at the camp year-round.

Continue to pray for us and for the continued success of God's work at Cragmont.

In His Service,  
The Rev. Doug Skinner,  
Manager

## NEWS NOTES

### Scholarships Presented at Hugo Church

In the morning service on November 4 at the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Grifton, North Carolina, the pastor of the church, the Rev. Tom Miller, presented scholarships in equal amounts to six college students. The scholarships totaled \$1,500.

The recipients were Sonya McCoy, Patsy Ham, Ann Dominique, Grayland Letchworth, Gale Letchworth, and Ivan Braswell. These monies were provided by a given amount each week from church offerings and special gifts. This is just one way the church shows their love and confidence in the youth.

**November is  
Children's Home Month**

## FAMILY DEVOTIONS

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For the things they teach  
And the souls they reach!  
For the maze of them  
And the blaze of them;  
For the ways they open to us  
And the rays that they shoot  
through us.

Books! Books! Books!  
And we thank Thee, God  
For the light in them;  
For the might in them;  
For the urge in them;  
And the surge in them;  
For the souls they wake  
And the paths they break;  
For the gong in them  
And the song in them;  
For the throngs of folks they  
bring to us  
And the songs of hope they sing  
to us!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Of all the cherished books in the whole world, the Bible, of course, is to be more greatly valued. Regardless of their intrinsic worth, other books cannot touch the value of the Bible.*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Scripture Reading—John 13:1-17

### BE HAPPY

Life is too short to be sad in,  
To carry a grouch or be mad in,  
'Tis made to be happy and glad  
in,  
So let us be friends and be  
happy!

Friends are too scarce to be sore  
at,  
To gloom and to glower and roar  
at,  
They're made to be loved and  
not "swore at,"  
So let us be friends and be  
happy!

Love is the store we should lay  
in,  
Love is the coin we should pay  
in,  
Love is the language to pray in,  
So fill up with love and be happy.

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## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Love, it is said, is the quality that makes life happy. Love is the greatest emotion in Heaven and earth. Let's sow its seed in greater quantity and reap the rewards.*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:1-10

### CONSECRATION

"Will you please tell me in a word," said a Christian woman to a minister, "what your idea of consecration is?" Holding out a blank sheet of paper the pastor replied, "It is to sign your name at the bottom of this blank sheet, and let God fill it in as He wills."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*To allow God to have His way; to let God's will be done in our life. That is consecration. Dedication to Him affords true contentment—contentment found in His will.*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—Psalm 5:1-5

### A PRAYER

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer,  
Keep us in Thy loving care.  
Guard us through the livelong day  
In our work and in our play.  
Keep us pure and sweet and true  
In everything we say and do.  
Amen.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The above prayer can be and should be prayed every day. It represents submission which every Christian should practice.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

**Have a blessed  
Thanksgiving!**

## HOME MISSIONS

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### WESTERN

Branch Chapel	\$ 500.00
Calvary	100.00
Durham, First	20.00
Everett Chapel	182.73
Elwood Lane	28.11
Flood's Chapel	44.00
Free Spirit Mission	35.00
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Free Union (Nash County)	34.00
First Union Meeting	100.00
Friendship	100.00
Holly Springs (Kenly)	20.00
Kenly	92.62
Little Rock	75.00
Marsh Swamp	67.32
Mount Zion (Nash County)	64.17
Mount Zion (Wilson County)	25.00
Oak Grove (Wilson County)	143.00
People's Chapel	5.00
Pine Level	20.00
Piney Grove	95.00
Pleasant Grove	34.94
Pleasant Hill	150.00
Pleasant Plain	75.00
Rains Cross Roads	10.00
Rosebud	150.00
St. Mary's	225.00
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Selma	25.00
Sherron Acres	200.00
Spring Hill	500.00
Stancil's Chapel	25.00
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Unity (Durham)	75.00
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Youth Fellowship	25.00
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### PEE DEE

Beaverdam	\$ 106.00
Cypress Creek	101.92
Emerson	100.00
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Oak Grove	561.18
Pee Dee Union	
Number 1	<u>10.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 929.10</u>

### PIEDMONT

Baptist Cathedral	\$20.00
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Total	<u>\$ 142.70</u>

### OTHERS

Cash Offerings	
Mission Rallies	\$ 568.57
North Carolina State	
Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 128.28
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<u><u>\$24,886.17</u></u>



NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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(FORM FOR USE IN RECOMMENDING CHANGE FOR  
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We believe these are the Old and the New Testaments, that they were written by holy men inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. We believe that they are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service,<sup>1</sup>

**YOUR PROPOSED CHANGE OF Amendment to include:**

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**Local Students Inducted  
Into Honor Society**

The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., pastor of Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, announced recently that several of their young members have been inducted into The Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Students from this area who were inducted are as follows:

Cindy Gaskins, Angela Buck, Susan Hudson, Connie Hardee,

Regina Hardee, Doug Pierce, and Karen Stokes.

The Society, which is one of the nation's foremost high school honoraries, inducted the students because of their demonstrated excellence in scholastic leadership and church and civic achievements.

The National Awards Program is sponsored by sixty colleges from across the country. Thousands of dollars in scholarship funds from these institutions are made available to Society members each year.

Mr. Pierce received a National Appreciation Award from the Society on behalf of the students and stated, "I am extremely proud of these exceptional students and the honor that they have received. It is a reward and should also be accepted as a challenge to them to continue their course of excellence."

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# THE STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE CAN HELP!

(November 28, 29—Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson)

"Are they not all evangelists?" asked a Chinese student who visited a local Free Will Baptist church. The young man from Formosa, a student at a nearby university, had been invited to attend a regular Sunday morning worship service. He was especially taken with the music, suggesting that it alone was worth coming for. His family members were not Christians, but they (and he) expressed an avid interest in Christianity.

His question, when asked again, was accompanied by a tap at his friend's sleeve. His friend hazarded to second-guess him. "I suppose they all act like evangelists, don't they?"

The friend wasn't prepared for his answer. "No, not really. But I thought all Christians were evangelists; and the Christians don't act very happy about the good news that has spread."

The friend was a little red-faced. He tried to explain that the dignity of the service perhaps did not permit the expression of too much happiness; then he caught himself attempting to apologize for the congregation's quiet worship, a worship perhaps too rigidly conventional for a foreign student who believed that the good news should be enjoyed and expressed in an overt manner.

"In my country," the Chinese student explained, "where someone believes in something, there is no mistaking it. You can see it in their faces, in their actions." Then he added in the typical Oriental manner, with much honesty but meekness: "Most of the people here don't seem to show happiness. If the news of the gospel is really good, why do they not act like it? He bowed his head as he waited for the answer.

Why indeed do they not act like it? If the good news of the gospel is really good (and it certainly is!), why isn't it evident to a foreign visitor? Could it be that we have taken it so much for granted that it has become a little less important (and good) than when we first learned of it? Could it be that we have reached a point in our worship where we go through the motions without any real benefit for ourselves and witness for our neighbor?

Are we so contented in our organized worship that we fail to allow the Spirit to order it as He chooses? Have we structured our church meetings so much that they have become little more than ritualistic gatherings which are confined to a certain orderliness and form? Have we disallowed latitude for change and modification? Does God have His way, or do we insist on ours?

We suggested last week that there were various reasons for the State Evangelism Conference. It is needed, in addition to the reasons stated last week, to wake up sluggish Christians from

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# History of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church

Route 3  
Benson, North Carolina

1860-1977

*Compiled by the Rev. Ed Taylor*

**T**HE Original Free Will Baptist Cape Fear Conference was organized November 1, 1855, in Cumberland County at a church named Stoney Run. The churches that were represented at the organizational meeting were Stoney Run, Long Branch, Free Union, Fayetteville, Shady Grove, Bethsaida, Prospect and El Bethel. The minutes of the Cape Fear Conference show that the Conference met each year with the same representation as in the beginning until the Conference of 1861. For the time during the next five years there are no minutes in the Cape Fear Conference record book. This was during the Civil War which could have caused the Conference not to meet or if they did meet the minutes were never recorded. We do not find any records as to what happened.

On the very next page, after the minutes of the 1861 Conference, the Cape Fear Conference records the meeting of 1866. That is the Conference which met on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of October, 1866. The meeting was at Bethsaida church in Harnett County. In the records of this season, St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church was recorded as having a delegation present and of being a member of the Cape Fear Conference with notation that it had twenty-two members on the roll of the church. At this Conference, the church was represented by Elder Parrott Creech. There is no record in the original Cape Fear Conference book as to exactly what year St. Mary's Grove did join the Conference, though we know there is a five-year period for

which the records are missing, and it could have been in any one of the missing years. We know also that the church necessarily would have already been recognized as an organized church to become a member of this Cape Fear Conference. In the light of these facts, we realize that there is a possibility of even a few more years before 1866. The minutes of 1866 in the Cape Fear Conference record that there was no motion recorded to receive St. Mary's Grove at this Conference, so how many years before this Conference it was organized before it became a member of this conference is speculation, as no records exist that have been found.

During visits with Mrs. Laura Creech Coats, twelve to fifteen years ago, she reminisced about the church very often and even said much about its beginning with twenty-two members in 1866. This agrees with what she told about the latter part of the 1880's when the church in which they were worshipping became too small for the congregation because the members of Rehobeth, when their church was not having services, would visit with the members of St. Mary's Grove and the members of St. Mary's Grove likewise would visit Rehobeth. She spoke often of the type of structure but did not remember definitely. We do know that it was a one-room structure and was very small. After the first building was moved to one side, another structure was then built to take care of the congregation and visitors. This structure was also a one-room frame

*Turn the Page*



building and served as the sanctuary until approximately 1911, or 1912, when the split came with the pentecostal movement moving out of the Original Free Will Baptists. During this period of time, the old structure was burned. Shortly thereafter a new structure was built in its place. Laura C. Coats told that Ruffin Coats spent quite a bit of time pulling logs from the woods and having them cut for the structure to be built. Ruffin Coats, with the aid of members of the congregation, built this structure. Later Tom D. Coats and Bill Langdon furnished materials and built wings on both sides of the then one-room frame sanctuary. This building lasted until approximately 1961, or 1962. The building itself was then sold. The present building was started with the Sunday school rooms being built first and then the addition of the sanctuary. During this time the parsonage was built in 1955, under the leadership of Pastor Allen Bryan.

In 1959 the construction of the Sunday school rooms and the sanctuary began and was finished in 1961, or 1962, under the leadership of Pastor Ray Allman.

In 1972, or 1973, the church voted to build a Fellowship or sometimes called Activity Building behind the Sunday school rooms and the sanctuary for the benefit of the members of the church. This building was completed in 1974, under the leadership of Rev. R. H. Jackson, who died December, 1974.

In 1976 during the investigation of Ezra Coates, chairman of the Board of Deacons, it was found that St. Mary's Grove only owned one-half of the north end of the cemetery. The property was then surveyed, the graves plotted, many stones reset and straightened. Now all property lines are in place with permanent markers. The south end of the cemetery is now deeded to St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church and is recorded in Plot Book 18, Page 113 in the Register of Deeds office in the Courthouse at Smithfield, North Carolina.

The complete parking lot was paved in 1977.

The present property is recorded in the Courthouse at Smithfield, North Carolina and was deeded to St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church on February 27, 1911. The property was secured from E. N. Jones and wife for a price of \$50. The property consisted of one and three-fourths acres at that time. This is recorded in Book L, Page 554 in the Register of Deeds office in the Courthouse.

Faithful servants of God who have served the church as pastors to the very best of their ability,

making a history possible are:

Elder Parrott Creech (father of Mrs. Laura C Coats), Elder Dock Johnson, Uncle Ruffin Coats, Revs. Herman Wooten, Allen Bryan, Bunn Ferrell, Ray Allman, Wiley Ferrell, James Howard, Cadim Coats, R. H. Jackson and Ed Taylor (present pas

The deacons who have served this church, according to the records that we have been able to secure, have been: Jessie Pearce, T. D. Coats, Cyrus Coats, Willie Overman, Junious Barbour, J. Cook, Seth Barbour, L. D. Stephenson, Parker Johnson, W. J. Langdon, Victor Penny, Arthur Pollard, Ray Cobb, Hosea Coats, Hardy Johnson, Theron Lassiter, Leon Norris, Marshall Cobb, Ezra Coates, Shelton Langdon, Myatt Stephenson, Harry Barbour, W. A. Roberts, Durwood Cobb, Joe Barbour, Lemay Penny, John Floyd, Marvin Langdon, Norlynn Matthews, Albert Byrd, David Daniel Barbour, Willie Thomas (known as "Billy") Grimes, and J. W. Barbour.

The elders who have served this church to the best of their ability and recorded by the church are: Calvin Lassiter, Elijah Woodall, Callie Cobb, Arthur Pollard, Hardy Johnson, R. A. Coats, and Elder J. W. Barbour.

The trustees of this church, according to our own records from 1926, have been R. A. Coats, T. P. Byrd, T. S. Langdon, Vaden Lassiter, Hosea Coates, Parker Johnson, and Leon Norris.

The clerks have been R. A. Coats (do not know length of service), W. J. Langdon from 1926 to 1954, R. C. Gregory from 1954 to 1962, and Douglas Langdon from 1962 to the present time.

The church treasurers have been Calvin Lassiter, D. B. Johnson, T. S. Langdon, Marvin Langdon, Shelton Langdon, and Helen Coates, who is now serving.

"The years tread the world like great black oxen and God, the Herdsman, goads them on behind"—(W. B. Yeats). History is in the making—sometimes with a slow, heavy methodical tread, sometimes in a light fantastic step! Time to make history is not granted by the asking, but is dispensed by our God. Vastness is incomprehensible to our finite minds, and awesome in its magnitude. Of time, we say, yesterday, today, tomorrow—the past, present and future. The past has gone glimmering through the dream of things that were, into the storage of history; the present is a mere connecting link between the past and the future, reflecting what has been, and predicting what is to come, and the future is simply what we make it.

Important history has been in the making since organization of St. Mary's Grove Original Free Baptist Church by Elder Parrott Creech somewhere in the 1860's or the latter part of the 180's. This church has certainly been an asset in work for the Kingdom of God in this community. There is no way to tell how many souls have been won to the Lord Jesus Christ through the effort, the dedication, and the labor of each member, whether having served or just taken part as a member of the church united in one accord that the Lord Jesus Christ might be lifted up. We are thankful that God allowed each of us to be a part of this precious work that is not only recorded in the books and in the memories of many of our community but is also recorded in the Kingdom of God and will last eternally.

It has been said that "when God shuts a door, He opens a window." May the future be a window opened, letting in new light on a battered and torn world, with new light shining through the cracks time has made, as we stand upon the threshold of the new!

May we remember the past, but utilize the present as we look to the future.

Sources of information:

- Original minutes of the Cape Fear Conference at Mount Olive College.
- Statements of Mrs. Laura Creech Coats, daughter of Elder Parrott Creech, organizer of this church and its first pastor. Mrs. Coats was ninety-seven when she died in 1965.
- Minutes of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church which date back to 1926.
- Statements from members of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

## IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Lessie Seymour

On Monday afternoon September 10, 1979, God called Mrs. Lessie Seymour to her heavenly home. She had been in declining health for several years and was eighty-four at the time of her death. She was a life-long resident of Snow Hill, Greene County, North Carolina, near Hill Road church until about four or five years prior to her passing. She then resided with her daughter near Kinston, unless she was visiting with one of her other children.

Mrs. Seymour was married in 1888 to Joshua Seymour. Like many other young wives, she soon had to see her husband leave for the armed forces in World War I. In about a year he returned and they began to build a happy home together.

God blessed them with a large family. She is survived by five daughters: Mrs. Minnie Reynolds of Rockville, Maryland; Mrs. Ida Williams, Mrs. Frances Brooks, Mrs. Grace Rouse, all of Miami, Florida; and Mrs. Glynn Smith of Kinston; four sons: Claude of Greenville, Leonard of Raleigh, Weston of Bishopville, South Carolina, and Roger of Miami, Florida. Ida, Leonard, and Weston, being triplets, brought

many visitors to the home to see the three babies.

Mrs. Seymour was a devoted member of Hull Road Original Free Will Baptist Church and was faithful in attendance whenever circumstances permitted her to do so. She cared for her aged parents for many years prior to their death. She was a devoted wife and mother and exemplified her Christian life by the way she conducted herself in the home, in the community, and in the influence she had upon her family. Mrs. Seymour taught her children the abstract qualities of the Christian virtues, leaving to them a goodly heritage—a spiritual heritage. She also had time to visit and care for the sick and help others who were in need.

All of us know that the most important thing in life is preparing for death and spiritual life beyond the grave. To this goal, I believe Mrs. Lessie attained and that she was happy in her heart, even though she suffered much physical pain.

Her time on earth was filled with good works, but life had finished its course and had nothing more to offer. Now death was ready to have a part, as it

does in the life of everyone. So death opened the door to Heaven and I believe Mrs. Seymour quietly and calmly passed through its portals, her heart filled with peace, joy, and contentment in knowing Christ as her Lord and Saviour, and in knowing too, that she would be with Him throughout eternity.

Submitted by,  
Glenn M. Hill

## Coming Events . . .

December—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

December 3—Central Conference Layman's League Meeting, Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, Pitt County

December 10—Revision Committee of Faith and Discipline will meet at the Press, 9:30 a.m.

December 25—Christmas Day

December 24, 25—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

December 30—Mount Olive College Day in Local Churches



## In Memory of Mrs. Lyda Cooper

"She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff" (Proverbs 31:19).

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines the word "distaff" as "a staff for holding the flax, tow, or wool in spinning; woman's work or domain; the female branch or side of a family." The second definition, "woman's work or domain," is used here as a foundation for this tribute to the life lived by Mrs. Lyda Harris Cooper.

Mrs. Cooper was born in the Pike Road Community of Beaufort County, April 16, 1906, and died April 25, 1979, living all 73 years of her life in this community.

Sister Cooper accepted Christ as her Saviour when she was 17 years of age and became a member of Union Grove (now Trinity) Original Free Will Baptist Church where she was a faithful member until her death.

Mrs. Cooper married Clifton B. Cooper of the same community on December 25, 1925. To this union were born four children. Two of these survive. They are Carlton B. Cooper of Washington, North Carolina, and Talmage O. Cooper of Route 1, Pantego, North Carolina. Mr. Cooper died September 11, 1967. She is also survived by four grandchildren, two brothers, and two sisters.

Her family and her church: these were her work, her domain. To these she gave of herself with all of her living. Devout, compassionate, affectionate, positive, she did in truth hold the distaff in her hand.

As a wife and as a mother, she faced the years as they came. Years like most years: times of joy, as when the children were born; times of sorrow as when two of them died, and in later years with the passing of Brother Cooper also. Back in the days when her family was young, it was not easy for average folks to make ends meet. Jobs and money

were not as easy to come by as they are today. But with an unshakable faith in God, she met the challenge of these experiences and lived through them to the glory of God and the good of her family.

Her children rise up to call her blessed, her husband also, and he praised her. Of a truth, she held the distaff in her hands.

Knowing Christ as her personal Saviour, she loved His Church, visible and invisible. Her visible church was the Original Free Will Baptist Church—Union Grove when she became a member and now renamed Trinity. In fact, this church is in reality the continuation of historical Pungo Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Like all members of her family, she knew the doctrine of the Original Free Will Baptist Church. She was ever ready to praise it, to defend it, and considered it a joy to propagate it. She was always responsive to the call of the church. Never content to be just another member, Sister Cooper was involved in all of the church program. She was always ready to teach in Sunday school, to lead a prayer in worship service or Bible study, to take a part in the league or occupy a leading role in the Women's Auxiliary. It was her pleasure to be a part of efforts to promote prayer and praise in, and to raise funds for denominational causes, often filling a position of leadership in these activities.

After Brother Cooper died and the sons had established homes of their own, the church became the center of her life.

Her support of missions and the Children's Home was never in question. You could always number her with the leaders who sought to encourage support for these enterprises.

But the two causes that were near and dear to her heart were Cragmont Assembly and Mount Olive College. She never missed an opportunity to speak about, to work for, and to contribute to these institutions.

The Women's Conference at Cragmont was an event that she looked forward to with great anticipation. They were such a blessing to her. Her cup always ran over, and ours would, too, when she came back to tell of wonderful experiences she had been a part of. It would have been to see a dream come true if it could have been numbered with those who occupied the building this year.

Sister Lyda loved Mount Olive College from its infancy. Her interest in Mount Olive College was an unselfish one. It was her belief that the College was filling a need in the lives of young people, and she wanted to have a part, and have a part she did. For the past 17 years, the Original Free Will Baptists of Beaufort County have put on a drive to raise funds for the College. The drives are climaxed with a dinner. As I remember, in all of the drives save one, she has headed the committee in our church. To give you some idea of the success of her efforts and those who supported her, our church challenge has risen until now is the second highest in the county, although we are the second smallest in regular attendance of all the churches that participate.

I believe if you had asked people from the various churches that have been involved in the campaigns to name a Mr. Mrs. Mount Olive College in Beaufort County, they would have chosen Sister Lyda Cooper. Her hands, too, she held the distaff in her hands.

