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## Editorial

On this and the next few pages, you will find a "sampler" of articles from the year 1981. As timely now as when first published, we hope you will enjoy them, remember the past year, and be challenged to greater service during 1982.

## The Future Is Now

The year was 1212. The place was Europe. A young boy named Stephen had become caught up in the spirit of the Crusades; so caught up, he took a cross and started marching to the Holy Land. Soon, thousands of children (some think as many as 30,000) started following this lad who promised to lead them over the mountains, through the seas, to God. Stephen and his army of children marched through the countryside carrying wooden crosses and singing, "We are going to God!"

Inspired by Stephen's call to adventure, they sought to escape reality. Did they succeed? No. They met with evil in Genoa and Venice. Slave traders carried many of the boys and girls to Egypt; some of the children became ill and died; others were robbed and molested. Disillusioned and discouraged, a few of the children turned back without a cross, without a song, without hope.

How often we wish we could change things; how often we think things are better "on the other side of the fence." The past has not been all good, but neither has it been all bad. We have much to be thankful for. We need to think about where we have been and where we are going. In so doing, we cannot, we must not, disregard reality. As a church, we need to learn from our mistakes—and our victories—and move forward. You and I need to answer God's call; we need to get to work, for, Brothers and Sisters, there is much work to be done. At the present time we have churches without pastors and fields without missionaries. The evangelistic fervor of years gone by needs to be rediscovered, for at times it looks as though we no longer care about our God, our church, our neighbors, ourselves.

The year is 1981. Let's make it a good year—it can be. We must not let the events of 1980 discourage us. We must not become disillusioned like the children who followed Stephen years ago. Let's take up our cross daily and sing the song of victory which tells of the hope we have in Christ Jesus.

Brothers and Sisters, we do have a cross.

We do have a song.

We do have hope.

—(Adapted from Editorial, January 7, 1981)



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# The Year in Review Continues...

## The Challenge for 1981

When we turned the calendar from 1980 to 1981, we were reminded that another year had passed into history and eternity. One might wonder how we as a church did during that time. Comparing membership figures for organizations in the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists for 1979 and 1980, we found deficits across the board. Figures revealed the following net losses: Church membership 656, Sunday school membership 570, League membership 30, YFA membership 124, AFC membership 6, Woman's Auxiliary membership 177, and Layman's League membership 135.—(March 11, 1981)

## Mutual Benevolent Fund Adopted

In an effort to better serve the ministry and laity of our church, the Board of Superannuation on approval of the Executive Committee of the State Convention has adopted a MUTUAL BENEVOLENT FUND program for all Free Will Baptist people. This MUTUAL BENEVOLENT FUND is a program in which the certificate holders constitute the membership and share in the benefits. The FUND will provide hospital and medical benefits for its members.

Sauls' Insurance Agency of Goldsboro, North Carolina, has been secured to administer the MUTUAL BENEVOLENT FUND program. April 1, 1981, will be the beginning date for this program.—(April 1, 1981)

## Commencement 1981—A Special Day

The 27th and largest graduating class ever at Mount Olive College recently heard Air Force Chaplain John B. Narron say life can be exciting every day if we realize learning is a continuous process, have personal faith in God, and apply Jesus' teachings to our lives.

The 118 candidates for graduation included 112 for the Associate in Science, three for the Associate in Arts, and three for the one-year Certificate in Business.—(June 3, 1981)

## Catch a Glimpse!

Whether or not you realize it, what you do in the coming weeks will determine whether some fellow human beings will die of hunger or will eat and live.

If the people in your church catch (from you) a vision of the urgent need for food, if they understand the concern God has for feeding the starving in Jesus' name (Matthew 15:32; 14:16), and if you help them see how they can make a difference between life and death for people in need, then you will have helped to save several dozens of people from starvation and will have made life bearable for hundreds more.

Think of it! Here is a chance to save from death more people in one month than most people will in a lifetime—and to do it as part of a total Christian ministry. What a high privilege!

In addition to saving lives, you will be doing some important things for your church.

- Each person will sense that he is a part of what God is doing in the world.
- Adults will lose some of the frustration of asking, "But what can I do?"
- Teenagers will be glad to be playing an important role in something (for a change!).
- Children will learn for the first time what it means to share sacrificially (not just to share as a way of "playing fair").
- The whole church will be drawn together.

We, at the Foreign Missions office and World Vision have worked very hard to help give you an opportunity to bring these things to pass in your congregation. We have three programs to offer. These are the **PLANNED FAMINE, THE LOVE LOAF**, and the **MAX PAX** programs.—(June 17, 1981)

## Revision to Be Considered During 1981 Session

The State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened in Mount Olive, North Carolina, September 15, 16, 1976, with Mount Olive College serving as host.

The Convention in session recommended that a committee be formed to study the *Statement of Faith and Discipline of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* for revision and clarification.

The Revision Committee held its first meeting on March 1, 1977, at Mount Olive College in the Free Will Baptist Historical Room of the Moye Library. This meeting was devoted to a

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survey of the history of Original Free Will Baptists beginning in 1609 in England through 1976. Special emphasis was given to the many and various Confessions of Faith that have been used during the denomination's history. The Revision Committee adopted two of these confessions as the bases for the present revision, namely the Confessions of 1660 and 1812.

Using these two Confessions as the proper foundation, the Revision Committee worked to simplify and clarify the historical confessions of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination. The work was presented to the State Convention Study Committee on February 15, 1979; the work was then presented at a special called session of the North Carolina State Convention on August 14, 1979.

The special called session of the State Convention 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. 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 a plan of the Executive Committee to receive written proposals of amendments until November 15, 1979.

Changes were suggested to the Committee and most were incorporated into the revision (copies of which will be available at the Convention).

The Committee for the Revision of the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* has now finished its work. The completed document was given to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention on Thursday, August 27, 1981.—(September 9, 1981)

### **Convention Embarks on New Challenges: The Most Comprehensive Program EVER Adopted at 1981 Session**

It was the Sixty-ninth Annual Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Attendance was good and harmony prevailed. The Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the Convention, presided in a very able manner. From the outset it was evident that he was in control, and much of the credit for the success of the Convention is due him. There was little doubt in anyone's mind—even from the start—that when the Convention adjourned, it would have adopted its most comprehensive program ever.

Annual reports from denominational enterprises, institutions, and bodies were given on both days of the Convention. The Rev. Eddie Edwards, pastor of East Rockingham Church of Rockingham, delivered the message during the morning session on Wednesday. The Rev. Fred Rivenbark, assistant pastor of Sherron Acres Church, Durham, spoke at the conclusion of the morning session on Thursday.

As is the custom, the Mission Rally was held on Wednesday night. The North Carolina State Home Missions and Church Extension Department was in charge of the service this year. Young people from various home mission points participated.

The Executive Committee of the State Convention recommended that the Convention begin the 1982 session with an evangelistic thrust. Such a session would start on Tuesday night with an evangelism conference. A mass choir composed of all those who would like to participate would perform at the meeting.

The Executive Committee also recommended the approval of the proposed *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)* and that the revision be sent to the conferences of the Convention for ratification.

Upon proper motion, both recommendations passed.—(October 7, 1981)

### **Cayton Assumes Duties**



Mr. E. Howard Cayton assumed the position of Executive Director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home on November 1, 1981. The Revs. James B. Hardee, chairman of the Children's Home Board (center), and Walter Sutton, a member of the Board (right), greeted him on his first day at work, Monday, November 2.—(November 11, 1981)

### **Beauty for Ashes**

November, 1981, marks the fiftieth anniversary of "the greatest and most distinct loss that



our people have sustained in our history." These are the words used by the late C. K. Dunn, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press, to describe the burning of Eureka College in the predawn fire of November 15, 1931.

The sacrifices of a faithful people lay in ashes. The only educational institution of Original Free Will Baptists was no more. And a great depression gripped the Nation.

Behind the burning of Eureka College was the long struggle of Original Free Will Baptists to provide Christian education for both ministers and lay people. Although the Free Will Baptist Church could trace its beginning back to 1727, it was not until March 1896 that definite steps were taken to establish an educational center.—(November 18, 1981)

### **Needed Number Ratify Treatise**

Since the 1981 session of the Piedmont Conference was held prior to the State Convention, the member churches did not have an opportunity to consider the matter. The first group to do so was the Albemarle Conference, which ratified the revision.

The Western Conference tabled a motion to consider the proposed treatise until its 1982 session.

When the Pee Dee Association held its annual meeting on Saturday, October 17, it ratified the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*.

The Eastern Conference was the third group to adopt the proposed document.

The 127th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference was held on October 29. The Rev. C. Felton Godwin, moderator, led the group as it also adopted the revised treatise.

The last Conference to meet for its annual session was the Central Conference, which met November 4. During its 233rd annual sitting, the Central Conference approved the proposed document; it was the fifth body to do so.—(December 2, 1981)

### **Our Tribute**

"Well done" are the words that describe the job done by the Rev. Walter Reynolds, who will be leaving the Free Will Baptist Press December 31, 1981.

For fifteen years he served the Press and served well. We have seen a small institution grow under his leadership into something that is nothing short of a miracle.

With the total program of the Press at heart, he has been keenly aware that only by God's



grace and direction could such success have been obtained. The real accomplishments will never be known this side of Heaven. Under his direction a beautiful building was erected—new and better equipment obtained, and the bookstores have enhanced the ministry of the Press. Yet, the lives touched by the message of the printed page far outweigh the tangible assets of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

We say "Thanks" to the Rev. Walter Reynolds for his Christian life, his unwavering faith and his ability to lead the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. to an even greater institution of which we can be proud to be a part. His ability to smile and be calm in difficult situations is a characteristic that few men possess. As some of the employees have said, "Mr. Reynolds has been more than manager, he has been our friend."—(December 23, 1981)

### **Where to from Here?**

One may wonder where we as a people are headed. Questions can be raised about whether or not certain things are going to come to pass. Then again, we could just simply shrug our shoulders and ask "What's the use?", for often years come and go only to find us still in our same complacent situations and meaningless relationships. As a result, life can become dull, mechanical, and quite mundane.

This could all cause us to say that life is supposed to be no big deal, and I will be one of the first to admit that life is composed of many ordinary days. But life is more. It is an adventure to be experienced and a journey to be shared.

The events of 1981 are gone now. The time just spent in reflecting on them will better enable us to put things in their proper perspective; they will help us prepare for our encounter with the tomorrows not yet experienced. And let us expect those tomorrows to be good days! I expect the sun to shine tomorrow, even though the weatherman talks of rain. The sun may not shine on me—but it will shine! I'm expecting all that I do to point to God—this does not mean that I have all the answers or that I'm so righteous. Instead, my goal is for others to see Jesus in me—a goal that can be realized.

Take a few minutes (or hours or days) and reflect on the bright possibilities of this year. (Do you honestly expect anything fantastic to happen?) It is only when we see the good in small things that we recognize it in larger happenings; it is only when you and I expect great things to happen that our church will see a difference; but it will not just happen. We have work to do. (And may we never limit God!)

Yes, 1982 is going to be a good year. I expect good things to happen in my life—I expect something good to happen to you—and I expect great things for us as a church.

# MEET TONY MCLAMB—

## NEW PASTOR

*submitted by Louise Kriger*



*The Revs. DeWayne Eakes and Tony McLamb*

Having known, loved, and enjoyed fellowship with Tony McLamb for many years, we, the members of Black Jack Grove Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina, feel honored to introduce him to fellow Christians as a fine new pastor.

Tony was ordained in a beautiful ceremony at Black Jack Grove Church on September 13, 1981. The Ordination Board consisted of the Revs. Dewey Boling, Roy Clifton, DeWayne Eakes, Charles Renfrow, and Ray Wells. Tony immediately accepted the call to pastor Daly's Chapel Church in LaGrange, North Carolina. The church has a small membership at present but is growing all the time and our prayers are that the Lord will richly bless the little church and that it will soon be brimming with new members. We're confident that Tony will be a hard-working instrument of the Lord's work.

We have all heard that "behind every good man is a

good woman." In Tony's case this is no exception. His loving and dedicated Christian wife, Joyce, is doing her part at Daly's Chapel in many ways—such as playing the piano and helping with the choir. Tony and Joyce have been blessed with two lovely daughters—Tracey, 10 years old; and Melissa, 5 years old. They share a very strong family relationship, and it is no secret that the Lord presides over their home.

Tony grew up in a Christian home, having been born to Jasper and Rose Iva McLamb on May 13, 1948. The entire McLamb family is very dear to the members of Black Jack Grove and contributes greatly to the Lord's work. Tony's grandfather, Lennie Capps, who went to be with the Lord earlier this year, was at the time of his death one of the oldest members and most faithful Christians at Black Jack Grove. We will always cherish his memory.

In 1966, Tony graduated from Southern Wayne High School. Tony had two jobs prior to his present employment with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He has been employed with the company for almost 15 years.

Tony's service unto the Lord began long before he became a pastor. He was a Sunday school superintendent, an upstanding deacon, treasurer of the building fund, Sunday school teacher, and a choir member. Perhaps he is best known for his visitation participation, in which he is a firm believer.

Tony has a warm smile and a friendly, "down-home" country manner about him that are undoubtedly going to be great assets in his ministry. We're going to miss Tony and his family, but wherever the Lord calls them, they can be sure that our love and prayers will follow. They will always hold a special place in our hearts.

## MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Harry A. Jones announces that he is available for pastoral, supply, and/or evangelistic services. He may be contacted by writing him at Route 1, Box 430, Dover, North Carolina 28526; phone 527-3262.

The Rev. James R. Owens is available first and third Sundays for pastoral services. He may be contacted at 105 Kathryn Lane, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; phone 752-1556.

The Rev. Edward L. Thorn-ton announces that he is available for supply or interim pastoral work for any pastor or church who might need his services. He is a member of the Central Conference. He may be contacted at Route 3, Box 22, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580; phone, 747-5792.



# News and Notes

## Micro Youth Fellowship Helps Rest Home Patients



From left to right are seated: Chris Hales, Anita Hales, and Lori Evans; standing, Mrs. Joyce Jones, assistant youth director; Mrs. Carolyn Hales, youth director; and Leigh Hales.

Patients at the Colonial Rest Home, Smithfield, North Carolina, enjoyed recently the visit from a group of young people who care. It was because of these young people that the patients could share a brighter Christmas.

The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Micro Church filled individual bags with fruit and candy for the senior citizens. Each year the YFA sponsors service projects in the community, but this year's proved to be the most exciting one yet. The group had Christmas paper sales, bake sales, and other fund-raising events through which the teenagers earned

money to finance a bit of Christmas cheer.

Mrs. Carolyn Hales is sponsor of the youth group. She finds the group particularly rewarding, and proof of this shows in the high morale among the group.

The Rev. Clyde Cox is pastor of the church. Officers who helped coordinate the project are Lori Sharpe, president; Lori Evans, vice president; Mel Warren, secretary; and Anita Hales, assistant treasurer.

### Micro YFA Meets

The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Micro Church, Micro,

North Carolina, met recently at the home of Lori Sharpe. The officers of the group for 1982 were elected. They are as follows: Lori Sharpe, youth assistant; Lori Evans, president; Mel Warren, vice president; Shari Dyson, program prayer chairman; Teresa Wall, secretary; Melisa Wall, corresponding secretary; Pam Wall, fund raising chairman; Jeff Dyson, outreach secretary; Anita Hales, treasurer; Leigh Hales, assistant treasurer; with Carolyn Hales and Joyce Jones serving as youth directors.

### Albemarle Conference

#### Layman's League Is Formed

Recently the first organized meeting of the Albemarle Conference Layman's League was held at Shiloh Church, Pinetown, North Carolina. Five churches were represented with 23 members present.

Sound Side Church will host the next meeting, March 5, 1982, at 8 p.m. All men in the Albemarle Conference are invited to attend whether their church has an organized Layman's League or not. The goal for the March meeting is to have 50 laymen present.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions director, has a change of address. It is Box 336, Pikeville, North Carolina 27863; phone, 734-6244.

### ATTENTION ALL PASTORS AND CHURCHES

Please set aside Wednesday Prayer Meeting, March 3, 7:30 p.m., to attend the Commissioning Service for Charles and Jackie Barnard, missionaries to the Philippines. The service will be held at Black Jack Church, Pitt County.

An exciting service is planned. Come by car, bus, bike, horse and buggy, or by foot, but please come.

Harold Jones

# Children's Home

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FORMED



Officers of Memorial Chapel Auxiliary—Seated left to right: Susan Dalton, program chairman; Cornie Stocks, missions chairman; Sonya Holder, YFA leader; and Bonnie Farmer, secretary. Standing left to right: Hazel Brown, president; Mary Mitchell, benevolence chairman; Thelma Rulli, treasurer; Erma Patterson, vice president; and Geneva Wilder of Friendship Church who conducted the installation ceremony. Not pictured: Jeanie Brickhouse, youth chairman.

For the first time in the history of Memorial Chapel Church, the women of the church have organized an auxiliary. On November 2, 1981, Mrs. Geneva Wilder from Friendship Church conducted a very impressive installation service for the officers. At present they have twelve members, all of whom are staff members of the Children's Home and retirees living on campus. They plan to affiliate with the Western District Convention at the Spring meeting. They desire prayers that they may better serve the church and denomination.

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS SEPTEMBER 1981

**\$22,047.03**

Albemarle		Saint Paul	255.75
Gum Neck	\$ 25.00	Sound Side	249.00
Mount Tabor	93.82	Trinity	250.00
Mount Zion	100.00	Union Chapel	109.65
Plymouth, First	350.00	Total	\$ 1,433.22

Cape Fear	
Catalpa	\$ 75.00
Faith	150.00
Goldsboro, First	550.00
Haymount	87.37
Lee's Chapel	200.00
Oak Grove	200.00
Riverside	200.00
Saint Mary's Grove	100.00
Shady Grove	655.00
Smithfield, First	100.00
Tee's Chapel	500.00
Yelverton Grove	171.61
Total	\$ 2,988.98

Central	
Aspen Grove	\$ 179.00
Bethany	125.00
Black Jack	107.50
Cedar Grove	100.00
Daniels Chapel	325.00
Dawson's Grove	200.00
Dilda's Grove	369.23
Edgewood	105.00
Elm Grove	100.00
Free Union	301.00
Friendship	59.76
Greenville, First	10.00
Harrell's Chapel	75.00
King's Cross Roads	85.57
Marlboro	266.60
Maury	90.00
Ormondsville	8.00
Otter's Creek	76.66
Owens Chapel	187.54
Piney Grove	100.00
Pleasant Hill	300.00
Reedy Branch	255.00
Rocky Mount, First	100.00
Rose Hill	200.00
Saratoga	435.00
Spring Branch	200.00
Sweet Gum Grove	100.00
Walnut Creek	200.00
Watery Branch	15.00
Williamston, First	100.00
Winterville	387.08
Union Number 2	13.34
Total	\$ 5,176.28

Eastern	
Angola	\$ 60.00
Beulaville	100.00
Bridgeton	89.00
Cabin	25.00
Christian Chapel	200.00
Core Creek	200.00
Croatan	200.00
Davis	200.00
Deep Run	216.00
Dublin Grove	196.35
Edwards Chapel	245.00
Ephesus	70.13
Faith	75.00
Free Union	25.00
Friendship	204.90
Gray Branch	325.00
Juniper Chapel	200.00
Lanier's Chapel	60.00
May's Chapel	300.00
Mount Pleasant	200.00
Mount Zion (Pamlico)	100.00
New Haven	306.64

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Northeast	56.80
Oriental	10.00
Pearsall Chapel	253.00
Rooty Branch	100.00
Sandy Plain	125.00
Snow Hill	200.00
St. Mary's	300.00
Westside	350.00
White Hill	25.00
White Oak Grove	100.00
Woodrow, First	50.00
Auxiliary Convention	373.50
Union Number 3	65.00
Union Number 4	25.75
Union Number 5	75.00
Fifth Sunday School	
Convention	40.00
Total	\$ 5,747.07

<b>Pee Dee</b>	
Ash	\$ 30.00
Beaverdam	25.00
Cypress Creek	97.50
Macedonia	144.00
Oak Grove	644.95
Union Number 1	20.00
Total	\$ 961.45

<b>Piedmont</b>	
Advance	\$ 15.39
High Point	375.24
Hopewell	40.00
Mount Calvary	54.00
Auxiliary Convention	20.00
Total	\$ 504.63

<b>Western</b>	
Black Jack Grove	\$ 150.00
Calvary	162.50
Everett Chapel	70.98
Fellowship	25.00
Flood's Chapel	75.00
Free Union	100.00
Friendship	200.00
Kenly	120.00
Little Rock	400.00
Living Waters	100.00
Marsh Swamp	30.00
Milbournie	125.00
Mount Zion	100.86
New Sandy Hill	150.00
Northern	1,034.00
Pleasant Grove	505.00
Rains Cross Roads	50.00
Rosebud	105.00
Sherron Acres	175.00
Stancil's Chapel	358.38
Union Chapel	32.50
Union Grove	209.50
Unity (Durham)	100.00
Wilson, First	514.86
Union Number 1	85.00
Youth Fellowship	25.00
Total	\$ 5,003.58

#### MEMORIALS

By Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Bell in memory of Louis Sanderson

By Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown in memory of Clarence J. Wade Sr.

By Kenly Auxiliary in memory of Jesse Woodard

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

OCTOBER 1981

\$59,266.06

<b>Albemarle</b>	
Corinth	\$ 195.00
Free Union	45.00
Gum Neck	175.00
Hickory Chapel	450.00
Mount Tabor	452.51
Mount Zion	269.72
Piney Grove	125.00
Plymouth, First	350.00
Sidney	92.28
Sound Side	618.00
Saint Paul	255.75
Trinity	250.00
Union Chapel	406.85
Union Meeting	21.21
Total	\$ 3,706.32

<b>Cape Fear</b>	
Catalpa	\$ 75.00
Christian Chapel	80.00
Faith	150.00
Goldsboro, First	554.95
Haymount	87.37
Hopewell	40.00
Johnston Union	318.87
Lee's Chapel	565.85
Mount Olive	6.00
Oak Grove	200.00
Palmer Memorial	808.16
Pleasant Grove	90.00
Powhatan	301.60
Robert's Grove	375.00
Riverside	200.00
Saint Mary's Grove	100.00
Saint Paul	25.00
Shady Grove	715.00
Smithfield, First	120.00
Smyrna	100.00
Tee's Chapel	500.00
Victory Mission	25.29
Wooten's Chapel	73.55
Yelverton Grove	271.61
Total	\$ 5,783.25

<b>Central Conference</b>	
Aspen Grove	\$ 910.00
Ayden	515.00
Bethany	125.00
Black Jack (Pitt)	1,443.42
Cedar Grove	100.00
Community	314.87
Daniels Chapel	325.00
Dawson's Grove	200.00
Dilda's Grove	414.23
Edgewood	205.00
Elm Grove	100.00
Free Union	1,279.87
Friendship	275.52
Gum Swamp	750.00
Greenville, First	415.00
Grimsley	550.00
Harrell's Chapel	420.00
Hickory Grove	18.00
Howell Swamp	375.00
Hugo	317.50
Hull Road	375.00
King's Cross Roads	269.53
LaGrange	25.00
Little Creek	175.00

Marlboro	266.60
Maury	90.00
Ormondsville	8.00
Otter's Creek	328.18
Owens Chapel	187.54
Peace	245.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	266.75
Pleasant Hill	755.00
Reedy Branch	420.00
Roanoke Rapids, First	5.00
Rocky Mount, First	150.00
Rose Hill	518.13
Rose of Sharon	25.00
Saratoga	440.00
Spring Branch	959.00
Sweet Gum Grove	100.00
Tarboro, First	600.00
Walnut Creek	200.00
Watery Branch	15.00
Williamston, First	299.63
Winterville	1,049.80
Auxiliary Convention	38.49
Union Number 2	13.34
Total	\$16,878.40

<b>Eastern</b>	
Angola	\$ 60.00
Antioch	800.00
Arapahoe	704.05
Bethel	25.00
Bethlehem	25.00
Beulaville	100.00
Bridgeton	297.50
Cabin	25.00
Christian Chapel	202.25
Core Creek	489.44
Crab Point	15.00
Croatan	200.00
Davis	450.00
Deep Run	750.09
Dublin Grove	246.33
Edwards Chapel	390.00
Ephesus	156.59
Faith	75.00
Folkstone	20.00
Free Union	25.00
Friendship	709.40
Grants Chapel	25.00
Gray Branch	521.00
Hillsberry	60.00
Holly Springs	320.00
Jackson Heights	111.99
Juniper Chapel	250.00
Kinston, First	330.00
Lanier's Chapel	60.00
May's Chapel	350.00
Mount Pleasant	220.00
Mount Zion (Pamlico)	100.00
Mount Zion (Onslow)	50.00
New Bethiehem	131.25
New Haven	546.47
Northeast	162.40
Oak Grove	167.65
Oriental	10.00
Pearsall Chapel	253.00
Piney Grove	95.50
Reunion Chapel	15.00
Rock of Zion	130.04
Rooty Branch	100.00
Russell's Creek	5.00
Saints Delight	350.00
Sarecta	30.00

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Sandy Plain	225.00
Smith's New Home	260.00
Sneads Ferry	100.00
Smyrna	300.00
Snow Hill	200.00
Sound View	25.00
St. Mary's	726.00
Verona	38.04
Warden's Grove	267.17
Westside	380.00
Whaley's Chapel	165.00
White Hill	25.00
White Oak	30.00
White Oak Grove	643.00
Wintergreen	4.50
Woodrow, First	50.00
Auxiliary Convention	548.50
Carteret County Sunday School	50.00
Union Number 3	65.00
Union Number 4	25.75
Union Number 5	75.00
Fifth Sunday School Convention	40.00
W. R. Jarvis	10.00
Sunday School Convention	68.00
Total	\$14,480.91

<b>Pee Dee</b>	
Ash	\$ 30.00
Beaverdam	1,025.00
Cypress Creek	97.50
Macedonia	194.00
Mount Calvary	248.00
Oak Grove	844.46
Thomasboro	100.00
District Convention	315.45
Union Number 1	20.00
Total	\$ 2,874.41

<b>Piedmont</b>	
Advance Mission	\$ 15.39
Bethany	200.00
East Rockingham	35.00
Faith	104.85
Gethsemane	87.94
High Point	375.24
Hopewell	80.00
Mount Calvary	154.00
Mount Olive	100.00
Sweet Haven	186.68
Union Gospel	211.10
Auxiliary Convention	20.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	\$ 1,670.20

<b>Toe River</b>	
Coxes Creek	\$ 228.08
Roaring Creek	102.29
Total	\$ 330.37

<b>Western</b>	
Agape	\$ 50.00
Black Jack Grove	300.00
Branch Chapel	675.00
Calvary	162.50
Durham, First	100.00
Everett Chapel	337.24
Fellowship	55.96
Flood's Chapel	75.00
Fremont	123.75
Free Union	430.68
Friendship	680.00
Kenly	385.00
Little Rock	538.80

Living Waters	250.00
Marsh Swamp	550.30
Micro	282.02
Milbournie	500.00
Mount Zion	121.22
New Sandy Hill	175.00
Northern	222.51
Oak Grove	34.00
People's Chapel	160.00
Pine Level	272.99
Piney Grove	161.25
Pleasant Grove	510.00
Pleasant Hill	200.00
Pleasant Plain	270.00
Rains Cross Roads	70.00
Rosebud	140.00
Sherron Acres	700.00
Spring Hill	295.00
St. Mary's	676.53
Stancil's Chapel	627.09
Stoney Creek	50.00

Union Chapel	97.50
Union Grove	278.00
Unity	100.00
Watson's Grove	75.00
Wilson, First	1,624.86
Union Number 1	85.00
Youth Fellowship	100.00
Total	\$13,542.20

#### MEMORIALS

By Kenly Auxilliary in memory of Jesse Woodard

By Hickory Grove Church in memory of Clarence and Martha Briley

By Mary S. Williams in memory of Dennis Lee, James Powell, and Abel Whorton

By Cabin Church in memory of Sandra Elaine Mercer

By Smyrna Church in memory of William Howard and Mittie Toler Jewel

## Foreign Missions

#### NEWS FROM MEXICO

Mattie Link is home on a short furlough. She is staying with her mother in Enfield, North Carolina, while she takes a much needed break from the work on the field. Her son Paul is with her and is enrolled in a Christian Academy using the Accelerated Christian Education material in a school near Enfield.

Jodi is planning to transfer from Pensacola Christian College in Florida to Liberty College in Lynchburg, Virginia, in January.

Vance resigned as pastor of the Lighthouse Church in the summer. They now have a new minister and this year the Academy has a principal and six teachers for the 94 students. Please pray for the health of your missionaries.

We are troubled on every side yet not distressed  
We are perplexed, but not in despair  
Persecuted, but not forsaken, cast down, but not destroyed  
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.

Pray for Vance as he continues to travel and work in Mexico.

The Links

#### MINISTER DIES

The Rev. J. E. Timmons, our senior missionary to Mexico, died Wednesday, December 16, at 8 p.m. The funeral was Friday afternoon, December 18, in Laredo, Texas. Brother Joe Ingram, former Director of the Foreign Missions Board, attended the funeral on behalf of the Board and also participated in the funeral service. Please remember the family in prayer. For those who would like to correspond with Mrs. Timmons her address is: Mrs. Lucy Timmons, Old Highway 83, Box 150, Rio Grande City, Texas 78582.

**January is  
Retirement Homes  
Month.**





# Mount Olive College

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

A variety of study courses, workshops, and college-credit courses will be offered by Mount Olive College for the second semester.

Two study courses will be offered on campus under the Paul Palmer Institute, a program of continuing education for ministers and church workers. They will both begin January 18 and end March 8.

### PAUL PALMER INSTITUTE COURSES

*The Free Will Baptist Church—Part I* is a study of Free Will Baptist Church history. It will meet in Room 115 in the Henderson Building from 7-8:15 p.m. Dr. Michael Pelt, professor of religion, will be the instructor. The course carries 2 units of institute credit.

*Pastoral Care* is a basic introduction to pastoral ministry. It will meet in Room 213 in the Henderson Building from 8:30-9:45 p.m. Frank Harrison, chaplain, will be the instructor. The course carries 3 units of institute credit.

### PAUL PALMER INSTITUTE COURSES (OFF CAMPUS)

The following Paul Palmer courses will be offered at Core Creek Church (Eastern Conference) beginning February 2 and ending March 23.

*How to Study the Bible* is a study of the application of the Bible to modern life. It will meet from 7-8:15 p.m. Bass Mitchell will be the instructor.

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The course carries 2 units of institute credit.

*The Free Will Baptist Church—Part I* will be offered from 8:30-9:45 p.m. Dr. Michael Pelt will be the instructor.

### CERTIFICATES

Each of the above courses may be taken for institute credit or for personal enrichment. Two certificates are awarded under the Paul Palmer Institute. The basic curriculum is designed primarily for laypersons and requires a total of 45 units for completion. The advanced curriculum is designed to provide a program of continuing education primarily for ministers. The advanced curriculum requires the completion of 64 units.

### COST

Ministers and church workers may enroll in any of the above courses for \$20 per course (plus a one-time registration fee of \$10 if taken for credit).

### COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES ON CAMPUS

The following courses will be offered at night on campus for the convenience of ministers and church workers who cannot enroll in the regular college curriculum. These courses may be taken for personal development or in a program of study leading to a degree.

*The Free Will Baptist Church—210* is a study of the history, doctrine, government, and denominational programs of the Free Will Baptist Church.

The class will meet from 7-9:15 p.m. in Room 115 of the Henderson Building, Mount Olive College, beginning Monday, January 18. Dr. Michael Pelt is the instructor and the course carries 3 semester hours of credit.

*Psychology 201* is a general introduction to the study of human behavior and personality development. The class will meet from 6:30-9:15 p.m. in Room 113 of the Henderson Building, Mount Olive College, beginning Tuesday, January 19. Paul Hackman is the instructor and the course carries 3 semester hours of credit.

*English Composition 102* is a study of composition based on English and American literature. The class will meet from 6:30-9:15 p.m. in Room 111 of the Henderson Building, Mount Olive College, beginning Wednesday, January 13. Nancy Costa is the instructor and the course carries 3 semester hours of credit. (English 101 is a prerequisite.)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS IN FEBRUARY

Two Sunday school workshops will be offered in February for teachers, officers, pastors, and laymen. Dianne Riley is the instructor.

The first workshop will be held at Stoney Creek Church on February 2, 9, 16, 23 (Tuesdays) from 7:30-9 p.m. The Rev. Gary Bailey is the pastor.

The second workshop will be held at Macedonia Church on February 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thursdays) from 7:30-9 p.m. The Rev. Walter Sutton is the pastor.

### TEACHER CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE

These workshops are approved by the Sunday School Convention as a partial fulfillment for teacher certification. There is no registration fee.

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# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:10-12

### I WIPED AWAY THE BLOOD AND WENT RIGHT ON

One day John Wesley preached to a great throng in an outdoor meeting. He pleaded with the unsaved to flee from the wrath to come. Later Wesley said, "Many of the people acted like beasts and did their best to disturb the meeting. They tried to drive a herd of cows into the crowd, but without success. Then they began to throw stones—showers of them. One of them struck me between the eyes. I wiped away the blood, and went right on, declaring that God has given to them that believe, 'not the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.' By the spirit which now appeared . . . I saw what a blessing it is when it is given us, even in the lowest degree, to suffer for His name's sake!"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*. . . the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart (Psalm 11:2).*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Scripture Reading—Malachi 3:1-6

### I SHALL COME FORTH AS GOLD!

Derby china is made in Derby, England. It is also called Crown Derby, because a royal warrant is issued authorizing its manufacture. It is widely sought and is highly prized by

those who possess it. One day a minister visited the factory where Derby china is made. He saw artisans apply varicolored paints to the china—yellowish-brown, bluish-black and dirty-looking red. They circled the edge of the china with black paint. How unattractive was the china when it was put into the furnace. But the fire wrought an amazing transformation. When it was taken from the furnace, the minister looked in wonderment upon the exquisitely beautiful pieces of china! The black had become a bright gold. The blue and the red had become lustrous and bright.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*In the unerring wisdom of God, some of His choicest saints are disciplined and conformed to the image of Christ in the furnace of sorrow and suffering: "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction" (Isaiah 48:10).*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 51:12-16

### WORDS THAT CHANGE PEOPLE

One day, which happened to be a Jewish holiday, I was returning from Temple. At the time I was eleven. As I approached a corner, four boys challenged my progress and after making harsh comments about my holiday suit and my holiday appearance, beat me up.

When I got to my feet I wrapped torn garments around me and made a headlong flight home, feeling extraordinarily sorry for myself. Why had I been chosen for this unprovoked attack?

My mother comforted me and began to clean me up. The words she spoke to me then have stayed with me all my life and prevented me from becoming cynical, bitter or disillusioned when events went against me. Her words went something like this:

"Son, it's the beatings you do not deserve that are always the hardest to bear. When you do something wrong and you are punished, it does little good because you know you did something wrong and you know you deserve the punishment. But when you take a beating for no reason at all, then you must be stronger and more patient because it is these beatings that will give you the understanding and strength to cope with life."—Dore Schary, in *Guideposts*

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage (Psalm 94:5).*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Scripture Reading—Acts 5:17-42

### NOT COUNTED WORTHY TO SUFFER

Years ago Japan took over Korea. Many of the leading Christians were bitterly persecuted. Some were imprisoned in Japanese jails. Those who were not persecuted felt that they were somehow lacking in their Christianity. A native Methodist pastor went to a missionary and said, "Maksa, there must be something wrong with us Methodists. I fear that we are not living as godly as we ought to live. There are thirty-seven Presbyterians in jail and only one Methodist! Does not the

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Lord count us 'worthy to suffer shame for His name'?"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you (John 15:18).*

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Scripture Reading—Matthew 23:1-35

##### ORTHODOX BUT DEAD

In one of my churches was a former missionary to India. She was in the evening of life and was joyously and *actively* awaiting the summons to depart from this life and be forever with the Lord. She was living a beautiful and exemplary Christian life but, according to the reckoning of two elderly women in the church, she was in error in one phase of her belief. How those women persecuted her. With cold disdain, they looked down their Pharisaic noses on her. These women were thoroughly orthodox and established in the faith. There was little, however, of tenderness and Christlike compassion about them. They were devoid of the "milk of human kindness."

It is right for us to be orthodox, believing all of God's Word. But there is something radically wrong when our assenting to God's Word fails to produce in us the fruit of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*What havoc is wrought by loveless contenders of the faith! There is little or nothing they can acceptably do for Christ when they have ceased loving Christ first. What is deadlier than dead orthodoxy? "... thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead!" (Revelation 3:1).*

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 1:3-7

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#### SORROWS POLISH AND REFINES US

On the coast of Pescadero, California, is the famed Pebble Beach. There the waves dash with a ceaseless roar and thunder among the stones on the beach. The pitiless waves toss and grind the stones together and hurl them against the rugged cliffs. Day and night, the wearing down of the stones continues unabated. Tourists from all over the world gather the beautiful, round, polished stones for ornaments on mantels. Near Pebble Beach is a towering cliff which breaks the force of the dashing waves. In the quiet cove, sheltered by the cliff, is an abundance of stones. These are unsought, unwanted. They have escaped the turmoil and beating of the waves. Hence they are rough, angular and devoid of beauty.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Billows of sorrow and trouble polish and refine us, and give to us the opportunity to prove the genuineness of the Saviour's comforting, healing words.*

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Scripture Reading—Matthew 25:31-46

##### I KNOW HOW IT FEELS

Dr. Stuart Nye Hutchison tells us about a boy whom he knew who had lost his right hand. He felt so badly about it that he did not want to see anyone. His father said, "I'm going to bring the minister in to see you." The boy said, "I don't want to see him." But the father brought the minister. When the boy looked up, he saw that the minister had no right arm; there was an empty sleeve. He came over to the boy and said, "I haven't any hand, either. I lost mine when I was a boy, and I know how it feels." It wasn't hard for the boy to get acquainted with the minister who knew how it felt.

So Christ has suffered for us and knows our temptations.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*To him that is afflicted pity*

*should be shewed from his friend . . . (Job 6:14).*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

#### COMING EVENTS

*January*—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Retirement Homes Month

*January 12*—Spring Semester begins at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

*January 16*—Central District Youth Fellowship will meet at Marlboro Church, Farmville

*January 23*—Financial Aid Workshop for Prospective Students, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

*January 31*—Mount Olive College Day in local churches

#### MBF RESERVE FUND

The Mutual Benevolent Fund program was initiated through the State Convention's Board of Superannuation to help Free Will Baptist people in the time of high medical expenses. Some concern has been expressed about the underwriting of the major medical and life insurance portion of the program. The Executive Committee of the State Convention and the Board of Superannuation, being aware of this concern, join together in requesting each church of the Convention to contribute a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100) to a MBF Reserve Fund. If your church can send more than the minimum it would be helpful to the program.

It will be good for the program to have this Reserve Fund even after we have completed our negotiations with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the major medical and life insurance.

Your continued cooperation and prayers are needed and will be greatly appreciated.

David C. Hansley  
Walter Reynolds



## **Rest Home Ministry**

*submitted by Walter Sutton*

The Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc. has scheduled rallies during the month of January. The purpose of the meetings is to acquaint the people in the state with the rest home ministry presently being established. Below you will find a schedule of the meetings for each conference. Please make every effort to be in attendance. It is also requested that each church bring an offering to the meeting for this much needed new ministry. (A goal of \$20,000 has been set.) The rallies will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Board has also designated January 17, 1982, as Rest Home Day in all churches belonging to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

January 18	Western Conference	Micro Church
19	Piedmont Conference	East Rockingham Church
21	Pee Dee Conference	Beaverdam Church
22	Albemarle Conference	Free Union Church
25	Cape Fear Conference	Saint Paul Church
26	Central Conference	Reedy Branch Church
28	Eastern Conference	Bridgeton Church

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### **MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

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#### **FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP**

Mount Olive College will hold a Financial Aid Workshop on Saturday, January 23, to assist prospective students and their parents in applying for all types of financial aid: workshops, federal and state grants, loans and work study.

The workshop is not restricted to students who plan to attend Mount Olive College but is a service to students who plan to enter any college in the fall of 1982. There will be no registration fee. The workshop will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the Henderson Building on the new campus and will end at noon.

#### **PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK**

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Grant's Chapel Church, Lenoir County, on Sunday, January 10, at 11

a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Grant's Chapel Church is the Rev. W. H. Willis.

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### **THE HISTORY OF THE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE OF KING'S CROSS ROADS CHURCH**

The King's Cross Roads Church Layman's League was formed on Thursday, November 7, 1968, with five men who had an interest in the growth of the church.

There was a discussion on whether we, being so few in number, should try to organize at that time. It was decided that it was better to go forth with a few faithful men than with a large group at the beginning. Then, with God's help, we could try to grow from there. All were

in agreement that we should go forth.

Our first project was to install a baptistry in the church back of the choir. We let the members of the church know what we were doing, and the funds needed came in. The men of the league did the work.

We grew in numbers from 5 to 16 members. Each of us enjoyed the fellowship and the discussions. It was good to be in God's service.

At that time the church had a place that was supposed to be a fellowship room in the basement, but it stayed full of water and junk. The league decided that the church needed a fellowship space so it was decided to erect a building for fellowship and dinners.

We started, with no money, to build a 30' x 75' building. After we dug the foundation, the money came in the true Free Will Baptist way. Show me that the work is going on and the money will come. We deal in the faith in God. The building was put up by the league, and God saw that the money needed was there.

The league was asked to help remodel the inside of the church. We stuck to our program and helped with the church. With the league's strong support the work was completed.

The league voted to put tile on the floor of the fellowship building. Money being scarce, we put on a barbecued chicken sale. The sale was a success. The tile was installed and the moisture problem was done away with.

The league discussed the problem of a lot for a parsonage. The league raised money from chicken sales to buy the lot a couple of miles from the church. We turned the lot over to the church to build a parsonage.

James R. Case  
Secretary and Treasurer

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## NEWS FROM CATALPA MISSION

by Alton Howard

We are doing very well at Catalpa Mission. The last two Sundays we have had between 75 and 79 in the morning worship service. Souls are still being saved, and in the last month we have had 4 baptisms. In the last year, we have had 15 souls to accept Christ as their Saviour and 22 to become members of the mission. We are praising God for all the wonderful blessings. We have had 6 to leave the church in the past year. This year, we have started some new programs within our mission. We are visiting a rest home in the area to share the blessings of God. A woman's auxiliary and a men's fellowship have been started this year through which we have reached many needy families. This includes one of our own families that lost their home to a fire recently. We have had a very good year, and we truly thank the Lord for this, because without Him, we could do nothing.

On Sunday, December 13, the mission honored the pastor, Alton Howard, and his wife, Mary Helen, with a Pastor Appreciation Day. A wonderful dinner was served at the mission, and the Howards were presented with a beautiful plaque for seven years of service to the mission, and also received many other gifts and numerous blessings. At the evening service, we had a gospel sing. We are very happy about the work in the mission and hope to do much more for the Lord next year.

### NOTICE

Use another source to study this week's Sunday school lesson, as there is not one included in this issue of *The Free Will Baptist*. The January 17 lesson is based on John 1:4-10; 12: 44-50; the Memory Selection is John 8:12.

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## MY BOOK OF LIFE

I closed another chapter  
In my book of life today,  
And paused for meditation  
As I laid the book away.

I thought of smudgy pages  
Where the record was not  
clear,  
And dreary lines of trouble  
Clouded o'er by doubt and  
fear.

It's now too late to alter  
Any script that's dried and  
set:  
The story's far from perfect,  
But it's vain to stew and fret.

I asked the Lord to pardon  
The mistakes that mar the  
book,  
And give me grace and courage  
By a hopeful, Christ-ward  
look.

So now, there lies before me  
A new chapter clean and  
white.  
And I hope to write its pages  
So the plot will turn out right.

I trust the final chapters

Will the Master's plan reveal,  
And weave the many frag-  
ments

To depict a life that's real.

—Selected

### NOTICE

The Board of Ordination of the Western Conference will meet January 12, 1982, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Church near Clayton. Anyone having business with the board should contact Ray Wells (phone, 243-6498) prior to the meeting.

Ray Wells, Clerk

### CHURCHES PARTICIPATING IN THE WIDOW'S FUND

Please note that one minister has died since our last announcement: the Rev. J. E. Timmons. Gifts of \$50 are now due from those churches participating in the program. Please respond accordingly.

Churches will be notified through *The Free Will Baptist* when a participating minister dies.

## JANUARY

is

# RETIREMENT HOMES MONTH

### WE NEED YOU TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

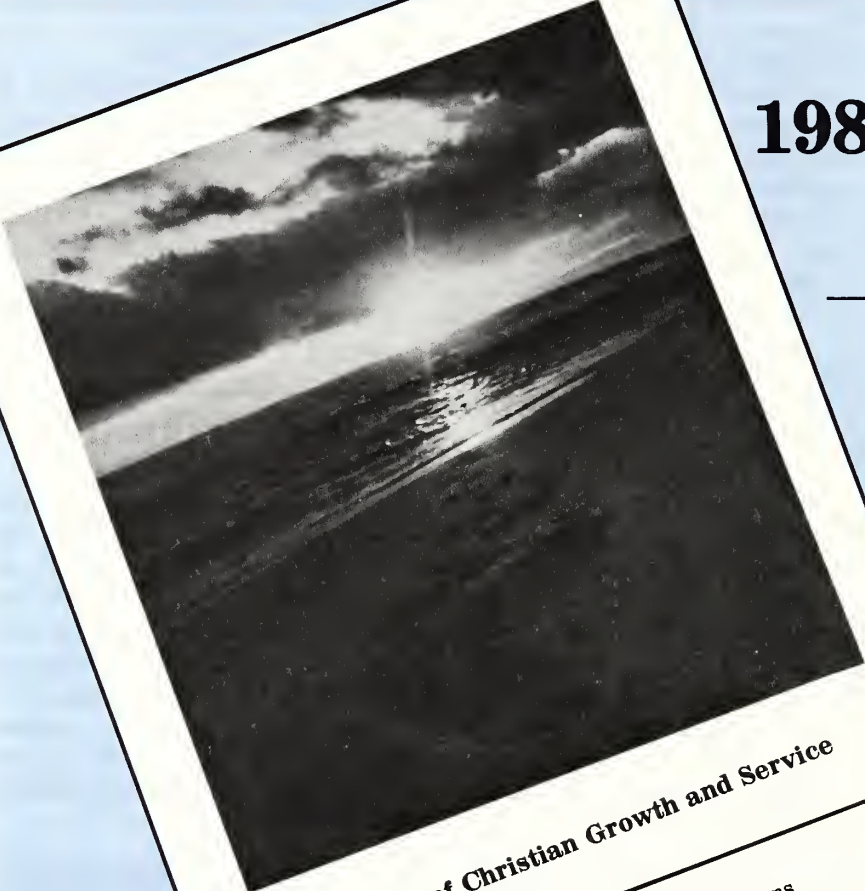
1. Support the program with your prayers.
2. Set aside a special day in your church to honor this ministry.
3. Give as liberally as you can.
4. Spread the word that our Retirement Homes Ministry is growing!

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



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#### **Devotion 1982 for North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary**

This annual publication is based on Exodus 3:14—"God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." Available for \$2.65.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1982, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA





## The Marathon

Weeks became months. Months passed into quarters and eventually into years. Still, there were no conversions, no additions to the church. The people were content to just sit and listen—totally unmoved by the minister's exhortation "to abound in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). No one witnessed to his neighbors. Only a handful of the congregation attended the weekly prayer meeting. Fewer still were at Bible study—the majority of those who did go were older ladies. (Where were the men? the deacons? the Sunday school teachers? all the others?)

Sound familiar? I'm sure it does; this situation is all too familiar for some of us, for many seem to be suffering from a fatal case of something akin to apathy; but then again, it resembles a lack of dedication and commitment. What are the symptoms of this disease? Well, they can be seen in Romans 7:15, 19—"For that what I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I . . . For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do."

Now Christians come in all shapes and sizes; we are a varied lot; but there are characteristics about us all that should be similar. Christ should not only be our Saviour, He should be our Lord; we should love others and be concerned about their spiritual well-being; and we should live lives consistent with that which we preach. The Gospel writer Matthew speaks of us as being "salt," but I must say that many have lost their savor. No longer are we as a body typically "flavor enhancers." This says a lot, for when he reigns, our love pours!

This plague is haunting us to the extent that denominational leaders are kept awake at night. I must ask where our concern and victory have gone. Have we forgotten that we can live triumphant Christian lives? (That we should?) Maybe some pastors need to realize that they cannot help solve their parishioners' problems until they have settled their own. If the shepherd is not growing and living in victory, his congregation stands less chance of doing so. He can't expect those he leads to visit if he does not; he can't expect them to go into the fields unless he has shown them how. Pastors often exhort, plead, and beg their members to work—never telling them how. It is time that we all submit to the will of the Lord; it is time that we agree to a marriage of our hearts and lives and lips.

You and I need to run the race and finish the course. Our fight will not always be easy, but we have the assurance that "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Yes, there is evil in the world, but we have the advantage; we have God!

Brothers and Sisters, we need not quit—we must not. Let's run the race . . . together.

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# Why Fight the Clock?

submitted by Frank Ray Harrison

**T**HE hands of the apocalyptic clock stand at five minutes to midnight. In fact, that has been the time of night for as long as I can remember, and it would not be far wrong to say that it has been the time for 2000 years.

This is not to deny that we are closer to "end times" than ever before. We are—and events confirm it daily.

The *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* has its own symbolic clock, predicting the nearness of nuclear doomsday. With the cold war intensifying appreciably, the minute hand on the scientists' clock has been moved from ten minutes before midnight to two minutes before—as close as it has ever been.

How is one supposed to act in the face of this inexorable tick of the clock toward the world's midnight? As apocalyptic problems multiply, I observe three attitudes.

Panic.

Paralysis.

Passivity.

Or for the last one we might say, indifference. Apathy. The let-God-handle-it approach.

But sleepy nonchalance is not an appropriate response. Dramatic events of the end times are meant to stir us from our torpor and passivity. Isn't that one thing, at least, that Jesus means to tell us through the story of the five foolish virgins who let their lamps go out? Keep your lamp trimmed and burning, He said.

And as for the emotional paralytics who stand immobile before onrushing events much like a man watching in horror as a train in a railroad tunnel bears down on him, there is this to say. Being God's man or woman in times like these requires more than hoping for the best and waiting for the worst.

It means finding, somewhere between fear and dumb resignation, the spiritual adrenaline needed to do what we can do, and the faith that God will, in His own way and time, achieve His purpose. It means, in some sense, working **with** the clock. It means recognizing God's sovereignty over all events while accepting our personal responsibility to make use of those events.

But perhaps there is more panic than paralysis or passivity. A *Time* magazine (April 7, 1980) survey of psychologists and psychiatrists confirmed that "the pressures of inflation are sending many marginally stable patients over the brink." One psychotherapist said: "We're seeing a cumulative effect. When financial problems are added to internal problems, they tend to overwhelm people."

To say nothing of adding energy shortages, nuclear proliferation, international terrorism, political upheaval, on and on **ad infinitum**.

Said one psychologist: "People feel things are beyond their control." Probably so. But the world is not out of God's control. Not now. Not ever. He is not a sleeping giant who bestirs himself only on special, potentially historic occasions.

Midnight, as much as morning, belongs to God. God does not propose to abandon the world when the clock strikes twelve. The psalmist knew this when he sang, "My times are in thy hands."

On Sundays we sing, "This is my Father's world," but on Mondays we act as if it belonged to whichever of the superpowers can first get its finger on the doomsday button.

It doesn't.

It belongs to its Creator.

And in the grinding tension between the nonchalance of doing nothing and the frenzy of trying to do everything, there is a point of dynamic balance that offers inner peace despite outer turmoil.

Working with God's clock will give you the serenity of being in harmony with the universe, not out of sync with it.

This is something like the law of gravity. Someone once explained to me that no one could build a plane that would fly until they learned they couldn't do it by disregarding natural forces. It took the inventors a long time to discover that it is the contour of the wing surfaces that provides "lift." They didn't discover that fact until they quit fighting natural laws and began using them.

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# *Free Will Baptists in the News*

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## **THE REV. DAVID C. HANSLEY ASSUMES POST**



*The Rev. David C. Hansley*

The Rev. David C. Hansley assumed the position of manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. on Thursday, December 31, 1981. An energetic and enthusiastic man, he is filled with a reverence for humanity that causes him to devote a great deal of time to helping others. Foremost in his mind, though, is his desire to do the will of God—a desire that has led him to this new post.

## **A Man of God**

*by Mrs. E. C. Morris*

*The members of First Church, Durham, honor their pastor, the Rev. Fred Johnson, this week. Your pastor can be the next one honored. We will be happy to assist you in making this a pleasant surprise for him.*



*The Rev. Fred Johnson*

“One of the godlike things in this world is the veneration done to human worth by the hearts of men.”—(Carlyle)

He walks down the corridor of one of our local hospitals, or our nursing homes. You'll recognize him. Even if you don't know him, you'll recognize him. He is human, but yet he is different. He is admired and respected. No matter where he might go he is always impeccably attired.

He is a man of God. He was called to serve others. He is our pastor and we are proud of him.

He is a consolation to the bereaved. He has to hold funeral services and comforts those in sorrow. He is chauffeur for the elderly when they have appointments and have no other way to go.

He is always there when he is needed. He is at the bedside of a patient ready to be wheeled down to the operating room. He will stay there until the patient is back in the room. He has other people in the hospital. He goes to visit them. He then goes to the nursing homes. He is never too busy to find time to visit these precious people who look forward to his daily visits. He leaves and visits the homes of those recuperating from previous illnesses.

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The day is gone, he heads homes, he is tired, but he never complains. He sits down to eat, the phone rings, someone has been in an accident. He manages to get back to the hospital by the time the emergency vehicle gets there, his supper forgotten. He spends the evening comforting frantic loved ones.

He wants no fame nor credit for all his willing services. He is doing the work he was called to do. There is just not enough we can say about this humble, kindhearted, gentle, patient, understanding minister who always stands firm in his faith. No matter where he goes or what he does, you can feel the Spirit of God as it radiates from his life. He truly walks with God every moment of every day. He is not only a preacher and minister but also a true shepherd of his flock.

In the pulpit he is an indescribable person who can neither be imitated nor duplicated. He loves his God, he loves his congregation, and he shows it.

He was born August 30, 1942, in Four Oaks, North Carolina. He was married November 3, 1962, to Jane Lee who is also an asset to our church. Jane plays the organ and often graces us with her lovely singing. They are the parents of three fine sons.

Fred was called in the ministry in November 1968. He attended Virginia Bible College and Mount Olive College. He was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in August 1970.

He came to us in November 1979. We feel our church has progressed under his fine leadership. We have received 51 new members, 20 by baptism and 31 by letter. We have put a new roof on our Sunday school facility, and have put a roof on and air conditioned the parsonage. We thank God daily for sending him to us.

We are looking forward in 1982 for great things to happen

in our church for the glory of God.

This preacher, minister, pastor, chauffeur, counselor, and good friend whom we are so proud that God has sent to us is none other than the Rev. Fred Johnson, pastor of First Church, Chandler Road, Durham, North Carolina.

*Rev. Johnson, your congregation loves you*

*We love you for all the many things you do.*

*Your sermons bring the Holy Spirit down like rain.*

*Those converted lost souls are Heaven's gain.*

*We know you live with Christ first in your life.*

*This can also be seen in your sons and your wife.*

*Your credentials cannot be measured by man in length.*

*Only through Christ who gives you your strength.*

*We know God might one day send you to other places.*

*If this should happen you'll see many tears on our faces.*

*Our love for you will never depart  
Because you help us keep Jesus Christ in our hearts.*

*We feel a little sorry for you too,  
it's true.*

*Because you do not have the wonderful pastor that we do.*

## Louise Hines Receives Award

*The following remarks were made by Miss Leah McGlohon during the Pre-Christmas Prayer Service held December 16, 1981, at Winterville Church. It was at that time that Mrs. Louise Hines received the Life Membership Award.*

Tonight we have been hearing about God's love gift to the world—the birth of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus took upon Himself flesh that He might give His life for our sins.

We did not have the opportunity to know the human Jesus. Our knowledge of Him is by faith and through the Word. Yet another way that we can know Him is through His servants who exemplify His life through theirs. Annie Johnson Flint in her poem, "The

World's Bible," expressed it this way:

*Christ has no hands but our hands  
To do His work today;  
He has no feet but our feet  
To lead men in His way;  
He has no tongue but our tongue  
To tell men how He died;  
He has no help but our help  
To bring them to His side.*

Therefore, as we honor His birth, we think it is also appropriate to honor one of His servants.

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention has an award for honoring our women who have contributed outstanding service. It is called the "Life Membership Award." Our auxiliaries here at Winterville have never presented a Life Membership Award.

Tonight we are making our first such presentation. The one whom we are honoring is a very special person, not only to me, but to all of you and to many people with whom she has come in contact through the years. Our honoree is Louise Hines.



*Louise White Hines*

Although we feel that Louise has always been one of us, she was a transplant—coming to us from the Black Jack Church after her marriage to Pittman Hines on October 31, 1948. She soon became an active member.

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One of the first activities that we can document is as treasurer of the building fund. At a special meeting on the second Sunday in October 1949, a committee was elected to remodel the church. Louise was one of the committee. Instead of putting the money collected for the project in the general treasury, a separate fund was established; and Louise became the treasurer—a position she has held for about thirty-two years. Though not a member of the committee all of those years, she has served on the Improvement Committee most of them.

Since 1972, when we decided to build a new church building, she has been the driving force in securing plans and getting the building started. Some may have thought it an impossible task for our small church with no wealthy members. But not Louise! She has always had faith that, with God's help, we can do it.

On January 11, 1959, she began teaching the Primary Sunday School Class and continued teaching them through June 20, 1976. At the same time, she continued attending the class meetings of the adult women's class, where she served on various committees. One of these committees was the Bereavement Committee. Louise confesses that when she started she was "scared to death" because she didn't know what to say in such situations; but she soon became adjusted and states that it was a good experience for her. As a result, she has served on almost every committee for serving food since then. At present, she is vice president of the Willing Workers Sunday School Class and assistant teacher of the VIP Class. She also takes a turn on the Willing Workers' list for cleaning the church.

In the early sixties she became cosponsor of the AFC youth group. When her

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## Friendship Church Embarks on New Ministry

Friendship Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, recently embarked on a new field of ministry. They chartered a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout Troop. Cub Scout Pack #400 is being led by David and Paulette Moore. Tony Holloman and Joe Pickett are leading the Boy Scout Troop. The Rev. Walter Reynolds is pastor of Friendship Church.



*Cub Scout group includes: front—Brent Ellis, Scott Sumrell, Johnny Tugwell, Jonathan Moore, and Tommy Shackelford; back—Paulette and David Moore.*



*Boy Scout group includes: Tony Holloman, Robbie Sutton, Michael Vandiford, Greg May, Greg Futtrell, Edward Tyson, and Joe Pickett.*



# News and Notes

## Commissioning Service Planned for Barnards



*The Charles Barnard Family*

Missionary candidates to the Philippines, Charles and Jackie Barnard, will be commissioned during a special service on Wednesday, March 3. Ministers are asked to take their prayer meeting and Bible study congregations to Black Jack Church, Pitt County, that evening. The service, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will be an exciting one.

### Organizations Launch Campaign for Religious Community

The National Safety Council and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) are jointly sponsoring a program to gain the participation of the religious

community in an effort to increase auto safety belt use.

"Let's Get It Together—Make It Click" will be launched during the Council's annual National Safety Sabbath weekend held during February. The 1982 observance, chaired by the Rev. Billy Graham, will

take place February 12-14, Valentine's Day weekend.

During National Safety Sabbath weekend, houses of worship around the country will focus their religious services on the moral aspects of protecting oneself and others by using safety belts and child safety seats. About two-thirds of serious or permanent injuries, and more than half the fatalities to vehicle occupants each year can be prevented if motorists and passengers wear safety belts.

Only about eleven percent of the motoring population use the safety belt equipment already in their cars. Americans are largely unaware of the risks they face every time they get into a car, or of how those risks can be diminished when auto safety devices are used.

Clergy or lay persons interested in participating in the National Safety Sabbath, should write: Religious Activities Department, National Safety Council, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

### Central District Youth Fellowship Meeting Scheduled

The Central District Youth Fellowship will convene for its January 16 meeting at Marlboro Church, Route 1, Farmville. The youth choir of the church will present a special program at that time. All churches in the conference are encouraged to attend, as many important items of business will be discussed. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

### Cape Fear Ministers' Conference to Meet

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference will meet in the fellowship hall of First Church in Smithfield, North Carolina, on Monday, January 25, at 10 a.m. All Cape Fear ministers are encouraged to attend and any other interested persons are cordially invited.

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# Children's Home

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

**NOVEMBER 1981**

**Total, \$35,308.24**

<b>Albemarle</b>	
Belhaven	\$ 50.00
Cape Colony	81.61
Free Union	40.00
Gum Neck	40.00
Hickory Chapel	100.00
Malachi's Chapel	450.00
Mount Tabor	113.55
Trinity	312.00
District Convention	173.32
Union Meeting	17.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,378.29</b>

<b>Cape Fear</b>	
Bethel	\$ 365.00
Goldsboro, First	600.00
Haymount	1.80
Johnston Union	65.50
Lanwood Chapel	100.00
Lee's Chapel	845.00
Oak Grove	675.00
Pleasant Grove	297.25
Powhatan	150.00
Saint Mary's Grove	3.00
Saint Paul	547.00
Shady Grove	20.00
Smithfield, First	400.00
Smyrna	25.00
Wooten's Chapel	20.00
Auxiliary Convention	35.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,149.97</b>

<b>Central</b>	
Aspen Grove	\$ 180.00
Ayden	10.00
Bethany	20.00
Black Jack	1,126.48
Cedar Grove	50.00
Daniels Chapel	611.80
Dawson's Grove	2,000.00
Dilda's Grove	25.00
Edgewood	151.50
Free Union	350.10
Friendship	254.95
Gum Swamp	7.50
Greenville, First	385.00
Harrell's Chapel	226.00
Hickory Grove	782.25
Howell Swamp	3.00
Hugo	20.25

Hull Road	50.00
King's Cross Roads	1,790.61
LaGrange	25.00
Little Creek	320.00
Ormondsville	20.00
Owens Chapel	160.00
Peace	22.00
Reedy Branch	888.71
Roanoke Rapids	5.00
Rocky Mount, First	176.00
Rose Hill	175.00
Rose of Sharon	660.02
Spring Branch	225.00
Sweet Gum Grove	192.20
Tarboro, First	190.00
Walnut Creek	200.00
Watery Branch	15.00
Winterville	455.42
Auxiliary Convention	35.14
Union Number 2	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,958.93</b>

<b>Eastern</b>	
Bethel	\$ 125.00
Bethlehem	575.00
Cabin	50.00
Christian Chapel	147.44
Core Creek	82.50
Crab Point	102.40
Croatan	100.00
Dublin Grove	128.66
Folkstone	100.00
Friendship	61.56
Gray Branch	236.23
Indian Springs	165.00
Juniper Chapel	36.50
Kinston, First	519.00
Lanier's Chapel	80.00
Memorial	308.00
Moseley's Creek	250.00
Mount Zion (Onslow)	110.00
New Haven	247.57
Northeast	100.29
Otway	25.00
Pilgrims Rest	100.00
Reunion Chapel	50.00
Sandy Plain	278.13
Sarecta	30.00
Smith's New Home	340.00
Smyrna	300.00

Sneads Ferry	100.00
Snow Hill	437.55
Verona	121.00
Wardens Grove	394.55
Warsaw	50.00
Whaley's Chapel	150.00
White Oak Grove	6.00
Carteret County	
Sunday School Convention	50.00
Union Number 4	17.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,974.93</b>

<b>Pee Dee</b>	
Beaverdam	\$ 1,015.00
Mount Calvary	95.00
Mount Olive	34.50
Oak Grove	213.23
District Convention	8.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,365.73</b>

<b>Piedmont</b>	
East Rockingham	\$ 364.57
Faith	30.00
High Point	286.00
Holy Cross	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 710.57</b>

<b>Rockfish</b>	
Mount Moriah	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

<b>Toe River</b>	
Roaring Creek	\$ 90.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 90.73</b>

<b>Western</b>	
Barnes Hill	\$ 674.68
Elwood Lane	50.00
Everett Chapel	223.24
Flood's Chapel	42.35
Fremont	385.00
Friendship	200.00
Holly Springs	20.00
Kenly	12.19
Little Rock	46.00
Marsh Swamp	129.50
Micro	140.00
Milbournie	127.25
Mount Zion (Nash)	154.03
Mount Zion (Wilson)	211.00
New Sandy Hill	50.00
Oak Grove	50.00
People's Chapel	10.00
Pine Level	5.00
Pleasant Grove	1,135.00
Piney Grove	6.00
Rains Cross Roads	154.50
Rock Springs	478.46
Rosebud	132.97
Selma	105.00
Sherron Acres	200.00
Spring Hill	1.73
St. Mary's	642.77
Stancil's Chapel	400.68
Stoney Creek	75.00
Stony Hill	407.20
Trinity	1,500.00
Union Chapel	32.50
Union Grove	76.75
Unity (Durham)	9.00
Watson's Grove	50.00
Wilson, First	1,646.29

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## Current News from the

# Retirement Homes

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS NOVEMBER 1981 Total, \$6,961.70

<b>Albemarle</b>	
District Convention	\$82.95
Total	\$82.95
<b>Cape Fear</b>	
Haymount Mission	\$ 1.20
Powhatan	20.00
Saint Mary's Grove	2.00
Shady Grove	20.00
Smithfield, First	100.00
Wooten's Chapel	20.00
Total	\$ 163.20

<b>Central</b>	
Aspen Grove	\$ 20.00
Daniels Chapel	21.20
Dawson's Grove	5,020.00
Edgewood	10.00
Friendship	20.00
Gum Swamp	5.00
Harrell's Chapel	10.00
Hickory Grove	21.50
Howell Swamp	22.00
Hugo	11.50
King's Cross Roads	10.00
LaGrange	20.00
Little Creek	10.00
Marlboro	20.00
Ormondsville	20.00
Reedy Branch	20.00
Rocky Mount, First	20.00
Rose Hill	20.00
Tarboro, First	20.00
Total	\$5,321.20

<b>Eastern</b>	
Croatan	\$ 25.00
Holly Springs	20.00
Lanier's Chapel	20.00
Northeast	2.50
Sandy Plain	2.40
White Oak Grove	4.00
Total	\$ 73.90

<b>Pee Dee</b>	
Oak Grove	\$ 86.70
Total	\$ 86.70

<b>Piedmont</b>	
Bethany	\$ 20.00

<b>Highland Pines</b>	29.25
Total	\$ 49.25
<b>Western</b>	
Barnes Hill	\$ 150.00
Free Union	3.60
Fremont	10.00
Kenly	1.45
Little Rock	104.00
Marsh Swamp	3.00

Milbournie	1.52
Mount Zion	4.00
Piney Grove	4.00
Pleasant Grove	21.50
Rains Cross Roads	23.00
Rock Springs	1.20
Sherron Acres	25.00
Spring Hill	1.15
Stancil's Chapel	4.00
Stoney Creek	500.00
Stony Hill	4.80
St. Mary's	112.50
Union Grove	1.50
Unity	6.00
Wilson, First	150.00
Total	\$1,132.22

Christian Service Fund	\$ 52.28
Total	\$ 52.28

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Jack Lassiter has assumed the pastorate of White Oak Church in Bladenboro, North Carolina. His new address is P.O. Box 734, Bladenboro, North Carolina 28320; phone, 863-3792.

## News about Our

# Rest Home Ministry

submitted by Walter Sutton

The Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc. has scheduled rallies during the month of January. The purpose of the meetings is to acquaint the people in the state with the rest home ministry presently being established. Below you will find a schedule of the meetings for each conference. Please make every effort to be in attendance. It is also requested that each church bring an offering to the meeting for this much needed new ministry. (A goal of \$20,000 has been set.) The rallies will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Board has also designated January 17, 1982, as Rest Home Day in all churches belonging to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

January 15 Eastern Conference	Sandy Plain Church
(Third Union)	
18 Western Conference	Micro Church
19 Piedmont Conference	East Rockingham Church
21 Pee Dee Conference	Beaverdam Church
22 Albemarle Conference	Free Union Church
25 Cape Fear Conference	Saint Paul Church
26 Central Conference	Reedy Branch Church
28 Eastern Conference	Bridgeton Church
(Fifth Union)	
29 Eastern Conference	Beaufort Church
(Carteret Union)	



# Mount Olive College

## MINISTERS ATTEND SESSION



*The following Free Will Baptist ministers and church leaders attended a planning session recently at Mount Olive College on the Conference for Church Growth, which is scheduled for March 8, 9. The conference will be sponsored by the Home Missions Board and Mount Olive College.*

*From left to right, they are (first row) Harold Jones, director of the Foreign Missions Program; Adrian Grubbs, pastor of Deep Run Church and Sunday School Convention representative; David Hansley, pastor of Daly's Chapel (Eastern); C. L. Patrick, pastor of Bethany Church and advisor to the Laymen's League of the Central Conference; Earl Glenn, pastor of LaGrange Church; and Ray Wells, pastor of Marsh Swamp Church; (second row) Frank Harrison, chaplain, Mount Olive College; Steve Hargrove, pastor of Sidney Church; Taylor Hill, pastor of Haymount Church and director of the Home Missions Program; Marvin Waters, pastor of St. Mary's Church (New Bern); and Nobles Craft, member of Bethany Church.*

### HARRY GRUBBS EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER FWB IDENTITY

The Rev. Harry Grubbs will teach "The Free Will Baptist Church" at the First Church of Greenville, on Thursdays, beginning February 4, from 7:30-9 p.m. The course which is sponsored by the Paul Palmer Institute will end April 8.

In explaining the need for the course, Mr. Grubbs stated, "The Free Will Baptist Church is facing an identity crisis.

"Non-Free Will Baptists do not know who we are, what we are, what we believe, where we came from, nor where we are going. But worse than that is the fact that many Free Will Baptists do not know who we

are, what we are, what we believe, where we came from, nor where we are going. If we are to survive as a denomination, we **must** know our heritage and doctrine. 'The Free Will Baptist Church' will attempt to define us."

This course is designed for all Free Will Baptist adults, but especially for licensed ministers, Sunday school teachers, and deacons. The Central Conference Ordaining Council urges all licensed ministers in the conference to take this course.

The course may be taken for personal enrichment or for 2 units of Paul Palmer Credit. Textbooks may be purchased at the first class meeting.

The cost for the course will be \$20 if institute credit is desired (plus a one-time \$10 registration fee) or \$10 for non-credit enrollment.

The First Church of Greenville is located at 2600 Charles Street on Highway 43, behind Pitt Plaza.

### DIANNE RILEY TO TEACH WORKSHOPS

Two workshops will be offered through Mount Olive College during February for Sunday school teachers, officers, pastors, and laymen. Dianne Riley, associate director of admissions at Mount Olive College, will be the instructor. The first will be held at Stoney Creek Church. The second workshop will be held at Macedonia Church.

The workshops will provide even the most experienced Sunday school teacher with a focus on methods and materials for teaching effective lessons. Each workshop is open to persons from any church.