The Rev. Bryant Hines, pastor; the Rev. Marvin Waterhouse, a former pastor; and Dr. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, officiated at her funeral in Trinity church. These men were her own selection. Each of them, in the words they had chosen, expressed their love, respect, and appreciation for Sister Lyda.

The author of the following poem has a man as his central character, but the message



the with equal importance with  
a woman filling the role.

### THE BRIDGE BUILDER

Old man going a lone highway  
Came in the evening cold and gray  
To chasm vast and deep and wide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fears of him,  
He stopped when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.  
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with  
building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way,  
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,  
Why build you this bridge at evening  
side?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he  
said,  
"Here followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm which has been as naught to  
me  
That fair-haired youth might a pitfall  
be,  
He too, must cross in the twilight dim,  
Good friend, I am building the bridge for  
him"

—Will Allen Dromgoole

Tribute written and submitted by a  
Fellow church member, Oscar  
Webster

### I NEVER SAW HIM

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

Can you imagine this brief  
conversation? A priest and a  
Levite, having just arrived in  
Jericho, are refreshing them-  
selves at the great spring that  
pours out of the side of the  
mountain.  
"Did you have any problems  
coming down today?" asks the  
Levite.  
"None at all," says the priest.  
The road seemed to be clear  
today, none of those robbers  
were anywhere to be seen."  
"We've sure got to do  
something about those robbers,"  
the Levite responds. "It's getting  
to the place that it's dangerous  
for good people to travel these  
roads."

Both of these men had passed  
the man that had been beaten  
and left for dead on that road.  
They had passed by on the other  
side of the road, averting their  
eyes, refusing the responsibility  
that had faced them. The man  
that had been beaten and robbed  
and left for dead was a nuisance  
to them. He wasn't their kind of  
people, so they passed him by.  
That's an attitude very easy to  
come by even in our day. It's  
much easier to isolate someone  
than to face the problems that  
we might have if we get too close  
and help someone in need.

It's tough to get a call at two in  
the morning; "Billy is sick and  
his mother wants you to come  
over and have prayer with him."  
They need you now at two  
o'clock in the morning and not  
the next day when it's convenient  
for you. Or to get a call in the  
middle of the night from the  
police, "There's a guy here, says  
his name is Charlie, he says  
you'll come after him. He's dead  
drunk." But Charlie needs  
someone then, in the middle of  
the night and not at ten in the  
morning.

The neighbor's kid whose dad  
has skipped, whose mother  
makes a living working as a  
waitress, always has a broken  
bike or something that needs  
fixing. He needs someone that  
will fix these things for him then.  
He needs someone who sees him  
as a boy with a broken bike and  
not as a nuisance on the street.

How easy it is to say, "Hey,  
it's good to see you, so long."  
How easy it is to pat him on the  
back and be done with him.  
How easy and how totally  
meaningless. How easy to put  
him off by saying, "I just don't  
have the time to fix your bike  
now." That's the trouble with  
religion that never gets beyond  
seeing people as the trouble  
spots in an otherwise pleasant  
world. I wonder if we as  
Christians do not pass by on the  
other side of the road too often.

### "SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY" OBSERVED AT FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

Submitted by Nita Tugwell

Sunday, November 11, was  
declared "Senior Citizens' Day"  
at Friendship Free Will Baptist  
Church, Route 1, Farmville,  
North Carolina. Sponsoring the  
event was the young woman's  
auxiliary of the church.

During the program, the senior  
citizens of the church received  
special recognition. Those  
honored included the following:  
Mr. Walter Sutton, Mrs. Ruby  
Batten, Mrs. Mary Oakley, Mr.  
Carlyle Oakley, Mr. Leslie  
Moore, Mrs. Fannie Moore, Mrs.  
Mildred Tugwell, Mr. Hubert  
Tugwell, Mrs. Sallie Morgan,  
and Mr. Lyman Morgan.

All honorees received either a  
white boutonniere or a white  
carnation corsage. The youth  
choir rendered a special vocal  
selection for the group, and  
Claudia Little, a member of the  
YWA paid tribute to the senior  
citizens, assuring them that they  
were needed, loved, and ap-  
preciated. Mrs. Chris Tugwell,  
also a member of the YWA  
presented a reading: "Life's  
Golden Autumn" by Helen  
Steiner Rice, and dedicated it to  
the honored members.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds,  
pastor of Friendship, expressed  
personal appreciation to each of  
those honored.

Following the service, dinner  
was served in the fellowship hall.  
An autumn decor was featured,  
utilizing mixed flowers in  
various hues.

Of the senior citizens it can be  
said, "The mature years are but  
a bridge between youth and  
Heaven." Friendship church was  
happy for the opportunity to  
honor those older members who  
have meant so much to the  
church, and who will continue to  
be a vital part of her life.



# A Four-Year Program for Mount Olive?

by Bass M. Mitchell

The announcement that Mount Olive College has made plans to move toward a four-year program is one that has been eagerly anticipated by many of us. That Mount Olive College has reached this point in its history, is an unqualified testimony to the dedication of its administration and our denomination to express Christian ideals in and through the educational process. It is most significant that our college has been able to show that a liberal arts education and the Christian faith not only work well together, but also complement each other. I do not know of many colleges that can boast of this achievement. I'm afraid that we have not fully realized the contributions that Mount Olive College has made to our denomination. Because Mount Olive College is a liberal arts junior college, it has been able to serve our denomination and the world on a broad scale. Our young people can attend Mount Olive College and obtain such a high quality of education that they can then transfer to a four-year college for greater concentration in their field of study.

I see in Mount Olive College's commitment to a liberal arts program an expression of how seriously the church is taking its social responsibilities. As Christians we are called to live in and work in the world, not to withdraw from it into the confines of narrow self-interests. Mount Olive College has taken upon itself the responsibility to not only train ministers for service in the church, but also Christians for service in whatever occupation to which they are called. Mount Olive College provides an educational context for Christians to learn

about the world, to seek to understand the experiences of modern life, and what it means to be human. Thus, through Mount Olive College we are acquainted with various fields of study: psychology, sociology, economics, anthropology, science, history, religion, to name but a few.

The point is this, how can we relevantly relate the gospel to modern humanity, if we do not have an adequate understanding of what is going on in our world? Historically, the power of the gospel has been demonstrated in

its ability to speak to humanity in every age. The gospel touches the human heart as deeply relevantly as it so often does because of but in spite of us. a junior college, Mount Olive has been a medium through which the gospel has been made meaningful to hundreds of us. It has challenged us to understand our faith and our world.

Mount Olive College has shown a great sensitivity to needs of our denomination through the establishment of such programs as the P  
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## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER 23 Years Ago

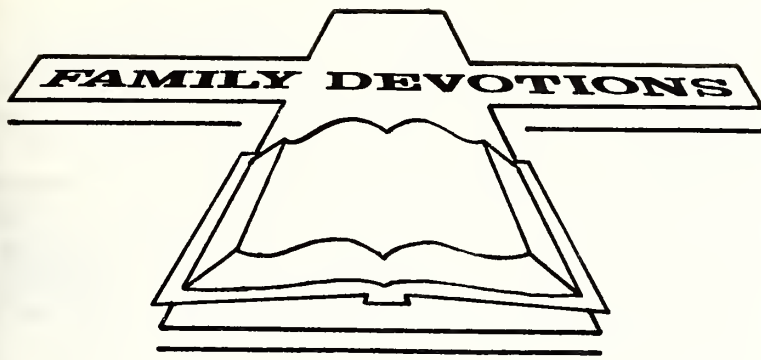
"The Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference of North Carolina will meet on January 29, 1956, with the Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, using as the theme for the year, Jesus."—News Notes

"The Ministerial Association of the Western Conference met at the S & W Cafeteria on Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, on Thursday, January 26 at 10:00 a. m. All ministers who are members of the conference and those pastoring churches within the conference were invited and urged to attend the meeting."—News Notes, Ministerial Association, Western Conference Met at Cafeteria

"It is hard to describe the enthusiasm that has accompanied the recent drive for funds for Mount Olive Junior College in Wayne and surrounding counties of North Carolina. The drive began February 15, when the Mayor of Mount Olive called together a group of interested citizens to launch a financial campaign in behalf of the college. As of the time of this writing, Tuesday, March 13, the fund in pledges and cash gifts has reached the sum of \$99,373."—Christian Education

"I am a minister of the gospel, and was ordained in October. I belong to the Western Conference of North Carolina. I would like very much to obtain some pastoral work, revivals or any other service in which I could be of help to the cause of Christ. I can be contacted by phoning Goldsboro, 793-J3."—Robert Rollins, Route 4, Mount Olive, North Carolina, The Mail Box, Pastoral Work Wanted

"On June 24 a revival will begin at the Pine Level, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, and continue throughout the week. The evangelist for this revival will be the Rev. C. L. Patrick."—Revival at Pine Level, News Notes



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:1-6

**HEART OF A CHILD**

Whatever you write on the heart of a child

No water can wash away.

The sand may be shifted when billows are wild

And the efforts of time may decay.

Some stories may perish, some songs be forgot

But this graven record—time changes it not.

Whatever you write on the heart of a child,

A story of gladness or care

That heaven has blessed or earth has defiled,

Will linger unchangeably there.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*“As the twig is bent, so will it grow” goes the old saying. Just as important are those impressions we make upon childish hearts. Let us never discount the value of godly example!*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 1:16-23

**A STEWARD**

A steward in a church asked a member for a contribution, and the member said that he didn't have any money to give. The steward said, “Brother, we only have two kinds of members in our church. Those who give to the church and those the church gives to . . . and right now we'll start helping you.”

Result: The steward got a sizable donation.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Which are you? The one who gives to the church, or one to whom the church gives? In actuality, the more we give, the more we receive. Dare we trust that truth enough to practice selfless giving?*

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Scripture Reading—Genesis 25:2-29

**A BOY**

Nobody knows what a boy is worth,

A boy at his work or play,

A boy who whistles around the place,

Or laughs in an artless way.

Nobody knows what a boy is worth,

And the world must wait and see,

For every man in an honored place,

Is a boy that used to be.

Nobody knows what a boy is worth,

A boy with his face aglow,

Or hid in his heart there are secrets deep

Not even the wisest know.

Nobody knows what a boy is worth,

A boy with his bare, white feet;

Who have a smile and a kindly word,

For every boy you meet.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*When a boy grows up, he will be a man. If he watches us, he may reflect our attitudes, our favorable and unfavorable traits. Let us be certain that we provide good example and pray for God's guidance toward acceptable living.*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**

Scripture Reading—Genesis 1:1-25

**ALL THIS AND MORE**

God made the sunlight, but it cannot laugh,

God made the moonbeams, but they cannot smile;

God made the stars, but they cannot play;

God made the endearing fawn, but it cannot sing;

God made the birds, but they cannot hold the heart;

God made music, but it cannot love.

So, God made you, my child.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*The child seems to be the embodiment of all good things. Let none of us offend one of these little ones; rather, let us help mold them for God's use.*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Scripture Reading—Psalm 55:14-23

**KEEP ON PRAYING**

Just keep on praying “Till light breaks through!”

The Lord will answer, will answer you,

God keeps His promise, His Word is true—

Just keep on praying “Till light breaks through!”

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Prayer is the most direct line to God. Let's heed the Word and pray without ceasing.*

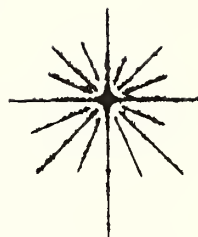


# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!

### Season's Greetings

*A gift to the Mount Olive College Library has been entered for you in celebration of our Savior's birth with the best wishes of*



MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE  
MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Are you having problems deciding what to give certain friends or relatives for Christmas? A gift to the Moyer Library may solve the problem. The library has prepared a special Christmas greeting card to acknowledge gifts for Christmas. A sample card is shown above. (Season's Greetings is in red.)

The library staff will be happy to acknowledge your gift in the name of someone and will prepare an appropriate bookplate and place it in a book to enrich the collection, helping to move the library toward meeting requirements for four-year status.

Gift forms are available upon request or you may send your checks along with the names and addresses of those persons in whose names you wish to make a gift. Be sure to specify "Christmas gift." The library staff will do the rest! The library mailing address is Moyer Library, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

## DINNERS BRING IN \$134,421.29 FOR COLLEGE

The annual fall dinner program held in support of Mount Olive College brought in a total of \$134,421.29 for 1979. Over 4,000 Free Will Baptists and friends attended the seventy county dinners.

The 1978 dinners raised \$118,273.28, a difference of over \$16,000. "It is humbling to us that despite high inflation, Free Will Baptist people are still giving from their hearts toward God's work on earth at Mount Olive College," stated Joe Ackiss, coordinator of the dinner program at the College.

### Awards Presented

The remaining \$100 award was presented to churches in recognition of their efforts at the Hopewell church (Johnston County), Rose of Sharon (Marion County), Holly Springs church (Carteret County), Gum Swamp church (Pitt County), Saint Mary's church (Wilson County) and Saint Paul's church (Sampson County) for giving the largest amount at their dinners.

Churches giving the most per capita (most per member) at the Hopewell church (Johnston County), Mount Zion church (Washington County), Day Church (Carteret County), Saint Mary's (Wilson County), and Saint Paul's (Sampson County).

Churches bringing the most high school students to the dinner included Everett Chapel church (Johnston County), South Side church (Tyrrell County), Holly Springs (Carteret County), Marlboro and Winterville churches (Pitt County), First Church, Wilson (Wilson County) and Pleasant Grove church (Harnett County).

### COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Rapier, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Catawba

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Free Will Baptist Mission, near Fayetteville on Sunday, December 2, at the morning worship service.

The Rev. Alton Howard is pastor.

### FREE WILL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP VISITS PLANETARIUM

The Free Will Baptist Fellowship sponsored a trip to the Morehead Planetarium, November 19, to view their annual Christmas program.

The presentation entitled, "The Star of Bethlehem" which portrayed the beautiful and annual search for the Christmas star. The various astronomical explanations for the Star's origin were discussed and the program closed with the traditional pageant portraying the Biblical account of the first Christmas.

### Report from

## HOME MISSIONS

by Taylor Hill

### CAPE COLONY MISSION REPORT



Ronnie Mohn Family

Ronnie Mohn accepted the Cape Colony Mission pastorate at Edenton, North Carolina, eight months ago. At that time, the overall attendance was less than

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## Mount Olive College Chorus

presents

Handel's Messiah

Tuesday, December 4

at 11 a.m. and

8 p.m.

Rodgers Chapel

The public invited

Admission Free

ten and since then there has been eight new decisions for Christ and the attendance has risen to more than thirty.

Brother Mohn and his family were faithful workers in the Wilson Free Spirit Mission before accepting this call. His wife, Sherry, is working diligently in assisting him in his ministry. They have four lovely children: Michael, eleven; Bryan, seven; Tammy, eight; and Ronnie, nine.

We are proud of Ronnie, Sherry, and their children for the fine job that they are doing. We are also thankful for all the faithful brethren in the Cape Colony area that are helping the work to go on. Brother Ronnie is a student at the Carolina Bible Institute.

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Palmer Institute. This program provides an opportunity for ministers and the laity to obtain college equivalent courses that they could not otherwise obtain.

The greatest contribution of all that Mount Olive College has made is in the hundreds of Christian lives that it has helped strengthen and deepen. Our denomination and our world have reaped the benefits from it.

You and I have the privilege of participating in making Mount Olive College a four-year institution through our prayers, financial contributions, and overall support. Perhaps some will say that we can't afford a four-year college, but I contend that we can't afford to do without it.

### WANTED

Ministers for the Home Missions and Church Extension field for the purpose of establishing new churches. Contact: Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

Consider THE FREE  
WILL BAPTIST as a  
Christmas gift.



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For December 9

## CHRIST TRIUMPHANT THROUGH THE CROSS

**Lesson Text:** Colossians 2:6-15

**Memory Verse:** Colossians 2:9,  
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### I. INTRODUCTION

See last week's lesson for the general background of Paul's letter to the Colossians. This second lesson from that letter has its background in the opening verses of Chapter 2. Paul was anxious for the Colossian Christians to be strengthened in heart, knit together in love, and growing in their understanding of "the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." He was concerned "lest any man should beguile you with enticing words."

We do not know exactly what "enticing words" might beguile the Colossians; but from hints in the rest of the chapter we conclude that some teacher or group was promoting a curious blend of Jewish teaching with pagan philosophy and perhaps some elements from Oriental mystery religions. Or possibly different teachers were injecting these different errors into Christian teaching. Such mistaken ideas would tend to weaken instead of strengthen Christian hearts, to make the Christians divided instead of knit together in love, and to confuse them instead of helping their understanding of the mystery of God. To keep the Christians from being confused, Paul gave the instructions we

read in our text.—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Where does our faith in God come from? Is it something we "pump up" from nothing, or does it have a source not of our own? The latter is true. God's Word says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). The source of our faith is the Bible; the more we read and gives strength to our faith.

B. This faith which God gives assures us that we established in Christ, completed in Christ, and triumphant in Christ. Christ's triumph was through the Cross of Calvary; ours is in Him. Because of Calvary our faith is rooted in Christ; He is the source of a full and meaningful life for us; we are assured of being delivered through His death and resurrection; and in that deliverance we find triumph through our victory over the temptations that assail the flesh.

C. Because Christ was triumphant through the Cross, all kinds of human suffering are subject to His healing: the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the sick are restored. A dying mother holds out her child to Him and He cares; conquerors hand Him their swords; and kings, in the sincerest homage, take off their crowns and kneel in humility before Him.

D. Confucius said, "Let me give you advice, my friend; if you get out of your troubles, never get into them again." Buddha said, "If you can climb up to where I can reach you I

will help you." But Jesus said "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And then He climbed down into the pit and carried me out!

E. "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell" (Colossians 1:19). As waters meet in the sea, and all the lights meet in the sun, all the perfections and excellencies of all the saints and angels meet in Christ. But Christ has more than this; in Him dwells also the fulness of Godhead—the riches of the Deity are in Him.

F. The glow of the crown of triumph which Christ wears may be dimmed by our disobedience and sins.

G. We are complete in Him but this does not give us license to sin. Paul asked, ". . . Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" And then he added "God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1, 2).

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.I.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

"Methinks I can see I hands leave the nails lo enough to break open the gates of Hell and bring back home with Him to Heaven the ransom soul of that penitent thief. Outwardly their crosses look very much alike, but how vastly different were the experiences those three in death. One curse one prayed, the other redeemed a fallen race . . . The question for you is not whether you will be nailed on a cross, but whether should you be nailed on a cross would you curse, or pray, or love your Master Jesus, dedicate your cross to the redemption of the race."

—The Advanced Quarter  
(F.W.I.)

November is  
Children's Home Month



## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### CONJUGATING EVENTS

by Dr. E. M. Lall

(Dr. Lall is a missionary in Bareilly, India.)

This year, October had great significance, as we remembered the great historical events in our nation's life; the victory of Rama over Ravana, Gandhiji's 75th anniversary, and the coming of Rama after the long exile of fourteen years. "VIJAYA DASHAMI" assures us of the ultimate victory of the good over evil, the second of October reminds us the power of Ahimsa (non-violence and the unbroken chain of small insignificant and weak flames of earthen lamps encourages us to "let our light shine before men that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven." What else than these is needed at this juncture of our political, religious, social, and economical life!)

On the eve of the twenty-third anniversary of our independent existence, the president of the public spoke of the gloomy horizon of our political morality, the corruptibility of our leaders, their struggle for power, and the self-interest of our elected representatives have hardly left us a choice to believe in our political system. The media informs us the plight of the wretched, the misery of being untouchable, the inflicted wounds of the dowry system, the infiltration of immorality at every level of our social, religious and political life, and the loss of purpose, direction, and guidance by our leadership. We, as a nation, find ourselves at the very crossroads of prosperity and destruction and are too confused to choose and distinguish between them. Yet we are rather facing the horns of dilemma.

There is no doubt that the situation around us is gloomy; there is no doubt that we do witness the suffering of righteous and prosperity of the corrupt, the immoral and the evil. The Cross exhibits the ugly face of the evil and the depth at which the righteous takes upon Himself vicarious suffering in order to win back those who are under the spell of evil. It also reminds us the ultimate victory of the righteous, the good over the evil.

Let us not forget, even for a moment, that this ultimate victory is not brought about by the violent and destructive means and forces. Like Ashoka, many of us often realize the futility of violence and war. The existential problems cannot be solved by the extinction of existence. It is in such situations of life and death that we begin to appreciate the power of non-violence—Ahimsa or moral force as Gandhiji understood the "folly to those who are perishing, but the power of God for those who are being saved."

The gravity of our situation demands that those who consider themselves "saved," committed to the ideals of love, justice, peace and brotherhood, and genuinely interested in the welfare of the people, should come forward to dispel the darkness of gloom, hopelessness, and frustration. Their individual light of love, truth, and justice may appear to be just an insignificant glow in the vast aura of darkness, but their unbroken chain of light is more than enough to show us the way out of the present gloom and lead us to liberty, prosperity, and fraternity.

### A TRIP TO MANILA

by Wayne King

During the first part of October, Deborah, Kelly, and I again found ourselves in the teeming city of Manila. It was quite a change of pace from the provincial life we've known on

Palawan during the last few months. In fact, we'd temporarily forgotten just what it's like to live in the "asphalt jungle" and face the usual fare of bumper-to-bumper traffic.

Admittedly though, it was good to get back to the "big city" again for a few days' visit. We had gone there during the trimestral break of P. B. I. to tend to routinely periodic matters which are necessarily a part of missionary life. All in all, we spent a very busy week. And although it was anything but a "rest and relaxation" trip, it did provide, nonetheless, some enjoyable opportunities unafforded us on Palawan.

A major purpose of our trip involved immigration and visa matters. Both Deborah's and my United States passports needed renewing, as they had been issued some five years ago when we were preparing to come to the Philippines. Kelly's United States passport was issued just last year shortly after her birth, so hers was okay. Anyway the process of passport renewal required the actual presence of Deborah and me both at the United States Embassy in Manila, where our new passports were subsequently issued.

Our Philippine visas, which are the Philippine government's permission for us to stay and work in this country, were also soon to expire on October 20. So it was necessary that we apply to have these renewed also, after our new United States passports had been issued. All of this was a "must" for us to remain in the country and is a normal requirement for all aliens.

There were other less pressing things to do, but nonetheless, important: buying New Testaments and Bibles, as well as other supplies to ship back to Palawan, getting medical check-ups and especially the required immunizations for Kelly.

But the enjoyable part of the trip included the little things we

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## FAMILY DEVOTIONS

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### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Scripture Reading—John 3:10-16

#### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Believe it or not; Edgar G. Watts of North Hollywood, California, age 84, read the Bible from cover to cover 161 times. He had the use of only one eye for 55 years.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Even with a visual handicap, Mr. Watts accomplished a feat few of us hope to accomplish. Consider this: How many times have you read the Bible through—once or twice? Should you not read it more?*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:1-10

#### WATCH YOUR CAN'TS AND CAN'S

If you would have some worthwhile plans,  
You've got to watch your "can'ts" and "cans."  
You can't aim low and then rise high;  
You can't succeed if you don't try;  
You can't go wrong and come out right;  
You can't love sin and walk in light;  
You can't throw time and means away  
And live sublime from day to day.  
You can be great if you'll be good  
And do God's will as all men should.  
You can ascend life's upward road,  
Although you bear a heavy load;  
You can be honest, truthful, clean,  
By turning from the low and mean;  
You can uplift the souls of men  
By words and deed, or by your pen.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*With God all things are possible. There should be very few "can'ts" in the Christian life. If you find more "can'ts" than "cans" in your attitude, you need to reexamine your motivation.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

## Foreign Missions

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had been unaccustomed to on Palawan. Like the long-distance telephone call to our folks in the States and the opportunity to speak a personal word to Mama and Daddy and to hear them speak to us. Or the visit to the Manila Zoo with little Kelly and watching her enjoyment and amazement at seeing all the animals. Or savoring delectable foods we don't normally get on Palawan. We even got some "back-home" cooking when we ate at the Manila franchise of Kentucky Fried Chicken. Seeing as how chicken is scarce on Palawan and how we get to eat it so seldom, we found the Colonel's chicken especially "finger-licking good" over here.

It is true that there is no place like the place where you live and work. Sometimes, though, it's nice to have a Manila to go to.

## BIKE FOR MISSIONS

The Youth Fellowship of Everett Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Clayton, North Carolina, was the sponsor of a Bike-A-Thon held on October 13. The bikers raised \$345.25 in pledges and donations to be used for the education of Kim and Stevie Baker, children of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Baker, our missionaries to the Philippines.

Miss Renee Harris, YFA president, received a red Bible from Mrs. Mattie Henderson, Youth Director, for collecting the

largest amount of pledges for youth level. Mrs. LaVonne Carter, AFC teacher, received a black Bible, for collecting the largest sum of pledges of adult level.

Those enduring the nine-day route were: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ellis and son, Terry; Mrs. Po Ellis with children, Yvonne, Anthony; Karen James; Kay Henderson; Renee Harris; Michelle Yawn; Lisa Yawn; the Rev. and Mrs. H. Brazley Carter.

Rest stops along the route later at the church were enjoyed by all members. Refreshments of ham biscuits, candy, and drinks were served by Mrs. Carol Hall, Mrs. Blanche Jamison, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lytle.

## State Sunday School Convention

### Executive Committee

#### Endorses "The Bible Series"

At a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Sunday School Convention Monday night, November 12, in Kinston, North Carolina, the Committee went on record as recommending the new children's curriculum, "The Bible Series," for use in Free Will Baptist churches.

Members present at the meeting included: Stan Jenkins, Adrian Grubbs, Marjorie Waters, Milton Wiggs, George Bailey, Elwood Hill, Charles Singleton, and Janie Sowers.

The new curriculum is available now and will be supplemented with winter quarter material, December, 1979—February, 1980.

## ATTENTION

The Revision Committee of the Statement of Faith and Discipline will meet December 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the Free Will Baptist Press.

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Robert L. Langley has resigned as pastor of Stoney Hill Free Will Baptist Church. He announces that he is available for pastoral work. He has served churches in Albemarle, Cape Fear, and Western Conferences. He may be reached by writing Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557 or phone 284-4178.

Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, North Carolina, is in need of a full-time pastor. The members would like someone to live in the parsonage. Interested ministers please contact Mrs. Eleanor F. Moore, Route 2, Box 149, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; phone, 797-3324.

### NOTICE

Any clerk having their conference minutes for the 1980 **YEARBOOK**, is asked to send them to the Press as soon as possible.

### EDITORIAL

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their slumber, from their apathy, from their self-satisfied state, from their inactivity, from their passive representation of their faith.

If Christianity is a happy faith (and it surely is), we must act it. While we Free Will Baptists do not advocate unrestrained emotional behavior, we might nonetheless need a new surge of spiritual energy to get us off our pews and "to the work!"

The Chinese student was rightly puzzled at the placid appearance of the worshipers. He had been accustomed, as he affirmed, to enthusiastic demonstrations of faith—especially any religious expression of such.

"Are they not all evangelists?" Are not all Christians intent on telling others? Are not all Christians happy people? Do not all Christians evangelize? Consider your personal Christian life. How would you answer? The State Evangelism Conference can help.

## NEWS & NOTES OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Central Conference Laymen's League Holds Fall Singspiration

The Laymen's League Fellowship of the Central Conference held its fall singspiration November 16 and 17. The singspiration was attended by more than 460 people who were blessed and spiritually enriched by great gospel singing and fellowship. An offering of \$9.02 was received for Home Missions and the conference members wish to thank every participant for making the singspiration a success.

### Worship at Bethany Church to Have Chicken Stew and Bake Sale

The Woman's Auxiliary of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, will have a chicken stew and bake sale in the church's educational building on December 1. The serving time will be 5:30 p. m. until 7:30 p. m. The price of the meal is adults, \$2.50; and children, \$2.00. Everyone is invited.

### Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary for the Rev. and Mrs. Ray W. Allman

The children of the Rev. and Mrs. Ray W. Allman request the honor of your presence at the fiftieth Wedding Anniversary (1929-1979) of their parents on Sunday, the second of December from two-thirty until four-thirty, Merron Acres Free Will Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, Durham, North Carolina. Everyone is invited.

### Laymen's League Meeting At Rose Hill Church

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Taylor Hill  
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# BEING EVERYBODY'S FRIEND: THE DANGER OF BEING TWO-FACED

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Human nature, because of its imperfection, causes one err willingly and unwillingly. The unwillful sins can probably be more readily and easily forgiven by one's peers than can the willful ones. Unintended affronts are not taken so seriously when the circumstances are fully known. Of course God forgives both willful and unwillful sins (if indeed any can be categorized "unwillful"), but He is nonetheless desirous of determining improvement.

Many persons want desperately to get along with everybody else; and in a noble attempt to do so, if they are not careful they may find themselves being two-faced, or carrying stories and out of context to those with whom they seek favor. Some people actually make it their business to tend to everybody else's affairs. They do it, they say, for the purpose of getting things done logically and in order, to advise, to help, and to achieve the success of some task. And they surely take their responsibilities seriously—so seriously that they are obsessed with running back and forth, here and there, trying to be friends with everybody. In the end, it is likely that they will make enemies of all.

It is a truth well taught but hard to learn: No matter how well-intentioned, one simply cannot stay in everybody's good graces all the time, though the ideal is certainly a worthy one. One cannot expect to foster friendship through betrayal. Not all ends justify the means. One does not—or should not—smile in another's face and sneer at him behind his back, just to be in agreement with present company who might have some quarrel with the person or hold something against him. Sooner or later the deed will be known and reckoned with; the toll must be paid. The conscience, if serving well, will sooner or later chasten the offender. And, in addition, there is always the danger of the deed backfiring. Sooner or later one will have to be in the company of the one betrayed or criticized, and will find himself in the precarious position of having to agree with the one he has just criticized. It is a spot that can surely unnerve one and keep him jumping to say and do just the right thing, lest he lets the wrong cat out of the bag.

It is difficult—impossible, perhaps—to remember everything one has ever said about everybody, everything, and everywhere. In dealing for and/or against a person, one must be certain that he has his stories well outlined, especially if he intends to carry indiscreet bits of information back and forth between two opposing parties. The person who carries such information must be able to call to remembrance, at a moment's notice, what he did or did not say; for he may be taken to account for a statement, an offhand remark, or an intentional untruth. It sometimes involves a question of loyalty. It is an injudicious person indeed.

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# HAWAIIAN "CITIES OF REFUGE" —AND OURS

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by Jeff Bowen

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**F**OR men verily swear by the greater: and an oath of confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest, for ever after the order of Melchisedec (Hebrews 6:16-20). Please also read Numbers 35; Deuteronomy 19; and Joshua 20.

The first Christian missionaries came to Hawaii in 1820. They had come at an opportune time, for only a year earlier King Kamehameha II had cast aside the old law and religion, leaving a vacuum which the missionaries were eager to fill. One of these early missionaries was the Rev. William Ellis.

In 1823, the Rev. Ellis and his party traveled around the big island of Hawaii making a survey of possible church sites. They found a place called Honaunau which was of considerable importance, having been the residence of the kings of Hawaii for several successive generations.

The following is from the missionary's entry in his journal for July 13, 1823:

"The principal object that attracted our attention was the Hale-O-Keawe (the House of Keawe), a sacred depository of the bones of departed kings and princes . . . We endeavoured to gain admission to the inside of the house, but were told it was *tabu roa* (strictly prohibited), and that nothing but a direct order from the king, or Karaimoku, could open the door.

"However, by pushing one of the boards across the doorway a little on one side, we looked in and saw many large images, some of wood very much carved, others of red feathers, with distorted mouths, large rows of sharks' teeth, and pearl-shell eyes.

"When we had gratified our curiosity, and I had taken a drawing of the building and some of its appendages, we proceeded to examine other remarkable objects of the place. We found a *pahu tabu* (sacred enclosure) of considerable extent, and were informed by our guide that it was one of the *Pu'uhonua* of Hawaii. There are only two on the island; the one which we were then examining, and another at Waipi'o, on the northeast part of the island, in the district of Kohala.

"These *Pu'uhonua* were the Hawaiian cities of refuge, and afforded an inviolable sanctuary to the guilty fugitive

*Turn the Page*

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*Mr. Bowen has made an extensive study of the Hawaiian "cities of refuge," finding them—in principle—to be similar to the biblical account of such cities. Here are some of his findings—and an application for us.*



who, when flying from the avenging spear, was so favoured as to enter their precincts. This had several wide entrances, some on the side next to the sea, the others facing the mountains. Hither the manslayer, the man who had broken a tabu, or failed in the observance of its rigid requirements, the thief, and even the murderer, fled from his incensed pursuers, and was secure. To whomsoever he belonged, and from whatever part he came, he was equally certain of admittance, though liable to be pursued even to the gates of the enclosure.

"Happily for him, those gates were perpetually open; as soon as the fugitive had entered, he repaired to the presence of the idol, and made a short ejaculatory address, expressive of his obligations to him in reaching the place with security.

"The priests and their adherents would immediately put to death anyone who should have the temerity to follow or molest those who were once within the pale of the pahu tabu; and, as they expressed it, under the shade or protection of the spirit of Keawe, the tutelar deity of the place.

"We could not learn the length of time it was necessary for them to remain in the Pu'uhonua; but it did not appear to be more than two or three days. After that, they either attached themselves to the service of the priests, or returned to their homes.

"To show the importance placed on Honaunau's 'city of refuge,' there is a story of two Hawaiian brothers, Kamiki and

Kamaka'iole, who broke the kapu or tabu by refusing to prostrate themselves upon hearing the drums signifying prayers being offered in the temple.

"When one of the king's guards saw the two brothers walking and still upright he demanded they lie down on the ground. When they further refused to lie down—their reason being the king's guard was standing so why couldn't they—the guard said, 'You have broken the sacred kapu; it is my duty to kill you both!'

"The guard raised his club. Kamiki spun around behind the guard and dropped to his hands and knees. Kamaka'iole pushed the guard's chest and the guard fell over Kamiki to sprawl on his back. The brothers then ran home.

"Chief Honaunau-ihikapu-maka-o-ka-lani (Honaunau high tabu maker of the heavens), the district ruler who had ordered the drums sounded and his subjects to prostrate themselves, was informed immediately, and ordered his executive officer, Uia, and a dozen guards to arrest the brothers. They would make fine sacrifices at his temple. But the brothers, alert to such follow-up actions, circled around their home, eluded the guards in the village, and reached the place-of-refuge on the edge of the bay.

"Once inside, they prostrated themselves before a priest. Uia stood on the boundary of the refuge and called in, 'The chief wants those two. Send them out.'

"This is a place of refuge; it is sacred. It is to

save the lives of those who enter,' answered the priest.

"I want them! You either send them out or I'll come in and kill you too,' said Uia.

"No! You must be insane. This is a refuge! You shed blood in here, you even step over the line, and the wrath of the gods will be on your head, not mine,' answered the priest.

"Uia reluctantly left the gate.

"Kamiki and Kamaka'iole were kept in the refuge until their tempers subsided, then the priest sent them home in safety. All involved knew, from Chief Honaunau on down, that the brothers could now never be punished for the actions which caused them to seek refuge. All who entered the refuge were admitted and the question of guilt or innocence never raised."

Here the journal of the Rev. William Ellis ended, and as I thought on these things I was reminded that every man, woman, and child seeks a refuge from time to time. We all try to "get away from it all" by leaving the moment of tribulation, and traveling to a place of supposed safety. I have always found myself heading for the mountains whenever I felt the pressures of daily life too much to handle. Others seek the sea. Some have only a short distance to go, to a favorite park or shelter of solitude. But as one modern day songwriter put it, "You can travel 10,000 miles and still stay where you are."

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How much like the ancient cities of refuge found in the Old Testament, and here in the Pacific, is our God! We as Christians know the ultimate city of refuge is Heaven, but where is the true Pu'uhonua here on earth?

Our daily refuge should be in the faith that God will provide safety and security through belief in His love. The Bible is filled with examples of God's kind of refuge. If one must seek a structural harbor against the evils or breaking the world's kapus, we have our churches, but God's Word provides the clue to an everlasting city of refuge.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, he is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust" (Psalm 91:1, 2).

"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:9).

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms . . ." (Deuteronomy 33:27).

"The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour . . ." (2 Samuel 22:3).

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

Although the Hawaiians believed that their Pu'uhonua housed a platform for communication with the many gods that ruled their lives, there is a basic similarity between their

practices and our Christian beliefs. Until one reaches God he is lost and is a prey for any who would seek to destroy him, but once inside the saving power of God nothing can destroy his salvation or enter into God's saving grace to pursue him. We are forever safe, and forgiven for our sins, as long as we continue to believe in God and His Gift of salvation, which is Jesus Christ.

And as with the city of refuge for the Hawaiians, all who come to God are accepted, and never again is the question of guilt or innocence raised, because God is ready to forgive all our sins.

Too often we tend to think how difficult it is to seek a refuge from the evils of the world. The next time you feel like running away to your own private refuge, stop and think about what you are actually doing. The problems will not have changed when you return to your daily routine; the obstacles will still be there, and eventually you will find yourself running again.

But if you just stop running long enough to reach out and take God's hand, and ask Him to be your refuge, then you will find an easy and permanent shelter from all worries.

Some Christians spend too much time trying to be Christians, thereby missing out on the beauty of God's works in them. If you let God direct your life, and be your refuge, you will be amazed how much enjoyment there is in this life on earth. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the

rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall flame kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43:2).

Always remember: God is the only true refuge, and only through Him can the troubles of everyday life be lifted. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Take a moment now to do three things: recite the Twenty-third Psalm; ask God to be your refuge; and believe that God will do just that.

The next time you get that urge to "get away from it all," remember you only have to travel into sanctuary with God—you now have a permanent refuge.

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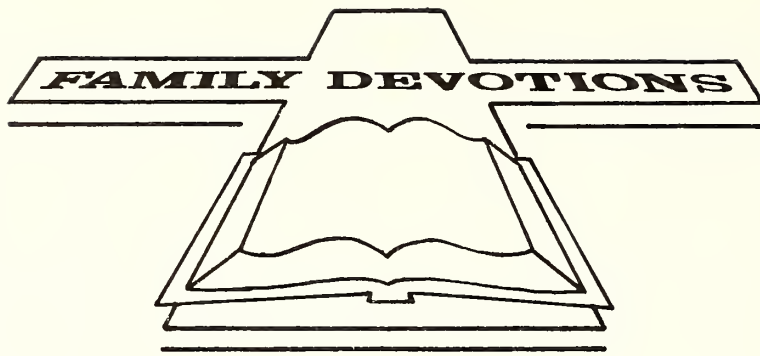
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Awake, O nation—  
The Christ avow!  
For God's salvation  
The time is now!

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*The day of salvation is at hand! Let none delay so important a decision.*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

Scripture Reading—1 The  
salonians 5:1-21

**PRAYER**

Prayer does not fit us for the greater works; prayer is the greater work. We think of prayer as a common sense exercise of our higher powers in order to prepare us for God's work. In the teaching of Jesus Christ prayer is the working of the miracle of redemption in others by the power of God.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Prayer—and its power—should never be underestimated. Prayer accomplishes more than we sometimes realize. It should never be dealt with frivolously.*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Scripture Reading—1 Corin-  
thians 16:1-14

**DON'T QUIT**

When things get wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you are trudging seems all up hill;  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
Success is failure turned inside out;  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.  
And you can never tell how close you are  
It may be near when it seems afar;

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Scripture Reading—Acts 24:10-20

**NOBODY'S FRIEND**

I'm old man Worry, and I'm nobody's friend,  
Though I'm called in many a home.  
When trouble comes, for me they will send,  
And it matters not where they roam.

For me they will lie awake many a night,  
And I pay them in shattered nerves.  
But they hold me and cuddle me tight—  
I'm an old man whom many a one serves.

The rich and the poor invite me in,  
And I go wherever they ask.  
But they should know I hurt like sin,  
And unfit them for any task.

I rob them of friends, as well as health,  
And things that are held most dear.  
And it matters not if they have wealth,  
They are not happy when I am near.

But there are two smart ones where I can't abide—  
They are Faith and Hope, I declare!  
Wherever they go I stay outside—  
No room to crowd in there.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*It has often been said that there is no place in the Christian experience for worry. "He who loves and trusts God worries not" is often heard. The poem above seems to espouse that precept.*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**

Scripture Reading—Psalm 89:  
46-52

**PERFECT TIMING**

God's help is always sure  
His methods seldom guessed;  
Delay will make our pleasure pure,  
Surprise will give it zest.  
His wisdom is sublime,  
His heart profoundly kind;  
God never is before His time,  
And never is behind.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*God directs and causes events to unfold according to His will. Let us acknowledge Him as wise; let us not venture to change His order.*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

Scripture Reading—2 Corin-  
thians 6:1-10

**NOW**

The time is now!  
It is not too soon,  
For now it is late  
In the afternoon:  
And our day is fading  
Without so seeming,  
And into the sunset  
We go dreaming.

stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—  
 's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*"Don't quit" is good advice—whether in the physical or spiritual experience of life. Trust and obey" amplifies steadfastness in Christian living.*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 9:20

**TIME TO READ THE BIBLE**

takes 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible at pulpit rate.  
 takes 52 hours and 20 minutes to read the Old Testament.  
 takes 18 hours and 20 minutes to read the New Testament.  
 in the Old Testament the Psalms take the longest to read: 4 hours and 28 minutes.  
 in the New Testament the Gospel of Luke takes 2 hours and 43 minutes to read.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*If we compare time spent in leisure to time spent in serious reading of God's Word, there is little doubt which would be greater. Let's resolve to do more reading of His Word.*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:19, 20

**A TEACHER'S PRAYER**

My Lord, I do not ask to stand  
 As king or prince of high degree;  
 I only pray that hand in hand  
 A child and I may come to Thee.  
  