A third workshop will be offered in April at the First Church in Smithfield (Cape Fear Conference). These workshops are approved by the Sunday School Convention as a

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# Home Missions

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## GENERAL REPORT

by Taylor Hill

The Faith Mission at Durham, North Carolina, is getting along real good. The Rev. Harry Brown is the pastor.

Other missions doing good and contemplating organizing into churches are Victory at Hope Mills, North Carolina; Haymount at Fayetteville, North Carolina; and Catalpa in Fayetteville; as well as Heritage at Charlotte, North Carolina.

We deeply regret that Advance Mission was not included in our Christmas greetings in the December 23 edition of *The Free Will Baptist*. This was an oversight on our part.

## News from Victory Mission

by Charles Parrish

I would like to share with you some of the latest news concerning Victory Mission. This information will cover some areas that have caused each of us great concern and often great anxiety and fear as we strove to do a work for Christ.

During the summer of 1980, we had a family which became disenchanted with the way things were going and felt that they could no longer cast an influence to change things. They decided to leave the church for greener pastures. In so doing, they caused a great deal of concern to fall on several of the

others, causing them to embrace rumors and accusations that had no merit and that did not deal with the real problem that confronted the mission. During this time we also had several families to leave the church because of job requirements. These along with those who became disenchanted caused our membership to dwindle to 28 by January, 1981. Of the 28 members, 10 were not faithful in their service, causing additional problems. It was a troublesome time for us. We prayed, worked—did everything we knew to do—yet we seemed destined to reduce even further in number.

At a time when we least expected it, God began to comfort us; visitors began to frequent our services. Even though some came and as yet are still not members, they began to give of their money and time. Before long, more started coming, some joining and committing themselves to the work of the Lord. In the month of April, we had an older man and his wife to come into the church. God has used this man to inspire and help all of us. In August, we began to experience a great moving of the Spirit. We baptized four new converts during the month; they asked for membership, along with two others who came by transfer.

We baptized nine in September. They asked for membership, along with three others who came to us by transfer. Four others came into

our membership by letter in October.

In November, we had three come into the church by baptism, seven by the promise of a letter, and we have nine now awaiting baptism. Several other families have also expressed an interest in the work here.

With all of this to report to you, we are rejoicing and praising the Lord. However, we do ask that you remember us in your prayers. It is one thing to win and persuade; it's another thing to teach that which Christ has instructed us. Pray that God will give us extra wisdom and direction that none of these will be lost as we seek God's guidance in His work, but will glorify God now and forever.

Last, we are giving serious consideration to organizing into a church in the very near future. If God's blessings continue, we expect to do so in the next several months.

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## NOTICES

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference will meet in the pastor's study of the First Church in Smithfield, North Carolina, on Monday, January 25, at 1:30 p.m. Any persons having business with this council are asked to be present at this time.

Mike Scott, *Secretary*

The Eastern Conference Ordaining Council will meet on January 18, 1982, at 10 a.m., at the Kinston Bible and Bookstore. Any person having business with the council should be present at that time.

Francis Garner, *Secretary*

Notice to all members of the Church Finance Association, Inc.: The annual membership meeting will be held February 16, 1982, at 10 a.m., at Friendship Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina.

Walter Reynolds



# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 1

### I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED!

One day as I visited the patients in the Chicago Home for the Incurables, I came alongside the bed of an aged Methodist minister. He was totally blind. Before leaving him, I prayed. In my prayer I thanked God that we could confidently say, "I know whom I have believed." At the close of the prayer, the aged minister said, "I'm glad that you didn't use the preposition 'in' in the verse you quoted. Many do. Isn't it wonderful to know that nothing comes between us and Him, 'whom I have believed'!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*... I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day (2 Timothy 1:12).*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:1-14

### THAT'S ENOUGH

A pastor in Norfolk, Virginia, phoned the editor of religious news for a paper and gave him the topic for his Sunday morning's sermon, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." The editor asked, "Is that all?" The pastor replied, "That's enough." The editor, thinking that the words were a part of his subject, announced the pastor's topic as follows: "The Lord Is My Shepherd. That's Enough."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*When the Lord is our Shepherd, what else could we want?*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 3

### KEPT!

A man whose heart had been deeply touched by the death of a friend expressed a desire to begin the Christian life, and he told the minister so.

"There's just one thing makes me hesitate," he added. "I'm afraid I can't hold out. You know, where I work there are some pretty rough fellows. I don't believe there's a real Christian in the crowd."

For answer the minister reached down and lifted a flower from the vase on the table.

"Do you see this flower, Arthur?" he asked. "It grew right in the mud and slime of a marsh. Yet see how clean and spotless it is. That's because God kept it. And he can keep you, too!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*I know not where His islands lift their fronded palms in air; I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care! (Whittier)*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:15-26

### I KNOW HIM PERSONALLY

One summer I spent some time at Mount Robson, British Columbia, where I camped and

climbed with fellow mountaineers of the Alpine Club of Canada. On a rainy day a group of us were drinking tea in a tent, when a discussion arose about religion. A young scientist turned to me with a patronizing air and said, "But you don't really believe, do you, that Jesus is the Son of God?" I replied, "Yes, I do." "But how can you prove it?" he said. "How do you know it is true?" I shall never forget what followed. I simply did what any other convinced man would have done: I looked him straight in the eye and said: "How do I know that Jesus is the Son of God? I know it, because I know Him personally." For at least a half minute our eyes locked. Then he turned away. The argument was over.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*When Christ is really our life, we know Him with an immediacy of knowledge that is unmistakable.*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:1-8

### I WILL GO TO GOD'S VILLAGE

A missionary visited a Pygmy village in Africa. The missionary recognized a man to whom he had previously given the gospel. "Have you received God's Word into your heart?" asked the missionary. "Yes, I have, and my people, too, have received it. Every night we meet for prayer. We sing our songs, 'Jesus Loves Me,' and 'What Can Wash Away My Sins?'" Then we ask God to protect us through the night!"

"That's fine," the missionary said, then asked, "If you should suddenly die, would you go to Heaven?" The Pygmy stood at attention. He saluted smartly and replied, "When I die, I will go to God's village. I will salute Him and say, 'Greetings, God, I am come to my house in Your village!' When God asks me

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what right I have to enter, I will tell Him that His Son, Jesus Christ, died for me and washed my heart clean in His blood. Then He will say to me, 'Enter, your house is waiting for you!' "

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we live, Christ will be with us: "Lo, I am with you alway" (Matthew 28:20). If we die, we will be with Christ: "I . . . desire to depart, and be with Christ" (Philippians 1:23). Triumphantly we exclaim, "whether we live, or die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8).*

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:9-18

#### GET ON WITH THE OPERATION!

A Scottish soldier was badly wounded. A Christian surgeon said to him, "I must operate right away. I think I ought to tell you that you have one chance in a hundred to come through the operation. Have you anything to say?" The brave lad said, "No, doctor, get on with the operation! All is well with my soul. Whichever side I come out on, there will be a welcome for me. If I come through the operation, Mother will welcome me. If I don't, Jesus will welcome me!"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*To know the Lord as our protector and provider is enough to allay all fears and assuage all our sorrows. He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep (his life) for that which he cannot lose (eternal life).*

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1

#### THE UPWARD TUG AND PULL

A boy was flying a kite. It flew so high that it could not be seen. Yet the boy knew it was aloft by the tug and pull of the string.

"How do you know your kite is still up, my boy?" asked a

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passerby. "I can't see it." Said the boy, "Hold this string! You'll know it is up yonder by the tug and the pull of the string!"

How do we know that God is over all and above all, and that His children are the objects of His tender care and unfailing mercy? By the upward tug and pull of our heart strings we are enabled to endure "as seeing him who is invisible," the affirmation of our hearts being, "Whom having not seen, [we] love: in whom, though now [we] see him not, yet believing, [we] rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*I don't know about tomorrow,  
I just live from day to day,  
I don't borrow from its sun-  
shine,  
For its skies may turn to  
gray.*

*Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand,  
But I know Who holds tomor-  
row,  
And I know Who holds my  
hand!*

Selected from *Knight's  
Treasury of Illustrations*,  
Walter B. Knight.

#### MBF RESERVE FUND

The Mutual Benevolent Fund program was initiated through the State Convention's Board of Superannuation to help Free Will Baptist people in the time of high medical expenses. Some concern has been expressed about the underwriting of the major medical and life insurance portion of the program. The Executive Committee of the State Convention and the Board of Superannuation, being aware of this concern, join together in requesting each church of the Convention to contribute a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100) to a MBF Reserve Fund. If your church can send more than the minimum it would be helpful to the program.

It will be good for the program to have this Reserve Fund even after we have completed our negotiations with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the major medical and life insurance.

Your continued cooperation and prayers are needed and will be greatly appreciated.

David C. Hansley  
Walter Reynolds

## JANUARY

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# The Sunday School Lesson

## JESUS AFFIRMS HIS MINISTRY

Lesson Text: Luke 3:15-22; 7:  
19-23

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians  
5:17

### I. INTRODUCTION

The prophets had been silent for four hundred years, but Malachi's final words told of the new day that would come: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord" (Malachi 4:5). Jesus declared that John the Baptist was that "Elijah" of whom Malachi spoke (Matthew 11:14).

The activity of that promised prophet was declared by Isaiah: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3). Luke declared that John the Baptist was that "voice" (Luke 3:4). And John himself understood that he was not the promised Messiah, but the forerunner (John 1:23).

In those days, the kings traveled by chariot along roads that did not match up to the smoothness of our modern highway system. The forerunner for the king did two things: (1) he saw to it that the road over which the king would travel was smooth, by having the holes filled and all obstacles and impediments removed; (2) he made sure that the people who lived along the roads and

in the villages through which the king would pass knew that the king was coming so they could prepare to meet him properly.

Jesus also was introduced to the people by a forerunner. But John was not interested in removing stones from literal highways; he wanted to remove skepticism from men's hearts. Instead of smoothing the humps and filling in the holes in literal roads, he sought to lead the people to repent of their wickedness. Instead of straightening the curved paths for the chariots, he tried to straighten corrupted consciences so the people could be ready to receive the Christ (John 3:7-14).

John was God's messenger (Matthew 11:10); he was committed and courageous enough to go about announcing that the Christ was coming. Without John the people in the first century would not have been ready for Jesus.

John the Baptist was the campaign manager for the Christ; but he did not wine and dine the elite. He did not organize \$100-a-plate dinners. He made no political promises and engaged in no under-the-table deals. He accepted no in-

terviews with the mass media of the day. And when special interest groups demanded his attention, he sent them away with the message that they had better clean up their act (Luke 3:10-14). What candidate could survive a front man like that? Jesus, that's who.

There was no fighting in their campaign headquarters, for Jesus and John agreed. There were no petty jealousies plaguing their plans. While John pointed out the superiority of Jesus (Luke 3:16), Jesus spoke about the greatness of John (Matthew 11:11).—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

The ministry of John the Baptist is discussed more fully in the first part of Luke 3 than in any other place in the Bible. Since our Bible text for today is taken in part from this chapter and is connected with the ministry of John, it seems appropriate to discuss more fully his ministry than we have done before in this series of lessons.

Luke specifically dates the beginning of John's ministry in the first two verses of this chapter. Then he says, "... the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness" (v. 2).

For about four hundred years, there had been no message from God to the people. (The last prophet had been Malachi.) Now that God was about to speak to the people, why did He choose to speak through a humble man in the wilderness? Dr. G. Campbell Morgan points out that the word "wilderness" is not only descriptive of where John lived, but it significantly indicates the condition that existed at the time. John the Baptist responded to the word from the Lord and "... he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" (Luke 3:3).—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

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Because the upper surface of a plane's wing is greater than the lower surface, the differential between pressures of the air passing over these top and bottom surfaces whisks a 95-ton airliner into the sky and keeps it there. That's simplifying it a bit, but it's the general idea. In any case, gravity is in the picture and it can't be turned off. Somewhere between being earthbound by gravity and nullifying it, there is a way to use it to fly.

So it is with apocalyptic events. While the clock ticks, God keeps on working. And it is helpful to remember that He works not only through Joseph, but through Joseph's brothers and even Potiphar's wife.

As with Joseph, all that God requires of us is faithfulness. At the end of our rope, we will find God waiting. And we are likely to discover that not only we, but the rope, are His.

—Stan Mooneyham

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## FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN THE NEWS

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daughter, Debby, outgrew this group in 1963, a YFA group was organized and Louise moved up to become a cosponsor of this group. For ten years she and I sponsored the YFA. In 1973, we decided to ask the auxiliary to elect Debby and her husband, Bruce Gray, as the sponsors. They had both grown up in the youth group and were well qualified to serve as sponsors. In addition to serving as sponsor to the YFA, Louise was elected secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in 1967, a position she still fills.

For a number of years she was also active in the Free Will Baptist Leagues. Also, she has been a member of the church choir, sharing her singing talent. She is always willing to serve if she can. Very seldom do you hear Louise express any discouragement. Instead, she is an encourager of others; children, teenagers, and adults

have all felt better after hearing a word of encouragement from her.

About ten years ago Louise volunteered her services to work with a beginning tutorial program in reading at the W. H. Robinson Primary School in Winterville. Soon she was employed full-time in the program. Now she is secretary to the guidance counselor at D. H. Conley High School.

In addition to her daughter, Louise has been a loving mother to two sons, Bob and Erwin Hines; she also has one granddaughter, Leslie Gray. There are probably a number of other services that one could add to those that have been mentioned; but, suffice it to say, Louise strives to let the love of Jesus shine through her. Therefore, it is a great pleasure to honor her with this life membership award.

(Arlyn Branch, auxiliary president, presented the life membership certificate, and Pallie Avery pinned on the pin.)

## NEWS AND NOTES

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### Revival Services to Be Held at Daly's Chapel Church

Revival services will be held at Daly's Chapel Church, near LaGrange, January 21 through January 23. Prayer rooms open at 7:15 p.m., followed by the worship services at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Dennis Pollock, pastor of Black Jack Grove Church, near Goldsboro, will be the guest evangelist. Special music will be featured each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Tony McLamb, and the members extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend and enjoy these services.

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partial fulfillment for teacher certification. There is no registration fee.

Requests for additional information should be addressed to the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, Director of Church Relations, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone (919) 658-2502.

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### ATTENTION!

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Joe Crumpler



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We've been invited to Sunday dinner at the Jones's. Guess what we're having . . .

## Fried Preacher and Christian Casserole

New entrees for you? I doubt it! It seems that more Sunday meals feature these dishes than any other—and the fried item is always the juiciest, the first to be served and the one most relished. Why? you ask. Well, it seems that ministers are more open to criticism just because of their role, calling, and position in life.

When asked recently how he was doing, one minister with whom I was talking simply responded—"Picked to death! But it's not going to get me down." (Maybe the appropriate term would be *fondued*!) If this situation is as commonplace as I'm afraid it is, I think we need to address it.

In reference to the gospel ministry, the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists of the English General Baptist Heritage*) contains the following:

Having recognized that God calls His people into His service, no member shall take upon himself the public Ministry of the Gospel unless he feels sure he is Divinely called to that Ministry. Each individual's Divine calling is unique and different. Such a calling must contain at least these three elements.

First, he must know the One who does the calling; i.e., he must be a Christian. No person can in truth say that he has been called into the Gospel Ministry unless he has a "saving" relationship with the Father.

Second, he must possess natural ability or abilities and be committed to improving the abilities he has and acquiring additional abilities that can be used in the services of the Ministry.

Third, he sees the needs of God's people and is willing to be an instrument to help fill those needs. Further, he is willing to minister to those outside of Christ.

Involvement in a call to the Gospel Ministry is a call to grow and prepare that the Ministry may serve God's purpose . . .

By the very nature of his calling the minister is to faithfully preach the Word, to have general superintendence of the church, to be an example to the flock, to visit the members—especially the sick—as he has opportunity, to serve as counselor, to serve as teacher—especially in a program of Christian education, to administer the ordinances of the gospel, to do all within his power to promote the spiritual interest of the church which he serves, and to advance the cause of Christ among men.

The minister is expected to relate to his fellow ministers in a gracious and fair manner as reflected by the Code of Ethics adopted by the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists and is expected to conduct himself in a professional manner in all public relations involving persons or institutions.

But many times much more is expected. For example, ministers have been asked to accompany drinking individuals to bars. Why? To convince persons to whom the drinking individuals were not married (persons of the opposite sex) that they should live with them. I realize that this may be an extreme incident. But consider the following:

—Ministers are called on to "sanctify the unsanctified." It is not unusual for clergymen to be invited to various social functions. Some time during the course of the event, he is called on to

pray. Those who invite him often do not want him there; but they extend an invitation just to prove that he will not cramp their style. Imagine how the minister feels if he attends the meeting and prays; he is quite possibly in a situation wherein the Lord's name is taken in vain every 5-10 seconds. If he goes, he is said to be compromising his convictions; if he does not attend, some say he does not care about those unchurched or those who are not members of his congregation.

—Often those not associated with the church demand the most. One minister told me about a telephone call he received several weeks ago. Upon answering the phone he heard the voice on the other end say, "You don't know me but I was riding by your church the other day and I was wondering if you could tell me how many people your sanctuary and fellowship hall will hold for my daughter's wedding and reception."

—Another clergyman voiced a great deal of concern because he was having trouble with a family in his congregation. They attended services quite erratically, showing up at church not more than one Sunday morning every two months. But they were the ones who complained if the grass was not trimmed every week, if the church spent extra on paper (never considering the fact that the year's supply was purchased at a sale price), when a typographical error was found in the bulletin . . . Needless to say, this family was at the root of most of the strife within the church. The minister had even wondered if they spent all their energy griping, and as a result, were too weak to attend Bible study!

—Other clergymen express concern over their being expected to be all things to all people.

—One of the most thought-provoking discussions I have been engaged in of late dealt with a minister's concern over finances. The clergyman felt he was in dire need of some new clothes, but he did not have any extra money; the gentleman did not want to charge anything, as he had financed a set of new tires the week before—oh, he bought them so he could carry a church group to a meeting. (Yes, I realize that he may not have been a wise economist.)

Then again I face the grim reality that ministers are not always what they should be. For too long now we have been acquainted with some who were "Mama called and Daddy sent!"

My experiences with church people have been fantastic. I have always found those within in any congregation with whom I could go to for strength and prayer support. Those with whom I currently worship have a concern for the spiritual and physical well-being of others; they believe that churches are supposed to grow and that those who are true to the Word of God do. Our congregation is made up of children and young people beginning their Christian experience; there are young couples realizing their need for a more disciplined relationship with Christ (some for the first time since they left their parents' homes); older couples who have walked with Christ for years; widows and widowers seeking fellowship; and visitors who want to find out what is motivating all the others. (Yes, I know not all churches are like this one.)

I'll be one of the first to admit that a minister's life has its problems—but think of the blessings! I personally think that a shepherd and his flock should face the wolves together; and with God's help, they can.

Let me conclude by saying, I love the Lord and enjoy doing His work. I thank Him for Christians, and especially for those with whom I worship at Marlboro. I can say with Joshua, ". . . as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15); and He will help me face whatever wolves there might be.







# Thoughts for Preachers— and the Rest of Us

*submitted by DeWayne Eakes*

## Is There a Need for This Sermon?

In an issue of *The Christian Century*, William F. Fore tells of his writing for *TV Guide* an article on the electronic church. He received approximately 500 letters in response to his attack. In tallying up the responses, he found the overall complaint was that the mainline churches were not meeting the needs of many people today. The traditional churches are accused of not even being aware of the needs of the people living around the churches.

At the same time this is an accusation against contemporary preaching. If the church is to meet the needs of people, it will be done primarily through preaching. A sermon is supposed to deal with a need of the people in the congregation. If there is a need, what is the use of preaching? Each preacher can ask before preparation is begun, "Is there a need for this sermon?" or "Why am I preaching this sermon?"

To preach to a need, the preacher has to be aware of people's needs. Without fear of exaggeration, one can say that for every person in the pew there is a hurting person. The need may not be evident nor expressed, but somewhere each person is carrying a burden. Both Ann Landers and Dear Abby write for 1,000 newspapers with 13,000,000 readers. Dear Abby gets 25,000 letters per week. The top subjects about which people write to them for advice are sex, loneliness, and frustration.

In 1980 a Gallup International Poll disclosed the top worries or needs of twenty-one nations: inflation and the cost of living, unemployment, and crime involving violence and social problems. It is significant that fourteen of the twenty-one

nations listed crime as a top worry. The need exists in every state. In 1981 the Attorney General of Florida reported that crime all over Florida had exploded out of control. It is significant to a preacher that these social problems are basically and ultimately spiritual problems that need to be handled in sermons.

How does a preacher become aware of people's needs? One way is by reading newspapers, magazines, and current fiction and non-fiction. A newspaper reported on the murder trial of Jean Harris. On the witness stand she confessed, "I wasn't sure who I was and it didn't seem to matter . . . I was the person in the empty chair." Many others today also feel that they are non-existent or nobodies. In pastoral calling, which is regrettably a lost practice, and in counseling, a preacher can learn of the basic needs of people.

A preacher should have a knowledge of specific needs. It is not helpful to people or to effective preaching to have needs that are so general that they cover nothing. It is of little value to say that all men are sinners and need a Saviour. That may be true, but a sermon needs a more specific focus in order to deal with local needs in the church and community.

The need for the sermon should be relevant. There are many needs, but the needs may not exist or apply to the people addressed in the sermon. The need for the sermon ought to be a current and crying need.

If the needs are there and the preacher is aware of them, then the sermon should answer those needs or a specific need through the Word. People

look to the pulpit for solutions and answers to their needs and problems. It may not be an easy answer. It should not be oversimplified answers such as "Believe in God and your troubles will disappear" or "Accept Christ and you'll be a success" or "Give your tithe and you'll get returns a hundredfold." His article claims that, while the electronic church is aware of people's needs, the church is not satisfying the needs of the viewers.

The need of the sermon is so important that it needs to be written out before an outline for the sermon is tackled. The text is related to the need. Does the text speak to this particular need? If not, then obviously another text should be chosen. Moreover, the need of the sermon is inseparably related to the aim or objective of the sermon. When the need is verbalized on paper, then the objective can be written. The objective, therefore, is the fulfilling of the stated need. When the need, text, and objective are interrelated, one can proceed with the outline of the sermon which gives the steps by which the objective will be reached and the need met.

Before you begin your next sermon, ask yourself, "Is there a need for this sermon?" If there is no need for the sermon, there is no need to prepare the sermon. When a sermon deals with a specific need in the assembled people, the sermon comes alive and speaks to hurting individuals.

## **The Pastor's Devotional Life**

Carl F. H. Henry, giving advice to young seminarians, said, "Sink your roots deeply into a daily devotional life, for those patterns are set in the early years." They are good words not only for seminarians but for all on the Christian journey.

Perhaps the pastor needs occasionally to take a look at his devotional life. The pastor is not immune to the pressures of time and the presence of temptations that challenge the devotional life. And the devotional periods die more of benign neglect than from intent.

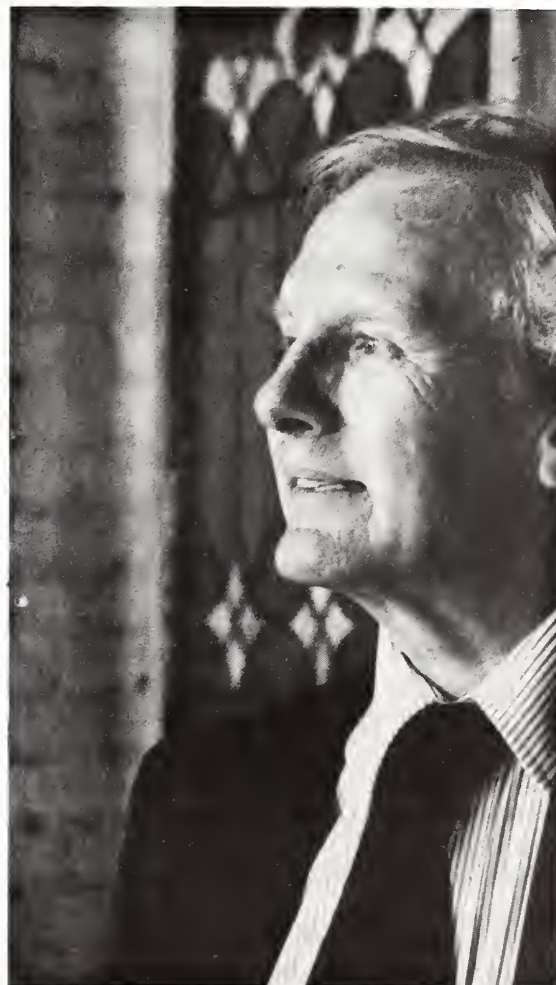
I heard E. Stanley Jones in his eighty-sixth year tell how important his daily

quiet time had been to his ministry. He strongly doubted that his ministry would have reached around the world without it.

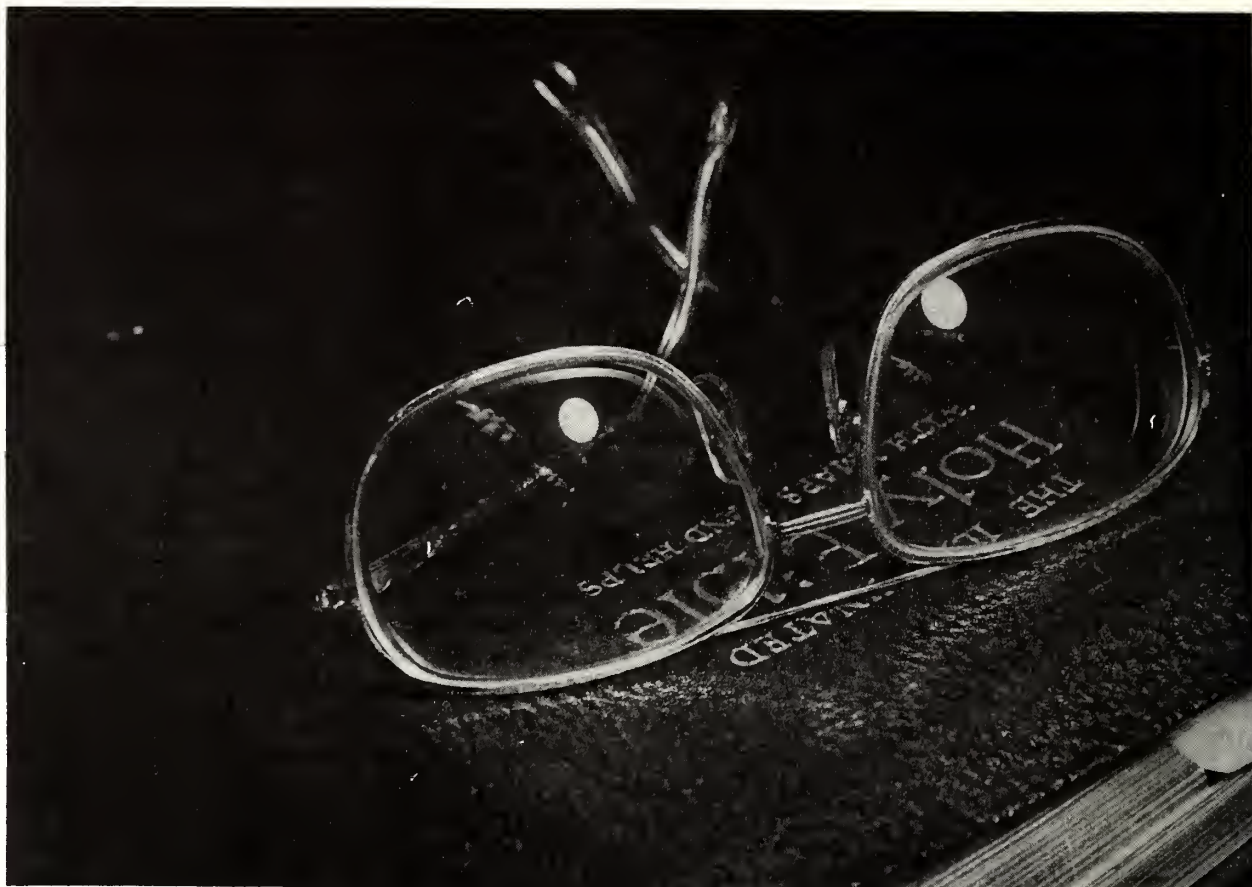
Someone has related that planting marigolds around the border of a garden will help keep the bugs out. The flowers keep out the destructive pests and poisons that can destroy the fruits of the soil. A devotional life builds boundaries around life that help to keep out the destructive influences that wait to invade the heart. A devotional life builds inner strength that fortifies the heart to combat, victoriously, the external pressures and temptations. Without the daily devotional time, life is left open to the preying deceptions of evil.

But the pastor certainly does not need to be convinced that spiritual exercises are necessary. Perhaps, more, he needs some helps as to how this might become a part of his daily discipline. Allow me to run the risk of being trite and yet suggest some helps that I have found useful.

First, let me suggest some benefits for the devotional life.







The first and perhaps the most obvious is that it helps life gain inner strength. Life cannot pursue spiritual things without adding greatly to the inner life. No one is in greater need of inner fortification than the minister. His daily exposure to problems and pressures requires the occasions to regroup his inner resources.

The second benefit of the devotional life is that it helps life clear the debris of accumulated fears, frustrations, and failures. Without moments to clear the deck, the debris can become threatening and discouraging. The quiet time gives life a moment to put such behind and to move forward with victory over such.

The third benefit of the devotional life is that it helps life gain perspective over all its assignment. Prayer and communion with God give life the opportunity to see all that is happening in relation to God's strength, His purpose, and His will. Such insights send the heart back to its assignments with perspective and resolve, motivated to minister in the name of Jesus.

The fourth benefit of the devotional life is that it establishes life on some-

thing—and Someone—other than self. Too many times we view the things facing us and see only our human sufficiency. And when the battle is big and the sufficiency is small there comes apprehension and anxiety. The devotional times of life clarify for us the great resources waiting to be tapped, the grace waiting to be withdrawn, the strength waiting to be requested, and the power waiting to flow through the willing vessel. And from such moments with God comes the foundation from which life can serve and minister.

There are three simple helps that I offer in regard to the quiet time. One, try to have the same time each day. Build the discipline into your schedule. Two, make your quiet time a two-way street between yourself and God. God wants our petitions, but also He wants those moments when He can talk to us about Himself, about our assignments, our people, our problems, and our possibilities. It is along the two-way street that victorious spiritual pilgrimage develops. Three, plan your devotional reading, rather than picking up whatever is convenient.

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# Free Will Baptists in the News

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD IS GIVEN

by Janet S. Nichols



Mrs. Gladys Fulghum

On Sunday morning, November 29, 1981, Marsh Swamp Woman's Auxiliary presented Mrs. Gladys Fulghum a Life Membership Award during the worship hour.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (Proverbs 31:10). What kind of woman do you want to be—the social queen of your community? the most talented person around? the prettiest lady in all the country? or would you rather be servant to all? Proverbs' description of that ideal woman certainly presents her as servant of all. I can surely believe

that this woman we are honoring today feels that the comfort, happiness and well-being of others is much more important than her own pleasures, comfort, or identity.

She joined the church at Marsh Swamp in 1935 as a young lady and not only did she join that day, but she became a worker for her Lord from that first day. An active and loyal member of this church almost all of her adult life she can surely claim to be.

Mrs. Gladys has served in almost every office in the auxiliary which she joined in 1935. She has taught Sunday school for many years.

During this time, she has always worked outside the home, as a farmer's wife in her youth, and as a seamstress in her recent days.

Her commitment to God and her church is followed very closely by her commitment to her family, friends, and neighbors. She is never too busy to help meet the needs of others, to visit a shut-in. She makes a practice to fill her Sunday afternoons with words of encouragement to the downhearted. She is a devoted and loving wife, mother of three, and a grandmother.



Mrs. Viola Cathrine Blizzard

On Saturday morning September 19, 1981, God called Mrs. Viola Cathrine McLawhorne Blizzard to her Heavenly reward. She had been in declining health for several years, and was eighty-six at the time of her death. She was the third of twelve children born to the late Edward and Nancy McLawhorne of Craven County, near Vanceboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. Viola accepted Christ at the age of thirteen and united with the Macedonia Church in the community. Since then she was always active in her church and denomination. As a teenager, she began soliciting subscriptions to *The Free Will Baptist*. She received several awards for her efforts including an organ in 1914 which is still playable and sits in the home which is now vacant, on Route 1, in the Deep Run community where Mrs. Viola and her late husband, Johnnie James Blizzard, made their home after they were married on December 18, 1918. It has been estimated that she solicited more than 10,000 subscriptions to the paper in her lifetime.

After her marriage, Mrs. Blizzard moved her membership to Smith's New Home (Turn the Page)



Church where she was a very active member until her health curbed her activities. In all the records of the church, they show she and her late husband served in every organization in the church in a very efficient way and were charter members in several of the organizations of the church which are still going strong.

Mrs. Blizzard was a charter member of the Woman's Auxiliary in her church. She was nominated as "Woman of the Year." She has held positions in the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention. In 1960, she received from the Eastern District a certificate of life membership for her loyal service. She was the first secretary of the Lenoir County Sunday School Fellowship some twenty-five years ago. She was active in summer camp at Cragmont Assembly during Woman's Auxiliary week for eighteen years.

Mrs. Viola Blizzard was active in community and school activities, and was past president of the Deep Run School P.T.A. She served as Deep Run Home Demonstration Club secretary. In her home church, in the union district and the Eastern Conference at large, her name and labors can be found in many of the records along with other committee members as she took her place in service. She was referred to as the faithful Mrs. Viola Blizzard. She seemingly enjoyed every moment of life in service with the One who had called her to serve.

When Mount Olive College was begun, Mrs. Viola Blizzard became a loyal supporter. She has been very instrumental in obtaining for the library the records of the college and the work of the Free Will Baptist church. Mrs. Blizzard has given many documents and historical collections to the college, and is given much credit for helping keep intact accurate records of Original Free

Will Baptists of the area. Among recent gifts from her records, several important and historical documents along with a large collection of old Free Will Baptist papers of importance were recently taken to the college by the Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Bryan, her pastor and his wife. These last collections were given to the college by her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Blizzard were the parents of a daughter and son; the daughter, Ruth, now Mrs. Earl J. Sharp, lives in Richmond, Indiana. Their second child, Paul, is presently living in New Bern, North Carolina, where he makes his home with his family. There are five grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

One of Mrs. Blizzard's former pastors has this to say, "Long before I entered the ministry, I knew of Mrs. J. J. Blizzard's dedication to her church. Little did I realize that one day I would become her pastor. To know her is to love her."

As her minister in her last activities upon this earth, it was a great inspiration to stand by one I had known for more than thirty years. In her last few days on this side of eternity I stated to her, "You have written many many Baptist paper receipts in your lifetime." Her reply was, "I have written a lot. I wish I could write some more, but my hand with this arthritis will not let me." Mrs. Blizzard knew her time here was about up. In a few days she closed her eyes in peaceful sleep and slipped out into unlimited activities with her Lord, leaving a host of friends and family to carry on. Her gain was our loss, but her life was well lived. Many things stand and our faith is stronger because of her. Friends know Christ better because of walking upon this earth with her. We thank the Lord for sending Mrs. Viola

Blizzard this way. She was a jewel of worth.

A. B. Bryan  
her pastor

Some information gleaned from an article by the Rev. Bobby Harrell, 1975. Mrs. Blizzard was honored in a service at her church, January 11, 1975.

## **CORE CREEK AUXILIARY HONORED THEIR OLDEST MEMBER**

*by Mrs. Woodrow McCoy*

On November 2, 1981, the Woman's Auxiliary of Core Creek Church, Cove City, North Carolina, met at Jennifer Smith's home. During the business period a motion was made and carried to honor Mrs. Blanch Heath Hawkins. She is the oldest living member of the auxiliary. It was voted to give a silver flower bowl to the church in her honor.

Mrs. Blanch was born December 13, 1893, to Mr. and Mrs. Duffy Heath. In August 1912, she joined Core Creek Church and has been faithful all these years. In December 1926, she married Oscar Hawkins. They have one son, Carroll Hawkins.

Mrs. Blanch was always willing and ready to open her home to the visiting ministers and workers of the denomination. She was faithful in attending the quarterly meetings and communion services.

Whenever there was a cleanup day for the church and the churchyard, Mrs. Blanch was always there. She taught Sunday school, and supported all phases of the work of the church. Mrs. Blanch held several offices in the auxiliary such as president, secretary, and benevolence chairman.

She was very considerate of others, always offering kind words and encouragement. She was faithful to her church as long as she was able to attend,

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# News and Notes

## **Reception for Lifetime Member Scheduled**

A reception will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 31, from 2-4 p.m., at Rock of Zion Church, Grantsboro, in honor of one of the church's longtime members, Mrs. Mattie Lane. This occasion marks her 100th birthday. All of the honoree's friends, relatives, and former pastors are invited.

## **Eastern Conference Fifth Union to Meet**

The Fifth Union of the Eastern Conference will meet at 9:30 a.m. on January 30, at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina. Special music will be presented by the Prescott Family of Grantsboro, North Carolina, and the speaker for the day, Mr. Matthew Prescott, will address the topic "The Layman's View of the Pulpit."

## **Second Union of Western Conference to Meet**

The Second Union of the Western Conference will meet with Barnes Hill Church, Nashville, North Carolina, on Saturday, January 30, 1982, at 7 p.m. The host pastor, the Rev. Robert Langley, and the union extend a cordial welcome to everyone. The young people of the church will be in charge of the program.

## **Robert's Grove Honors Its Sunday School Superintendents**

On Sunday, December 13, 1981, during the Sunday school hour, Robert's Grove Church near Dunn, North Carolina,

honored the Adult Assembly superintendents with plaques for their outstanding work. Bobby Johnson is superintendent and Gary Faircloth is assistant superintendent. They were acknowledged for being present, when possible, for all phases of worship services; for being one step ahead when it comes to honoring other people for their work; and for making people feel welcomed at church gatherings.

The plaques were given by the Beginners Class and presented to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Faircloth by the pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen.

## **Third Union Youth Fellowship Meeting Held**

The Eastern Conference Third Union Youth Fellowship met at Sandy Plain Church on December 31, 1981. Folkstone Church had the most people present and was awarded the attendance banner.

This Watch Night Service, which began at 9 p.m., featured lots of good singing by the Limestone Singers and several choirs. Many churches were represented and six ministers were in attendance. Everyone present began the New Year around the altar thanking God for His blessings—both those experienced in the past and the ones yet to come. To conclude the services, there was a time for everyone to enjoy breakfast together.

The next youth fellowship meeting will be held at Folkstone Church on January 16, 1982, at 7:30 p.m.

## **MODERN VERSION OF THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

A certain elderly woman went down from Washington to Richmond and ran over a spike, which punctured her tire and left her stranded by the side of the road. After raising the hood of her car and tying a white scarf to the door handle, she locked the doors and sat in the car, praying for the Lord to send help.

By chance there came down a limousine that way with a bumper sticker that read, "Smile, God Loves You." When the occupants saw the stranded woman, they passed by in the far lane without smiling.

And likewise there came a sports car with a CB radio and a bumper sticker saying, "Honk If You Love Jesus." The man who was driving passed by in the far lane without honking and without using his CB to tell the highway patrol about the woman's dilemma.

But a certain workingman, as he traveled to his job, came to the spot where the woman was; and when he saw her raised hood, white scarf and flat tire, he had compassion on her.

And he stopped his old pickup—which had no bumper stickers—and crossed the four-lane highway and offered to change the tire. And the woman opened the door and gave him the key to the trunk. The man took out the spare tire, jacked up the car, removed the flat tire and replaced it with the spare.

When he had finished, the woman tried to pay him. He refused the money, saying, "If my wife was stranded on the highway with a flat tire, I'd want some good Samaritan to stop and help her out." And he went on his way to work.

Which now of these three was a neighbor unto her that had a flat tire?

—Selected





# Mount Olive College

## NEW CREATIONS SCHEDULE



(From left to right, front) Elaine Tyson of Fountain, Rhonda Jones of Goldsboro, Vicki Cope of Kinston, and Terry Ruff of Burlington; (back) Chris Harrell of Morehead City, Anita Lanier of Beulaville, Lisa Dunn of New Bern, Oliver Godwin of Spivey's Corner, Caroline Castelloe of Mount Olive, Helen Griffin of Charlotte, and Roy Lewis of Blount's Creek.

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will be witnessing in various churches throughout Eastern North Carolina during the spring semester of the 1982 academic year. Their programs are made up of gospel music and personal testimonies.

Miss Caroline Castelloe, director of counseling at Mount Olive College, serves as the group's advisor.

The schedule for the New Creations during the spring semester is as follows:

Date	Time	Place
January 17	11:00 a.m.	Sidney FWB, Belhaven
	7:30 p.m.	Smyrna FWB, Blount's Creek
January 24	11:00 a.m.	Edgewood FWB, Crisp
	7:00 p.m.	Shady Grove FWB, Spivey's Corner
January 29-31		Arapahoe FWB (Weekend Revival), Arapahoe
February 7	11:00 a.m.	Westside FWB, Kinston
	7:00 p.m.	Antioch Presbyterian, Rosewood
February 21	11:00 a.m.	Johnston Union FWB, Smithfield
	7:00 p.m.	Pine Level FWB, Pine Level

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## FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Mount Olive College will hold a Financial Aid Workshop on Saturday, January 23, to assist prospective students and their parents in applying for all types of financial aid: federal and state grants, loans, and work-study.

The workshop is not restricted to students who plan to attend Mount Olive College but is a service to students who plan to enter any college in the fall of 1982. There will be no registration fee. The workshop will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the Henderson Building on the new campus and will end at noon.

Betty Cobb, director of financial aid at Mount Olive College, will be in charge of the workshop. On the importance of being informed, Mrs. Cobb stated, "Given the current economic situation, there has never been a more crucial time for parents and students to be familiar with financial aid programs and procedures."

Mrs. Cobb is a member of the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOC

**January 23**—Financial Aid Workshop for Prospective Students, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

**February 16**—Congressman Charlie Whitley to speak during the chapel service, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, 11 a.m.

**February 23**—Board of Trustees Meeting, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m.

**March 8**—Conference on Church Growth, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, 9 a.m.

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# Music in Church

submitted by DeWayne Eakes

One of the handicaps from which I have suffered during my ministry is my comprehensive musical inadequacy. I cannot read music, and I cannot keep in tune for more than a few seconds when singing. From 1958 to 1960 I was the Protestant chaplain at Fort Churchill, then the Canadian Army's Arctic test and training center. Every Sunday morning our chapel service was broadcast over the small local radio station. After the service on my first Sunday there, the manager of the radio station took me aside and said that he had to give me some advice and hoped that I would not be offended by it. After some hesitation he said very softly, "When you are within ten feet of an open microphone, please do not sing." I accepted his advice. I can identify with Mark Twain who said, "People who have heard me sing say I don't."

I have learned through the years to rejoice in good music and to appreciate its place in life and faith. In Christian worship I am aware of music not merely as an adjunct to worship but as a creative agency of worship. I wholeheartedly accept what Johann Sebastian Bach said of church music,—that it "has no other purpose or final reason than this; it should exist for the glory of God and the recreation of the human spirit."

Since the earliest days of the church, music has been a creative force in Christian experience and expression. In the New Testament there are at

least four references to the stringed instrument used in worship, a harp or lyre with six strings known as the *kithara*, and it is from that Greek word that our word "guitar" seems to have come.

At times music has caused dissension in the church. In the earlier years of the nineteenth century quarrels about the propriety of having pipe organs in churches led to serious splits among Presbyterians in Scotland—"the devils whistles," some of them called organs—and Methodists in the United States. Through the centuries there have been church members who think that no hymn should ever be sung for the first time, especially when the tune is also new.

In the eighteenth century, Alexander Pope wrote, "Some to church repair/Not for the doctrine, but the music there." That still happens. It should not upset anyone that some people go to church mainly because of

the music. It is not the main reason a person has for going to church that is important, but what that person takes away from the service.

Music can be a means of worship, a way in worship. It helps evoke responses from worshipers by opening their hearts and minds to God's Spirit. It can itself be a declaration of the grace and love of God and a stimulant of authentic devotion. Music can help us to awareness of aspects of reality which we cannot wrap our minds around, and that awareness can be liberating and can diminish our complacency and conceit and help us to new depths of self-awareness. In the nineteenth century Thomas Carlyle said, "Music is a kind of inarticulate, unfathomable speech which leads one to the edge of the Infinite and compels one to gaze in."

—J. A. Davidson

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# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

Scripture Reading—Psalm 19

### WHENCE THE CLOUD?

A professor at a large university made no secret of the fact that he was an agnostic. Moreover, he boasted of his philosophy whenever opportunity to do so came his way.

He would tell his students, "If you don't throw aside your faith in God, and act in your own knowledge and strength, you'll not get very far in this world."

One day, during a class, the matter of "rain-making" entered the discussion, so the professor inquired hypothetically: "What help was faith in God during the recent drought? A lot of farmers got down on their knees and asked God for rain. What did they get in answer to their prayers? The Dust Bowl! Do you know what they should have done? They should have sought help from science. Send a man up in a plane, drop some chemicals on a cloud, and you get rain. No need of God there! Any questions!"

"Yes, I have a question," replied one of the students. "Who furnishes the cloud, if not God!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*I believe you will find in all histories that no nation that did not contemplate this wonderful universe with an awe-stricken and reverential belief that there was a great unknown, omnipotent, and all-wise and all-just Being superintending*

*all men in it and all interest in it, ever came to very much, nor did any man who ever forgot it.*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Scripture Reading—Psalm 90

### YOUR ARGUMENT IS UNANSWERABLE!

An atheistic scientist was incurably ill. A Christian friend visited him and said, "You realize that you will not recover, don't you?" Anticipating that the question was designed to elicit a discussion of religion, the scientist said, "But I don't believe in God, or a hereafter."

"You haven't long to live," continued the friend, "and you want life above everything else, don't you, Bill?" "Above everything else," quietly replied the scientist.

Then the Christian spoke of a physiological law in God's creation. "You are a biologist, Bill, and as you know the lion was made to eat flesh, not straw. The cow was made to eat hay, not flesh. The fins of fish indicate that water is the medium of its being. The wings of the birds indicate that the air is its predetermined element. Do you think that the Creator has capriciously implanted in man, who stands at the acme of His creation, soul-yearnings for which He has made no satisfying provision? Your insatiable yearning for life is indicative of the fact that God has given to you an immortal soul which can know no rest until it rests in

Him, finding satisfaction in the eternal God."

The scientist, who through the years had sought for biological truth, said, "You have got me! I confess that your argument is unanswerable."

It is hoped that the newly enlightened scientist turned in faith to the One who said, "... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10: 10).

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent (John 17:3).*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Scripture Reading—Psalm 24

### WHAT ABOUT THE FRAGMENTS

A teacher was telling her class of the time when the Lord Jesus fed the multitude with five loaves and two fishes. She said, "And of course you will understand, children, that it does not mean that Jesus actually fed all those thousands with a few loaves and fishes. That would have been impossible. It just means He so fed the people with His teaching that they lost all sense of bodily hunger, and went home satisfied."

But an inquiring girl put this question, "But, Miss \_\_\_\_\_, what was it that filled the twelve baskets of fragments left over?"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*I fear God, and next to God I chiefly fear him who fears Him not (Saadi).*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Scripture Reading—Psalm 1

### TURNING IN FRIGHT TO GOD

Usually those who call on God only because of extreme danger turn from God when the

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danger is past, despite fervid promises made to God during the danger.

A blatant, blasphemous unbeliever was drifting rapidly in a boat down a river in the Canadian backwoods toward his destruction in the rapids. In despair he cried, "O God, save me and I will serve You!"

A missionary, who was an excellent swimmer, heard his frantic cry. He plunged into the turbid waters, swam out to the boat, and brought it and its occupant to shore.

Some days later the missionary saw a group of people gathered around the man whom he had rescued. He was ridiculing the Bible, blaspheming God, and denying that there is either a Heaven or a Hell.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven (Matthew 7:21).*

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Scripture Reading—Psalm 22

##### SPIRITUALLY BLIND

A minister faithfully proclaimed the gospel in an open-air meeting in Glasgow. At the conclusion of his message, an unbeliever stepped from the crowd and said: "I don't believe what the minister said. I don't believe in Heaven or Hell. I don't believe in God or Christ. I haven't seen them."

Then a man, wearing dark glasses, came forward and said: "You say there is a river near this place—the River Clyde. There is no such thing. You say there are people standing here, but it cannot be true. I haven't seen them—I was born blind! Only a blind man could say what I have said. You are spiritually blind and cannot see. The Bible says of you, 'But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither

can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14).

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*... blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed (John 20:29).*

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Scripture Reading—Genesis 3

##### AS OLD AS ADAM

"After 250,000 years of evolving by trial and error, man now has the unprecedented power to begin consciously and willfully directing the course of his own future evolution. He can with scientific tools available to some extent take over the reigns of his own destiny and make himself what he wants to be through artificial selection rather than leave it to natural selection and chance," said Arthur J. Snider, *Daily News* science writer.

This highfaluting assertion may sound up-to-date. It is as old as Adam, however. Did not Satan say to our first parents: "Ye shall be as gods"?

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The modernistic movement, adjusting itself to a man-centered culture, has . . . watered down the thought of the Divine, and (may we be forgiven for this) left souls standing like the ancient Athenians—before an altar to an unknown God (Harry Emerson Fosdick).*

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Scripture Reading—Psalm 104

##### HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PAIN?

An unbelieving doctor said to a minister, "I believe only in what my five senses reveal to me. I have never seen, heard, tasted, smelled or felt a soul. That's why I don't believe in the existence of a soul."

Said the minister, "You have never seen, heard, tasted, or smelled a pain, but you have felt a pain."

"That is true," said the doctor. "I have felt a pain and I have treated thousands of people who have."

Then the minister continued: "I have not seen, heard, tasted, or smelled a soul, but there have been times without count that I have *felt* a soul, as I have listened to the music of the masters, and looked upon a setting sun or an autumnal forest, and thought upon the deeds of heroism of patriots, or the fortitude and sacrifice of some mother or father, or of the flawless, selfless life and vicarious death of the Saviour for the sin of the world!"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Said the famed criminal lawyer and confessed atheist, Clarence Darrow, "My colleagues say that I'm a success. Many honors have come my way, but in the Bible is a sentence which expresses the way I feel about my life. That sentence is this: 'We have toiled all night, and have taken nothing.'"*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

#### Some New Year's Wishes for You

During the new year may you have:

Enough happiness to keep you sweet.

Enough trials to keep you strong.

Enough sorrow to keep you human.

Enough hope to keep you happy.

Enough failure to keep you humble.

Enough success to keep you eager.

Enough friends to give you comfort.

Enough wealth to meet your needs.

Enough enthusiasm to look forward.

Enough determination to make each day better.

—Selected



# The Sunday School Lesson

## JESUS PROCLAIMS A NEW LIFE-STYLE

Lesson Text: Luke 6:27-38

Memory Verse: John 13:34

### I. INTRODUCTION

Jesus was beginning the second year of His ministry when He spoke the words in today's text. He had just finished selecting twelve men to be His apostles (Luke 6:12-16). Then a large multitude of people had gathered (6:17-19), so Jesus used this opportunity to outline for them and to reaffirm to the men He had chosen the type of life-style that was expected of a person who wished to be a part of His kingdom. That way of life must begin with the proper attitudes of humility, righteousness, and joy (6:20-23). It must also include some cautions against self-satisfaction, pleasure-seeking, and honor-seeking (vv. 24-26). However, merely "accentuating the positive and eliminating the negative" are not enough for the kingdom person. These attitudes must all be wrapped up in the package of love.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. A few years ago someone wrote a book entitled, *The Seven Last Words of the Church*, which dealt with traditionalism in the church, the idea that church people are not willing to change their way of doing things. The seven last words were "We never did it

this way before." Every pastor knows that each church has its own way of doing things, and it is very difficult to get the members to change to some other way. Is this aversion of the church to change good or bad? It can be a good thing if the church is certain that what it is doing is the best way. Even then, however, one will find that there are many things that can be changed for the better and still be according to the Bible. It would appear that the church ought to be the least tradition-bound of any of our organizations, but too often this is not true.

B. Christianity begins with change. When one becomes a Christian, it means that he must change his way of living, his life-style. As the Christian grows in grace, he will find that his life is constantly changing. This does not mean that God's Word changes, but it does mean that as we trust the Lord and grow, our lives change from day to day to become more and more like the model that our Master left for us. As we study this lesson, we should try to see the new life-style that Christ demands of His people.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The Bible text for our lesson today is from what some

call the "Sermon on the Plain" to distinguish it from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus had just completed the selection of His twelve apostles (Luke 6:12-16). Then we read: "And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases" (6:17).

B. Jesus said many things on this occasion similar to those spoken in the Sermon on the Mount, but in briefer form. There was no difference, however, in the requirements for discipleship as given in both sermons. Take for example His command, "Love your enemies" (6:27). How strange this must have sounded! Everybody knew that enemies were to be hated and that only those who did well toward you were to be loved. Yet this, among many other things of an improbable nature, is what Jesus was saying to the people.

C. Actually, what Jesus was doing involved a new life-style He proposed to His hearers. It was a challenging life-style, one which would change their entire attitude toward others. It was one which presented a new morality, a new generosity, and a new attitude on the part of those who would follow Him.

—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

## COMING EVENTS

*January*—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Retirement Homes Month

*February*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

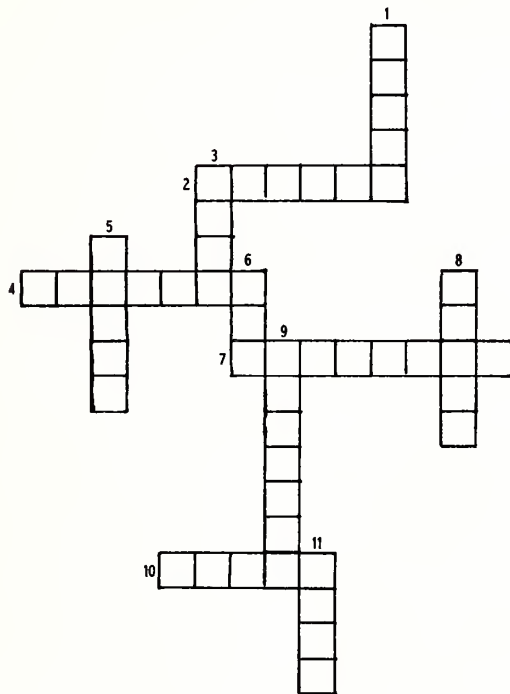
*February 2*—Retirement Homes Board Meeting, 10 a.m. Children's Home Campus, Middlesex

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

# GOODS

Luke 12:16-21

by Nancy Matthews



## 1. GOODS

2. I have no room to store my \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What did God call the man?
4. Earthly story with heavenly meaning.
5. and 6. What did the man plan to do?
7. He was laying up what for himself?
8. State of mind he planned when all was finished.
9. What was the man's financial situation? He was a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. He was going to tear down his old \_\_\_\_\_ and build bigger ones.
11. After all his planning, he did not make plans for the most important part of his being. What did he lose?

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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February 28	11:00 a.m.	Community FWB, Weldon
	7:00 p.m.	Everett Chapel FWB, Clayton
March 7	11:00 a.m.	Heritage FWB, Charlotte
	7:00 p.m.	Northside Presbyterian, Burlington
March 21	11:00 a.m.	Davis FWB, Davis
	7:00 p.m.	Miller's Chapel, Faison
March 28	11:00 a.m.	Harrellsville United Methodist, Harrellsville
	7:00 p.m.	Hickory Chapel FWB, Ahoskie
April 4	11:00 a.m.	Shiloh FWB, Pinetown
	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's FWB, New Bern
April 18	11:00 a.m.	Free Union FWB, Spring Hope
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Chapel FWB, Pink Hill
April 25	11:00 a.m.	Friendship FWB, Trenton
	7:00 p.m.	Spring Hill FWB, Goldsboro
May 1	9:00 a.m.	Christian Music Festival
May 9-15		Georgia-Florida Tour

## Current News from the

# Retirement Homes

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER 1981

Total \$1,250.93

### ALBEMARLE

Mount Tabor	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 20.00

### CAPE FEAR

Bethel	\$100.00
Casey's Chapel	210.00
Goldsboro, First	250.00
Total	\$560.00

### CENTRAL

Community	\$ 10.00
Daniels Chapel	50.00
Hugo	75.00
Reedy Branch	29.90
Rocky Mount, First	25.00
Williamston, First	31.71
Union Number 2	11.07
Total	\$232.68

### EASTERN

Arapahoe	\$100.00
Bridgeton	25.00
Dublin Grove	15.00
Oriental	5.00
Total	\$145.00

### PEE DEE

Union Number 1	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 50.00

### PIEDMONT

Highland Pines	\$ 41.00
Total	\$ 41.00

### WESTERN

Flood's Chapel	\$ 6.00
People's Chapel	25.00
Piney Grove	56.25
Sherron Acres	25.00
First District Sunday School	65.00
Union Number 2	25.00
Total	\$202.25

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN THE NEWS

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but most of all she has been faithful and dedicated to the service of her Lord.

Mrs. Blanch has the sweet expression on her face that shows she is a child of God.

We are so thankful for dedicated women like Mrs. Blanch Hawkins.



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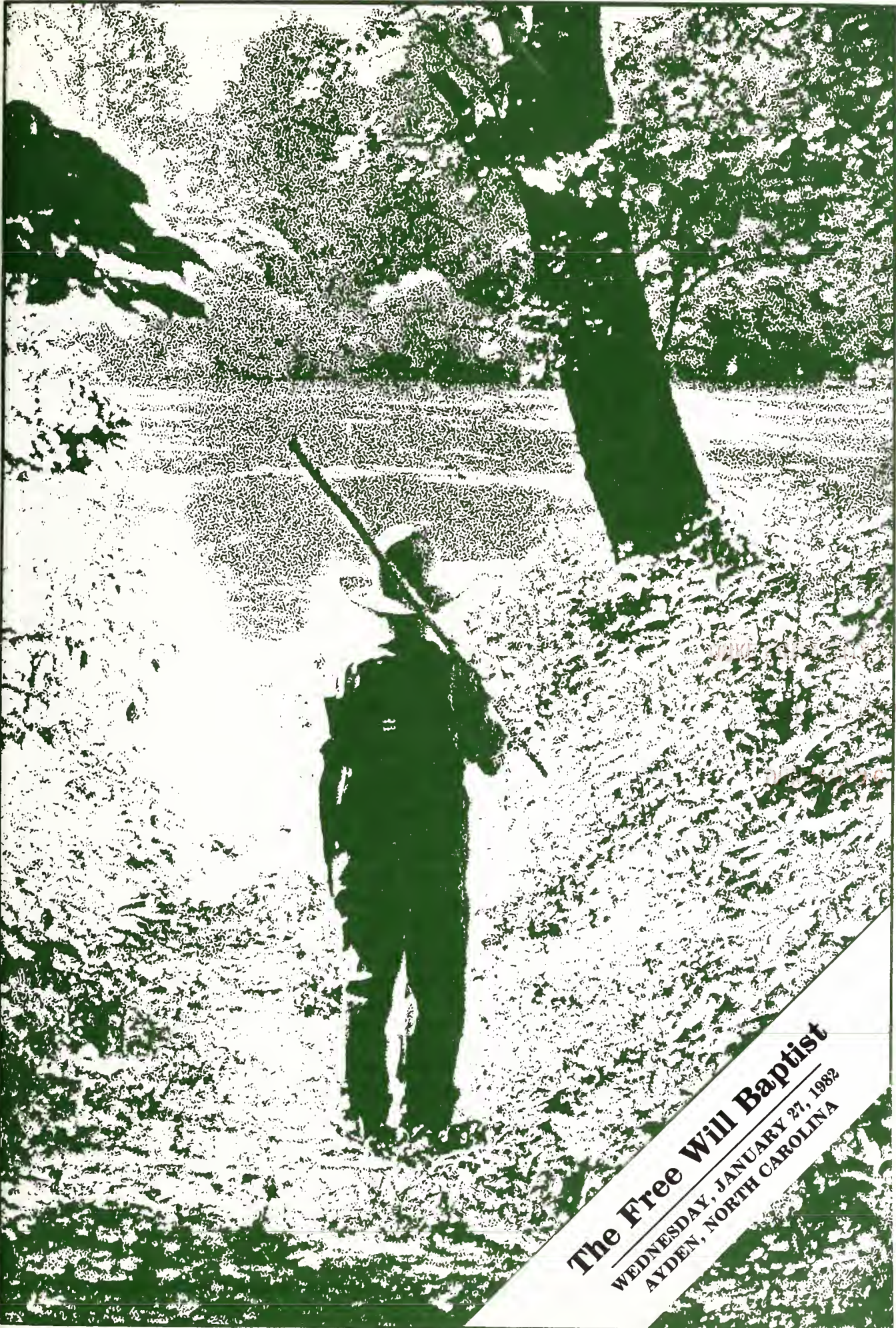
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## Editorial

### *The Church, Growth and 20/20 Vision*

Growth is a principle fundamental to all of life, for living organisms grow—it is a natural spontaneous expression of life stopped only by disease and/or death. Young mothers do not worry over whether or not their babies will grow; they just naturally assume that their infants will. Instead, their concern is over the health of their offspring, for that is what affects both development and growth.

The church of Jesus Christ is primarily a living organism and secondarily, an organization. In fact, everything about the church involves life. Jesus Christ, the Head of the church, is our living Saviour. The church itself is composed of persons who have been made alive spiritually by a new birth experience. Christians are indwelt by a living Spirit and governed by a living Book. Since the church pulsates with life, it is expected to grow—it has to if it is not diseased or dead.

Church growth involves the "increase of quantity, quality, and organizational complexity of a local congregation"; but these three components must take place in a **balanced** manner, that is, if the good health of the church is to be maintained. For example, if a congregation is interested only in numbers, unhealthy mutations result. "How many came?" and/or "How many indicated decisions?", the usual questions in the "numbers game," cause individuals to forget or overlook the fact that evangelism and discipleship are both parts of one process; and that they must take place simultaneously.

When qualitative growth excludes quantitative growth, mutations result again. The "we're not interested in numbers, only quality" response is rather fallacious. This ingrown, introspective attitude fails to attract new people; it also repels those who remain. Some congregations who place the greatest part of their emphasis on Bible teaching and a deeper, spiritual life, are among the deadest and smallest. Their problem, though, is not emphasis; rather, it is the result of the existing imbalance.

If the organizational structure of a church is neglected, growth will be limited. The new people attracted will not be effectively absorbed into the fellowship because of the lack of leadership development. But then again, if organization is emphasized without careful attention to quantitative and qualitative factors, the church is indistinguishable from the average social club. As a result, it will function but lack drawing power and spiritual energy.

With this in mind, let us consider our church. For the next coming weeks we will examine our present status and look toward the future. In the meantime consider this: Are we as a church body limited as to our potential? No! And it's time we stop thinking we are.

# An Earnest Man Who Seeks to Serve

It has been said that those things which are important to a man tell a great deal about him. If this is true, and I believe it is, I can say without reservation that the Rev. David Charles Hansley "is filled with a reverence for humanity that drives him to spend every waking moment helping others. And this is his goal in life."

This goal has led him in many directions. He has pursued it as a pastor; but not only is Mr. Hansley the pastor of Aspen Grove Church, Fountain, he ably serves as president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. In addition to these two activities, he serves as a trustee for the Christian Action League of North Carolina, and is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Association of Baptists for Scouting. A certified teacher for the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, he also directs visual-aid education seminars.

The son of the Rev. and Mrs. David W. Hansley, he was raised in the tradition of church service, a tradition that has helped to lead him through the course of his life. Mr. Hansley has served as the church relations co-chairman of the million-dollar development program for Mount Olive College. He has worked as the co-director for youth week encampments at Cragmont Assembly, the director of denominational enterprises for the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention for Free Will Baptists, and been the secretary to the Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere.

Mr. Hansley had the opportunity to serve as the chairman of the Scouting Commission of the North Carolina State Convention and as a member of the liaison committee on fellowshiping with other denominations of North Carolina and the United States; he has directed Ministers' Institutes at Mount Olive College, has been president of the Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina . . . in fact, he has labored in nearly every phase of our denomination's work.

Mr. Hansley was born in Durham County on June 16, 1938. He graduated from Grainger High School in Kinston, Atlantic Christian College, and the Chrysler School for Management, in addition to Mount Olive College.

He is married to the former Sylvia Fay McLamb of Newton Grove. They have two children, Cynthia, 20, and Phil, 16. At the present time, the Hansleys are living in Wilson.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley is an energetic man—he has to be; he is an enthusiastic personality—a man who is a friend to all; he is "an earnest man who wants nothing more from life than the knowledge that he has served his Lord and fellowman to the best of his ability." This desire has led him to his new position as manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, a post he assumed December 31, 1981.



*A reception was held December 31 at the Press. At that time, the Rev. David Charles Hansley was presented as manager. Pictured above are the Rev. James B. Hardee, left; the Rev. David W. Hansley, in the background; and the Rev. David Charles Hansley.*





# The Sleeping Giant of Outreach

by R. Chip Turner

The concluding years of the twentieth century are seeing the good news beamed to every corner of the globe as churches intensify their efforts to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." Every mechanical means, printed and electronic, is boldly being employed in this proclamation. Though these communication wonders should be fully used, professional communicators admit this technology is merely a tool to undergird personal witnessing.

Accepting the premise that face-to-face encounter remains the most effective means of outreach, churches must evaluate all available outlets for such encounter. Once a thorough evaluation is made of outlets for children and young people, many discover a largely untapped resource . . . the sleeping giant of outreach. This sleeping giant is Scouting. Consider five reasons for this contention.

First, Scouting has **youth appeal**. Scout programming is challenging, action and skill-oriented, constructively competitive, balanced between scholarship and practical application. Conservation skills are taught in the outdoor classroom, exemplary of Christian stewardship and God's creative work. Moreover, Scouting appeals because of its established, winning reputation. And, everyone wants to be on a winning team.

Scouting appeals to many non-church youth as well as church-oriented youth. Even if the church has a fine youth organization of Bible study, training and mission education, chances are the organization relates mainly to existing young people in the congregation. Scouting offers the distinct outreach element to extend the church ministry to the community.

Second, Scouting's structure provides ample time for leaders to give guidance to youth. Under the leadership of a Christian scouter a young person may be helped with his personal and spiritual needs. This guidance may range from answering simple questions to serving as surrogate father for the child of a one-parent family.

Every youth organization in the church has an important role in the developmental process of youth. Yet lack of time hampers the effort. An average Sunday or weekday organization is fortunate if, after all preliminaries are cared for, 50 minutes remain for leader and pupil to relate. Even assuming perfect attendance for a year, this translates into only 43.3 hours in an entire year. If Scouting becomes an integral part of the church ministry to youth, however, consider the intensive periods of personal guidance potential within a year's span. These figures are a conservative estimate:

Regular Meetings (based on 1½ hours each week)	78 hours
Overnight Campouts (based on 1 campout per month)	288 hours
Scout Shows/Multi-unit Events (based on 2 per year)	34 hours
Summer Camp (based on 6 full days)	144 hours
Total	<hr/> 544 hours

Large segments of time wherein the scout and the scouter intensely relate account, in part, for the number of Christian conversions reported in church-sponsored Scout units.





The third reason Scouting is the sleeping giant of outreach is the age-graded program of religious education designed by the various denominations and supported by Scouting. As boys (and girls, too, in the Exploring program) reach certain levels in their Scout ranking, they may be encouraged to work toward the religious emblem of their denomination. Requirements vary by religious body, but each calls for service within the local church and for counsel with the Scout's pastor. During this counseling period the pastor is able to discover any spiritual needs and to offer guidance for the Scout's pilgrimage. Without a catalyst like the religious emblem program, many young people would not avail themselves of the counsel of the pastor.

Fourth, Scouting is the sleeping giant of outreach as it teaches duty to and reverence for God. Central to the Scout Oath (or Promise) is the pledge to "do my duty to God . . . ." The twelfth point of the Scout Law states, "A Scout is Reverent." These commitments to the prominence of God in one's life form a cornerstone of the Boy Scouts of America. When properly interpreted by a Christian Scouter to his young Scouts, even the unchurched begin to understand their need for God.

Finally, Scouting can be the sleeping giant in outreach as the church realizes that to have its own Scout unit means it has complete authority to direct the program in the best interest of its participants. In other words, the unit is church-owned and church-administered. The unit can be uniquely Free Will Baptist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, and so on, as long as the stated principles of Scouting are not violated. Imagine the outreach potential of a unit whose sole purpose is to reach unchurched young people in the community. These young people might quickly join a Scout unit but would be hesitant to attend a regular church service. What an opportunity exists for these youth as well as for existing church members!

To reach America with the Christian message requires boldness and a willingness to "go out where the people are." Scouting is such a tool for outreach. No, Scouting will not automatically achieve results. But, when Scouting leadership is chosen as carefully as the church Bible teachers and Scouting is seen as an integral ministry of the church, positive results are predictable.

## THE SCOUTING PROGRAM

- Has Youth Appeal
- Offers Time for Personal Guidance
- Has an Age-graded Program of Religious Education
- Teaches Duty to/Reverence for God
- Is a Church-owned, Church-administered Opportunity of Outreach

Scouting is the sleeping giant of outreach awaiting your church. Why not consider this tool to help reach your community? Contact the Scouting Commission of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist Churches for more details. (The Rev. Scott Sowers is chairman of the commission. His address is Route 1, Box 106-B, Farmville, NC 27828; he can be reached at 919-753-4260, 919-753-2185.)



# *News and Notes*

## **Second District of the Central Conference to Meet**

The Second District of the Central Conference will meet at Hugo Church, on Sunday, January 31, 1982, beginning at 3 p.m. The Sunday School Convention will follow the Union Meeting. All pastors and interested members of the Second District are cordially invited to attend. The moderator is Ron Braxton.

## **Cape Fear Union Meeting To Be Held**

The Cape Fear Union Meeting will be held at Catalpa Mission, Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Saturday, January 30, 1982. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
  - Devotion, Dean Kennedy
  - Welcome, the Rev. Alton Howard
  - Response, the Rev. Charles Parrish
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
  - Recognition of Visitors
  - Reading of 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. Dewey Boling

- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
  - Report of Committees
  - Unfinished Business
  - Benediction and Adjournment
  - Lunch and Christian Fellowship

Moderator, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough

Secretary, Mrs. Dola Dudley

Music Director, Johnny Woodall

## **Albemarle Meetings Announced**

Plymouth Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, will host the Albemarle Union Meeting, and Mount Zion Church near Roper, North Carolina, will host the Albemarle League Convention on January 30. The scheduled programs are as follows:

### **UNION MEETING OPENING SESSION**

Pianist, Mrs. Mary Lucille Jones

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. David Thick

10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Floyd Burkey  
—Response, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose

10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charles Overton

10:20—Roll Call of Ministers  
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers

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 Press, Via Literature

—Report of Missions, 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**

11:00—Hymn

11:20—Special Music, Mrs. Phyllis Allen, Mount Zion Ladies Quintet

11:25—Message, the Rev. Robert May

—Adjournment and Lunch

## **LEAGUE CONVENTION**

7:30—Devotion, Miss Jayne Jones

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

—League Program

—Minutes of Last Convention

—Business of Digest Committee

—Report of Digest Committee

—Awarding of Banners and Picture

—Treasurer's Report

—Minutes Read and Approved

—Adjournment

Pianist, Mrs. Mary Lucille Jones

## Fourth Central Union Meeting To Be Held

The Fourth Central Union Meeting will be held at Aspen Grove Church near Fountain, North Carolina, on January 31, 1982. The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Hymn, "Heavenly Sunlight"
  - Welcome, David Hobgood
  - Response, Rufus Harrell
- 11:15—President's Remarks
  - Greetings from the Children's Home
  - Mount Olive College Report
  - Missions Report
- 11:30—Special Music, the Mount Olive College Singers
  - Sermon, the Rev. David Charles Hansley

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Hymn, "When We All Get to Heaven"
  - Devotion, Ed Thornton
  - Program, Local Church
  - Committee Reports
- 2:15—Adjournment of Today's Business

## First Union of Western Conference to Meet

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet on Saturday, January 30, 1982, with Living Waters Church, Wayne County. The Union extends a cordial welcome to everyone. The Rev. Joseph Ingram will preach the Union message.

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# THE BOOK CORNER

by DeWayne Eakes

Oates, Wayne E. *Confessions of a Workaholic*, New York: Abingdon Press, 1971.

Wayne Oates is a recognized authority in the field of pastoral counseling. He is a prolific author, having more than twenty books to his credit.

"Workaholism" is a word Wayne Oakes has coined. As used in this book, the word means "addiction to work, the compulsion or the uncontrollable need to work incessantly." The addiction to work is not the mark of an energetic personality or a very smart person. Work addiction is a serious personality disorder. "If it is not reversed or arrested in the forties or early fifties, it becomes chronic and may lead to death in one form or another in the late fifties and/or sixties" (p. 1).

Dr. Oates discusses overcommitment, the inability to say "no" to unreasonable demands and feelings of being the "only one" who can get the job done. The use of leisure time and recreation as "re-creation" time as a matter of wise Christian stewardship is presented.

In a very lively manner, the author writes from the crucible of his own personal struggle with work addiction. He pinpoints symptoms that precede the development of the addiction and offers practical suggestions for placing work in a prospective that permits a satisfying and fulfilling way of life. It is written in a light tone but it presents a vital message for people of our day.

## NO TIME TO LOSE!

Attention Eastern District Youth Leaders: The Eastern District Youth Convention will meet on Saturday, March 20, 1982, at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina. At this convention, Essays and Declamations will be presented and the Bible Bowl Quiz will take place. Each church can send one AFC and YFA entry for each competition. **All entries must be submitted to me by March 5, 1982.**

The topics for the 1982 Essay Contest are "Redeeming the Time," "Missions and Me," "The Joy of the Lord," and "The Joy of My Salvation." The topics for the 1982 Declamation Contest are "Abounding Aliveness," "My Lord Knows the Way Through the

Wilderness," and "He's Still Working on Me." Any YFA or AFC member may choose one of the above topics for competition. The rules for the Essay and Declamation Contests are found in the Youth Program Book.

If your AFC or YFA group is interested in participating in the Bible Bowl Quiz, please contact me. I will send you the Study Guide and Rules for the 1982 Bible Bowl Quiz.

I will be glad to help if you have any questions. You may contact me by calling 522-1055 or writing Deborah King, 1316 Manchester Road, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

Let me hear from you, and please do encourage your youth to participate.

Deborah King  
Eastern District Youth Chairman



# Foreign Missions

## RURAL EVANGELISM

*by the Rev. Dr. E. M. Lall*

The recent tour of rural areas in some parts of North India conducted by us has given us a new vision and inspiration to plan and undertake evangelization according to need. The time seems to have been greatly changed from that of the past. There is anxiety and solicitous desire felt among the rural people to hear the message of salvation through the churches. It is high time that the missions functioning on the soil of the country come forward and take up the task in obedience with the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

It is rather painful but significant to express at this juncture that the ministry of the church in rural areas has been abandoned by the missions since the independence of the country and there are only a couple of church missions involved in the evangelistic work in the rural areas. It is probably due to the fact as the history speaks that Christianity in India did not flourish in the rural areas in comparison to towns and cities, and statistically speaking more Christian workers became martyrs in the rural areas only. The Christian missions, therefore, for fear of life and property withdrew from the

rural fields. There were occasions while on tour that we heard the tale of woe from the rural people stressing the circumstances under which they were let off by the former church missions without any leadership which was responsible for their going astray. It was interesting to meet people of considerable old and infirm age who are still strong in faith and sang songs for us which the older missionaries used to sing and taught them!

What was more pathetic to know was that it is these strayed people who claim to have produced ministers in their families and many names of such ministers were recalled to us who are still working in various church denominations, but these rural people are no more Christians now. What a pity. It is due to lack of leadership to them. Yet there is concern for Christianity among

such people and they need revival.

According to the latest census 1981 the total population of India stands at 683,810,051 of which 82% live in villages in remote and rural areas. It is for this reason that the Free Will Baptist Church of India from its very inception and establishment in the length and breadth of the country got involved in preaching the gospel in such areas and remains confined as a rural church. In the time ahead we have plans to be undertaken for vast evangelism among such lost millions in our country. In case we refrain doing so the souls will remain lost, unless we reach them for Christ. It is not possible to find in the Bible just one small "loophole" that would excuse the church missions from this great responsibility as Christians at the Day of Judgment before God. It does not seem so easy as we talk in comparison to that of towns and cities since we challenge the prevailing ideas and superstitious life of the rural people in the clutches of paganism and as such it demands a great deal of crossbearing. For such a task which is indeed hard and arduous and undoubtedly we may be standing on the threshold of a challenge in the country, will you help us meet this challenge?





# Mount Olive College

## CONCERT SCHEDULED

Hal and Sharon Roach of Greensboro will present a voice concert of classical music in the Mount Olive College Auditorium on Thursday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Sharon is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Pelt of Mount Olive. She received the Associate of Arts degree at Mount Olive College in 1978 and the Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1980. Currently, she is a candidate for the Master of Music degree at UNC-G where she has appeared in several opera productions.

Hal Roach received his Master of Music degree from UNC-G in 1980, where he also has appeared in several opera productions. In addition, Hal has performed at the Barn Dinner Theatre and the Little Theatre in Winston-Salem. He is a native of Greensboro.

The accompanist for the performance will be Ann Curtis, a graduate of UNC-G, who is a piano teacher in Greensboro.

There will be no admission charge to the concert.

## CHANGE IN SCHEDULE FOR OFF-CAMPUS COURSES

*The Free Will Baptist Church—Part I*, to be taught by Dr. Michael Pelt, will meet on Tuesdays, beginning February 2, from 7-8:15 p.m., at Core Creek Church, Cove City, (Eastern Conference).

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*How to Study the Bible*, to be taught by the Rev. Bass Mitchell, will meet on Tuesdays, beginning February 2, from 8:30-9:45 p.m., at Core Creek Church.

## RUDENE KENNEDY TO TEACH

Miss Rudene Kennedy will teach two eight-week Bible courses for the Paul Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College.

The Paul Palmer Institute is a program of continuing education for ministers and church workers.

"Old Testament Survey" will be taught on Tuesdays, beginning February 9, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Cabin Church.

Miss Kennedy will also teach "Old Testament Survey" on Mondays, beginning March 1, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Westside Church in Kinston.

The tuition for each course is \$20 (plus a one-time registration fee of \$10, if taken for credit).

Books for both courses may be purchased at the first class meeting.

Miss Kennedy is a member of Cabin Church in Beulaville. She holds a Master's degree from Old Dominion College in Virginia. Most recently, she has been serving as a home missionary in the mountains of Virginia.

## FWB FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

The members of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship at Mount Olive College have announced their schedule for the 1982 spring semester:

February 2—Charles Barnard, who has been appointed missionary to the Philippines, will speak.

9—Valentine Banquet

16—Visit scheduled to the nursing home in Mount Olive

23—A film, "Givers, Takers, and Other Kinds of Lovers"

March 2—Skating Party

16—Horace Padgett, funeral director, will speak.

23—The Rev. Marvin Waters, pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Bern, will speak.

30—The Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the North Carolina State Convention, will speak.

April 6—Dr. Michael Pelt, religion professor at Mount Olive College, will show slides of his trip to the Holy Land.

13—Doug Dexter will speak on drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

20—The Rev. David Hines, pastor of New Sandy Hill Church, will speak.

26—Cook-out at Eagles Nest; the Rev. Craig Simmons, pastor of First Church, Wilson, will speak.

The Free Will Baptist Fellowship is an organization open to all students on campus and is one of the many ways students can enrich their spiritual life at Mount Olive College. The organization meets each Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Olive Room on the downtown campus.

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# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:1-24

### HOW COULD GOD TELL YOU!

A girl was happily converted. Immediately she began to read God's Word. One who disbelieved the Bible and took delight in ridiculing it asked the girl, "Why do you spend so much time reading a book like that?" "Because, Sir, it is the Word of God," said the girl. "Nonsense! Who told you it is the Word of God?" scornfully asked the unbeliever. After a moment's silence the girl asked, "Who told you that there is a sun in the sky?" "Nobody," quickly replied the scoffer. "I don't need anybody to tell me. The sun tells me." "Yes," said the girl in triumph, "and that is the way God tells me about His Word. I feel His warmth, and sense His presence as I read His wonderful Word!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*What glory gilds the sacred page,  
Majestic like the sun!  
It gives a light to ev'ry age,  
It gives, but borrows none*  
(Cowper).

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:25-48

### I WILL BE WAITING FOR HER UP YONDER!

A soldier had been mortally wounded when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He lingered for a few days in a hospital. There a

chaplain gave him a New Testament. Before the soldier died, the chaplain visited him again. Said he to the chaplain:

"Just as I was leaving home my mother put her arms on my shoulders and said, 'Son, if anything should happen that you do not return, I have comfort in knowing that I'll see you up yonder in glory.' I bowed my head and said, 'Mother, I am not a Christian, and I cannot tell you that I will see you again, if anything should happen.' I left my mother weeping with a heavy heart. Mother is a very devout Christian, I have called you to do me a favor. After I am gone write Mother telling her I found the Lord by reading this little Testament, and that I will be waiting for her up yonder."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Other books were given for our information. The Bible was given for our transformation.*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:49-72

### WHY SHE HID THE BIBLE

Some Christian women met in a home in Hollywood for their weekly Bible study. The leader, standing before the group, said, "O my, I came away without my Bible!" The hostess hurried away to get her Bible. She looked where she usually kept it, but it wasn't there! She searched for it, but couldn't find it. "What will those ladies think of me?" she

thought. Running downstairs, she said to the newly employed cleaning woman, "Mattie, have you seen my Bible?" Mattie exclaimed, "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" "Why, what do you mean, Mattie?" Beamingly, Mattie said, "The first thing I do when I go to work at a new place is to hide the Bible." "But why?" asked her employer in astonishment. Mattie said, "Just to find out how long it takes the people to miss it. You'll find your Bible in the linen closet under the sheets!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The best repository for the Bible is a warm, glowing, grateful heart: "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones"* (Jeremiah 20:9).

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:73-98

### IN THE MORNING, SOW THY SEED!

Years ago, in the city of Toronto, Canada, a young man passed a street meeting. He heard only one verse from the Bible: "Son, give me thine heart." At the time, the verse apparently went in one ear and out the other. More than fifty years later, the verse, which had lain dormant in his heart, became accusingly and convictingly alive. Then he fell on his knees, crying to God for His mercy and forgiveness.

Let us be alert and aggressive in obeying the command, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Ecclesiastes 11:6).

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Even the weakest and unworthiest ones may sow the seed, remembering that the life lies not in the sower, but in the seed!*

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## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:97-120

### DISTORTED MIRRORS

The governor of Leeds Prison, in England, was formerly the aide-de-camp to King Abdullah of Jordan. He told how the King had two mirrors which he used in rooms where he entertained guests. One, which made people look thin, was put in the room where guests assembled before dinner. The other, which made people look fat, was put in the salon to which guests moved after eating.

We live in rooms of distorted mirrors and must never be taken in by things as they seem to be. There is great folly in outward appearances. There are those who look small to the world who are great for God. There are people who seem to be fruitful in activity who are barren in fruit. The only safe place to look is in the Word of God, which reflects all things as they are.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible is God's looking glass. It is the only Book which shows man as he really is—"dead in trespasses and sins," with a deceitful and desperately wicked heart.*

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:121-144

### IF GOD SAID IT, IT'S TRUE

One time Hudson Taylor became deeply depressed. As he read his Bible, these words gripped his soul: "Yes, Lord, if Thou dost say so, it is true! My cup, however, is very far from running over, for there is not enough money for the missionaries and there is dissension among some of them. But, Lord, Thou art eternal, and Thy Word is eternally true. So, in spite of feelings and circumstances I do now believe it and count it true and thank Thee for it!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our feelings are as variable as the weather vane atop the barn. God's Word is changeless: "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89).*

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:145-176

### AN UNDISCOVERED TREASURE

A Christian worker entered a wretched, poverty-stricken home. Beneath a rickety table, he saw a dust-covered Bible. As he left, he said, "There's a treasure in this house which if discovered and believed would make you all rich!" A diligent search was made for the hidden treasure. "Could it be a jewel or a pot of gold left by the former occupants of the home?" asked the searchers one of another. Their search

was in vain. No treasure was found.

Not long thereafter, the mother picked up the old Bible. She began to shift the pages of the unread Bible. On the flyleaf were written these words, "Thy testimonies are better to me than thousands of gold and silver!" "Ah!" she exclaimed, "can this be the treasure the stranger spoke of?" She and the other members of the family began to read the Bible. A change came into their lives. A change came into the home. Love, joy and peace came into hearts which were formerly filled with sin and discontentment.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Word of God is the Christian's best treasure—one that should be kept in his heart at all times.*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

## JANUARY

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# The Sunday School Lesson

## JESUS REINTERPRETS WORSHIP

Lesson Text: John 4:7-14, 19-26

Memory Verse: John 4:24

### I. INTRODUCTION

The event discussed in today's lesson took place near the city of Sychar, which was located in Samaria. The province of Samaria was situated between Judea on the south and Galilee on the north. The people who lived in this territory in Jesus' day were known as Samaritans, a racially mixed people. This racial mixture occurred as a result of the conquest of the Northern Kingdom of Israel by Assyria in 721 B.C.

The Assyrians believed that the best way to keep a conquered enemy from organizing a counterattack was to deport and scatter its leaders and leave the weak and poor to inhabit the land. Phase two of the program included having those who were scattered as well as those who remained in the land to intermarry with the Assyrians, thus eliminating any distinct racial differences. The Samaritans were the result.

About one hundred and fifty years after the fall of Samaria, the Southern Kingdom of Judah was conquered by the Babylonians, and many of those leaders were deported. But those Jews did not intermarry. When they later returned to rebuild the temple and Jerusalem in the homeland, the

Samaritans wanted to help. But the "pure" Jews rejected them.

A serious rift between the two peoples arose as a result of this action, and the animosity between the two peoples grew as the years passed. By the time of the event of today's lesson, the Jews and the Samaritans had been enemies for hundreds of years.

Jesus has taught that we should love our enemies. This week He provides a living example of putting this principle into practice.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The Gospel of John is the Gospel of the personal interview. Our lesson today deals with the interview that Jesus had with the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus did more to lift women from the place of ordinary drudges than any other person in world history could ever do. Women ought to love Him!

B. Note how Jesus cut across the lines of prejudice: prejudice between the sexes, prejudice between the races and prejudice between people of somewhat different religions. If we would lead people to Christ, we must leave out prejudice.

C. This lesson emphasized the fact that worship is not confined to a place. It does not mean that one cannot worship better or easier in a church building with other Christians, but it does mean that one can worship anywhere, anytime. It also emphasizes the fact that worship is an individual matter.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. William Carle, in *Moody Monthly*, gives us this story: An African native, away from his village, met some missionaries and learned for the first time of the God who loves men. He went back to his tribe carrying the Book which tells of God, but he was unable to read it. When he told the tribe about God, they wanted to do God honor. But how should they worship Him?

B. They laid the Book on a stump and sat around it in silence, in a meeting that might have reminded us of the old-fashioned silent Quaker meetings. Did such worship touch the heart of God? We may be sure it did, far more than much of the cold ritual that many of us are accustomed to going through.

C. This is no justification for the idea that one can just as easily worship God by a stump in the woods or by a beautiful brook. These natives had no church, and the church is where God is worshiped best. Someone asked an elderly woman, "If I go to church and the preacher says nothing worth hearing, is it any use for me to go?" "Of course not," was her curt reply. But a young man overhearing the conversation intruded. "I don't see why a man, when he goes to church to worship God, would let a preacher butt in on his worship."

—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

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## The Sunday School Notebook

### Part One: The History of the Sunday School Movement

# The Sunday School

## The American Training Ground

*The Sunday school: an institution eminently adapted to promote the intellectual and moral culture of the nation, to perpetuate our republican and religious institutions, and to reconcile eminent national prosperity with moral purity and future blessedness (from a resolution of the American Sunday School Union, 1828).*

On Sunday, October 5, 1980, the Sunday school movement celebrated its 200th birthday. It has been said that "the best example, indeed the epitome of popular American Protestantism is the Sunday school." For some time now it has been seen as the "American training ground." No more workable approach to Christian education has been introduced. It has shaped institutions and attitudes, for the Sunday school itself emerged as a reform movement. Many years ago Benjamin Rush, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, said that "the only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty; and liberty is the object and life of all republican government." With this in mind, let's look at the Sunday school movement more closely.

### The Beginning of It All

In the 1780's, Gloucester, England, was a "pit of misery." It was flooded with people from the countryside who were looking for jobs. Few schools existed and those that did were called "charity" or "ragged" schools; their sole purpose was for the benevolence of aristocrats. During that time, most of the poor children in the area worked long hours six days a week. On Sunday—their only day off—the children wandered through the streets unsupervised, often lawlessly. It was said that "farmers and other inhabitants of the towns and villages complain that they receive more injury to their property on the Sabbath than all the week besides."

Concerned about the situation, Robert Raikes, a loyal member of the Church of England, established the first Sunday school in a Gloucester Sooty Alley kitchen. He hired a woman named Mrs. Meredith to teach the boys and girls who attended. Her job was not an easy one. She often had to go get the children for they didn't want to go. Needless to say, discipline was a problem.

In 1757 Mr. Raikes had committed himself to jail reform. He had initially focused his attention on crime itself only to decide later that ignorance was the major cause of crime. Mr. Raikes felt that the number of crimes could be curbed if children were educated. (Former FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, concurred with this notion.) He later wrote that he had received pleasure from "discovering genius and innate good dispositions among this little multitude. Since the establishment of Sunday school . . . they are not the ignorant creatures they were before. They are also more tractable and obedient, and less quarrelsome and revengeful."

A moral transformation did result. The children were motivated by the adult interest and encouragement they received. Those in the upper class were benevolent (and at times, condescending). The boys and girls soon relished their freedom to learn to read. A persuasive religious orientation existed even though the Holy Writ was not being taught at this time. (Bible study was not added until years later.)

In 1785 William Fox and other influential men formed "A Society for the Establishment and Support of Sunday schools throughout the



Kingdom of Great Britain." Their purpose was "to prevent vice, to encourage industry and virtue, to dispel the ignorance of darkness, to diffuse the light of knowledge, to bring men cheerfully to submit to their stations." In effect, they set up miniature school systems where reading, not writing, was taught. They didn't want to raise people above the station of their birth. Unlike other charity institutions, they didn't provoke the resentment of the poor. They felt that labor disciplined people during the week and religion controlled them on Sunday.

The nonevangelical party of the Established Church attacked the movement during the 1790's. The Archbishop of Canterbury's benign approval of the movement lapsed and Sunday schools were accused of being "nurseries of fanaticism." It was said that Sunday schools were the "place where the minds of the children of the very lowest orders are enlightened; that is to say, taught to despise religion; and the laws, and all subordination." The ensuing opposition did not faze them.

### The Ensuing Excitement

The Sunday school movement was readily accepted in America. The times were right; the soil, fertile. A frontiersman enthusiastically related that "an excitement has gone forth." In order to win and hold the United States, Protestantism had to move—and move it did, with the Sunday school program as its vehicle. Sunday school workers, armed with Bibles sent by the American Sunday School Union, went throughout the frontier distributing Bibles and tracts. Soon it was said that the ensuing excitement was one "that the power of man can neither gainsay or put down. It exists not in the East alone. It has passed the boundary which separated the East from the western states."

John McCullagh, a scrappy Scottish immigrant, was known as the "Sunday school man of the South." One famous tale is of his efforts to organize a school along Buckhorn Creek. The following account is of an encounter McCullagh had with a young boy named Archie who had just lost his baby brother.

'Would you like to have a book that tells about a happy world up yonder, where people will never die any more?'

'That I would sir.'

'Well, here it is,' said the missionary, pulling out a little Testament. 'Sit down, Archie, and let me tell you about it.'

They sat down on the log, and the mountain boy drank in every word Mr. McCullagh told him of Christ, Heaven and eternal life. The little fellow's heart was touched, and looking up, he said, 'What is your name, Mr. Stranger?'

'On being told, he said, 'I have heard tell of you before. You is the man what makes Sunday schools, ain't you? I wish I knowed how to read this little book what tells about Jesus.'



'Well, my little man, if you will attend the Sunday school near the bridge on Buckhorn Creek, they will teach you.' (*The Big Little School*, Robert W. Lynn and Elliott Wright)

Sunday schools were often the seedbeds for both Christian and public education, the forerunners of public school systems. Sunday school teachers, missionaries, and ministers were often the only educational "experts" around. The trouble is, they were usually untrained.

During this time there seemed to be a preoccupation with death; it was not a forbidden topic. Real deathbed scenes were usual household occurrences. People didn't cluster at hospitals when family members appeared to be dying; everyone gathered around the sick individual to hear his last words, for such "educational events" were said to be illuminating. Also, children were forced to feel like "little adults." But how else could they feel? They had to maintain a tough image to deal with the loneliness, disruption, and death that were so prevalent in the land. Things improved tremendously after the Civil War. Why, children were then seen as "Sunbeams," not "little adults!"

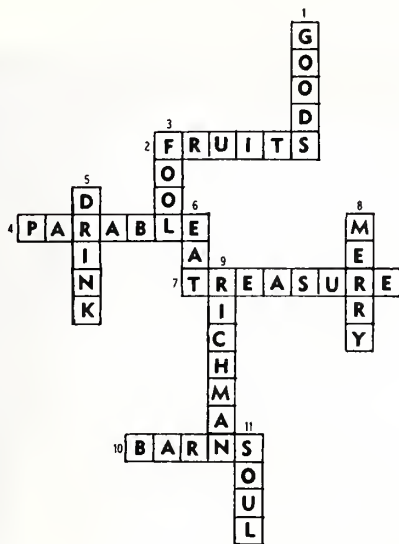
The ideal of the Sunday school movement during the late 1800's was "to put upon the track of a sinner anywhere in this broad land a Christian worker to speak to him of Christ." Efforts of doing so became more unified in 1872 when the Uniform Lesson Series was developed. This series provided a means whereby every person in every Sunday school would study the same lesson. Some said that the "way to the Promised Land was paved by the uniform lessons."



## GOODS

**Luke 12:16-21**

by Nancy Matthews



Answers to last week's puzzle.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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The officers of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship are as follows: (from left to right and kneeling) Timothy W. Bass, president, Sidney Church; Melody Kennedy, assistant publicity chairman, Sandy Plain Church; Melanie Kennedy, publicity chairman, Sandy Plain Church; and Tammy Ambrose, pianist, Shiloh Church; (standing) Helen Griffin, vice president, Heritage Mission; Chris Harrell, treasurer, Crab Point Church; Becky Prescott, song leader, Rock of Zion Church; and Dianne Riley, advisor. Calvin Mercer (standing behind the group), professor of religion at Mount Olive College, is also an advisor to the group.

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## ATTENTION YOUTH LEADERS

Remember, one of your responsibilities to your youth is to teach them the Bible. A good way to do this is by using the Bible sword drill. The North Carolina State League Convention invites any youth group to participate in the sword drill. Each church may have a junior (ages 9-11), and an intermediate (ages 12-15) participant. The church must also register with a \$10 fee.

Copies of the sword drill will be sent to you if you would like them. If you do not know how to use it, come to the State League Convention and learn. The convention is Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m., Mount Zion Church, Roper, North Carolina.

If I can be of help to you, let me know. My address is Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572; phone, 568-4685.

Margaret Ard  
State Sword Drill Leader

## NOTICES

The Western Conference Ministers' Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m., on February 2, at Carolina Bible Institute, Pine Level, North Carolina. All ministers of the Western Conference are invited.

Charles Renfrow, *Secretary*

The stockholders of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. will meet Tuesday, February 9, 1982, at the Free Will Baptist Press, in Ayden, North Carolina, at 10 a.m.

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## ADDITION

A new monthly feature, The Sunday School Notebook, can be found on Pages 13 and 14 of this issue. This 2-page unit can be cut out, punched, and inserted into a notebook for future reference. It is our hope that this item will benefit us all.

Janie Jones Sowers, *Editor*



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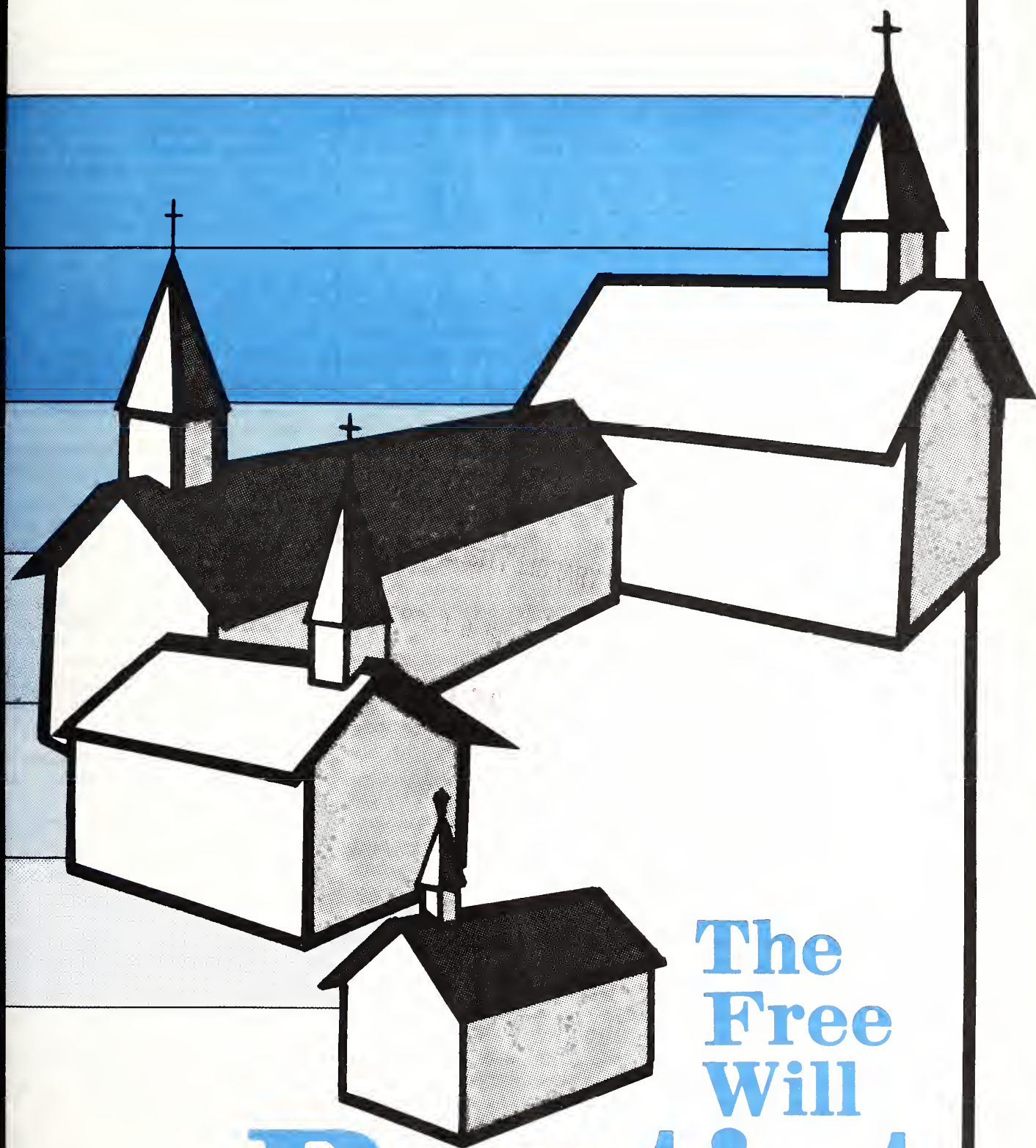
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## Have You Heard? I'm Expecting . . .

Now before you jump to any conclusions, please read on.  
The Great Commission of our Lord is found in Matthew 28:18-20:

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, 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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

The intent of this commission is reflected in the phrase **make disciples**, with the verb **make** being supported by three action words—go, baptize, teach. It is in this charge that quantitative, numerical growth is implied.

Just as birth precedes growth, evangelism precedes teaching. A church grows in number primarily when Christians witness to those outside of the church. (As simple as this truth sounds, many find it too difficult to put into practice.) If the church is reaching out, more people are attracted to its life. Now the desire for numerical growth is biblical; but the method for accommodating such will vary from congregation to congregation. Whatever method used, the pressing desire must be to see an increase in the number of people coming into a relationship with Christ, and afterwards their being absorbed into the church, His body.

Qualitative growth, the progressive development of the body into the likeness of its head—Jesus Christ, is reflected in the "awe" that envelops the church and community as they observe all that God is doing. As it grows, the church, the body of Christ, becomes increasingly more Christlike in both its corporate behavior and character.

One barometer that helps to gauge growth into Christ-likeness is unity. It is impossible to attain unity by human efforts, for diversity can be overwhelming. There are age and background differences, varying personalities, and numerous gifts within any congregation. Differences can only be overcome by God; and unity indicates that He is mightily at work and the body of Christ is developing qualitatively.

Such growth occurs as believers are exposed to excellent teaching and are given an opportunity to apply spiritual principles within the family, the church, and the world. Problems such as gossip and slander are strictly forbidden, for they prove to be devastating. The tragedy is not only the toll such behavior takes in the church, but also the degree to which it serves to lessen a congregation's power to attract new members. The life of Christ is demonstrated in observable love and unity; it is like a powerful magnet which the Holy Spirit uses to attract those outside of Christ.

Organic growth is reflected in the organizational and structural development of a church. The church must effectively absorb new people into its life—and as it does, the

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# The Quietness of Our Pulpits

by Graham Faucette

*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (2 Timothy 4:2).*

**P**AUL spoke these words for the good of all ministers and for all ages. The apostle said, "Preach the word." The Word needs to be preached, for it speaks against sin, against Satan. Ministers should preach the Word about salvation, about the filling of the Holy Spirit, about the soon coming of Christ, about spreading the gospel. Our pulpits may be lacking in number; I've been told that there is at least one preacher for every 500 people, but that is not our major problem. We're not lacking in intellectualism; for the most part, our ministers are the most educated in the history of our denomination (true, we still have much to learn). We are taught how to handle any situation that might come up. It is a rare thing today if any prominence is given to a minister if he does not have an above-average education. We are not really lacking in these things today, but still there is a quietness in our pulpits—when it comes to preaching the Word of God.

There seems to be a quietness in our pulpits because of fear. Some ministers are quiet because they are afraid to speak out against sin—they are afraid they might lose their jobs. Some are afraid they might lose their place of prominence in our denomination. Some are afraid they might lose their position of leadership in the community. Often doctrinal truths are not expounded because of fear, not inability, not ignorance. There seems to exist a distorted sense of values. We must ask what should be first. What is worthwhile preaching? What truth needs most to be preached?

## **Preach the Word, for the Word Condemns Sin**

First of all, God hates sin, all sin. Sometimes we find it difficult to even imagine all the sin of our day. That is why the Word must be preached; it will condemn sin. God's Word under the power of the Holy Spirit will condemn sin when it is preached.

America has been defiled. Drugs and immoral practices dominate both our schools and our communities at large. Our land is in a state of confusion. Communism is spreading; war and uncertainty are on every hand. False religions are springing up. Crime is on the increase. But our nation is deaf; people refuse to hear when someone speaks out against sin.

Ours is a dying nation. America will die, as other nations have, unless . . .

The Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). What can we do? We can preach the Word, for it will condemn sin.

## **Preach the Word, for the Word Tells of a Better Way**

How can God's people live for Him in a wicked day? There is a way that this can be done—through faith and by studying. The Bible tells of a better way. How sad it is when a young person commits his life to Christ and then must go to a home where God is ignored, where the Bible is never read and prayer is never offered. We must build our lives on Jesus Christ, the Rock of our salvation; and how much easier this is when there is support at home. When Christ is received, the individual is to stand fast against the things of this world; convictions must be founded on the Word of God; the Word must be abided by, regardless of the cost. If it is, others will be able to see Christ in us.

## **Preach the Word, for the Word Exalts the Lord Jesus Christ**

How does the Word exalt Jesus Christ? It proclaims the deity of Christ as the Son of God born of a virgin. It speaks of His Incarnation, of how He knew no sin. When we proclaim that His death was for sinners, we exalt Him. He is exalted when we preach of His power to save.

A minister was once taken very sick and was not expected to recover. A famous agnostic called at the hospital and asked to see the sick minister. He was told that visitors were not permitted, but that the clergyman would be told that he had called. When the minister heard of the agnostic's inquiry, he insisted that the man be allowed to visit him. Upon entering the hospital room, the agnostic thanked the minister for seeing him and simply asked why. In response the preacher related that he felt sure he would see his Christian friends in the life to come, but that this might be his last chance to see him. He wanted another chance to tell him of God's love.

Our pulpits must not be quiet about sin. We must warn sinners of the dangers; and if we fail to warn them, Ezekiel says that the Lord will require their blood at our hands.



# SCOUTING AND RELIGION



The founders of Scouting saw the importance of religion in the life of boys. They recognized that Scouting has a partnership role with the church. This matter is so vital that we quote from Article IV of the Constitution of the Boy Scouts of America:

Section I. The Boys Scouts of America maintains that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God. In the first part of the Boy Scout's Oath or Promise the boy declares, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law." The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power of the universe and the grateful acknowledgement of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship . . .

In addition, to reaffirm the desire of the Boy Scouts of America to avoid conflict with local church programs, resolutions strengthening the declaration of religious principles were passed in 1945 at their annual meeting.

## What Scouting Offers a Church

**A program that belongs to the local church and is administered by the church.**

**Evangelistic possibilities** for reaching, teaching, and training boys, and strengthening the church of today and tomorrow.

**A program that challenges men** to take responsible action on behalf of boys in the church and community.

**A cooperative program** by which the church, the school, and the home can work together as partners.

**Effective training** for leaders selected by the church to guide its boys in the Scouting program.

**Abundant and helpful literature** and program aids for the leader.

**Service and counsel** from professional and volunteer Scout leaders, available to every community.

**The assistance of a local council office** functioning as a service station and as a medium of cooperative effort to all sponsors of Scout Units.

## What the Church Can Do with Boys—Through Scouting

It can provide:

**A program of boy activities** that has been hammered out on the anvil of more than four decades of experience and which has reached more than twenty million boys.

**Opportunities for vocational exploration** under capable guidance (the merit badge program).

**Responsibilities that train boys** in developing initiative and leadership skills.

**A church-centered program** of religious instruction and service (the God and Country Program) that gives the adolescent boy a sustained and personal relationship with his pastor.

**A program that is geared to boy needs**, and designed especially for the three distinct age groups found in the ages 8 through 10 or in third grade (Cub Scouts, pack, den), 11 through 17 (Boy Scout troop, patrol), and 14 through 20 in the 9th grade or higher (Explorer Scouts post) inclusive.

**Membership in a world-wide movement** for boys which fosters international understanding and cooperation.

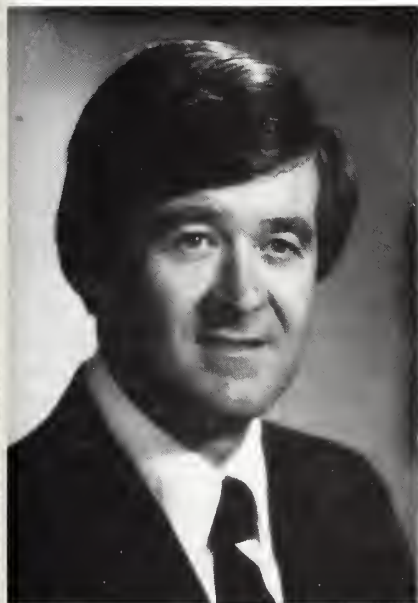
## Scouting, a Resource of the Church

The church has become deeply concerned about providing a program under Christian leadership that reaches into the boy's own world to guide his conduct and mold his character as he engages in leisure-time activities. Churches are finding that the Boy Scouts of America offers such a program. Scouting is an ideal resource available to churches to complement or expand their work in the multifaceted ministry to the youth.

**Celebrate Boy Scout Sunday—  
February 7, 1982**

# Free Will Baptists in the News

## Mayo Promoted at Recent Board Meeting



The Rev. Jack Mayo

The Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. met Wednesday, January 20, 1982. At that time, the Rev. Jack Mayo was promoted to the position of Assistant Manager/Financial Director. Mr Mayo has been employed at the Press for the last six years. He is married to the former Carolyn Williamson of Tarboro; they have two children—Lisa, 16, and Carl, 14. Mr. Mayo pastors Ormondsville Church, Route 1, Ayden.

The Board of Directors is composed of the following ministers: Fred A. Rivenbark, President; Willis Wilson, Vice President; Robert May, Secretary; Dewey C. Boling, Assistant Secretary; James B. Hardee; C. Felton Godwin; Walter Sutton; and David W. Hansley, Chairman Emeritus.

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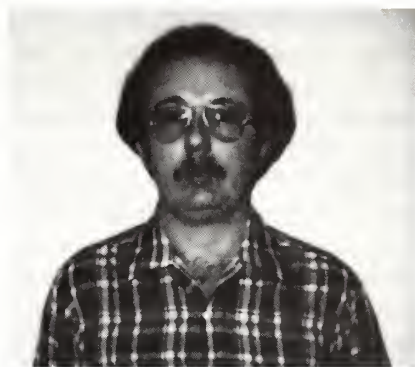
## Committee Hard at Work

During the 1981 sitting of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the Executive Committee recommended the approval of the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*, and that the revision be sent to the conferences of the Convention for ratification. The ratification process required that  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the conferences in the Convention, or five, adopt the proposed treatise. During their 1981 meetings, the Albemarle, Pee Dee, Eastern, Cape Fear, and Central Conferences did so. The Piedmont Conference met prior to the State Convention, and as a result, did not discuss the matter. The Western Conference tabled a motion to consider the document.

The Piedmont Conference recently sent a letter to the Executive Committee of the State Convention. In it, they expressed their gratitude for work done on the treatise, and continued by asking that the Convention not wait until after their 1982 session to finish work on the statement.

As a result of this courtesy, the treatise is now being studied by a special committee which has been charged with the responsibility of making necessary grammatical and spelling corrections. At the completion of their work, the document will be given to the printers for publication.

## Bowen Joins Staff



Thomas Melvin Bowen

Thomas Melvin Bowen, a member of Reedy Branch Church, Winterville, recently joined the staff of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. Mr. Bowen works in the Bookkeeping Department.

A graduate of Pitt Community College, Greenville, and the Institute of Applied Science of Syracuse, New York, Mr. Bowen has worked as a police officer in Bethel and a patrolman in both Farmville and Greenville. He and his wife Sandra have a four-year-old daughter, Natalie Jo.

## News from Sidney Church

This is reporter Paula Hargrove writing to you from Sidney Church, Belhaven. We were fortunate enough to have the New Creations from Mount Olive College with us January 17 at our morning worship service. I was able to interview Wanda and Chris who are in their last year at Mount Olive, and Sherrie who is in her first year. They all state that Mount Olive College has made a big difference in their lives. They enjoy working for their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. They also stated that they would encourage any young person to attend Mount Olive College.

I believe that the people at Sidney really enjoyed the New Creations.

After the service we ate lunch in the fellowship building and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

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## Family Enrichment Weekend Conference

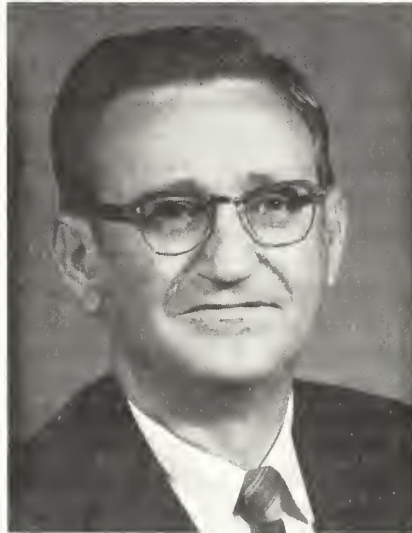
The congregation of St. Mary's Grove Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, enjoyed and were blessed by a Family Enrichment Weekend which began on Friday evening, January 8, 1982, with the youth and adult groups participating. A special highlight of the Friday evening service was special music presented by Mr. Kenneth Hubbard, artist in residence at Johnston Technical Institute, who played the tenor and soprano saxophones. Skits of the evening included "Let Suzie Do It," "Looking for an Angel," "Conversation with the Lord," and the portrayals of outstanding persons of the Bible. After a prayer cantata, presented by the choir, refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed in the activity building.

The men's fellowship honored the youth groups by hosting a prayer breakfast Saturday morning. The young ladies circle also honored the young people at lunch with an "Agape Lunch" (better known as a Love Feast). A discussion meeting and a volleyball game between the youth and adults were the scheduled afternoon activities. The young people were the winners of the game. Late Saturday afternoon, various acting and singing skits were performed by talented members of the church. A covered dish supper was served by the woman's auxiliary, after which there was chorus singing, a chalk-talk and the presentation of the "Tator Family." Cake and coffee brought the day to a happy relaxed ending.

The youth groups of the church were in charge of the Sunday school and Sunday morning worship services. The morning message was delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Rod Jones. He was the organizer, narrator and advisor through each phase of the

Family Enrichment Weekend. There was something for everyone of all ages and we each received a blessing because we had given of our time, talent and love. We of St. Mary's Grove are thankful that the Lord sent the Rev. and Mrs. Jones to lead our congregation.

## A Tribute to the Rev. J. B. Starnes



*The Rev. J. B. Starnes*

(This article is submitted to be printed in *The Free Will Baptist* at the direction of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists at the annual meeting in June 1981, and the Carteret County Union Meeting of Original Free Will Baptists at its quarterly meeting in November 1981.)

The Rev. Jerry Baxter (J. B.) Starnes Sr. was born February 8, 1920, in Union County near Monroe, North Carolina. In 1939 he married Addie Stack. God blessed their marriage with four children, Mrs. Janie Wilson, Mrs. Teresa Fulcher, Jerry Jr., and Steve.

On October 5, 1941, at the age of 21, he was licensed to preach the Word at Mount Zion Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina. While under license he pastored Thomasville Church in Thomasville, North Carolina. He was ordained August 8, 1943, at Mable Avenue Church in Kannapolis by the Beaver Creek Conference (later changed to the Piedmont). He served his country in the U.S. Navy from March 1944 to January 1946. After his

honorable discharge from the Navy, J. B. accepted a call to the Ben Avenue Church in Kannapolis where he served until moving to the eastern part of North Carolina in 1952. He served the following churches in the eastern part of the state: Gray Branch, Cabin, Piney Grove at Albertson, Sarecta, Smith's New Home, Wintergreen, British Chapel, Faith at Morehead City, Gethsemane, Hugo, Pleasant Plain at Selma, Pleasant Grove at Pikeville, and Holly Springs in Newport. He went back to Faith Church in Morehead City in 1978 where he was serving when he went home to be with the Lord.

J. B. served the Free Will Baptist denomination in various capacities during his forty years in the service of our Lord. In 1973 he was elected to the Presidency of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists and also to the Executive Board of the State Convention. He also served as Moderator of the Eastern Conference, a member of the Board of Superannuation, the Retirement Homes Board and the Ministerial Examining Board of the Eastern Conference.

J. B. served as director of the Young People's Bible Conference for eight years. This conference was made up mostly from the churches of Carteret County. It had the largest enrollment of all Cragmont camps for several years. All of the youth who attended Cragmont under his leadership will greatly miss his presence and personal attention.

J. B., as he was known by his many friends in Christ, was one of the most gifted evangelists ever known in the Original Free Will Baptist Church. He was called to preach revivals in some churches several years in succession and at times he would preach every night for as long as eight weeks before ending a stretch of revivals in many different churches all across the state.

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# Mount Olive College

## DISCUSS GOALS



*President Burkette Raper (left) reviews with Clayton Everett of Charlotte, a new trustee, the goals at Mount Olive College for 1982.*

### MOC: THE COLLEGE FOR FREE WILL BAPTISTS

*by Mary Susan Yates*

February is "Christian Education" month on the calendar of the Free Will Baptist State Convention. At a time when many Free Will Baptist young people are making their college decisions, February is a good month to more fully acquaint them with the work of their denominational college.

Bulletins, speakers, and literature are available upon request. Pastors or church

members who desire assistance in observing "Christian Education" month should contact either Frank Harrison, director of church relations, or Jean Ackiss, associate director of development, at Mount Olive College; phone: (919) 658-2502.

Mount Olive College has entered 1982 with four major goals and the College personnel would welcome an opportunity to discuss them in Free Will Baptist churches.

#### Goals for 1982

In 1982 the administration of Mount Olive College proposes

to establish programs of study for becoming a four-year college so that students who enter in the fall of 1982 can be in the first baccalaureate class of 1986. The first proposed majors will be submitted to the board of trustees at the February meeting.

In 1982 the administration proposes to begin construction of College Hall. Through December, gifts and pledges have totaled \$1,100,000.

In order to make College Hall a reality, it is important that every Free Will Baptist Church make a commitment to the project. To date, one-third of the Original Free Will Baptist Churches are participating through gifts and pledges.

In 1982 the administration proposes to expand the services of Mount Olive College to Free Will Baptist Churches through the Paul Palmer Institute, additional Sunday school workshops, and conferences addressed to specific needs.

An Advisory Committee on Church Relations has already been established to assist the College in responding to the needs of Free Will Baptists.

In 1982 the administration proposes to continue to operate Mount Olive College on a sound financial basis.

The operating budget for the 1981-82 fiscal year is \$2,870,541. The State Convention approved a goal of \$350,000 in gift support from Free Will Baptists. A balance of \$169,498 is needed by June 30 so that the College can continue to operate on a sound financial basis.

### NINETEEN FWB STUDENTS ON DEAN'S LIST

Seventy-eight students were named to the Dean's List for the 1981 fall semester at Mount Olive College. Included were nineteen Free Will Baptist students.

They are: Jerry Allen Jr. of Everett Chapel; Sharon Armstrong of Union Chapel; Teresa

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## Current Happenings from

# Home Missions

## QUARTERLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1, 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1981

by Taylor Hill

Albemarle	
Albemarle District	
Auxiliary Convention	\$ 260.60
Albemarle Union Meeting	4.00
Free Union (Pinetown)	67.40
Hickory Chapel	185.86
Mount Zion (Roper)	115.54
Shiloh	27.63
Sidney	128.17
Union Chapel	141.13
Total	\$ 930.33

Cape Fear	
Bethel (Johnston County)	\$ 125.00
Cape Fear Conference	95.93
Eastover Mission	25.00
Goldsboro, First	425.00
Haymount Mission	31.20
Johnston Union	20.00
Lee's Chapel	143.21
Oak Grove (Newton Grove)	25.00
Palmer Memorial	77.78
Pleasant Grove (Dunn)	200.00
Powhatan	150.70
Robert's Grove	250.00
Saint Mary's Grove	48.40
Shady Grove	26.75
Smithfield, First	10.00
Wooten's Chapel	20.00
Total	\$ 1,673.97

Central	
Aspen Grove	\$ 30.00
Ayden	135.00
Bethany	10.00
Black Jack	233.85
Central District	
Auxiliary Convention	70.73
Central Conference	
Missions Board	400.00
Community	10.00
Daniels Chapel	321.20
Dilda's Grove	10.00
Edgewood	45.24
Elm Grove	20.27
Friendship (Greene County)	108.40
Greenville, First	210.00
Grimsley	10.00

Gum Swamp	5.00
Harrell's Chapel	235.00
Hickory Grove	30.22
Howell Swamp	12.00
Hugo	133.00
Hull Road	185.00
King's Cross Roads	341.63
LaGrange	10.00
Little Creek (Greene County)	10.00
Marlboro	75.50
Marsh Swamp	21.80
Ormondsville	10.00
Otter's Creek	87.17
Peace	9.50
Pleasant Hill (Grimesland)	22.50
Reedy Branch	12.50
Roanoke Rapids, First	5.00
Rocky Mount, First	110.00
Rose Hill	120.00
Saratoga	135.00
Second Union	11.07
Spring Branch	150.00
Sweet Gum Grove	5.00
Tarboro, First	10.00
Walnut Creek	100.00
Watery Branch	15.00
Williamston, First	126.83
Winterville	318.65
Total	\$ 3,922.06

Eastern	
Beaufort	\$ 75.00
Bethlehem	25.00
Bridgeton	82.00
Core Creek	40.00
Crab Point	30.00
Croatan	20.00
Davis	98.37
Deep Run	40.00
Dublin Grove	10.00
Fifth Eastern	
Sunday School Convention	10.00
Fifth Union Meeting	25.00
Holly Springs (Newport)	52.45
Kinston, First	25.00
Lanier's Chapel	20.00
Moseley's Creek	45.00
Mount Zion (Onslow County)	50.00

New Haven	50.00
Northeast	27.50
Oak Grove (Vanceboro)	10.50
Oriental	10.00
Pearsall Chapel	75.00
Pilgrim's Home	150.00
Pilgrims Rest	55.00
Rooty Branch	20.00
Sandy Plain	199.57
St. Mary's (New Bern)	260.00
Smith's New Home	275.00
Smyrna	50.00
Sound View	356.62
Wardens Grove	62.22
Whaley's Chapel	10.00
White Oak Grove	4.00
Wintergreen	20.00
Total	\$ 2,283.23

Individuals	
Baker, Fred	\$ 30.00
Daw, Mrs. Lula	1.00
In Memory of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Griffin by Jesse and Dorothy Griffin	150.00
Grimsley, John W.	150.00
Harris, Dennis I.	100.00
Hansley, David W.	88.00
Kennedy, Arthur	100.00
Kennedy, Percy	75.00
Manning, Elza	10.00
Ward, Charles D.	22.50
Total	\$ 726.50

Pee Dee	
Cypress Creek	\$ 72.56
Oak Grove (Bladenboro)	396.19
Total	\$ 468.75

Piedmont	
East Rockingham	\$ 433.48
Highland Pines	70.25
Hopewell (Hamlet)	20.00
Total	\$ 523.73

Western	
Barnes Hill	\$ 200.00
Branch Chapel	500.00
Calvary	25.00
Durham, First	20.00
Everett Chapel	742.57
First Western District	
Sunday School Convention	65.00
First Union Meeting	75.00
Flood's Chapel	12.00
Free Union (Nash County)	3.60
Fremont	135.00
Kenly	30.25
Little Rock	41.50
Living Waters	150.00
Micro	28.63
Milbournie	51.50
Mount Zion (Wilson County)	24.00
Oak Grove (Elm City)	111.25
People's Chapel	60.78
Piney Grove (Kenly)	85.25
Pine Level	180.00
Pleasant Grove (Pikeville)	1.50
Pleasant Plain	135.00
Rains Cross Roads	48.00
Rock Springs	1.20
Second Union	50.00
Selma	55.00

Tary's (Wilson County)	12.50
Tary's (Kenly)	225.00
Iron Acres	150.00
ong Hill	1.15
cil's Chapel	4.00
ey Creek	1,630.00
ey Hill	4.80
ity	200.00
on Grove	21.50
y (Durham)	6.00
on, First	250.00
Total	\$ 5,336.98
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ervice Fund	\$ 52.28
AL CONTRIBUTIONS	
OR QUARTER	\$15,917.83

## HOME MISSIONS

### DIRECTOR/TREASURER RESIGNS

The Home Missions Board announces with regret the resignation of the Rev. Taylor as director/treasurer of the Home Missions and Church Extension Board. His resignation became effective as of November 16, 1981, and his term in office will end during February.

He has been associated with the Home Missions movement since its beginning in 1971. During his time of service on the board, the budget has grown from \$10,000 the first year to \$10,000 in 1981. Under Mr. Taylor's leadership the board has established 14 mission points with 3 of these having been organized into Original Free Will Baptist Churches.

The board wishes to express to Mr. Hill its heartfelt gratitude for a job well done. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless Mr. Hill as he continues his ministry at the Mount Free Will Baptist Mission in Fayetteville.

Ray Wells  
Board Chairman

## NOTICE

Beginning January 31 all checks and correspondence for the Home Missions Board should be sent to the following address: Free Will Baptist Headquarters, Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 38,

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Ayden, North Carolina  
28513-0038.

Ray Wells  
Board Chairman

### ATTENTION ALL WESTERN CONFERENCE LAYMEN

The Western Conference will have its first Laymen's League Convention on February 15, 1982, at Marsh Swamp Church, Wilson County. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

All men are encouraged to attend—even if their church does not have an established Laymen's League group. This will be a good time of fellowship.

Alfred Moore  
State Laymen's League Board

### ATTENTION YOUTH LEADERS

Remember, one of your responsibilities to your youth is to teach them the Bible. A good way to do this is by using the Bible sword drill. The North Carolina State League Convention invites any youth group to participate in the sword drill. Each church may have a junior (ages 9-11), and an intermediate (ages 12-15) participant. The church must also register with a \$10 fee.

Copies of the sword drill will be sent to you if you would like them. If you do not know how to use it, come to the State League Convention and learn. The convention is Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m., Mount Zion Church, Roper, North Carolina.

If I can be of help to you, let me know. My address is Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572; phone, 568-4685.

Margaret Ard  
State Sword Drill Leader

### CHURCH AVAILABLE

Sidney Church near Belhaven, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor as of March 1, 1982. It is in the Albemarle Conference. If anyone is interested in this pastorate, phone 964-4566 or 964-4110.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Micro Church Youth Auxiliary News

The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Micro Church held an installation service to install the new 1982-83 officers of the group. The Rev. Clyde Cox performed the service. Each officer lit a candle as they were installed. The YFA presented a program by singing some special songs. After the program, refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

The fellowship auxiliary group met recently in the home of Mrs. Joyce Jones. The group discussed fund-raising events for the coming year. The meeting was presided over by Shari Dyson. The program for the evening was entitled "The Joy of Special Blessings."

### Central District Youth Meet

The Central District Youth Fellowship met on Saturday, January 23, 1982, at Marlboro Church near Farmville. There was a discussion concerning upcoming events, which included planned famines and the titles for the essay and declamation contests.

Thirteen churches were represented with over three hundred people in attendance. The banners went to the following churches: Cherubs'—Elm Grove, Grimsley, and Bethany Churches, 100% present; AFC's—Elm Grove, Grimsley and LaGrange Churches, 100% present; YFA's—Elm Grove and Grimsley Churches, 100% present.

During the meeting, a Cherubs' church was held for the little ones to learn more about God. The program for the evening was about Christmas fever. It was enjoyable and meaningful. Afterwards delicious refreshments were served.



# Foreign Missions

## THE JOY OF PREACHING MY FIRST SERMON IN SPANISH

by Vance Link



For many years I have had the desire to preach in Spanish, but to be truthful, I was afraid to try. Those who have studied another language can easily understand what I am saying. For years I have been able to communicate with the people. But preaching a whole sermon without anyone to help is something different. In visiting the various churches they always ask me to speak to the people. I usually spend 10 to 15 minutes in greeting and challenging them for the Lord's work, but to actually announce that I was coming to preach and then to do it was something that I had never been able to do. Well, one day Brother Israel,

the pastor in Allende, was talking with me about visiting and preaching. I told him that I didn't know that I could. There were so many words that I did not know and tried to explain how it was so much harder to preach a sermon than just to stand for 10 to 15 minutes and give a challenge to the church. He would not accept no for an answer.

Finally I decided to translate a sermon into Spanish and write it on 3 x 5 cards (one point to each card so I would not lose my place) and if worse came to worst, I could just read it. So the date was arranged and I prepared the message and translated it on the cards. That evening when I got to the church about 6:45, all was dark. Knowing that there was still some 45 minutes before church I did not think anything about the darkness. While I was waiting, a man came to the car door and spoke to me. As we talked, he mentioned that he did not know what they were going to do about the service since there were no lights. After a moment or two what he had said began to sink in. "No light!" Panic began to set in. I had to have lights for I had to have notes. They did not need lights to sing, for very few had songbooks anyway. They didn't

need lights to pray and normally I would not have to have lights to preach (in English) but this was a Spanish service. What in the world was I going to do? About the only thing I could do was to pray and that I did. The people began to arrive. The only block in town without lights was the block in which the church was located. Some wires had been cut and to get something fixed in Mexico on Sunday was just about an impossibility. When the pastor arrived, I asked him what we were going to do. He said, "Why, we are going to have services of course." But I exclaimed, "We do not have any lights." "Why, you don't need lights to worship the Lord. You don't need lights to preach." Yes, I do, I thought. The people kept coming. My, what a crowd. They usually have good attendance on Sunday night in Allende. They averaged around 125-150. But this was an exception. Vicente Link was to bring the message that evening. His first in Spanish. Around 250 had gathered for the service. The pews were packed with people standing around the front and all in the back of the church. It was not really hot, but I was perspiring freely. What would I do? I could not even see to read the Bible. They worked and finally they got a spotlight burning (it worked from the battery of a car). About the only thing that it did was to blind the one standing behind the pulpit. They placed a kerosene lamp on the pulpit. In just a few minutes the shade was black with soot and gave very little light. They began the service. The lack of lights did not dampen the spirit one bit. The building rang with their singing and testimonies. After about thirty minutes of singing, my heartbeat quickened for the lights flickered. Could it be possible—would they get the lights fixed on Sunday? The

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# The Sunday School Lesson

## JESUS ENABLES FELLOWSHIP

Lesson Text: John 15:1-11

Memory Verse: John 15:5

### I. INTRODUCTION

I want to describe a group of people to you. See if you can guess who is being described.

This group existed in the first century. They met together at least once a week for the reading of the Word of God and prayer. They stressed daily prayer. They shared at least one-tenth of their income. They were willing to die for their faith, and many did. They sang hymns in their worship services. They stressed the need for faith and repentance. They remembered God's deliverance of them by a special meal.

I have just described Judaism in the first century. The Jews that we read about in the Bible did all of these things. If Christianity offers the world no more than what I have just described, then we do not need it. But it does; it offers much more.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. After the Last Supper, Jesus said to the eleven apostles (Judas having already left): "Hereafter I will not talk much with you . . . Arise, let us go hence" (John 14:30, 31). They set out for the Garden of Gethsemane, and as they

walked, Jesus talked about "The True Vine."

B. This is one of two allegories in the Gospel of John, the other being "The Good Shepherd" (10:1-18). Of the four Gospels, only John contains no parables. Whereas a parable tells a story that reveals a moral or religious truth, an allegory sets forth an idea in the form of an image or tangible example; in a biblical allegory the literal sense of the passage presents a spiritual meaning.

C. In "The True Vine," Jesus described Christian fellowship in terms of God as the vineyardist, Jesus himself, as the vine, the branches as individual Christians, and the fruit as the effects or consequences of their lives under God's care.

—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A young boy gave his heart to Jesus while attending a child evangelism meeting. Hurrying home afterward he excitedly told his little sister: "I have a new heart."

"Have you?" the little sister asked, and then, quite naively, added, "Let me see it!"

If you have a new heart because of Christ's salvation,

others will "see" it because a tree is known by its fruits. If we are Christians, if we possess the new life that we profess to have, the fact should be visible to others.

B. Wherever Christians live, there one will find a new community. As they show forth the changes in their hearts, the other people of the community catch on and many others will add to the value of that community. Has someone ever asked you the direction to some place near by? Do you remember saying, "Just come along with me, I am going that way myself"? That is what fruit-bearing Christians do in the community they have made new. They say to the unsaved: "Up ahead is the church; won't you go to it? Just come along with me, I am going that way myself." What a joy it is when they respond accordingly!

—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

J. D. Jones said, "We are morally responsible for every wrong we have the power to prevent." What kind of world are we passing on to our children? As they grow up and take our places, will they bless us for the kind of community we left them, or will they curse the memory of our indifference, lethargy, and sin?—**The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)**

**A Dark Future**—A Chicago artist won a prize for painting a black canvas a few years ago. Recognition was given to him for the black canvas because he so aptly pictured the human situation. Apart from Jesus Christ there is no happy present and no future for the Christian. Do you believe this? Why?—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

**February is Christian Education Month.**



# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Scripture Reading – Matthew 11

### LET HIM BEAR YOUR BURDEN

As a farmer was jogging along over a country road in his buckboard, he overtook a fellow who was trudging along with a heavy bundle on his shoulder. "Hop in, neighbor," said the farmer cheerily, "I'll give you a ride!"

The traveler clambered into the buckboard, sat down wearily, and placed his burden in his lap.

"I am carrying you," said the farmer with a puzzled look on his face, "but you are still carrying your burden!"

How like many of God's children was he. Our burden bearer, the Lord Jesus, has bid us cast all our cares upon Him. Yet we often fail to do this to our own spiritual and physical detriment.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is His will that I should cast  
My care on Him each day;  
He also bids me not to cast  
My confidence away.*

*But oh! how foolishly I act  
When taken unaware,  
I cast away my confidence  
And carry all my care!*

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Scripture Reading – 1 Peter 5:4-9

### HE CARRIES OUR BURDEN

A preacher was busy in his study, while his little boy looked at a book of pictures by

the fireside. He suddenly wanted a large book he had left upstairs, and asked his boy to go for it. He was away a long time, and after a while the father thought he heard the sound of sobbing on the stairs. He went out, and at the top of the staircase he saw his son crying bitterly, with the large book he had tried to lift and carry, lying at his feet. "Oh, Daddy," he cried, "I can't carry it. It's too heavy for me." Then, in a moment, the father was up the stairs, and stooping down, took up both the book and the little fellow in his strong arms, and carried them both to the room below. "And that," he found himself thinking later, "is how God deals with His children when they cry to Him in their need. He carries both them and their burdens, and there is no longer need for tears."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*I do not know, I cannot see,  
What God's kind hand prepares  
for me,  
Nor can my glance pierce  
through the haze,  
Which covers all my future  
ways,  
But yet I know that o'er it all,  
Rules He who notes the spar-  
row's fall!*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Scripture Reading – Psalm 16

### MY FATHER KNOWS

So often in a time of stress,  
In hours of trial and unrest,

This thought comes like a sweet  
caress,

"My Father knows."

And often in a time of pain,  
When I am tempted to com-  
plain,

This tender thought comes  
back again,

"My Father knows."

And then in times of fear and  
doubt,

Of storms within and clouds  
without,

This thought has turned me  
face about,

"My Father knows."

My Father knows and cares for  
me,

His Word can still the troubled  
sea,

This thought brings peace and  
victory,

"My Father knows."

My Father knows what perfect  
bliss,

How real, how sweet a love like  
this,

No greater cure for all my  
woes, than simply this,

"My Father knows."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*He knows, He loves, He  
cares; nothing this truth can  
dim. He does the very best for  
those who leave the choice with  
Him.*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Scripture Reading – Psalm 18

### GOD DOESN'T FORGET

A young woman arrived in a strange city where she was supposed to be met by the man she expected to marry. She waited at the station from early morning until noon. She began to despair as she had little money and knew no one in that city. The woman in the Travelers Aid office had noticed her and knew by the look on the girl's face that there was something wrong. She offered help, and

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the girl told her her circumstances. When the Travelers Aid inquired about the man, they found he had left the city. The woman got the girl a good meal, then took her to a Christian home where she stayed until she found work. One day as she tried to thank the woman for her great kindness the girl said: "I haven't been a Christian very long, and that day at the station I felt God had forgotten me, but I know now that He has people like you to help those in despair. It has made me want to be the best kind of Christian, and by God's help I'll pass on your kindness to someone else."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If God forgot the world,  
Forgot for just one day—  
Forgot to send the sunshine,  
And change the night to day;  
Forgot to make the flowers  
grow,  
Forgot the birds and bees,  
Forgot to send the sweetness  
Of the south wind in the trees;  
Forgot to give us friendships,  
Forgot to send us rain,  
Forgot to give the children  
play,  
Forgot to soften pain;  
What would happen to this  
world and us?  
Would we still be gay?  
If God should forget—  
Forget for just one day?*

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Scripture Reading—Psalm 11

##### WHEN GOD LET IT ALONE

Someone remarked to a farmer who was very proud of his growing oats, "That is a fine field of oats!" "Yes," said the farmer, "if God Almighty lets it alone, it ought to be a bumper crop." The crop immediately stopped growing. God withdrew the rain and elements that would have made it a luxuriant crop, and it withered and died. Something like this can happen to us unless we have a greater sense of dependence upon God. Too many feel they can get

along better without God than with Him, and so God, the Bible, the church, and religion are discarded.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If God were to let us alone,  
like the oats, we would perish.*

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Scripture Reading—Psalm 3

##### A WISE CUSTOM

An English exchange tells of an old custom still in use at a certain east-coast town of England. When a ship is about to sail, the captain asks his men, "Are we all here?" They reply, "Yes, Sir, and in God's care." Then the captain asks, "Is there anything then to fear?" "No, Sir, nothing," they answer. Then they set sail, unafraid of the many dangers which, even in peace time, are the lot of those who go down to the sea in ships.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*I have nothing to do with tomorrow,  
My Saviour will make that  
His care,  
Should He fill it with trouble  
and sorrow,  
He'll help me to suffer and  
bear.  
I have nothing to do with tomorrow,  
Its burdens then why  
should I share?  
Its grace and its faith I can't  
borrow  
Then why should I borrow  
its care?*

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Scripture Reading—Psalm 23

##### HE CARETH FOR YOU

What can it mean? Is it aught to Him  
That the nights are long, and  
the days are dim?  
Can He be touched by the griefs  
I bear  
That sadden the heart and whiten  
the hair?  
About His throne are eternal  
calms,

And strong, glad music, and  
happy psalms,  
And bliss unruffled by any  
strife—  
How can *He* care for *my* little  
life?

And yet, I want Him to care for  
me,  
While I live in this life where  
sorrows be!  
When the lights die down from  
the path I take,  
When my strength is feeble,  
and friends forsake;  
When love and music, that once  
did bless,  
Have left me to silence and  
loneliness,  
And my life-song changes to silent  
prayers,  
Then my heart cries out to the  
God who cares.

O wonderful story of deathless  
love!  
Each child is dear to the Heart  
above!  
He fights for me when I cannot  
fight,  
He comforts me in the gloom of  
night,  
He lifts my burden, for He is  
strong,  
He stills the sigh and awakes  
the song;  
The sorrow that brought me  
down, He bears,  
And loves and pardons, because  
He cares!

So, all who are sad, take heart  
again—  
We are not alone in our hours of  
pain;  
Our Father stoops from His  
throne above,  
To soothe and quiet us with His  
love;  
He leaves us not, when the  
storm is high,  
And we have safety, for He is  
nigh.  
All of our troubles He truly doth  
share;  
Oh, rest in peace, for the Lord  
doth care!

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organization of the congregation must grow. The body of Christ is a complex organism because it must meet diverse needs. But many churches stop growing numerically because sufficient, capable leadership has not been developed. You see, congregations have a tendency to let structures fossilize.

As stated last week, growth is a principle fundamental to all of life; and the church is expected to grow (unless it is diseased or dead). You and I must have an individual and a corporate passion for extending the gospel message; we must be united in our efforts. These are facts of the Christian life, and I'm expecting our church to grow!

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lights in the building took on an orange glow. They burned like this for a few moments as I cheered in my heart. Come on lights! Burn! Then with a burst of light, darkness was driven from the room. My heart sang within. They put out the kerosene lamp and the light from the car. As they continued the service, I was still very nervous, but feeling a whole lot better with the lights on. After about five minutes, to my horror, the lights flickered and then went out. Total darkness. They rushed around and got the car lights back on and lit the lamp again. The lights flickered on again. Then went off. By this time my heart did not know whether to pound or what. To say the least, I was a little "shook." Finally, they came on again and stayed. I was introduced and got up to preach. I asked the people to pray for me and be patient with my Spanish with the Carolina accent. Anyway, we attempted to preach from 2 Corinthians 5. I must say I was somewhat surprised when I had given the invitation and turned the service back to the pastor for the hymn to notice that some 40 minutes had passed. You can imagine how thrilling it was when 18 people came to the front to receive Christ as Saviour. There were 11 men, 3 teenagers, and 4 women. God is so good. To think that God could

take the broken Spanish and use it to reach lost hearts was beyond my understanding. Truly, it was as His Word teaches, "My word shall not return unto me void."

## FAMILY DEVOTIONS

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### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Consider the ravens,  
Their trust in their Maker!  
They sow not, they reap not,  
They store not away;  
And yet they are nourished  
And fed by your Father:  
Are ye not, His children  
Far better than they?*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*,  
Walter B. Knight.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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Atkinson of Branch Chapel; Tim Bass of Sidney; Eleanor Beasley of Indian Springs; Marsha Carter of East Rockingham; Janet Cooke of Hopewell; Helen Griffin of Heritage Mission; Chris Harrell of Crab Point; Marian Kennedy of LaGrange, First; Melanie Kennedy of Sandy Plain; Melody Kennedy of Sandy Plain; Betty Outlaw of Rooty Branch; David Parker of Smyrna; Gwendolyn Rollins of Owen's Chapel; Mary Grace Rouse of Little Rock; Roy Lewis of Smyrna; Becky Prescott of Rock of Zion; and Neal Tilghman of Wintergreen.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be attending on a full-time basis and must have achieved a B+ average or higher in the subjects taken during the last semester.

## ATTENTION CAPE FEAR MINISTERS

The Cape Fear ministers are sponsoring a Valentine's Banquet at the Holt Lake Barbecue and Seafood Restaurant on Highway 301 south of Smithfield on Thursday, February 11, at 7 p.m. for all Cape Fear ministers and their wives. The price of the meal, which will be served family style, will be \$6 per person. The Rev. Harold Jones will be present to share information concerning the foreign missions work. We encourage all Cape Fear ministers to come and participate in this time of fellowship.

Mike Scott

## 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. Thank you for your past cooperation; we know that we can continue to count on you.

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser

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# North Carolina Ministerial Association

## of Original Free Will Baptists

January 16, 1982

Dear Fellow Ministers,

The North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists is once again planning its Mid-Year Spiritual Life meeting. This meeting is planned for **February 19, 1982**. It will be held at Camp Vandemere in Vandemere, NC. Registration will be at 6 p.m. with supper being served at 7 p.m. and the program to begin at 8 p.m. We plan to adjourn by 9 p.m. Our speaker will be Dr. John Bennett, M.D. Dr. Bennett will speak to us concerning the issue of abortion.

In order for us to properly prepare the meal for the meeting, we must know how many people plan to attend. Below you will find a reply form. Please fill out the form and mail it to me along with your check to cover the price of the meal. Please make all checks payable to the North Carolina Ministerial Association. The cost of the meal will be \$5 per person. You and your wife are invited to join us if possible.

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR REPLY FORM TO ME NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 2, 1982.**

Yours in Christ,  
Ray Wells, Secretary  
Route 1, Box 67-A  
Sims, NC 27880

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**YES:** I plan to attend the ministers banquet. My party will include \_\_\_\_\_ people. I have enclosed a check for the proper amount (\$5 per person) to cover the cost of the meal. I understand a refund will be given should I be unable to attend (emergency only).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_


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Each person will be responsible for making arrangements for staying overnight. Contact the Rev. Ralph Sumner if you plan to stay overnight at Camp Vandemere; phone: 249-1329.