 To teach a tender voice to pray,  
 Two childish eyes Thy face to see,  
 Two feet to guide in Thy straight way—  
 This fervently I ask of Thee.  
 O grant Thy patience to impart  
 Thy holy law, Thy words of truth;

**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Give, Lord, Thy grace, that my whole heart  
 May overflow with love for youth.

As step by step we tread the way,  
 Trusting, and confident, and free—  
 A child and I, day by day,  
 Find sweet companionship with Thee.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*The sincere teacher who loves children and desires their spiritual success should surely be honored. Who knows the heartfelt prayers sent heavenward by such dedicated persons? Thank God for them.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

**In Memory of  
 Walter Moore Blackman**

Submitted by  
 Mrs. Epsia Price Blackman



*Walter Moore Blackman*

It was Sunday morning, we had enjoyed good singing and spirit-filled preaching. The Rev. Turner had delivered the sermon and given the invitation. Many were at the altar and others were joining them for prayer. About five pews from the front, as the last stanza of "Jesus I Come" was being sung, Brother Walter Moore Blackman was

stricken with a heart attack. Brother Blackman was rushed by ambulance to Johnston Memorial Hospital where he remained in critical condition until his death. At times during the days at the hospital, the only words Brother Blackman would say was "it certainly is a beautiful place." Members of his immediate family and friends who had known the Christian life of Brother Blackman interpreted these words as "a glimpse of Heaven" that Brother Blackman must have had during his short illness.

He was a faithful servant of God and a faithful member of Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He had been a Sunday school teacher for several years, and was serving as a deacon on the official board at the time of his death.

Brother Blackman was a farmer and could be found in the fields at dawn and there at dark. Although busy on his own farm, he always found time to help a neighbor along the way. He was a wonderful Christian friend.

The funeral was conducted in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home in Selma. The Rev. Ashley Turner officiated. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He is missed by his family and the members of Branch Chapel church, but we have submitted ourselves to the will of God; for we know that God doeth all things well, and that our loss is Heaven's gain.

All his labors now are o'er,  
 And we shall hear his voice no more,  
 His dust lies silent in the tomb,  
 He's gone to Heaven, his eternal home.

They know no pain or care  
 Upon that blessed shore  
 No sickness, sorrow, or despair  
 Shall ever touch him more.

Christ wipes all tears away  
 Within that blessed home,  
 Where he awaits a joyous day  
 When those he loves shall come.



## Children's Home

### "COTTAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS"

Thanksgiving is behind us. Christmas draws near. Our thoughts turn to trimming trees, gifts and Christmas festivities. An atmosphere of expectancy fills the hearts of us all.

Around Christmas many of our people look for opportunities to reach out to others. The Children's Home receives many letters and calls from individuals and groups who want to help someone at Christmas.

We would like to suggest some ways you as an individual, or a group of individuals, can share with us at Christmastime.

Our children's rooms aren't carpeted, and cold winter mornings mean cold floors. Scatter rugs by the children's beds would keep little feet from having to stand on a cold floor while dressing.

Our housemothers need eight place settings of Corelle Ware, or everyday dishes, for the cottages. Each cottage needs eight place settings. As you can imagine, we have lots of leftovers. Tupperware bowls of all sizes to seal up in the refrigerator would be most helpful. Dishwasher-safe glasses and stainless steel pots and pans (household size) are needed also.

Attractive pictures suitable for boys' and girls' rooms would help to brighten up a cottage. Single bedspreads are always needed. Some of our cottage television sets need replacing. We try to provide a color television for each cottage den.

The children's individual Christmas lists are provided by parents, sponsors, and visiting families. Group games, the television video games and other items that the group could enjoy would also be appreciated.

Bicycles get a lot of mileage on campus. Both new and used bikes are welcomed.

This Christmas plan to help someone in need! Your gifts to our children here at the Home are needed and will be appreciated. God bless you and have a Merry Christmas!!!

### ROCKIN' FOR THE LORD

They rocked on and on. When it was all over the winning rocker had rocked for 18 1/2 hours. Eleven youngsters from the Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church at Blounts Creek rocked for the Children's Home and raised \$756.82. Dana and Sheree Hollowell, youth leaders, and Pastor Charles Richardson, are all very proud of every one of them.

All of us at the Children's Home wish to publicly thank each one of the youth at Smyrna for their faithfulness to God and to the Children's Home.

## Coming Events . . .

December—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

December 10—Revision Committee of Faith and Discipline will meet at the Press, 9:30 a.m.

December 24, 25—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

December 25—Christmas Day

December 30—Mount Olive College Day in Local Churches

December 30—Central District Sunday School and Union Meeting, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, 3 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN LOVE

by Anice Tripp  
Greenville, North Carolina

I'm filled with love for all my friends.

Is this the love that God intends?

Or, must I love the ones whose hate

Seeks my soul to desecrate?

My heart seeks those who give me joy.

Is this God's love that I employ?

Or must I seek the ugly, old,  
Or those whose hearts seem hard and cold?

A child of God: my brother then.

To him I must be more than friend.

To help someone through daily strife.

Is this why God twice gave me life?

### CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Robert L. Langley has resigned as pastor of Stoney Hill Free Will Baptist Church. He announces that he is available for pastoral work. He has served churches in Albemarle, Cape Fear, and Western Conferences. He may be reached by writing Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557 or phone 284-4178.

Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, North Carolina, is in need of a full-time pastor. The members would like someone to live in the parsonage. Interested ministers please contact Mrs. Eleanor F. Moore, Route 2, Box 149, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; phone, 797-3324.

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# PREACHING AND THE EMOTIONS

submitted by DeWayne Eakes

The Scriptures are replete with such emotional words as fear, hope, love, pity, shame, guilt, anger, and trust. In parables, teachings, and narratives, we find the range of human emotions variously displayed, commanded, condemned, and encouraged. How could it be otherwise? Surely one of the primary thrusts of the Scriptures is to help people to know God and other persons truly and in so doing to form a life which relates to God, the world, and other humans in a way fitting to divine creation and purpose. This present working out of salvation includes the development of each individual's Christian personality. Such a life is an achievement as well as a gift of grace, and it requires, among other things, a constant exercise in the training of emotions.

The Christian must learn to have the emotions appropriate to the situation and object. Fear of the Lord is counseled, but this fear is not the same as the diverse fears of loud noises in the dark, icy roads, or financial collapse. Enemies must be loved, but there are different kinds of love. Having the right emotions is an integral feature of Christian maturation. Though the achievement is generally piecemeal and faltering, the prospect of living eternally as the person one becomes in Christ—with hope for present peace—encourages resolve and effort.

If training in emotions is a constituent element of Christian life, then preachers have a responsibility to provide help. While most of us would admit the important role of emotions, we tend to avoid discussion of them. The emotions seem murky and dangerous, hard to get the measure of, and not nearly so straightforward as reasoned

thought and doctrine. Emotions are a part of life, and they are ultimately human. Personality growth includes emotional development. For a Christian this development has a certain general shape as the ideal. What I would like to suggest is an understanding of the place of emotional training in preaching which is not limited by the popularly held and often deceiving divorce between reason and emotion. What should be considered is that one important aspect of preaching is the introduction and inculcation of the emotions requisite for Christian living. This requires not only exposition but also a disciplined effort to lead people to see and feel things in a way consonant with the Scriptures.

A sermon on the theme, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," might require comment on the doctrine of creation, God's goodness, and our responsibility as stewards. The goal of this preaching would be to elicit an understanding of many dimensions and not only the possibility of a verbal response which repeats the main points over Sunday dinner but a continuing emotional response, which sees the world as a gift and feels both gratitude and obligation. And it is this emotional matrix which can occasion the most significant verbal responses—a spontaneous speaking of and about the world and God in a Christian manner.

I do not suppose that this goal could be met with only one sermon or that these emotions can develop in isolation from the rest of the intricate weave which comprises a Christian sensibility. It does seem clear however that a genuine understanding of Christian matters includes emotional capacities. Nor do I suppose that the preacher can do this emotional training easily or with quick success. Wesley was advised, "Preach faith until you have it." There is a corollary to be observed for all Christians.

We sometimes have to think and act and convince ourselves, even if our hearts are not quite ready. Our hearts are never quite ready. But, and here is the ideal point, the consummate goal is a form of life, call it a shaping of the heart, so that the proper emotional inclinations can spring unbidden by deliberation.

Practical recommendations on how to promote this Christian consciousness by preaching are difficult to muster. Fortunately it is something any sensitive preacher already does. Reflection on the skillful use of illustrations should indicate that they not only help make a point but also give the point a home in human life. With St. Paul we can command joy, but we also must teach our church people the practice of joy. The apt description or illustration can enlist the hearer's sympathy so that an intimate connection between thinking and feeling is begun. Probably most aspects of preaching can be turned to the desired effect. It should be noted however that emotions do not occur in a vacuum. Emotions have direction. They have contexts and objects. The preacher should not simply discuss an emotion but should present situations and objects in such a way that the hearer's present capacities are enlisted and directed. It is in this exercise that one's emotional life can be enlarged, channeled, and shaped. Simply, he learns to see, value, and respond to things in a Christian manner. This is not some clever manipulation. It is a familiar part of all moral and spiritual education and of pastoral care in general. Those who will not hear will not be moved.

Success in this aspect of preaching may not be readily apparent and not as readily as response to the invitation. The task is the nurture of Christian personality. And that takes a long time, for preachers as well

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## DEVELOPING MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE FOR SENIOR COLLEGE STATUS

by Gary F. Barefoot, Librarian



### The Role of the Library

Traditionally, the library has been designated the center of an academic institution. Offering a wealth of resources in the form of magazines, documents, films, filmstrips, microfilm, pamphlets, recordings, and last, but not least, books, the library is not only an extension of the formal classroom lecture or demonstration, providing enrichment materials as directed by the professor, but it is a classroom itself, in which a student can pursue his own interests in an atmosphere not dominated by schedules or dictated by pre-designed course syllabi. The

library has the potential of being a full-time "professor," knowledgeable in all areas of learning.

The truth of the foregoing statements is predicated, however, upon the assumption that the library is a good library. A good library must provide support material for the curricula of the college wherein it exists as well as provide a wide variety of general interest materials.

The Moyer Library of Mount Olive College is a good library, meeting well the standards prescribed for two-year college libraries. The present collection

numbers over 30,000 volumes. In addition, the collection contains over 6,000 government document items, over 1,300 audio/visual titles, and several hundred unbound periodical volumes. The Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, a separate part of the Moyer Library, contains an additional 5,000 plus items.

Volumes are added to the Moyer Library at the rate of about 1,100 a year. The 1979-80 materials budget is \$15,500. Free Will Baptists and friends have been very loyal in supporting the program of adding volumes through gifts in honor and in memory of friends and loved ones. Such gifts account for 40 percent of the designated annual materials budget.

### Preparing for Four-Year Status

The plans for moving to four-year status at Mount Olive are now before us. Those plans have a definite impact on the library if it is to remain the important hub of the institutional wheel. Holdings must be increased to 40-50 thousand volumes by the time the College begins awarding its first baccalaureate degrees. This means a substantial increase in expenditures for books and related materials. Projections are for the library materials budget to increase to \$20,000 in 1980-81; to \$30,000 in 1981-82; and to \$50,000 in both 1982-83 and 1983-84. Assuming that the percentage of the budget derived from gifts remain near 40 percent then total gift amounts will need to increase from the present \$5,000 to \$8,000 in 1980-81; \$12,000 in 1981-82; and \$20,000 in 1982-83 and 1983-84.

These figures may seem inflated, but if you have purchased books, magazines and newspapers recently you know that their prices have doubled and even tripled in the last three to five years. The average cost (nationwide) of books purchased by colleges and universities in 1978 was \$17.78 per title. The average cost at the Moyer Library at present is \$12.90 per



title. Periodical subscription costs have exceeded book costs in rates of increase. Surveys tell us that the average subscription price of an American periodical in 1979 is \$30.37. Unbelievable! Granted, the figure does average the highly technical **Chemical Abstracts** at \$3,700 per year with **Readers' Digest** at \$8.95 per year. The case in point, however, is that college-level books and scholarly journals do cost more than the popular items we purchase for our family's use.

If Mount Olive College does become a four-year institution, we must have more books and periodicals. Not only must we have more, but their cost will be higher in many cases than those we presently are purchasing because of the addition of more specialized fields of study. Can we Free Will Baptists and friends of Mount Olive College afford to bring the library holdings of the College up to the suggested standards? I believe we can. How can we help to meet this challenge?

**Plan for Gift Support**

A plan already in operation in many churches and homes can help to meet the challenge. That plan is simply that of giving memorial or honorary gifts to the library on the occasion of death, anniversaries, birthdays, or just regular giving to the library fund. We suggest a gift of \$15 for each book you wish to sponsor. Appropriate bookplates, bearing the information you supply, are prepared and placed in books bought by the library. In many churches, the woman's auxiliary has a supply of gift forms and acknowledgements that may be used for emergency situations. The money and information are later forwarded to the Moye Library at the College for receipting. Most gifts however, are sent directly to the library where they are promptly receipted and a gift form is returned to the donor for future use. An engraved card is mailed to the designated person(s) acknowledging the gift(s).

Over the years this plan of giving has enabled the library to grow steadily and meet the

standards for a two-year college library. With wider publicity and a higher level of giving this same plan can help move us to meet the standards for a four-year college library collection. If you or your church would like a sample set of gift forms and acknowledgements, please address your requests to the Librarian, Moye Library, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

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**LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT?**

A gift to the Library at Mount Olive College can be made in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one this Christmas as a meaningful expression of your love and appreciation.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For December 16

## CHRIST SOVEREIGN IN OUR LIVES

Lesson Text: Colossians 2:16  
—3:4

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:4

### I. INTRODUCTION

In Colossians, as in some of his other letters, Paul turns the ideas of death and life in such a variety of ways that they confuse us until we think about them carefully. One thing we all know is that death involves separation. When a loved one dies we mourn, not because he is with God in glory, but because he is not with us.

Skillfully Paul weaves this thought of separation into his teaching. When we are living in sin we are dead—separated from God. When Jesus rescues us from that death we are alive in Him, but now we are dead to sin. We are separated from it; no longer does it have a place in our lives. Watch for these ideas in our text.

Review last week's lesson for the background of this week's study. By His sacrifice on the Cross, Christ triumphed over principalities and powers. All of God's nature is in Him, and when we are in Him we need nothing more. We must not let anyone confuse us with tradition or philosophy. The text of this week's lesson begins with a more specific description of some of the teachings that may confuse us if we do not reject them firmly as we cling to Christ.  
—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. John E. Bode wrote the lyrics to the beautiful hymn, "O Jesus, I Have Promised," two stanzas of which are:

O Jesus, I have promised to  
serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my  
Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou  
art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if  
Thou wilt be my Guide.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to  
all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
there shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to  
serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow my  
Master and my Friend.

B. The arrangement of these stanzas is correct: we promise to recognize Christ as the Sovereign Lord of our lives, and promise to serve Him faithfully each step of the way. Having made such a pledge, we receive the promise of our Lord that we shall share His glory both here and in our heavenly home. All we ask is that He will give us the grace to follow Him and do His will. This is what having Christ as the Sovereign of our lives really means.

C. The Apostle Paul longed for the Colossian Christians to give Christ that recognition and live each day in such a way as to bring honor and praise to His name. As believers risen with Christ—risen from their death in sin—they were urged to set their

affection on Christ and things of Heaven.

—The Advanced Quarterly  
(F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The world has known many sovereign rulers who were great conquerors. But the sovereign tenure of most of them was short-lived. Napoleon Bonaparte's armies swept over Europe and Africa but after about twenty years his empire was gone and he died in exile on the island of St. Helena. The armies of Alexander the Great conquered most of the Mediterranean world and pushed toward the East as far as India. But after a short thirteen year reign he died and his empire was divided. Hitler rose to power in 1933 and for twelve years terrorized Europe and the world. But he died by his own hand in 1945 and his Third Reich, which he swore would last a thousand years, was gone. In each case it was force that conquered.

B. Jesus conquered the world not by force but by love. Napoleon once said, "Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would gladly die for Him!"

C. The famous Appian Way is a paved highway leading from Rome to southern Italy. It was constructed by Appius Claudius Caecus about 312 B. C. Originally it was but 132 miles long, but it was extended hundreds of miles as the years passed. Jesus is "The Way." He is the way from earth to Heaven, from man to God, from doubt to certainty, from death to life.

D. Who is this Sovereign King? Millions of men—kings, historians, philosophers, mechanics, merchants, farmers, teachers, and others—have believed that He is God. All who have devoutly believed this, and lived by this as a truth, have become examples for all that is beautiful in holiness.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## NEWS FACES AT CRAGMONT!

by DeWayne Eakes

On behalf of the Cragmont Board of Directors it is my privilege to officially introduce to you our new manager, the Rev. John R. Williams Jr. John and Arlinda Williams, with their daughter, Alison, will occupy the manager's quarters officially at Cragmont Assembly as of January 1, 1980.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Williams Sr. of Morehead City, North Carolina. John was reared in the Faith Tree Will Baptist Church at Morehead City. He was graduated from Mount Olive College with the Associate in Arts Degree and Atlantic Christian College with the Bachelor in Arts Degree. He is currently pursuing the Master of Divinity degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. John was ordained to the gospel ministry, January 1, 1973. He served King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina, from 1973 to 1975 and has served Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church from 1975-1979.

John is married to the former Arlinda Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Vanceboro, North Carolina. Arlinda was reared in Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro, North Carolina. Arlinda also attended Mount Olive College. Their marriage was blessed with the birth of a daughter, Alison Angela Williams, April 2, 1979.

John and Arlinda are not strangers to Cragmont Assembly. John has served as director for the General Youth Conference at Cragmont Assembly for the years 1976-1979. John and Arlinda, we welcome you and pledge our support as you take on a very big and important responsibility.

We ask each of you to give John and Arlinda the same calibre of support that you have given our outgoing managers,

Doug and Virginia Skinner during the past four years!

Continue to support Cragmont Assembly with your prayers, your presence, and your gifts. All donations should be mailed to: Cragmont Assembly, Inc., 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711. Thank you again for your past and present support and continue to support those who lead this great institution at Black Mountain, North Carolina, in the name of our Lord and our church. Contact John Williams at Cragmont if you would like to have a Cragmont program in your church between now and May.

### PREACHING AND THE EMOTIONS

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as laymen! I am not so much recommending a different style of preaching as commenting on a feature of most good preaching, whatever the style or emphasis. It is a feature of Scripture. But I would emphasize that it is crucial for the manifold avenues of Christian thought and feeling to be trod from the pulpit and displayed in close particularity. Only this can give a congregation a feel for what is appropriate and worthy. Certainly, here as elsewhere, the preacher needs both humility and wisdom. He must bring all of his own spiritual resources and inadequacies to bear on the issues at hand. For sure, most

preachers do this and perhaps do it well, at least part of the time. But this training in emotions needs to be recognized as one of the proper goals of the preaching ministry.—E. Dale Madren, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina (Used by permission **Pulpit Digest**, Jackson, Mississippi.)

### Preacher's Diary

Taylor Hill

Home Missions Director

One of our church members is very unhappy and is constantly finding fault, while another said to me today, "My church life is the most important thing in my life; in fact, if it was not for my love for my church I probably would have killed myself." What a contrast!

As representatives of the church, we called upon the home of a poor family for the purpose of offering help: we were treated rudely and were turned away without ever being given a chance to state our reason for being there.

The collection plate is the real reason for many people staying away from church; yet they expect the church to be there when they feel a need for it.

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who divides his loyalties; loyalties really cannot be divided fairly, for different individuals (by virtue of their position and relationship) require and deserve different loyalties. It should go without saying that one's chief loyalty should be to God, notwithstanding every temporal thing.

If common sense teaches anything, it should instruct everyone to "Let all things be done decently and in order." This advice should aid toward the establishment of better interpersonal relationships, Christian brotherhood, and godly living. The Christian, above all, must be particularly careful of two-faced situations. They arise suddenly, without warning, and can wreak havoc.



**Appreciation Banquet at Little Rock Church**

On Saturday night, November 17, 1979, Circle Number 4 which is composed of the younger women of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church entertained the women of the church who were seventy years and older at an appreciation banquet in Heritage Hall.

The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers in the rich fall colors. The large banquet table was overlaid with a white dinner cloth edged in lace. Candlelight gave a soft pleasant glow throughout the entire hall.

They were met at the entrance by one of the circle members who pinned a lovely white corsage on each of the guests and were seated in a semicircle to reminisce for a while as to who was the oldest or had been a member of the church the longest. There was one lady eighty-five years old who had been a member of Little Rock church for sixty-three years. Several women were eighty and over. The former pastors and their families were kindly spoken of as progress was reviewed.

The table was set with the china that the young women have recently purchased to be used in Heritage Hall on special occasions such as this one. The food was delicious and was served in a most eloquent manner.

After everyone was seated at the table, there was given a welcome after which was followed by a prayer of thankfulness for this occasion and those in attendance.

One of the older women responded with thanks for the invitation and said that the older

people were just grown-up children that need to be loved, pampered, and petted just as children do. That need was indeed met there that night. It was a lovely banquet and there were many expressions of thanks and praise for a job well done.