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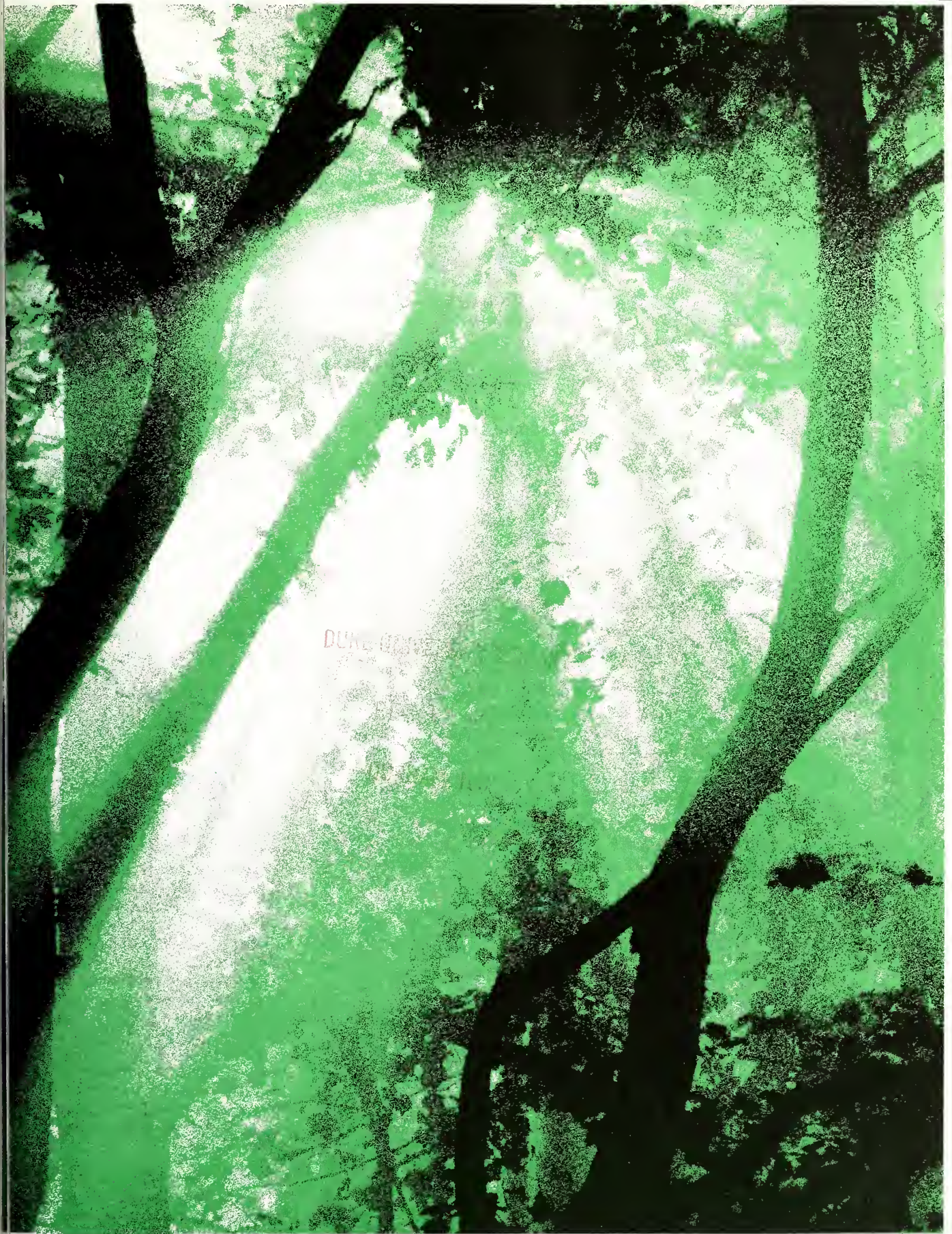
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# I Have Decided . . .

Can you imagine what life would be like if we were not called on to make decisions? We would not have to decide what occupation to pursue, nor would endless hours be spent selecting clothes or determining how to invest our hard-earned money. Even the ingredients on our pizzas would be predetermined. Such an existence belongs only to robots and computers, and you and I lack the integrated circuitry to qualify. But when you come to think of it, such a life would not be so pleasant after all. Maybe what we need to do is learn how to make decisions and enjoy life at the same time; and for Christians, decision-making is but another way we can glorify God, for decisions lead to action.

When searching for principles by which to live, we have an example to follow, Jesus being our model. With this in mind, let us examine Luke 9:51, for this Gospel yields many insights into how Christ made decisions, what guided them, and how He lived in light of them: *And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.* Herein we see Jesus at a crucial point of decision, a decision so profound that the rest of Luke is dedicated to revealing the outcome of His action.

In the text prior to this verse, several things happened, things related to the *how* of decision-making. First, Jesus grew to know His purpose in life; He came to terms with His mission. On the one hand, God, the Father, sent Him to establish a spiritual kingdom on earth, one capable of propagating itself through history. Christ was to establish Himself as a king, proving His worth by demonstrating His authority in various ways. But even before His birth, His mission was announced to Mary by the angel Gabriel.

How did Jesus make decisions? Never haphazardly, but always according to His clearly defined mission in life. One way we as Christians can identify with Christ is by "entering" into His mind, living according to His priorities. If we align ourselves with the same mission that motivated our Lord and Saviour—propagating the Kingdom of God—and seek to exalt Christ as Lord, our decisions take on definite priorities. And as a result, we will move from day to day with a stated goal, no longer tossed about by the world.

Second, we need to realize that Jesus' decision to go to Jerusalem occurred after the Transfiguration. This experience must have been affirming to Christ (for no doubt Moses and Elijah encouraged Him). Here, in the midst of His ministry, Jesus received worship—praise that served to refresh and encourage Him, helping to make His final triumph possible. This serves to exemplify that, because of our nature, we too need encouragement. Our efforts need to be complimented; we need praise and exhortation, both of which should be found in the fellowship we enjoy as members of the body of Christ. "No man is an island"—nor was any meant to be!

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## Getting It Together

**T**HROUGHOUT the history of mankind, there have been many perils. Even today, in parts of our world there are men, women, and children who live each day with the prospect of death or terrible injury.

Today, in this great nation of ours, we have few such comparable perils, and we are reasonably protected against the dangers that threatened our ancestors. If anything, in our age of technological wonders, we have become our own worst enemies. We expose ourselves needlessly to injury and death; we inflict damage upon ourselves and our property because we mistakenly depend totally on the protection developed through scientific advances.

That is why we observe the Fourth National Safety Sabbath this weekend. That is why we offer our prayers and together pledge to practice personally the safety measures within our control in all that we do throughout the year.

The National Safety Council and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have asked us to join in the National Safety Sabbath.

There are a number of solid reasons for the religious communities of the United States

to share, together with the industrial and business communities, in the responsibility for protection from accidents.

There are some alarming facts for us to consider. Accidents of all kinds caused 105,000 deaths and ten million disabling injuries in 1980 alone. The financial cost to the nation was more than 82 billion dollars; the cost in human suffering was incalculable.

Many accidents are preventable if only we displayed more vigilance, if we were more cautious about driving the posted speed limit, about fetching a sturdy stepladder instead of standing on a fragile chair to reach something, about keeping a constant eye on a child playing near a swimming pool. Yet for all of our attention to prevention, the occurrence of an accident isn't always in our control. They can happen from any number of causes, including the negligence of someone else; they can happen in a split second and at any time; and they usually occur when we least expect them.

What are we asked to do on this National Safety Sabbath? We are asked to display our

regard for ourselves and our loved ones by rediscovering the safety equipment already in our cars that will keep us from harm in an accident we cannot prevent. It is this conscious assumption of our responsibility to protect ourselves and others that exhibits our love for God and our acknowledgement of God's love for us.

It takes six seconds to click on your safety belt when you get into a motor vehicle. It takes a minute or so to protect infants and toddlers by strapping them into child safety seats, or to help older children buckle on rear-seat lap belts. If we are in a traffic accident and are not protected by these safety devices, the potential for tragedy is enormous.

More people under age 44 die in car crashes than from any other cause. The safety belts now in our cars, and child safety seats available in our local retail stores (or from loaner programs in our community) can prevent more than a million severe or permanent injuries every year, and save more than 12,000 lives. What better way is there to say "I love you" this Valentine's Day weekend, than to protect yourself for your loved ones, and your loved ones for you?



## **Getting it Together: Saying "I Love You"**

Cards and candy are gifts we give to loved ones and friends on Valentine's Day to show we care about them. Say "I love you" this Valentine's Day by wearing your safety belt and encouraging others to follow your example.

Valentine's Day weekend, February 12, 13, 14, coincides with the celebration of National Safety Sabbath. The chairman of this observance, Billy Graham, asks that you give an even greater gift of love. Make a personal vow to use your car safety belt and make sure your passengers do the same every time you drive. Think of it this way; every time you neglect to use your safety belt you are risking that you will rob your loved ones of yourself.

## **A PRAYER FOR LIFE**

O Lord, Creator, Leader of all mankind, help me to remember my duty as one of your children to protect my neighbors from the harm that may befall them from careless, thoughtless actions.

Help me to remember my responsibility as a faithful person to refrain from acts of selfishness that could cause injury to myself and to those I love.

Remind me through your divine presence to carry out my moral responsibilities through promise and practice.

Help me to remember that when I am in my automobile, I am my brother's keeper. Help me to protect mankind from self-destruction on our highways and roads. Let me do what I can to encourage greater use of the safety belt through which thousands of lives have been saved and injuries prevented.

Hear my prayer, O Lord!

## **A Message from BILLY GRAHAM Chairman NATIONAL SAFETY SABBATH February 12-14, 1982**



We are, in many ways, commanded to take responsibility for our own safety and that of others. The commandment "Thou shalt not kill" applies to our behavior on the highways as well as to our interpersonal relationships.

Specialists in traffic safety tell me that many serious permanent injuries suffered by victims of motor vehicle crashes could be avoided or reduced greatly if they had taken a few seconds to use their safety belts. At least 12,000 lives that are snuffed out in highway accidents each year could have been saved if all drivers and passengers were protected by safety belts. Greater use of child safety seats would save countless youngsters whose lives are only just beginning.

Cain asks God in Genesis 4:9, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer has been clear to persons of faith ever since that first murder. We are our brother's keeper. We cannot cause injury to others without injuring ourselves. And we express our concern for others by asking them to protect themselves with safety belts when they are travelling in a motor vehicle. God expects each of us to have the same concern for our own lives.

During National Safety Sabbath weekend, which also marks the Valentine's Day weekend, I urge all who share in the love of God to show that love by placing life above inconvenience, ego, self will, impatience and pride. Join me in a covenant both to use safety belts and to protect children in child safety seats each time we use our cars. Let us by example and exhortation show others the nature of our commitment, our belief in the preservation of the whole person.

# News and Notes

## **Trinity Church Has Special Service**

On February 7, 1982, Trinity Church, Wilmington, had a special service, observing the end of the year's watchcare with the Eastern Conference. The 11 a.m. service was conducted by the Rev. O. B. Everett. Special music was furnished by "Danny and the Ambassadors." Immediately following the service, there was a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall.

The pastor and founder of Trinity Church is the Rev. Ronald D. Savage. He is a native of Wilmington. He and his wife, Linda, live on Yulan Drive in Wilmington. The pastor and members of Trinity Church would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the Rev. O. B. Everett for his prayers, his time, his faithfulness, and his patience during the watchcare period.

## **Rose of Sharon Church Sunday School to Celebrate**

Rose of Sharon Church, founded in 1896, will celebrate the 47th birthday of its Sunday school on February 14, 1982. The church had been having preaching services once a month until February, 1935, when the Sunday school was organized under the leadership of the Rev. E. L. Abraham. The oldest records of the Sunday school showed 4 classes and 25 members. The current enrollment is 121 and there are now 8 classes.

On February 14, there will be a special Sunday school service

which many of the historical aspects of the Sunday school will be focused on and small programs by each class will be presented. In honor of the occasion, many plan to wear the old-fashioned dress of 1935 to the service that Sunday. It is also hoped to have the largest attendance on record. To do this, there must be over 147.

Following the service, there will be a covered-dish dinner in the fellowship building. The pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Hobgood, and the members extend a special invitation to everyone, especially to all former members, former pastors, and friends of the church to share this special day. The church is located on Rural Road 1001, one and one-half miles south of Bear Grass.

## **Winterville Choir to Present Program**

The choir from Winterville Church will present a special program at Elm Grove Church near Ayden on Sunday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. The choir is under the direction of Miss Leah McGlohon. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **Youth Sunday Held At Friendship Church**

Youth Sunday was January 31 at Friendship Church near Farmville, North Carolina. The services were directed by Johnny R. Lewis. The pianist was Susan Beaman. The young adult choir opened the service by singing the "Doxology."

Susan Beaman led the young children of the church in songs

with Verna Heath playing the piano.

An inspiring musical program was presented by Willard Finch playing the clarinet and his daughter Vanlora Teel accompanying him on the piano. Mrs. Finch was also present for the service. They are from Winterville.

Ushers for the service were Tony Holloman, Mike Baucom, Larry Cobb, and David Moore. The Rev. Walter Reynolds is pastor of the church.

## **Third Union Youth Fellowship Of Eastern District to Meet**

The Third Union Youth Fellowship of the Eastern District will have its meeting on February 20, at Verona Church, at 7:30 p.m. The church is located on Highway 17 South, 7 miles from Jacksonville.

## **Deacons Remembered at Winterville Church**

January 22 was a night to be remembered by the deacons of Winterville Church. As Winterville has a rotating deacon board, the present active board and Pastor Edward Taylor decided to invite all the inactive deacons, as well as their wives and widows for a steak dinner at the Western Sizzlin. John Vernelson, chairman, welcomed everyone. Ron Braxton led the devotions.

Special certificates noting the years of service were presented to the pastor, each deacon, the widows, and families of each deceased deacon dating back to the beginning of the church.

It was a beautiful night of fellowship and reminiscing. They voted to continue meeting periodically with all the deacons.

## **Secret Pals Chosen By Winterville Auxilliary**

The Woman's Auxilliary of Winterville Church selected

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# Free Will Baptists in the News

## THE REV. RAYMOND E. JONES

"TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM . . ."

*A Salute by the Youth of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina.*



*The Rev. Raymond Jones*

"To know him is to love him . . . ." The Rev. Raymond E. "Brother Rod" Jones is well-known and dearly loved as pastor of St. Mary's Grove Church. What a blessing God has given us! What a friend we have in this dedicated man of God!

Brother Rod, a native of Winterville, North Carolina, accepted the call into the ministry in 1955, was licensed under the Tidewater Conference of Virginia, and was later ordained by the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

When the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists severed its connection with the National

Association of Free Will Baptists, Brother Rod reaffirmed his belief in the Original Free Will Baptist form of church government as practiced in North Carolina for a period of over 200 years. Upon this stand he requested transfer of his credentials to the Central Conference of North Carolina. Accepting the pastorate of Edgemont Church in Durham, he transferred membership to the Western Conference.

Prior to his call into the ministry, Brother Rod held membership in Piney Grove Church (Pitt County) and with First Church, Tarboro. A transfer in his position with Sears, Roebuck & Company took him to Norfolk, Virginia, where he became affiliated with the Norfolk Free Will Baptist Gospel Mission, which granted him his first license.

After serving three years in the Merchant Marine and four years in the United States Air Force, he continued his education at Vallejo Junior College, Vallejo, California, completing his formal education at the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee. He has since taken refresher courses at Mount Olive College.

Mr. Jones has taken additional courses at Durham Technical Institute and at Craven Community College as well as attending the

Ministerial Institute at Mount Olive College for several summers.

Pastoral experiences include pastorates in Nashville, Tennessee; Paintsville, Kentucky; and churches in North Carolina—Edgemont, Durham; Stoney Creek, Goldsboro; Unity, Durham; St. Mary's, New Bern; and presently St. Mary's Grove, Benson.

Mr. Jones has served as president of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues for several years; treasurer of the League Convention; member of the Western Conference Board of Ordination for several years; as the State Sunday School Convention Executive Committee publicity director; Cragmont Board; Western Conference Ministerial Character Board; the Western Conference Missions Board; as director of the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont for 14 years; on the Credentials Committee; and presently is serving on the Cape Fear Conference Missions Board.

They say that "behind every great man is an even greater woman." And if that be true, that woman in this case would be the wife of Brother Rod, the former Grace Warren Walston of Tarboro. She is behind her husband in each and every task or project he undertakes, constantly rendering unselfish support in his pastorate. And he is always the first one to give all due credit to his wife. Her beautiful and distinctive alto voice is considered an asset to our adult choir, which she has been instrumental in reorganizing and promoting. She also serves in the woman's auxiliary, sings with the church ladies' trio, and teaches the ladies' Sunday school class. Sister Grace is employed as manager of the Bible bookstore, Smithfield. She and Brother Rod have two children, Rod Stephen and Mrs. Linda Chambers of Durham.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Brother Rod and Sister Grace are near and dear to us all as they do their work in promoting the Kingdom of God. It seems everything they accomplish is done with love—from God and toward man. We, the young people of St. Mary's Grove, offer the following synopsis of comments:

"Preacher Jones has helped me as a young person learn more about God, to grow in the church and to do God's will."

"Our pastor is an all-around great person. Actively involved with our youth group, he strives for progress in every part of our church. His ideas and efforts for our church make us admire him for the work he does for the glory of God."

"Our preacher is a great and good person, a man you can go to and discuss difficult situations and learn how to handle them. He's a man of love and a real Christian person."

"Brother Rod is a dedicated person to the older people in the church as well as being so concerned with the youth of the church and is bringing us all closer together as a family. He has made me see a lot of things differently and to understand things I didn't understand."

"Our preacher is one who has the ability to reach people of all ages. He is a very optimistic person, giving his all to help the young people of our church to grow. He is a very special man and we are all thankful to have him."

"He's dedicated to the work of the Lord and is expectant of total participation from each person to bringing his flock closer together in love."

"Brother Rod really uses the Bible when he preaches his sermons which always keep my attention as I can understand what he says."

"You can tell from his personal testimony and from the way he works with his congregation, visiting the sick and the lost and the disinterested, that he really loves the Lord."

"We in his College and Careers Sunday school class can feel his love for us. We can see it also in his many and varied labors in promoting Christian fellowship among all the church groups and activities."

"The Rev. Rod Jones is a distinct and eloquent speaker. He

can create an atmosphere of stately elegance and make you feel perfectly at ease. You can feel the spirit of the Lord during the worship service."

We at Saint Mary's Grove are thankful to God for allowing us to be a part of the lives of the Rev. and Mrs. Rod Jones. To know them is to love them.

## IN MEMORIAM

There comes a time in the life of each of us when we have to say "Good-bye for now" to a very special friend. That time came to all of us on August 22, 1981, when we said "Good-bye" to Mr. John Thomas Faircloth (better known to everyone as J. T.).

He was a sincere Christian, a devoted husband, a loving father, a good neighbor, and a successful businessman.

J. T. was a member of Robert's Grove Church, Route 1, Dunn. He was a member of the Board of Deacons, a Sunday school teacher, and he also sang in the choir. He loved his Lord and gave of himself, his talents, and his material possessions to his church and the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom here on earth.

His loving smile and kind words won for him a host of friends. J. T. was never too busy to stop and give one a pat on the back along with words of encouragement.

He will be missed by everyone, but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain. We can hear the Lord as He said to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21); and in Daniel 12:3—"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Mrs. James H. Spell

## News about

# CAMP VANDEMERE

## SUCCESSFUL YEAR

*submitted by Happy Taylor*

The Board of Directors is excited about how the Lord blessed our camp and our efforts this past year, 1981. It was a great year and we humbly appreciate all the people who supported the camp with their prayers and finances.

Again, this year a number of improvements were made. We now have a fishing pier, four canoes, several rafts, several new beds, and heat in the buildings. We believe we have one of the best camps in the area.

We have had campers from about six conferences throughout North Carolina. Most all weekends throughout the summer had good attendance. Again this year we witnessed many young people giving their lives to Christ.

Inflation has caused many of our operating costs to rise. The cost of our water increased during the year, but we feel fortunate to have good quality drinking water. We are now connected to the county water system. We did increase our fees during the year, but still believe they are quite reasonable.

**What about the future?** We believe our future is bright. In February, the Mid-Year Spiritual Life Conference of the North Carolina Ministerial Association will be meeting with us. The Eastern District Youth Convention will be held at the camp in March.

We sincerely hope that our people will get excited about Camp Vandemere and support it even more in the future. We would be thrilled to make reservations for your church, Sunday school class, youth, or any other group from your church.



# Cragmont Assembly

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS THROUGH DECEMBER 14, 1981

### NORTH CAROLINA STATE

#### AGENCIES

Free Will Baptist Woman's	
Auxiliary Convention	\$12,854.14
Original Free Will Baptist	
Ministerial Association	502.00
State Convention of	
Free Will Baptist Leagues	737.19
State Youth Convention	2,536.00
Total	\$16,529.33

### FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S

#### AUXILIARIES

Cape Fear Convention	\$ 120.51
Celia Hart Garris	100.00
Dilda's Grove	20.00
Friendship	40.00
Greenville Free Will Baptist	
Christian Service	110.00
Greenville, First	10.00
Hopewell	500.00
Janice H. Overman	10.00
Owens Chapel	25.00
Piney Grove Circle #1	11.78
Powhatan	50.00
Sweet Gum Grove Circle #1	10.00
Union Grove	20.00
Winterville	25.00
Total	\$ 1,052.29

### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Albemarle Union Meeting	\$ 76.05
Free Union	95.00
Hickory Chapel	751.08
Mount Tabor Sunday School	46.45
Mount Tabor	25.00
Plymouth, First	50.00
Shiloh	11.20
Sidney	160.35
Saint Paul	100.00
Union Chapel (League)	131.49
Total	\$ 1,446.62

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Casey's Chapel	\$ 100.00
Catalpa	100.00
Goldsboro, First	750.00
Haymount Mission	274.22
Hopewell	55.97
Lee's Chapel	229.83

Lee's Chapel Sunday School	104.78
Mount Olive Church	50.00
Oak Grove	75.00
Oak Grove Young Adult Class	100.00
Palmer Memorial	278.04
Pleasant Grove	200.00
Powhatan	300.00
Robert's Grove	571.00
Shady Grove	300.00
Smithfield, First	100.00
Saint Mary's Grove	300.00
Saint Paul	175.00
Tee's Chapel	250.00
Victory Mission	81.98
Wooten's Chapel	169.17
Yelverton Grove	250.00
Total	\$ 4,814.99

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	\$ 50.00
Aspen Grove Layman's League	25.00
Ayden	265.00
Bethany	500.00
Black Jack	1,464.80
Central Conference	500.00
Central Conference Layman's	
League Fellowship	85.00
Community	46.91
Daniels Chapel	750.00
Dawson's Grove	3,000.00
Dilda's Grove	131.64
Dilda's Grove Sunday School	49.04
Edgewood	170.00
Elm Grove	735.00
Fidelis Memorial	
Sunday School Class	90.00
Fourth Union Convention	25.09
Free Union	520.00
Friendship	1,730.00
Greenville, First	820.00
Greenville, First Willing	
Workers Class	120.00
Grimsley	225.00
Gum Swamp	150.00
Harrell's Chapel	65.00
Hickory Grove	225.00
Hugo	500.00
Hull Road	600.00
King's Cross Roads	
Sunday School	14.52

King's Cross Roads	1,123.44
LaGrange	75.00
Layman's League	621.55
Little Creek	100.00
Marlboro	400.00
Otter's Creek Sunday School	25.05
Otter's Creek	358.49
Owens Chapel	200.00
Peace	162.75
Piney Grove	773.22
Reedy Branch	908.71
Reedy Branch Sunday School	161.04
Roanoke Rapids, First	12.44
Rocky Mount, First	200.00
Rose of Sharon	100.00
Rose Hill Sunday School	200.00
Saratoga	232.66
Saratoga Sunday School	42.00
Second Union Sunday	
School Convention	100.00
Second Union Meeting	51.97
Spring Branch	350.00
Tarboro, First	850.00
Williamston, First	126.23
Winterville	248.70
Winterville Free Will Baptist	
League	100.00
Total	\$20,380.25

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Arapahoe	\$ 500.00
Bethel	50.00
Bethlehem	100.00
Bridgeton	90.00
Cabin	25.00
Crab Point	50.00
Croatan	100.00
Davis Original	100.00
Deep Run	168.00
Fifth Eastern	
Sunday School Convention	45.00
Fifth Eastern Youth	
for Christ Rally	250.00
Fifth Union Eastern Conference	100.00
Folkstone	420.00
Gray Branch	100.00
Holly Springs	1,600.00
Jackson Heights	128.92
Juniper Chapel	1,080.32
Kinston, First	320.00
Macedonia	200.00
May's Chapel	100.00
Mount Zion, Vandemere	100.00
Mount Zion, Beulaville	25.00
Northeast	10.00
Oriental	40.00
Pearsall Chapel	85.00
Pilgrims Rest	130.00
Piney Grove	50.00
Rooty Branch	75.00
Saints Delight	350.00
Sandy Plain	228.79
Smith's New Home	300.00
Snow Hill	100.00
Sound View	50.00
Saint Mary's	1,207.50
Third Eastern District	150.00
Third Union District	
Sunday School	50.00
Third Union District	238.20
Verona	150.00
Wardens Grove	223.59
Warsaw	50.00

Welcome Home	20.00
Westside	185.00
Whaley's Chapel	75.00
White Oak Grove	124.00
Total	\$ 9,544.32

#### PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Beaverdam Youth	\$ 554.11
Beaverdam Church and Sunday School	450.00
Oak Grove	157.92
Pee Dee Union #1	10.00
White Oak	46.12
Total	\$ 1,218.15

#### PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

Advance	\$ 19.25
Highland Pines	129.25
High Point	107.21
Total	\$ 255.71

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Barnes Hill	\$ 440.00
Elwood Lane	223.06
First Union Western Conference	405.00
First Western District	
Sunday School Convention	90.00
Flood's Chapel	20.00
Fremont	493.85
Free Union	483.50
Friendship Original	300.00
Holly Springs	500.00
Kenly	175.00
Little Rock	1,532.75
Milbournie	550.00
Mount Zion	200.00
New Sandy Hill	200.00
Northern	1,000.00
People's Chapel	55.00
Pine Level	800.00
Piney Grove	206.25
Pleasant Grove	1,330.00
Pleasant Hill	517.61
Rock Springs	120.00
Second Union Meeting	66.25
Selma	215.00
Marsh Swamp	455.79
Sherron Acres	2,000.00
Spring Hill	675.00
Stancil's Chapel	972.47
Stoney Creek	3,225.47
Stony Hill	50.00
Union Grove	500.00
Watson's Grove	50.00
Western District	
Youth Fellowship	100.00
Wilson, First	1,537.06
Total	\$19,489.06
Total Conference Giving	\$74,730.72

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Total Receipts by Individuals	\$ 3,037.00
Grand Total	\$77,767.72

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#### News from

## Home Missions

#### DIRECTOR/TREASURER RESIGNS

The Home Missions Board announces with regret the resignation of the Rev. Taylor Hill as director/treasurer of the Home Missions and Church Extension Board. His resignation became effective as of November 16, 1981, and his term in office will end during February.

The board wishes to express to Mr. Hill its heartfelt gratitude for a job well done. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless Mr. Hill as he continues his ministry at the Haymount Free Will Baptist Mission in Fayetteville.

Ray Wells  
Board Chairman





# Mount Olive College

## NEW CREATIONS SCHEDULE



(From left to right, front) Elaine Tyson of Fountain, Rhonda Jones of Goldsboro, Vicki Cope of Kinston, and Terry Ruff of Burlington; (back) Chris Harrell of Morehead City, Anita Lanier of Beulaville, Lisa Dunn of New Bern, Oliver Godwin of Spivey's Corner, Caroline Castelloe of Mount Olive, Helen Griffin of Charlotte, and Roy Lewis of Blount's Creek.

The New Creations of Mount Olive College will be witnessing in various churches throughout Eastern North Carolina during the spring semester of the 1982 academic year. Their programs are made up of gospel music and personal testimonies.

Miss Caroline Castelloe, director of counseling at Mount Olive College, serves as the group's advisor.

The schedule for the New Creations during the spring semester is as follows:

Date	Time	Place
January 17	11:00 a.m.	Sidney FWB, Belhaven
	7:30 p.m.	Smyrna FWB, Blount's Creek
January 24	11:00 a.m.	Edgewood FWB, Crisp
	7:00 p.m.	Shady Grove FWB, Spivey's Corner
January 29-31		Arapahoe FWB (Weekend Revival), Arapahoe
February 7	11:00 a.m.	Westside FWB, Kinston
	7:00 p.m.	Antioch Presbyterian, Rosewood
February 21	11:00 a.m.	Johnston Union FWB, Smithfield
	7:00 p.m.	Pine Level FWB, Pine Level

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## FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Mount Olive College will hold a Financial Aid Workshop on Saturday, January 23, to assist prospective students and their parents in applying for all types of financial aid: federal and state grants, loans, and work-study.

The workshop is not restricted to students who plan to attend Mount Olive College but is a service to students who plan to enter any college in the fall of 1982. There will be no registration fee. The workshop will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the Henderson Building on the new campus and will end at noon.

Betty Cobb, director of financial aid at Mount Olive College, will be in charge of the workshop. On the importance of being informed, Mrs. Cobb stated, "Given the current economic situation, there has never been a more crucial time for parents and students to be familiar with financial aid programs and procedures."

Mrs. Cobb is a member of the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOC

**January 23**—Financial Aid Workshop for Prospective Students, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

**February 16**—Congressman Charlie Whitley to speak during the chapel service, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, 11 a.m.

**February 23**—Board of Trustees Meeting, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m.

**March 8**—Conference on Church Growth, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, 9 a.m.

# Music in Church

submitted by DeWayne Eakes

One of the handicaps from which I have suffered during my ministry is my comprehensive musical inadequacy. I cannot read music, and I cannot keep in tune for more than a few seconds when singing. From 1958 to 1960 I was the Protestant chaplain at Fort Churchill, then the Canadian Army's Arctic test and training center. Every Sunday morning our chapel service was broadcast over the small local radio station. After the service on my first Sunday there, the manager of the radio station took me aside and said that he had to give me some advice and hoped that I would not be offended by it. After some hesitation he said very softly, "When you are within ten feet of an open microphone, please do not sing." I accepted his advice. I can identify with Mark Twain who said, "People who have heard me sing say I don't."

I have learned through the years to rejoice in good music and to appreciate its place in life and faith. In Christian worship I am aware of music not merely as an adjunct to worship but as a creative agency of worship. I wholeheartedly accept what Johann Sebastian Bach said of church music,—that it "has no other purpose or final reason than this; it should exist for the glory of God and the recreation of the human spirit."

Since the earliest days of the church, music has been a creative force in Christian experience and expression. In the New Testament there are at

least four references to the stringed instrument used in worship, a harp or lyre with six strings known as the *kithara*, and it is from that Greek word that our word "guitar" seems to have come.

At times music has caused dissension in the church. In the earlier years of the nineteenth century quarrels about the propriety of having pipe organs in churches led to serious splits among Presbyterians in Scotland—"the devils whistles," some of them called organs—and Methodists in the United States. Through the centuries there have been church members who think that no hymn should ever be sung for the first time, especially when the tune is also new.

In the eighteenth century, Alexander Pope wrote, "Some to church repair/Not for the doctrine, but the music there." That still happens. It should not upset anyone that some people go to church mainly because of

the music. It is not the main reason a person has for going to church that is important, but what that person takes away from the service.

Music can be a means of worship, a way in worship. It helps evoke responses from worshipers by opening their hearts and minds to God's Spirit. It can itself be a declaration of the grace and love of God and a stimulant of authentic devotion. Music can help us to awareness of aspects of reality which we cannot wrap our minds around, and that awareness can be liberating and can diminish our complacency and conceit and help us to new depths of self-awareness. In the nineteenth century Thomas Carlyle said, "Music is a kind of inarticulate, unfathomable speech which leads one to the edge of the Infinite and compels one to gaze in."

—J. A. Davidson

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# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:17-48

### WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE

Dr. Pierce Harris, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, spoke to some prisoners. The prisoner in introducing him said, "Several years ago, two boys lived in a town in north Georgia. They went to the same school, played together and attended the same Sunday school. One dropped out of Sunday school and said that it was 'sissy stuff.' The other boy kept going. One rejected Christ; the other accepted Him. The boy who rejected Christ is making the introduction today. The boy who accepted Christ is the honored preacher who will speak to us today!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christianity is either relevant all the time or useless any time. It is not just a phase of life—it is life itself.*

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:1-15

### WHAT WOULD I HAVE DONE?

What would I have done had I been there?  
Would I have helped His Cross to bear?  
Would I have cried, "Oh, set Him free!  
Release this man and take thou me!"

What would I have done had I been there?

Would I offer comfort, aid, or care  
To Him who left His heavenly throne  
To bear His rugged Cross alone?

What would I have done had I been there?  
Would I of His affliction share?  
Would I have stood before the crowd  
To save the Saviour from His shroud?

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*What would I have done had I been there?  
Would I have stood to scoff and stare?  
What would I have done? I cannot say.  
What matters is what I do today!*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:1-16

### EMPHASIS ON THE WRONG WORLD

When David Livingstone's body was brought back from Africa to England, great throngs along the streets watched the funeral procession. An elderly man in the crowd burst into sobs. Lamented he, "I knew Livingstone when I was a young man. We went together. We were friends. When he told me of God's call to him to go to Africa, I ridiculed him. I was ambitious. I chose a life of self-ease. I cared only for my own selfish interests. Now, with a misspent life behind me, I

acknowledge that Livingstone made a wise choice when he answered and obeyed God's call. I put the emphasis on the wrong world!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*To every man there openeth  
A Way, and Ways, and a Way,  
The High Soul climbs the  
High Way,  
The Low Soul gropes the Low,  
And in between, on the misty  
flats,  
The rest drift to and fro.  
But to every man there openeth  
A High Way, and a Low,  
And every man decideth  
The Way his soul shall go.*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:16-23

### THAT'S THE WAY HE WANTED IT!

The body of a suicide floated in the icy waters of the Chicago River. The bridge above became jam-packed with onlookers as policemen roughly dragged the body at the end of a rope. "Poor soul," said one feelingly. "That's the way he wanted it," said another.

It is certain that the suicide chose death. How like myriads of others. The Saviour came that all might have eternal life, but many choose spiritual death.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How tragic it is that so many,  
like the prodigal son in the far  
country, are starving spiritual-  
ly when Jesus, the Bread of life,  
might be had for the asking!*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:24-34

### WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

During one of the Italian wars, some recruiting officers came to a small town. Men and boys of all ages were recruited and joined in a parade, armed with swords, guns and sticks. An old lady was so stirred by the spectacle that she shouldered her broom and fell

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in line. Proudly she marched along, keeping perfect step with the others. Onlookers jeered at the old lady. They asked, "What good can you do in a battle?" She replied, "Not much, but I want everybody to know whose side I am on!"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him (1 Kings 18:21).*

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:15-29

##### THE ONLY SIGNAL

The town in which I live has an elevated railway. One of the stations is near a great burying ground, Calvary Cemetery. For many years, because in that part of the town there were many more dead than living folk, the trains did not stop at the cemetery except on request. Just after leaving the nearest station, the guard would open the door and say, "Next station is Calvary. Train stops on signal only. Anybody for Calvary?"

It is a parable of life's train. At all the other stations every train stops. At Market Street, at School Street, at University Avenue, at Main Street, at Vanity Fair, at Broadway, at Church Street, at Home Avenue. No special notice is needed, but to get off at Calvary—that means a choice and an expressed desire.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*'Tis far, far better to let Him choose*

*The way that we should take;*

*If only we leave our life to Him He will guide without mistake.*

*We, in our business, would never choose*

*A pathway dark and rough, And so we should never find in Him,*

*"The God who is enough."*

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#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:1-14

##### KNOWINGLY REJECTING CHRIST

A St. Bernard dog, high in the Alps, found and rescued his sixty-ninth man and dug the fallen, freezing man out of the snow. The effort to help the man cost the dog his life. After digging him from the snow, the dog stretched himself over the body of the man, as he had been trained to do to impart warmth and revive the flickering spark of life. When the man began to thaw out, he saw the huge dog hovering over him. In his dazed, drowsy condition, he mistook the dog for a wolf, intent on devouring him. Quickly he plunged a dagger into the animal's side! Without a whimper, the noble dog crept away to his master's cabin where he bled to death at the doorsteps.

How like that are imperiled men who "crucify anew the Son of God," and spurn His offer of eternal life! There is this difference, however—the freezing man was in a semi-conscious condition when he rejected his would-be rescuer. Man deliberately and knowingly rejects the Saviour.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The devil is willing for a person to confess Christianity as long as he does not practice it.*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Dale Albertson wishes to announce his change of address. His new address is Route 2, Box 51, Walstonburg, NC 27888; phone, 753-4340; his old address was Box 185, Black Creek, NC 27813.

The Rev. Arnold Price has changed his address to Route 1, Box 103, Bahama, NC 27503.

#### NO TIME TO LOSE!

Attention Eastern District Youth Leaders: The Eastern District Youth Convention will meet on Saturday, March 20, 1982, at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina. At this convention, Essays and Declamations will be presented and the Bible Bowl Quiz will take place. Each church can send one AFC and YFA entry for each competition. **All entries must be submitted to me by March 5, 1982.**

The topics for the 1982 Essay Contest are "Redeeming the Time," "Missions and Me," "The Joy of the Lord," and "The Joy of My Salvation." The topics for the 1982 Declamation Contest are "Abounding Aliveness," "My Lord Knows the Way Through the Wilderness," and "He's Still Working on Me." Any YFA or AFC member may choose one of the above topics for competition. The rules for the Essay and Declamation Contests are found in the Youth Program Book.

If your AFC or YFA group is interested in participating in the Bible Bowl Quiz, please contact me. I will send you the Study Guide and Rules for the 1982 Bible Bowl Quiz.

I will be glad to help if you have any questions. You may contact me by calling 522-1055 or writing Deborah King, 1316 Manchester Road, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

Let me hear from you, and please do encourage your youth to participate.

Deborah King  
Eastern District Youth Chairman

#### CHURCH AVAILABLE

Sidney Church, near Belhaven, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor as of March 1, 1982. It is in the Albemarle Conference. If anyone is interested in this pastorate, phone 964-4566 or 964-4110.



# The Sunday School Lesson

## CHRIST EMPOWERS FOR WITNESS

Lesson Text: Mark 6:7-13; Acts

1:6-11

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

### I. INTRODUCTION

Jesus was nearing the end of the second year of His public ministry. The crowds were massive, and the towns and the villages were many; but His time was short. With just a year remaining in His earthly life, there was no possible way He could reach the hundreds of towns with the message of God.

Thus Jesus summoned the twelve to get them ready to go out with the message the world needed to hear; and just before His Ascension to Heaven a year later, He promised to send them the Spirit who would empower them to continue Jesus' work on earth.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. There are many wonderful teachings in the Scriptures for today, and if we are not careful we will become engrossed with some of the wonderful lessons and forget the main purpose of the lesson. Both of the passages which we study are designed to show that Jesus always empowers or enables men to do what He assigns them to do. This is as true today as it has ever been.

B. Jesus empowered the Twelve by giving them power to cast out evil spirits and heal

diseases. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to indwell Christians to empower men today that they might be witnesses to Him to the ends of the world. There is no indication that He gave us power to heal diseases or cast out evil spirits. This is not needed today as it was when the Twelve went out to Galilee. The power of the Holy Spirit today is to be effective witnesses.

C. The study of prophecy is a wonderful study, and the Bible tells us many things about the future, but the setting of dates for the events that are ahead is dangerous. We may be sure that when one sets dates for the future, he is a false prophet, because Jesus said, "It is not given you to know the times or seasons."

D. When our Lord gives a person a task, He always gives him enabling power to do that task. Someone has expressed this in this manner: "What I ought to do, I can do, what I can do by God's grace I will do."

—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In last Sunday's lesson we stressed the need for a new spiritual community, and how we as fruit-bearing Christians can contribute to the establishing of such a new

fellowship. But why all this? What is the purpose of the new community?

B. The purpose of the new community is to witness for Christ, and the power that will make this a reality is the Holy Spirit. Witnessing for Christ means reaching out into all the world; doing less than this would partially defeat the purpose set for us.

C. Christ has set the example for us. Amos R. Wells has pictured Him this way:

"Christ was a home missionary, in the house of Lazarus.

"Christ was a foreign missionary, when the Greeks came to Him.

"Christ was a city missionary, when He taught in Samaria.

"Christ was a Sunday school missionary, when He opened up the Scriptures and set men to studying the Word of God.

"Christ was a children's missionary, when He took them in His arms and blessed them.

"Christ was a missionary to the poor, when He opened the eyes of the blind beggar.

"Christ was a missionary to the rich, when He opened the spiritual eyes of Zacchaeus.

"Even on the Cross, Christ was a missionary to the robber, and His last command was the missionary commission."

—*The Advanced Quarterly*  
(F.W.B.)

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

*There Are Ways*—What are some of the ways that young people can share the gospel with others today? First, we can live so that our lives become a daily witness to Him. Second, we can invite people to church where they will hear the gospel preached. Then, we can talk to others about what Christ has done for us with the full assurance that He will do the same thing for them if they will believe and trust Him.—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

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## EDITORIAL

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When Jesus stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, His point of decision was giving way to action. It is significant that we see this, for you and I can decide to do things and not carry our plans through. The underlying purpose of a decision is important; encouragement is essential; but both are in vain without the resolution to apply ourselves to the task of meeting our goals. Resolution knocks away peripheral things; it helps us streamline budgets and frees us from "loose ends." Without resolution, failure is as close as the first obstacle. But for Christians, resolution is the only proper response to Christ, who personified an unwavering determination to do things according to His Father's will. (Many who feel uneasy about their lives have not surrendered their wills to that of the Father; some are not mature enough spiritually to understand that God's actions in the world are broad enough to encompass them.)

The rest of Luke's Gospel presents Jesus' life in light of His resolution. The "change of face" which occurred while He was in Galilee has been multiplied millions of times over by the personal resolve of persons committing themselves to Him. The call is free to each generation; and we can face our mission in the world with the same resolution we see in our King, Jesus Christ; our mission being that of spreading the gospel message.

If you are a person of resolve—walking with purpose in life and genuinely doing something—people will notice you, for you are a rarity. *You will be noticed!* Others will be attracted to you. If you are a person with a purpose, a mission, you will not always be understood—even by those who know you best. At times you will walk alone. No matter; "I have decided to follow Jesus . . . though no one join me, still I will follow . . . no turning back, no turning back."

## NEWS AND NOTES

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secret pals from the Lela Nobles Circle (who are senior citizens). At the end of the year they revealed themselves to their pals by inviting them to a steak dinner at the Western Steer Family Steak House on January 25. Mrs. Arlyn Branch presided. After the delicious dinner several games of bingo were played.

## ATTENTION ALL WESTERN CONFERENCE LAYMEN

The Western Conference will have its first Layman's League Convention on February 15, 1982, at Marsh Swamp Church, Wilson County. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

All men are encouraged to attend—even if their church does

not have an established Layman's League group. This will be a good time of fellowship.

Alfred Moore  
State Layman's League Board

## NOTES OF THANKS

The Rev. and Mrs. Herman Wooten of Garner, North Carolina 27529, would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, cards, gifts, and visits to them during the holiday season. Mr. Wooten has been a patient at a nursing home in Chapel Hill since before Christmas but still receives his mail at his Garner address.

To my many friends from North Carolina and Georgia,

thank you for the kind remembrances of me during the Christmas holidays. There were many beautiful cards, personal notes, and gifts. I appreciated each one and enjoyed reading them. They really made a great Christmas. A special thanks to the wonderful pastor and people at Bethany Church as well as to the Winterville Church Auxilliary. I love you all.

May our blessed Lord be very near to all of us during 1982. Please remember me in your prayers.

Mrs. E. C. Morris

## COMING EVENTS

*February*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

*February 16*—Congressman Charlie Whitley to speak during the chapel service, Mount Olive College, 11 a.m.

*February 17*—Children's Home Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Children's Home Campus, Middlesex

*February 23*—Board of Trustees Meeting, Mount Olive College, 9:30 a.m.

*March*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

*March 8*—Conference on Church Growth, Mount Olive College, 9 a.m.

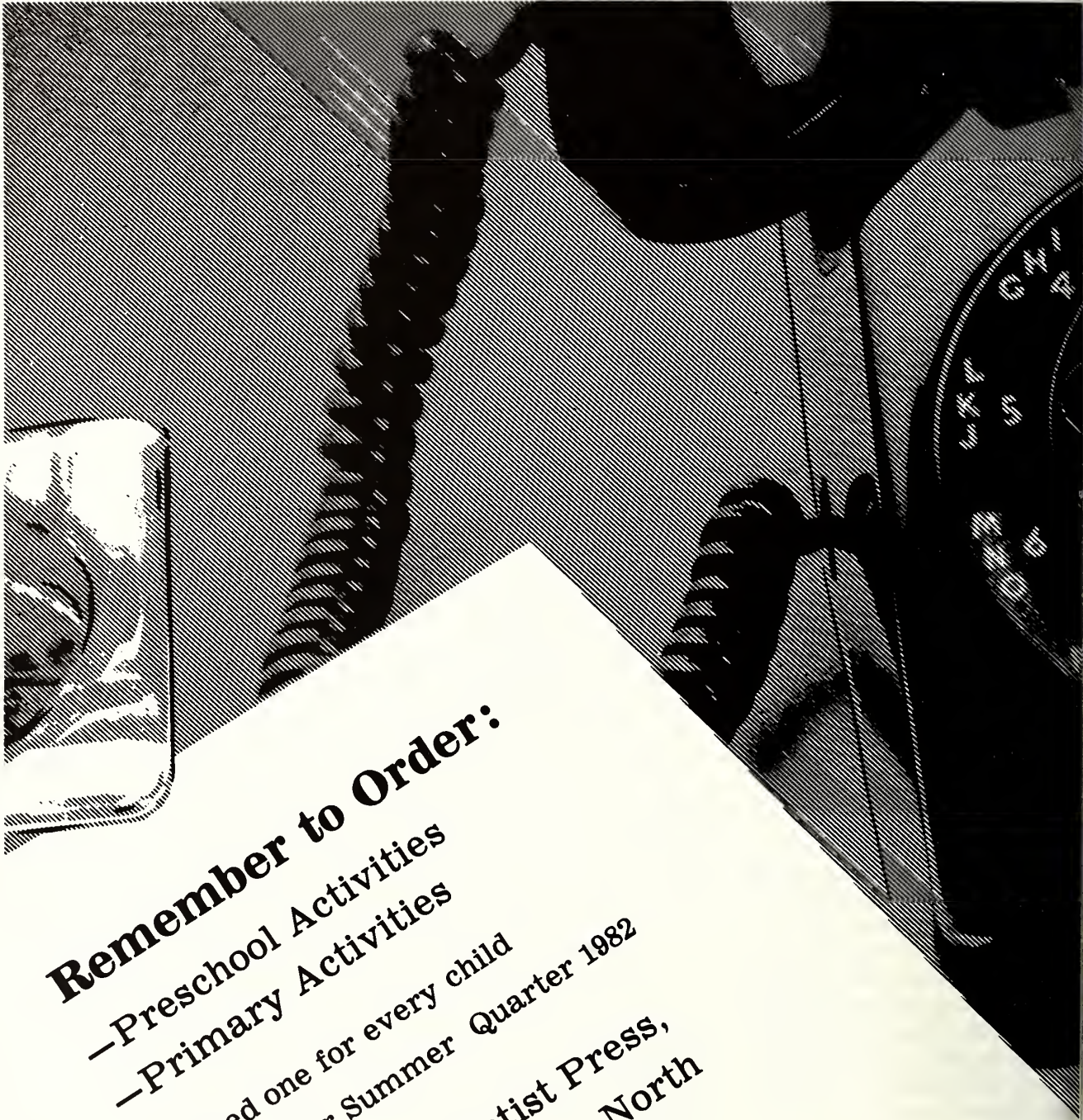
*March 13*—State League Convention, Mount Zion Church, Roper; 9:30 a.m. registration

*March 20*—Eastern District Spring Youth Convention, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, 9:30 a.m. registration

*March 25*—Eastern District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxilliary

*March 27*—Central District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxilliary

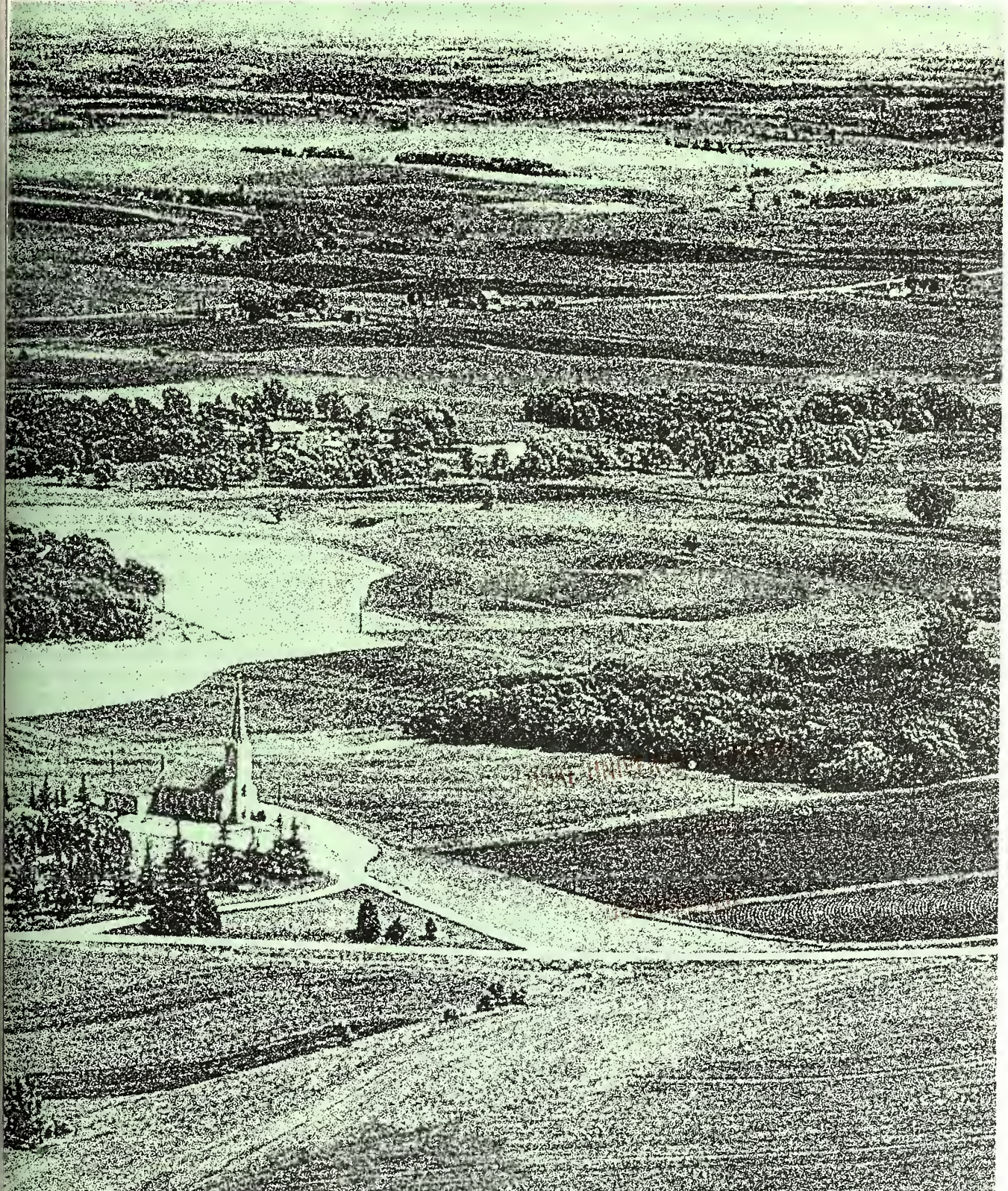




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## What Will We Do About the Alarm Clock

I believe the Prophet Jeremiah would agree with the Apostle Paul's exhortation, "... it is high time to awake out of sleep . . ." (Romans 13:11). In fact, he might have praised God that there was another of like belief, for the prophet was not known for being easy-going; he was not a tranquilizer. A psychiatrist would have probably labeled him "too pessimistic" and prescribed a Southern vacation; he surely was not good for everyone's morale. You see, while the false prophets were "dusting off sin with their feather dusters," Jeremiah proclaimed, "Judgment is upon us!" Maybe what we need today are a few Jeremiah-types. Our world condition can be summed up as being one of anarchy, apostasy, and apathy—and "it is high time (we) awake out of sleep!"

Anarchy terrorizes our communities; it makes shambles of homes, and orphans of children, and hearts rebel and become deceitful and desperately wicked. Organized terrorism controls more people today after 60 years than does Christianity after 2000. Where have we failed?

But our world has gone a step farther and added apostasy to anarchy. Apostasy, a falling away from faith, a turning from truth to fables, haunts the church, for this falling away is not only from doctrine but also from Christian conduct. An individual does not have to be decent to be a church member—our rolls are stuffed with unregenerates going through life on church letters. Others are saved, and are what we call nominal Christians. But what we need today are more Christian Christians!

Well, our society has not stopped there; we have anarchy in our world, apostasy as a characteristic of the professing church, and apathy (listlessness, smug complacency, and lukewarmness) in the true church. Ours is a mixed-up world: the church has become worldly and the world has become churchy. Such cannot be, for God has an either/or policy. Years ago Teddy Roosevelt thundered, "... If you are an American and something else, you are not an American!" By the same token, if someone claims to be a Christian and something else, he is not a true Christian. (Can a wife be 75 % loyal to her husband? No, 75% loyalty equals no loyalty at all!)

Too many of us have joined "The James and John Club" and feel we can rightfully plead, "Grant that we may sit!" But we can't sit; we can't live at a comfortable seventy-two degrees, do nothing, and watch the world go merrily by. The tragedy of the hour is that the situation is desperate but the saints of God are not—if we were, things would be quite different! It is time we stop announcing "services as usual" and do something. When the late President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed, "It is up to all Americans to work as though there would never be a tomorrow and as though everything must be done today," he was applauded. A minister who speaks with the same urgency only gets greeted with a yawn and an "Enjoyed it, 'Preach'" by a vast majority of his congregation as they go out the door on Sunday morning.

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# LAOTIAN STUDENTS ATTEND MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

*by Mary Susan Yates,  
Director of Public Relations*

**A**N old Hmong saying, "There is always another mountain," has held true in the United States for two Laotian refugees now attending Mount Olive College.

Survivors of the Vietnam War, Blong and True Moua came to Mount Olive College from Santa Ana, California, where they were settled with other Hmong following the fall of Laos in 1975. Because they fought with the CIA against the North Vietnamese, the Hmong were marked for extermination by the Communists. Hmong leaders estimate that at least 50,000 of their number have died at Communist hands.

Before their arrival in the United States the Hmong ("free people") lived in the mountains of Southeast Asia. Wandering from mountain to mountain as tribal clans, they burned the vegetation from a mountainside, planted crops until erosion rendered the soil infertile, and then moved on to the next slope. An optimistic, industrious people, the Hmong have always been able to look beyond destruction to the future—to "another mountain."

## The Next Mountain

Mount Olive College has proved to be that next "mountain" for True and Blong Moua, who are cousins. In seeking an education, an asset highly prized by the Hmong, both young men are sensitive to the needs of their people.

In applying to Mount Olive, True wrote that the most difficult problem for the Hmong living in the United States is "lack of leadership." Feeling that his people especially needed religious leadership, True decided to come to Mount Olive if financial aid were available.

Blong wrote that his purpose in attending Mount Olive was to serve God as a missionary to his people.

Both young men plan to return to their "home" church in Santa Ana, the Lao Evangelical Church, and perhaps serve as translators of Christian literature for the 600

members there. The Hmong have had a written language for only about 25 years.

In all, there are approximately 2,000 Hmong living in the Santa Ana area.

Blong and True were awarded sponsorship scholarships from Mount Olive College covering the amount of their tuition, in keeping with the College's Christian commitment.

They are sponsored jointly by the Lao Evangelical Church and Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Fremont. The Rev. Bob Harber is pastor of Union Grove.

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*Blong (left) and True (right) were welcomed to the campus of Mount Olive College by the Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.*



# *Free Will Baptists in the News*

## **HOME AFTER A YEAR IN THAILAND**



*The Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Hawley*

The year they spent in Thailand proved to be an exciting and enriching experience for the Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Hawley. It was there that statistics took on a new meaning, for no longer did they just hear about world need—they saw that what they had been hearing was quite real.

When the Hawleys made application to World Relief, a Christian humanitarian organization, there existed a need in the Thailand World Relief office for individuals possessing their skills. A couple would be even better. Dwight's training in communications was needed to assist refugees in reuniting family members separated during the mass exodus from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. Dwight was to start a new area of ministry called Refugee Relations, one which

he and his wife Aileen would later take over; they would visit the refugee camps and assist refugees in locating lost family members as well as deliver funds sent by family members already resettled in third world countries. Communication between the World Relief office and the respective embassies as well as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was essential if the agency was to help refugees find and rejoin their families.

In February 1981, changes in personnel necessitated moving Dwight into another area. Given the title, administrator, Dwight was now responsible not only for communicating with embassies and the UNHCR, but also the international office of World Relief in Wheaton, Illinois, in the absence of a local Thailand director. His situation reports were necessary to monitor World Relief activities in Thailand and to assist in decision-making regarding projects there. Dwight was also given the responsibility of corresponding with donors both in acknowledgement of funds received and in presenting needs on the field; he also wrote reports on projects.

A hobby in photography led Dwight to be assigned to the task of recording relief projects on film. In connection with this, he served in various public relations functions. Dwight and Aileen were often chosen to accompany visitors to the Thailand office and to brief them on operations there.

Aileen's training in office management was put to good use in Thailand, as she served in that capacity there. She was responsible for all the day to day activities and was in charge of the Thai office staff.

Dwight went to World Relief after completing his B.S. degree at Miami Christian College, Miami, Florida. His major field of study was in Christian communications, with an emphasis in radio production. He attended Miami Christian College after taking time between his first two years of study at Mount Olive College to pastor two churches. Ordained as a minister in the Original Free Will Baptist Church in 1973, he served as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church in Pikeville and Zion Church, Blakely, Georgia.

Dwight is the son of Mrs. Leslie Hawley and the late Rev. Hawley of Wilson.

Aileen received her A. S. degree from Mount Olive College, after she and Dwight were married. While Dwight served both his pastorates, Aileen performed the many duties of a pastor's wife. She was active in both churches in the women's work and did much for the young people. When the Hawley's moved to Miami, it fell her responsibility to be the principal breadwinner. She worked as office manager in the adult misdemeanor probation department in Miami.

Aileen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, Route 2, Creswell.

(The Hawleys returned to the States in November of 1981.)

## **MRS. CLARA FLEMING HONORED**

*The following remarks were made by Mrs. Agnes Corbitt during a special service to honor Mrs. Clara Fleming at Union Grove Church, Fremont. Mrs. Fleming, a charter member of the Ladies Aid Society, as the organization was called some 55 years ago, received the Life Membership Award of the Woman's Auxiliary.*

Today is a special day for all Woman's Auxiliary members.

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During the years of Mrs. Fleming's membership, the Woman's Auxilliary did much for the life of Union Grove Church. They bought the first piano, the first full set of pulpit furniture, the first choir chairs, and the first carpeting for the sanctuary. Forty-three years ago, they sponsored the first Daily Vacation Bible School in the Free Will Baptist Church. Ten years later, they organized the first Youth Rally in the denomination. The Youth Auxilliary, under the guidance of the Woman's Auxilliary, bought the first organ for Union Grove Church. Eight young people from the youth program have entered full-time Christian work in the ministry, missions, and evangelism.

Mrs. Clara Fleming is not only very special to me, but to many people with whom she has come in contact with through the years. Active in all phases of Woman's Auxilliary work, she served as one of its presidents and was treasurer of the Sarah Morris Circle for 16 years of its 20 years of existence. She has also been a very generous and faithful supporter of our mission club through the Woman's Auxilliary. From 1941 through 1946 she was chairman of the orphanage work of our church through the auxilliary. At one time she took a child from the orphanage into her home and loved her as one of her own children, keeping her until the young woman married.

With all her activities and her deep commitments to God and her church, she has lived a very productive life. Her commitment to God and her church is followed very closely by her commitment to her family, friends, and neighbors. She is never too busy to help meet the needs of others. She truly lives the words of Jesus: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." In Proverbs we read, "Who can

find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Such a one is Mrs. Clara Fleming. Mrs. Clara, on behalf of the Woman's Auxilliary, I would like to present you this certificate and Life Membership Award.

Special music for the occasion was rendered by Mrs. Donna Holland and Mrs. Clara's family of 6 children, 20 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Union Grove  
Woman's Auxilliary  
Mary Lee S. Fulghum  
Publicity Chairman

## THE PASTOR'S WIFE

by Cher Randall

Who is she?

Someone's wife, of course. Usually someone's mother. Someone's counselor and confidante, someone's friend. Information source for everyone. Someone's organizer and helping hand. Someone's answering service. Someone's music director, choir director, organist or pianist. No doubt someone's Sunday school teacher, too.

But is this really who she is? Or is there another person, another identity which is often "buried alive" by all the roles she has to play; another person who, like everyone else, enjoys coming to church for the sole purpose of joining in the worship and listening to the sermon. Another person who at times likes to read or write or sing or paint for no one else but herself. Another person who longs for friends who will occasionally let her talk out the burdens and problems on her heart.

Could there be a separate individual deep inside who rejoices to hear herself introduced simply by her name, instead of with the usual qualifying statement that she is a pastor's wife?

"A pastor's wife," after all, is not **who** she is, but **what** she is,

a role God has ordained for her. She fulfills that responsibility cheerfully and capably, especially when she knows that she is loved and appreciated simply because she is who she is, and not just because she is **the pastor's wife**.

## MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. W. J. Tyner is available for pastoral, supply, or evangelistic work. He may be contacted at Route 1, Box 313-E, Princeton, North Carolina 27569; phone after 5:30 p.m., 689-9824.

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Mark Your  
Calendar

Sunday  
March 28 is our  
Day of Prayer for  
World Missions

Plan a special service for this Sunday. Get together with friends and family and pray for World Missions.

I challenge every Free Will Baptist to pray two minutes every day for World Missions.

MARCH 28 IS ALSO  
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Call in the amount of your offering for Foreign Missions between 1:30 and 5:00 P.M. Phone 734-5946.

Day of prayer for World Missions and the telethon are sponsored by the North Carolina Board of Foreign Missions of Original Free Will Baptists. Please write for information at Box 979, Goldsboro, NC 27530.



# News and Notes

## State League Convention to Meet

"Rise and Shine" is the theme that has been selected for the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues to meet at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, two and one-half miles from Roper on Mill Pond Road, on Saturday, March 13, 1982. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program will conclude at 12:30 p.m., followed by lunch at the community building.

An interesting program of choruses, special music, and talk by Mrs. Mattie Lou Link (our missionary to Mexico) has been planned. Always a highlight of the convention is the exciting battle of juniors and intermediates for first place in the Sword Drill.

Since it is probably a little late for leaguers to begin preparing—if they have not already been working—for the Sword Drill for this convention, study materials for the 1983 drill may be obtained from Mrs. Margaret Ard, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina. Junior age limits are 9-11, and intermediate age limits are 12-15. Leaguers wanting to understand how the drill works should attend the convention. Only one contestant from each league should enter.

As one of the sponsoring groups of Cragmont, the State League Convention has tried to raise funds for its building fund. Again this year each general league is requested to send at least \$75, or whatever it can give, for this state project.

The indebtedness on the main building must be paid, and funds are needed to meet the annual payment.

In addition, there are four other needs: (1) a generous contribution to the convention (at least \$10 is requested); (2) contestants for the Sword Drills; (3) a large number of leaguers to attend the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont this summer; and (4) a good representation from all leagues to attend the convention.

Since there will be no afternoon session, when report blanks are received from the corresponding secretary, it is **urgent** that reports, contributions to the convention, and state project funds be **mailed in** so that the information can be tabulated before the convention. Send to Miss Leah McGlohon, P.O. Box 2, Winterville, North Carolina 28590. If your leagues do not receive a report blank, please write and request one.

## 1982 Officers Installed At Elm Grove Church

New officers for the Woman's Auxiliary were recently installed at Elm Grove Church, Route 1, Ayden. The 1981 officers took part in the impressive candlelighting service, symbolizing the continuation of the work and the existing harmony in the group.

Those installed were Frances Brabble, president; Thelma Reaves, vice president; Elma Beddard, secretary and treasurer; Ann Elks, youth chairman; Irene Williamson, missions chairman; Frances

W. Carraway, study course chairman; Nannie Lee Cox, program prayer chairman; Thelma Reaves, benevolence chairman; Elizabeth Ball and Lucille Briley, benevolence committee.

## Robert's Grove Church To Have Revival

Revival services will begin March 1 and will continue through March 5 at Robert's Grove Church near Dunn. The Rev. Dewey Boling of Clayton, pastor of Palmer Memorial Church, Garner, will be the evangelist. Services will begin at 7:30 each night.

The pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen, and the church membership extend to everyone a special invitation to come worship.

## Mid-Year Spiritual Life Meeting Scheduled

The North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists is planning its Mid-Year Spiritual Life meeting for Friday, February 19, at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner, at \$5 per person, being served at 7; the evening program will begin at 8. Dr. John Bennett, M.D., will speak at that time concerning the issue of abortion.

Ministers and their wives are encouraged to attend. Those planning to do so should contact the Rev. Ray Wells (243-6498) immediately.

## Revival Services at Sandy Plain Church

Revival services will be held at Sandy Plain Church, Route 2, Pink Hill, February 22 through February 26. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jack Lassiter, pastor of White Oak Church of Bladenboro, will be the evangelist.

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# Mount Olive College

Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365  
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 658-4933 (business office)

## REGISTRAR HONORED AT MOC



*Commenting that "a college is as good as its people," President Burkette Raper (left) presented Marie Glenn (right), registrar, with a plaque in appreciation of "eleven years of dedicated service."*

Marie Glenn, registrar at Mount Olive College, was honored during chapel services, Tuesday morning, February 2, for her eleven years of service to the college.

Mrs. Glenn resigned her position effective Friday, February 5, due to her husband's acceptance of the pastorate at Daniels Chapel Church, Wilson.

She is married to the Rev. Earl Glenn, former pastor of LaGrange Church and a member of Mount Olive College's first board of trustees.

Following the service, Mrs. Glenn was the guest of honor at a luncheon held in the College cafeteria. Rebecca Worrell, representing the faculty, thanked Mrs. Glenn for her service to the College and presented her with a silver bowl.

## NEW REGISTRAR ASSUMES DUTIES



*Jo Heidenreich*

Jo Heidenreich of Goldsboro has been appointed registrar at Mount Olive College, and she assumed her new duties Monday, February 8, as the principal record-keeping officer of the College.

Mrs. Heidenreich is a graduate of Peace College and East Carolina University. She also holds a master's degree in Adult Education from East Carolina University.

Before coming to Mount Olive in 1979, Mrs. Heidenreich served as acting registrar and veterans' affairs officer for North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. She was employed by Mount Olive College in the dean of students' office.

Mrs. Heidenreich's new responsibilities include distributing grades and academic reports to students, scheduling classes, and evaluating transcripts. She will work in the areas of student and academic affairs by providing service to students, college personnel, and to the community.

Mrs. Heidenreich is married to James R. Heidenreich and they have one child, James Jr., who is four months old. The Heidenreichs attend the First Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro.

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## Purpose of the Conference

A Conference on Church Growth sponsored by Mount Olive College and the Home Missions Board will be held March 8 and 9, 1982, at the downtown campus of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive.

The concept of church growth may be defined as "the divine-human process of spiritual multiplication and reproduction." It seeks to multiply Christian disciples and Christian churches who will reproduce themselves. A golden text for church growth might well be Acts 6:7—"And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly . . . ."—Dr. Delos Miles

## The Objectives of the Conference on Church Growth are:

1. To present practical ideas and suggestions that will equip ministers and lay persons for more effective service.
2. To explore the biblical foundations and other dynamic factors that contribute to church growth.

## The Program

The scheduled program is as follows:  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1982

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| 9:00-10:00 A.M.  | —Registration, Coffee  |
| 10:00-10:15 A.M. | —Welcome, Announcements, Prayer                              |
| 10:15-10:45 A.M. | —Film: "How to Grow a Church"                                |
| 10:45-11:45 A.M. | —Lecture: "What Church Growth Is All About," Dr. Delos Miles |

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| 11:45-12 Noon   | —Discussion   |
| 12 Noon         | —Lunch (Downtown Campus)  |
| 1:00- 2:00 P.M. | —Lecture: "Biblical Foundations for Church Growth," Dr. Delos Miles |
| 2:00- 2:30 P.M. | —Film: "And They Said It Couldn't Be Done"                          |
| 2:30- 2:45 P.M. | —Break  |
| 2:45- 3:15 P.M. | —Film: "Reach Out and Grow"   |
| 3:15- 4:15 P.M. | —Lecture: "Principles of Church Growth," Dr. Delos Miles            |
| 4:15- 4:30 P.M. | —Discussion   |
| 4:30 P.M.       | —Adjournment  |

## TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1982

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| 9:00- 9:30 A.M.  | —Registration, Coffee  |
| 9:30-10:30 A.M.  | —Lecture: "Church Growth Through the Sunday School," Part I, the Rev. James L. Finley  |
| 10:30-10:45 A.M. | —Break   |
| 10:45-11:45 A.M. | —Lecture: "Church Growth Through the Sunday School," Part II, the Rev. James L. Finley |
| 11:45-12 Noon    | —Discussion  |
| 12 Noon          | —Lunch (Downtown Campus)   |
| 1:00- 2:00 P.M.  | —Lecture: "Church Growth Through Pastoral Ministry," the Rev. M. O. Sears              |
| 2:00- 2:45 P.M.  | —Lecture: "Church Growth Through Biblical Preaching," the Rev. Floyd Cherry            |

- 2:45- 3:00 P.M. —Break  
 3:00- 3:45 P.M. —Lecture: "Church Growth Through Evangelism," (Panel) the Rev. Allen Howard, the Rev. Charles Parrish, the Rev. Ronnie Mohn, the Rev. Harold Jones  
 3:45- 4:15 P.M. —Lecture: "Church Growth: Challenge of the 80's," the Rev. C. L. Patrick

### Program Personalities

Dr. Delos Miles is an associate professor of evangelism at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. He has served as the chairman of the evangelism department at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City and director of the evangelism department of the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Dr. Miles is the author of *Church Growth-A Mighty River* and *Master Principles of Evangelism*.

### Other Speakers Include:

The Rev. James L. Finley, pastor of Pine Valley Baptist Church, Wilmington

The Rev. M. O. Sears, pastor of Adamsville Baptist Church, Goldsboro

The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, president of the Carolina Bible Institute, Pine Level

The Rev. Alton Howard, pastor of Catalpa Free Will Baptist Mission, Fayetteville

The Rev. Charles Parrish, pastor of Victory Free Will Baptist Mission, Hope Mills

The Rev. Ronnie Mohn, pastor of Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, and former home missionary

The Rev. Harold Jones, director-treasurer of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board

The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville

### How to Prepare for the Conference

Each participant is asked to read *Ten Steps for Church Growth*, by Donald A. McGanran and Winfield C. Arn (Harper and Row, 1977). The book may be purchased at the Free Will Baptist Press or branch bookstores.

Ministers are urged to bring at least two lay persons with them.

### Accommodations and Meals

Overnight accommodations may be made at the Southern Belle Motel, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. Telephone: 658-9404. Meals will be served by the cafeteria:

Breakfast	\$1.75
Lunch	\$2.50
Dinner	\$2.50

### Advance Registration Recommended

The registration fee for the conference is \$5. Checks should be made payable to the Home Missions Board and presented at the time of registration or sent in advance with the following form to:

The Rev. Ray Wells  
 Route 1, Box 67-A  
 Sims, North Carolina 27880

### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number in group to attend \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$5 registration fee per person enclosed)  
 Names of additional persons \_\_\_\_\_  
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# North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

**End of Third Quarter, January 31, 1982**

Balance in Bank, October 31, 1981 \$4,186.38

## Receipts

General Fund:		
Contributions	\$ 48.30	
Life Award Fees	50.00	
Promotional Fund (CSF)	41.43	
Interest	212.92	
Per Capita Dues	1.40	
Registration Fee	<u>10.00</u>	
	364.05	
Denominational Enterprises	<u>8,635.07</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>8,999.12</u>
Total for Which to Account		\$13,185.50

## Disbursements

Convention Expenses and Allocations	\$ 464.63	
Denominational Enterprises	<u>8,635.07</u>	
Total Disbursed		<u>9,099.70</u>
Balance in Bank, January 31, 1982		<u>\$4,085.80</u>

## Banks

Branch Banking and Trust Company (Checking)	\$1,085.80
Church Finance Association	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$4,085.80</u>

## Denominational Enterprises Report

	Itemize	Received	Disbursed
Church Extension (Home Missions)	\$	\$1,057.66	\$1,057.66
Foreign Missions:			
General Fund	162.63		
Mexico	225.00		
India	60.00		
State Project (Missionary wives)	<u>894.73</u>	1,342.36	1,342.36
Mount Olive College:			
General Fund	259.93		
Alice Lupton Scholarship	20.00		
Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund	30.00		
Books	20.00		
College Hall	100.00		
Peter Tingem (Foreign student expense)	180.00		
State Project (Chapel Parking lot)	<u>314.50</u>	924.43	924.43
Free Will Baptist Children's Home:			
General Fund	2,252.00		
Clothing	160.00		
Child Support	265.00		
Music Lessons	60.00		
State Project (Media Center)	<u>591.70</u>	3,328.70	3,328.70
Superannuation		486.37	486.37
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.		669.43	669.43
Retirement Homes, Inc.		318.30	318.30
Life Membership Fees (Cragmont)		125.00	125.00
Central Conference Missions		10.00	10.00
*Christian Service Fund:			
Mount Olive College	82.85		
Missions	82.85		
Children's Home	62.14		
Cragmont	62.14		
Retirement Homes	41.42		
Superannuation	<u>41.42</u>	372.82	372.82
Totals		<u>\$ 8,635.07</u>	<u>\$ 8,635.07</u>

\*10 percent retained for promotional (see Receipts, \$41.43).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

# ATTENTION STUDY COURSE CHAIRMEN AND WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERS

The list of books from which to choose your study courses on evangelism was inadvertently omitted from the 1982 *DEVOTION*. I sincerely regret this error. Please add the following titles on Page 4 of your personal copy :

## EVANGELISM

*The Secret of Soul Winning*, by Stephen Olford  
*Let's Go Soul Winning*, by Jack Hyles  
*How to Witness Successfully*, by George Sweeting  
*The Master Plan of Evangelism*, by Robert E. Coleman

Nina Grace Register  
State Study Course Chairman

## NOTICES

All correspondence for Foreign Missions should be sent for the present time to Board of Foreign Missions of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

The Central Conference Layman's League will meet March 1 at King's Cross Roads Church near Farmville at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend, and all visitors are welcome.

Rex Wainright

## MEETING SCHEDULED

The Board of Directors of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. and the various conference directors of summer encampments will meet Saturday, March 6, at Wilber's Restaurant in Goldsboro. All board members and directors are encouraged to attend. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

# Foreign Missions

## PBI REPORT FROM THE GARDEN



*Garden Project*

It has been a good harvest year for the vegetables in the garden. Okra and tomatoes have been two of our best producers. The Sitaw beans and the Upo will begin to harvest soon. We have planted for the first time a test plot of potatoes. They are growing well to date.

The most exciting news from the garden is from the Piggery. Our first litter of pigs has arrived. There were a total of nine pigs, but three were born dead and one was crushed. So there are five remaining, for which we are very thankful.

This year the garden is under the supervision of Pastor Pio dela Rosa, who is also studying at PBI.



*Pio dela Rosa*

Thank you for your prayers and support. Remember to pray for Brother dela Rosa and his family and the garden. May God bless each of you.

Fred Baker  
*Missionary to the Philippines*

## LAYMAN'S LEAGUE GROUP GROWS

During the past year, work of the Layman's League has experienced real growth. The Layman's Leagues in the Central Conference have been organized and have met quarterly for a number of years. They sponsor singspirations twice a year and support all our denominational enterprises. This past year through the State Layman's League Board they have encouraged other Conferences to organize.

In August 1981 the men of the Albemarle Conference organized a Conference Layman's League Convention and it is expected that the men of the Western Conference will organize very soon. During the past year new Layman's Leagues have been organized in local churches and some have been reactivated. It is also hoped that several of the other Conferences will organize during 1982.

Through the efforts of the State Layman's League Board and personnel of our Free Will Baptist institutions and enterprises an all-occasion book of devotions is now available at the Free Will Baptist Press. This book is suitable not only for our men but for any adult religious gathering.

In an effort to enlist more men in the service of our Lord, plans are underway to organize a State Layman's League Convention in Rodgers Chapel, Mount Olive, North Carolina, May 15, at 6 p.m.

Any pastor or church desiring help in starting a Layman's League is invited to contact a member of the State Layman's League Board or the reporter or secretary as follows: Rex Wainwright, reporter, Route 1, Box 130-A, Winterville, North Carolina 28590, phone 756-5032; or Paul Beaman, secretary, Route 1, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580, phone 753-4263.



# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Scripture Reading—Romans 3:10-28

### WHERE THE CHOICE WAS MADE

Far up in one of the secret places of the Alps there lies, hidden away, a tiny lake. The path by which it is reached does not permit a sight of it until one is but a stone's throw away. There is a small stream which starts at this tiny lake, and as it takes its downward course for a few yards it is confronted with a large, imposing boulder. The small stream seems to hesitate here, then divides into two, one of which flows into the Rhone River and the other into the Rhine. Now these two streams which part company and flow, one into the warm, sunny southern part of Europe, and the other into cold northern climates, represent the two streams of life as they flow in diametrically different directions. Together they rise in the hills of Birth, but soon they reach the boulder, representing the Cross of Christ, and it is here that the choice must be made.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If you would have some worth-while plans  
You've got to watch your can't's and can's;  
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.*

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Scripture Reading—Romans 5:1-11

### DADDY, DID THEY LET HIM IN?

A little girl stood with her father before the great painting of *Christ Knocking at the Door*. Reverently and silently, they looked upon the tender, beseeching face of the Saviour. Presently, the little girl turned to her father and asked, "Daddy, did they let Him in?"

When we stand in the presence of God, our eternal destinies will be determined by whether or not we invited Him to come into our lives and transform them by grace divine.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*What will you do with Jesus?  
Neutral you cannot be;  
One day your heart will be asking,  
"What will He do with me?"*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Scripture Reading—Romans 5:12-21

### A WASTED LIFE!

One night, Canon Hay Aitken preached to a large audience in Bristol, England, from the text, "Ye must be born again." Horatio Bottomley, a fine, brilliant young fellow, listened with rapt attention. He was

deeply moved. At the close of the message an invitation was given to the unsaved publicly to confess Christ and seek His mercy. Bottomley thought "Not I. This is not for me. I'll run my own life."

He did run his own life. He made a fortune. He became the people's hero. He was a champion of the rights of the common man. He exposed swindlers and vigorously prosecuted them.

When sixty-three years old Bottomley, who had exposed the crimes of others, was himself found guilty of crime and sentenced to seven years in prison. Captain Prayer of the Church Army visited him in prison. He told Bottomley the story of his conversion. Said he: "Years ago I was in Colston Hall in Bristol. Canon Hay Aitken preached on the text 'Ye must be born again.' I was convicted of sin and of my need of the Saviour. I accepted Christ and since that memorable time, Christ has been all and in all to me!"

Bottomley thought deeply. Then he said, "I, too, heard that searching message. I felt my great need of the Saviour, but I rejected Him." Then he said remorsefully, "A life without God is a wasted life!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If Christ is the center of our lives, the circumference will take care of itself.*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:1-11

### DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN

He has a mind and 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 charge 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  
Nor never tries to shy it,

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Whoever may defy it,  
Or openly deny it.  
He hears a lie and slays it;  
And as I've 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

*So let our lives and lips express  
The holy gospel we profess;  
So let our words and actions  
shine  
To show the doctrine all divine.*

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Scripture Reading — Romans 6:12-23

**IF I COULD SEE A  
CHRISTIAN, I WOULD LIKE  
TO BE ONE!**

Many years a missionary employed a great Chinese scholar to translate the New Testament into the Chinese language. The scholar was a Confucianist and had never heard of Christianity until this missionary had engaged him. The scholar was a painstaking person and wanted to produce a splendid translation. As he completed his work, the missionary recalled that he had not said one word to him about his soul and his need of the Saviour. Engaging the scholar in conversation, the missionary said, "You have been a great help to me. As you translated the New Testament, has not the beauty of Christianity appealed to you? Would you not like to be a Christian?" "Yes," replied the scholar, "it does appeal to me. It is a wonderful system of ethics. I think that if I could see a Christian, I might become interested." "But," said the missionary, "I am a Christian!" "You," said the scholar, "are you a Christian? Oh, no, pardon me, I don't want to offend you, but I have observed you. You are not a Christian. If I understand aright, a Christian is a follower of Jesus, and Jesus said, 'A new commandment give I unto you, that you love

one another.' But I have listened to you talk about others who were not present, saying unkind things about them. I have watched you closely in other things, and I have had to conclude that you are not a Christian. I think that if I could see a Christian, I would like to be one!" concluded the Chinese scholar.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A man's Sunday self and his  
weekday self are like two  
halves of a round trip ticket:  
not good if detached!*

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Scripture Reading — Romans 7

**I AM DORE!**

A great artist wandered into the mountains of Switzerland. An official asked for his passport. The artist searched for it. "My!" he exclaimed, "I do not seem to have it with me." "Who are you?" asked the official. "I am Dore," said the artist. The official knew about Dore, but didn't know him personally, so he said, "Prove to me that you are Dore." Taking a piece of paper, the artist hastily sketched a group of peasants standing nearby. He did it so skillfully and with such ease that the official exclaimed, "Enough! You are Dore!"

An unbelieving world is unimpressed by empty religious profession. It cannot gainsay, however, God's children who *practice* what they profess.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Christian is the world's  
Bible, and in many cases a revision  
is necessary.*

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Scripture Reading — Romans 8

**A MOST CHRISTLIKE  
PERSON**

A Christian storekeeper in a small town was thoroughly honest in his business, as Christians should be. A family came to the town and moved into a

home across the street from the store. Almost daily the father, who was not a Christian, entered the store. After a year he went to a minister and said, "The storekeeper is one of the most honorable and Christlike persons I have ever known. I want what he has. Will you help me?" The minister told him of Jesus and of His power to change our lives. The man accepted Christ. His home became a Christian home. Two of his daughters became missionaries. How did these wonderful things come to pass? Simply because a storekeeper lived as Christians should live.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though  
God did beseech you by us: we  
pray you in Christ's stead, be  
ye reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20).*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

### WHEN WE GO . . . THEY COME!

Statistics show it will take 13 visits to enroll one unsaved person in Sunday school!

Every time an unsaved person is enlisted in Sunday school, an average of 4 unsaved are found in that home.

Of every ten persons baptized in our churches, 8 have first been enrolled in Sunday school.

Every NEW class begun will reach unsaved people 10 times faster than existing classes!

Every unsaved person not enrolled in Sunday school is 80 times harder to win to Christ than one who is enrolled.

By this time tomorrow, 345,000 babies will be born. Most of them will live, grow up and die eternally doomed without Christ.

You can help . . . by reaching out to the unreached, enlisting them in Bible study and leading them to Jesus.

—Selected



# *The Sunday School Lesson*

## **JESUS LOOKS TO THE FUTURE**

**Lesson Text:** Mark 13:24-37

**Memory Verse:** Mark 13:31

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

"Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!" (Mark 13:1). So said the disciples to Jesus as they left the temple. But looks are deceiving. What appears to be permanent and unmovable is not always so. It is far too easy to fix our attention on what cannot be kept, to be diverted from what should not be lost.

Jesus made it clear that the temple would be destroyed. However, many Jews thought the destruction of the temple would mean the destruction of the entire world. They felt the world would not exist without Judaism. Thus when Jesus reminded His disciples that the magnificent temple would be turned into rubble someday, they asked the logical question from their Jewish minds, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3). While they were thinking that these events would be simultaneous, Jesus separated the times in His answer.

Jesus knew there would be many misleading signs, and that every tough situation would cause some people to think that the telltale sign of the

Second Coming had arrived. He eliminated those false notions. He said there always would be people claiming to be Christ (Mark 13:6), and history would always have its devastating experiences (vv. 7, 8). The coming of the new kingdom would cause many social upheavals (and persecution) because of its revolutionary life-style (vv. 9-13), but these would not necessarily be clues that the Second Coming was right around the corner.

The temple would be ravaged, but this did not mean the Second Coming was near. It did mean that the Romans would take over the city, and the Christians would need to get out (vv. 14-18). Those days would be tough, but they would not be the end of the world. Time would march on despite the destruction of Jerusalem (vv. 19-23).

Contrary to what some think, Jesus did not give us a blueprint by which we can figure out when He will return. He said His coming would be as that of a thief—unannounced, sudden, and unexpected (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 3:3; 16:15). We should not allow people to convince us that they have the

time of Jesus' return all figured out, no matter how many charts they have drawn. Jesus did not know when it would be, and He was perfect. How can a man in his imperfection know what Jesus didn't? Jesus' words still stand: "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mark 13:32). In the parallel passage, Matthew adds the word *only* ("My Father only," Matthew 24:36).

But isn't there a sure sign that Jesus' return is imminent? Yes, but when you see this sign, the Son is next—immediately. You won't have time even to think about it.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. HINTS THAT HELP**

A. This is the last of five lessons on "The Person and Work of Jesus." Therefore, it seems proper for this last lesson in the series to deal with the return of Christ to this earth. Let us recognize in the beginning that there are three prevailing attitudes or beliefs with regard to the return of Christ to this earth. Some take His return for granted, and seldom, if ever, stop to give the matter much thought. Others wish that Christ would return soon, and look forward to it with great anticipation. Then there are still others who deny the truth of the Lord's coming even as they deny many of the great truths of God's Word.

B. The Bible text for this lesson tells us to expect the Second Coming of Christ after the Great Tribulation, a period in which God's wrath shall have been poured out upon a wicked world.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

**February is  
Christian Education  
Month.**

## EDITORIAL

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In the morning, we don't get up by just thinking about it. Just thinking about it often leads to us turning over and going back to sleep. We don't get up by just feeling like it. We either get up or we don't! A lot of our religious activity is more like a church turning over than getting up. Turning over is not getting up; waking up is not getting up. Getting up requires action; "... let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

Or don't we care?

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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### A MUSICAL PROGRAM PRESENTED



*The Rev. David Hines*

The Rev. David Hines, pastor of New Sandy Hill Church in Wilson, provided a musical program recently during chapel service for students, faculty, administration, and visitors at Mount Olive College. Mr. Hines is a graduate of Mount Olive College and Atlantic Christian College. Currently, he is pursuing his studies at Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Mr. Hines was accompanied on the piano by Johnny Sullivan of Wilson, a member of New Sandy Hill Church and a freshman at Mount Olive College.

## FEATURE

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Mr. Harber met True and Blong in California through his mission work with the Hmong and was instrumental in bringing them to Mount Olive. At

that time, he was pastor of the First General Baptist Church of Santa Ana, where the Hmong still hold their services.

True and Blong were selected from a group of 40 young people in their church for college sponsorship due to their academic qualifications and leadership potential.

True has served his church as youth president and editor of the *Lao Evangelical Newsletter*. Also before coming to Mount Olive, True was a Sunday school teacher's aide for the Chinese Baptist Church.

Blong was employed as a bilingual teacher at the Lao Family Community, Inc. for two years, following his graduation from high school. He has served his church as secretary, treasurer, and president of the youth group.

Both young men finished high school in two years and are now 21 years old.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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There will be singing on February 27, at 7:30 p.m. with the Limestone Singers. The Rev. Ransom McAbee invites everyone to attend.

## NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to express my love and appreciation to the dear people of Wintergreen Church, Cove City; and Wardens Grove Church, Bayboro, for their prayerful and financial support.

Only by God's grace and your support was I able to meet the educational requirements and pass the ordination examination. May the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you always.

The Rev. Timothy Webber

## COMING EVENTS

*February*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

*February 23*—Board of Trustees Meeting, Mount Olive College, 9:30 a.m.

*March*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

*March 8*—Conference on Church Growth, Mount Olive College, 9 a.m.

## DATES OF 1982 CRAGMONT CONFERENCES

June 14-19	General Youth Conference	The Rev. Harry Grubbs, Director
June 21-26	Christian Cadet Conference	The Rev. Bobby Taylor, Director
June 28— July 3	Youth Frontier (YFA) Conference	The Rev. Scott Sowers, Director
July 5-10	Youth Frontier (AFC) Conference	The Rev. Doug Skinner, Director
July 12-17	Sunday School Convention	The Rev. Frank Grubbs, Director
July 19-22	Ministers' Conference	The Rev. C. H. Overman, Director
July 26-30	Young People's Bible Conference	The Rev. Sam Weeks, Director
August 2-7	Woman's Conference	Mrs. Dola Dudley, Director
August 9-14	Woman's Conference	Mrs. Dola Dudley, Director





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# The Free Will Baptist

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1982, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA



## Dragons and Dungeons

John the Baptist, the rugged outdoor preacher, had stood by the shores of the Jordan River and exclaimed, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire . . ." (Matthew 3:11). This New Testament ascetic had preached about a victorious Messiah who would come with His fan in His hand, gathering wheat into the garner and burning the chaff. But this man who had lived like a human exclamation point—one who reproved kings and called religious people snakes—was now in a cold, damp dungeon. No longer was he proclaiming a message of hope and victory; the prophet was in despair.

The Lord Jesus was not at all like he had expected Him to be. Christ was meek and lowly; He went about doing good—but He didn't do all that John expected. This prophet preacher sent several of his followers to the Messiah with an important question: "... Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3). (Now don't be too shocked by John's query; this was not the first time a man of affirmation turned to interrogation during a difficult time. You and I often do so!) In reply Christ responded, "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me" (Matthew 11:5, 6).

This last statement can be paraphrased as "Blessed is he who doesn't get upset—offended—by the way I run my business." You see, everything runs on His schedule, not ours. As a result, we should not be distraught if things don't always go as we want. Yes, I know this is difficult to bite off—but He is omniscient; we're not!

Maybe one of the most surprising facts about this whole matter is that the Lord didn't reprimand John because of his doubts. In fact, it was at this time that Jesus made His finest remark about the prophet: "... Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist . . ." (Matthew 11:11).

We are living in a day of "dungeons," and many Christians are in the clutches of despair. Many are imprisoned by bad health and financial trouble—they find their blood pressure up and their bank account down. Others give their tithes—everyone says they will prosper—and all they know is that they are in worse shape now than before. Some have prayers that still seem unanswered; they have spent many hours in their prayer closets, concerned about their worldly, unrighteous offspring—they wonder where they have gone wrong because across the street they see neighbors whose ungodly families are still intact and rather well-to-do. They seem to be doing something wrong. "What?" is the haunting question. "Lord," they cry, "we just don't understand." And depression brings doubt and doubt brings despair . . .

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# Conference Scheduled on

# Church

## Growth

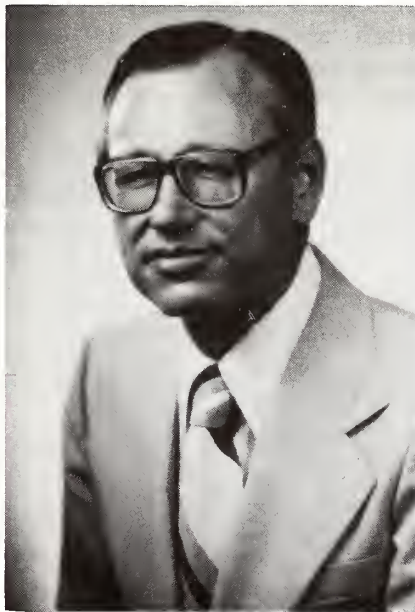
A conference on church growth sponsored by Mount Olive College and the Home Missions Board will be held March 8 and 9, 1982, at the downtown campus of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive.

The concept of church growth may be defined as "the divine-human process of spiritual multiplication and reproduction." It seeks to multiply Christian disciples and Christian churches who will reproduce themselves. A golden text for church growth might well be Acts 6:7—"And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly. . . ."—Dr. Delos Miles

The objective of the conference is to present practical ideas and suggestions that will equip ministers and lay persons for more effective service. The biblical foundations and other dynamic factors that contribute to church growth will also be explored.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. Delos Miles, an associate professor of evangelism at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. He will address such topics as "What Church Growth Is All About," "Biblical Foundations for Church Growth," and "Principles for Church Growth."

Dr. Miles, a South Carolina native, joined the United States Army in 1948 at the age of fourteen. He spent 27 months in Japan before beginning a brief tour of duty in Korea. It was there that he received the call to preach.



Dr. Delos Miles

Dr. Miles holds a B.A. Degree from Furman University, a B.D. from Southeastern Baptist Theological University, and an S.T.D. from San Francisco Theological University. The title of his doctoral dissertation is *Manual for Dialogical Laboratories on Evangelism*.

Besides having served as the chairman of the evangelism department at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City and director of the evangelism department of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, Dr. Miles has authored several books: *Church Growth—A Mighty River*, *Master Principles of Evangelism* (due to be released this spring), and *How Jesus Won Persons: Fifteen Case Studies in the Evangelism of Jesus* (due to be released this fall).

Other conference speakers include the Revs. James L. Finley, M. O. Sears, Floyd B. Cherry, Alton Howard, Charles Parrish, Ronnie Mohn, Harold Jones, and C. L. Patrick.

Each participant is asked to read *Ten Steps for Church Growth*, by Donald A. McGanran and Winfield C. Arn. This book may be purchased at the Free Will Baptist Press or any of its branch bookstores.

The registration fee for the conference is \$5. Checks should be made payable to the Home Missions Board and presented at the time of registration or sent in advance with the form on Page 15 to the Rev. Ray Wells, Route 1, Box 67-A, Sims, North Carolina 27880.



# Commissioning Service for the Barnards

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1982

7:30 P.M.

**Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church— Pitt County**

## **SPEAKER**

Miss Laura B. Barnard, former Free Will Baptist missionary to India. She was commissioned at Black Jack Church in June 1935. She is Charles's aunt.

## **SPECIAL SINGING**

By Mrs. Judy Dail Bowen of Bethany Church, Winterville. Her singing has been a great inspiration at other commissioning services.

## **DIRECTIONS TO BLACK JACK CHURCH**

From Greenville: take Highway 43 South toward New Bern, approximately 5 miles, turn left at D. H. Conley High School (note flashing light at intersection). Church will be approximately 5 miles on right.

From Winterville: off Highway 11A turn at Dixie Queen Restaurant on RR 1711; stay straight on this road. It crosses Highway 43. Black Jack Church is approximately 10 miles from Winterville on the right.



## **DEPARTURE DATE SET**

Charles, Jackie, Shanna, and Jeffrey will leave for the Philippines on March 11, 3:15 p.m. from the Kinston airport. Plan to come and see them off.

## **SPECIAL THANKS AND INVITATION FROM THE BARNARDS**

We praise our Heavenly Father for the privilege of fulfilling our personal call to discipleship as a part of the greater corporate ministry of the Original Free Will Baptist Church. Last year brought the Barnard family closer to realizing our vision of foreign missions service. It is a tremendously secure feeling to know that we are being remembered before the Throne of Grace by so many of God's blessed saints.

We invite you to share in our quest for greater service through your continued financial and prayer support. Two opportunities for personal ministry are available to you in the month of March. We request your presence at our commissioning service Wednesday, March 3, 1982, at Black Jack Church, Pitt County. Also, we invite you to share with us as we depart for the Philippines from Kinston airport at 3:15 p.m. on March 11, 1982.

Again, we praise God Almighty for your faithfulness to the cause of missions in our church.

The Barnards  
Charles, Jackie, Shanna  
and Jeffrey

## THE MOST DISTURBING THING IN THE WORLD

There are many things happening in the world that disturb me, but by far the most disturbing is the plight of millions of human beings on the face of this earth who do not have the gospel. I think about the horror of their death without Christ, and the fact that those poor lost souls will spend eternity in Hell completely separated from God. This is the most disturbing thing in all the world.

Dear Pastor, church member, friend, does this disturb you? The answer is usually yes! but! Behind that "but" follows a list of responsibilities and involvement in the local arena. For example, I have my flock to care for. We have our own programs that keep us busy; or this must fit in with the total church program. **Friends, this can't just fit in; all else must revolve around this supreme concern of Jesus Christ, to reach the lost with His saving message.** This is the main business of the church. Other things will surely be taken care of if we make this our chief business.

We must see the lost, realize their need, have compassion, and reach out to them no matter what the cost. You can do the following:

1. **PRAY**—I challenge you to two minutes in prayer each day for world missions.

2. **GIVE** liberally—The mission of reaching the lost is very costly, and you and I must be willing to pay the price.

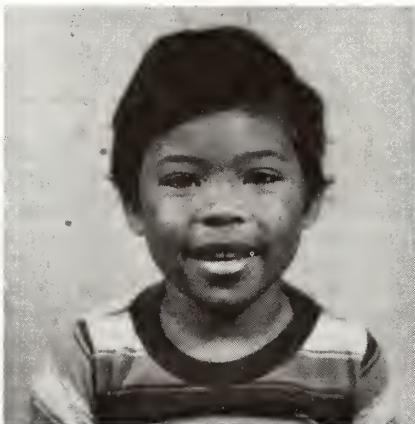
3. **GO**—I believe God is speaking to many of you concerning mission service. We must encourage our youth to be open to this for their life's work. I'm sure God is speaking. Are we listening?

My prayer for every Free Will Baptist is that God will open our eyes to the horrible, hopeless state of the lost and

compel us to do more than we have ever done to reach them with the gospel.

Harold Jones  
*Foreign Missions Director*

## CITIZENSHIP AWARDED



*Jeffrey Barnard*

Jeffrey Barnard, the son of missionaries Charles and Jackie Barnard, was granted American citizenship, Thursday, February 4, 1982, by the U.S. District Court in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

We thank each of you who have been faithfully praying for your missionaries. Truly, this is another positive proof that our blessed Lord still reigneth on earth as in Heaven.

Charles Barnard

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Missions Program to Be Presented at Hillsberry Church

There will be a missions program presented by the Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions Director, on February 28, at 11 a.m., at Hillsberry Church, Clinton. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Revival Services to Be At Holly Springs Church

Revival services will be held at Holly Springs Church near Kenly, February 28 through March 4. The prayer room will open at 7:15 p.m., followed by



*The Rev. Fred Rivenbark*

the church service at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Fred Rivenbark of Durham will be the evangelist for the week.

Special singing will be featured each evening. The pastor, the Rev. W. Royster Martin, will assist in the revival and extends an invitation to everyone to attend these services.

## 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. Thank you for your past cooperation; we know that we can continue to count on you.

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser



# Children's Home

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS JANUARY, 1982

**Total \$10,254.90**

### ALBEMARLE

Free Union	\$ 45.00
Hickory Chapel	308.39
Mount Tabor	135.55
Sidney	278.82
Union Chapel	125.43
Union Meeting	17.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 910.19</b>

### CAPE FEAR

Daly's Chapel	\$ 100.00
Eastwood	11.00
Johnston Union	250.00
Lee's Chapel	319.55
Palmer Memorial	622.05
Victory Mission	75.56
Yelverton Grove	179.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,557.86</b>

### CENTRAL

Ayden	\$ 125.00
Bethany	125.00
Black Jack	245.00
Community	48.26
Daniels Chapel	25.00
Edgewood	5.00
Free Union	171.35
Friendship	70.17
Greenville, First	10.00
Grimsley	150.00
Harrell's Chapel	75.00
King's Cross Roads	110.00
Otter's Creek	88.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	88.32
Reedy Branch	477.04
Rose Hill	75.00
Rose of Sharon	10.00
Tarboro, First	300.00
Williamston, First	17.00
Winterville	422.48
Union Number 4	22.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,659.62</b>

### EASTERN

Antioch	\$ 375.00
Core Creek	83.36
Crab Point	15.00
Dublin Grove	16.66
Edwards Chapel	45.00
Holly Springs	7.52

Jackson Heights	78.60
Kinston, First	10.00
Macedonia	15.00
New Bethlehem	131.25
Northeast	86.90
Rock of Zion	193.45
Saints Delight	175.00
Trent	20.00
Welcome Home	125.00
White Hill	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,402.74</b>

### PEE DEE

Cypress Creek	\$ 302.00
Emerson	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 402.00</b>

### PIEDMONT

Advance Mission	\$ 39.00
Gospel Light	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 89.00</b>

### WESTERN

Everett Chapel	\$ 68.34
Kenly	305.00
Little Rock	300.00
Living Waters	50.00
Marsh Swamp	50.00
Milbournie	687.95
Mount Zion	600.00
New Sandy Hill	168.71
Oak Grove	260.09
People's Chapel	125.00
Pine Level	5.00
Piney Grove	45.00
Pleasant Grove	20.00
Pleasant Plain	125.00
Rosebud	5.00
Sherron Acres	175.00
Stancil's Chapel	78.40
Union Grove	101.00
Wilson, First	39.00
Youth Fellowship	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,233.49</b>

### MEMORIALS

By Mrs. Parthenia Goulding in memory of Mrs. Mabel Rose  
By Mrs. Mary P. Gray in memory of Jesse Lynwood Wooten III  
By Lavon Dunn in memory of Jesse Lynwood Wooten III  
By Patricia J. Lee in memory of Jesse Lynwood Wooten III  
By Grace Wright in memory of Jesse Lynwood Wooten III  
By Mrs. Jesse C. McLamb in memory of Jesse Lynwood Wooten III

By Kenly Auxiliary in memory of Jesse Woodard

By Mrs. Jesse B. Alexander in memory of Herbie Brown

## News from

## Retirement Homes

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS JANUARY, 1982

**Total \$4,394.33**

### ALBEMARLE

Corinth	\$ 100.00
Mount Zion	100.00
Saint Paul	25.00
Trinity	100.00
District Convention	37.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 362.05</b>

### CAPE FEAR

Bethel	\$ 25.00
Johnston Union	225.00
Lee's Chapel	47.38
Victory Mission	75.56
District Convention	15.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 388.04</b>

### CENTRAL

Ayden	\$ 10.00
Bethany	25.00
Rocky Mount, First	30.00
Rose of Sharon	167.50
Tarboro, First	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 307.50</b>

### EASTERN

Bethel	\$ 100.00
Folkstone	100.00
Kinston, First	80.00
Northeast	88.26
Pearsall Chapel	100.00
Sandy Plain	106.75
Welcome Home	50.00
Whaley's Chapel	100.00
Third District Youth Fellowship	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 750.01</b>

### PEE DEE

Beaverdam	\$ 300.00
Little Bethel	23.50
Mission Valley	25.00
Oak Grove	100.00
District Convention	86.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 534.50</b>

### PIEDMONT

Advance Mission	\$ 7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>

### WESTERN

Calvary	\$ 124.57
Free Union	100.00
Friendship	120.00
Holly Springs	150.00

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# Mount Olive College

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## NEW CREATIONS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

The "New Creations," a voluntary group of Mount Olive College students who present programs of music and Christian testimony, have announced their schedule for March. Miss Caroline Castelloe, director of counseling services, serves as advisor to the group and travels with them.

7	11 a.m.	Heritage Free Will Baptist Mission, Charlotte
	7 p.m.	Northside Presbyterian Church, Burlington
21	11 a.m.	Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis
	7 p.m.	Miller's Chapel, Faison
28	11 a.m.	Harrellsville United Methodist, Harrellsville
	7 p.m.	Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie

## CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL IS PLANNED

Plans are now being made for one of the best Christian music festivals ever to be held in Eastern North Carolina. This festival will be held at Eagles Nest Conference Center on Saturday, May 1, 1982, from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The purposes of the event are to honor and glorify God and to spread the good news of salvation through songs and testimonies.

Everyone is invited to make plans now to attend this festival and especially to bring the youth in the church and community.

The groups that have been invited to participate in this program are: The Hopper Brothers and Connie of Madison, The Heavenbound of

Kinston, The Four in Christ of New Bern, The Watchmen of Pikeville, Danny and the Singing Ambassadors of New Bern, and The New Creations of Mount Olive College. The theme for the 1982 Christian Music Festival is "The Savior Is Waiting" and truly HE is waiting for YOU. What is your answer to HIM?

Once again—that date is May 1—put it on the calendar now and come and enjoy some good Christian fellowship and music.

## PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Hickory Chapel Church, Hertford County, on Sunday, February 28, at



*Dr. W. Burkette Raper*

11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Hickory Chapel Church is the Rev. Robert May.

## NAN GARNER SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT



*Nan Garner*

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. "Ted" Garner Jr., of Mount Olive have established an endowed

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# HISTORY IS MADE AS DOORS ARE OPENED

## Editorial Comment

**"T**HIS is progress!" the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, president of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Board of Directors said, and within a few minutes history was being made.

At 11 a.m. on February 12, 1982, the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press leased a portion of the Foundation building to the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists for the establishment of a headquarters. That afternoon at 2, the Revs. Harold Jones, Walter Reynolds, and Ray Wells met with members of the Executive Committee and Press officials, and office space was leased by the North Carolina State Convention Foreign Missions Board, Church Finance Association, Board of Superannuation, and Home Missions and Church Extension Department.

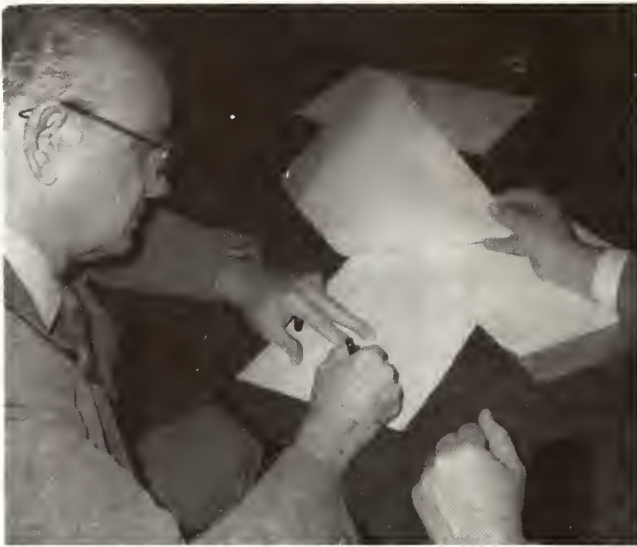
The Rev. Harold Jones, director of our Foreign Missions program, moved into his office on February 13. The Rev. Walter Reynolds will be moving the Church Finance Association and the Board of Superannuation work to the headquarters soon. The new Home Missions director will also work out of the newly established facility.

Mr. Rivenbark called this move "a step in the right direction." And surely it is, for our work as a church can now be more organized. Not only will the central location save travel for our ministers and people, the directors of our enterprises will realize benefits as well.

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*The Rev. Fred Rivenbark (top) signed the lease, opening the way for the new facility. The Rev. Ray Wells (center) acted on behalf of our Home Missions department. The events of the day were a dream come true for the Revs. David W. Hansley, Fred Rivenbark (bottom left), and David Charles Hansley (bottom right).*

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The new headquarters facility will provide Original Free Will Baptists with the programs they are needing and deserving; a more unified effort and work among our enterprises, ministers and churches; greater fields of service for those who feel led to follow the call into church-related fields of work; and a limitless opportunity avails itself to others who are interested in the work and ministry of the Original Free Will Baptist Church.

"We owe this to our people and especially to our youth," the Rev. David Charles Hansley said. Mr. Hansley serves as President of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and as Manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation.

"We need to let our people know we are proud of who we are and what we are. We are not representing ourselves in a proper manner. It is no wonder people and ministers of other ranks look at us and wonder who we are! We are accountable to God; we must be well organized, for this is His business! It only makes sense that we have a headquarters when you understand our church, how large it really is, and all we desire to accomplish for the Lord," Mr. Hansley added later.

The events that took place on this historic Friday were the culmination of years of work. It was only after many months of study that the Executive Committee of the State Convention even chose Ayden, North Carolina, as the site for this new work.

Located near several airports and a good number of motels, Ayden is a town that is familiar to and with the Original Free Will Baptist Church, for it was the home of Eureka College, our first educational institution and has served as the location of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation since 1895. (The town of Ayden has favorably looked upon this move; we will look at this matter in more depth in upcoming issues.)

Although many were involved in this effort, the hours the Rev. David Charles Hansley invested to see this dream come true must not be overlooked. It has been under his leadership that the idea of a headquarters gained new impetus. He worked to reorganize office space within the Press Foundation building to facilitate such a move. Even now, he is directing, guiding, and promoting this work.

The address of the Original Free Will Baptist Church Headquarters is Box 38, Ayden, NC 28513-0038. (But until further notice, direct all correspondence for Foreign Missions to Box 979, Goldsboro, NC 27530.) The headquarters phone number is 746-4963.

Yes, Mr. Rivenbark, opening our headquarters was "a step in the right direction. May God help us keep on keeping on!"

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



*The Rev. Gary Bailey (top), secretary of the State Convention, signed the contracts on behalf of the Convention. The Rev. Robert May (left, middle) signed the agreement while the Rev. Walter Reynolds (right, middle) watched.*



*Mr. Reynolds serves as treasurer for the Board of Superannuation and Church Finance Association. Mrs. Verna Hines McLawhorn (bottom) notarized the documents. (Cover: The Rev. Harold Jones acted for the Foreign Missions Board on this historic day.)*



# Family Devotions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Scripture Reading – Psalm 20

**WHAT THEODORE  
ROOSEVELT SAID**

A man at church may not hear a good sermon, but he will hear a sermon by a good man who, with his good wife, is engaged all the week in making hard lives a little easier. He will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible, and if he is not familiar with the Bible he has suffered a loss. He will take part in singing some good hymns. He will meet and nod or speak to good, quiet neighbors. He will come away feeling a little more charitable toward all the world, even toward those excessively foolish young men who regard church going as a soft performance. I advocate a man's joining in church work for the sake of showing his faith by his works.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*The typical American has developed a remarkable capacity for being serious about religion without taking religion seriously.*

**MONDAY, MARCH 1**

Scripture Reading – Psalm 46

**THE EMPTY PEW**

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one that all may hear.

To the preacher, the empty pew says, "Your sermon is not worthwhile."

To the visitor it whispers, "You see we are not holding our own."

To the treasurer it shouts, "Look out for a deficit."

To the stranger who is looking for a home church it suggests, "You had better wait a while."

To the members who are present it asks, "Why don't you go visiting next Sunday, too?"

The empty pew speaks against the service. It kills inspiration, it smothers hope, and it dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight; the occupied pew is a wing.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*... thou shalt be missed,  
because thy seat will be empty  
(1 Samuel 20:18).*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2**

Scripture Reading – Psalm 49

**GOD BUILDS NO CHURCHES**  
God builds no churches. By His plan

That labor has been left to man.

No spires miraculously arise;

No little mission from the skies

Falls on the bleak and barren place

To be a source of strength and grace.

The humblest church demands its price

In human toil and sacrifice.

Men call the church the House of God

Toward which the toil-stained pilgrims trod

In search of strength and rest and hope,  
As blindly through life's mists they grope.  
And there God dwells, but it is man  
Who builds that House, and draws its plan;  
Pays for mortar and the stone  
That none need seek for God alone.

The humblest spire to mortal ken

Where God abides was built by men.

And if the church is still to grow,

Is still the light of hope to throw

Across the valley of despair

Men still must build God's House of Prayer.

God sends no churches from the skies.

Out of our hearts they must arise.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*If a church has too little influence over a community, it is because the community has too much influence over that church.*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

Scripture Reading – Psalm 50

**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 businessman on a deserted island.

An author without readers.

A tuba player without an orchestra.

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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

*The most critical need of the church at this moment is men, the right kind of men, bold men, free men. The church must seek, in prayer and much humility, the coming again of men made of the stuff of which prophets and martyrs are made.*

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Scripture Reading—Psalm 67

#### THEY WON'T MISS ME!

"They won't miss me!" said the mother as she repeatedly left her children for rounds of teas and parties. The devil did not "miss" the children either.

"They won't miss me!" said the soldier as he went AWOL. But he spent 30 days in the guardhouse after that.

"They won't miss me!" said the man on the assembly line, as he slipped away without permission. But that airplane crashed and killed his brother for lack of a single part.

"They won't miss me!" said the sentry as he slipped away from duty. But the enemy surprised and massacred his comrades that very night.

"They won't miss me!" said the church member as he shed his responsibilities in a day of crisis, and then wondered why his country gave way to softness and demoralization.

"They won't miss me!" said the church member as he omitted worship one Sunday, and then another, for trivial reasons, and then wondered why he no longer enjoyed a victorious Christian life.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Lost or strayed (I hope not stolen): a few hundred of the Lord's sheep. Not seen for several weeks. Please return*

*Sunday to the green pastures at the church where a table will be prepared and the cup will be running over!*

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Scripture Reading—Psalm 84

#### ALL NECESSARY AND NEEDED

The carpenter's tools were having a conference. Brother Hammer was acting as chairman, but the group soon informed him that he must leave, for he was too noisy. Brother Hammer said, "If I leave the carpenter shop, Brother Gimlet must go, too. He is so insignificant that he makes little impression." Little Brother Gimlet rose and said, "All right, I will go, but if I go, Brother Screw must go, also. You have to turn him around and around before you can get him to go anywhere." "If you wish, I will go," said Brother Screw, "but then Brother Plane must leave. All his work is on the surface—there is no depth to him." To this Brother Plane replied, "Well, Brother Rule, you will have to withdraw, too, for you are always measuring folks as though you were the only person who is right." Brother Rule complained against Brother Sandpaper and said, "He should leave because he is rougher than he ought to be. He is always rubbing people the wrong way." In the midst of the heated discussion, the carpenter walked in. He put on his apron and walked to the bench. He employed the hammer, the gimlet, the screw, the plane, the rule, the sandpaper, and all the other tools. When the day's work was over, he had completed a pulpit from which the gospel would be preached.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The world needs terribly the solid glories of our faith: creation, Incarnation, Atonement, Resurrection, Ascension. We can almost hear stricken*

*humanity sighing for good news. The church has it!*

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Scripture Reading—Psalm 76

#### A HINDU'S IMPRESSIONS

A Hindu student from India, a Ph.D., attended the morning service at "one of the leading evangelical churches in California." He was much impressed with the beautiful building, remarking, "This is a magnificent building that you have here . . . much finer than our temples in India." But he was greatly astonished to learn that the building was used mainly on the Sunday morning, a much smaller number of people attending the evening service also, and a handful turning up for the midweek prayer meeting. His comment:

"Do you mean to tell me you have this elaborate, expensive building, and you use it only two or three times a week? In India we go to prayer in our Hindu temples every morning at sunrise and every night at sunset. The Moslems go to prayer five times daily. How can you expect us to accept Christianity when we pray more to our gods than you do to yours?"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The church in America is faced with an amazing paradox. On the one hand more people are attending church than at any other time in our history. Our budgets are larger than ever before. Yet never has the church lacked spiritual power so greatly as now in the face of a staggering opportunity and the most accelerated moral decline of any nation in world history.*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight

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# The Sunday School Lesson

## CHRIST'S MIRACULOUS POWER

Lesson Text: Mark 1:21-27,  
40-45  
Memory Verse: Mark 1:27

### I. INTRODUCTION

Omitting the birth accounts recorded in Matthew and Luke and the theological prologue used by John, Mark begins his Gospel abruptly by thrusting us into the midst of the ministry of John the Baptist. After touching the high points of John's ministry, he briefly recounts Jesus' baptism and temptation. Then he plunges immediately into Jesus' early Galilean ministry. Included in this activity is the call to discipleship of the four fishermen—Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John—and a visit to the synagogue in Capernaum where the events of the first verses of today's lesson take place.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. What does it take to constitute a miracle? A miracle may be defined as the personal intervention of God in the chain of cause and effect.

B. In this lesson, we have two miracles, one of them involving the casting of a demon out of a man, and the other the healing and cleansing of a leper. These show the great power of Jesus.

C. Is it correct to say that Jesus' miracles made Him both

popular and unpopular? It made Him popular with the people, but unpopular with the religious leaders. Is it possible that the great popularity of Jesus ultimately drew such jealousy from the religious leaders that it caused His death?

D. Jesus not only healed the man of leprosy, but He also cleansed him. This is exactly what He does when He forgives a man's sin. If the individual will trust Him, He will take away the guilt and cleanse the man from the slavery of sin.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTH

In the past quarter we began a series of studies under the general heading of "The Person and Work of Jesus." We are continuing this series for a few weeks this quarter, and will focus on several of Jesus' miracles as recorded by Mark. We begin today with "an examination of the Kingdom of God breaking into history in a dramatic way through the miracles." Following this first lesson, we will give attention to some of the miracles performed during our Master's ministry.—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

Instead of a story, ask the pupils if they have ever seen a miracle based on the definition given in the lesson. After someone has answered, discuss their response.—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

A Catholic soldier was lying wounded when a chaplain came to him. The wounded man said, "I don't want you; you don't believe in 'Our Mother.'" The chaplain, who was Protestant, said, "We respect Mary as the mother of our Lord, but you look as if you need the doctor." "Yes," said the man. The chaplain answered, "Will you have the doctor, or the doctor's mother?"

We need Jesus Christ, the great Physician, more than His mother.—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

### PROTESTANT

This word does not mean, as so many people think, "To protest against." It is not a negation. "A Protestant is always against something," we say. This is incorrect. Our word "protest" comes from two Latin words, "pro" and "testare," which mean "to testify for." As applied to members of the original movement—the Reformation—it meant, "one who testifies that he has had an inner spiritual experience." "Protest" is an active, positive affirmation. Protestantism began not so much in the mood of condemnation as in the spirit of affirming great truth which has been neglected or forgotten. This is the true meaning of "Protestantism." 'Tis well to remember this.—Walter B. Knight

**February is Christian  
Education Month.**

**The Sunday School Notebook**  
**Part One: The History of the**  
**Sunday School Movement**



# **The American Training Ground Continues**

The Sunday school movement experienced a time of dazzling growth at the outset of the twentieth century. John D. Rockefeller was the superintendent of a Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday school where his wife headed the primary department. H. J. Heinz was so enthralled by the movement that he said he "would rather be remembered as a Sunday school philanthropist than as the country's most successful 'pickle man.' "

Even though things seemed to be going well, notices of the movement's demise began to be heard. Church professionals said that we "might as well admit it: the Sunday school is dead." Some preferred to replace the existing program with a weekday ecumenical service. Henry Seidel Canby called for the end of "Bible stories being parroted by misses doing their duty, and of a catechism as meaningless in this untheological age as a treatise on alchemy, yet memorized and rememorized."

The curriculum program fell victim to criticism too. The Uniform Lesson Series became the symbol of the old-fashioned way of doing things. Educators came to feel that what children can and need to understand is not always befitting for an adult lesson. Religious educators charged that the needs of adolescents were not being attended to either.

## **Has the End Come?**

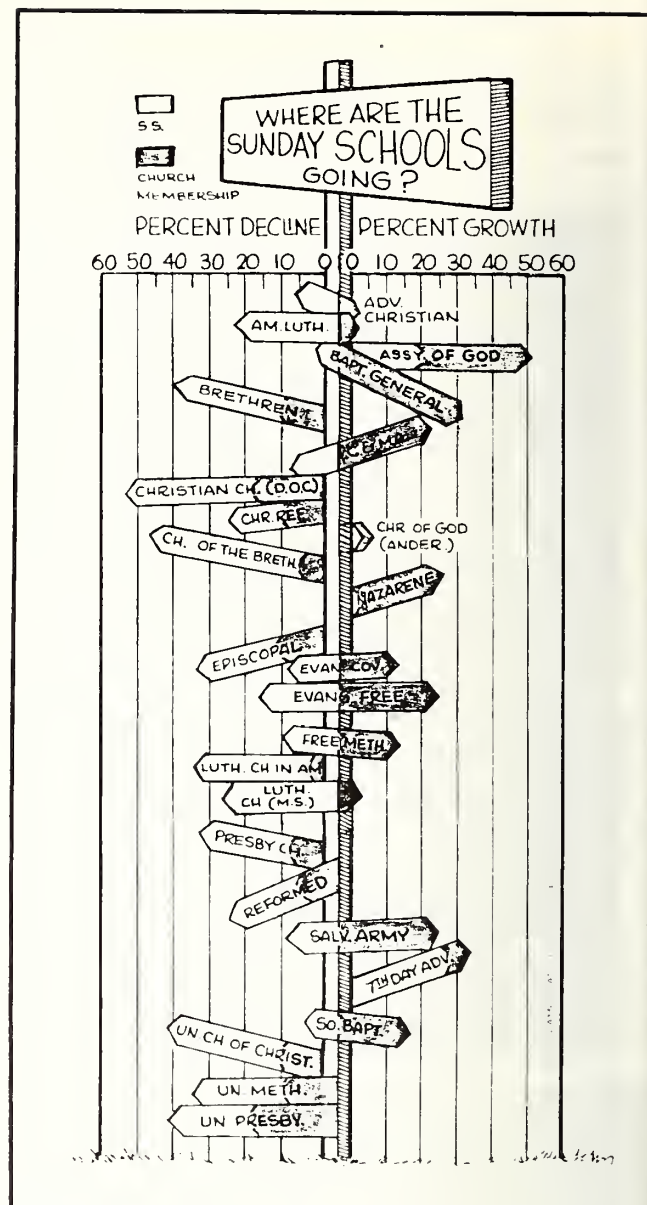
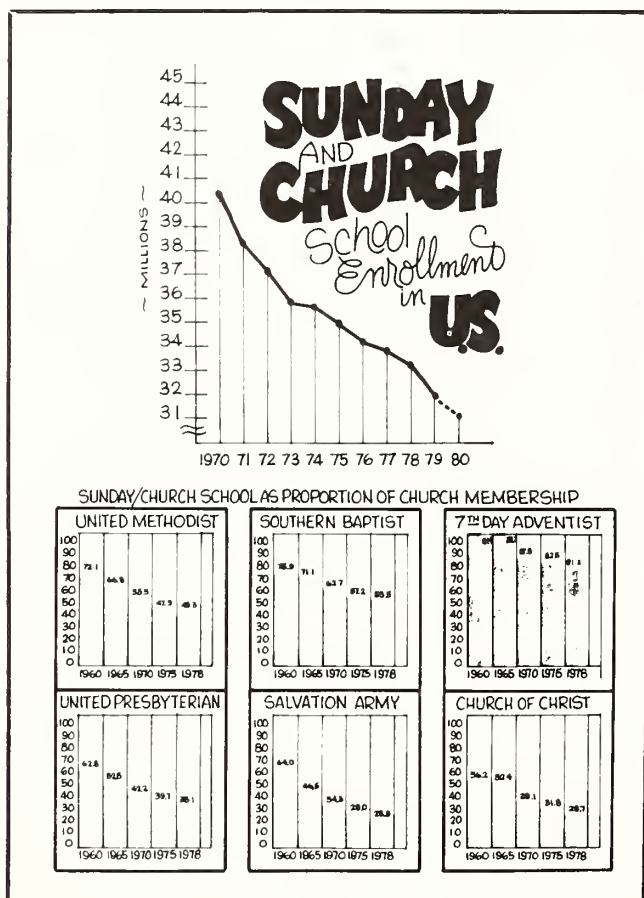
Although the demise of the Sunday school program has been predicted for the last seventy to eighty years, it has been in the last ten years alone that national Sunday school enrollments have dropped. Many denominations have lost between 30-50 percent of their members. Total



Sunday school enrollment has declined from 40,508,568 members in 1970 to 32,607,421—that's a 24 percent decadal decline! This seems particularly strange in light of the fact that church enrollment has been climbing. After two hundred years of growth, what has happened?

The first sixty years of the twentieth century were the "Golden Age of American Sunday schools." But during the sixties, the pattern began to change. There was not a day when things seemed to reverse—the decline was gradual, but it did happen. As the "cancer of decline" has become more and more difficult to arrest, mainline and evangelical educational efforts are taking a beating. Fewer people are also being exposed to Christian education. According to a Gallup poll, "6 percent of those surveyed in 1952 had received no religious training as a child. In 1965 that percentage had grown to 9 percent. In 1978, 17 percent of those questioned indicated that they received no religious training."

All is not lost—there is hope. There are programs that are growing. These schools are "reaching, winning, and discipling people into active fellowship within the life of the local church." Although a growing church does not necessarily have a growing Sunday school, it usually does. Win Arn, in *How to Grow a Sunday School*, related that the "major difference between Sunday schools that are growing and Sunday schools that are not growing can be stated simply—purpose."



Sunday schools fall into one of two categories; they are either inward-focused or they are outward-focused. Inward-focused schools have as their major concern "the spiritual health, the personal growth, and the social fellowship of existing Christians." Such self-centered education **does not** motivate people toward involvement in the church's mission of growth and outreach." The purpose of outward-focused schools is quite different. They "exist primarily to participate in God's Great Commission and to train and equip laity for ministry to the world." Their focus is to make disciples of others.

When two hundred pastors and executives of various denominations were asked why the Sunday school movement was experiencing problems, one of the two answers given the most was: "Classes not concerned with reaching/recruiting new people." If this is the case, it is time that we—you and I—look at what we are doing. Are we ministering to just our own? Are we doing all we can for the cause of Christ?

## EDITORIAL

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You know, I can almost hear John the Baptist say, "If He can raise the dead, restore sight to the blind, why can't/won't He get me out of prison?" But wait. The Lord delivered Peter from jail, but He left John in there to die. He healed some individuals and left others sick. When Lazarus became ill, He did not immediately reply to the SOS sent by his concerned sisters; but didn't His response yield a greater miracle than speedy action could have ever brought?

How often we ask, "If Christ is the Prince of peace, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, why doesn't He come down and clean up this mess?" Let's not forget that John preached that Jesus Christ was both the Lamb of God and the coming Messiah who would set things right. Jesus is still among us as Lamb; He is still reconciling the world to Himself. But when the cup of iniquity is full, when the fulness of Gentiles has come, He'll return for retribution, not reconciliation, as Lion. The coming kingdom will be set up, law and order established. Nature will be at peace; with evil under control we will be able to sit by the riverside and sing, "Ain't gonna study war no more."

Until then, don't be discouraged in the "dungeon"; and remember it may be cold and uncomfortable. But when and if you're tempted to ask, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" remember everything runs on His schedule. If faith doesn't help us in difficult times, it's not worth having any time.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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scholarship at Mount Olive College in memory of their daughter, Marsha Nan Garner.

Nan, a senior at Southern Wayne High School, was planning to enroll in Mount Olive College this fall but died from an automobile accident on January 10. She was vice president of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club and a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club.

Income from the endowment will provide an annual scholarship of \$1,000, beginning with the 1982-83 academic year. Recipients will be selected on the basis of merit, with preference given to graduates of Southern Wayne High School.

In announcing the endowment, Mount Olive College president, W. Burkette Raper, said: "The Nan Garner

Scholarship is a generous expression of love by Nan's parents and it is also a lasting and meaningful memorial to an exceedingly fine young lady. Although Nan did not live to attend college, through the endowment in her name she will be the means of helping to make possible a college education for many others for years to come."

In presenting the scholarship endowment, Mr. and Mrs. Garner shared with the College a notation Nan had written in a

school notebook within a month of her death:

"My greatest ambition is to make people happy. I want to do something with my life so that when I am gone people will remember me by the things I have done."

The Garners are active members of Northeast Church near Mount Olive. They have a son, Tim, who lives in San Diego, California.

## RETIREMENT HOMES

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Living Waters	120.00
Marsh Swamp	378.50
Memorial Chapel	20.00
Micro	300.00
Oak Grove	50.00
People's Chapel	25.00
Pine Level	57.16
Piney Grove	120.00
Pleasant Grove	25.00
Sherron Acres	25.00
Spring Hill	250.00
St. Mary's	100.00
Union Chapel	25.00
Watson's Grove	40.00
District Convention	15.00
Total	\$2,045.23

## ATTENTION

To the officers of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists: There will be a general board meeting of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, March 8, 1982, at Mount Olive College, 10:30 a.m., in the College Library.

Steve Hargrove

## Church Growth Conference

### Registration Form

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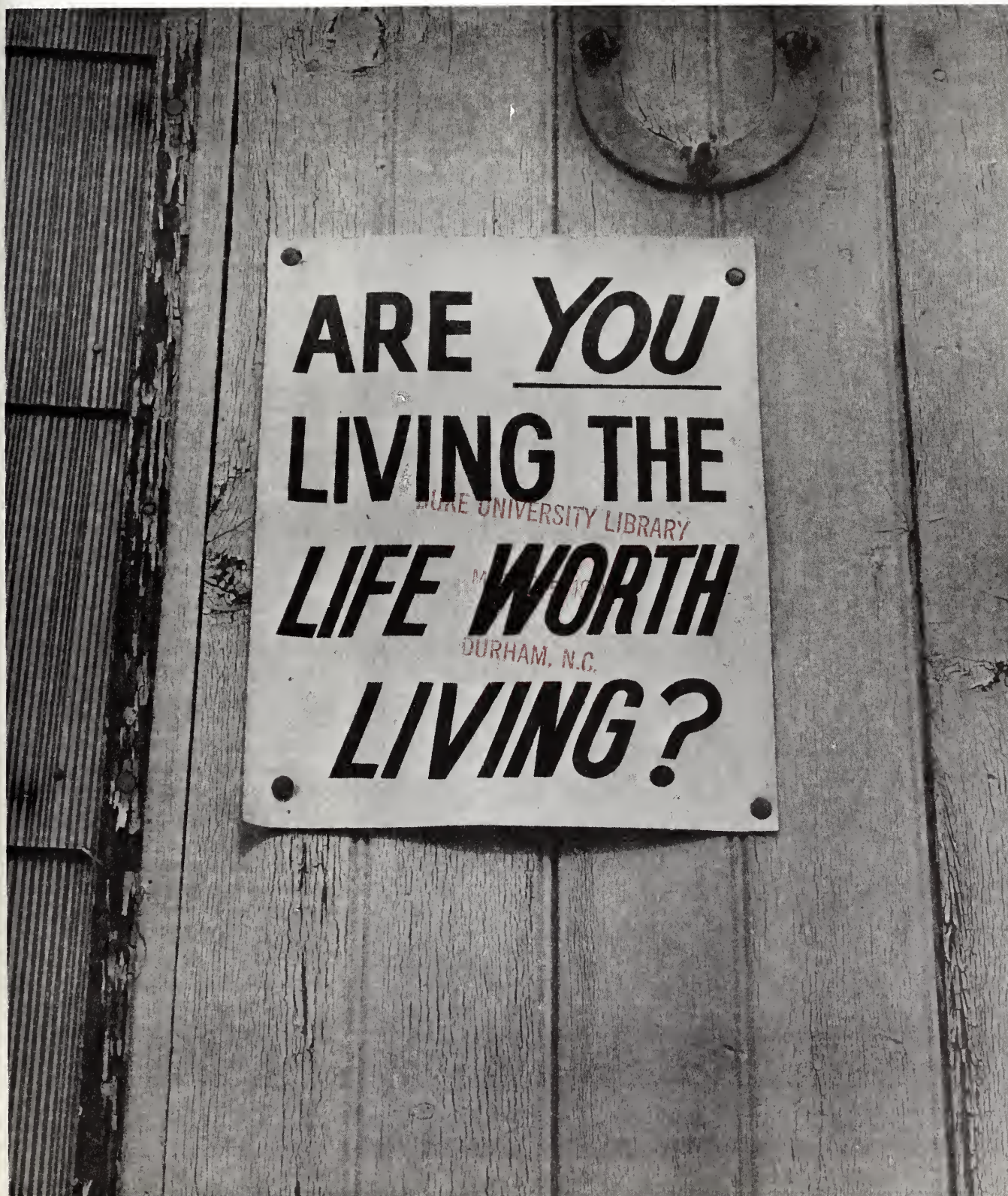
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# *Void If Detached: Do Not Fold, Mutilate, or Spindle*

The eyes of our nation are focused on a trial taking place in Atlanta—everyone waits with interest for the outcome. Attention is skeptically given to present economic forecasts—and coming woes, and higher interest rates, and more recession-like conditions, and less buying power, and harder times. Ministers have even come up with a “salvation by eating right” gospel. Veteran preacher Vance Havner has summed up our world condition thusly: “Civilization today reminds me of an ape with a blowtorch playing in a room of dynamite. It looks like the monkeys are about to operate the zoo, and the inmates are taking over the asylum.” Some suggest we have painted ourselves into a corner; and others say that what our country needs today is a new hero or leader. Some analyze our situation by resounding Arnold Toynbee’s philosophy: “There must be a vein of original sin in human nature. Civilization is only a thin cake of custom overlying a molten mass of wickedness always boiling up for an opportunity to burst out.”

It seems that the experts have all the answers—without really knowing what the question is. For example, many schools across our nation have programs for unwed mothers. These young girls are taught how to care for their offspring; meanwhile, they are encouraged to complete their high school educations. Second, communities spend a great deal of time discussing what to do about alcoholism. Although both of these efforts are good, the real problem is not being addressed in either case. Total abstinence is considered Victorian and puritanical. Nobody wants to call sin sin; and everyone, the church included, is running around trying to mop up the floor while the faucet is still running. How futile! The worldwide mess we are in is probably the worst since Adam and Eve ate us out of house and home in the Garden of Eden.

There is only one explanation for the mess we are in—we have tried to make void the Word of God. Now the Lord has set forth physical, moral, and spiritual laws. Even though we (in our human minds) may not even like or understand the way some of these laws operate, they still exist. (You see, we may not fully understand the law of gravity, but even though we might try to deny it by jumping off a skyscraper, we will not break the law—we will probably break our necks!) Man cannot “laugh in God’s face, pronounce Him dead, deny His Word, denounce His Son, turn His day into a holiday” without facing the results. We cannot break the Laws of God and escape the consequences; and it is time that we as a church seek the Lord and recognize His authority.

How ironic this whole situation is, for even in view of our world situation, we as Free Will Baptists stand at the dawning of a new day. Never before has our potential been so great. An eagerness abounds and we undoubtedly are about to see God move among our ranks as never before. We must not let what is happening in the world unnerve us; our faith must be

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# APPRECIATION DAY FOR THE REV. AND MRS. C. L. PATRICK

In order to show their appreciation for the life and ministry of the Rev. Christopher Lafayette Patrick and the devotion of his dear wife Clara Smith Patrick, the members of Bethany Church declared the Lord's Day, February 14, 1982, to be Pastor Appreciation Day. This service was an expression of love to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick for their work, sacrifice, and example in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All of the preparation for this day had been done secretly, for the church wanted the day to be a surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Patrick. All of the efforts were rewarded for until the proclamation of the special day, Mr. Patrick and the congregation proceeded through the morning worship in the order he had prepared. Mr. Patrick had been asked to allow Dr. Burkette Raper a few minutes on the program before the sermon to bring a brief report from the college. Just preceding the sermon Dr. Raper came to the pulpit. At this point the ushers came forward to pass out programs for the remainder of the service.

In the program announcing Appreciation Day a tribute was written to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick. A part of this tribute read, "He is a good shepherd of the flock the Lord has given him to lead. The lives of all he touches with his love and our Lord's gospel of salvation and love are enriched. His humble submission to do the will of God daily brings praise and glory to our Lord. Mr. Patrick's faith,

vision, gentle loving way and diligence in preaching and witnessing the love of Christ to bring light where there is darkness is a testimony of his life lived for our Lord, his family, his family in Christ and all

his fellowmen . . . ." For his wife, Clara, was written, "We are grateful for his loving and devoted wife who complements his ministry and shows forth her love for our Lord as she

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*The Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Patrick*



shares her life with Mr. Patrick, her family, the church family and her fellowmen."

Mrs. Lou Dail McLawhorn read a letter signed by the deacons and associate deacons proclaiming the day to be Pastor Appreciation Day. Mrs. Alice Skinner Wainwright made a presentation of floral gifts—a boutonniere for Mr. Patrick and a corsage for Mrs. Patrick. A beautiful arrangement of red silk roses that had been placed on the altar was presented to Mrs. Patrick from the youth auxiliaries and the Woman's Auxiliary of the church. At this time, Mrs. Wainwright invited the Patrick family and all of those present to share in a picnic lunch after the worship service. The dinner that Mr. and Mrs. Patrick thought was to be a Cannon reunion was in fact a dinner to honor them.

Friends and church family had given gifts to the C. L. and Clara Smith Patrick Scholarship Fund to aid ministerial students at Mount Olive College to honor Mr. and Mrs. Patrick. Mrs. Dot D. Dail presented the gift.

A personalized specially designed gift was also presented to the Patricks. A likeness of the church carved in acrylic and flanked by a wooden cross was placed in a walnut base. At the base of the lucite carving of the church was an opened wooden Bible inscribed with Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," one of Mr. Patrick's favorite Bible verses. An inscription to the Patricks was on the back of the base. In presenting the gift, Mrs. Dail explained the meaning in the special design and symbols.

Mrs. Judy Dail Bowen sang special music accompanied by Mrs. Louise A. Wainright.

Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, brought the morning message. He chose for his topic, "The

Pastor." In his remarks concerning the attributes of a good pastor as required from the Word of God, he paid tribute to Mr. Patrick, who through the years has been a good shepherd, the hallmark of a good pastor.

The men's chorus, organized by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and led by Mrs. Patrick, sang "Only a Rose," a favorite song of Mr. Patrick. Fred E. Wainright led the congregation in the benediction by having everyone join hands and singing "Bless Be the Tie." Following the morning worship all those pres-

ent joined in sharing a delightful picnic lunch and fellowship.

This was a memorable day for Mr. and Mrs. Patrick, as well as all the church family. As the history of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church is recorded this will be one of the highlights. As we shared in a day of praise and glory to our Lord, we gave thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Patrick, who have so enriched our lives by their ministry in our pilgrimage through life.

Submitted by,  
Dot D. Dail

## *Free Will Baptists in the News*

### **CABIN CHURCH HAS NEW PASTOR**

*submitted by Edna Ruth Mercer*



*The Rev. and Mrs. Carl D. Lyons and family*

The Rev. Carl D. Lyons has accepted the pastorate of the Cabin Free Will Baptist

Church, Route 1, Beulaville, and he and his family moved into the parsonage November 16, 1981. The Lyons, with their two children, Erika, age 11, and Eric, age 9, moved to the Beulaville area from the Oceana Church in Oceana, West Virginia. He was also the pastor of Cazy Church in Cazy, West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons are natives of Barrett, West Virginia, both of them having graduated from Van High School in Van, West Virginia, in 1962. He had two football scholarships from college, but chose instead to go into the US Marine Corps, spending some time at Camp Lejeune in 1963 and was also a member of the President's Honor Guard in

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Washington, D.C. He also attended Forsythe Tech in Winston-Salem.

Prior to accepting the call into the ministry, he was a deacon in the Bim Church, a Sunday school teacher, headed the Bim youth league, was a choir member, organized singing conventions, was a member of the Boone County Conference, served on the ordaining council and business committee and served as moderator. He served a two-year term on the general board of the Original Free Will Baptist Conference and is presently serving as Vice President of the Original Free Will Baptist General Conference.

After leaving the Marine Corps, he was employed with the United Mine Workers Association for 10 years as a coal miner.

After accepting a call into full-time ministry, he left the secular field to completely give himself and his family to God's service.

Mr. Lyons is the son of Deacon and Mrs. Ralph Lyons of Barrett, West Virginia.

Mrs. Lyons is the former Diana Thurmond, daughter of the Rev. Stilson Thurmond and the late Opal Thurmond, also of Barrett, West Virginia. Diana attended Charleston University, Charleston, West Virginia. She has been very active in the work of the church—teaching Sunday school, working with the youth, directing Bible school, active in ladies auxiliary, a choir member, in charge of the missionary fund, and working in children's church. She also is the assistant secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference and the youth sponsor for the state of West Virginia. She worked in a bank as assistant head bookkeeper prior to having her children.

The Lyons feel that God has sent them to the Cabin Church and are very excited over God's

plans for their lives and ministry.

## **Governor Hunt Addresses Drunken Drivers Problem**

*The following statements were made by North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt on Thursday, February 11, 1982. Because of the stand we as a church take on this issue, his remarks should be of interest to us all.*

I am announcing today the formation of the Governor's Task Force on Drunken Drivers.

This group of distinguished and concerned North Carolinians will thoroughly examine the continuing problem of drunken driving. They will make recommendations to me regarding how we can do a better job of keeping drunken drivers off our roads and how we can deal more effectively with those who drink and drive.

Drunken drivers are killing and maiming people on our highways. In 1980, 1,516 people lost their lives in traffic accidents in North Carolina. At least 414 of those deaths were caused by drunken drivers, and drunken driving was the suspected cause of another 567 highway deaths.

This carnage is not due to a lack of enforcement. In 1980, for example, there were more arrests for DUI in North Carolina than any other state except for Texas and California.

However, of the 49,118 DUI cases referred to the courts by the Highway Patrol, only about 50 percent resulted in convictions on that charge. Another 25 percent resulted in convictions of lesser offenses. More than 8 percent were not prosecuted, and more than 16 percent resulted in acquittals.

There has been a steady decline in the conviction rate over the past 10 years. In 1971, more than 66 percent of the DUI cases that went to court resulted in convictions.

The problem of youthful drunken drivers is increasing. In 1980, the number of people 18 years old or younger arrested for DUI increased by 33 percent over the previous year.

But the statistics, horrible as they are, really aren't an adequate measure of the human tragedy. Just a few days ago, I received a letter from a young man who is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Several years ago, his fiance was killed by a drunken driver who crossed into her lane. Not only did the man not go to jail, he is still driving a car.

The membership of the task force includes distinguished representatives of our law enforcement agencies, the judicial system, the bar, the medical profession, the legal profession, the business community, the clergy and professionals who are involved in the treatment of alcohol abuse.

The task force will be organized as an ad hoc committee of the Governor's Crime Commission, which is now studying the problem of drunken driving. The task force will review our present laws relating to drunken driving, study what is being done in other states, and review the procedures being followed by our courts, law enforcement agencies and alcohol rehabilitation programs.