**Revival in Progress First Church, Roanoke Rapids**

On Monday night, December 3, revival services began at 7:30 p.m. and will continue through Friday night, December 7, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids. The Rev. Rudy Owens, pastor of the Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson is the visiting evangelist. Special music is being rendered each evening. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Dan Jordan. He and the members invite everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

**Memorial Tree at Winterville Aids Building Program**



*Seth Cayton, Pastor Bobby Futrell, Greg Smith, and Erwin Hines.*

The Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville,

North Carolina, recently observed homecoming with a memorial tree to remember deceased members and friends. Seth Cayton, Pastor Bobby Futrell, Greg Smith, and Erwin Hines are dismantling the tree on which \$8,000 was given to the church building program and recorded in the church memorial book.

**Christmas Musical First Church, Goldsboro**

The Youth Choir from the First Free Will Baptist Church Goldsboro, North Carolina, will present a candlelight Christmas Musical, December 9, at 7 p.m. Under the direction of the Youth Choir Director, Mr. Johnny Skinner, selections will be presented from Dan Barker's production of "Mary Had a Little Lamb," as well as the traditional Christmas hymns.

A selection from "Handel's Messiah" will be presented as a solo by Miss Sharlene Creech of Goldsboro. Other featured soloists for the evening are Miss Tammy Pate, Mr. Scott Allen and Mr. Johnny Skinner, all of Goldsboro, North Carolina. The church's pastor, the Rev. Norman Ard, will be the narrator for the musical.

Following the musical, a candlelight reception will be held in the fellowship hall of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend the candlelight service.

**Heavenbound Group to Appear At Piney Grove Church**

The Heavenbound, a singing group, will appear in concert at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Greenville, North Carolina, on Sunday, December 9, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Tommy Evans.





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# LET IT NOT BE NAMED

There was a time when only the most disreputable of persons dared live in open violation of the sanctity of marriage. These persons blatantly defied society and Christian principle, and seemed to care very little about the severe labels of public opinion.

Living in sin, for them, was a way of behavior they had adopted for a while, or for a long period of time, sometimes depending on economics. Some hid their sin as carefully as possible; a few brave ones admitted to "living with" someone and offered no explanation, suggesting by their attitude that it was their business. In each community, the number of known persons who engaged in such behavior could probably be counted on the fingers.

Presently, scores of persons, both young and old, live together without the benefit of marriage—and many cohabit without even the thought of marriage. The past twenty years have seen an attitudinal change on the part of society, with even whispered acceptance from some "religious" groups. Some of the modern cults, in particular, have sanctioned—even advocated—premarital and extramarital sex, promising "fulfillment" to participants.

College and university campuses are teeming with indulgers, a majority of whom follow physical desire more than religious teaching. A date now involves more than socializing in the former sense. Apartments and motel rooms are so easily accessible that visits to them for "privacy" have almost become an anticipated part of the evening's activities. Those who refuse the private times are in many instances considered too old-fashioned to bother with. But, in the interest of "conquests," the hard-to-get offer excitement and serve as prime targets for the sexually ambitious.

With the advent of the pill and parents' quiescent acceptance of its use, there is added impetus to indulge freely. Even rare sermons on the subject of promiscuity and its associated sins fall on deaf ears, for many churchgoers have learned to look the other way if not accept and become a part of the present pattern of loose living.

The nicest, most desirable girls used to save themselves for marriage. To remain a virgin was formerly an expected Christian virtue. It is still mandated by Christian principles, but most often brushed aside by progressive thought. Sexual experience (for both young men and women) is considered preferable to sexual ignorance. Even some marriage counselors suggest that inexperience causes many marriages to fail. Prevalent thought has it, then, that sacredness of consummatory marriage is altogether out-dated.

Chances are that nine out of 10 young people 16 and over have experimented with sex. Researchers say that at least half that number indulge regularly. Live-ins are commonplace; they

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# They Shall Reap the Whirlwind

by the Rev. Beverly Ballard

ABOUT 15 years ago, millions of Americans watched a live news program and were stunned to see a man gunned down in cold blood right before their eyes.

Many refused at first to accept what they saw as being raw film, direct from the basement of a public building in Dallas, Texas. This was no fictional TV drama. It was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, accused in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was shot at point blank range as he walked handcuffed, defenseless between two law enforcement officials.

Just three or four years back, an incident less publicized in the United States than the assassination, athletes attending Winter Olympics games in Europe were televised getting off an airplane. They were greeted by gunfire of gangsters. Death came suddenly as viewers were left in awe.

A few months back, we watched as cameras sent their live photos by way of satellite from South America. We saw a fellow American—a newsman—ordered to lie face-down on the street. Amid his pleas for mercy, a gunman stepped forward, put the rifle to the head of this innocent man, and pulled the trigger. This was the product of a political uprising.

Looking back in retrospect, we recall that all this seemed horrible. But, though we were impressed and saddened, we shrugged and said, "This happens only on foreign soil or in political strife."

But, on Saturday, November 3, 1979, an atrocious incident came to our front doors. North Carolina soil was stained by

blood right before the eyes of television viewers. Lives were taken by some who decided to "take the law into their own hands."

Whether we agree or disagree with the two factions involved in this melee at Greensboro, as Christians, we must look on it as the work of Satanic-led forces. As Americans, we must be appalled at this blow to the practice of our freedoms and most assuredly, a blow to respect for the law. As human beings, it must be acknowledged that men have gone too far when they display such disrespect for life.

What is the root of these and many other similar acts time and space won't permit us to recount here?

SIN! In Romans 6:23, Paul declares: "The wages of sin is death."

We would go further to say that the taking of life is caused by someone having "sown to the wind" seed that produce contentment, happiness, respect, and love. Our text verse clearly points out that when people have sown to the wind, they will "reap the whirlwind."

While there are fewer farmers today busy at the task of sowing and reaping the bountiful harvest, we are all sowers—we are all reapers. Christ referred to the harvest in Luke 10:2-5. Galatians 6:7 tells us, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

We are not pointing a finger of guilt at anyone. God has already

pointed that finger of guilt at those who would transgress His law. His law plainly puts a taboo on murder. His Word plainly declares that murder is sin. For one to murder another, no matter the cause, someone has had to sow some seed to the wind.

In our daily lives, in our homes, at work and while with others, are we properly sowing the seed? Is that seed the right kind? Is that seed the infallible Word of God? Are our children being told that SIN is SIN?

When we see others reap the ravages of sin—the whirlwind—we should shudder. This is the side of the harvest we do not want to acknowledge. We want to turn our backs on the results of the whirlwind. Sin is repulsive to us. Such devastation that is brought about by the murderous mob causes us to shut our eyes.

The whirlwind doesn't subside until after the damage is done. Nothing we can do "after the fact" will change that which has been wrought by the angry Klansmen in Greensboro, nor the excited riot-provokers at the demonstration. But, we can review our own place as God-fearing, Jesus-loving Christians and say, "By the help of God, we'll try to sow the right kind of seed on fertile ground and trust God for a great, abundant harvest of souls." If we do this, then our efforts could help prevent future blood baths of this sort.

What kind of seed-sowing are you doing today?

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*"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind . . . strangers shall swallow it up" (Hosea 8:7).*

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# AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM?

by John H. Pittman III

*This devotional was given at the meeting of the Western Conference in October. Mr. Pittman is a licensed minister from Selma Free Will Baptist Church, Selma.*

**M**ANY of us Christians seem to think at times that Matthew 28:16-20 is an impossible dream given to us to carry out by our Lord Jesus Christ. But nothing is impossible with God at our side. While man acting alone can only achieve the possible, or at the best the near-impossible, man with God can achieve anything!

In the words of the optimistic poet and songwriter: We must always seek to achieve the impossible dream—to follow that star, no matter how hopeless, no matter how far—to use our last ounce of courage, to know total despair; yet, given the strength to pick ourselves up and onward, we must, for the dream is still there!

The words of this poem-song seemed inspired of God—just as were many of the writings of scribes of old.

We have been commissioned to carry out what seems to be the impossible dream. But our task is not an impossible one. Our Lord wants no one to struggle or take on any task that is not realistic, or one which he knows he cannot succeed in accomplishing. Man only faces impossibilities when he struggles through life alone.

But even with God at his side man does not have an easy time of it! He must struggle and suffer and use his all in life's battles. Then, when he has spent

himself, the Lord steps in and administers the strength for one to pick himself up and to go on.

For two thousand years multitudes have been commissioned to go forth to teach, to preach, to save, and to baptize the world. In addition, we have been exhorted to heal, to soothe, and to comfort the lost and downtrodden. We are to be our brother's keeper as well as an example of Christ.

Though sometimes we see our orders as impossible, as part of an impossible dream, the Lord charges that it is not so for to Him is given all power in Heaven and in earth, and He will be at our side to the end of the ages.

The work is not done; the job is not completed. In many ways this world is even more sinful and corrupt than when Christ died on the Cross two thousand years ago. We see and hear. Many cry out. The commission has not been accomplished, though clergymen and the elders of our communities say that the gospel has been carried worldwide. We may contend that we have accomplished all that we have been charged to do; we might be proud and self-satisfied about our service to the Lord.

"The work is done" has become the new proclamation. We think of ourselves as being only guardians, awaiting the return of the Lord. But we must not sit idly by.

We feel that the absolute accomplishment of the Commission is an impossible dream, that we have accomplished far more than is really expected. We can be very proud of ourselves, we cry.

But at this very moment the Lord is charging us anew, O servants of God, to give the best of our service. We find ourselves accused of being complacent, self-satisfied, and pleased at our meager accomplishments.

The prince of darkness is feeding all about. Those in his service have never had it so good, for the Christ-called shepherds are asleep and the sentries have been drugged with the false assumption that the battles are over, victory is won, evil has been conquered. Sad to say, we may be celebrating victory that has not been won.

We must awaken the sentries before they are slain; we must encourage the faithful to do hard battle. This is the scene the Lord must behold on the day of His return—not the sight of mankind celebrating a false victory, but the carrying out of His Commission by the marching legion of Christian soldiers, doing battle with evil—for His honor and glory.

We should follow that "dream" in the brilliance of a star, no matter how hopeless, no matter how far. We must use our last ounce of courage. Strength will be

green, for us to pick ourselves up, and to go forth, for our dream is still there!

And when we succumb and are laid to our rest, we will be made aware that our service was eternal—and to our King, very true!

Let's now admit to any dream of Christianity being impossible. Let's carry forward in His name, striving and accomplishing, ever mindful that with God nothing is impossible.

Dad's loving companion was  
Constantly at his side;  
Assisting and sharing in duties,  
Responsibilities and decisions.

Oh! he couldn't do without her.  
For God brought them together  
So that they could make their  
life's  
Contribution through their  
descendants.

The abundance of God's  
blessings,  
His mercy and grace,  
Have enriched Dad's long life  
Through a regular and steady  
pace.

Thank you God, for this  
inheritance,  
It is very important to me.  
For you made it all possible  
And allowed it to be.  
Helen T. Beaman  
Daughter

### REETHO GOLD TURNAGE

*The following is a tribute to my  
grandfather.*

A name given by loving parents  
to an infant son.

A young man who grew up under  
the shaping hand of the  
refiner of all men.

God has shaped his life as with  
that precious metal, making  
it valuable and precious in  
different ways to each of us.

A miller, a farmer, a husband  
and father, a teacher and  
doctor, a leader and friend—a  
man of great wealth!

He was not rich as this world  
counts wealth, yet he leaves a  
great inheritance to his  
children and to his children's  
children.

The inheritance is one of wisdom  
and strength of character, a  
life lived in truth and honor  
before all men and God.

We who knew him and loved him  
each drew strength from  
having lived in his presence,  
for he received strength from

his Maker and God honored  
his righteousness with an  
abundance of years.

His character was unchanging,  
unwavering, providing a  
foundation for sons and  
daughters who were to face  
strife and war, times of little  
and times of plenty, fear and  
rejoicing. That foundation has  
not failed.

How he loved the songs of Zion,  
to hear that sweet music play  
which stirs our hearts to look  
ahead to that great  
resurrection day.

He's gone over Jordan now with  
our Lord on high to dwell and  
we bid farewell till we shall  
come never more to roam and  
enter into His rest. We'll join  
with them who call Christ,  
"Lord," and ever be at home!  
Thank you Heavenly Father.

Robert L. Beaman III  
Grandson

## IN MEMORY OF

### REETHO GOLD TURNAGE

Reetho Gold Turnage departed  
his life, September 28, 1979,  
after several years of declining  
health. He was the oldest child of  
the late Noah Henry Turnage  
and Mary Ava Gray Turnage of  
Greene County. John Parrott  
Gray and Edith Ann Mewborn  
Gray were his maternal grand-  
parents, all of Greene County.

He enjoyed 88 years and seven  
months as God's gift of life on  
this earth. He was a good father  
and I always loved him.

### MY DAD

My dad was a special person,  
One who many people loved.  
Only two sons and five daughters  
Could lovingly call him "dad."

Oh! those seventeen grand-  
children,  
They were very exceptional.  
Each of the eight boys and nine  
girls  
Had their own particular place  
to fill.

Dad's sixteen remarkable great  
grandchildren  
Often came with bright smiles  
and big hugs to show their af-  
fection,  
To their deserving great  
granddad.

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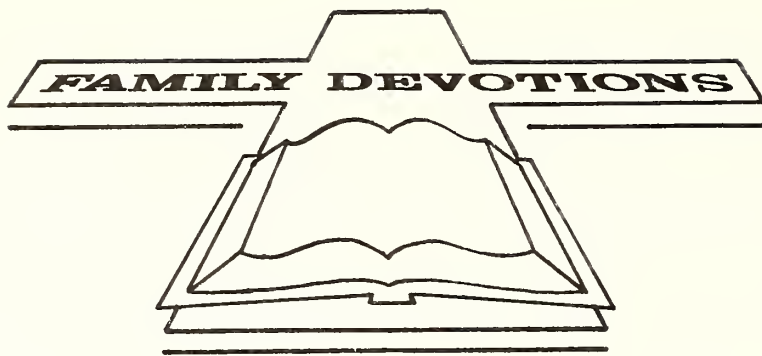
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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:1-6

### "IF" FOR YOUTH

If you can live as youth today  
are living  
And keep your feet at such a  
dizzy pace;  
If you can greet life's subtleties  
with candor  
And turn toward all its care a  
smiling face;  
If you can feel the pulse of  
youthful vigor  
Beat in your veins and yourself  
subdue;  
If you can see untruth knee-deep  
about you  
And still to God and self and  
home be true;  
If you can cross the brimming  
flood of folly,  
And not dip from the stream to  
quench your thirst;  
If you can note life's changing  
scales of values;  
And still in your own life keep  
first things first;  
If you can feel the urge of  
disobedience,  
Yet yield yourself to conscience  
rigid rule;  
If you can leave untouched the  
fruit forbidden,  
And daily learn in virtue's  
humble school;  
If you can play the game of life  
with honor,  
And losing, be inspired to strive  
the more;  
If you can teach men how to live  
life better,  
The world will beat a pathway to  
your door.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Young people wield more influence than they might think. It is imperative that they live Christ-centered lives in order to influence the world favorably.*

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:1-14

### WORDS

Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. Though they do not cost much, they accomplish much. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image in other men's souls, and a beautiful image it is.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*"A word fitly spoken" could surely be a kind word—a word that ultimately could mean the difference in happiness and sadness.*

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Scripture Reading—Acts 17:16-21

### JUST A MINUTE

I have only just a minute  
Just sixty seconds in it;  
Forced upon me—can't refuse it,  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.  
I must suffer if I lose it,  
Give account if I abuse it;  
Just a tiny little minute  
But eternity is in it.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*One little minute is all it may require to do great things for God. Consider time; don't waste it—not even in its minutest quantity.*

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 13:1-13

## WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS

Watch your thoughts,  
Keep them STRONG;  
High resolve  
Thinks no wrong.  
Watch your thoughts,  
Keep them CLEAR;  
Perfect love  
Casts out fear.  
Watch your thoughts,  
Keep them RIGHT;  
Faith and wisdom  
Give you light.  
Watch your thoughts,  
Keep them TRUE;  
Look to God  
He'll govern you.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Take care that your thoughts are pure, good, and pleasing to God.*

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 3:1-21

### TRUE FACTS

According to the American Medical Association, sitting up bed increases your energy requirements ten percent standing nearly doubles chopping wood causes you need to shoot up nearly eight times. Now here's a blow for you: Heavy thinking requires hardly any energy at all . . . something to think about!

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*It has been said that man uses less than 10 percent of his mental power. Consider "heavy thinking" as cited in the reading.*

above. Use your mental powers—for good. Couple thought and Christian principle, and think for God!

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:1-10

### A TEACHER'S PRAYER

My Lord, I do not ask to stand  
As king or prince of high degree;  
I only pray that hand in hand  
A child and I may come to Thee.

To teach a tender voice to pray,  
Two childish eyes Thy face to see,  
Two feet to guide in Thy straight way—  
This fervently I ask of Thee.

O grant Thy patience to impart  
Thy holy law, Thy words of truth;  
Give, Lord, Thy grace, that my whole heart  
May overflow with love for youth.

As step by step we tread the way,  
Trusting, and confident, and free—  
A child and I, day by day,  
Find sweet companionship with Thee.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Taking a child to the Lord!  
What a wonderful privilege. Let none of us discount the importance of steering a child in the way of righteousness.*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:8-20

### STAND UP

A preacher had succeeded in putting an elderly man asleep by his sermon. Preaching for a decision, in the midst of his sermon, he shouted, "Those who want to go to hell, *stand up.*" The old man heard the "Stand up" and did so.

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He looked around, paused with a puzzled look on his face and said, "Preacher, I don't know what we're voting on, but it looks like you and I are the only ones for it."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Being asleep involves more than the physical act. We may be asleep mentally and spiritually and miss wonderful blessings. Let us examine ourselves and make the necessary modifications toward more acceptable worship.*

Selected from *The Speaker's Sourcebook*, Zondervan Publishing House.

## Preacher's Diary

Taylor Hill  
Home Mission Director

Many remedies have been suggested for depression; but, I don't think any have matched that of a true friend.

On many occasions a husband will not agree for a nerve-stricken wife to be attended by a counselor: he will insist that his wife should bring her problems to him alone, not realizing that he is the problem.

Believing in what I am doing has kept me going when all else has failed.

I am convinced that the disciples of Satan are capable of saying, "I love Jesus."

JANUARY IS  
RETIREMENT HOMES MONTH

## Coming Events . . .

December—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

December 24, 25—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

December 25—Christmas Day

December 30—Mount Olive College Day in Local Churches

December 30—Central District Sunday School and Union Meeting, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, 3 p.m.

## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Robert L. Langley has resigned as pastor of Stoney Hill Free Will Baptist Church. He announces that he is available for pastoral work. He has served churches in Albemarle, Cape Fear, and Western Conferences. He may be reached by writing Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557 or phone 284-4178.

Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, North Carolina is in need of a full-time pastor. The members would like someone to live in the parsonage. Interested ministers please contact Mrs. Eleanor F. Moore, Route 2, Box 449, Creswell, North Carolina 27828; phone, 797-4424.

The Son of God became the Son of Man that He might change the sons of men into sons of God.



## Children's Home

submitted by Stewart Humphrey

### THE REVELATORS IN CONCERT

The Revelators from Wadesville, Indiana, gave an inspiring concert at Memorial Chapel on the Children's Home campus Tuesday night, November 27, 1979. There were several visitors at the program, as well as the Children's Home staff and children. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the program very much.

This program consists of a 30-minute portrayal of the animals on Noah's Ark and about 20 minutes of singing. The Noah's Ark Program is not a puppet show. It is a life-size program with audience participation.

Their schedule is listed below. If you would like for The Revelators to visit your church, contact the Children's Home, P. O. Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina, phone (919) 235-2161.

#### DECEMBER

2	7:00 p.m.	Stoney Creek
9	7:00 p.m.	Johnston Union
16	11:00 a.m.	Ephesus
30	7:00 p.m.	Moseley's Creek
31	10:00 p.m.	Ormondsville

#### JANUARY

6	10:00 a.m.	Macedonia
6	7:00 p.m.	Saints Delight (Eastern)
13	7:00 p.m.	Bethel (Cape Fear)
20	7:00 p.m.	Powhatan
27	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's (Western)

#### FEBRUARY

3	9:45 a.m.	Palmer Memorial
3	7:00 p.m.	Friendship (Central)
10	7:30 p.m.	King's Cross Roads
17	7:00 p.m.	Spring Hope
24	7:00 p.m.	Marlboro

#### MARCH

2	7:00 p.m.	Trent
9	7:30 p.m.	Union Chapel
16	7:30 p.m.	Black Jack Grove
30	11:00 a.m.	Sidney
30	7:00 p.m.	Gum Swamp

### NEW CAMPUS CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Bruce Steadman, former pastor of the Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church, became campus chaplain at the Children's Home, on September 1, 1979. Mr. Steadman and his wife, Kathy, have been houseparents at the Children's Home since Christmas of 1978. They live in Rodgers Cottage

with their two children, Tommy and Karen.