I expect the task force to hold public hearings throughout our state and actively seek the ideas of as many of our citizens as possible. The panel will present its final report to me no later than December 1, 1982.

Drunken driving is a crime, and as such it causes economic loss, human misery and death. If we are to protect our citizens, those who drive drunk must face a greater certainty of arrest, prosecution, conviction and punishment.

(Biblical Recorder Editor, Marse Grant, was named to this committee.)



# News and Notes

## State League Convention To Be Held

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues will be held at Mount Zion Church, on March 13, 1982. The convention theme will be "Arise and Shine." The Scripture will be taken from Isaiah 60:1. The convention song will be "Arise and Shine." The scheduled program is as follows:

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Chorus Singing, Mrs. Dianne Riley
  - Devotions, Beaverdam League
  - Welcome, Mount Zion League
  - Response, Winterville League
  - Turn in Reports, Miss Leah McGlohon
- 10:15—President's Remarks, the Rev. Bobby R. Taylor
  - Appointment of Committees
  - Offering
- 10:20—Christian Cadet Conference Report
  - "Rise and Shine," Congregation
- 10:30—State Sword Drill, Mrs. Margaret Ard
- 10:50—Chorus Singing, Congregation
- 11:00—Business Session
  - Awarding of Certificates
  - Nominating Committee Report
- 11:30—Singspiration, Miss Leah McGlohon
- 11:50—Puppet Program, Deborah King

- 11:50—Mrs. Mattie Lou Link
- 12:30—League Song, Congregation
  - League Benediction
  - Blessing on the Meal

## Revival to Be Held At Cabin Church

Revival services will be held at Cabin Church near Beula-ville, March 8 through March 12, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Wayne King will be the evangelist. The Rev. Carl D. Lyons is the pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## Revival to Be Held At Hugo Church

The Rev. Andrew Hill from near Deep Run will be the guest speaker for revival services held at Hugo Church, March 8 through March 12, at 7:30 p.m. There will be special music each evening. The pastor is the Rev. Tom Miller. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Layman's League of Albemarle Conference to Meet

The Layman's League of the Albemarle Conference would like to take this opportunity to invite all the men in the conference to attend the next meeting, which will be held at Sound Side Church on March 5, 1982, at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited that Friday evening for the meeting and a time of fellowship.

## WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Now is the time to choose a special woman in your church whom you will honor as "Woman of the Year."

You may honor her with a special program or at a dinner, or whatever seems best to you. Why not send her to the Woman's Conference at Camp Vandemere for the week? If she can't spend the whole week, at least have her there for Monday, which is designated as **Woman of the Year Day**, and we have something planned in recognition of each one there.

The Woman's Conference at Camp Vandemere is scheduled for the week after Father's Day, June 21 through June 25. Send registration to Mrs. Happy Taylor, Route 2, Box 187, Deep Run, North Carolina 28525. Enclose Woman of the Year resume, or send it to me at 604 Rountree Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501. We're looking forward to a full week of fellowship and spiritual blessings.

Nina Grace Register

## COMING EVENTS

- March*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month
- March 8*—Conference on Church Growth, Mount Olive College, 9 a.m.
- March 13*—State League Convention, Mount Zion Church, Roper; 9:30 a.m. registration
- March 20*—Eastern District Spring Youth Convention, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, 9:30 a.m. registration
- March 25*—Eastern District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxiliary
- March 27*—Central District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxiliary
- March 29*—Pierson Lecture by Michael Brown, Mount Olive College, 8 p.m., Moye Library

# Cragmont Assembly

**TOTAL \$5,298.75**

## JANUARY DONATIONS

### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Albemarle Union Meeting	\$ 17.00
Free Union	30.00
Free Union, Pinetown	40.00
Free Union	
Ladies Sunday School	102.00
Hickory Chapel	239.02
Mount Tabor	43.00
Mount Zion	68.51
Sidney	92.94
Sound Side	200.00
Union Chapel	93.13
Total	\$ 925.60

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Community	\$ 45.03
Daniels Chapel	250.00
Dilda's Grove	49.64
Elm Grove YFA	100.00
Free Union	15.00
Friendship Church	
Sunday School	25.00
Willing Workers	
Sunday School, Greenville	10.00
Grimsley	75.00
Gum Swamp	200.00
Hugo	125.00
King's Cross Roads	12.14
Marlboro	136.25
Otter's Creek	66.20
Reedy Branch Sunday School	152.60
First, Rocky Mount	75.00
Rose Hill Sunday School	50.00
Rose of Sharon	10.00
Tarboro, First	250.00
Total	\$1,646.86

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

British Chapel	\$ 50.00
Fifth Eastern	
Sunday School Convention	10.00
Fifth Union Meeting	20.00
Jackson Heights	26.20
Northeast	10.00
Oriental	10.00
Pilgrims Rest	10.00
Saints Delight	175.00
St. Mary's	212.50
Welcome Home	20.00
Wintergreen	200.00
Total	\$ 743.70

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Bethel	\$ 100.00
Lee's Chapel Sunday School	31.95
Lee's Chapel Fellowship Class	51.58
Palmer Memorial	152.35
Victory Mission	75.56
Total	\$ 411.44

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Flood's Chapel	\$ 5.00
Friendship	150.00
Little Rock	300.00
Milbournie	37.50
Mount Zion	125.00
People's Chapel	25.00
Piney Grove	56.25
Sherron Acres	300.00
Spring Hill	225.00
Stancil's Chapel	50.00
Total	\$1,273.75

### PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

Highland Pines	\$ 41.00
Total	\$ 41.00

### LADIES AUXILIARIES

Celia Hart Garris	\$ 110.00
Community	10.00
Greenville Service	
Woman's Auxiliary	20.00
Total	\$ 140.00

### OTHERS

Gospel Outreach Mission	\$ 5.00
Advance Mission	7.00
Fourth Union Convention	4.40
Third Union District	100.00
Total	\$ 116.40

## EXPENSES FOR JANUARY

Balance, January 1	\$1,696.36
Salaries	1,056.42
Utilities	1,159.70
Food	272.43
Maintenance Supplies	277.93
Office Supplies	96.90
Insurance	1,701.85
Taxes	12.00
Maintenance Repairs	169.34
Miscellaneous	2,130.76
Total	\$6,877.33
Balance, February 1	\$1,540.78

## A FORM OF DISCIPLESHIP

by Agnes Wilson

It is good to know Christian-minded people are beginning to wake up to the evils of the world and are willing to band together to try to make things better. Recently, when Wilson voted down liquor by the drink in the town, it was another boost for the county. It brings to mind the Scripture taken from Luke 7:22: "Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."

Part of the trouble in our land rests in these evils: the love of money, greed, alcohol, and the use of drugs.

Discipleship, to my way of thinking, calls for us to be alert to things about us and to see the dangers thereof. In Matthew 10:16, Jesus said, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

Often, we cannot make people see the error of their way; we can only stand together in unity for what is right. It is only when people see what alcohol can cause men to do that what we say will make them see and understand. And by seeing and understanding they begin to want to hear; hence, we stand and fight and teach the Word of God.

Turning our backs to the devil's wiles and ignoring him has brought the world to the brink of ruin. Let's begin to stand for good and by the help and strength of God make it a better place in which to live. We as Christians need to push now

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# Foreign Missions

## PRAYER IS NUMBER ONE IN MISSIONS



*The Fred Baker Family*

1. Why is prayer so important? Because Jesus made it so. He said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). I believe the number of missionaries we have is a direct relationship to our prayers. God calls for missionary service as we earnestly pray. When was the last time you prayed for laborers?

2. Prayer is direct missionary activity. It spells success or failure to the career of a missionary, and is the key to giving and going.

3. Prayer enables the missionary to do extraordinary tasks for Jesus Christ. Part of the secret is the faithful prayers of God's dear people in the homeland.

4. Prayer brings victory to the missionary engaged in this spiritual warfare. Many people do not realize the extent of the battle Satan wages. "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). Have you helped our missionaries in the battle by praying for them today? Your part is vitally important.



*The Charles Barnard Family*

**Telethon Sunday is March 28**  
**Call and report your Missions Offering**  
**Between 1:30 and 5:00 P.M.**  
**Phone: (919) 734-5946**

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Pray for the Bakers, Barnards, and the National Christians in the Philippines. They are counting on you!

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**Telethon Theme: The Power of  
Prayer in Missions**

The Philippines, an island country in the southwest Pacific Ocean, is composed of more than 7,000 tropical islands. The country has a total land area a little larger than that of Wisconsin and Michigan combined, yet it has three times as many people as those two states together—with about 50 million. There are about one hundred different dialects which make communication difficult. More than four-fifths of all Filipinos belong to the Roman Catholic Church. Evangelical Christians form only a small percent of the total population. "The harvest is plenteous—the labourers are few—pray for labourers."



## PRAY FOR THE PHILIPPINES

**Challenge—two minutes in prayer  
each day for world missions.**

## DATES OF CRAGMONT CONFERENCES 1982

JUNE 14-19	General Youth Conference The Rev. Harry Grubbs, Director
JUNE 21-26	Christian Cadet Conference The Rev. Bobby Taylor, Director
JUNE 28—JULY 3	Youth Frontier (YFA) Conference The Rev. Scott Sowers, Director
JULY 5-10	Youth Frontier (AFC) Conference The Rev. Doug Skinner, Director
JULY 12-17	Sunday School Convention The Rev. Frank Grubbs, Director
JULY 19-22	Ministers' Conference The Rev. C. H. Overman, Director
JULY 26-30	Young People's Bible Conference The Rev. Sam Weeks, Director
AUGUST 2-7	Woman's Conferences
AUGUST 9-14	Mrs. Dola Dudley, Director

### Layman's League Program Booklets Available

The State Board of the Layman's League met in November, 1981, at King's Barbecue Restaurant in Kinston, North Carolina. The main topic under consideration was whether any type of program was available for the various leagues to use as they met monthly at their own churches. After determining that no specific material was available, that each church planned its own program, the State Board decided that a booklet of programs would be helpful to new leagues that were being started, or to older

leagues if they desired to use the booklet.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick contacted the Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, and together they were able to get writers for such a publication. The Rev. Walter Reynolds, of the Free Will Baptist Press, agreed to publish the booklet, and the final result is a booklet of programs—twelve altogether (one for each month of the year), available at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, at \$1.50 per copy.

The booklet is divided into two sections, "Avenues of Christian Growth," and "Avenues of Service." The

topics with the writers are listed below:

**Avenues of Christian Growth**  
Reading—by Frank R. Harrison  
The Scriptures—by Calvin R. Mercer Jr.  
Worship—by Michael Pelt  
Prayer—by Caroline Castelloe  
Evangelism—by Charles I. Barnard  
Stewardship—by W. Burkette Raper

**Avenues of Service**  
The Ministry of Mount Olive College—by Michael Pelt  
The Ministry of Cragmont Assembly—by DeWayne Eakes  
Missions—by Ray Wells

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# Mount Olive College

Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365  
 Phones: (919) 653-2502 (administrative office)  
 658-4933 (business office)



*The Rev. Frank Harrison (left) is pictured with Rudene Kennedy (right) in Rodgers Chapel, Mount Olive College. Miss Kennedy has most recently taught several Bible courses through the Paul Palmer Institute as part of her personal Christian ministry. She holds a master's degree in religion from Old Dominion College in Virginia.*

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS UNDER THE PAUL PALMER INSTITUTE

	Places	Dates
Conference on Church Growth	Downtown Campus	March 8, 9

The conference is sponsored by Mount Olive College and the Home Missions Board. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the program begins at 10:00 a.m. The registration fee is five dollars per person. For full program and other information, contact Frank Harrison, chaplain, (919) 658-2502.

"The Free Will Baptist Church: Doctrine and Program"	Downtown Campus	March 15-May 3 7:00-8:15 p.m.
"Christian Worship"	Henderson Building	March 15-May 3 8:30-9:15 p.m.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE SCHEDULE

High School Day	New Campus	Saturday, April 17 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
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All high school students are encouraged to visit the college on this occasion. The Mount Olive community will be observing its annual "Festival of Flowers."

Griffin Brotherhood	Downtown Campus	Friday, April 30 7:00 p.m.
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Dinner reservations should be sent to the Rev. Philip Wood, 527 South Third Street, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577.

Alumni Day	Downtown Campus	Saturday, May 1 5:30 p.m.
Annual Christian Music Festival	Eagles Nest Conference Center	Saturday, May 1 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

First State Layman's League Convention	Rodgers Chapel Mount Olive College	Saturday, May 15 6:00 p.m.
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## RUDENE KENNEDY TO TEACH STUDY COURSE

Rudene Kennedy will teach an eight-week course under the Paul Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College beginning Tuesday, March 9, at Verona Church.

"Old Testament Survey" will be taught from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuition for the course is \$20 in

addition to a one-time registration fee of \$10 if Paul Palmer credit is desired.

Books may be purchased at the first class meeting.

The Paul Palmer Institute is a program of study designed to meet the needs of Free Will Baptist ministers and lay people who wish to strengthen their skills in the field of Christian

ministry. "Old Testament Survey" offers three units of Paul Palmer credit.

Registration will be at the first class meeting.

## PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at the First Church in Rocky Mount, on Sunday, March 7, 1982, at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive College into a four-year college.

The pastor of the First Church in Rocky Mount is the Rev. Mark Hobbs.

## A "TYPICAL" MINISTERIAL STUDENT AT MOC

Although no such student exists, the "typical" Free Will Baptist ministerial student at Mount Olive College is 32 years old, married, and the father of a child. He is employed at least part-time and may be pastoring a church in addition to his studies.

This "average" ministerial student comes to the college for a specific purpose—to prepare

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himself to accept the responsibility of Christian service—although some of the younger ministerial students accept their calling after enrollment.

Being older is a plus for the ministerial student. His life experience has taught him to discipline himself, and his goals are generally well defined. Also, because his philosophy and values are already set, he does not search for his identity in the manner of his younger classmates.

On the other hand, to a certain extent he must cope with a loss of his old identity. In some cases, the new ministerial student and his family move to the Mount Olive community and must, therefore, adjust to a different environment. In addition, the student and his family must deal with the stress of changes in his job situation, in their personal finances, and in their relationship with friends and family. He generally accepts the fact that change is a requirement for spiritual development and educational growth.

The new ministerial student needs a great deal of support throughout the fulfillment of his commitment. He builds on his relationship with the Free Will Baptist Church through his educational experience at Mount Olive College. As a minister's wife, Ruth Allen commented, "I don't think that a Free Will Baptist ministerial student could go anywhere else and get the same results. You know that here (MOC) you are really going to get support. The faculty is geared toward ministerial students and the special problems that they have."

Free Will Baptist ministers and their wives receive both emotional and financial support from Mount Olive College.

Students preparing for the Christian ministry may qualify for a \$250 annual grant by participating in a "Supervised

Work Experience" designed to give them practical experience under an ordained minister.

Also, 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.

Furthermore, in cooperation with the church, Mount Olive has inaugurated a special grants program which may cover up to \$700 of the tuition a Free Will Baptist student must pay each academic year. The program is on a voluntary basis for those churches that wish to participate.

Many ministerial students receive additional financial assistance through various scholarships designated for students preparing for church vocations.

This article is a preface to a series of interviews with ministerial students at Mount Olive College to be printed at intervals in *The Free Will Baptist*. The student described here is not an individual but is, in fact, a composite of those characteristics that distinguish the ministerial student.

## North Carolina State League Convention

# “ARISE AND SHINE”

(Theme)

Mount Zion  
Free Will Baptist Church  
Roper, North Carolina

March 13, 1982

Registration 9:30 a.m.

Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Good Fellowship  
Sword Drills

Special Music  
Choruses

Missionary Talk



# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Scripture Reading—Psalm 87

### TEMPLES NOT MADE WITH HANDS

We, the Church, are the temple of the living God, and every chapel and cathedral is but a symbol. God the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and preserves a *people* upon the earth. They are the Church! They defy the boundaries of race and color, culture and creed, and become *one* in their common Lord and Saviour.

They are not held together primarily by their registered membership in a congregation, nor by the sameness of their denominational label. All these may be only external marks of their oneness.

They are one in Christ, if Christ dwells in them and they in Christ. They are a new creation through a new birth brought about by the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. Together, like stones interlocked and fitted, they become a holy temple for the Living God.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Church bears in her body the stigmata of Christ. She has been baptized with the blood of martyrs and glorified by deeds of supreme devotion and sacrifice. She has been the mother of saints and sages and heroes, builder of cathedrals and shrines and institutions of sacred learning, inspirer of art*

*and poetry, upholder of morality and social order, and pioneer of new and daring enterprises. She has met with indifference and opposition, but the gates of Hell have not prevailed against her.*

## MONDAY, MARCH 8

Scripture Reading—Psalm 90

### THE PARABLE OF THE MUDITES AND THE ANTI-MUDITES

Two men met, a great many years ago, at a church convention. They were mutually surprised, as they became better acquainted, to discover that both had formerly been completely blind, and that Jesus had opened their eyes and given them sight.

"Isn't it marvelous," said the one, "how the Master makes clay, puts it into your eyes, and tells you to go and wash? Then when you wash, your eyes are opened, and you can see!"

"Mud? Jesus doesn't use mud. He just speaks a word, and you can see!"

"Jesus does use mud!" "He doesn't!" "Does!"

"He does not! I ought to know. I was blind, and He opened my eyes, and now I see!"

"He does use mud! If He didn't use mud, He didn't open your eyes. You can't see. You just think you can. You are still blind, and I'll have nothing more to do with you. You have denied one of the fundamentals of our faith!"

And presently those whose blind eyes Jesus had opened with mud came together in an exclusive group, and excluded all others. And those whose eyes Jesus had opened without mud joined together also, and the two groups spent their time in rivalry between themselves, while the blind all about them groped through life, unaware that there is One who came to bring Light to all who walk in darkness.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our people do not so much need to have their minds stirred as to have their hearts touched.*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Scripture Reading—Psalm 93

### SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW

5% of reported church members do not exist;  
10% cannot be found;  
20% never pray;  
25% never read the Bible;  
30% never attend church;  
40% never give to any cause;  
50% never go to Sunday school;  
60% never go to church Sunday nights;  
70% never give to Missions;  
75% never engage in any church activity;  
80% never go to prayer meeting;  
90% never have family worship;  
95% never win a soul to Christ.

Let us determine to dedicate ourselves for His service, so that the whole world may hear the whole gospel.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The church is filled with willing people—some willing to work and others willing to let them.*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Scripture Reading—Psalm 92

### CHURCH GYPSIES

There are religious grasshoppers and church gypsies who never can find a pastor or

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church good enough for them; who chase favorite preachers and live on samples brought back from Canaan instead of crossing Jordan and living in the Promised Land themselves, packing their notebooks with epigrams, but not hiding the Word in their hearts. Some of them have the impression that one is not living the Christian life unless he is in a state of ecstasy at a high pressure meeting. They want to fly all the time and have found no grace for running without weariness or walking without fainting. They go up like rockets and come down like rocks.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Two-thirds of the membership of churches know little or nothing about conversion as a personal, experiential fact. We need to become Christ-conscious, not church-conscious!*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Scripture Reading—Psalm 91

#### STAYING HOME FROM CHURCH

Some stay home because it's cold,

And some, because it's hot;  
And some, because they're getting old,

And some, because they're not!

Some stay home because their hat

The milliner's not finished;  
And some because their liking for

The minister has diminished.

Some declare they don't enjoy

The singing of the choir;  
And others, because their fellow saint

Aroused their wrathful ire.

Alas! alas! our excuses grow

To drive our thoughts from God,

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And turn us from the House of Prayer,

The place our fathers trod.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If absence makes the heart grow fonder, some people ought to love their church greatly!*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Scripture Reading—Psalms 100, 101

#### PUTTING GOD FIRST

Dr. Lyman Abbott was traveling through a district that had been devastated by fire. It was a district largely populated by sincere Puritans. There were many temporary log houses and rough shanties in view; in these crude dwellings the people were sheltering themselves. But Dr. Abbott was surprised to see one fine, large brick building that stood out obviously above the rest. In reply to his question he was informed that the brick building was the church. "Oh," he said, "then the church was not damaged by fire!" "Oh, yes," he was told, "it was completely destroyed. That is the new church. We have rebuilt that before we have rebuilt our own houses."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Religion today is not transforming the people as it should—it is being transformed by the people. It is not raising the moral level of society—it is descending to society's own level and congratulating itself that it has scored a victory because society is smilingly accepting its surrender.*

### SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Scripture Reading—Psalms 98, 99

#### CHRIST BETTER SEEN INSIDE

A woman, who was a non-going church member, met her minister in front of the church. "Don't you miss the church and the friendly fellowship of other Christians?" the minister asked. The woman said, "I don't have to go to church to

have faith." "That's right," said the minister as he glanced at the beautiful stained glass window. "You don't have to go to church to see that beautiful window either, do you?" She shook her head. "Let's go inside for a moment," said the minister. On the inside the window was beautified by rays of light coming from the afternoon sun. The figure of Christ, only faintly visible on the outside, stood out boldly. The tender look of pity and love on the Saviour's face greatly impressed the non-churchgoing member. "It's wonderful," she said. "The most remarkable thing about it is that you see Him much more clearly on the inside!" said the minister. "That's right," confessed the woman, "and I'll be more faithful in coming to the services in God's house."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The holiest moment of the church service is the moment when God's people—strengthened by preaching—go out of the church door into the world to be the church. We don't go to church; we are the church.*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Julius Gordon Massey wishes to announce his new address. It is Route 2, Box 367-B, Edenton, North Carolina 27932; phone, 482-8208. His old address was Route 4, Box 317, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580.

#### ATTENTION

Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church will host the next meeting on March 5, 1982, at 8 p.m., of the Albemarle Conference Layman's League. Refreshments will be served after the meeting during a time of fellowship.

Michael Cuthrell  
Secretary-Treasurer



# *The Sunday School Lesson*

## **TWO MIRACLES FOR A PARALYTIC**

**Lesson Text:** Mark 2:1-12

**Memory Verse:** Mark 2:5

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

According to an old legend, Gordius, a king who ruled in ancient Asia Minor, left behind a strangely twisted and entwined knot that tied the yoke to the tongue of a cart. He also left behind the prophetic word that whoever succeeded in untying the knot should be the conqueror of Asia. Many a powerful or ambitious warrior tried his hand at unraveling the knot, but one by one they all failed. Then came Alexander the Great. After viewing the situation briefly, he drew his sword and with one deft stroke severed the entwined cord. Thus he revealed himself as the conqueror of Asia, and later made good his claim.

In a somewhat similar fashion the Jewish nation had looked for a messiah. They sought a divine leader who would free their people and provide for their spiritual welfare. Many claimants to this position arose, but one by one their claims proved false. Then Jesus came. He demonstrated His power through His miracles. And then when He combined this power with the power to forgive sin, He by one deft stroke revealed His deity. In the next few months He

would lay claim to His spiritual kingdom.

Mark seems in a hurry to relate the story of Jesus' life to his readers. He often condensed many exciting events into a few brief verses. In the first chapter of his Gospel, Mark covers the ministry of John, the baptism and temptation of Jesus, and the calling of the first four of the twelve. Then he quickly recounts Jesus' early Galilean ministry, which included many miracles and preaching in many of their synagogues. Last week's lesson dealt with two incidents in this Galilean ministry.

Today's lesson finds Jesus back in Capernaum, where He apparently made His headquarters. While there, it is likely that He stayed in the home of Peter. After the excitement aroused by His preaching, Jesus found it necessary to come back to Capernaum quietly, but word soon spread through the town that He was there.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. HINTS THAT HELP**

A. The miracle of the healing of the man sick of the palsy

manifested the popularity and power of Jesus. His popularity is shown by the great crowd present, and His power by forgiving the man's sins and healing his body.

B. When Jesus saw the faith of the four, He healed the man. Although we cannot understand it, we are blessed by the faith of others, and others can be blessed by our faith.

C. Jesus knew what the critics were thinking before they said it. His knowledge of mankind is complete. He knows all about us—both the good and the bad. This can be a warning or a great comfort depending on the individual.

D. Jesus must have been displeased at the criticism of some, but He must have been very pleased by the fact that God was glorified in this miracle.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### **III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS**

A. Jesus always does more than we ask of Him. His grace is so abundant that when He offers a portion of it, a greater portion overflows onto the recipient. Our lesson today is an example of this. A certain man was healed of paralysis; at the same time he received forgiveness of sins—two miracles, or a double portion of grace.

B. Three aspects of Jesus' ministry are shown in this lesson: preaching, spiritual healing, and physical being. In His ministry to others, this was usually the order followed. It is the same order today. One must first hear the gospel before he can receive spiritual healing, and if physical healing is needed, and such healing is in the will of God, this will come after a spiritual relationship with Him. Let us observe how this order was carried out in the case of the man with palsy.

—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

## EDITORIAL

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founded in Him. (This means we may have to look closely at our ministries—they cannot be twenty-five miles wide and one inch deep!)

The Lord God reigneth. Do not be deceived—He will not be mocked. We must be true to Him; and if we are, our “future is as bright as the promises of God.”

*Thru many dangers, toils and snares  
(We) have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought (us) safe thus far,  
And grace will lead (us) home.*

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We invite other church organizations, in addition to the Layman's League, to feel free to use these programs to suit their needs, or special points of interests. We sincerely thank each contributing writer and each person who helped to make this program book for all occasions available to the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Rex Wainwright

## A FORM OF DISCIPLESHIP

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for stronger and tougher laws; we need to push for fewer loopholes in the laws concerning those driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Christ is still alive in the world.

Mrs. Wilson attends St. Mary's Church, Kenly.

## RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

On August 9, 1981, God called our sister in Christ, Bessie Allen Hudson, age 68, to the place He had gone to prepare for her. She had been a faithful member of Piney Grove Church approximately 55 years.

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She served her church in many ways. She was secretary for her Sunday school class for 18 years. She always did a good job whenever she was asked to do something—visiting, taking flowers, or calling the sick. She will be missed by all of us.

Her funeral was held in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel by a former pastor, the Rev. Jerry Rowe; she was buried in Pinewood Cemetery.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, W. S. (June) Hudson, of Greenville; a son, Loyd Hudson, of Winterville; a daughter, Hilda Smith, of Greenville; and three grandchildren.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, first, that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy. Second, that we express our appreciation for her devotion and the many ways she showed her love to God and her church. Third, a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family. A copy to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication and a copy be retained for the minutes of the church.

Ruby Joyner  
Charlotte Crawford

## JUDGE ADVISES PRAYER

A New Jersey judge advised prayer as a solution to a church property dispute. “It is hard to understand,” he told members of both factions in the courtroom, “how professed Christians could become so bitter as

to bring a matter involving only dollars and cents into court.

“This controversy should be resolved by members of both groups on their knees in prayer to demonstrate your right to be called Christians. I hope in that way the Holy Spirit will enter your hearts and reunite your parish.”

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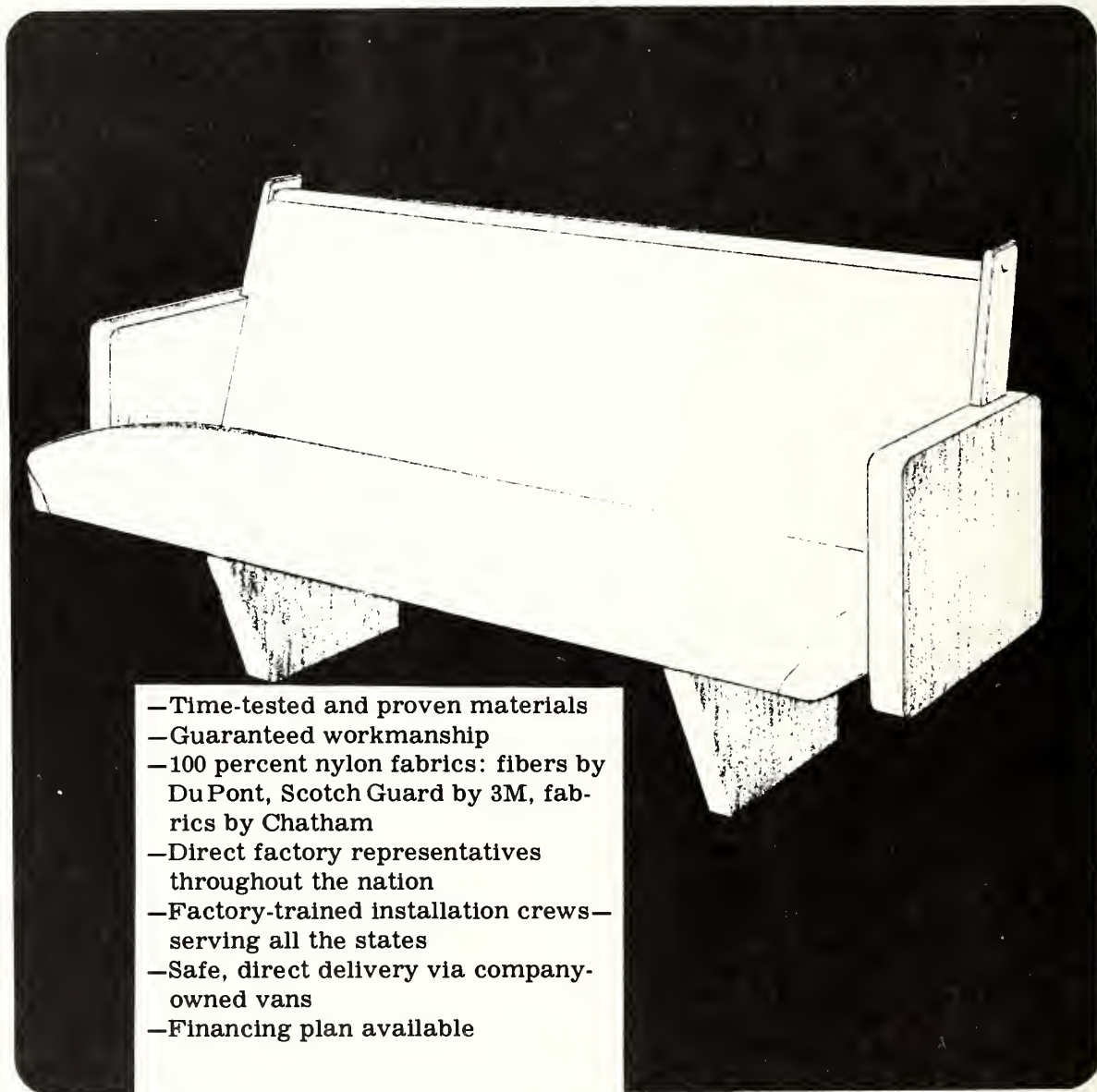


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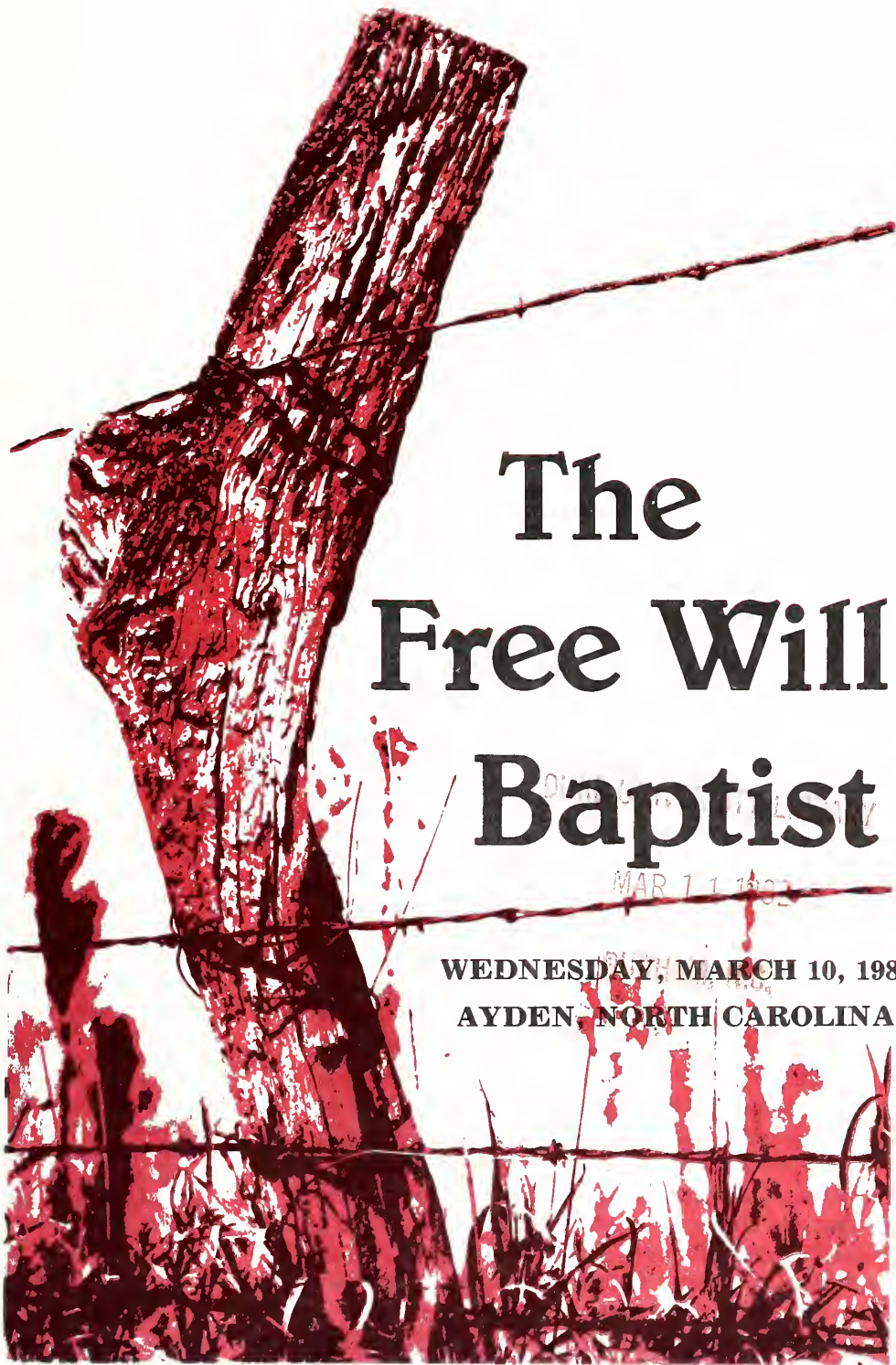
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## The Unfinished Love Story

The teacher stood before the class and explained the assignment: "Today you will write a composition entitled 'Lenin's Place in My Heart.' You should write what Lenin did for all people in the world and what he has done for your family. Of course, you will write that Lenin occupies the main place in your heart and that you love him very much!"

A hush fell over the room as the ninth graders directed their energies to the task at hand. Young Lisa desperately looked around, for she could not do as she had been told. "God, help me!" she prayed. "What shall I do? Only you, Lord Jesus, are in my heart—not Lenin. If I write candidly about this, I will have so many problems! What shall I do?"

Within minutes her spirit calmed—she recalled the Apostle Paul's words as found in Romans 1:16—*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth . . .*

Most of her classmates were finished when Lisa began to write: "Lenin was a leader of the revolution in Russia in 1917. He is a famous man. But he is only a man, not God. I love Jesus; my heart belongs to Him. So there is no room in my heart for Lenin." On and on she wrote of her faith. When Lisa finished her essay, she quietly left the room.

Early the next morning, she was called to the office. "Lisa, what is this?" her teacher began. "How could you be so impudent? Do you know that I will have to send this composition to the KGB? Do you know that if you continue thinking this way, you will never study in a university or institute? We are being very kind to you—you could be expelled for this!"

"Take this composition home and rewrite it. Write about Lenin, not Christ. If you believe in God, be silent about Him. Do not talk to anyone about your faith and never write about it. Believe quietly in your God, but in your composition write that you love Lenin. How can you love some kind of Jesus more than Lenin? You are a fanatic! Rewrite your composition immediately!"

Young Lisa refused. Unwilling to compromise her convictions, she told her teacher that she loved Jesus—not Lenin. Therefore, she could not do as she had been instructed.

The days ahead were not easy for Lisa. School administrators spoke harshly to her; George Vins, her father, suffered undue punishment as a result of her actions—he had already been imprisoned in a Siberian concentration camp for preaching the gospel. The secret police and government officials were hereafter sent copies of all of Lisa's work. But this young Christian did not waver; in fact, she saw all of this as but another way to spread the gospel.

Today, Lisa's family lives in America; when Mr. Vins was exiled to the United States three years ago, his family was

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# THE EXPIRED WORD OF GOD

*by Ray Williamson*

The divine inspiration of the Bible is one of the most closely guarded traditional Christian beliefs—it has to be with so many attacks in our day from all sides. By divine inspiration, it is usually meant that God so moved upon the biblical writers that their words conveyed the explicit meaning of what God chose to reveal. The term “breathed into” is used many times to describe what God did in inspiring holy men to write Scripture.

In using this term, however, the significance tends to be placed upon the role of the biblical writer as a human receptacle (or beneficiary) in interpreting the meaning of what God intended to say. Consequently, the authority and infallibility of Scripture is left open to questions, doubts, and even refutation.

To substantiate the belief that the Bible is the Word of God, the emphasis should rather be placed upon God as the author and giver (benefactor) of Scripture than upon man as the receiver. Therefore, instead of saying that Scripture was derived from God’s “breathing into,” it should be accepted and examined as the compiled result of God’s “breathing out.” To use Carl F. H. Henry’s term, it is more proper to speak of divine **expiration** of Scripture than divine **inspiration**. In other words, the Bible becomes even more important, authoritative, and infallible when the perspective shifts

to God’s role in “breathing out” (God exhaling) Scripture rather than on His “breathing into” (requires man’s inhaling) human writers.

This perspective seems to adhere more properly with the meaning of 2 Timothy 3:16, that “all scripture is God-breathed (theopneustos).” Verification is found in 2 Peter 1:20, 21 which says, “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not at any time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” The New Testament, as well as the Old, repeatedly claims to be the words of God and not merely the interpretation of God’s words by biblical writers, as holy as they were. Peter further states that they spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (acted upon—emphasis is upon divine role, not human role).

Divine inspiration (God “breathed into”) leaves too much room for error because the emphasis is placed upon man as the human receptacle (beneficiary), and man makes mistakes! Divine expiration (God “breathed out”) leaves no room for error because the emphasis is placed where it rightfully belongs—on God as the giver (benefactor) of Scripture, and God does not make mistakes!

This difference in the terms “inspired” and “expired” may seem semantic, until it is realized how “inspired” is

commonly used in secular society. It is used to describe anything from writing a poem, to winning a football game, to committing a crime. Inspired individuals may do things creatively or zealously, but never perfectly. It appears that modern critics have been more successful in eroding the belief of divine inspiration of Scripture than in attacking any other Christian tenet, and it is because the defense of divine inspiration has been based primarily upon an almost mystical receiving of divine revelation by man instead of upon the providential giving of Scripture by God.

Using the analogy of a pitcher in a bowl with the water representing Scripture, “inspiration” views the bowl as the receptacle for the water, whereas “expiration” focuses its attention upon the pitcher as the impartor of the water. Within the human receptacle (bowl) of the biblical writer, there is the undeniable possibility of extraneous thought and error. So, for the Bible to be the infallible Word of God, it must be accepted and examined initially and basically from the faith-perspective that God (the pitcher) is the initiator, source, and direct giver of all revealed spiritual truth!

The Bible, the “expired Word of God” (who is solely responsible for the accuracy and authenticity of its contents), is therefore completely worthy of one’s total trust and devotion. Christians can live by its precepts, submit to its ordinances, and claim its promises, and never have a shadow of doubt that all will be just as the Bible says it will be in the end! The Bible is the very “life-breath” of God; and as it is studied, the Christian’s aim and privilege is to “breathe in” that which has been “breathed out,” the very life of God!





# STATE WORK UNITES YOUTH

*by Donald Coates*

Every local church is encouraged to organize its young people into three age groups: Cherubs (through age 7), AFC (ages 8-12), and YFA (ages 13-19). These organizations normally meet monthly and carry on various activities at the local level.

Every Cherub, AFC, and YFA organization is a member of the district youth fellowship of the conference in which its church holds membership. There are seven districts in our state. Some district youth rallies meet once a month; others meet two, four, or six times a year. Officers for each rally are elected from the youth of the district, and the young people themselves have the responsibility of conducting the business of the youth rally.

The district youth rally is sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the district; and a district youth chairman is elected by the auxiliary to advise the young people as they carry out their business.

Each district youth rally is a member of the State Youth Convention, which meets in the Spring of each year. The State Youth Chairman is Becky Jo Sumner of Ahoskie, North Carolina. The State Youth Convention promotes the statewide work and strives to promote the cause of Christ in the lives of Free Will Baptist youth.

To be involved in the work of our youth means to be busy. Essay and Declamation contests are held each year.

Members of each district compete against each other, and the district winners compete on the state level for a free trip to Cragmont. Bible Bowl Quizzes are also held each year. District winners compete against each other for the honor of representing our state in the General Conference Bible Bowl. There they compete against youth from other states for awards.

In addition to these contests, the State Youth Convention encourages the local youth organizations to raise money for an annual project (this year's project is a softball field at Cragmont). The State Youth Executive Committee organizes summer camp weeks at Cragmont, and all Free Will Baptist youth are encouraged to attend.

The work of Free Will Baptist youths is exciting. We adults need to show our support to our youth. We attend their ball games and recitals, and cheer them on, and applaud their performances. Why are we not as equally willing to attend their youth rallies and conventions and "cheer them on" with our presence? We make sure they get to their practices and club meetings. Why are we not as ready to encourage them to take part in the local Cherub, AFC, and YFA groups? And why do we sometimes neglect to see that they attend the youth rallies? Ball games, plays, club meetings, and so on are an important part of growing up and should not be neglected. But it

is also important that we support our youth in the things that offer them opportunities to experience Christ firsthand in their own lives? Yet, we, as adults, often live as if this is of secondary importance to the well-being of our young people.

Our young people are important, and the time has come for all Free Will Baptists to decide once and for all if we are going to **actively** support the work of our young people. If this is your desire, show it by going with your young people to youth rallies and conventions, giving them advice as they prepare to enter the contests mentioned above, encouraging them to attend summer camp, and talking with them about their relationship with God. Remember, they are **your** children. You should care enough about them to give them your very best.

The 1982 State Youth Convention will be held on April 24 at Lenoir Community College in Kinston, North Carolina. The topics for this year's contests are as follows: Essay—"Redeeming the Time," "Missions and Me," "The Joy of the Lord," and "The Joy of My Salvation"; Declamation—"Abounding Aliveness," "My Lord Knows the Way Through the Wilderness," and "He's Still Working on Me."

# Free Will Baptists in the News

## IN MEMORIAM EVA PITTMAN WORTHINGTON

by Weyland S. Burns



Mrs. Eva Pittman Worthington

Occasionally, within the church, we encounter a person of such rare gifts of faith and devotion that more than normal respect and admiration are due him. Eva Pittman Worthington was such a person.

Of course, every church is endowed with people, who because of the sweetness of their character, the quality of their lives, and their unselfish devotion to the Lord endear themselves to our memory.

Religion, so they say, is a man's game! Yet every pastor knows that his church could not succeed apart from the influence and contribution of women. They have always been important to the cause of

Christ. Women, in great numbers, have always been attracted to the Christian church.

Good women were won to Jesus as He completed His itinerary toward the Cross. In the beginning, they were won to Him; they heard His teachings, embodied His ethic, captured His virtue, and pledged their lives to His service.

They were last at the Cross, first at the tomb, and first to herald His Resurrection. Many of them were unheralded and unsung. The church has not raised many monuments to women. Nevertheless, they were there. Many of them have taken their places beside the martyr's stake. The deeds of Christian women are recorded in Heaven.

Eva Pittman Worthington followed the tradition of every Christian woman who has ever lived. It was said of Daniel that "an excellent spirit was in him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding." We can say the same of Eva. She sought to reflect everywhere the Spirit of Christ in her life.

She lived the disciplined life of one who had learned how to be a servant of God. She learned:

*The value of time  
The need of perseverance  
The pleasure of serving  
The dignity of simplicity  
The true worth of character  
The power of kindness  
The influence of example  
The obligation of duty  
The wisdom of economy  
The virtue of patience  
The nobility of labor  
The teaching of Him who said:  
"Learn of me."*

Eva was like Eunice and Lois for faith, like Ruth for loyalty, like Dorcas for works of charity, like Magdalene for devotion, and like Mary for patient anticipation. And her influence for God and good lives on in the minds of those who knew her.

## HER CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

Eva was born January 6, 1913, on a Johnston County farm near the town of Kenly, North Carolina. Her parents, Robert and Millie Pittman, were of good Free Will Baptist stock. The family attended church at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church in the Kenly community.

Eva grew up in Kenly, attending Piney Grove Church and going to school in Kenly. Both at church and in the school, Eva made many friends in her community. In addition to that, she had many friends in other churches in the area.

In those days, the churches of Johnston County were conducting what was referred to as the Vocal Union. Mr. Bob Pittman, Eva's father, was a good singer and Eva attended the Vocal Unions with him. This Vocal Union was later named the Bob Pittman Vocal Union. Naturally, Eva met and became friends with many young people in these churches where the Vocal Unions were being held. Eva often sang with her father and other groups at the Union gatherings.

Many of the young people Eva met in this way remained her good friends for life. One of her great joys in life, after she was married, was to return to Kenly and visit her former friends.

The Bob and Millie Pittman home was one where Christian principles were stressed. From her godly parents, Eva learned what it meant to be a Christian. When Eva was 13 years old, the Rev. W. A. Hales was invited to

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conduct revival services at Piney Grove. One night, as he gave an invitation for persons to come forward and accept Christ, Eva did so. At the altar of the church, she gave her life to Christ. She joined Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church in 1926. At Piney Grove, she sang in the choir and was active in all phases of church life. She continued to be active there until her marriage later on.

### HER MARRIAGE AND HOME LIFE

In time, Eva met and married Mr. Levi Worthington of Ayden, North Carolina. They were married on November 7, 1934. Levi and Eva took up residence on the Worthington farm on the outskirts of Ayden. They have two children. Janice, the elder, is married to the Rev. Jerry Nash of Brownsburg, Indiana. The younger daughter, Linda, is married to the Rev. William R. (Bill) Futch of Chinquapin, North Carolina. One of the things that Eva was most proud of was the fact that both her girls were married to ministers.

Soon after she was married, Eva moved her church membership to Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Ayden. She became a very active member of the church and through the years held several offices there. She sang in the choir, served as a deaconess for 10 years, worked with the Woman's Auxiliary, was a member of the Building Committee, and did many other things for the church.

In addition to her church work, Eva was active in civic and charitable events within the community itself. She worked for the March of Dimes for years, was active in the senior citizens organizations, and did many other things as the opportunity presented itself to her. She was a faithful employee of the Free Will Baptist

Press Foundation for 18 years.

Only in eternity will it ever be revealed how many times, through all the years, Eva prepared meals for homes where death had struck, or how many sick visits she made in her community, or how many people she witnessed to about her faith in Christ. Much lasting good has come because of Eva's work and influence.

### HER SICKNESS AND DEATH

For many years of her life, Eva battled with the problems created by poor health. In her time, she fought cancer, heart disease, and terrible depression. Through it all, she held on to her faith. Her last words to her pastor, just before she died, were, "I am prepared for death when it comes." Death came to her on July 29, 1981. She slipped quietly away to earn the rest she so richly deserved. She leaves behind her devoted husband and a loving family. In addition, she leaves a host of friends to mourn her at her passing. The world is a much lonelier place because she left it, but Heaven is a much friendlier place because she is there. We can only say:

*They are not dead, who leave us  
this great heritage of  
remembered joy . . .*

*They still live in our hearts, in the  
happiness we knew, in the  
dreams we shared—*

*They still breathe in the lingering  
fragrance windblown from  
their favorite flowers—*

*They still smile in moonlight's silver  
and laugh in sunlight's  
sparkling gold—*

*They still speak in the echoes of  
words we've heard them say  
again and again—*

*They still move in the rhythm of  
waving grasses, in the dance of  
tossing branches.*

*They are not dead; their memory  
is warm in our hearts, comfort  
in our sorrow.*

*They are not apart from us, but a  
part of us . . .*

*For love is eternal; and those we  
love shall be with us throughout  
all eternity.*

### MRS. PEARL S. SCOTT IS HONORED

*submitted by Emily Long*



It is a great privilege for the Woman's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro to honor one of its most deserving ladies as their Woman of the Year. This honor is earned by being a doer of the Word, not a hearer only. This lady is a very faithful person in all phases of the church activities, for her helping hand seems to be involved in just about all of the social events, as well as in Christian services. She is known throughout the church for her good cooking, especially her chocolate cakes. This Woman of the Year has been a Christian for approximately 30 years. She accepted Christ while in LaGrange, North Carolina, and joined the Missionary Baptist Church there.

Five years later, she moved back to Tarboro and after a short while she married and moved to Williamston, North Carolina. While living in Williamston, she joined the Missionary Baptist Church. In 1965, she and her husband moved to Jamesville, North Carolina. She joined the Jamesville Baptist Church, and began her work for the Lord. She worked with small children because at this time she had a

small son of her own. She was an instructor in Bible school and was used wherever there was a need.

In February of 1976, her husband died and she and her son moved back to Tarboro to be near her family. She had had major surgery and lacks a great deal of being a well person, but she still thanks the Lord it is as well as it is. She joined the First Church and began to be very busy. She has served as card chairman of the Goodwill Circle for several years and is one of its most faithful members. For the year 1982, she is still card chairman of the Goodwill Circle, on the nursery committee for Sunday night choir practice, on the program committee for the church, and is also responsible for the flower committee for her Sunday school class #14.

This lady is mother to 6 step-children that call her "Mother," and is grandmother to 15 grandchildren, plus 4 great grandchildren. This lovely lady calls them all "my children."

She was a faithful daughter to her parents, Llwellyn and Nahala Savage; she is faithful to her 4 brothers and 4 sisters; she is a faithful mother to her son, William Allen; but most of all she is faithful to her Lord Jesus Christ.

I asked her how she felt about being Woman of the Year. Her reply was, "I feel honored and unworthy, but all of you please pray that I may live up to the vote of confidence all of you have placed upon me."

We, the Woman's Auxiliary, are proud to name Pearl S. Scott as our Woman of the Year. We are a very fortunate group to have her as one of our members.

Congratulations, Pearl, and may God continue to bless you and use you in the service of our King.

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## ANNUAL MEETING HELD



The Forty-second Annual Meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc. was held February 16, 1982, at Friendship Church, Route 1, Farmville. At that time, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, the present director of the Association, was elected to serve a five-year term.

## North Carolina State League Convention

# "ARISE AND SHINE"

(Theme)

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# News and Notes

## FRIENDSHIP GIRL SCOUT TROOP 585 HAS INVESTITURE CEREMONY



On January 25, 1982, the Friendship Church fellowship hall was the setting for Girl Scout Troop 585's investiture ceremony. Six girls were welcomed into the Girl Scout family and made the Girl Scout Promise. The girls were presented their World Association pins and Girl Scout pins. One Brownie Scout received her second-year membership pin. Also 3 parent volunteers, Hazel Tyson, Lorraine Moore, and Jean Brock, were welcomed to the Girl Scout family and presented their pins. The members of Troop 585 are Angela Avery, Jennifer Brock, Adrienne Ellis, Jennifer Moore, Roseanne Norris, Christy Rogers, Dora Lynn Tyson; leaders—Lorraine Avery and Carol Ellis. The troop is sponsored by Friendship Church, Farmville, North Carolina.

### Special Youth Service Held at White Oak Church

A candlelight installation service for new youth officers was held February 28, at White Oak Church in Bladenboro.

The pastor, the Rev. Jack Lassiter, spoke to the young

people from 1 Timothy 4:12 and challenged them to a greater dedication to God during the coming year.

Special music was presented by the AFC choir singing, "Sing the Clouds Away," "I've Got Peace Like a River," and "If It

Keeps Gettin' Better and Better."

The YFA choir sang "Greater Is He," "If You Know the Lord," and "Brand New Touch."

The new YFA officers who were installed were: Angie Smith, president; Loretta Ellis, vice president; Wendy Todd, recording secretary; Sandra Blackwell, corresponding secretary; and Lee Ann Hester, missions chairman.

The new AFC officers who were installed were: Lynn Matheson, president; Joey Matheson, vice president; Lee Ann McKnight, secretary; and Bobbie Jean McKnight, treasurer.

Following the installation, the young people were joined by their parents at the altar for a prayer of dedication led by the pastor.

Judy Matheson and Carrie Mae McKnight are the leaders for the AFC group. Wanda Harden and Alane Lassiter are the leaders for the YFA group.

### Heavenbound to Present Program at White Oak

Heavenbound, from Kinston, will present a program of gospel music on March 11, at 7:30 p.m., at White Oak Church in Bladenboro.

The Rev. Jack Lassiter, pastor, and the congregation cordially invite everyone to attend.

### Youth Revival at Rose of Sharon

A youth revival at Rose of Sharon Church is in progress through March 12. Don Ribeiro, a licensed Free Will Baptist minister from the Central Conference, is the evangelist for the revival. Prayer room opens at 7:15 p.m. with the services beginning at 7:30 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Hobgood, and the members of the church invite everyone to attend the remainder of the services.

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# Foreign Missions

## HOW TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES (Part One)



Pray for Dr. Lall and the National Christians in India. They are counting on you!

1. Spend time in thanks for our missionaries.
  - A. Thank God for their call and for their obedience to His leading in their lives.
  - B. Thank Him for the privilege of being involved with them in His work by upholding them in prayer.
  - C. Thank God for known blessings and victories they have had.
  - D. Thank God for His faithfulness in hearing your prayers on their behalf.
2. Learn all you can about each missionary. Learn names, the country and area where they labor. It makes prayer easier if you get to know them.
3. Pray for their daily lives.
  - A. Don't wait for some particular heart-tugging story to stimulate you to prayer.
  - B. Missionaries have problems just like you. They are subject to the same temptations

and weaknesses you have; crossing an ocean or continent does not change that. So pray for them daily; they need your prayers.

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## PRAY FOR INDIA

India is the seventh largest country in the world. It has more people than any country except China. The population is approximately seven hundred million. About one of every seven persons on earth lives in India. These people live in a land that is about two-fifths the size of the United States not counting Alaska and Hawaii. The average family of seven lives in an eight-foot by ten-foot space. There are 180 languages plus 700 dialects spoken in India; 83 percent of Indian people are Hindu, 11 percent are Muslims. Christians number about 14 million. "The harvest is plenteous—the labourers are few—pray for labourers."



**Telethon Sunday is March 28**  
**Call and report your missions offering**  
**between 1:30 and 5 p.m.**  
**Phone: (919) 734-5946**

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Challenge—two minutes in prayer  
each day for world missions. Remember  
Free Will Baptist Day of Prayer for  
World Missions, March 28.

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**Telethon Theme:**  
**The Power of Prayer in Missions**



# Home Missions

submitted by Ray Wells

## VICTORY CHURCH ORGANIZED

In February of 1973, a group of people contacted the Rev. Taylor Hill about the possibility of getting help from the Home Missions Board to establish a mission in the Hope Mills area. Brother Hill contacted the Home Missions Board members and it was decided to support the idea of a mission in Hope Mills, North Carolina. Two months later, the mission was established and named Victory Original Free Will Baptist Mission.

Now, nine years later, Victory Mission has been organized into the newest Original Free Will Baptist Church. The service of organization was conducted on February 21, 1982, with the Rev. Felton Godwin, moderator of the Cape Fear Conference, in charge of the service. During that service, the officers were duly elected and installed. The Bible was presented as the only rule of faith and practice. *The Statement of Faith and Discipline* was read; and the Church Covenant was explained and accepted. A prayer of consecration was offered and the right hand of fellowship was extended to all those present.

Yes, it has been a victory for Victory: from 22 members in 1973 to 76 charter members in 1982. The task has not been easy nor has the way always been smooth, but under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the pastor, the Rev. Charles Par-

rish, the people of Victory Church have been reaping the harvest because they refused to give up; and the harvest has truly been bountiful. May God bless them as they continue to win victories for Jesus.

## INTERIM DIRECTOR NAMED

The Rev. Ray Wells, chairman of the Home Missions Board, has been named Interim Director/Treasurer of the Home Missions Department. Those having business with the board may contact Mr. Wells at the following numbers: Home —243-6498; office Tuesdays and Thursdays—746-4963, extension 33. The address for the Home Missions Department is: Free Will Baptist Headquarters, Home Missions Department, Box 38, Ayden, NC 28513-0038.

## EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH CONVENTION

Have you made plans to attend the Eastern District Spring Youth Convention, March 20th at Camp Vandemere? Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with a \$5 registration fee per church. This is going to prove to be an exciting day with the campaign and election of our new district officers. Many AFC and YFA members will be participating in the Essay, Declamation, and Bible Bowl Quiz, and the winners will be announced. There will be something special for the Cherubs present. Lunch will be provided by the churches of Pamlico County.

Many churches are taking their buses and vans to the convention, so if you haven't made plans to attend, it's not too late.

Deborah King  
Eastern District Youth Chairman

## TWO MINISTERS DIED

Two ministers in the denomination have died recently. They are the Revs. Herman Wooten and Wiley T. Ferrell.

### Herman Wooten

The Rev. Herman Wooten, 89, of 104 Avery Street, Garner, North Carolina, died February 25. Funeral services were conducted February 27, at 2 p.m., at Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church with burial at Montlawn Memorial Park.

### Wiley T. Ferrell

The Rev. Wiley T. Ferrell, 80, retired minister of the Free Will Baptist Church, died on February 28. Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. March 2, Parrish Funeral Home. Burial was at Northern Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery near Durham.

He is survived by: his widow, Mrs. Elsie Brown Ferrell; a son, Claybourn Ferrell of Selma; and five daughters, Mrs. Opal Langley of Mebane; Mrs. Mary Hall of Morehead City; Mrs. Doris Colclough and Mrs. Diane Colclough, both of Durham; Mrs. Peggy Rowe of Aurora; and 29 grandchildren.

## AFTER A WEEK OF PERPLEXING PROBLEMS

After a week of perplexing problems and heated contests, it does so rest my soul to come into the house of the Lord and worship, and to sing, and mean it, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," and to know that He is my Father and takes me up into His life and plans, and to commune personally with Christ. I am sure I get a wisdom not my own, and a superhuman strength for fighting the moral evils I am called to confront.

—Theodore Roosevelt

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658-4933 (business office)

## DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING TO PRESENT PROGRAM

Caroline Castelloe, director of counseling at Mount Olive College, will present a program to the Deep Run Woman's Auxiliary, on March 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will focus on the distinguishing characteristics of Christian liberal arts education.

Miss Castelloe holds both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree from East Carolina University. In addition, she spent two summers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill attending the National Science Foundation Institute. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in higher education administration with an emphasis on counseling at Florida State University.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTERS AND LAYMEN

Two study courses will be offered in March under the Paul Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College for Free Will Baptist ministers and laymen.

Both "The Free Will Baptist Church: Doctrine and Program" and "Christian Worship" will be taught on Mondays beginning March 15—May 3, in the Henderson Building at Mount Olive College.

"The Free Will Baptist Church: Doctrine and Program" will be taught jointly by Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the humanities division, and the Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain, from 7-8:15 p.m. The course will carry two units of Paul Palmer credit.

"Christian Worship" will be taught by the Rev. Frank Harrison from 8:30-9:15 p.m. The course will carry three units of Paul Palmer credit.

The Paul Palmer Institute is named for the Rev. Paul Palmer, the recognized founder of the Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina. The purpose of the Paul Palmer Institute is to develop competent leaders who can match the resources of the Christian faith to the needs of a changing society.

A Paul Palmer Certificate may be earned by meeting course requirements in either of two curricula. The basic curriculum is designed primarily for laypersons who wish to provide well-informed leadership and service in their local churches. This certificate requires the completion of 45 units of credit.

The advanced curriculum is designed primarily for ministers who cannot enroll in a regular college curriculum to enable them to meet the requirements set by the con-

ferences and to provide valuable experiences in continuing education. This certificate requires the completion of 64 units.

The tuition charge for each course will be \$20. There will also be an initial registration fee of \$10 if Paul Palmer Credit is desired.

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**MARCH**  
**1982**

*Mark Your  
Calendar*

**Sunday**  
**March 28 is our  
Day of Prayer for  
World Missions**

Plan a special service for this Sunday. Get together with friends and family and pray for World Missions.

I challenge every Free Will Baptist to pray two minutes every day for World Missions.

**MARCH 28 IS ALSO  
TELETHON  
SUNDAY**

Call in the amount of your offering for Foreign Missions between 1:30 and 5:00 P.M. Phone 734-5946.

Day of prayer for World Missions and the telethon are sponsored by the North Carolina Board of Foreign Missions of Original Free Will Baptists. Please write for information at Box 979, Goldsboro, NC 27530.



# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Scripture Reading—Psalm 103

### O, FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD!

One of God's servants had walked so blessedly and so long in the King's high way that the glow and glory of the Yonderland shone on his face. Having held converse with his Saviour during the long span of years, he was on the friendliest of terms with his Lord. As he closed his eyes in sleep, he would serenely say, "Good night, dear Jesus!" Awakening in the morning, he would joyously exclaim, "Good morning, dear Jesus!"

Oh, that more of us knew Him so intimately that we, too, thus enjoyed the preciousness of a friendly and familiar, though not irreverent, relationship to Him!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*In the silences I make in the midst of the turmoil of life I have appointments with God. From these silences, I come forth with spirit refreshed, and with a renewed sense of power. I hear a voice in the silences, and become increasingly aware that it is the voice of God.*

## MONDAY, MARCH 15

Scripture Reading—Psalm 104

### ALONE WITH GOD!

Dr. Alexander Maclaren was one of the clearest Bible expositors of the age. How he became such a Bible scholar is

worthy of note. One who in his early ministry was an assistant to the great Baptist preacher, once asked him what had contributed most of all to his success. Doctor Maclaren, after deprecating the idea that he had attained "success," said that he owed all that was in himself and his ministry to the habit, never broken, of spending one hour a day "alone with the Eternal." The hour which he took was from nine to ten in the morning. His assistant says that he was sometimes allowed to be in the room with the pastor; "but no word passed between us. In his well-worn armchair he sat, with his big Bible on his knees, sometimes reading its pages, more frequently his hand over his face. During that hour he did not allow himself to read even the Bible for texts, or as a student. It was read as a child would read a letter from an absent father; as a loving heart would drink in again the message from a loved one far away."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby (1 Peter 2:2).*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Scripture Reading—Psalm 105

### UNWISE HASTE

A gallant officer was pursued by an overwhelming force, and his followers were urging him to a greater speed when he discovered that his saddle girth

was becoming loose. He coolly dismounted, repaired the girth by tightening the buckle, and then dashed away. The broken buckle would have left him on the field a prisoner. The wise delay to repair damages sent him on in safety amid the huzzas of his comrades. The Christian who is in such haste to get about his business in the morning that he neglects his Bible and his season of prayer and quiet waiting before God, rides with a broken buckle!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If you are too busy for God, you are too busy.*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Scripture Reading—Psalm 107

### LEARNING QUIETNESS

The leader of a missionary prayer group tells this experience: "I used to have much difficulty getting our group meeting started. One member in particular always had some 'experience' she felt she must tell. But something happened, and one night this lady said: 'I'm only learning now certain truths from God's Word I should have grasped years ago. I'm learning when we go on with Christ in simplicity, and keep in the path, the narrow path of obedience to Him, a true quietness comes upon us, and we know there are experiences we must keep close. I'm ashamed now, on looking back, to note how talkative I was. When we truly sit at the feet of the Lord Jesus, a lot of 'gush' and 'froth' go from our hearts. I want to learn more about this.'"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Only the quiescent ones can know God in profundity: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Rush and unrest are foreign to Him. The frenzied and disturbed ones are out of tune with the Infinite. God is quiet. The silence of eternity enwraps Him. When He speaks, He seldom shouts—He whispers. As He marches through*

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*the ages, He doesn't use brass bands or advertising ballyhoo to announce His coming or going. In creation, there was no fuss or friction. The universe was born as silently as a new day dawns: "For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:9).*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Scripture Reading—Psalm 106

### GOD'S VOICE IN THE MORNING

"My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up" (Psalm 5:3).

If we felt more the majesty of life we should be more careful of its mornings. He who rushes from his bed to his business and waiteth not to worship is foolish as though he had not put on his clothes or cleansed his face, and as unwise as though he dashed into battle without arms or armor. Be it ours to bathe in the softly flowing river of communion with God before the heat of the wilderness and the burden of the way begins to oppress us.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*"What do you do during the day?" a friend asked an elder Scotch woman who lived alone. "Well," she said, "I get my hymnbook and sing. Then I get the Bible and let the Lord speak to me. When I get tired of reading and cannot sing anymore, I just sit still and let the Lord love me!"*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Scripture Reading—Psalm 111

### WALK QUIETLY

Walk quietly—

And know that He is God.  
When the dawn on winged steed, comes riding high,  
To blazon painted banners on the morning sky,  
And the Holy Spirit seemeth nigh—

Walk quietly.

Walk quietly—  
And know that He is God.  
When the blaring trumpets roar  
a thrilling beat  
Life is lived in storm and strife  
and noon-day heat—  
With the mighty tread of  
tramping feet

Walk quietly.

Walk quietly—  
When evening shadows lie  
against the hill—  
In the hush of twilight, when the  
world is still,  
And the balm of peace soothes  
every ill—

Walk quietly.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

Walk quietly—  
And know that He is God.  
*Let your life be governed by His  
guiding hand  
E'en though it varies from the  
way you planned,  
Bow your head in quiet submission and*

Walk quietly.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Scripture Reading—Psalm 112

### UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP

J. Wilbur Chapman once came to F. B. Meyer with the question, "What is the matter with me? So many times I seem half empty, and so many times utterly powerless; what is the matter?"

He put his hand on Chapman's shoulder and answered, "Have you ever tried to breathe out three times without breathing in once?" Thinking it might be some new breathing exercise, Chapman answered, "I do not think I have." "Well," said Meyer, "try it." So he breathed out once, and then he had to breathe in again.

"Don't you know," said Dr. Meyer, "that you must always breathe in before you breathe out, and that your breathing out is in proportion to your breathing in?"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*We must fill the reservoir by prayer and a meditative study of the Word before we can draw out for service.*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*,  
Walter B. Knight.

## CHURCHES PARTICIPATING IN THE WIDOW'S FUND

Please note that two ministers have died since our last announcement: the Revs. Herman Wooten and Wiley T. Ferrell. Gifts of \$100 are now due from those churches participating in the program. Please respond accordingly.

Churches will be notified through *The Free Will Baptist* when a participating minister dies.

Walter Reynolds

## COMING EVENTS

*March*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

*March 13*—State League Convention, Mount Zion Church, Roper; 9:30 a.m. registration

*March 20*—Eastern District Spring Youth Convention, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, 9:30 a.m. registration

*March 25*—Eastern District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxilliary

*March 27*—Central District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxilliary

*March 29*—Pierson Lecture by Michael Brown, Mount Olive College, 8 p.m., Moye Library

March is  
Foreign Missions  
Month.



# *The Sunday School Lesson*

## **POWER OVER MIND AND MATTER**

**Lesson Text:** Mark 5:1-15

**Memory Verse:** Mark 5:19

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

A church I once served was located on a main thoroughfare. Two or three blocks up the street were located a fire station and a police station. When I first occupied the church office and tried to study, I found myself frequently interrupted by the sirens of police cars or fire engines. Sometimes I would even get up and go to a window to catch a glimpse of what might be happening. But before long I convinced myself that there was nothing I could do to help the men involved, and I was able to push these noises into the background, scarcely noticing them. After a few weeks I was totally oblivious to them.

The Gadarenes were rather like this. No doubt the poor man possessed by demons attracted their attention, and efforts were made to help him. But soon everyone began to convince himself that there was nothing he could do, and so the poor chap was relegated to a cemetery some distance from town. Thus removed from their presence, he soon was forgotten.

Perhaps there was nothing they could do to help him. Yet it is not hard to conclude that the

man's neighbors were glad to have him out of the community. With him out of sight, they could become oblivious to his needs.

In the previous lesson Mark tells of Jesus' teaching in parables. At the close of the day Jesus sent away the crowd, and He and His disciples got into a boat and started across the Sea of Galilee. But before long they were caught in a violent storm that threatened to engulf the boat. Jesus, exhausted by His long day of teaching, lay asleep in the boat. In desperation the disciples awakened Him, seeking His help. Jesus then arose and rebuked the sea, and immediately the wind and the waves were calmed. This tremendous miracle, demonstrating Jesus' power over nature, left the disciples awestruck and fearful.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. HINTS THAT HELP**

A. Jesus and the disciples were on a ship crossing the Sea of Galilee when a storm came up. Jesus proved His power over the sea by stilling the tempest. When they came to land, there was another commotion—a demon-possessed man from Gadara; Jesus proved Himself adequate for

commotion whether on land or sea.

B. In the series of lessons which we are now studying we have seen various manifestations of Jesus' power.

C. Can you imagine the consternation of the feeders of the swine? Now can you imagine hogs turning away from food and dashing into the sea? No wonder there was great amazement and fear!

D. Why did the demoniac run and worship Jesus? The devil knows who Jesus is and hates Him. The nature of Satan and the nature of God are opposite. Satan is evil; God is good. Satan is unholy; God is holy. Yet the devil admits the holy character of God.—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

### **III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS**

A man named John Hall tells this beautiful story of an incident that occurred to him one day: "I stood one even watching the pure white flowers encircling the veranda. I had been told that the buds that hung with closed petals all day, every evening near sunset unfolded and sent out a peculiar fragrance.

"The miracle was more than I had anticipated. A feeling of silent awe possessed me as I saw bud after bud, as if under the touch of an invisible hand, slowly fold back its leaves until the vine was filled with perfect blossoms, most beautiful and sweet. I said, 'If the finger of God laid upon these His flowers can do this in a way beyond the power of human study to explain, cannot the same divine touch, in ways we know not of, do as much for human hearts?'"

Indeed it can, as millions who once were broken by sin and sorrow could rise up today and testify.—*The Advanced Quarterly* (F.W.B.)

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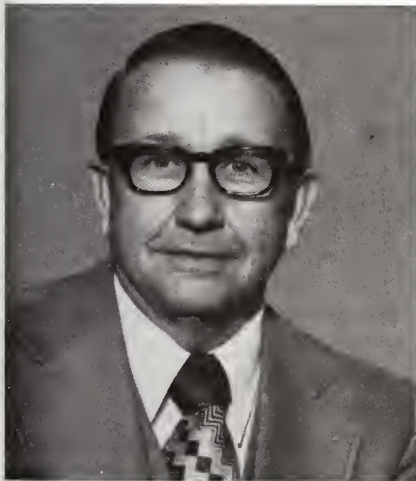
### Piedmont Women To Meet

The Piedmont Woman's Auxiliary will meet at Cathedral Church in Durham, North Carolina, on March 13, 1982, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some good Christian fellowship.

### Revival Services to Be At Gospel Outreach Church

Revival services will be held March 22 through March 26 at Gospel Outreach Church located in the Jasper Community. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. John Clark will be the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Brown, and members of the church invite everyone to come and fellowship. There will be special singing each night.