Plans are underway to intensify our religious-life programs on campus. Worship services are held each Sunday at 6 p.m. to encourage parents and sponsors to attend. Our Sunday school is held on a week day so that teachers from neighboring churches can help out.

Mr. Steadman is a student at Atlantic Christian College and



The Rev. Bruce Steadman

plans to attend Southeastern Seminary. He is ordained by the Piedmont Conference.

### CONSERVATION FAMILY OF THE YEAR



Donald Deans

Mr. Donald Deans has nearly completed his first crop on the Children's Home farm. He took the reins of our farming operation in January of this year. He has enjoyed the reputation of being a successful farmer in our community. This year he and his family were chosen "Conservation Family of the Year" in Nash County.

The Children's Home farm is hilly and rocky. Most of our fields are red clay. Soil erosion has been a constant problem. Mr. Deans, in cooperation with the county conservation board

and the administration of the Children's Home, has taken decisive steps to combat these problems of the Children's Home farm.

We are very proud of him. His concern for the preservation of the land and resources God has given us supersedes mere profit-making. We congratulate Mr. Deans and his family on winning this award.

Mr. Deans is married to the former Anita Woodall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Woodall of the Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Smithfield. They have three children: Ritchie, 18; Darla, 15; and Scott, 4. They are members of the Middlesex Baptist Church.

### FREE WILL BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

The Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes Program has come a long way since it was first envisioned in 1974. The George P. Best duplex was built and quickly occupied. Population changes on the Children's Home campus made available two apartments in the Dawson House in 1979. Both were rented right away. A third apartment was made available this month in the Dawson House. Mrs. Thelma Rulli decided to move from the George P. Best House over to the Dawson apartment, making available an apartment in the George P. Best House. This apartment has already been rented to Mrs. Winnifred Holt from the Black Jack church community. The growth of interest in the Retirement Homes is phenomenal. We are at full capacity and there are other interested parties.

There is immediate need for another duplex to be built adjacent to the George P. Best House. We are certain that there will be completed applications long before construction is completed, even if we begin immediately.

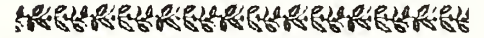
We cannot start another duplex until our people raise their horizons for the retirement program. Too many of us feel we don't need the Retirement Homes. We may not, but many of our pastors, their widows, and numerous dedicated Free Will Baptist lay persons do need a retirement home. The Scripture urges us to prepare for the elderly. Our society grows older as people live longer and spend more time as retired persons. Therefore, there is set before our generation a challenge to provide for the retirees of today and for ourselves for tomorrow!

Homes of our own are going to be more expensive as time goes on. Many of us will not be able to maintain a home during our retirement. Retirement Homes, such as we have begun at Middlesex, provide us all with hope for the future. The average pastor cannot save enough any longer to build a home near the end of his career. Most churches want him in their parsonage. Where will he go when the

churches are ready to put him out to pasture. He can come to Middlesex, if we prepare for him today!

Urge your people to put the Retirement Homes in their budget. Take a special offering in January and let's show our retirees we care.

J. Stewart Humphrey  
Executive Director



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**Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention at Juniper Chapel Church**

The Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention will convene on Saturday, December 29, 1979, with the Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro, North Carolina. The time is 1:15 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. Please represent your church! It will be decided to continue meeting on Saturday or go back to meeting on Sunday following the union meeting.

**Third Union of Eastern Conference at Long Ridge Church**

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference will meet at the Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Olive, at 10 a.m., on December 29, 1979.

**Fourth Union of Central District at Edgewood Church**

The Fourth Union of the Central District will meet at the Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church, Crisp, on December 10. The scheduled program is as follows:

**MORNING SESSION**

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Hymn, "There Is Power in the Blood"  
—Welcome, Fannie E. Gardner  
—Response, Brenda Thornton
- 11:15—President's Remarks  
—Mission Report  
—Mount Olive College  
—Greetings from the Children's Home
- 11:30—Special Music, Owen's Chapel Church  
—Sermon
- 12:15—Lunch

- AFTERNOON SESSION**
- 1:15—Hymn, "I Am Resolved"  
—Business Period  
—Devotion, Saratoga Church  
—Program, Local Church
  - 2:15—Adjournment

**Open House In Faison**

On Sunday, December 9, the Old Faison Williams' house in Faison was opened to the public for the first time. The occasion was for the benefit of the College Hall, to be built at Mount Olive College. The admission was two dollars and the proceeds were in memory of the late Virginius Faison Williams who was a friend of the College.

This old home was built in 1853 and is still furnished more or less as it was. There were Christmas decorations, refreshments, costumes, and music of the Confederate period.

**Laymen's League Fellowship At Rose Hill Church**

The Laymen's League Fellowship of the Central Conference held its regular quarterly meeting on December 3 at Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County. A program was presented by the Rose Hill Singers; afterwards the meeting adjourned for refreshments. The attendance of 77 members and guests represented 11 churches and included six pastors. Ayden Free Will Baptist Church hosts the next meeting on March 3, 1980, at 8 p.m.

**Homecoming Celebration At Oak Grove Church**

Homecoming Day Services were held at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday,

October 28, 1979. The morning service began with singing and prayer. Following the welcome given by Mr. Paxton Price, superintendent, the congregation assembled for Sunday school. After classes, announcements were given and the homecoming program began. After a speech presented by Mr. G. C. Bryan Jr., emphasizing Jesus' command concerning the needs of the widows, the church recognized eight (8) widow members: Mrs. W. L. Pait, Mrs. Anderson Russ, Mrs. Charlie Dove Sr., Mrs. George Singletary, Mrs. John Russ, Mrs. E. Hayes Pait, Mrs. Sylvester Evers, and Mrs. G. C. Bryan Sr.



*Widow members were recognized: Mrs. W. L. Pait, Mrs. Anderson Russ, Mrs. Charlie Dove Sr., Mrs. George Singletary, Mrs. John Russ, Mrs. E. Hayes Pait, Mrs. Sylvester Evers, and Mrs. G. C. Bryan Sr.*

The ladies were then presented gifts by Mrs. Charles Hungerford and Mrs. Jimmy Storms from the church in recognition of their love and devotion. The Oak Grove choir sang "Living by Faith" in honor of the widows.

The program continued when the family of Mr. E. Hayes Pait surprised the congregation by donating to the church a mimeograph machine in memory of Mr. Pait. Representing his family were his wife, Mrs. Minnie Pait; his daughters, Mrs. Lundagen Smith and Mrs. Kenneth Smith; and his



grandsons whose father was the late Mr. Elton Pait of Bladenboro. Mr. E. Hayes Pait loved Oak Grove and served many years in different capacities. He will always be remembered with love and gratitude for the service and dedication shown by him.



Mrs. Pait and Family, with the Rev. James B. Hardee accepting mimeograph machine for the church.



Beaverdam Church Quartet

The Rev. James B. Hardee, pastor, asked the congregation to stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of two brothers in Christ who had passed away during the previous year, Mr. G. C. Bryan Sr., and Mr. Sylvester Evers. Rev. Hardee proceeded with the devotional service. The remaining worship service was turned over to the McPherson Quartet of Beaverdam Free Will

Baptist Church, Chadbourn, North Carolina. Their singing was thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation. It was followed by fellowship among the people and concluded by the benediction. Lunch was served on the church grounds following the worship service.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. J. E. Timmons would like to inform people that he now has a new address. It is 128 Kennedy Street, Rio Grande City, Texas 28582. His former address was 800 West Main Street, Rio Grande City, Texas.

## EDITORIAL

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hardly prompt even the raising of a disapproving eyebrow anymore. Drugs are considered taboo by even the most liberal; but sexual indulgences are looked on as a mere matter of course. Even homosexual unions are gaining wide acceptance, though not clearly understood.

There is little, if any, feeling of shame associated with sexual liberty; tolerance has become almost blanket acceptance—even on the part of parents who explain their children's indiscretions with a convenient, "Everyone's doing it." Even so, the sin is as great and should not be explained away as "the trend."

Thank God for a few who still hold fast to scriptural teachings and godly morals. However few in number, the chaste are still morally desirable. We must reaffirm our stand that any sex outside the marriage union is sin and will be judged accordingly—not by society's standards, but by holy ones.

## THEY READ IT IN THIS PAPER

### 26 Years Ago

"Church suppers are conducted for moneymaking in 65 percent of the rural churches, a Drew Seminary survey shows, but profits are small. In 341 congregations the annual total averaged under \$150. Twenty-three women cooking, waiting on tables and washing dishes are needed for the suppers by the average church. Pastors were unanimous in opposing church meals for money raising. 'Long hours for the women and small returns,' said one. 'I detest the idea of a church being turned into a restaurant,' said another. Results of the Drew study were published in a 72-page booklet.—Selected, Against Church Suppers

"The Rev. and Mrs. James A. Evans of Wilson, North Carolina, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Saturday, February 21, by holding open house that afternoon and evening. Approximately 250 friends and relatives called during the afternoon and evening to congratulate Rev. and Mrs. Evans."—News Notes, Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For December 23

## THE INCARNATE WORD AMONG US

**Lesson Text:** John 1:1-5, 9-14

**Memory Verse:** John 1:14

### I. INTRODUCTION

The authorship and date of the Gospel of John have been the subject of much controversy, especially since the middle of the nineteenth century. For some years it was a common practice of many of the critics to date the writing of the fourth Gospel well into the second century A.D. and thus deny its apostolic authorship. These extreme theories, like their authors, have largely passed from the scene.

Some of these theories arose because the fourth Gospel differs from the first three Gospels. The synoptic Gospels, as these three are sometimes called, give more or less parallel accounts of Jesus' life. While each of the writers gives his special emphasis to his account, yet they are in agreement on the general outline of Jesus' life. But the Gospel of John does not fit into this outline. While John treats many of the events covered by the synoptics, he more often than not deals with matters not mentioned by them.

Many contemporary scholars have returned to the traditional views about date and authorship. It is widely held that the fourth Gospel was written about A.D. 90 by the Apostle John. John was one of the first disciples called by Jesus. Many feel, on the basis of his long career, that he was the youngest of the twelve apostles. Along with Peter, John

was a leader in the Early Church (Acts 8:14; Galatians 2:9). The Scriptures give us little specific information about the closing years of his life. The Book of Revelation informs us that he resided for a time on the island of Patmos (Revelation 1:9), exiled there by the Emperor Domitian. Traditions of the Early Church relate that John became a resident of Ephesus, where he taught and influenced the church for many years.

In addition to the fourth Gospel, John is credited with writing the three epistles that bear his name, and the Book of Revelation. In all of these writings John displays a simplicity of style that often conceals a profoundness of doctrine.

The fourth Gospel seems to specialize in reporting person-to-person conversations. Only John tells us about Jesus' encounters with Nicodemus, the woman at the well, the man born blind, the woman taken in adultery, and the conversations with Martha and Mary at the raising of Lazarus. These encounters, along with others recorded in the Gospel of John, will be the basis for this series of lessons.

—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Today we begin a series of sixteen studies in the Gospel of John, enabling us to examine the "dramatic encounters" Jesus had with various persons and groups. Unit I has two lessons under the title, "The Coming of the Incarnate Word," and will serve as an introduction to the series.

B. To begin with, some definitions will be helpful. The

"Word" in these lessons means Jesus Christ (John 1:1, 14), but it also means that Jesus Christ was God himself incarnated in Christ. "Incarnation" means "to invest with flesh, to embody"; thus God was invested with flesh or embodied in Christ. Read John 1:14 again and use the term "Christ" instead of "Word" and remember that Christ was God (John 1:1). So we see here that God became flesh and dwelt among men for a period of more than thirty-three years.

C. Christ is the life of God in human form, as we have already said. What God is, Christ was. Jesus himself said, ". . . he that hath seen me hath seen the Father . . ." (John 14:9).

D. Christ is the light of God to brighten the pathway of men. Before coming to Christ all men are lost and walk in darkness (John 3:19). Christ wants them to find Him, the Light of the world, that they may walk in that Light (1 John 1:7).

—The Advanced Quarterly  
(F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The subject, "The Incarnate Word Among Us," means that Jesus came to earth and bore in His body the very God himself, and walked and talked with people. This we shall see as we enter into the Bible text. Of course, Jesus does not walk and talk with us because He is in Heaven with the Father and has been there since the Ascension nearly two thousand years ago. But He is with us in the form of the Holy Spirit whom He sent to earth on the Day of Pentecost to abide within us as believers.

B. The Christmas season will mean so much more to us if we can watch the spirit of His incarnation and stress it in our worship services, in our celebrations, and in our efforts to bless needy souls with the beautiful story of the Nativity.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

# 'WE ARE BACK TO BABEL'

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

We read in Genesis Chapter 11, Verse 1, that the whole world was of one language, and of one speech. They understood one another when they talked. They had communication with each other. They planned to make bricks and build a tower that would reach into the heavens. They wanted to make a name for themselves, that they might not be scattered all over the face of the earth.

I believe that they knew they could not build a tower that would reach all the way to God's Heaven. God came down to see what they were doing. And the Lord said, "Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do" (Genesis 11:6). God knew that they were building for a launching pad. They had their minds set on one thing, but they were moving in forbidden direction. God will only allow man to go so far and then God will step in and cause something to happen that will stop them.

God said let's go down and confound their language that they might not understand one another's speech. When this happened they were scattered all over the face of the earth. There has to be a language communication, if people are to work together.

We hear much about the population explosion of today, and surely we are having one. But I think the knowledge explosion of today is the largest. We have come from the ox cart to the automobile, from the dugout canoe to ocean liners, from the flying machine at Kitty Hawk to orbiting satellites, from the Indians' teepees to air-conditioned buildings. Man has increased in

his knowledge, and today, thousands of miles this side of Babel, we have come back to it once more.

In this age man has broken the language barrier; with the help of computers man has a universal language. You can watch them when they meet at the United Nations and when a Russian speaks into that microphone it goes out in every language that is represented there. Man has broken the language barrier.

The confusion at Babel as far as the technological world is concerned has been broken. And because of a knowledge explosion man is once more reaching where God will not let him go. And computers are giving man this knowledge explosion.

We are standing on the brink of a breakthrough in a thousand ways that God will not let him go. The evil mind of the antichrist is at work with one purpose in mind and that is to de-throne God. And whether we believe it or not the spirit of the antichrist is already at work, and the purpose of that spirit is to de-throne God, put the church out of business and to bring the whole world to Hell.

Once more God must be looking down at this world and saying, "nothing can be withheld from them." It's a frightening world that we live in. Our young people can get all the dope they want. They can smoke all the pot they want. They can get all the strong drink they want, all the pornography material they want, all the marijuana they want. Forty percent of all marriages end in divorce. Homosexuals are being accepted today and even in some churches. Our schools today are not teaching the things they once did. The chapel every morning and Bible reading is not

allowed any more. They ask the lower grades if they think it's all right to kill, or to drink and think about sex. I can remember when they didn't ask these questions, they just taught that it was wrong to do them. It's a dark day indeed when America will allow an atheist to take prayer and Bible reading out of our schools.

God is about ready to step in and put a stop to all this. We are standing on the brink of a breakthrough that God will allow to happen. I read where they are on the threshold of creating life. Already they have taken cells from frogs and fish and produced another life just like the one it came from. Now they say it won't be long before they can do the same thing with man.

We are back to Babel, and God will not allow this to happen.

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## 1979 DINNERS EXCEED GOAL

By Jean F. Ackiss  
Director of the 1979 Church Dinners

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County or Area	1978 Gifts	1979 Gifts	Difference	Chairman
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Greene	6,848.15	7,165.38	+ 317.23	George Harrison
Johnston-Wake	16,470.94	19,066.48	+2,595.54	L. B. Woodall Jr. Lloyd Hargis
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Lenoir	5,317.00	4,835.00	- 482.00	Stanley Jenkins
Nash	2,618.28	2,731.00	+ 112.72	Barry Gardner
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Pamlico	7,677.00	8,946.00	+1,269.00	M. N. Caroon
Pitt	11,174.87	12,425.55	+1,250.68	Bobby Taylor
Sampson, Harnett, Cumberland	8,001.26	7,515.50	- 485.76	C. Felton Godwin
Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, Pasquotank, Chowan	4,215.75	4,493.00	+ 277.25	W. David Cahoon
Wayne	13,396.25	16,411.00	+3,014.75	Louise Edgerton
Wilson	11,217.50	13,782.51	+2,565.01	James B. Hunt Sr.
Grand Total (17 counties)	\$118,273.28	\$134,491.29	\$16,218.01	

The church dinners for Mount Olive College exceeded the original goal of \$125,000 this year by more than \$9,000, giving a grand total raised of \$134,491.29. Fifteen of the seventeen counties increased their gifts over the amount they gave at the 1978 dinners.

Three significant factors contributed to the success of the dinners this year. (1) A target date has been determined to make Mount Olive a four-year college. (2) Volunteers from each county participated in a more extensive way this year than ever before. (3) God's people have indicated verbally and by their actions that they sincerely desire to be a part of the work at Mount Olive College, realizing that this is a work which God has entrusted to us as Free Will Baptists.

Our deepest appreciation is expressed to each person who had a part—large or small—in making these dinners successful. Not only do we look at the success in terms of gifts contributed in excess of \$134,491, but over 4,100 persons attended the 17 dinners and 381 high school students attended and were given information about the College. The dinners play a great part in helping us to reach our Free Will Baptist high school students even to the point of giving a \$100 certificate to the church in each county who brought the most high school students to the dinner.

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Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will speak at Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church, near Newton, Georgia, on Sunday, December 16, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Sunday evening he will bring the message at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, in Bascom, Florida. The Rev. Thomas Kirkland is pastor.

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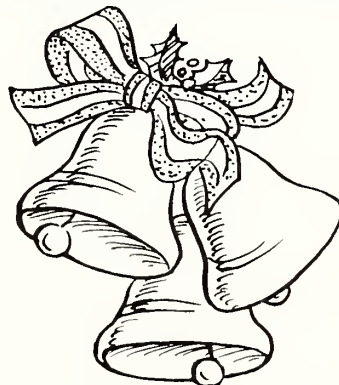
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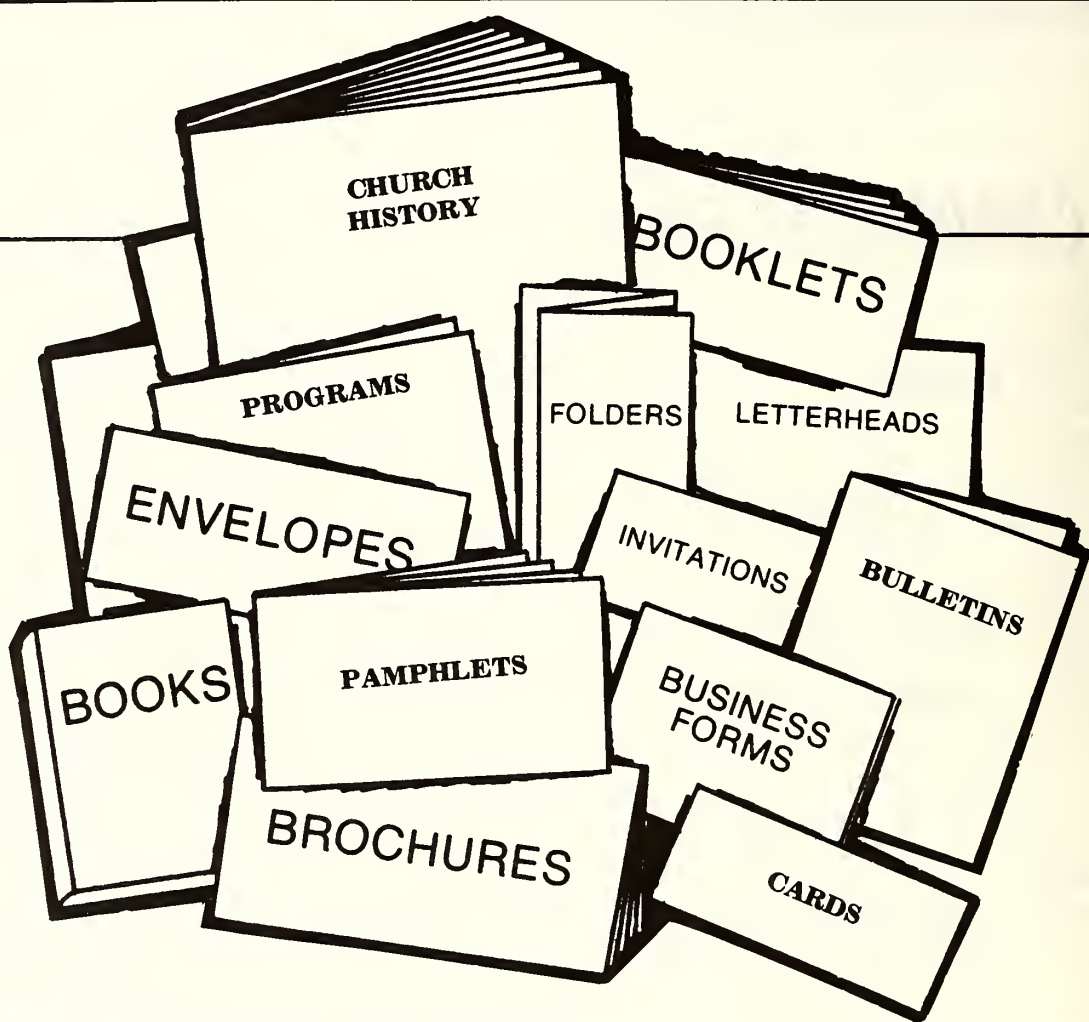
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# ASCRIBE TO CHRISTMAS ITS RIGHTFUL IMPORTANCE

For most people Christmas encompasses everything good, peaceful, secure, serene, and perfect. For others it involves riotous living, ungodly celebrations, indiscreet relationships, and unchristian behavior in general.