### Revival Services to Be At Friendship Church



*The Rev. Robert May*

Revival services will be held at Friendship Church, Route 1, Farmville, March 15 through March 20, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Robert May will be the evangelist. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Walter Reynolds. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### Wintergreen Church to Have Revival Services

Wintergreen Church will have revival services, March 15-19, at 7:30 p.m. The guest

evangelist will be the Rev. Lloyd F. Hargis from Clayton, North Carolina. Thursday night will be family night. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

The Rev. Donald Walston is pastor of the church.

### Revival Services to Be At Black Jack Church



*The Rev. O. B. Jones*

Revival services will be held at Black Jack Church, Route 3, Greenville, March 14 through March 19, at 7:30 p.m. There will be children's church and a nursery provided. The evangelist will be the Rev. O. B. Jones of First Church, Tarboro. Special music will be presented each evening. The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. is pastor of the church.

### Revival Services to Be At Little Rock Church

Little Rock Church, Lucama, will be having a series of revival services March 22 through March 26, at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor of Reedy Branch Church near Winterville, North Carolina. He is currently serving on the Free Will Baptist Press Board of Directors and the Cragmont Assembly Board of Directors.

The music for the services will be under the direction of Mr. Randy Barham, choir director. A nursery will be provided each evening for the services. The public is invited to share in this special series of worship services. The Rev. DeWayne Eakes is pastor of the church.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

The office of the Church Finance Association, Inc. has been moved to the Original Free Will Baptist Church Headquarters in Ayden. As a result, it is asked that all correspondence for the Association be mailed to the following address: Headquarters: North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Church Finance Association, Inc., Box 38, Ayden, NC 28513-0038.

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allowed to join him. Today, the Vins can worship God freely, without harassment, without fear for their lives. But many Soviet Christians are not so fortunate. It is not unusual for believers to be beaten. Young people are sometimes taken away from their Christian parents and sent to special state orphanages for the purposes of being re-educated.

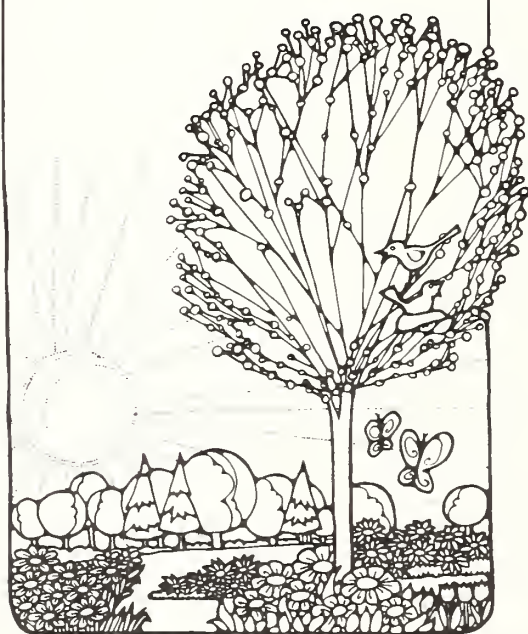
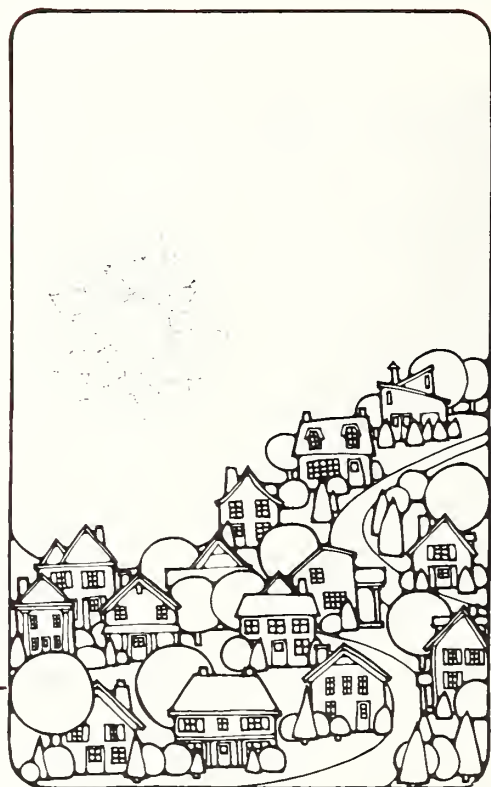
Lisa's story poignantly speaks of her Christian faith. It causes each of us to consider our own convictions and commitments. It also challenges us to ponder several things: What would we have done if we had been Lisa? What **will** we do for the cause of Christ? **That's** the unfinished love story!



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# *Yearbook for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*

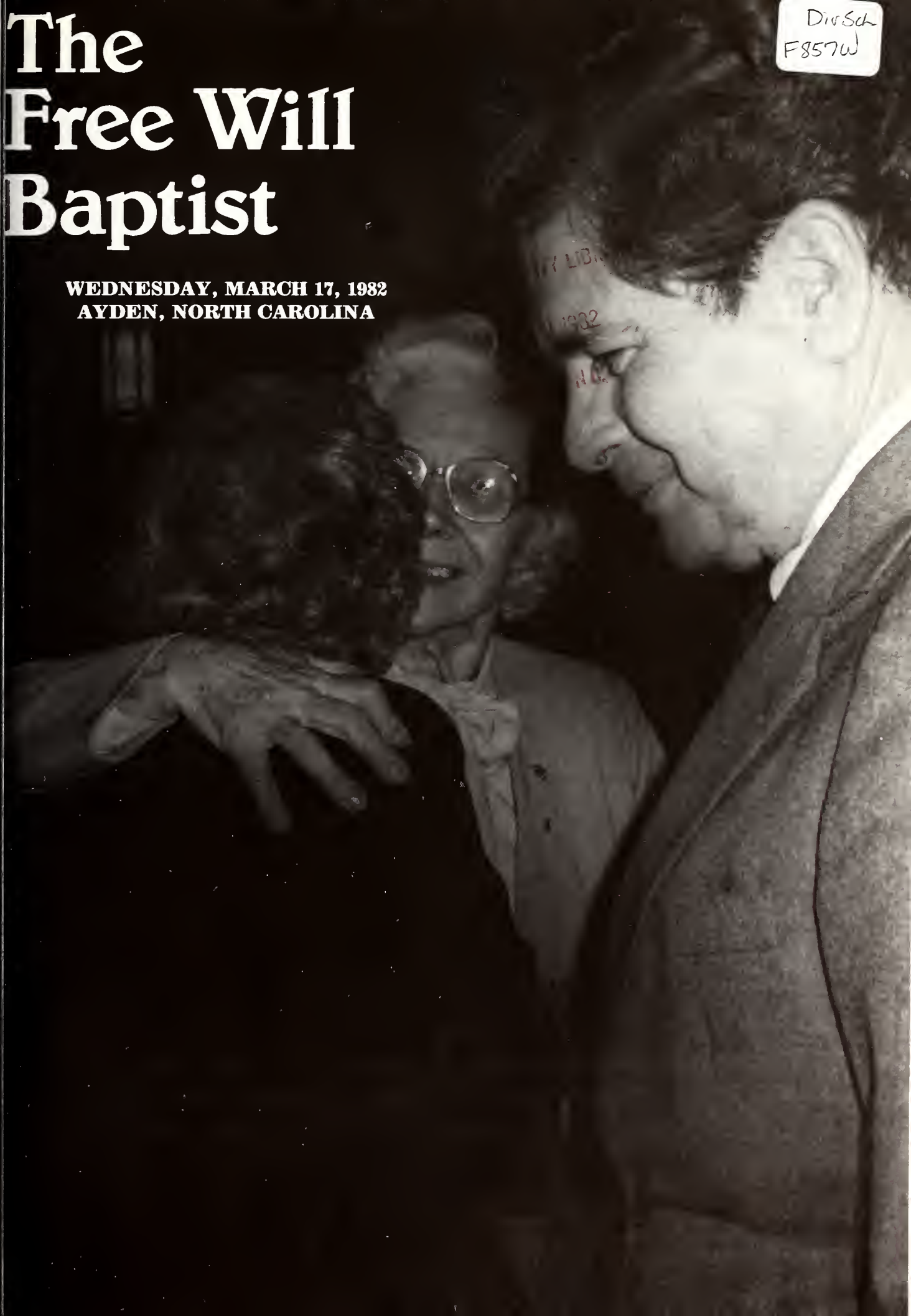
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# The Commission Charge



**Mr. Bowen:** Beloved Brethren, we are assembled here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who has commanded us to make disciples for all nations, to commission Brother Charles Barnard and his wife, Jackie, for missionary service, to commend them by prayer to the grace of God, and to consecrate ourselves to be partners with them in the gospel.

Charles and Jackie Barnard were then presented as missionary candidates by their pastor, the Rev. Norman Ard.

**Mr. Bowen:** Charles and Jackie, acknowledging the supreme authority of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has commissioned and commanded His church to make disciples of all nations, do you freely receive His commission and do you promise to endeavor at all times to obey His command?

**Charles and Jackie:** We do.

**Mr. Bowen:** Do you promise to be faithful in prayer and in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, to cooperate in love and loyalty with all your fellow workers, to build up the church in truth and concord, to witness by word and deed of your faith, and to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, and will you be faithful to the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist Church?

**Charles and Jackie:** We do.

**Mr. Bowen:** Our brother and sister will now kneel, while we commend them in prayer to the grace of God, in Whom they have believed.

At this point, the Barnards were joined at the altar by the members of the Foreign Missions Board, Miss Barnard, the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Ingram, the Rev. Wayne King, the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Miles, Mrs. Sandra Jones, and Mrs. Mattie Lou Link. The commissioning prayer was led by the Rev. Gary Bailey.



## Surely the Presence Of the Lord Was in That Place

*Surely the presence of the Lord [was] in [that] place,  
[We could] feel His mighty power and His grace.  
[We could] hear the brush of angels' wings,  
[We saw] glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord [was] in [that] place.*

An anticipation filled the air, and when the service began, those present—all 575+ of us—united to praise God and to thank Him for raising up the Charles Barnard family. The spirit of the occasion was one of praise—it was evident as the Rev. C. F. Bowen led the service; it was lifted when Mrs. Judy Dail Bowen sang; it challenged everyone to greater service when our Foreign Missions director, the Rev. Harold Jones, affirmed, "As we pray, He will provide those to go and the means to keep them there." Yes, the Lord was surely present at the March 3rd commissioning service of the Barnards.

The speaker for the evening was Miss Laura Bell Barnard. "The first lady of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions," Miss Barnard was also commissioned at Black Jack Church. The year was 1935 and she was preparing to serve in India. Since returning from the field, she has taught for 13 years and also authored *His Name Among All Nations*, the "Bible" for foreign missionaries.

Miss Barnard had a twofold interest in this service. She said that her "whole being tingled with excitement" as she walked through Black Jack Church. So vivid were her memories! But the evening was also one that evoked gladness, thanksgiving, and praise, for Charles Barnard,

her own kinsman (and the first one, at that), had joined hands with her in the foreign missions cause. He too had said, "Lord, here am I; send me." Charles is Miss Barnard's nephew, her brother's eldest.

"What we need most to see," Miss Barnard proclaimed, "is a fresh vision of Jesus Christ. We need to see His face . . . for all things in Jesus I find." She continued, "Woe unto anyone who would attempt such who is not impelled, thrust forth."

As Miss Barnard neared the end of her reflections, her countenance became quite somber. "I have searched the Scriptures, I have pored over them, but I have not found where those who do not know Christ will be spared. There is 'none other name under heaven whereby men might be saved.' Oh—just the name of Jesus."

In her hands was an old Bible—the one she had at the time she was commissioned. As a token of their oneness, Miss Barnard gave the Bible to her kinsmen, the missionary candidates. "It is old, fragile," she said, "but its contents are still as dependable as The Rock of Ages."

The message over, our newest missionary candidates were then commissioned. (Their charge can be found on Page 2.)

The members of the Foreign Missions Board are the Revs. C. F. Bowen, chairman; Henry Armstrong; Marvin Waters; Gary Bailey; and Norman Ard. The Rev. Harold Jones directs this work.





### The Barnards: Our New Missionaries

Charles Ira Barnard was born on October 28, 1952. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira S. Barnard of Glennville, Georgia, he is the oldest of eight children. A graduate of Glennville High School and Brewton Parker College, he is presently completing his B.A. degree with Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina. Charles served in the United States Air Force from 1971-1978 and with the Tennessee and Georgia Air National Guard from 1979-1981.

Charles professed Christ as his Saviour at the age of eleven; he says his salvation experience took place while he was at a youth camp. While on military duty, he served as a Sunday school teacher, a youth worker, and also worked with a bus ministry.

Jackie Ann (Wilson) Barnard is the daughter of the late Mr. Jack Wilson and Mrs. Bernie Wilson. The third of five children, she grew up in Reidsville, Georgia. Jackie was saved during a service at Pineview Baptist Church; she was nine years old at the time.

Charles and Jackie have two children. Shanna Marie is eleven; her birthdate is September 9, 1970. Five-year-old Jeffrey Sloan was born December 9, 1976.

The Barnards left for the Philippines on March 11 from Kinston, North Carolina.



*(Top left) Charles, on the far right, poses with his parents and three of his brothers. (Top right) Jeffrey seems unaffected by all the hustle and bustle. (Middle left) The Barnards greet someone while the Rev. Cedric Pierce, host pastor, speaks with the Revs. James Joyner and Marvin Waters. (Bottom left) The Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Bryan were part of the crowd in attendance.*



(Left) Miss Laura Bell Barnard greets some of those present after the service. (Right) Mrs. Mattie Lou Link, a missionary to Mexico, attended this challenging meeting.

Shortly after the service began, Mr. Bowen read from a letter that the Barnards had just received from Mrs. Mabel Willey, affectionately known by many as "Mom" Willey: "God had only one Son, and He was a missionary," she began. Then she wrote, "He will go before

you now, and He will go before you always."

Charles and Jackie, "Mom's" words are quite true. But know that we all love you and our prayers will be with you wherever you might go.

## The Challenge

*There is peace and contentment in the Father's house today;*

*Lots of food on His table and no one is turned away;  
There is singing and laughter as the hours pass by,  
But a hush calms the singing as the Father sadly cries:*

*"My house is full, but my field is empty;  
Who will go and work for me today?  
It seems my children all want to stay around the table,  
But no one wants to work in my field,  
No one wants to work in my field!"*

*Push away from the table, look out thro' the window pane;  
Just beyond the house of plenty lies a field of golden grain;  
And it's white unto harvest, but the reapers, where are they?  
In the house, oh, can't the children hear the Father sadly say:*

*"My house is full, but my field is empty;  
Who will go and work for me today?  
It seems my children all want to stay around the table.  
But no one wants to work in my field,  
No one wants to work in my field!"*

—Lanny Wolfe

"One of my greatest joys is in seeing laborers go forth unto the harvest. There are now about 160 countries into which it is possible to get missionaries. When was the last time that you honestly prayed that God would send forth laborers?" —Harold Jones





# Free Will Baptists in the News

## MRS. DEANYE MORRIS HONORED

by Mrs. Agnes Corbett, Union Grove  
Woman's Auxiliary President



Mrs. Deanye Morris

*Each third Sunday at Union Grove Church, near Fremont, the youth are in charge of the services of the church. Recently the YFA and AFC officers were installed, and Mrs. Deanye Morris was honored for her devotion to the church and its youth. The following tribute was read by Jovance Whaley. Refreshments were served after the services.*

Mrs. Deanye Morris lived the first 18 years of her life in Bridgeton, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late John and Minnie Oglesby. As a young girl she accepted Christ and served in the Bridgeton Church until age 18 when she was asked to teach at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, known then as "the Orphanage." She went to the Orphanage in September, 1925. There she taught the children and helped some with piano.

Many times she even cut the girls' hair. Four years later the Home was in desperate need of financial funds, so Mrs. Deanye was asked to train a singing class using some of the boys and girls. They went to churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama on a nine-month tour to raise funds for the Orphanage. There were no Free Will Baptist Orphanages in these states at this time. She returned each summer to train another group of children so the same ones would not always miss school.

Mrs. Deanye can tell many stories about how at age 21, she took a car full of singing children, with very little money in her pocket and an old car, and ventured out to raise funds for the Children's Home.

It was on one of her singing class trips to Union Grove that she made a very dear and lasting friend, Mr. Bagley Morris. It seemed that on her visit to Union Grove that she was to stay at the Morris home overnight and she recalls how Mr. Bagley knocked on the door at 4 a.m. to awaken her and tell her he was glad to have her in his home for the night and that he must leave and be about his work.

Later in December 1934, Mrs. Deanye resigned from the Children's Home, after 9 years, to marry Mr. Bagley. She came to Pinkney to live, after declaring in her earliest years that she would never marry a red-headed man and live on a farm.

Mrs. Deanye immediately went to work at Union Grove,

joining the church and working in the local Ladies Aid Society, now known as the Woman's Auxiliary. She held offices in her local auxiliary as well as in the Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention and also the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

In 1935 a league for the young people of the church was organized and Mrs. Deanye became the leader of this great work. She worked diligently with the young people who came to it each Sunday evening. After a number of years she realized the need of a youth auxiliary, so the youth from many of the surrounding churches were invited to Union Grove for a youth meeting. This meeting proved to be the first known youth auxiliary for Free Will Baptists in North Carolina. There was no program material for youth printed at this time so the Woman's Auxiliary material was used and adapted to fit the youth program. The meetings, often held in homes at this time, were well attended. It was at this time that the young people bought the first organ for the church.

In 1939 a daily vacation Bible school was organized under Mrs. Deanye's leadership. Children from the entire community came to Union Grove because there were no other vacation Bible schools nearby. The attendance reached into the 200's as Mrs. Deanye took Mr. Bagley's big 10-wheel truck and went about the neighborhood picking up children. In later years Mrs. Deanye was asked to go to many of the surrounding Free Will Baptist churches to organize a daily vacation Bible school.

It was about this time that Mr. Bagley and Mrs. Deanye took into their home one of the young girls from the Children's Home, Hazel Tippet, who came and lived with them for a while until she decided to get married.

As the Youth Auxiliary continued to grow, a Youth for Christ Rally was formed. In 1949 youth from around our district and state were invited to Union Grove for the rally. At one of the early rallies such an impressive program (a large boat scene with Christ as the Captain) was given that our youth were invited to distant churches to repeat it. As the Youth Rally was organized and grew, the various districts organized their own rallies. Here at Union Grove our youth belong to the Western District Youth Rally.

Many young people's lives have been touched, and a number from our church and the surrounding churches have gone into Christian service—one missionary, a number of pastors and evangelists, as well as pastors' wives and teachers. Many others are serving faithfully in their local churches.

Since Mrs. Deanye was 18 years old, she has worked diligently with young people, and since coming to Union Grove in 1935, she has worked with the youth in various capacities. She served on the deacon board for many years and has taught a Sunday school class for most of the time. She now serves as Missions Chairman in our Woman's Auxiliary, and for the past 10 years has served as Treasurer of our Mission Club.

After the tribute was read Mrs. Deanye was presented a plaque for her devotion and service.

submitted by Union Grove Woman's  
Auxiliary,  
Mary Lee S. Fulghum  
Publicity Chairman

### **FRIENDSHIP CHURCH MEMBERS COMPLETE NEW GYMNASIUM**

Hard work, dedication, and determination went into the building of a new gymnasium at Friendship Church, Farmville.

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The huge 108' x 60' structure was built by members of the church who gave of their time willingly and without personal gain.

Construction began in December of 1979 and after two years of hard work, it was completed recently. Funds for the enormous project were obtained solely from the church building fund. At the time of completion, the gym was completely paid for.

When plans were in the making for building the gym, a list was made up of those under 35 years of age who would participate in the construction. A total of 65 people volunteered their services—their time and energies.

With a membership of approximately 300, the people of Friendship Church and their pastor, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, have always worked together in getting things done. A new sanctuary, built by the members of the church, was completed in 1971. They were also responsible for constructing the spacious fellowship hall.

This latest venture should prove to be an asset to the members of the church, especially to the younger group. The cement floor is coated with a urethane paint which is suitable for roller skating as well as many other indoor sports. The inside walls are masonite and the ceiling is covered with a vinyl siding. The outside is constructed of 2 by 8's with vinyl siding and a shingle roof.

This ingenious group is not finished yet: plans are to add on a 30' x 30' exercise room in the near future.

### **NO BAPTIST**

In accordance with our policy of printing only forty-eight issues of *The Free Will Baptist* each year, there will not be an edition on March 31.

### **ATTENTION**

The Albemarle Youth Convention will meet on April 5, 1982, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Plymouth Church, Plymouth. All Albemarle youth groups are encouraged to attend. Anyone having questions please write to me, your acting Albemarle Youth Chairman, at Route 4, Box 410, Ahoskie, North Carolina 27910; phone, (919) 322-2772.

Becky Jo Sumner

### **ATTENTION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

Hear Ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!

Those who have ears to hear, let them hear!

Our Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be March 25, 1982, at Folkstone Church. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The theme for the day is "Assurance of His Presence."

Let's all plan to be there. We're looking forward to a wonderful day as we enjoy His presence together.

Folkstone Church is 20 miles south of Jacksonville on Highway 17 and four miles north of Holly Ridge. See you there.

Versie Baldree

### **ATTENTION EASTERN DISTRICT SECRETARIES**

The annual report blanks have been mailed. If you have not already done so, complete the report and return it to me as soon as possible. If you did not receive a report for your auxiliary, please contact me. We want all auxiliaries in the Eastern Conference to be counted at the convention on Thursday, March 25, at Folkstone Church, Onslow County.

Carol Prescott

### **March is Foreign Missions Month.**



# News and Notes

## VALENTINE DINNER HELD AT SOUND SIDE CHURCH



The Young Adult Sunday School Class of Sound Side Church near Columbia, entertained the teenagers of the church and their friends at a Valentine dinner on February 12. The fellowship hall was appropriately decorated.

The evening opened with a short devotional period led by James Cahoon, president of the Young Adult Class. He spoke to the teenagers about the three kinds of love included in the Greek vocabulary, followed by a poem on love. Kathy Cahoon read 1 Corinthians 13. The program ended with an original poem by Marie Cutrell, which began on a light note but ended with serious expressions of the love which the church has for its young people.

Heart pins, made by Cathy Brickhouse, were presented to all the women, and door prizes went to Peggy Sawyer and Tony Sawyer. The evening ended with an old-fashioned sing around the piano.

On Sunday, February 14, at 11 a.m., the young adults presented a short skit, entitled "Teens Talk," and the message was that it is possible for a young person to be a Christian and also lead a full, happy, rewarding life. As part of this program, a special offering was taken for the Children's Home.

## Revival Services to Be at First Church, Tarboro

The First Church of Tarboro and its pastor, the Rev. O. B.

Jones, cordially invite the public to attend its spring revival services being held March 22 through March 26, at

7:30 p.m. The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood will be the guest evangelist, and special music will be rendered each night with the youth of the church taking part on Thursday and Friday nights.

On Saturday night, March 27, following the revival services, there will be a special youth service, with music presented by several youth groups of the community, and a film entitled "Super Christian." All youth are invited.

## LaGrange Church to Host Central District Youth

There will be a Central District Youth Fellowship meeting at LaGrange Church on March 20, 1982. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. In addition, the Bible Bowl Tournament will take place with the announcement of the Essay and Declamation Contests winners. Also, the "Let It Grow!" earnings will be collected. For those needing directions, the church is located on South Caswell Street about a half-mile south of the overpass. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

## Revival Services to Be Held at Verona Church



*The Rev. Ransom McAbee*

The Verona Church, near Jacksonville, will have its spring revival March 29 through April 2. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Ransom McAbee, pastor of Sandy

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Plain Church. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening and will feature special singing. The pastor, the Rev. Boyd Shook, and the congregation invite everyone to share in these services.

#### **Revival Services at Grimsley Church**

Revival services will be held at Grimsley Church near Maury, March 22 through March 26. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Wayne King will be the guest evangelist. The Rev. Don Fader is pastor of the church. There will be special singing each night. The public is invited to attend these services.

#### **Revival Services to Be Held at Owens Chapel Church**

Revival services will be held at Owens Chapel Church, Route 3, Elm City, March 29 through April 3, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Joseph Ingram will be the evangelist. There will be special music each evening. The Rev. Melvin Moore is the pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

#### **Revival Services to Be Held at Bethany Church**

The Rev. Scott Sowers will conduct revival services at Bethany Church near Winterville, March 22 through March 26. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. In addition to the gospel messages there will be special music each night. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. The Rev. C. L. Patrick is pastor of the church.

#### **Robert's Grove Senior Citizens Honored**

On Saturday night, February 20, the Vanguard Class I of Robert's Grove Church near Dunn held its annual appreciation dinner for the senior citizens of the church.

The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated, using yellow and green as the predominant colors. The members of the class prepared and served the delicious meal to a large crowd.

After the meal, the Rev. Jerry Allen, pastor of the church, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Frankie Wrench gave the invocation. Special music was rendered by the men of the class. Bobby Johnson introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Tryon Lancaster, assistant superintendent of Cumberland County Schools, who delivered an interesting message. Remarks were then made by Gary Barefoot, and L. E. McLamb gave the benediction.

#### **Revival to Be Held at Pleasant Hill Church**

Revival services will be held at Pleasant Hill Church, Pikeville, March 22 through March 26, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Bobby Taylor will be the guest evangelist. The Rev. Don Kivett is the pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend these services. There will be special singing each evening.

#### **Marriage Enrichment Seminar At First Church, Wilson**

For eight consecutive Wednesday nights, First Church of Wilson will be presenting the "Brecheen/Faulkner Marriage Enrichment Film Series," beginning March 17, at 7:30 p.m. The marriage enrichment seminar, although instituted as a divorce preventative, is designed primarily for stable marriages. It was also designed for all ages—teenagers through grandparents. The following is the marriage enrichment itinerary:

March 17, Made for Each Other; March 24, The Trouble with Us Is Me; March 31, What Husbands Need to Know; April

7, What Wives Need to Know; April 14, How to Kill Communication; April 21, The Communication Lifetime; April 28, Speaking Frankly About Sex; and May 5, Renewing Romance in Marriage.

Dr. Brecheen and Dr. Faulkner have outstanding credentials and this production promises to be interesting and informative. The pastor, the Rev. Craig Simmons, and the church membership invite everyone to be a part of this marriage enrichment seminar series.

#### **Youth Revival Services to Be Held at Sound Side Church**



*The Rev. Royce Reynolds*

A youth revival will be held at Sound Side Church near Columbia, March 19, 20, at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Royce Reynolds bringing the messages. The revival is being sponsored by the YFA who will take an active part in the services.

There will be special music, fellowship and afternoon activities on Saturday at the Columbia High School Gym from 1-5 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs, and the members invite everyone to attend.

#### **Revival Services to Be Held at May's Chapel Church**

Revival services will be held at May's Chapel Church, Route

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# Foreign Missions

## HOW TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES (Part Two)

Verse for the week: Ephesians 6:19

4. Be specific in your prayer. "Lord bless the missionaries" is not enough.
  - A. Pray that barriers may be minimized so that the gospel may go forward.
  - B. Pray that the Lord will keep His servants faithful to His Word.
  - C. Pray that our missionaries will have wisdom in the use of their time.
  - D. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead our missionaries to prepared hearts.
  - E. Pray that our missionaries will get adequate rest to do their best for the Lord.
  - F. Pray for the missionary children. The education and discipline of children are frequently problems in a foreign culture. Some children have to live away from their parents for their education.
5. Pray faithfully for our missionaries.
  - A. Select a regular time and pray with diligence.
  - B. Anticipate needs and pray. Pray about needs others may not think about, such as victory over mental stagnation, for freshness in prayer and Bible teaching, for wisdom in relations with other missionaries and for a saving sense of humor.
6. Pray for the National Church of Mexico and its leaders.
7. Pray for more missionaries. There are never enough workers to complete the job. Young people are continuously preparing themselves for their lifetime occupation. Pray that God will call many of them into His service, and that they will obediently accept His call.



*The Vance Link Family*

## PRAY FOR MEXICO

Pray for the Links and the National Christians in Mexico. They are counting on you!

Mexico is our neighbor to the south, and is about one-fourth as large as the United States not counting Alaska and Hawaii. The Rio Grande River forms about two-thirds of the boundary between Mexico and the United States. The population of Mexico is approximately 70 million. Mexico has a population increase of three and one-half percent a year, one of the greatest annual population explosions in the world. Almost all Mexicans speak Spanish which is the official language.

Nearly all the Mexican people belong to the Roman Catholic Church. Evangelical Christians form only a small percent of the population. "*The harvest is plenteous—the labourers are few—pray for labourers.*"

**Telethon Theme:  
The Power of Prayer in Missions**

**Challenge—two minutes in prayer each day for world missions. Remember Free Will Baptist Day of Prayer for World Missions, March 28.**

**Telethon Sunday is March 28  
Call and report your missions offering  
between 1:30 and 5 p.m.  
Phone: (919) 734-5946**



# Mount Olive College

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## SINGERS TO PERFORM AT LADIES' NIGHT



*The Mount Olive College Singers for the 1981-82 academic year are as follows: (from left to right, front to back) Ben Kominski of Mount Olive, Mike Jones of Smithfield, Neal Tilghman of Cove City, Johnny Sullivan of Bailey, and Tony Peacock of Godwin; (back row) Greg Pittman of Wilson, Renee Harrell of Mount Olive, Gina Powell of Kenansville, Irene Patten of Mount Olive, Karen Williams of Mount Olive, Marsha Carter of Faison, Marian Kennedy of LaGrange, and Tim Bass of Belhaven.*

The Mount Olive College Singers will perform at a Ladies' Night program to be sponsored by the Central Conference Layman's League on Saturday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at Free Union Church near Walstonburg.

The Singers are a musical group from Mount Olive College who are available for performances at churches, civic

organizations, community groups, and schools. The group performs a variety of sacred and secular music. As part of their spring activities, the Singers will be featured on the Jim Burns' Show (WECT, Channel 6) on Friday, March 26, at 11:30 a.m.

The Singers will also present two concerts at Independence

Mall in Wilmington at 7 and 8 p.m. on March 26.

Irene Patten is director of the group.

## ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARDS



*The recipients of the 1981 alumni awards were Becky Jo Sumner (left, class of 1962) for outstanding service to the College; and Penny Edwards Gass (right, class of 1972) for service and achievement in her professional, church, and civic activities. Miss Sumner is a member of Hickory Chapel Church, and Mrs. Gates is a member of First Church, Wilson.*

Who stands out from the crowd in your class?

As an alumnus of Mount Olive College, you are invited to submit nominations for the Alumni of the Year.

Awards will be presented in two categories.

The first award will be presented for outstanding service, unusual interest, and demonstrated loyalty to the College and to the alumni association.

The second award will be presented for recognized service and achievement in one's professional, church, and civic activities.

Nominations are due March 31 and should be addressed to the Office of the President,

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# Family Devotions

## SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Scripture Reading—Luke 24:44-48

### EXCEPT THEY BE SENT

A young medical doctor came to his pastor one day and joyously said, "Pastor, I have volunteered for mission service. How thrilled I am to obey the Saviour's command, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' " The pastor was delighted. He warmly congratulated the young doctor. Continuing, the doctor said, "I have dedicated my profession, my life, my *all* to God. I have entered into sacred covenant with God to earn money for Him and expend it in sending out missionaries into the regions beyond with the gospel of the grace of God!"

Before the judgment seat of Christ, the young doctor will be *equally* rewarded with the missionaries whom his dollars sent to faraway places.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike (1 Samuel 30:24).*

## MONDAY, MARCH 22

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 6

### A DYING

#### MOTHER'S REQUEST

The mother of Christian Schwartz died as he was born. Before her death she exacted this promise from her husband:

"When my baby becomes a man and God calls him to be a missionary, promise me that you will not stand in his way!"

In those days, foreign missionary enterprise was almost unknown. Years passed. One day a brilliant young man came from the university and said, "Father, God has called me to be a missionary!" Tears filled the father's eyes as he recalled the promise he gave to his dying wife. "Answer the call, my son, and may God's blessings be continually upon you," said the father.

Christian Schwartz went to India, a pioneer missionary in the generation before William Carey.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Many will never reach the mission field on their feet, but all of God's children can reach it on their knees!*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Scripture Reading—John 6:22-65

### NO PITY WHERE CHRIST IS UNKNOWN

How devoid of pity and compassion are a people who have no knowledge of God and of death's Conqueror, the ever living Saviour!

In the section of Africa where I was a missionary for more than a decade, it was not uncommon for the natives to kill, by a most torturous and slow death, aged ones who could no longer work. Their legs were broken and the protruding,

splintered bones exposed to burning embers.

One day word came to the dispensary that an aged woman was at the nearby riverside, writhing in indescribable agony. The trail along which she had dragged herself was bespattered with blood. I took her on my back and brought her to the dispensary. The natives, totally devoid of any concern or sympathy, looked in amusement upon what I did.

How accurately does the Word of God depict those calloused souls—"past feeling!"

What a change is wrought in them when they become new creatures in Christ!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*We've a story to tell to the nations! Let's hasten forth with its liberating message.*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Scripture Reading—Mark 1:9-20

### A WORLD WITHOUT

Our wealth in Christ is forever incalculable. A missionary in China writes: "A great 'without' is written on heathenism. Men and women are *without* a Bible, *without* a Sunday and *without* righteousness. They have homes *without* peace, marriage *without* sanctity. Their young men and women are *without* ideals, the little children *without* purity, the mothers *without* wisdom or self-control. There is poverty *without* relief, sickness *without* skill or care, sorrow *without* sympathy, sin *without* remedy, death *without* hope. All this is wrapped up in the words, '*without* Christ.' This is why Christ has told us to go 'into all the world, and preach the gospel.' This is why we urge you to give and pray *without* stint, for the only answer to the world *without* is to have Christ *within*."

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Forget not that your first and principal business, as a disciple*

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of Christ, is to give the gospel to those who have it not.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Scripture Reading—John 21:1-19

### JESUS IS HERE

Out where the loneliness presses  
around me,

Looking on sights that are  
sordid and drear,

Strangely abiding—yet surely  
God called me,

Why do I wonder if Jesus is  
here?

Strangeness of living and  
strangeness of people,

Have I not come with the  
gospel of cheer?

Why is my heart then de-  
pressed with its burden?

Isn't my Comrade—my Je-  
sus—out here?

God! Teach me quickly to do  
without friendships,

How to let go of those things  
that were dear,

How to be rid of this self that is  
binding me,

Surely my Master, my Je-  
sus, is here.

Wilt Thou forgive me for failure  
in serving;

Heartache, depression, re-  
grets, disappear.

Born of the Cross, a new cour-  
age infills me;

Jesus, my Victory, my  
Life, is now here!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Every heart without Christ is  
a mission field. Every heart  
with Christ is a missionary.  
Which are you?*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Scripture Reading—Luke 15:1-7

### WE FORGET SO SOON!

There are about three billion  
people in the world. Many of  
them are without God and  
without hope, having never  
heard the name of Jesus. Many  
are saying, "Come and help  
us!" A heathen woman said to a  
missionary, "Tell your people  
how fast we are dying. Ask

them if they cannot send the  
gospel a little faster!" An In-  
dian woman pleaded, "Oh, tell  
us again who Jesus Christ is.  
Tell us slowly, for we forget so  
soon!" An Eskimo made this  
appeal: "Tell it to me once  
more for I want to be saved!" A  
Burmese boy pleaded: "Tell  
me where I can find Jesus! Tell  
me, oh, tell me!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A young missionary, after  
spending some years in China,  
came home an invalid. His  
health had failed him, but he  
still had the yearning, burning  
heart of a true missionary. His  
heart was with the perishing  
millions of China. In speaking  
of them he said: "I can't sleep  
for thinking about them!"*

*There are ninety and nine that  
safely lie,*

*In the shelter of the fold,  
But millions are left outside to  
die,*

*For the ninety and nine are  
cold!*

*Away in sin's delusive snare,  
Hastening to death and dark  
despair,*

*Hastening to death and none to  
care,*

*For the ninety and nine are  
cold!*

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Scripture Readings—Matthew  
28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18

### WHY DIDN'T YOU HURRY?

When a father who lived on  
the Western prairies came  
home one night, his little boy  
ran through the long grass to  
meet him. Suddenly the boy  
disappeared. Running through  
the grass to the point where his  
boy vanished, the man heard a  
gurgling cry. His son had fallen  
into an old well. The father  
barely reached the well in time  
to save his boy. When the lad  
revived from his fright, he  
asked, "O Daddy, why didn't  
you hurry?" Said the father  
later, "That boy's question  
made a missionary out of me. I  
seemed to hear the piteous,  
pleading cry of myriads in the

regions beyond, 'Why don't you  
hurry? We are dying without  
God and without hope. Why  
don't you hurry with the  
gospel?'"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A missionary does not  
necessarily go outside of his  
country, his state or even his  
own community. Wherever  
there is a lost soul there is mis-  
sion ground.*

Selected from *Knight's  
Treasury of Illustrations*,  
Walter B. Knight.

### ATTENTION

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

The 1982 session of the North  
Carolina Woman's Auxiliary  
Convention will convene on  
Thursday, May 13, at Beaver-  
dam Church, in the Pee Dee  
Conference, near Chadbourn.  
Each auxiliary should repre-  
sent with one delegate for each  
25 members or fraction thereof,  
plus a registration fee of \$10.

Many auxiliaries mail their  
\$10 registration fee 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 hav-  
ing been represented.

IMPORTANT: Please mail  
your fee before April 25, if  
possible, so that I will have  
time to get the list prepared  
and delivered to the convention  
registration committee for use  
on the morning of May 13. If  
you cannot possibly attend,  
please mail your fee anyway,  
as the convention needs your  
support. Mail your fee to the  
following address: Mrs. Ray-  
mond T. Sasser, State  
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# The Sunday School Lesson

## FEEDING BOTH BODY AND SOUL

Lesson Text: Mark 6:30-44

Memory Verse: Mark 6:34

### I. INTRODUCTION

Many of us have pleasant memories of the Sunday school picnics of our childhood days. Ours was held at a lovely wooded site a few miles from town. There an artesian well gushed gallons of icy water to quench our thirsts, and a creek provided opportunity for wading and swimming. Sunday school and church services in the woods were followed by a meal that never failed to delight and fill. These picnics always were planned well in advance, and everything always turned out well.

Today's lesson tells about another picnic, not exactly a Sunday school picnic, but one very much like the Sunday school picnics we used to have. There are people gathered in God's beautiful out-of-doors. They even had a Bible lesson and sermon as we had. But they made no plans for their food and they might very well have gone hungry. But they had one advantage we didn't have. Even though we had some of the best cooks anywhere, they could not feed our whole church with just five small loaves and a couple of fish. But that's exactly what Jesus did.

Sometime before the events recorded in today's lesson text,

Jesus had sent the twelve out on a preaching mission that must have carried them through the whole of Galilee and perhaps even into Judea. They were to proclaim the good news that the kingdom was at hand. Jesus also imparted to them power over demons and diseases. We can't be sure how long this mission lasted—perhaps for several weeks. By comparing the first two verses of our printed text with Matthew 14:12, 13, we conclude that the disciples returned at about the same time word reached Jesus of the death of John the Baptist. The place where the disciples and Jesus were reunited is not mentioned, but we presume that it was Capernaum.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Our Lord recognizes that man is composed of body, mind, and soul and that all three of these need rest and recuperation. After the disciples had been on their preaching tour, Jesus called them apart from the multitude to rest. Someone has said that "we must come apart or we will come apart."

B. The miracle in today's lesson about the feeding of the 5,000 is recorded in all four of

the Gospels. Jesus Christ is the center of the picture and we should not fail to recognize His great power over nature, over disease, over demons, and over men.

C. The second thing that stands out in this picture is the great crowd of people. They represent the great multitude of lost folk. They were tired and hungry. This gives us a picture of the condition of the unsaved. Have you ever wondered just how many unsaved people there are in the world?

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The emphasis of this lesson is on the need of nourishment for both the body and soul, and how Jesus met that dual need. He left for His church an example. We are to be concerned with both physical and spiritual needs of those to whom we minister. It goes without saying that the soul's need is greater, but none can doubt the needs of the body for food, clothing, housing, and warmth. The first role of the church is to preach the gospel to the unsaved, and when we have won them to Christ we are to nurture them in the admonition of the Lord, teaching them to observe all things that He taught us.

B. A secondary role, but one of great importance, is to help those who are hungry and needy to find hope and help in a world that would otherwise be most unfriendly to them.

—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

Have you ever wondered why the Lord gave us Sunday? The way some people treat it, you could never tell; but the Lord gave us Sunday to rest, refresh, and renew our body, mind, and spirit.—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. Nominations must be made by a College alumnus.

The awards will be presented at the annual alumni banquet to be held Saturday, May 1, 5:30 p.m., in the downtown campus auditorium.

### PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at British Chapel Church, Lenoir County, on Sunday, March 21, 1982, at 11 a.m. At 9:45 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

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### NEWS AND NOTES

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3, Dudley, March 22 through March 26, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Donald Coates, pastor of Pine Level Church, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special music each night, and a nursery will be provided. The Rev. Andrew Hill, pastor of the church, and the congregation cordially invite the public to attend.

### Eastern District Spring Youth Convention to Be Held

The Eastern District Spring Youth Convention will be held at Camp Vandemere, on March 20, 1982. The theme of the convention is "Followers of Jesus." The theme verse is taken from Matthew 4:19: "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." The scheduled program is as follows:

- 9:30—Registration (\$5 registration fee per church)
- 9:45—Chorus Time
- 10:00—Devotion, Sound View Church, Carteret Union

10:15—Welcome, Neal Caroon, Fifth Union

—Response, Gray Branch Church, Third Union

—Special Music, Sandy Plain Church, Third Union

10:30—Declamation Contest

—Denominational Skit, "What Do You Have to Share?"

10:50—Essay Contest

—Time for a Song, Ard Family

—Bible Bowl Quiz

11:40—Campaign Speeches

—"A Word from Our Candidates" (Election of Officers Done by Secret Ballot during Lunch)

12:15—Lunch, Provided by the Churches of Pamlico County, Fifth Union

12:45—Chorus Time

—Puppet Show, Verona Church, Third Union

1:05—Special Program for Cherubs

—Business Session, Todd Ard, President

—YFA-AFC Present

—Announcements

—"A Word from Our Youth," Macedonia Church, Fifth Union

—Reading of Minutes

—Treasurer's Report

—Old Business

—New Business

1:40—Special Music, Ard Family

—Awards Given to Winners of Essay, Declamations, and Bible Bowl Quiz contests

—Installation Service for Our New District Officers

—Prayer of Dedication

2:15—Adjournment

### Snow Hill Church

#### Announces Revival Services

Revival services will be held at Snow Hill Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, March 29 through April 2, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. David Cauley, pastor of New Haven Church, will be the evangelist for the week. There

will be special singing each night under the direction of Mrs. Mary Gold Bell, accompanied by Miss Faye Reardon, pianist. The church choir and singers from other churches will be a part of the services. The pastor, the Rev. John Owens, and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to share the blessings of God.

### Revival Services to Be Held At Gum Swamp Church

Revival services will be held at Gum Swamp Church near Belvoir in Pitt County on March 22 through March 26, at 7:30 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Ray Williamson, invites everyone to attend and enjoy the special singing and preaching. The guest evangelists will be: the Revs. Jack Mayo, Monday; Craig Simmons, Tuesday; Bruce Jones, Wednesday; Cedric Pierce, Thursday; and Austin Carter, Friday. A nursery will be provided.

### Revival Services to Be Held At Kenly Church

Kenly Church, Kenly, announces revival services to be held March 22-26, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Earl Glenn will be the evangelist. The Rev. James V. Joyner is pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

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## COMING EVENTS

*March*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

*March 20*—Eastern District Spring Youth Convention, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, 9:30 a.m. registration

*March 25*—Eastern District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxiliary, Folkstone Church, Holly Ridge

*March 27*—Central District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxiliary



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## Editorial



## Who? Where? When?

You know how it goes: you have a million things to do, but before you can begin work on any of them, you have to talk with "Mr. X" on the phone. No matter when you have tried to talk with him during the last few weeks, he has not been in the office. Now, finally, he is in, but he's busy and you are put on hold—so you wait, rather impatiently. No one likes to be put on hold; no one enjoys being "put off," but there seems to be no better way to handle busy phone lines. This system helps insure priorities, while facilitating callers. Yet some priorities are inherent. Now can you imagine anyone telling President Reagan that he is going to be put on hold? But don't we often use the same tactic with God? Is He not more important than the President?

J. Northcote Parkinson once stated that "delay is the deadliest form of denial." We Christians know this law well; we have even carried it further and perfected the art of procrastination:

*I really want to and I will, right after—*

*I want to help them desperately and I will, right after—*

*Certainly I believe in tithing. I'm gonna start when—*

*Visitation? Sure, I believe we are to tell others about Christ.*

*And I plan to start, right after—*

And the list goes on, for we can always find reasons (excuses?) to delay—and our explanations seem legitimate enough. (But isn't it strange how we can always find time to do what we want to do?)

Christians are called to service (not serve us). We are not saved by our works; we are saved to work. Our ready response should always be: "Let us be faithful to our responsibilities now and see what God will entrust to us." Waiting for "later" simply does not co-exist with Christlike commitment. Studying, praying, growing, and preparing must go hand-in-hand with doing; time is precious and we cannot afford to wait another minute! (The researcher is never quite done with his



research; the author is never quite satisfied with his work; and we say we are never quite ready for whatever the task might be. But there will always remain the elusive unknown . . . that's what faith is for; that's what it is all about!)

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill were pressing Marshal Stalin to agree to a certain strategy, one that might have even ended WWII. After Stalin gave some reason for not agreeing, Roosevelt said, "Aha! That's not the reason you gave last time!" In reply Stalin answered, "When you don't want to do something, one reason is as good as another." How often we fall prey to such reasoning!

Our Lord never condoned, nor was He satisfied with, halfhearted efforts, lukewarm commitments, and delaying tactics. He didn't give out rain checks when issuing invitations to discipleship and service. When the Master called His disciples, they followed immediately (and they followed joyfully); the apostles were filled with expectations. The only things we are usually filled with are negativism, dread, a hunger for power, and a certainty of worse conditions and less success.

The time is **now** . . . the fields are **now** white . . . the harvest is **now** ready . . . there is work waiting **now**. If tempted to put God's plans, purposes, and requests on hold, remember the following classic words:

*If not I, who?  
If not here, where?  
If not now, when?*

I am quite thankful for Christians like Charles and Jackie Barnard who willingly, yea eagerly, said, "Here we are; send us!" God is calling many of us into His work. It is my prayer that we will seek His will and follow His direction. Let's not put God on hold!



*(Page 2) The Charles Barnard Family waits for the plane that will begin their trip to the Philippines. (Page 3, top left) Mrs. Adaline Gray bids Jeffrey farewell; (top right) Shanna and Jackie Barnard; (bottom right) The Barnards get on board.*



# News and Notes

Route 2, Dover, April 5-9. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Willie Stilley will be the evangelist. The Rev. Eldon Brock is pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## **Revival Services to Be Held at St. Mary's Church**

Revival services will be held at St. Mary's Church near Kenly, March 29 through April 2. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Charles Lynwood Renfrow, pastor of Piney Grove Church.

There will be special singing each night. The nursery will be open each night. The pastor, the Rev. Graham Faucette, and the church membership invite everyone to attend these services.

## **Barnes Hill Church Experiences Growth**

Barnes Hill Church, Route 3, Nashville, praises the Lord for His rich blessings on them.

On September 13, 1981, they dedicated a new baptistry to the Lord's service. They have baptized 10 converts since then.

On January 31, 1982, a groundbreaking service was held for a new fellowship building. Upon completion, the members are looking forward to the day of dedication.

The Rev. Robert L. Langley is the pastor of Barnes Hill Church.

## **Folkstone Church to Have Anniversary**

On March 28, 1982, Folkstone Church, Holly Ridge, will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the dedication of the church. The Rev. Ronnie Parker and the church members cordially invite everyone to this special service. A picnic lunch is scheduled following the 11 a.m. worship service.

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## **Sweetheart Banquet Honors Youth**

The youth of St. Mary's Grove Church, Benson, were honored for Valentine's Day with a banquet Saturday, February 13, 1982, in the beautifully decorated fellowship hall of the church. Mrs. Opal Coats greeted the guests at the registration table. Each guest received a valentine heart which outlined the program. These programs were prepared by Mrs. Paula Coats, the YFA leader.

Mr. Kenneth Byrd gave the welcome, and Veta Matthews gave a short devotion and blessed the meal, which was prepared by the young woman's circle. The waitresses were Mrs. Brookie Honeycutt, Mrs. Cathy Langdon, Mrs. Louise Langdon, Mrs. Gwyn Roberts, and Mrs. Beth Norris. A program including skits and a variety of songs were performed by members of the church. The pastor, the Rev. Rod Jones, served as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Jackie Grimes was the pianist. Mrs. Opal Coats, Mrs. Muriel Benson, and Mrs. Kenneth Byrd were responsible for the lovely decorations.

## **Revival Services to Be Held At First Church, Goldsboro**

Revival services will begin on Monday, March 29, and will continue through Friday, April 2, at First Church, Goldsboro. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. C. H. Overman, a former pastor of the church

and now the pastor of First Church in Kinston, will serve as the evangelist. Special music will be provided each evening and refreshments will be served following the Friday night service. The pastor, the Rev. Norman Ard, and the church family extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend these services.

## **Micro Youth Met Recently**

The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Micro Church, Micro, North Carolina, met recently in the home of Jeff and Shari Dyson. Anita Hales had the lesson entitled, "The Courage to Choose Right." The youth group presented Pam Wall a gift for being the high salesman in the last fund-raising event. After the meeting Mrs. Dyson served refreshments.

## **Revival Services Scheduled At Union Chapel Church**

The Rev. Joe Griffith from Elizabeth City will be the guest speaker for revival services to be held at Union Chapel Church near Plymouth, April 5 through April 9. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There will be special music each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson, and the congregation invite everyone to attend. Prayer room opens at 7:15 p.m.

## **Revival Services to Be Held at Pilgrim's Home Church**

Revival services will be held at Pilgrim's Home Church,

### **Upcoming Events at Pleasant Grove Church**

There will be a gospel sing held at Pleasant Grove Church, Erwin, on Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m., with the Gold City Quartet of Dahlonega, Georgia.

Revival services will begin Monday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Ted Bryant, will be the evangelist. There will be special singing. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Western District Women To Meet**

The Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene at Friendship Church, Johnston County, on April 7. The theme for the convention is "Servants of God" with the theme Scripture from Romans 12:1-5. The scheduled program is as follows:

#### **MORNING SESSION**

- 9:15—Registration
- 9:45—Hymn, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"
  - Devotions, Geneva Wilder, Friendship Church
  - Welcome, Maloye Williams, Friendship Church
  - President's Remarks, Rosalene Bass, Mount Zion Church, Nash County
- 10:15—Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
  - Servants of God Through Missions, Florence Taylor, Calvary Church
  - Special Music, Donald and Suzanne Coates, Pine Level Church
  - Servants of God Through Benevolence, Esther Barnes, Little Rock Church
- 11:00—Hymn, "Blessed Assurance"
  - Offering and Prayer
  - Special Music, Barfield Duet, St. Mary's Church
  - Convention Message, Sandra Hargis, Trinity Church
- 12:00—Lunch

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:00—Hymn, "To the Work"
  - Servants of God Through the Youth, Suzanne Coates, Pine Level Church
- Devotions and Memorial Service, Iris Pittman, Piney Grove Church
- Business
- Closing Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You"
- Benediction

### **Flags Donated to First Church of Wilmington**

With sincere appreciation and gratefulness, the members of First Church of Wilmington would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Swinson of Maple Hill for donating beautiful Christian and American flags.

Thanks also to Mr. Bob Pate of Verona for his presentation of the lovely flags on behalf of the Woodmen of the World. Mr. Pate presented the church with an interesting history of the American flags followed by salutes and pledges to both flags. This service truly made everyone proud to be Americans in a Christian nation.

### **Revival Services to Be At People's Chapel Church**

Revival services will be held at People's Chapel Church, Route 2, Elm City, April 5 through April 9. The prayer room opens at 7:30 p.m. The time of the services is 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Everette Harper is the evangelist. The Rev. Barry L. Gardner is the pastor of the church. There will be a fellowship hour in the Ferrell Building following the services on Friday night. The public is cordially invited.

### **Revival Services to Be At Flood's Chapel Church**

Revival services will be held at Flood's Chapel Church, Route 1, Spring Hope, March 28 through April 2, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. David Hines will be

the evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Morgan, and the congregation invite everyone to attend these services.

### **Upcoming Events for Tee's Chapel Church**

Revival services will be held at Tee's Chapel Church, Route 2, Smithfield, March 28 through April 1. The Rev. Donald Coates will be the guest speaker. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night will be youth night and all youth are especially encouraged to attend. The Rev. T. C. Farmer is pastor of the church.

There will be an ordination service for Mr. Dave DeHart on Sunday, April 4, at 7 p.m., at Tee's Chapel Church. He is presently pastoring Faith Church, Morehead City.

### **Class Buys Camera For Missionaries**



*The Rev. Harold Jones and Wayne Harris*

The Senior High Sunday School Class of Marlboro Church, Farmville, recently raised money to buy Charles and Jackie Barnard, missionaries to the Philippines, a Canon 35mm camera. Wayne Harris, a member of the class, presented the camera to the Rev. Harold Jones on behalf of the class.

### **Upcoming Events at Winterville Church**

The Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions Director, will be the guest speaker for the

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# *Foreign Missions*

## **CAN I COUNT ON YOU AS A PRAYER PARTNER?**

Challenge—two minutes in prayer each day for world missions.

## **MARCH 28 IS FREE WILL BAPTIST DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSIONS**

**LET'S JOIN IN PRAYER IN  
ALL OUR CHURCHES AND HOMES  
FOR WORLD MISSIONS.  
GOD WILL GREATLY  
BLESS OUR PRAYERS.**

1. World population stands at around 4.5 billion people. Christians account for slightly less than 30%.
2. There are more non-Christians in India and China than there are Christians in the entire world.
3. Christian population estimated at 1.24 billion. Includes 740 million Roman Catholics, 400 million Protestants, and 100 million Eastern Orthodox. Evangelicals may number as many as 200 million.
4. There are 17,500 groups of people with no gospel witness at all.
5. Approximately 90 people die every minute. The vast majority of these are outside of Christ. **If a person dies without Christ, there is no hope.** "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). **"The harvest is plenteous—the labourers are few—pray for labourers."**

**WE AS FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PRAY—GIVE—GO!**

# LET'S KEEP OUR MISSIONS PRAYING AND GIVING HIGH!

Dear Mission Friends,

I have good news and bad news from the Foreign Missions Board!

**THE GOOD NEWS**—Total missions giving is up from a year ago.

**THE BAD NEWS**—Funds for general missions support are down almost \$10,000 from a year ago.

**HOW CAN THIS BE?** See below.

A. Total received from July 1980—March 3, 1981, \$106,855.75; General Fund; No Relief Program

B. Total received from July 1981—March 3, 1982, \$97,504.37; General Fund; Relief Program started March 6, 1981, \$13,881.46 Relief

Total \$111,385.83

C. General Fund is \$9,351.38 less than same period last year 1980-81.

**NOTICE:** Relief has accounted for \$13,881.46 of the total giving. You must understand that these funds are only used for relief. They do not support the Bakers, Links, Lalls, Barnards, national pastors or home operations. They do not build Bible schools or church buildings. They do not purchase Bibles, tracts or literature. They are used totally for relief. It would be easy to conclude that the drop in General Fund giving is due to the Relief Program, because of the above figures. I don't want to believe that this is the case, and surely hope it is not. But whatever the cause, it must be corrected.

**Our expenses are at an all time high** and are greatly exceeding our income. Unless this imbalance changes soon our mission program will be adversely affected.

March is Foreign Missions Month. Please observe **March 28 as Free Will Baptist Day of Prayer for World Missions**. Remember also that **March 28 is Telethon Sunday**. We need a dramatic boost in general mission support this month and in the months to follow in order to correct our current financial problems.

Thank you for understanding. Pray about your response.

As we join together in prayer for world missions and receive a special offering for this great ministry, I believe God will warm our hearts and unite us together in a stronger bond of love, fellowship, and determination to reach the lost around the world.

Thank you for being faithful in prayer and giving. Thank you also for accepting my challenge for two minutes of prayer each day for world missions. You are so important. I appreciate you.

Your missions director,  
Harold Jones

**March 28 is the day to call in your special offering. I will be waiting for your call between 1:30 and 5:00 P.M. Phone (919) 734-5946.**

**Telethon Theme: The Power of Prayer in Missions**



## PRAYER REQUEST

We request each of you to join us here in the Philippines in prayer for our Annual Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church.

The Annual Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines will meet on Thursday and Friday, March 25, 26, 1982. The Convention will meet with the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church on the Island of Palawan.

This Annual Convention is the same as your State Convention held in North Carolina in September. So each of you know the importance of this meeting. This year will be election year to elect new officers for the Convention. Please pray for God's guidance in this election. Pray also that we might implement programs and directions that will win the lost, disciple the babes in Christ, and glorify Christ.

Fred Baker





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## BRABBLE FAMILY VISITS COLLEGE



*The Ray Brabble family and Dr. Burkette Raper*

The Ray Brabble family of Elm Grove Church in the Ayden-Grifton community made their first visit to the Mount Olive College campus recently. It was a threefold visit.

First, Mr. Brabble is chairman of the College Committee in Elm Grove Church and he wanted to become personally familiar with the work of the College in order that he might better interpret the College to his church. At the 1981 Pitt County dinner, Elm Grove Church contributed \$1,079.89 to Mount Olive.

Second, Mr. Brabble is a district manager for Pilot Life Insurance Company and he was

interested to learn more about the College's program of "Charitable Giving Through Life Insurance." Under this program approximately 175 people have insurance policies payable to the College in the amount of \$1,850,000. "Our insurance program is a vital part of plans to develop Mount Olive into a four-year degree granting institution. Through an insurance policy, alumni and friends are helping to endow the future of the College," President W. Burkette Raper told Mr. Brabble.

Third, Mr. and Mrs. Brabble wanted to introduce their son, Michael, to the educational program of the College. Michael is

a junior at Ayden-Grifton High School.

The College cordially invites other families to visit the campus. An appointment is not necessary but it does help to assure that an official of the College will be available to give a guided tour of the campus and to provide information.

Appointments may be made by contacting Mrs. Nancy Sampsell, director of Admissions or Mrs. Jean Ackiss, associate director of development. The telephone number for both offices is (919) 658-2502.

## MICKEY WHITFIELD PREPARATION IS THE KEY

*by Mary Susan Yates*

"Education makes a better preacher," explained Michael Lewis (Mickey) Whitfield, when asked why he was attending Mount Olive College.

He continued, "If you're already a preacher, education will make you a better one."

Mickey is already a preacher as well as a businessman. He is pastor of Hillsberry Church in Clinton, a ministerial student at Mount Olive, and a carpenter contractor in the Mount Olive area.

When he accepted the call to preach in 1975, Mickey applied himself to the task of preparing himself to be "the very best minister" that he could.

He drew an analogy relating his church vocation to his carpentry work. In the business community, people who are dedicated to their businesses work hard to make them successful, elaborated Mickey. They train and take advantage of opportunities to improve. "Preparation and training are just as necessary for the ministry."

Mickey was ordained five years ago by the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, which requires the equivalent of 2 years of college-level work with 18 hours in religion. Not satisfied

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The Rev. Frank Harrison (left) advisor to most of the ministerial students, is pictured with Mickey Whitfield (right).

with meeting minimum requirements, Mickey "wanted more" and enrolled at Mount Olive in 1976.

Mickey will graduate from Mount Olive this semester with an associate degree in religion. Concerning his future plans, Mr. Whitfield said that he plans to continue his ministerial education at Campbell University and take some courses on an independent-study basis through Mount Olive College with Dr. Michael Pelt, professor of religion.

"But I'll transfer back to Mount Olive when the courses that I need for a four-year degree are available," he added.

Like most non-traditional students, Mickey's time is limited and he has additional responsibilities not usually assumed by an average college student. "The hardest thing about being in school is to make time for studying without taking time away from family and other obligations that I already have," continued Mickey.

He is married to the former Donna Herron, a teacher in the Clinton city schools, and they have a son, age one.

Mickey is conscientious, well-disciplined, and dedicated to his church, family, and community. He is an exemplary young man who represents the best in the future of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

This article is the first in a series of interviews with ministerial students at Mount Olive College.

## PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Saint Mary's Grove Church, Johnston County, on Sunday, March 28, at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Saint Mary's Grove Church is the Rev. Raymond E. Jones.

## PROGRESS ON COLLEGE HALL



Ray Scarborough (left) chairman of the Development Committee of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees is shown with President W. Burkette Raper checking on progress to the fund raising program for College Hall, the forthcoming physical education-athletic-convention center at the College.

The College reported that gifts and pledges to date have totaled \$1,126,000 towards a goal of \$2.5 million. Of this amount, \$500,000 has been received in gifts and the remainder represents the balance on pledges.

The College is seeking pledges payable over a five-year period for the construction of the building. President Raper expressed confidence

that gift support will be adequate for the awarding of contracts during 1982.

"This building is essential both for the retention of our accreditation as a two-year school and for our advancement to senior college status," he declared. He said that plans were being made to contact people in the areas served by the College and in the Free Will Baptist Church at large to secure the additional gifts and pledges needed to underwrite the cost of the project.

## ONE STEP CLOSER TO FOUR-YEAR STATUS

The Mount Olive College Board of Trustees has unanimously approved curriculum majors for the four-year program in the areas of religion, accounting, business administration, and general studies.

Two programs will be offered by Mount Olive College in religion. The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in religion is designed for students preparing for church-related vocations. The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in religion is designed to meet the needs of ministers and includes courses designed to prepare the student for further study or for the responsibilities of the ministry.

All students who enroll in a course of study leading toward the pastoral ministry must take a concentration of professional courses that include: "Introduction to Christian Education," "Pastoral Ministry," "The Minister and His Work," and "Sermon Preparation and Delivery." Students preparing for service in the Free Will Baptist Church will be required to take "Free Will Baptist Church History" and "Free Will Baptist Church Doctrine."

The above stipulation is in accordance with the College's desire to provide the best education possible for ministerial students who are

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# Family Devotions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

Scripture Reading—John 1

**IT WAS FOR YOU!**

A contractor, examining a building under construction, fell from a high scaffold. One of the workmen below saw his body plummeting down. He knew that death was certain. Quickly he leaped to the place where his body would strike the pavement, and caught him as he fell! The weight of the falling man drove his arms into their sockets, crushed his shoulders, twisted his spine, and made him walk the streets ever after an object of pity. One day, someone asked him about the man he had saved. His face lit up, and he said, "Oh, my, he gave me half of his fortune. He gives me half of his income, and he never lets me want for a thing."

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*We know how to appreciate that. But sometimes we seem to forget that there was One who was crushed and broken, there was One who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquity, and yet we have never publicly declared ourselves for Him.*

**MONDAY, MARCH 29**

Scripture Reading—John 2

**I'M SO GLAD I  
CONFESSED CHRIST!**

'Twas a foggy Monday morning in the small Floridian town, Crescent City. The aged driver of the school bus had but

two more children to pick up before going on to school with his load of carefree, happy children. As he was halfway across a railway track, an unseen and unheard fruit train came through the fog and crashed through the middle of the school bus! Instantly the railway track was bestrewn with horribly mangled bodies and fragments of bodies. Four children, in one family, were decapitated. The seriously injured ones were placed first in ambulances and rushed to nearby hospitals. As the writer placed one of the older girls in an ambulance, it was evident that her life was rapidly ebbing away. Said she to him, "I'm so glad I confessed Christ as my Saviour last night in the little church!" How glad I was, too, that she had confessed Him, though neither of us knew at the time that death was so near.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Have you ever known anyone standing at death's door who regretted having confessed Christ, or having lived for Him?*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

Scripture Reading—John 3

**CHAINED TO THE SEAT!**

"It takes real courage to confess Christ," said Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, medical missionary to Labrador. "Let me tell you how I came to my decision to receive and serve Christ. I was in a meeting in which the minister urged those

who had made a decision for Christ to stand up. There were a number of my friends in the meeting, and also about a hundred sailors who were from a training ship in the harbor. I felt chained through fear to the seat. Suddenly one of the sailors stood. I knew he would be ridiculed when he got back to his ship. His standing gave me the nerve also to stand up and confess Christ as my Saviour. How thankful I am that I did! That act gave new meaning of life to me!"

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Suppose that sailor had not bravely stood and confessed Christ. Would Grenfell have ever become a Christian and a medical missionary to Labrador?*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

Scripture Reading—John 6

**SCARED STIFF!**

A Christian man gave two hitchhikers a ride in his car. They were paratroopers, and on their way to join their outfit which was soon to be shipped overseas. The Christian, ever on the alert to bring unsaved ones to Christ, veered the conversation toward spiritual things. At the proper moment, he asked the soldiers, "What is your relationship to God through Christ?" The soldiers were courteous and honest. They replied, "We are not Christians, but we know that we ought to be." Then one of them said this significant thing: "It takes a lot of courage to take the first jump out of an airplane. You are scared stiff! It seems to take an eternity to get the chute open. It would take even more courage, however, for me to walk down the aisle of a church and confess my faith in Christ!"

It does take courage to confess Christ, not only in a church, but anywhere. If we deny Him, He will deny us. If we are genuinely saved we will

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confess Him: "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:11).

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A Hindu asked his American hostess, "What do you think of Jesus Christ?" Replied the hostess, "We don't talk about that at the dinner table." The next day, the Hindu asked a businessman, "What do you think of Jesus Christ?" Said the businessman, "Let's go out on the balcony and talk about this." In commenting upon the two incidents, the Hindu said, "This is the first nation I've been in where people are ashamed of their God!"*

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Scripture Reading—John 5

#### KEEP NOT SILENCE

A chaplain spoke to some English soldiers in a seaport. He asked: "Soldiers, are you ashamed of your uniform?" There was an emphatic and a unanimous "No!" "Are you ashamed of our country?" Again there was a thunderous "No!" Then the chaplain asked: "Are you ashamed of your Queen?" Again their answer was an emphatic "No!" Then he asked, "Are you ashamed of the Lord Jesus?" A dead silence followed. Then one stood and said: "Sir, I am not ashamed of my Saviour!"

It is remotely possible that there were others who at some time confessed faith in Christ, but now they were cowardly silent about Him.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we are silent about Him, He will be silent about us. If we confess Him, He will confess us.*

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Scripture Reading—John 4

**I ALL BREAK DOWN!  
I'LL TAKE JESUS!**

Some of us will never forget an instance a number of years ago in Sacramento, California, when an unconverted Japanese

was present. We had barely replaced the bread and cup upon the table, before this heathen man rose to his feet in great emotion, and burst out in prayer, about as follows: "O God, I all broke up to pieces. I, a poor sinner. For long time, for one whole year, I fight You hard—but here I see Your people eat the bread, drink the wine, that show how Jesus He die for sinners. O God, I can fight no more—I all break down. I take Jesus; He be my Saviour now!" And that very day, at his earnest request, he was baptized as owning his personal faith in Christ.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*We do not have to be down to look up.*

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Scripture Reading—John 7

#### HE COUNTED THE COST

Before the Communists took over China, an influential Chinese, who held a 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 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 what 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

*No matter how a person looks at it, no matter what the cost, "there is no other name under*

*heaven whereby men might be saved."*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

Use another source for your devotional reading next week because there will not be an edition of *The Free Will Baptist*.

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In accordance with our policy of printing only forty-eight issues of *The Free Will Baptist* each year, there will not be an edition on March 31.

Use another source to study next week's Sunday school lesson. The April 11 lesson is based on John 20:1-10, 19, 20; the Memory Selection is John 20:20.

#### COMING EVENTS

*March*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

*March 25*—Eastern District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxilliary, Folkstone Church, Holly Ridge

*March 27*—Central District Spring Convention for Woman's Auxilliary, Hull Road Church, Snow Hill

*March 29*—Pierson Lecture by Michael Brown, Mount Olive College, 8 p.m., Moyer Library

*April*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month

*April 17*—High School Day, Mount Olive College

#### MARCH IS

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

#### MONTH



# The Sunday School Lesson

## CHRIST HEARS HUMAN CRIES

Lesson Text: Mark 7:32-37;

10:46-52

Memory Verse: Mark 7:37

### I. INTRODUCTION

A young minister once asked an old minister for advice. "What advice do you have for a young minister just starting out?" he asked.

"Young man," he said, "you know that the Romans were great road builders and that every road they built eventually led to Rome. A road in Athens, a road in Ephesus, a road in remote Spain or Gaul—each ended up eventually in the Roman Forum. Make sure that every sermon you preach, every Scripture you read leads people to Christ. Zaccheus found Christ from a tree, Peter met Him at his nets, and Bartimaeus found Him while begging beside the road near Jericho. The road you take doesn't matter so long as it leads to Jesus."

Some find Jesus in the moments of their blessings to Him, and in gratitude they surrender their hearts to Him. Others come to follow Jesus almost as naturally as they learn to walk. Still others find Him only when everything else has failed them. Out of the depths of pain or affliction, their own resources exhausted, they turn to Christ in their extremity. Such were the deaf man and blind Bartimaeus.

Today's lesson tells of two miracles Jesus performed. The first miracle, the healing of the man who was deaf, occurred in Decapolis in the same general area where Jesus had cast the demons out of a man. Some little time separated Jesus' visits to this area southeast of the Sea of Galilee. After the cleansing of the demoniac the people had insisted that Jesus leave. Soon after leaving Decapolis, Jesus had visited Nazareth for the last time. Following this the disciples had been sent out on their evangelistic campaign. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand occurred at the conclusion of this campaign, as we saw in last week's lesson. Soon thereafter, Jesus left the confines of Palestine and went to the area of Tyre and Sidon, where He carried out a ministry. In retiring from this ministry Jesus came a second time to the Decapolis.

—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Jesus could have healed the deaf mute without touching him, but He put His fingers in the man's ears. Jesus did this not because He had to but to aid the faith of the man. Jesus is concerned about the physical

condition of men, but He is much more concerned about the spiritual.

B. Jesus knew that opposition to Him was growing, and He knew that this opposition would culminate in His death. However, there is no indication that Jesus ever deliberately did anything to hasten it. On the other hand, He was careful to avoid it until He had accomplished His work.

C. Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, is a type of the sinner. He was blind; sinners are blind and not able to see the truth of God until the Holy Spirit illuminates it for them. Bartimaeus was a beggar unable to help himself; sinners are still unable to help themselves. All they can do is what Bartimaeus did—cry out unto the Lord.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTH

The plane had caught fire like a torch.

"I was still conscious," said the pilot, "and I tried to get through the little window next to my seat. Flames licked at my back and legs. I got halfway through, but the chute on my back wedged me in. I had to go back into the fire and try to get it off. But I couldn't. My fingers were numb. The last thing I remembered was crying to God, 'Please help me, God.' And the next thing I knew I was lying on the ground, with the doctor bending over me. Nobody knows yet how I got out of that window."

He hesitated for a moment, and then added, "My theory, of course, is that the Lord pulled a fast one."

Of course He did, and He can do for you what He did for the pilot, and more. We have only to cry out to Him, and He will hear. He can and does hear the weakest cry of the tiny baby, the groans of a man in grave danger, the shout of the anguished crowd facing severe persecution.—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

## **Why Have a Daily Vacation Bible School?**



Perhaps many of our attempts, as Christians, fail because we often labor without any thought as to the purpose behind them. With a proper motivating purpose compelling one to perform a task, great things can be accomplished. We hope, in this discussion, to reach some answers as to the importance of a daily vacation Bible school in each of our churches.