Even those who don't accept Christmas in the religious sense must find significance in its observance. It is impossible to live through the holiday and not pay any attention to its spirit and not be affected in some manner—for good or bad.

Christmas is seen in the faces of happy children, aglow with hope and expectancy. It may be seen also in the faces of those not so happy, those deprived of the usual nonessentials which are given too excessively to the very fortunate. Some see the spirit of Christmas better in sad faces—perhaps because sorrow seems more intense, more serious, more gripping than happiness. We are moved to activate our giving spirits, our caring hearts, and our empathetic tears. We are moved to extend more of Christ and His love—the essence of the season.

But Christmas should not be a sad time—no! Despite the sadness and heartache around us, there is cause for rejoicing—even for those predisposed to weeping for the unfortunate of the world. Surely we acknowledge the Christ-directed empathy extended to the deprived and support the Christ-directed saving of the lost, for Christmas is part of the here and now, the very present, the time at hand.

The trauma and depression of Christmas for some cannot be denied. If Christ is not in Christmas, if He is not the ever-present strength in times of physical and spiritual weakness and sadness, it is our fault. And it is our obligation to put Him back in Christmas, to reestablish Him in hearts and lives, beginning with our own.

It is possible, quite possible, that besetting problems crowd Him out. The human mind and heart cannot take but so much; they cannot long endure apart from Him. But His Spirit teaches ours, reaches ours; and as we commune with Him, we know His presence and experience an increase of His love.

And selfish attitudes also crowd Him out. There is no room at Christmas for self-centeredness, for the "big I" complex.

For too long (and for too many) Christmas has existed only in the giving and receiving of gifts, the commemoration of a special day, too frequently devoid of any godly significance except mutual friendship.

We should reevaluate our personal observance, our personal feeling about Christmas. If it is sad, we should make it glad; if

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# HISTORY OF ASPEN GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Fountain, North Carolina

by Anita Moore, A. G. Mangum, and others

IN 1887 a group of men, feeling the need of spiritual guidance, set out to build a small church where they could take their problems and worship. They called this church Pleasant Hill. The church was not an elaborate building of brick; it was just a simple log house.

Not very much is known about the early church. We do know, however, that the church was moved in the early nineteen hundreds and the name was changed from Pleasant Hill to Aspen Grove. It was given the name Aspen Grove because of the many aspen trees that had to be cut down in order to build the church.

The new church being completed, the members began to hold services in it. They were very proud of their church, but because of building expenses involved in the erection of the new structure, the treasury was found to be very low. In fact, there were many times when there was no money at all in the treasury. But the people did not need money; they were contented with having their church—something they had seen the need for and for which they had made provision.

It is surprising to note that the first ministers were paid very small sums of money for their service to the church and the community. Many times they were not paid at all.

The people traveled great distances to go to the church. They went in horse-drawn buggies, walked, and later on drove their old, run-down cars. They did not let the bad roads and cold

keep them from going to church as we sometimes do.

The customs of the first church were very interesting. If a person did something that the church did not think suitable for a Christian, they appointed a committee to look into the matter. After the committee had looked into the matter and given its report, the church acted as they felt right. Many times they felt that it would be best to excommunicate the member. Sometimes they forgave him if he had professed to have prayed to God and had been forgiven by Him.

There is no available record of the first preacher. The first minister that we have record of is Elder R. E. Edmunson, from 1905 until 1910. During this time, the church began to send delegates to the union meeting, held every fifth Sunday.

In 1910 the Rev. A. Tyndalle was elected as pastor. He served until 1913. It was during his administration that the preacher's salary was raised to seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per month.

In 1913 the Rev. J. C. Griffin was called as pastor. During his administration, a regular time was set aside for the quarterly meetings. This appointed time was Saturday before second Sunday in March, June, September, and December. Mr. Griffin served until 1915.

The Rev. L. B. Grice was elected as pastor in 1915. It was during his administration that we got our first new seats: benches made of crude planks. Mr. Grice served until 1918.

*Turn the Page*



The Rev. W. R. Coats was elected as minister in 1918. We began then to send money to the orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina; and we still support this institution. During his term, we sent two dollars and fifteen cents (\$2.15) the first time. Mr. Coats served until 1927.

In 1927, the Rev. M. E. Tyson was elected as our next minister. He served for only one year.

The Rev. W. L. Hart was elected as minister in 1928. He served until 1933. During his term, physical and spiritual additions were made to the church.

It was during this time that O. N. Gardner, clerk of the church for nineteen years, resigned from his position because of health reasons. Clifton Gardner was elected as the next clerk of the church, a position he held until 1951, when Mrs. Dorothy Barnes became clerk. Mrs. Barnes held the office until 1952 when she moved to another state. Mr. Robert Oakley was elected in 1952.

In 1933 the Rev. L. B. Manning became pastor. He served until 1943. In 1935 the members of the church painted the inside of the building, and in 1936 the outside was painted. The ladies of the church asked for chickens to sell in order to help pay for the paint.

On March 13, 1937, the church elected W. R. Langley, J. P. Killebrew, and Clifton Gardner to have the church wired. Up until this time oil lamps had been used. The ladies of the church took turns caring for the church and keeping oil in the lamps.

The church built new Sunday school rooms in 1939. They were built by members of the church.

In 1940 the church decided to give wreaths to all the members who died (in good standing).

The Rev. W. L. Hart was again called as minister (in 1943). He served until 1946. In 1944 the floors of the church were stained by a group of members.

The church bought an oil heater in 1946. An old coal stove had been used up until this time.

In 1947 the Rev. P. C. Wiggs was elected as pastor. He served until 1948. In 1947 the ceiling and walls of the church were painted again. In May of this year the church began to

hold two services: one on second and one on fourth Sunday, but one service was discontinued in June. Two services were again begun in September, but were stopped again in 1948.

The Rev. R. H. Jackson was called as pastor in 1948. He served until 1950. Then in 1950, the Rev. L. B. Manning was called to serve; he served until 1953.

It was in 1951 that the church was remodeled. When remodeling began, we had \$262.44 in the treasury. It took twelve months to finish the remodeling. It was completed in March of 1952.

The new church was built by members. They donated time, labor, and materials to do the building. There were 53 men who helped with the building of the church. It took 308 days of free labor to complete it. The total cost of the new church, with furniture, was \$15,011.74. The cost of the materials was \$9,954.45; labor was \$2,393.47; plus \$2,184.27. Choir and pulpit furniture cost \$479.14.

J. P. Killebrew, A. G. Mangum, Robert Oakley, R. R. Baker, E. L. Ellis, Albert Owens, and Clifton Gardner were elected as the building committee. In 1952 the new church was dedicated to the work of the Lord.

The Rev. M. E. Godwin was called to pastor in 1953. During his pastorate, the church purchased a Hammond organ (1957), which was paid for by donations from members and friends.

Mr. Godwin served until September, 1958, when the Rev. L. B. Manning again became pastor. Mr. Manning served until September, 1961, at which time the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison began serving the church. The Rev. C. H. Overman became pastor in September, 1963, serving until June, 1971, when the Rev. William Gaylord became interim pastor. In September, 1971, the Rev. Hubert Burress was called to pastor the church, a position he holds at the present time.

Since Mr. Burress has come to Aspen Grove, the church has realized many improvements: both material and spiritual, a fact evidenced by the improvements and additions the church has experienced from 1971 to the present. Some of those improvements and additions follow:

—1972, fellowship building built, and church bulletin board erected; 1973, walls

covered, new steeple erected, and deep well dug; 1974, two new pianos purchased (for fellowship building and church), inside of church painted; 1975, new choir pews and public address system installed; 1976, church carpeted; 1977, new heating plant installed; 1978, porch added to church, pew cushions added; and 1979, new front doors added to church, central vacuum system installed.

Mr. Burress is described as a capable leader, a dedicated man who refuses to drag his feet, who with his wife, manifests untiring energy for the glory of God and the church.

So Aspen Grove continues to prevail, to prosper, to guide people to the Saviour. From a humble beginning to a glorious present, ever onward for the Lord.

A fitting summation is found in the words of Anita Moore, which she penned in 1956: "No one can ever put into words what our church means to us, but anyone who belongs to a church knows. Yes, we are very, very proud of our church. It is more than just a building to us. It is a place of reverence and worship."

And so Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church stands, a directing light, a refuge, and a beacon of hope for all who pass its way.

## The Forgotten Son at Christmastime

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

A local church was having its annual Christmas program, and the four-year-old class of the Sunday school were given Bible verses to say as their part in the program. All had gone well until one little tot came out to say his verse. Carefully the little one placed his feet in a way that he thought was right, and sort of threw his chest out; then with his little head held high he proudly began his verse. "John 3:16," he proudly said, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only forgotten Son." Needless to say everyone was laughing at the mistake that the little one had made, but he thought that he had really done a good job.

This might seem funny for us to hear a child make a mistake. But if and when we stop laughing, and begin to think about it, did the four-year-old really make a mistake? As far as the people of the world are concerned, Christ is the forgotten Son. Even at this time of year when people would supposedly commemorate His birth, He is forgotten. Replaced with an X for convenience sake or hidden in the straw of the manger scene dwarfed by gigantic, jolly fat

men, Christ is truly the forgotten Son. Even those who make their annual trip to the church on His birthday never find Him among the greens and reds or the gifts and trimmings.

Those who have never known Christ aren't the only ones who have forgotten Him. In fact, in one sense, He cannot be forgotten except by those who have known Him. You cannot forget what you never knew. When we try to understand the trials that we face without asking for His wisdom, we have forgotten Him. When we try to make decisions without seeking His will, we have forgotten Him. When we try to produce spiritual fruit without yielding to His power, we have forgotten Him.

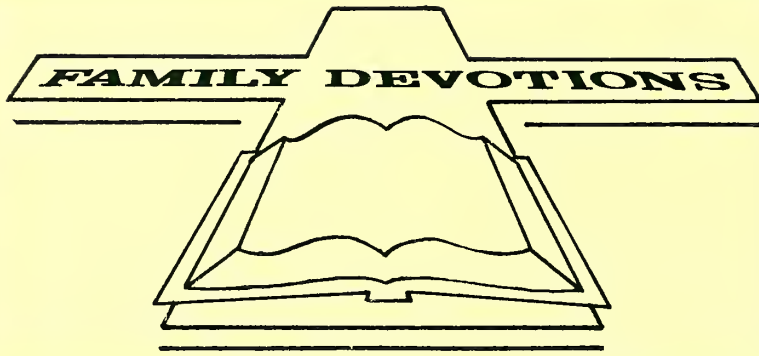
We can hear many at this season of the year say, "Let's keep Christ in Christmas this year." How can you keep something that was never there? Most of our society has rejected religion and Christ along with it. They have been confused and disenchanted by the meaningless ritual and double talk of most that are called Christians. They have never known Jesus, even if they have become acquainted with the church. They just don't know how to make Him a part of Christmas, because they have no idea of including Him in any other day of the year.

When a person knows Jesus as the living God and their forgiving Saviour, they become more exciting and important instead of trite and lifeless. Giving without thought of getting, for example, is at the heart of Christianity. We see it in the examples and in the commands of our Lord. Those who are learning to make Him Lord are learning how to give without worry about the return, and they do it at times other than Christmas.

Keep Christ in Christmas? It's not easy. We must resist the pressures of our peers who keep expecting us to squeeze Christmas into their humanistic molds. Only Christ can give us a reason to celebrate now and after Christmas. May we do so with an awareness of His presence. And may we recommit ourselves to taking Him to those who don't realize just how much He could really mean to them.







## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 9:1-10

### HE CARES

Said the robin to the sparrow,  
I should really like to know  
Why these anxious human beings  
Rush about and worry so.

Said the sparrow to the robin,  
I think that it must be  
They have no Heavenly Father  
Such as cares for you and me.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*"Worry" should not be in the Christian's vocabulary. The one who truly trusts God will spend little time in fretting.*

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:1-10

### A CHILD OF THE KING

Poor? No, of course not! Why,  
how could I be,  
When Christ, the King, is taking  
care of me?  
Tired? Sometimes—yes, more  
than tired; but then,  
I know a place where I can rest  
again!  
Lonely? Ah, well I know the  
aching blight;  
But now—I've Jesus with me day  
and night.  
Burdens? I have them; oft they  
press me sore,  
And then—I lean the harder,  
trust the more.  
Worthy? Oh, no! The marvel of  
it is

That I should know such boundless love as His!  
And so, I'm rich; with Christ I am "joint heir,"  
Since He once stooped my poverty to share.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*As a child of the heavenly King, one has assurance of the necessities of life and boundless spiritual blessings. If He isn't your Father, become a member of His family while there is yet time.*

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:1-14

### THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

The first Christmas that little Linda learned to read she was allowed to distribute the family gifts on Christmas Eve. According to the family custom the one who distributed the gifts could open the first package. After all the gifts were distributed with loving care, Linda kept looking and looking around the tree and among its branches. Finally Father asked, "What are you looking for, dear?"

To which Linda replied, "I thought Christmas was Jesus' birthday and I was just wondering where His present is. I guess everyone forgot Him. Did they, Daddy?"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Don't forget the Lord this Christmas. Remember the purpose of the observance and*

*make it a meaningful Christian celebration.*

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 3:1-10

I'D RATHER SEE A SERMON  
I'd rather see a sermon, than  
hear one any day:

I'd rather one should walk with  
me, than merely show the  
way;

The eye's a better pupil, and  
more willing than the ear,  
Fine counsel is confusing but  
example's always clear.

And best of all the preachers,  
are the men who live their  
creeds,

For to see good put in action is  
what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it, if you'll  
let me see it done;

I can see your hands in action,  
but your tongue too fast may  
run.

And the lectures you deliver may  
be very fine and true;

But I'd rather get my lesson by  
observing what you do;

For I may not understand you  
and the high advice you give.

But there's no misunderstanding  
how you act and how you live.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The living testimony, the best example, is more readily accepted than any spoken sermon. Be certain that you are "preaching" Christianity daily, by the way you live.*

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Scripture Reading—Psalm 23

### THE TEACHER'S PSALM

The Lord is my helper, I shall  
not fear in guiding these  
pupils.

He leadeth me into the Holy of  
Holies before I prepare this  
lesson.

He leadeth me to the heart of the  
truth and prepareth the minds  
of the pupils for the truth.

He giveth me a vision of the

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immortality of these lives.  
He leadeth me to see the  
sacredness of teaching His  
Book.

Yea, tho' I become discouraged  
and despair at times, yet  
shall I lift up my head, for  
His promises cannot fail me.

His Word will not return to Him  
void, and my faith undimmed  
shall burn through all the  
coming years.

Thou walketh before me that the  
seed planted shall grow.

Thou shalt stand by my side on  
Sunday and speak through  
these lips so that these pupils  
feel the nearness of God.

Thou shalt cause each broken  
effort to gather sheaves  
through unnumbered years.  
My joy is full when I know  
that every effort in Thy name  
shall abide forever.

Surely Thy love and watch care  
shall be with me every day of  
my life and someday I shall  
live with those who turn many  
to righteousness forever and  
ever.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The teacher has a great  
responsibility and should con-  
sider it carefully. The teacher  
should certainly trust in God for  
guidance; the molding of lives is  
serious business.*

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Scripture Reading—Matthew  
10:32-36

#### HIDDEN TREASURES

There is a calm the poor in spirit  
know,  
That softens sorrow, and that  
sweetens woe;

There is a peace that dwells  
within the breast,  
When all without is stormy and  
distressed:

There is light that gilds the  
darkest hour.

When dangers thicken and when  
tempests lower,  
That calm, to faith and hope and  
love is given,

That peace remains when all  
beside is riven.

That light shines down to man  
direct from Heaven.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The riches of God, while surely  
tangible are also intangible.  
While He owns "the gold in every  
mine," He also possesses the  
ultimate in peace, joy, and  
love—"treasures" He offers us in  
abundance.*

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Scripture Reading—Mark 10:1-  
17

#### CHILDLIKE TRUST

"Now I lay me"—say it,  
darling;

"Lay me," lisped the tiny lips  
Of my daughter, kneeling,  
bending,  
O'er her folded finger tips.

"Down to sleep"—"to sleep,"  
she murmured,  
And the curly head drooped  
low;

"I pray the Lord," I gently  
added,  
"You can say it all, I know."

"Pray the Lord"—the words  
came faintly,  
Fainter still—"My soul to  
keep,"

Then the tired head fairly  
nodded,  
And the child was fast asleep.

But the dewey eyes half opened  
When I clasped her to my  
breast,  
And the dear voice softly  
whispered,  
"Mamma, God knows all the  
rest."

Oh, the trusting, sweet confiding  
Of the child-heart! Would that  
I

Thus might trust my Heavenly  
Father,  
He who hears my feeblest cry.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Even when our hearts fail us*

*and words are slow to come, God  
understands and hears the un-  
spoken plea of the spirit. Never  
doubt that He cares.*

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Editor's Note: Because of our  
policy of printing only 50 issues  
each year, there will be no  
magazine for next week and thus  
no Family Devotion. Please use  
other inspirational readings to  
continue your family devotions.

#### RETIREMENT HOMES

Retiring means many things to  
many people. To some, a time of  
relaxing among friends, visits  
with relatives, fishing, and  
rocking. To others, worry over  
house payments, rent, a place to  
live, enough money to see them  
through, will I have someone to  
visit me?

If you are a senior citizen,  
which one are you? If you know  
one, which one are they?

The Free Will Baptist  
Retirement Homes, Inc., at  
Middlesex, North Carolina, can  
help you or your friend be one of  
those who look forward to  
retiring, rather than one who  
worries over it.

The retirees at the Free Will  
Baptist Retirement Homes wish  
you a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!

Perhaps you would like to wish  
them the same. If so, their  
names are: Miss Bonnie Farm-  
er, Mrs. Thelma Rulli, Mr. and  
Mrs. Clyde Vowell, and Mrs.  
Gertrude Ballard.

Their addresses are all the  
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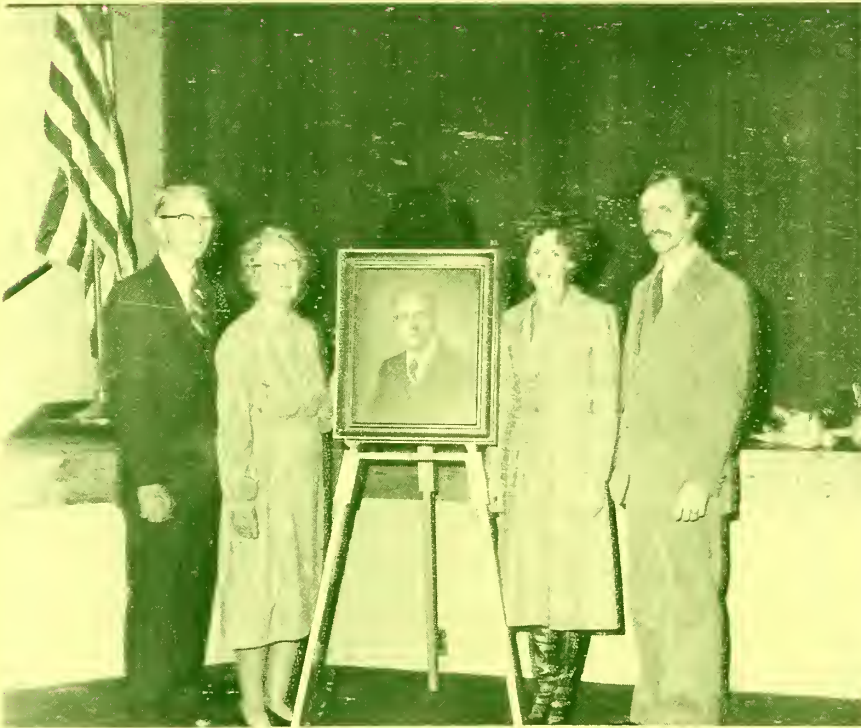
#### NO "BAPTIST" DECEMBER 26

In accordance with our policy  
of printing only fifty issues of  
"The Free Will Baptist" each  
year, there will not be an issue  
on December 26. The next  
"Baptist" printed will be the  
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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## PORTRAIT UNVEILED



A portrait of James B. Hunt Sr., was presented to Mount Olive College by a group of Hunt's personal friends from Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church in Rock Ridge. Hunt has served as Chairman of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees since 1974, and a member of the Board since 1964. Present at the unveiling were from left, Hunt, with Mrs. Hunt; Hunt's daughter-in-law, Mrs. James B. Hunt Jr.; and his son, Robert.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS' DAY

Mount Olive College has organized a special recognition day, Sunday, December 30, for Free Will Baptist students attending Mount Olive College.

Each of these students will have the opportunity to "share" the talents they have, singing, preaching, teaching, reading Scripture, with other members of the church.

Mount Olive College is proud of her students. Please help us offer prayers and support for our young people.

The Paul Palmer Institute of Christian Studies will offer the following eight-week courses on the Mount Olive College campus beginning Monday, January 14, 1980, in room 213 of the Henderson Building:

- 7:00-8:15 p.m. The Free Will Baptist Church (History) Dr. Michael Pelt, Instructor
- 8:30-9:45 p.m. Basic Communications Skills I Mr. Sidney Johnson, Instructor

## OFF-CAMPUS COURSES

Paul Palmer Courses will also be offered at Kenly Free Will Baptist Church beginning Tuesday, January 15:

- 7:00-8:15 p.m. The Four Gospels—The Rev. DeWayne Eakes
- 8:30-9:45 p.m. The Letters of Paul—The Rev. Ray Wells

Courses can be taken for credit toward an Institute degree for \$20 per course or for noncredit at \$10 each.

For more information contact Frank R. Harrison at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 or call 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

## CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL SCHEDULED

The annual Christmas Carousel featuring the Mount Olive Singers and College Chorus will be aired on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 11 p.m. on WITN-TV, Channel 7.

The program gives Free Will Baptists an opportunity to enjoy traditional Christmas songs sung by college students.

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## GIFTS TO MOYE LIBRARY

Gifts to Moye Library, Mount Olive College, during the month of November, 1979, totaled \$478 and were as follows:

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Mr. Leonard A. Joyner by friends, Fremont.

The Rev. S. A. Smith by the Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Howard, Mount Olive.

### Gifts

North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Elaine Jones, Mount Olive.

## NEWS NOTES

### Ormondsville Church to Have New Year's Eve Service

Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, will have a New Year's Eve service from 10:30 p.m., until, on December 31, 1979. The Revelators will be there to present a program of gospel music and a production called "Noah's Ark." All area churches are invited. An offering will be taken for the Children's Home at Middlesex.

The Rev. Jack Mayo is pastor of the Ormondsville church.

### "His Last Days" at First Church, Wilson

The Youth Department of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson will present the musical drama, "His Last Days" by request of church members and neighboring churches. This presentation will be Sunday night, December 30, at 7 p. m. Everyone is invited to come and share in this "life-changing experience," about the love and suffering of Jesus Christ during the time of His crucifixion. Although the play concentrates on the death of Christ, this drama has a vital Christmas message.

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## HE IS ALL I HAVE

by W. Burkette Raper, President  
Mount Olive College

HE was a hospital patient whom the nurse said "has come back from the dead." A week ago he had been found alone at home, unconscious, and had not shown any awareness of who or where he was since he was admitted. After gaining physical strength he began to react violently to his hospital environment by snatching away the tubes and other apparatus which were sustaining him.

The day before my visit he became conscious, was able to converse, began to pray and when he learned that the nurse knew me he asked that I come to see him. His frail profile, his labored breathing, and his hardly audible voice all told me that he was indeed a sick man.

"I need help," he greeted me. "What kind of help do you need," I asked, giving him an opportunity to communicate his most deeply felt need. "Spiritual help," he pleaded.

I took his hand, looked into his blurred eyes and thought back over the years I had known him: a tenderhearted man who befriended others but who lacked the self-discipline to befriend himself. He had now reached the biblical span of life—three-score years and ten—but they had been full of adversity: an early accident had impaired his health, an unhappy marriage, the death of a daughter in her childhood that had embittered him toward God, a divorce, decades of alcoholism, a second marriage that failed, unsteady employment, years of broken health, and loneliness—there was not a flower in his room, nor evidence of even a get well card. Emphysema had almost destroyed his lungs—the price of a lifetime of smoking, and now his short breathing was possible only because of an oxygen tube, and his kidneys required the assistance of a catheter.

"God loves you," I said, "and He wants you to trust Him." His response was immediate, "He is all I have. Trust and obey." I waited. "Trust and obey" he kept struggling to say.

"You've had a hard life," I said, "but now God wants to prepare you for something better."

"I need His help. O Lordy, O Lordy . . ." he continued.



"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believed in him should not perish but have everlasting life," I quoted, and then offered a prayer, thanking God for the gift of life and for the gift of Jesus Christ; I asked for the forgiveness of sins and for the abiding peace which comes from His presence.

He held my hand more firmly, and I began to quote Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd . . ." The early years of Christian teaching came back to him, and he went ahead of me to recite:

"He restoreth my soul . . .

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me . . .

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

"Forever and ever," he kept saying.

As I left, I asked myself: "What is the difference between me and my friend?" This Christmas we both have God and the gift of His Son, and ultimately that is all anyone has. Perhaps the major difference is that I may have a little more time to do something good and worthwhile in life.

God's light—by His Son—shines through sickness and adversity, at Christmastime and always.

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worldly, we should make it heavenly; if commercial, we should make it spiritual.

It was not mere chance that brought Christ to a dying world. It was not by accident that He came to earth a man-child, the sacrificial Lamb.

And neither should we leave the observance of this special day to chance—nor any of the days before and after it. We should determine in our hearts to make this Christmas the best, and most meaningful, ever. And we can, if we ascribe to it its rightful importance.

### A Christmas Greeting From the Kings

As another Christmas season approaches, our thoughts here in the Philippines turn naturally to home and family and friends.

From our family to yours, we just want to say to all of you:

“Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon!”

“Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!”

We love you all and pray for you a most blessed Christmas!

The Three Kings,  
Wayne, Deborah, and Kelly



## CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, North Carolina is in need of a full-time pastor. The members would like someone to live in the parsonage. Interested ministers please contact Mrs. Eleanor F. Moore, Route 2, Box 449, Creswell, North Carolina 27828; phone, 797-4424.

The Rev. David T. Ricks announces that he is available for pastoral work, interim pastor, fill-ins, or revivals. He is licensed by the Piedmont Conference of the State Convention of Free Will Baptists. Any interested parties may contact him as follows: The Rev. David T. Ricks, Route 3, Box 338-A, Elm City, North Carolina 27822; phone, 236-4206.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and Ayden Bookstore will be closed December 24 and 25. The Smithfield, Wilson, New Bern, and Kinston stores will be closed December 25 and 26. All will be closed on January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

### ATTENTION

The Revision Committee will meet January 14, at the Free Will Baptist Press at 9:30 a. m.

- December 25—Christmas Day  
December 30—Mount Olive College Day in Local Churches  
December 30—Central District Sunday School and Union Meeting, Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, 3 p.m.  
January 1—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

## Coming Events . . .

December—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

December 24, 25—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., and Ayden Bookstore closed

December 25, 26—New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston Bookstores closed



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For December 23

## JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Lesson Text:** John 1:19-34

**Memory Verse:** John 1:34

### I. INTRODUCTION

A man living in a large city decided he would take up fishing, so he went to the sporting goods store and purchased a lot of expensive equipment. Then he drove out into the country to a promising stream where he began to test his skills. But after fishing all morning and trying every lure he owned, he had not gotten a single bite. Rounding a bend in the stream, he came upon a boy sitting quietly on the bank, fishing with a pole made of a little sapling and a hook made of a bent pin.

"Having any luck, son?" asked the fisherman.

"Yeah," replied the boy, "they're bitin' real good today." And to prove his point he held up an attractive string of fish.

"How did you catch all those with just a stick and a bent pin when I can't even get a bite with all my expensive equipment?" asked the surprised fisherman.

"Mister," answered the lad, "it ain't the equipment that makes the difference. To catch fish here, you gotta keep yourself out of sight."

John the Baptist applied this same lesson to his ministry. He knew that if he was to succeed in his ministry of heralding the Christ, he had to keep himself out of sight.

The Gospel of John moves from the prologue and important theological statements directly to the ministry of John the Baptist. It passes over Jesus' birth and

early childhood and plunges us immediately into the midst of John's ministry and the controversy that surrounded it. We must turn to Luke for information about John the Baptist's parents and his birth.

Luke tells us that John's father, Zacharias, was a priest and that his mother, Elisabeth, was a descendent of Aaron. This godly couple was childless, and since they were advanced in years, it did not seem possible that they would ever become parents. But then as Zacharias ministered in the temple, the angel Gabriel appeared to him, informing him that Elisabeth would bear a son.

We know very little about the early childhood of John. Luke reports the angel's prophecy concerning John (Luke 1:13), and he further informs us that John "grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel" (v. 80).

Then, in the fifteenth year of Tiberias Caesar, which was probably A.D. 26 or 27, the Word of God came to John in the wilderness. Thus empowered, he came into the region around the Jordan River preaching and baptizing (Luke 3:1-3). His message was clear and to the point: "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2). This message struck a responsive chord among an expectant people, and large crowds from Judea and Jerusalem came out to hear him. Many heeded his message, repented, and were baptized for the remission of their sins (Mark

1:4, 5).—Standard Lesson Commentary

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. God has always revealed Himself through chosen persons. The same has been true of Christ. God and Christ need witnesses to tell others about them. One of these witnesses was John the Baptist who delighted in pointing beyond himself to the Son of God. Out of his own experience he testified to the validity of Christ as the Incarnation of God in the flesh.

B. John never felt that he was lessened by magnifying Jesus; on the contrary, it was a great privilege and pleasure to recognize his unworthiness in the light of Jesus' greatness. John was made all the greater in God's sight and in the light of history for his role of forerunner of Jesus. His was "a voice crying in the wilderness" of sin, calling men to repentance and a better life. One of the finest things about John's ministry was that he opened doors for Jesus to enter into His own ministry.

C. How many John the Baptists do you know today? Are you one? We mean by this, are there witnesses around us today who are preparing the way for Jesus' coming—His second coming to earth? Each Christian should have a testimony to give concerning (1) his own salvation, (2) that Jesus can save all who trust in Him, and (3) that He is coming again. To teach men these things is to make of us all John the Baptists, forerunners of Jesus.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Last Sunday we saw Christ as the Word which was in the beginning with God and was indeed God. We saw how He came to earth incarnated in human flesh, born of the Virgin Mary, a descendant of the great David. Christ the Word lived in His Incarnation on earth for more than thirty years, after which He was crucified, buried,

## JESUS' FAMILY

For January 6

**Lesson Text:** John 2:1-5; 7:3-5;  
19:25-27

**Memory Verse:** John 2:5

### I. INTRODUCTION

A lad, asked to define home, replied, "Home is where if yah ain't got no place else to go, they gotta take yah in." The word **home** is one of the half dozen most powerful words in the English language. It stirs feelings of security, warmth, nostalgia, and loyalty.

Well, unfortunately, not always. Home is, on occasion, something other than a comfortable and friendly place to be. Sometimes the walls of a home, rather than protecting the family from the threatening dangers of the world, serve only to confine and conceal what has become a pressure cooker of antagonism.

The Scriptures give us scarcely a hint about what Jesus' childhood home was like. It is certainly reasonable to suppose that as Jesus grew to maturity in Nazareth He was surrounded by concern and love. Jewish homes have long been noted for their stability, and the home provided by Joseph was certainly no different.

Yet one day things changed. Jesus, in response to a higher call, left the security of that home to plunge into a world that both loved and hated Him. And once He embarked upon that mission, His home was never the same. The strong ties that bound the home together were tested and stretched as Jesus' brothers, unable to understand His claims, rejected them.

How painful this response on their part must have been to our Lord! Yet their unwillingness to believe did not deter Him one moment in His faithfulness to His mission. We can rejoice that Jesus has left us such a wonderful example of faithfulness.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

## II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Tell the class again that we are in a series of sixteen lessons from the Gospel of John and are looking at persons who encountered Jesus. In the previous unit which ended last Sunday we had two lessons: (1) the Incarnation of Christ and (2) John the Baptist.

B. Introduce this unit as being one which will emphasize the impact that Jesus' presence had on those who were intimately related to Him, whether as friends, disciples, or members of His own family. It is also designed to show us what influence His presence can have on similar relationships today.

C. Point out that today's lesson gives us a look at Jesus' own family, by which we mean especially His mother, Mary, and His own brothers—children of Joseph and Mary. State that we have no record of Joseph at this time, and that it is probable that he had died by the time Jesus reached manhood.

D. A point of contact between today's lesson and last Sunday's might be that after Jesus' baptism, He entered the wilderness, was tempted forty days and nights, and after returning to civilization, began His ministry. Proceed with the lesson from there.

E. As Jesus began His public ministry He needed the trust of those closest to Him—His mother, His brethren, and others whom He loved and who loved Him. Their trust in Him would give encouragement in times of persecution, hope in times of despair, and validity in times of doubt from others. Jesus had that trust in His mother, but His brothers had some doubts about His really being the Messiah. This was a sorrow to Jesus but a sorrow that later turned to joy when the brothers finally accepted Him as the promised One.

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raised from the dead as He said He would be, and later ascended to Heaven whence He had come.

B. Today we go back about three and a half years before that Ascension to the beginning of His ministry among men—back to the time of His baptism by John the Baptist. With that beginning ministry He would reveal Himself to be the Promised One to Israel. This revelation was first made to John the Baptist who was chosen of God to be a witness of the person and deity of Jesus Christ. In this lesson we will observe how John first identified himself and later Christ as One who had come "to take away the sins of the world." The first emphasis, therefore, will be on John the Baptist, the second, on Christ.

C. God reveals Himself through chosen people—chosen because they know God through Christ in whom they trust and whom they serve. The lesson will be helpful to the student in several ways but in a particular way if it leads him (or her) to become a daily witness to the living Word.

—**The Advanced Quarterly**  
(F.W.B.)

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

It is said that a soldier who enlisted in the Civil War took along his kit of watchmaker's tools, and while he was in camp did a considerable business. But one day when the order came to leave their tents and prepare for battle, he looked around his tent in dismay, and exclaimed, "Why, I can't possibly go, for I have a dozen watches to repair, which I have promised by Saturday night." The man had forgotten what he had enlisted for. We must never forget that we are witnesses for Christ and that nothing else should be more important than that.—**The Bible Teacher** (F.W.B.)



F. In the larger family of Jesus, of which you and I as believers are a part, there is also a need for mutual trust. He wants us to trust Him implicitly, in all things, in all His words. There must never be room for doubt in our minds where Jesus is concerned. At the same time He wants to trust us. Can He do this? The answer lies in how much we trust Him. If that is much, then He can and will put His trust in us and give us greater roles to play in the work of the kingdom. Family members should be able to trust each other. This should especially be true in the family of God.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. This lesson begins Unit II, "Sharing Life and Service with Jesus," and consists of four studies. These studies are planned to show the impact of Jesus' presence on those who were intimately related to him—His friends, disciples, and members of His own family. They are also planned to show us what influence His presence can have on us in our similar relationships with Him today.

B. Today's study is taken from three passages of John's Gospel, all revealing intimate relationships Jesus had with those close to Him. The first passage gives us the only account we have of Jesus' attending a wedding, and reveals an interesting insight of His relationship with His mother, Mary.

C. The second passage shows us the intimacy between Jesus and His own brothers, members of the family of Joseph and Mary, and at the same time reveals the sad fact that even His own brothers doubted His Messiahship.

D. The third passage takes us to Calvary where we will witness the tragic scene of Jesus' dying moments when He recognized most tenderly His mother and spoke of her relationship, as a friend, with the Apostle John.

E. Throughout the lesson we will find reasons to know that any and every trust we place in the Son of God will be honored, for He never fails to keep His word, whatever the cost may be.

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### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

A small boy was trapped in his burning home. Looking out of the second story window, the terrified boy saw his father standing near the house with upstretched arms. The father pleaded with the son to jump and he would catch him and break the fall. The son hesitated in fear and the father said, "Do you trust me?" "Yes," the son replied, and then jumped safely into his father's arms. In times of great trial God says to us, "My child, do you trust me? If you do, all will be well." The test of our Christian faith is often determined by whether we are willing to "jump" into the faithful love of our Heavenly Father. He always breaks the dangerous "fall."—The Advanced Quarterly

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### THOUGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

by Nina Grace Register

Christmas is bright lights, tinsel decorations, and artificial snow.

It is too much to eat, too much to do, and Christmas carols polluting the ears with the "now" sound.

To a child, Christmas will never come. The weeks are long, and a year is a small eternity. To an adult, a year crashes down and the big day will arrive before everything is done.

The commercial bombardment began in late October, and by the first of December the TV reminded us it was already too late to expect packages and cards to arrive on time. One wishes December would quietly go away.

Surely Christmas is more than this.

Christmas is the magic that holds a wigglesome fourth grade boy absolutely still for twenty minutes, like a worshipping shepherd; and turns a talkative fifth grade blonde into an adoring, speechless angel. It's the awe of the manger scene enacted by children.

Christmas is warmth in the cold—a bright spot in bleak winter. It's a vacation from school and sleeping late. It is writing Christmas cards with a year's summary in a few words, and getting one in return; visiting friends and taking time for people we seldom contact.

Christmas is shopping together, keeping secrets, trimming the tree, wrapping gifts behind closed doors, and anticipating surprises. It's laughter covering the empty place where the family circle is one chair smaller this year, and feeling sadness without showing it.

Christmas is a fragrance—fruitcake, collards, ham, turkey, and cookies—all mingled with the tangy touch of cedar. It's soft, bright light of candles radiating through the room, stronger than the Christmas tree twinkles.

The music of the cantata which the choir began studying in September blends with the song in our hearts, and the angels sing their message again. Christmas is an intangible feeling of peace and goodwill toward everyone on earth.

Christmas is love.

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### Albemarle Conference Activities Announced

The Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Plymouth will host the Albemarle Union Meeting, Sunday School Convention, and League Convention on December 29. The scheduled program is as follows:

#### UNION MEETING

##### OPENING SESSION

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Marvin Waters

10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Swade Benson

—Response, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose

10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton

10:20—Roll Call of Ministers

—Recognition of Visiting Ministers

—Roll Call of Churches

10:30—Offering for Denominational Enterprises

—Announcements

—Prayer Time

##### BUSINESS SESSION

10:40—Report of Children's Home, via literature

—Report of Mount Olive College, via literature

—Report of Missions, via literature

—Report of Cragmont, via literature

10:50—Report of Minutes of Last Union for Information

—Report of Treasurer

—Other Business

—Announcements of Next Union

11:00—Minutes Read and Approved

##### MORNING WORSHIP

11:10—Hymn

11:20—Special Music, Host Church

11:25—Message, the Rev. Swade Benson

12:00—Benediction

—Adjournment

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

#### OPENING SESSION

1:00—Devotions, the Rev. Billy

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1:10—Welcome, Sunday School Superintendent, Wayne Britt

—Response, the Rev. Robert May

1:15—President's Message, Ervin Foreman

1:25—Enrollment of Ministers

—Recognition of Visiting Ministers

—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates

—Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks

—Announcements

—Offering for Children's Home

—Offertory Prayer

—Suggestions and Information for the Betterment of Sunday Schools

#### BUSINESS SESSION

2:00—Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information

—Treasurer's Report

—New Business

—Minutes Read and Approved

#### AFTERNOON WORSHIP

2:15—Special Music, Host Church

2:25—Benediction and Adjournment

#### LEAGUE CONVENTION

7:30—Devotions, Mr. Bentley Oliver

7:40—President's Message, Lloyd Jones Jr.

Pianist, Miss Windy Reynolds

### Christmas Cantata At Kinston Church

Christmas! The celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour.

Christmas is indeed the time for celebration. The time to reflect on the love, joy, and peace which the Saviour of mankind provides to those who choose Him as their personal Saviour. It is a time when

Christians should join together to praise their Lord.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, North Carolina, invites everyone to join them as they celebrate Christmas with the presentation of Tom Fettke's cantata for Christmas, LOVE, JOY, PEACE, performed by the adult choir.

This is the second year that LOVE, JOY, PEACE, has been performed by the adult choir, which is believed to be one of the finest church choirs in Eastern North Carolina. It is a memorable worship experience which will enrich the spiritual life of every Christian.

It will be presented on December 23, 1979, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Bruce Dudley is the pastor.

### Robert's Grove to Decorate The Christmas Tree

On Sunday, December 23, Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina, will hold special services. During the morning worship service, special music will be rendered by the chancel choir, the chapel choir, and the quartet. All are local church talent and the congregation will have a part in the service as they decorate the Christmas tree by bringing their "Love Gift for the Christ Child" and hanging it on the tree.

At 7 p.m., Sunday, the chancel choir will present their Christmas Cantata, "Down From His Glory," under the direction of Mrs. Dixie Honeycutt. This will be a very inspiring service.

The church membership and its pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan, invite everyone to come and worship.





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and Joy in Christ  
all Year Long  
*Merry Christmas*  
*Happy New Year*



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The only real joy at Christmas is found in God. The only hope for life is found in His Son. He blesses us with Perfect Love and everlasting peace.

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