### **Its Beginning**

The beginning of daily vacation Bible school is of relatively recent origin, especially as compared to the Sunday school movement. The fact remains, however, that no other movement in Christian education has been any more successful than the daily vacation Bible school.

The first school was begun in 1901 in New York City by Dr. Robert G. Boville. Just how this came about is described by Clarence H. Benson in *History of Christian Education*:

A passionate lover of little children, Dr. Boville was a young Canadian minister who had been called to the superintendency of the Baptist City Mission Society in New York. Riding downtown to his office, in the summer of 1901, he saw myriads of little boys and girls living on the crowded, sultry streets, block lanes, and filthy alleys, in danger of their lives, to say nothing of their morals. The public schools were closed and the mothers were away working in shops and factories. Nearby were empty churches with cool, pleasant rooms, closed for the summer. Pouring out of the schools and colleges were thousands of unemployed students and instructors. Recognizing the energy, Dr. and Mrs. Boville brought together these factors on the east side for a daily school that combined worship, work, and play.

The morning hours and the discipline of the public school were employed to advantage. The program gave larger place to worship and expression than that enjoyed by pupils in the Sunday school. Larger opportunities were also given for consecutive and correlated instruction. In fact, the new educational agency was patterned more after the public school than the Sunday school.

### **Its Growth**

The daily vacation Bible school movement grew rapidly. The first summer that Dr. Boville instituted this movement, there were five church buildings in use, each having an average attendance of two hundred. The following year, other churches became interested, and soon other cities, and so on.

In 1905 Dr. Boville became leader of the entire vacation Bible school enterprise. In 1907 this committee was incorporated as the Daily Vacation Bible School Association. In 1912 there were 141 cities where vacation Bible schools were conducted.

Its beginning was at first an independent movement. In its early years it was confined to the children of the larger cities. Soon, however, the work was taken up by denominational groups which made it a part of their programs. In 1928 it became a part of the International Council of Religious Education, and soon it became worldwide with schools in Korea, the Philippine

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Islands, China, and India. In 1937 the report listed nearly 200,000 pupils in foreign lands.

Our own denomination has seen its important place in our overall church program. The results have been an ever increasing interest, so that each year more and more schools are being conducted.

### **Its Unlimited Values**

As has already been proven, the beginning of this movement was not just happenstance. It was born out of a basic need seen by the man who set it in motion years ago. May we note some of these values which prove that each church should have a daily vacation Bible school:

1. Its value may be seen in the fact that it affords an opportunity for religious and biblical instruction which otherwise many children and young people would not receive.

In our day, religious training has been pushed out of our public schools. Approximately two out of every three Protestant children are not enrolled in Sunday school and many probably never will be. Many homes never have any time for religious training, especially in the past few years with so many added attractions to claim our attention. Naturally, under such conditions, the value of a daily vacation Bible school is immeasurable.

2. Upon religious instruction rests the hope of our future society. The history of the Israelites proves the importance of religious training. Many of their sufferings came as a result of neglecting the divine plan of instruction which was commanded of God.

We hear much today about juvenile delinquency. It is most alarming to read about some of the crimes that are being committed by juveniles. Those in positions of law enforcement inform us that the guilty youths are by far those who have had no religious training. Many are left to roam with no responsibilities whatsoever. Also, we are informed that juvenile crime increases each spring when our schools close.

3. It affords a wonderful opportunity to conserve available resources. Dr. Boville took this into consideration at its beginning. Children are usually free in the late spring when public school closes. Students are returning home from college; and with the sudden release or extra time, all are anxious to take up these hours in useful service.

4. It adds greatly to the work and purpose of the Sunday school and church. In churches where daily vacation Bible schools are conducted, the Sunday schools and worship services benefit in unmeasured proportions. In Sunday school, only a small percent of the time is spent in worship, and even less in expressed activities; therefore, the daily vacation Bible school can help to meet these demands which are vital to the growth and success of any church community.

The greatest result, however, may be seen when a child is led to the realization of his need of salvation through Christ. Only eternity will reveal the great number who were influenced to make their decision as a result of this great work.

# Retirement Homes

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS FEBRUARY, 1982 \$2,603.79

**ALBEMARLE**  
District Convention \$ 20.00  
Total \$ 20.00

**CAPE FEAR**  
Catalpa Mission \$ 20.00  
Goldsboro, First 5.50  
Hopewell 20.00  
Johnston Union 20.00  
Palmer Memorial 20.00  
Powhatan 100.00  
Tee's Chapel 20.00  
Yelverton Grove 20.00  
Total \$225.50

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Ayden \$100.00  
Black Jack 4.00  
Elm Grove 150.00  
Hickory Grove 20.00  
Hull Road 8.00  
Ormondsville 50.00  
Reedy Branch 100.00  
Rocky Mount, First 25.00  
Sweet Gum Grove 39.98  
Williamston, First 26.66  
District Convention 15.00  
Union Number 2 14.05  
Total \$552.69

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Bridgeton \$ 65.00  
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Faith (Brunswick) 10.00  
Friendship 30.00  
Juniper Chapel 200.00  
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New Haven 2.00

Northeast 5.00  
Oriental 10.00  
Pearsall Chapel 20.00  
Pilgrims Rest 25.00  
Russell's Creek 50.00  
Saints Delight 175.00  
Whaley's Chapel 2.00  
White Oak Grove 2.00  
Union Number 3 54.38  
Union Number 5 12.00  
Total \$715.18

**PEE DEE**  
Union Number 1 \$ 50.00  
Total \$ 50.00

**PIEDMONT**  
Cathedral \$ 20.00  
Highland Pines 95.00  
Total \$115.00

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Flood's Chapel \$ 6.00  
Kenly 100.00  
Little Rock 2.00  
Marsh Swamp 2.00  
Sherron Acres 25.00  
Stancil's Chapel 2.00  
Stoney Creek 686.00  
St. Mary's 5.00  
Unity 6.00  
District Convention 50.00  
Total \$884.00

**STATEWIDE**  
Christian Service Fund \$ 41.42  
Total \$ 41.42

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preparing to serve in the Free Will Baptist Church.

In the area of business, majors in accounting and business administration will be offered under the four-year program.

The board also voted to give consideration to requiring an intern-type experience for each student who desires to graduate from Mount Olive College with a major in business.

The board further approved a proposal by the Academic Affairs Committee that a short computer course be included in the curriculum for all students. It was noted that "computer literacy" is an important aspect of the modern business world and that all students would be affected either directly or indirectly by computers.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in general studies is a flexible program designed to allow the student to choose an area of

concentration to fit his particular needs. He will work closely with a faculty advisor to develop an approved program of study which will include at least thirty hours of related studies in addition to the regular course requirements for a B.A. degree.

The additional courses required by the new four-year curriculum will be added gradually so that students who enter in the fall of 1982 will be in the first baccalaureate class of 1986.

Students who enroll after 1982 may also elect to pursue two-year, associate-degree programs currently offered by Mount Olive.

The Academic Affairs Committee which presented the proposed majors to the entire board is chaired by Sam Bundy, member of the North Carolina House of Representatives. Other members of the trustee committee are Dr. Eugene Sumner, chairman of the social sciences department at Meredith College; Harold Hardison, member of the North Carolina Senate; James B. Hunt Sr., of Lucama; Louise Edgerton of Pikeville; and Bill Wilkins, mayor of Mount Olive.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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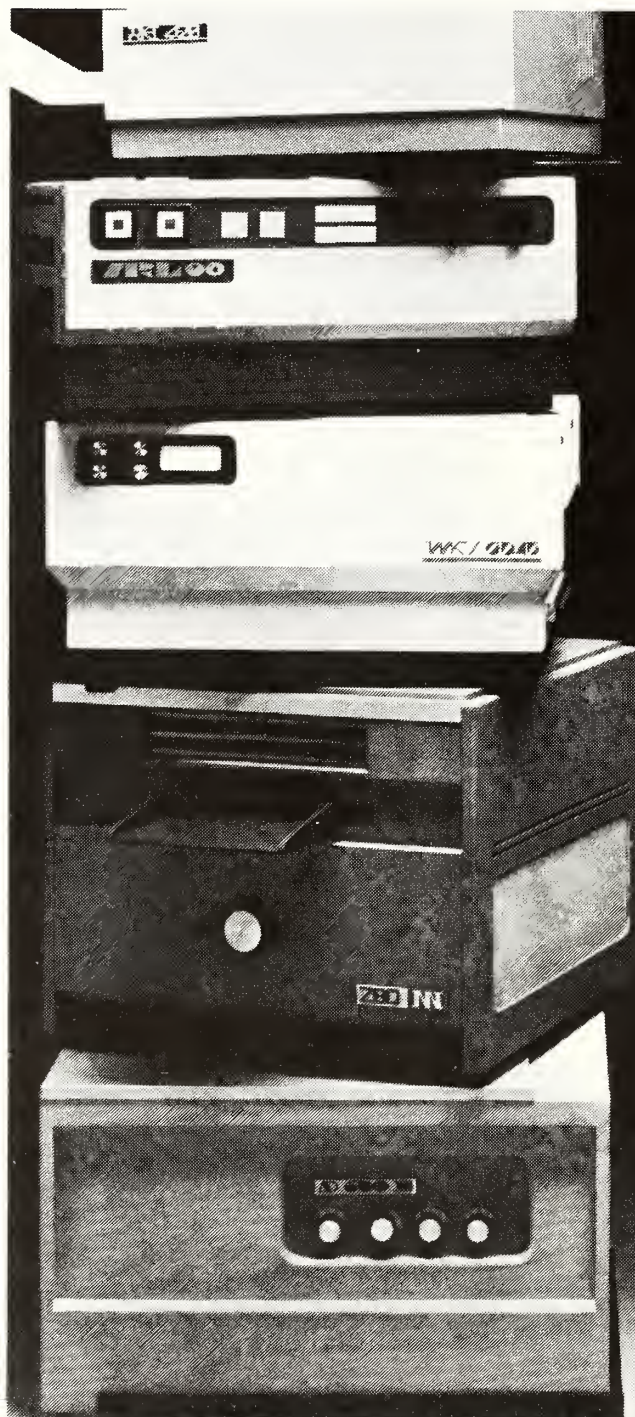
Pre-Easter Services at Winterville Church, on April 7, at 7:30 p.m. The Woman's Auxiliary sponsors the event.

The Adult Choir of the church will present "Easter Celebration" under the direction of Miss Leah McGlohon, on April 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Revival services will be held at the church, April 12-16, at 7:30 p.m., with the Rev. Mike Scott as evangelist. Special singing will be featured each night.

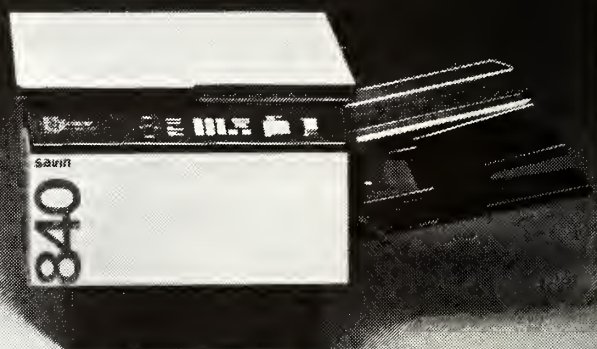
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# Don't Stop Now . . .

In my mind's eye, I can almost see you: you have either just taken this issue out of your mailbox, or you have settled down to examine today's mail. The cover of this edition caught your eye for a second and you decided to thumb through to see what was inside. "Might as well skim the editorial," you told yourself. "It won't take long." So here you are; ready to meet me for our weekly talk. But don't stop reading—I'm not through . . . in fact, I've got something pretty important to say.

Brothers and Sisters, if Christians in the United States do not arise, act, prevail, and do so soon and effectively, we are going to lose everything. Our country has already accepted and begun to practice some of the evil actions which horrified the world in the 1930s. Yes, we are standing at a kind of crossroads—the wrong course could take us all the way down to the mania that gripped Nazi Germany.

Things once unthinkable in our country are now seen as being perfectly acceptable. For example, before the Supreme Court delivered its pro-abortion ruling, there existed no dirtier word in the medical vocabulary than abortion. But after the highest court of our land rendered its decision, it was not only legal to give abortions—society determined it to be an ethical practice as well. The abortion procedure has become as commonplace as doing tonsillectomies; but there is a great difference. No longer are we talking about removing random tissue; tens of thousands of human beings are being killed! As far as I can tell, there has been no new revelation from God on this matter: He is still our creator, and as a result, life is sacred. Likewise, sin is still sin.

This might lead one to wonder where we Christians have been hiding for the last forty years. (That's right; the majority of the changes, the compromises, that have taken place in our society have appeared since 1940. So don't think we are talking about events that occurred 400 years ago.) Christians, millions of us, have been here all the while—watching, occasionally shaking our heads and commenting, but seldom if ever acting!

Instead of meeting the real challenges of the hour and meeting them where they really are, we have fallen victims to two larger influences. First, because of a false pietism, we have compartmentalized religion. We have decided that Christianity applies to only part of our lives; we feel as though we can do as we please with the rest. If you don't believe me, think about how you expect your pastor to work; now, what are your excuses for not doing what you expect him to do? How do you react when the subject of tithing comes up? What kinds of things keep you home from church? Do they also keep you home from work? Why don't you visit? How many souls have you won for the cause of Christ this week?

Don't think that Christianity stops at 12 o'clock on Sunday morning. Our love for Christ should motivate us; it should help us become more Christlike. Jesus should not only be our Saviour, He should be our Lord! As a result of our pietism, any

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# Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Celebrates Fiftieth Year

## Part One

by Minnie Hansley Chandler

On Thursday, October 15, 1981, the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention celebrated its fiftieth year at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church near Jamesville, North Carolina. This convention was organized on Thursday, August 28, 1931, at Sidney Church as an arm of the Albemarle Union Meeting. However, the woman's work in that district goes back many years prior to 1931. It began, as did all organized woman's work (insofar as we have any written record), in 1904 when Miss Lucy Linton (later Mrs. Daugherty) of the Sidney Church at Belhaven began an effort to get an organized work going.

While the Rev. Carol Bryan Hansley was pastoring the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson, born May 14, 1881, passed away on July 26, 1964. She was a member of the Ayden Church and a great leader in the woman's work, especially in the Central District. Her brother, Mr. Herbert Sawyer, sent Mr. Hansley a letter<sup>1</sup> along with some of Mrs. Jackson's personal papers. Among these papers was a handwritten untitled message<sup>2</sup> delivered by Mrs. Jackson to the first semi-annual Western Auxiliary Convention on Wednesday, April 4, 1928, at the Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Lucama. According to the minutes of this 1928 convention, Mrs. Jackson was a guest and spoke to the body giving

"a review of auxiliary work already done."

This message sparked the interest of Mr. Hansley who at that time was serving as moderator of the Eastern Conference. Later, during the eight years he served as clerk of that conference, he began searching the minutes to learn what they had to reveal about the beginning of the woman's work in our denomination. This history is the result of his interest and labor.

Following is a copy of Mrs. Jackson's message:

You ask that I give a review of the Auxiliary work of our denomination. I presume you mean the work under the auspices of the women. This I can do only in part; for who can measure the achievement of the seemingly small things. We see only the material results. The great Father above knows what the fruits or harvest of those little beginnings have been and will continue to be.

Until very recent years compared with the age of our denomination our women were inactive in the public life of our church. They were content to be silent workers. They encouraged their husbands and sons in the work and apparently failed to realize that the commission "Go ye" also included the women. However, with the change of time our women realized that they too were needed in the active religious life.

While I was a student under Dr. Peden's instruction at the old Seminary, probably during the year 1904, Sister Lucy Linton, now Daugherty, visited the school and while in Ayden held a lengthy conference with Aunty Peden, as we students proudly called Professor Peden's wife,

relative to an organization for our women. She received many good suggestions regarding the possibilities of such an organization; but not until 1908 did her plans culminate into real action.

If I remember correctly at a Union Meeting at Bethel Church, Pamlico County, North Carolina, Sister Lucy together with Brothers M. C. Prescott and J. E. Sawyer drew up the first constitution and bylaws for the Woman's Home Mission and Little Workers' League. Perhaps in October of that year, the first Woman's Home Mission and Little Workers' League of our denomination were organized by Sister Lucy in her home church at Sidney in Beaufort County.

The work was soon organized in many churches of the Eastern Conference. The women and children became interested. The ministers showed a marked degree of interest and by October 1910 during the sitting of the Eastern Conference at Trent Church, Pamlico County, many societies reported work. The aims and purposes of the Auxiliary work were discussed; the conference endorsed the work and encouraged its growth.

In 1912 the Woman's Home Mission Convention was organized and held its first meeting with St. Mary's Church in New Bern, North Carolina. The Little Workers' League and Sunday school were auxiliaries of that convention. Prior to this meeting the Revs. A. E. Rouse, R. F. Daugherty, J. W. Alford, and Brothers J. T. Linton and Lloyd Scott composed the Executive Committee. At this meeting Sister Lucy was made president; Sister Georgia Cayton of Aurora, North Carolina, secretary; and, Sister Joyce Lee of Arapahoe, treasurer. The Executive Committee was composed of the

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Rev. L. H. Wetherington, J. W. Sawyer, and M. C. Prescott.

Since the first convention in 1912 the work of the Eastern Conference has undergone many changes having had the Rev. M. C. Prescott as president for three consecutive years (1913-15). He was succeeded by our much loved editor of our Auxiliary page in *The Baptist*, Sister Alice E. Lupton, who faithfully served for a period of seven consecutive years. She was succeeded by Sister Grace Brinson Conner, who held office for two years. Again Sister Lupton was elected president and served for two more years. At their last convention Sister Overman of Bridgeton, Craven County, North Carolina, was elected president.

Those leaders have worked faithfully and untiringly in that conference. Their influence has meant much in the vineyard of God. Yet during their twenty years of activity they have not succeeded in organizing "evergreen" societies in all their churches. As to the good they have accomplished, Eternity alone can reveal. They have reached and aided many desolate and isolated communities. They are still laboring and praying for greater achievements.

Perhaps some of you are wondering when and where the Ladies' Aid began in our church. So far as I know, the first Aid was organized by Sister Alice Lupton at St. Mary's Church in New Bern, on October 1, 1908. She had felt keenly the need of such an organization and felt that God wanted her to be a leader in the work; however, she tried to make God believe He was mistaken. Finally the vision became so great, the need so urgent, the call so persistent, she said, "Here am I, use me." Well, she has been used ever since. She organized many societies in churches throughout the Eastern Conference. Through her efforts the Auxiliary work has spread into many states.

The organized convention work in the Central Conference is quite young. I believe it was in 1919, our societies began seeking recognition in the Second Union Meeting District. On May 27, 1920, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Winterville, we held our first convention separate from the Union. At this meeting, there were represented seven

Sunday schools, eight Ladies' Aids and three Woman's Home Mission Societies.

At this meeting Sister B. T. Manning was elected president. But as in the Eastern Conference, there have been many changes of officers since our first organization.

In November 1920, Mrs. J. L. Flanagan and Miss Mattie Smith (now Mrs. A. J. Taylor) were delegates from the convention to the Central Conference which convened with Little Creek Church, Greene County, North Carolina. They sought recognition throughout the conference as an organization functioning with that conference. The conference endorsed their work, granted them recognition and pledged their support, and since that date we have laboured as an Auxiliary body of the conference. Prior to then we were functioning with the Second Union Meeting District with whom we originated.

Thus far we have failed to reach or organize all of our churches. For a while we had organizers elected by the convention, but of recent years we have had those who volunteered to do the work as home missionaries. Our publicity agents together with volunteer workers, of whom Sister Lillie Smith has possibly been one of the most zealous, have worked faithfully seeking to arouse an interest among our churches. The seed they have sown has not fallen on barren soil. We have seen results; God has blessed the work and workers.

We noticed a marked degree of interest at our last convention on March 28, 1928. There were four new societies represented. One church had representatives seeking information regarding an organization. We were thankful. We feel that the endorsement given our work by the Central Conference last November (1927) is in a measure responsible for the new interest. A set of resolutions was adopted insisting that our ministers adjudicate the auxiliary work in their various churches more than they had formerly done.

Now coming to the Western Conference, we of the Central Conference will ever remember with much gratitude how a few churches from your body represented in our convention. We gladly welcomed you.

Then on March 30, 1927, while in session with Marlboro Church, Sister Hales came to us with a Macedonian call, "Come over and help us." She invited us to meet with your people at Wilson. We gladly accepted the invitation and will remember with a keen sense of joy the good day we had with you people.

On September 28, 1927, after having listened to an inspiring program, feasted on a bountiful dinner, transacted the business pertaining to the convention, we proceeded to assist in organizing the Auxiliary work of the Western Conference. We are proud of this convention. We thank God for you good people and pray His richest blessings upon your work in this conference. Don't be discouraged, "Rome wasn't built in a day." "Be not weary in well doing." Work faithfully. There will be times when you may feel that you are accomplishing but little; but God above knows the fruitage from your sowing.

My review hasn't been accurate in every detail, but as memory served me and as I was able to get help pertaining to dates, etc., I have given it to you. But as a review of the work already done, I can tell but little; many hungry have been fed from a physical standpoint by our workers. The hungry body is pitiful; but after all the starved soul is that for which Christ came. Many souls have been fed also by our workers.

Pardon me for a reference to our own local society: Our welfare or lookout committee reported a widow with several children in needy circumstances. We went to their rescue with dry goods, groceries, and clothing, and begged that they attend our Sabbath school and Auxiliary Societies. They promised to do so, but with fed bodies and clothed bodies, they seemed satisfied. They lived near the church for twelve months but never darkened the door. However, we yet hope the seed sown will not all be lost. I give this as an example of what you may meet in your work. Be not discouraged. Be courageous, be strong.

*We're not here to dream, to drift;  
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.  
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'Tis God's gift.*

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### GETTING CLOSER TO GOD



*John Shirley, Anna Shirley, and Ralph Lee*

The members of Ormondsville Church took the phrase "getting closer to God," literally on March 13, 1982. Over 65 people participated in a fund-raising project which involved flying into the wild blue yonder. Each person paid 10¢ per pound to be flown by Pilot Ralph Lee from the Kinston Airport to the Ormondsville Church and back to Kinston. Mr. Lee furnished the plane and fuel for this project which lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. that Saturday. Through Mr. Lee's efforts and the contributions made for the flights, \$1,147 was raised for the building fund at Ormondsville Church. A big thank you goes to Ralph! The pastor is the Rev. Jack Mayo.

### Revival in Progress At Union Grove Church

Revival services are in progress through April 9 at Union Grove Church near Fremont. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. Prayer room opens at 7:15 p.m. The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry from Pine Level is the evangelist. The Rev. Bob Harber and the members of the church invite everyone to attend the services.

### Revival Services in Progress At Sweet Gum Grove Church

Revival services are being held through April 9 at Sweet Gum Grove Church, Route 1, Stokes. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The guest

evangelist is Joe Hudson. Special music is being featured each night. A nursery is being provided. The pastor, the Rev. David Hill, is assisting in the revival services and extends an invitation to everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

### Current Happenings at Piney Grove Church

The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow and the congregation of Piney Grove Church near Albertson wish to welcome everyone to their spring revival being held through April 9. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Chris Singleton, pastor of Beulaville

Church. Services are beginning at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be a sunrise service held at 7 a.m. on Easter with breakfast following in the fellowship hall, hosted by the men of the church.

Piney Grove Church will hold its annual homecoming on April 25. Wonderful Christian fellowship will be enjoyed at each of these services.

### Revival Services at Spring Branch Church



*The Rev. Dale Albertson*

The Rev. Dale Albertson is conducting revival services through April 9 at Spring Branch Church near Walstonburg. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. In addition to the gospel messages, special music is being featured each night. The public is cordially invited to attend. Mr. Albertson is the new pastor at Spring Branch Church.

### Easter Program Presented at First Church, Wilmington

Because Christ arose from death three days after He was crucified, a holiday is

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celebrated which is called Easter. The youth group of First Church in Wilmington presented the tragic recollection of the death of Christ on April 4, 1982, at 6 p.m. The play began at the time when Judas sells out Christ, and goes completely through the Crucifixion. The Great Commission is also mentioned in the story.

Jane Groves and Nelly Martin are the supervisors of the youth group and directed the play. Chuck Smith portrayed Jesus and Noel McClellan played the part of Judas. The three Marys were played by Gwen Yarborough, Candy Yarborough, and Denise Crawford. Extras in the program were Kevin Groves, Keith Groves, Kenny Combes and Lena McClellan.

This play was not only a production, but it was an inspiration to every Christian. Through it was seen what Christ had to go through for everyone living on earth today. The Rev. Luther Swinson is the supply pastor of the church.

### Revival in Progress

#### At Smith's New Home Church

Revival is in progress through April 9 at Smith's New Home Church, Route 1, Deep Run. The Rev. James Flowers of Kinston is the evangelist. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. Special music is being featured each evening by the local church and visiting singers. The pastor of the church is the Rev. A. B. Bryan. The public is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

### Central Youth Meet

#### At LaGrange Church

The Central District Youth Fellowship met at LaGrange Church, LaGrange, on March 20, 1982. There were approximately 194 people present with 12 churches represented. The winners of the banners were as follows: Cherubs, Elm Grove;



*State Free Will Baptist League Convention Sword Drill Winners are from left to right: Intermediates—Susan Taylor, Sharon Trivette, Sheila Metts; Juniors—Junior Metts, and Sandra Newbern.*

The State Free Will Baptist League Convention is still producing winners. On Saturday, March 13, at Mount Zion Church, Roper; the first place junior sword drill winner was Sandra Newbern, Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie; and the second place winner was Junior Metts, Christian Chapel Church, Pink Hill. The intermediate first place winner was Sheila Metts, Christian Chapel Church, Pink Hill; the second place winner was Sharon Trivette, First Church, Goldsboro; and the third place winner was Susan Taylor, Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie. The first place winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Cragmont, and the second place winners will receive one-half of their expense. Congratulations Sandra, Junior, Sheila, and Sharon.

The 1983 Sword Drill is ready! Any youth group may enter one junior and one intermediate along with a \$10 registration fee.

If you are interested in a copy of the drill or in organizing a league, please contact: Margaret Ard, Route 1, Pink Hill, NC 28572; phone, 568-4685.

The 1983 State League Convention will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, Saturday, March 12, 1983.

AFC, Grimsley (with 100 percent); YFA, Reedy Branch; and the most attended, Marlboro with 29 present. The famine money was collected; Elm Grove gave \$800, Reedy Branch gave \$1,314; Winterville gave \$350, and King's

Cross Roads gave \$639. In addition, Mrs. Sandra Jones was present to receive the money on behalf of the Foreign Missions Board.

The Cragmont offerings collected to be sent totaled \$1,075. The nominations for the State

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Youth Convention were Cynthia Eastwood for secretary and Mike Ange for vice president. The winner of the essay contest was Angie Bryan; for the declamation contest, the winner was Sarah Jones. The program was enjoyable and afterwards a delicious lunch was served.

The afternoon session of the meeting consisted of a Bible Bowl contest. All in all the day of fellowshiping was very successful and fulfilling.

#### **Revival Services at Folkstone Church**

Revival services will be held at Folkstone Church, April 14 through April 18, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Floyd Cherry will be the evangelist. The Rev. Ronnie Parker and the church cordially invite everyone to attend these services.

#### **Revival Services in Progress At Holly Springs Church**

Revival services are being held through April 9 at Holly Springs Church, Route 3, Newport. The Rev. Ray Williamson, pastor of Gum Swamp Church, Greenville, will be the evangelist. Services are beginning at 7:30 p.m. A nursery is provided.

Special singing is being featured each night. The pastor, the Rev. Jerry Rowe, invites everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

#### **Revival Services to Be Held at Hickory Grove Church**

Revival services will be held at Hickory Grove Church near Bethel, April 12 through April 16. The time of the services is 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Joe Ingram will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing each evening and a singspiration to follow on Sunday afternoon, April 18. The pastor, the Rev. Leon Harris, and the membership of Hickory Grove, extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

#### **Piney Grove Church Announces Revival Services**

Revival services will be held at Piney Grove Church of Route 1, Kenly, April 12-16, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. John Boykin, pastor of Calvary Church in Wilson, will bring the messages. The Rev. Charles L. Renfrow, pastor of the church, extends a warm welcome to everyone to attend these services.

#### **Revival Services to Be Held At Saratoga Church**



*The Rev. J. C. Yates*

Revival services will be held at Saratoga Church, Saratoga, April 11 through April 18. The services for April 12-17 will begin at 7:45 p.m., but the services on April 11 and April 18 will begin at 7 p.m. The Rev. J. C. Yates, pastor of the church, will be bringing the message each night. There will be special music each night. A nursery will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

#### **Revival in Progress At Otter's Creek Church**

Revival services are in progress through April 9 at Otter's Creek Church, Route 1, Macclesfield. Services are beginning each night at 7:30. The Rev. James Rufus Owens is the evangelist. He is assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Ralph Aycock.

Special music is being featured each night. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

#### **Revival Services to Be Held at Mount Tabor Church**

Revival services will be held at Mount Tabor Church near Creswell, April 15-17. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Craig Simmons, pastor of First Church, Wilson, will be the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Dewitt Cleve, and the church membership invite everyone to attend these services.

#### **Albemarle District Women to Meet**

The Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held at Free Union Church near Pinetown, on Thursday, April 15, 1982. The theme will be "Christ, the Resurrection and the Life." The Scripture will be taken from John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." The scheduled program is as follows:

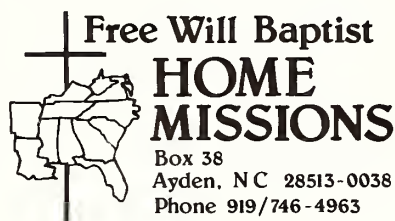
##### **MORNING SESSION**

- 9:45—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "In the Garden"  
—Devotions, Mrs. Faye Davis
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Christine Waters  
—Response, Mrs. Ann Dilley  
—President's Greetings, Miss Becky Jo Sumner  
—Recognition of Ministers and Visitors  
—Appointment of Committees
- 10:30—Reading of Minutes  
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- 10:45—Mission News—Home and Foreign  
—Offering for Missions  
—Hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross"

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## APRIL IS HOME MISSIONS MONTH



Dear Fellow Ministers,

April is Home Missions Month and we, your Home Missions Board, want to encourage all our churches to pray for our Home Missions work. Prayer is a vital part of the success of any endeavor and we need your prayers.

The Home Missions Department is also in need of your financial support. We are asking each church to receive a special offering for Home Missions on Easter Sunday. We would like to suggest two ways to make your offering.

1. A "thirty pieces of silver" offering has been used in several churches to raise funds. A pint-size freezer bag could be given to each person, who would then fill it with silver coins and return it to the church on Easter Sunday.

2. The church could designate all or a portion of the Easter Sunday offering for Home Missions.

The board wants to encourage you to adopt one of these plans (or perhaps you have an idea of your own). Whatever you do, please support Home Missions. The future growth of our denomination and the reaching of the lost for Jesus depend on your continued support. May God bless us as we labor together.

Yours for Christ,  
*Ray Wells*

### STEPPING OUT ON FAITH: THE BEGINNING OF FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, DURHAM

*Harry Brown, Pastor  
by Butch Ferguson*

In November 1981, a group of Christians with a vision and a desire to do more for God and see souls saved, stepped out on faith to start a new work. Not knowing where or how to start, but trusting in God for guidance and leadership, we began to look for a spiritual leader, one who not only preached the Word of God but lived it daily. We were looking for a man that had a vision like ours. God answered

our prayers and sent us the Rev. Harry Brown. Next, we needed a place to meet. God answered another prayer and we obtained St. Mary's Country Day School Auditorium as a temporary meeting place. Our next prayer was for financial assistance; God answered that prayer and the Missions Board began to assist us. With these prayers answered, we began a new church on the basis "That God Does Nothing

Except in Answer to Prayer." We began to see the power of prayer as we prayed one for another and claimed the promise of God.

Being dissatisfied in the past with churches that had a pecking order, where a few were in charge, we began to build on the principles that we are all God's children and there would not be any little you's or big me's. Everyone would have a part. We formed an Advisory Board, made up of every man in the church. We began to tell people of the exciting things God was doing at Faith and the exciting things He was doing in our lives. We began to grow and at the end of six weeks, Praise God, we had one hundred and fifteen for Sunday services. God has been blessing at Faith and once again we are seeing souls saved. God has been blessing in so many ways that we can hardly wait for the next service to see how God is going to bless. We have been praying and asking God for land where we can build a soul saving church for Him. We are still claiming His promises and expect Him to answer this prayer very soon.

Yes, to me, Faith Free Will Baptist Church is the ideal church, where everyone is greeted with a smile and a "good to have you with us." Where God is first; where families are important; where the young and old are important; where the gospel message is heard; where souls are saved; where Christians meet before every service for prayer. Faith is where a group of **Nobodies** tell **Everybody** about **SOMEBODY** that will save **Anybody**. Pray that God will continue to bless and send us souls for our labors.

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## WHAT HOME MISSIONS MEANS TO ME

*by Alton Howard, Pastor*

Working in a home mission has been a truly wonderful experience for me. It has given me an opportunity to win lost souls to Christ and to teach the Word of God in order that these souls may work for our Lord and bring honor and glory to His kingdom here on earth. It is an excellent opportunity to build a church for the future in order that our denomination will grow and abound in the Lord.

We are rejoicing in the Lord at Catalpa Mission. Our attendance has averaged 75 for Sunday morning worship services, 55 for Sunday evening services, and 45 for Wednesday night prayer meetings. Since the first of the year, we have had 5 souls to accept Christ as their Saviour and to follow through with baptism. We continue to thank you for your prayers and your support of Home Missions. May God bless.

### NOTES FROM HERITAGE MISSION

The New Creations of Mount Olive College were guests at Heritage Mission in Charlotte, on Saturday and Sunday, March 6, 7.

Mrs. and Mrs. Clayton Everett graciously opened up their home to provide accommodations for the group on Saturday night. The fellowship with the group was enjoyed on Saturday night during the very informal singing, playing the piano and organ.

On Sunday morning, Dr. Eugene Poston, interim pastor turned the entire worship service over to the New Creations. During the 11 o'clock hour, the New Creations presented one of the most beautiful gospel messages through song and testimony that could ever be done. There were many visitors present for the services and many people were moved

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spiritually by their presentation.

After the morning service, the church had a picnic lunch for all in attendance and especially for their guests.

The New Creations meant much to Heritage during their weekend visit. It was so good to have them with us. Heritage would like to express their appreciation to "Ma" Castelleo and all the New Creations for considering Heritage Mission on their spring tour as well as commend them on the work they are doing for Christ through song and testimony.

Heritage was also happy to have both their students from Mount Olive home that weekend—Helen Griffin, a member of the group and Paula Carver who traveled with the group for their visit.



### \$82 IN '82

The above caption tells the story of what Cragmont would like to do to the debt on the main building. We would like to pay \$82,000 on the loan in 1982. We feel this debt should be retired within the next three years because of the constant increase we have been experiencing in the interest rate on the loan. When we secured the loan our rate of interest was set at 9.75%, but it has accelerated to 11.75% for 1982. We have found ourselves in the unenviable position of realizing increased interest expense even after a decrease in our principal balance. In other words—each year we take one step forward and two steps backward, not through our mismanagement nor your lack of support. The flexible rate has cost us an average excess of about \$5,000 per year. Our present balance of approximately \$235,000 will cost about

\$28,000 in interest in 1982. Had our original 9.75% rate been constant we would be facing only about \$22,000 in interest in 1982. You can easily see that our cost of this loan will be about \$6,000 more in 1982 than anticipated. To allow this to continue for 20 years, the original term of the loan, would be a grave mistake as it would cost us upwards of \$100,000 additional interest expense.

Therefore, we solicit your increased support in 1982. We would like for that support to begin as soon as possible. We need 82 new Cragmont Club members by April 15; we need each individual who chooses not to join the Cragmont Club to send us \$10 to \$100 by April 15. (For information on how to join the Cragmont Club, contact the Rev. John Williams by calling [704] 669-7677.) We would like for each church to send us an additional \$82 by April 15. Remember, these are additional funds we are asking for. Your usual support has been great but we need this additional support in order to accomplish the 1982 goals.

Cragmont ministered to nearly 4,000 visitors in 1981. If each of last year's visitors will send us \$10 we will have the additional funds to meet our 1982 objectives.

At Cragmont we appreciate and encourage the small contribution as well as the large contribution. April 15 is set as a target date to have additional needed funds on hand, so we request your immediate response to these needs. We will report the success of this drive to you shortly after April 15.

We do not ask this additional support just because we want it—we feel these expectations are realistic and the fulfillment of them can increase the ministry of Cragmont.

Give what you can. And, whether you can give or not, we ask you to pray for the success of these objectives.

Rick Watson, Treasurer



## THE PRAYER CHAIN

by Harold Jones  
Foreign Missions Director

Prayer and missions are like two links in a chain. Their accomplishments are the greatest when they are linked together. Prayer without the mention of missions is selfish, self-centered prayer, because it does not reach out to others. Missions without prayer are void of the spiritual power to survive. The two must be linked together. A strong prayer base results in a strong mission effort. Prayer for laborers results in more laborers. Prayer for the lost to be saved results in many coming to Christ. God rewards the faithful prayers of His children.

You, my friend, are that prayer link. Our missions program is only as strong as your prayers. When was the last time you prayed for world missions in a serious manner? I mean "really" spent time in intercession for our missions program and the lost. Based on your prayer life, what type of missions program could you expect?

I challenge every Free Will Baptist to spend two minutes a day from now on in prayer for world missions. Let's build a strong prayer chain that will support a great missions effort. Thank you for accepting.

### Praise Items

1. For our missions family.
2. For God's provision. He is able to meet all our needs.
3. For our many national workers.
4. For faithful prayer partners.
5. For the Barnard's safe arrival in the Philippines.

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

by Rev. Dr. Emmanuel M. Lall

1. The months of December, January, and February have been noted with record cold in

Northern India, the foot of Himalya Mountains. We praise the Lord Jesus Christ for protecting all our workers during this time and giving us opportunity for witness.

2. Praise Him for the growing evangelistic work being done in the interior areas of Rampura and Khurd where the Spirit of the Lord is moving around the lost souls, saving them by His grace.

3. Prayers are solicited for the success in "Seekers" meetings arranged recently in Northern India.

4. Some of our ministers and deacons have reported decisions from the people in their area for accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Pray for the success of the mass baptismal service early in March 1982.

5. We praise Him for inculcating and preparing our people for the giving to the church even from their meagre sources. The response in this behalf is encouraging. For instance, one layman, Mr. Atraj Singh—22 years resident of Rampura Bhoor, a remote area without any direct link with the city—offered five kilograms of boiled balls of sugarcane juice for the support of the church. Such a realization is thought-provoking.

6. We covet your prayers for His guidance for the ensuing summer campaign of evangelism as a part of our yearly activity for a month achieving tremendous results in the years gone by.

7. Evangelization is becoming difficult for some reasons. It will really be a cross-bearing. Pray that opportunity continues for preaching His Word in this most needy part of the world.

## PRAYER REQUEST

by Fred Baker

We request you to join us in prayer on behalf of Henry Nacasi. Henry has been sick for over six years. We believe God is able and that it is His will to heal Henry.

Henry was born on August 8, 1970. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eustaquio Nacasi of Canigaran, Puerto Princessa City, Palawan. He was a normal child the first five years of his childhood. In 1975 Henry came in from playing with the other children and suddenly collapsed. Henry has not talked since that day. His mind is not clear. He cannot play with other children or attend school. Henry has to be confined at home. He is able to move about and does not appear to be in pain or have any other problem.

We have met weekly for the past year with the members of the Canigaran Free Will Baptist Church to pray for Henry's healing. Healing has not come. Yet we are encouraged to believe God will heal this young boy who has suffered so long. We ask all of the churches there and every believer to join us here in praying for Henry Nacasi that God will loosen his tongue, clear his mind, and set him free.

Pray that God would use the healing of Henry to open the eyes of the people in Canigaran. These people are very superstitious and engage in spirit worship. God is able to manifest Himself as the true and living God. This prayer request is urgent.

Thank you for your love, concern and prayers in these matters. God bless you.

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## CONFERENCE ON CHURCH GROWTH



Featured speakers from the Conference on Church Growth are pictured at lunch on the downtown campus of Mount Olive College. They are as follows: (front row, left to right) The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, president of the Carolina Bible Institute; the Rev. Ronnie Mohn, pastor of Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church; the Rev. James L. Finley, pastor of Pine Valley Church; the Rev. Charles Parrish, pastor of Victory Free Will Baptist Church; (standing, left to right) the Rev. M. O. Sears, pastor of Adamsville Baptist Church; the Rev. Alton Howard, pastor of Catalpa Free Will Baptist Church; the Rev. Harold Jones, director of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board; the Rev. Frank Harrison, director of church relations, Mount Olive College; the Rev. Ray Wells, interim director of the Home Missions Board and pastor of Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. C. L. Patrick, (not pictured) pastor of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church was also a speaker.

Approximately ninety-five people attended the conference which was sponsored jointly by Mount Olive College and the Home Missions Board.

## MOUNT OLIVE—A CAMPUS TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

Spring High School Day at Mount Olive College is Saturday, April 17, beginning with registration and refreshments at 9:45 a.m. in the Henderson Building. All interested high school students and their parents are invited to visit the campus and meet the college faculty and administration.

"We encourage students to learn about our academic and student life programs by coming to campus," said Mrs. Sampsell, director of admissions. On High School Day, pro-

spective students will have an opportunity to meet Betty Cobb, director of financial aid, and Caroline Castelloe, director of counseling services. In addition, they will be introduced to faculty members and encouraged to tour the campus.

An opportunity will also be provided for visitors to talk with students currently enrolled at Mount Olive College.

Auditions for both the Mount Olive Singers and the New Creations will be held after lunch at 1:30 p.m.

"Today's students have many factors to consider when

choosing a college," stated Mrs. Sampsell. "Location, size, cost, academic reputation, scholarships and financial aid, and career choice are important aspects of the decision. Spring High School Day is an opportunity for students to come to Mount Olive College and decide if the kind of environment available here would best contribute to their personal development."

## MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED

The Memorial Endowment Fund has been established by the board of trustees as a means whereby persons may honor members of their family or friends through a gift to Mount Olive College.

The Memorial Endowment is a perpetual investment of these gifts with the provision that the income be used to advance the general purposes of the College. The original gifts, the Fund's principal, will never be spent.

Contributions to the Fund may be made in any amount at any time by any person, and a record will be kept of all gifts.

The record will include the date of contribution, the names of the donors, the names of those memorialized or honored, and the amount of the gift.

When appropriate, the College will notify the person honored or the family of the one memorialized regarding the gift.

An endowment is a meaningful and lasting way to express appreciation to those who have enriched our lives. The Memorial Endowment Fund was established in response to the many memorial gifts to Mount Olive College not designated for any specific fund.



## SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Scripture Reading—John 8:1-32

### TAKE ALL THE KEYS, LORD!

Dr. F. B. Meyer came to a crucial, transitional time in his ministry. He sat dejectedly in his study. "My ministry is unfruitful, and I lack spiritual power," he said to himself.

Suddenly Christ seemed to stand beside him. "Let me have the keys to your life," Christ said. The experience was so realistic that he reached into his pocket and took out a bunch of keys! "Are all the keys here?" "Yes, Lord, all except the key to one small room in my life." "If you cannot trust Me in all the rooms of your life, I cannot accept any of the keys." Dr. Meyer was so overwhelmed with the feeling that Christ was moving out of his life because he was excluding Him from one interest in his life that he cried out, "Come back, Lord, and take the keys to all the rooms of my life!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Who answers Christ's insistent call*

*Must give himself, his life, his all,*

*Without one backward look,*

*Who sets his hand unto the plow;*

*And glances back with anxious brow,*

*His calling hath mistook.*

*Christ claims him wholly as His own;*

*He must be Christ's and Christ's alone.*

## MONDAY, APRIL 12

Scripture Reading—John 8:33-59

### THE SAME LOVETH MUCH

A young African woman was saved from a horrible life of sin and savagery. One Christmas day, she came to the house of

God to give her sacrificial offering of praise! The native Africans are very poor. At best they can give only a handful of vegetables, or a bunch of flowers to show their love for their Lord. The new convert handed to the missionary a silver coin, worth about one dollar. The missionary was amazed. At first she refused to accept it, but finally she did. At the close of the service she asked the girl, "Where did you get such a fortune?" Smilingly, the girl said, "I went to a neighboring planter and sold myself to him as a slave for the rest of my life for that coin. I wanted to give to Jesus an offering which satisfies my heart."

She had brought the financial equivalent of her life and laid it down, in a single gift, at the feet of her Lord!

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interest of that Kingdom, it shall be given away or kept only as by the giving or keeping of it shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity.*

## TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Scripture Reading—John 9

### MYSELF

One day I looked at myself,

At the self that Christ can see;

I saw the person I am today

And the one I ought to be.

I saw how little I really pray,

How little I really do;

I saw the influence of my life—

How little of it was true!

I saw the bundle of faults and fears

I ought to lay on the shelf;  
I had given a little bit to God,  
But I hadn't given myself.

I came from seeing myself,  
With the mind made up to be  
The sort of person that Christ  
can use  
With a heart He may always  
see.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks; a heart through which Christ loves; a voice through which Christ speaks; a hand through which Christ helps.*

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Scripture Reading—John 13

### WHAT IS CONSECRATION?

A young lady came to me near the close of the summer. Her face was wreathed with smiles. Exclaimed she joyfully, "This summer, at conference, I consecrated myself to God!" I expressed my deep joy, for her spiritual unconcern and worldliness had pressed heavily upon my soul during the wakeful, prayerful hours of many nights. To test the girl's sincerity, I said, "It is wonderful that you have dedicated your life to God. Does this mean that you will stand with us, working to win souls, out on the street corner in the open-air meeting? Does it mean that you will come and pray with us on prayer meeting nights? Does it mean that you are forsaking questionable, worldly pleasures, and saying in your heart:

'Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave to follow Thee?'

The smile faded from her face. The joy seemed to vanish from her heart. She went silently away.

With solicitous, prayerful concern, I observed the girl's life thereafter. She continued to

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be what I had known her to be—only a nominal church member.

How serious it is to sing, "Now I belong to Jesus," when we are living a divided, Christ-dishonoring life. Was not this what Jesus spoke against when He said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me" (Matthew 15:8)?

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Oh, that those who plead for Christians to dedicate their lives to God would fully disclose what it means—dying to self, dying to the world, dying to the praise, or censure, of others, and possibly dying a physical death!*

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Scripture Reading—John 12

#### UNUSED!

An unused harp had stood for years in the front room of a home in the mountains of Kentucky. Being a family relic, it was kept bright and clean. One day, a stranger stopped at the home and asked for lodging for the night. After the evening meal all gathered in the front room. The stranger looked at the harp intently. He asked if he could play it. After tuning it, he swept his hands across the strings. The loveliest music filled the room. How enchanting were the sweet, rapturous strains! The instrument had been muted for years. Now, in the hands of a master, the most exquisite of music came from it.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Hearts long muted by sin and unbelief, in the hands of the Master, Jesus, can give forth sweet music and joyous praise!*

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Scripture Reading—John 10

#### AWAY WITH THESE EMPTY VANITIES

Baron von Wely renounced his title and wealth and went as

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a missionary to Dutch Guiana. There he rendered sacrificial and loving service to God. In speaking of his forsaking all to follow Christ, he said, "The title 'wellborn' means nothing to me since I have been born again in Christ. The title 'lord' means nothing to me since I desire only to be the servant of the Lord Jesus. What is it to me to be called 'Your Grace' when I have need of God's grace? Away with all these empty vanities! I will stay at the feet of Jesus, learn of Him and have no hindrance in serving Him aright."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*As a missionary died, she whispered: "Bring!" One asked: "What shall we bring?" She said: "Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!"*

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Scripture Reading—John 15

#### TAKE! BREAK! MAKE!

Lord, TAKE me,  
Me, with all my selfishness,  
with  
All my pride and jealousy,  
All my willful disobedience,  
All my lack of love to Thee,  
Me, with all my faults and  
frailties,  
All my secret, hidden sins.

And BREAK me!

Break my stiff and stubborn  
will, Lord.

Break my self with all its  
pride;

All its dearest dreams, ambi-  
tions . . .

Break my heart, its idols  
smash,—

Till in splintered, shattered  
fragments

I lie helpless at Thy feet.

And MAKE me!

With Thy tender, skillful  
hands, Lord,

Make me like Thyself to be,  
Moulded in Thy glorious  
image,

Sweet and loving, humble,  
kind,

Faithful, gentle, finding  
pleasure

Only in my Father's will.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Consecration begins when  
self-interest ceases, and ends  
when self-interest begins.*

Selected from *Knight's  
Treasury of Illustrations*,  
Walter B. Knight.

#### COMING EVENTS

April—Entire Month Des-  
ignated by the State Con-  
vention as Home Missions  
and Church Extension  
Month

April 10—Piedmont Woman's  
Auxiliary Convention

April 11—Easter Sunday

April 12—Free Will Baptist  
Press Foundation, Inc.,  
and all Bible Bookstores  
will be closed—Ayden, New  
Bern, Smithfield, Wilson,  
and Kinston

April 14—Cape Fear Woman's  
Auxiliary Spring Conven-  
tion, Casey's Chapel, 5  
miles east of Goldsboro on  
Highway 70

April 17—High School Day,  
Mount Olive College

April 22—Albemarle Woman's  
Auxiliary Spring Conven-  
tion

April 27—Quarterly Meeting of  
Board of Trustees, Mount  
Olive College

#### NOTICES

The Free Will Baptist Press  
and all Bible Bookstores—  
Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield,  
Wilson, Kinston—will be closed  
April 12, in observance of  
Easter Monday.

The Ordaining Council of the  
Central Conference will meet  
on Monday, April 19, at the  
Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden.  
If anyone has business with the  
Council, please contact the  
secretary, Harry Grubbs, 3000  
Briarcliff Drive, Greenville,  
North Carolina 27834; phone,  
(919) 756-8585, prior to the  
meeting.



For April 18

## THE EMMAUS EXPERIENCE

**Lesson Text:** Luke 24:13-21,  
28-32

**Memory Verse:** Luke 24:32

### I. INTRODUCTION

Easter 1943 was a very difficult time for Russia. The forces of Hitler had overrun much of the country and threatened many other areas of that vast land. For many years the Communists had tried to suppress religion, but in the face of this threat from the Nazis they had relented and allowed Christians to worship in public again. In one large city of over three hundred thousand, only one church remained open, and long before dawn on that Easter it was filled to capacity, with huge crowds standing outside hoping to get in. Some of the Communist leaders, however, were not satisfied to allow the service to go unmolested. Though they were not permitted to attack the worshipers, they tried to disrupt the service by shooting off firecrackers and playing loud music outside the building.

The next day the leaders summoned the citizens to the city square where they were subjected to haranguing arguments by atheists determined to discourage the faithful. After nearly three hours of this, the Communists paused to ask if there were any questions. For a few moments there was silence and then from back in the crowd came a voice, "I would like to say only three words."

"Three words and no more," ordered the officials as they led him to the microphone.

Holding the microphone, the poorly clad and emaciated man said his three words: "Christ is risen!" The whole square erupted in an enthusiastic response that sorely embar-

assed the officials. They had not learned that people whose hearts are aflame within them with the message of the Resurrection cannot be silenced forever.

The events recorded in today's lesson occurred following Jesus' appearances early in the morning on the day of His Resurrection. It must have been late in the afternoon when Jesus joined the pair who were making their way to Emmaus, a village about seven miles north and west of Jerusalem. The two who walked this way are not otherwise mentioned in the Scriptures.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Although Mark 16:12 tells us that after the Resurrection, Jesus "appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country," we must turn to the Gospel of Luke for the only full account of the Emmaus experience. Two of Jesus' disciples, were on their way home to Emmaus, a few miles outside Jerusalem, on the day of the Resurrection, but before the risen Christ appeared to the others that evening.

B. Imagine if you can the feeling of these two disciples as they journeyed home. They were tired physically because they had been in Jerusalem all day and had already walked a good distance. They were drained emotionally. Just three days earlier, their hearts had sorrowed over Jesus' Crucifixion. Now they had learned that His grave was empty, but, as yet, they did not believe that He had risen from the dead. They must have wondered what would happen to them now that Christ was dead. These two must have presented a picture of sadness and dejection as

they traveled along the road.

C. Then Jesus overtook them. From that point on the picture changes. Their sadness turned to hope; their pessimism turned to joy; their wonder turned to hope; their pessimism turned to optimism; and the whole picture was changed. The presence of Jesus always changes lives. We hope that you will experience its presence as you study this lesson.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

Only Luke records the Resurrection experience involving two of Jesus' disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is one of the tenderest moments any of the followers of Jesus ever had. It was at first filled with sadness, then of brief doubting, and finally of the greatest joy imaginable. It is the beautiful story of how two concerned disciples found out that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead.—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

The writer of these lessons once heard a sick man with terminal cancer say, "If I could know for certain about the Resurrection, I would not be afraid to die." How can one know for certain? The greatest knowledge in all the world is that which comes by faith in God's Word.—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

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### NOTICE

Please note the new address and phone number of the Board of Foreign Missions. Direct all correspondence and calls accordingly: Board of Foreign Missions, Box 38, Ayden, North Carolina 28513; phone (919) 746-4963, extension 21.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

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- 11:00—Children's Home and Retirement Homes Reports  
—Offering for Children's Home
- 11:20—Special Music, Host Auxiliary, New Day Spirituals
- 11:30—Message, Mrs. Happy Taylor, State Auxiliary President
- 12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn, "He Lives"
- 1:05—Devotion, Mrs. Amanda Latham
- 1:15—Mount Olive College News
- 1:30—Cragmont News
- 1:45—News from the Press
- 2:00—Youth Report  
—Committee Report  
—Treasurer's Report  
—Announcement of Next Convention  
—Miscellaneous Business  
—Benediction and Adjournment

### Cape Fear Women To Meet

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held at Casey's Chapel Church near Goldsboro on April 14. The theme of the convention is "Spiritual Resources." The Scripture for the convention will be taken from 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Standing on the Promises"  
—Devotion, Mrs. Juanita Jackson
- 10:20—Welcome, Mrs. Bryant Hines  
—Response, Mrs. Mary Lee Dorman  
—Greetings, Mrs. Grace Barbour, President  
—Business Session

- 11:00—Hymn, "I Am Thine O Lord"  
—Children's Home Report  
—Foreign Missions Report  
—Worship Offering  
—Special Music, Host Church  
—Convention Message, Mrs. Mattie Link

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him"  
—Memorial Service, Mrs. Joy Garriss
- 1:30—Reports  
—Mount Olive College  
—Home Missions  
—Free Will Baptist Press  
—Cragmont  
—Superannuation  
—Youth Report
- 2:00—Business Session  
—Hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be"  
—Adjournment  
—Benediction

### Upcoming Events at Cabin Church

On Saturday, April 10, at 7 p.m., the play "Heaven" will be given at Cabin Church. The church is located 3 miles north of Beulaville on Highway 111.

A joint sunrise worship service with Sandy Plain and Gum Branch Churches will be Easter Sunday, April 11, at 5:15 a.m., at the Whaley Cemetery. Rudene Kennedy will be doing the speaking.

Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service Easter Sunday, at Cabin Church.

On Wednesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m., Buddy Rogerson, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College, will be the speaker.

A special invitation is extended to everyone by the Cabin Church and the pastor, the Rev. Carl D. Lyons.

### Revival Services Planned At Union Chapel Church

A series of revival services will be held at Union Chapel Church, Middlesex, April 12-16. Special music will be featured nightly and services are scheduled to begin at 7:45. The Rev. Barry Gardner will be the guest evangelist.

The Rev. W. E. Parrish, pastor of Union Chapel Church, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

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### PRAISE THE LORD!

The telethon offering exceeded \$19,000. The exact figure is not yet available. There are some churches that did not know the exact amount of their offering at telethon time. Full details will be in the next issue of *The Free Will Baptist*.

### EDITORIAL

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Christian influence we might have is weakened; many times it is completely devoid of meaning. Second, we possess a platonic view of spirituality. It has caused us to be inactive when we ought to be leading the way!

The results of these influences are tragic, both for us as individuals and for society as a whole. Our complacency must be done away with. We need to destroy it—its roots, its base, its branches—the very seeds of our apathy. If we care, we can no longer compromise. It is time we take a stand. It is time we prayerfully consider our lives, our influence. It is time we start living as we should; it is time we become concerned about the lost souls around us; it is time we care.

(You know how complacent we are? Well, now that you have read this, you will agree or disagree, yawn, and life will continue as usual. How dare you!)

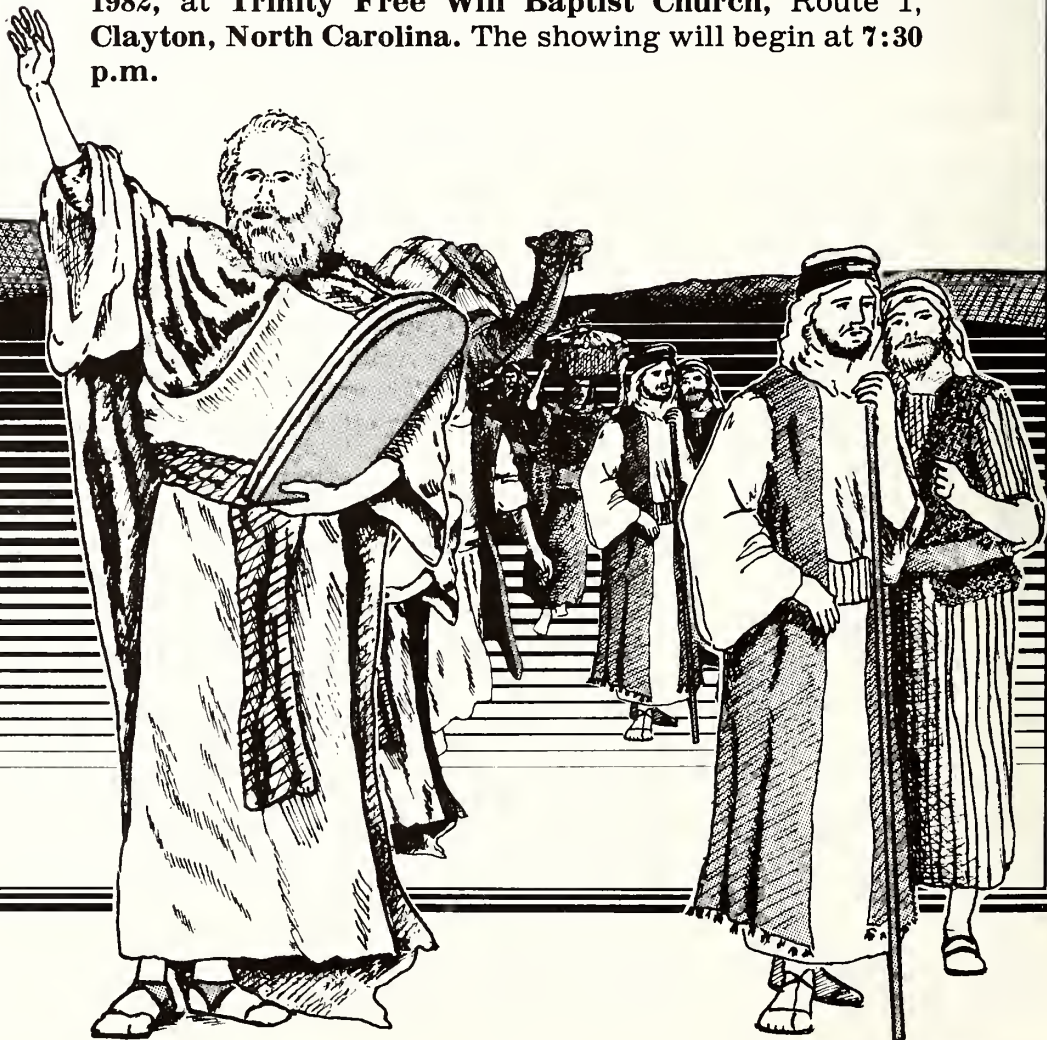


# HEROES of FAITH

Vacation Bible School is many things. It is a ministry. It is boys and girls singing and having fun; it is teachers telling Bible stories and advising students how to live. It begins with churches planning and working to get ready. It is worth it all when young people (and adults) come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Yes, Vacation Bible School is many things—and it's time to get to work on this year's school.

The theme of the 1982 materials is **Heroes of Faith**. Based on Hebrews 11, this curriculum offers biblical teaching balanced with activities that serve to reinforce truths taught.

Learn more about Heroes of Faith: attend the **Vacation Bible School showing on Monday, April 12, 1982, at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina. The showing will begin at 7:30 p.m.**





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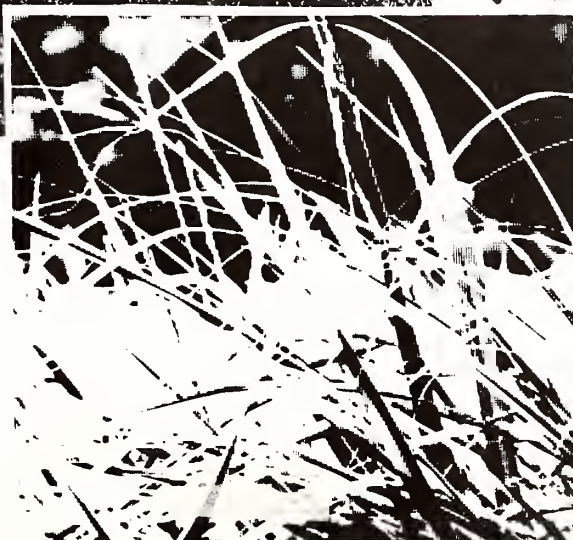
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## "Much Ado About Nothing!"

His morning routine was always the same: before anyone else was awake, he would go outside and look closely for any indication of growth; he watched for the slightest appearance of green vegetation, for surely the first blade of grass was going to be visible sooner or later. There was no doubt in his mind that a constant inspection would urge its growth.

The gentleman had just moved into a new home. In front of the house stretched 10,000 square feet of potential lawn. This new homeowner took up the challenge. After digesting many landscaping "how-tos," and a little creative worrying, he went forth to sow his seeds with the enthusiasm of a vigilante.

The first week was unusually hot and dry, but he had the situation under control; new water hoses were purchased and a sprinkler system was soon at work. However, the temperature rose faster than his system was able to handle; winds, once gentle, became strong; and dust swirled. Before the week's end, he had resorted to prayer: what he needed was rain—but that was out of his league. But, a gentle rain did fall. It seemed as though God and the gentleman had an understanding.

The next day, though, it poured. Torrential rains fell again the following day, sending mud and seeds cascading down the hill which before this time had only added beauty to the landscape. Any blade of grass that might have been courageous enough to poke through the topsoil had been washed away. When he awoke on the fourth morning, the householder was a bit hesitant to even look outside. (He must have felt like Noah surveying Ararat.) His "old buddy" relationship with the Lord ended when he saw the gullies which now crisscrossed his lawn.

After getting a cup of coffee, he went into his study for a time of devotions. His reading began in the Book of Job, for surely they were blood brothers by now. You see, the rains had not only destroyed his lawn—his basement had sprung a leak, electrical problems disrupted daily routines, and his garage floor had cracked. All he needed was an ash heap upon which to sit—and even that was under construction!

As with most of our problems, the gentleman's battle with his lawn had truly grown all out of proportion. He had made watching grass grow into a battle; it was almost as though war had been declared between himself and the elements of nature. (Most of his skirmishes took place in his mind—not beyond his front door.)

It was obvious to everyone but the gentleman himself that the whole matter was quite trivial. When considering the whole of history, the growth pattern of his newly sown lawn was insignificant. When we involve our egos in a contest with nature, or with other people, we usually lose our sense of priorities; and we do so quite easily. Sometimes God then has to point out our obsession with the nonessential; He then lovingly encourages us to lift our eyes from the "blades of grass" to the "mountains" that so desperately need our attention.

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# Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Celebrates Fiftieth Year

## Part Two

by Minnie Hansley Chandler

There are several things that we may note from Mrs. Jackson's message:

(1) Mrs. Jackson was a contemporary of Miss Linton and present herself at the 1909 session of the Eastern Conference<sup>3</sup> when the new work was endorsed by that conference. She gives Miss Linton credit for the founding of the *Woman's Home Mission*<sup>4</sup> and the *Little Worker's League* which was the forerunner of our present Free Will Baptist League in the state of North Carolina. She also gives Miss Linton credit for organizing "the first *Woman's Home Mission* and *Little Worker's League* of our denomination" in her home church at Sidney<sup>5</sup> in Beaufort County.

(2) Mrs. Jackson seems certain of the date, 1908, as the year when Miss Linton's dreams began to materialize. She does not seem certain of the place. She names it as the Fifth Union Meeting at Bethel Church, Pamlico County.

"According to the minutes of the Fifth Union, Eastern Conference, the Union did not meet at Bethel during 1907 or 1908, 'though there appears to be no record of two meetings during that time. However, according to the previous sessions, Bethel is not mentioned as the place of meeting. In fact, Bethel does not appear on the list of churches representing until 1909.'"<sup>6</sup> The Fifth Union met at Bethel, May 27, 1909, but there is

nothing said in the minutes about any "Woman's Home Mission" organization.

Although the date and place cannot be confirmed, we are sure of two things: (1) Minutes reveal that in 1908, the Second Union, Central Conference, was encouraging the sisters in the local churches to organize "Woman's Missionary Societies." (Let us remember again that Mrs. Jackson gives Miss Linton credit for founding the work.) (2) The new work was introduced at and endorsed by the fourteenth annual session of the Eastern Conference on October 20, 1909. We must conclude that Miss Linton introduced her plans to the Fifth Union, Eastern Conference, between 1904, when she began thinking about the possibility of such an organization, and 1908.

(3) Another thing that we may note from Mrs. Jackson's message is what happened. Whatever the date, wherever the place, she states that "Sister Lucy together with Brothers M. C. Prescott and J. E. Sawyer drew up the first Constitution and Bylaws for the *Woman's Home Mission* and *Little Worker's League*." The following excerpts from the Eastern Conference minutes<sup>7</sup> confirm Mrs. Jackson's statements about the progress of the work:

At the fourteenth annual session of the Eastern Conference, convened with Rock of Zion Church, Pamlico County, NC, on

October 20, 1909, plans for the Woman's Missionary Society, also the Little Worker's League of the Eastern Conference were presented and an organization made by electing the following officers: Miss Lucy Linton, president; Mrs. Grace B. Connor, secretary; Miss Laura Keel, treasurer. Misses Lucy Linton and Katie Sawyer were elected organizers. The officers of the society submitted its Bylaws for the approval of the conference, also asked for an executive committee of five. On motion, we endorse the Bylaws and appoint the committee. Committee appointed as follows: Elder R. F. Daugherty, chairman, J. W. Alford, A. E. Rouse, J. T. Linton, and J. L. Scott. On motion, we extend the time of final adjournment of conference until Saturday P.M. after this session. On motion, we give to the Woman's Missionary Society, Friday and Friday night of each session for their work.

The next annual session (15th) of the Eastern Conference convened with the church at Trent, Pamlico County, North Carolina. As had been arranged the previous year, The Woman's Home Missionary Society met in regular session October 20, 1910. The session was opened by singing No. 148 in Young People's Hymnal #1, Prayer by Elder R. F. Pittman, Song, "Face to Face," followed by a short address by the president, "The Scarlet Thread." The reports of the various societies were called for, and each report was an encouraging one. Delegates and donations from the following societies were received: Russell's Creek, Davis Shore, White Hill, British Chapel, Rock of Zion, Belhaven, Bethel, St. John's Chapel, Wintergreen, Antioch, Woodington, Macedonia, Sidney, (Turn the Page)



Arapahoe, Trent, Snow Hill, St. Mary's, Gales Creek, Gethsemane, Friendship, and Kinston. The treasurer reported \$122.65 on hand after paying all expenses. On motion, W. C. Brinson be added to the Executive Committee. On motion, we appoint the following organizers: Miss Georgia Cayton, Aurora; Miss Fannie Paul, Arapahoe; Miss Sidney McLawhorn, Vanceboro; Mrs. Alice Lupton, New Bern; Mrs. Grace Connor, Belhaven; Miss Sallie Outlaw, Deep Run; Mrs. Allie Harrington, Kinston; Mrs. Lonie E. Mallard, Trenton. On motion, this session close to meet with the next session of the Eastern Conference.

Miss Lucy Linton, *President*  
R. F. Pittman, *Secretary pro tem*

The Woman's Home Missionary Society met in regular session at Sts. Delight Church, Craven County, North Carolina, October 20, 1911. The session was opened by a short address by the president. The reports from the various societies were called for. Delegates from the following societies made very encouraging reports: White Hill, Russell's Creek, Bethel, Rock of Zion, Friendship, Davis Shore, St. Mary's, Dublin Grove, Belhaven, Arapahoe, and Sidney. On motion the time of holding the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society hereafter be on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August of each year. On motion, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Miss Lucy Linton, president; Miss Georgia Cayton, secretary; Miss Laura Teel, treasurer. The treasurer reports as follows:

On hand from last year	\$122.65
Received this year	
after paying bills	<u>105.46</u>
Total on hand	\$228.11

On motion, the treasurer be instructed to place the educational fund now on hand in the bank on interest. On motion, the next regular session of the Woman's Home Missionary Society be held with St. Mary's Church in New Bern, North Carolina. On motion, we adjourn to meet with St. Mary's Church, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August 1912.

Lucy Linton, *President*  
J. L. Scott, *Secretary, pro tem*

The Woman's Home Missionary Society held its third annual session at St. Mary's

Original Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina (in August 1912). The Sunday Schools and the Little Worker's Leagues represented with the society as no other separate organization had been made at that time.

Miss Linton was elected to her fourth term of office as president; Miss Georgia Cayton, as secretary; and Mrs. Joyce Lee, as treasurer. Elected to the Executive Committee were the Revs. L. H. Wetherington, J. E. Sawyer, and M. C. Prescott.

Let us note the following from the foregoing information as it concerns the Albemarle ladies:

Miss Linton was on the committee appointed by the Fifth Union, Eastern Conference, to help draw up a Constitution and Bylaws for the new organization. She was elected its first president, an office which she held for four terms. She was also elected as one of the first "organizers" by the Eastern Conference.

Another Albemarle lady, Mrs. Grace Brinson Connor of the Belhaven Church, was elected the first secretary of the new organization. She was appointed one of eight "organizers" at the 1910 session of the new convention. Mrs. Connor also served as president of the convention from 1923 through 1924.

The Sidney and Belhaven Churches<sup>a</sup> of the Albemarle District were charter members of the *Woman's Home Mission Society* during the 1909 organizational meeting. These two churches also represented at the first meeting of the new convention during the 15th session of the Eastern Conference in 1910. They again represented at the October 1911 session when the first Educational Fund was set up. It was at this meeting that a motion was passed which changed the time of the new convention to Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August of each year. According to Mrs. Jackson's message, and the

Eastern Conference minutes, the convention, after the October 1911 session, began to meet at a separate time from the Eastern Conference although they were still a part of that conference. Miss Linton was the first president of that separate convention. It is not clear whether or not officers were elected each year. They probably were, as it is recorded that Miss Linton was elected in 1909, 1911, and 1912. If elected each year, 1912 would make her "fourth term" as the 1912 minutes state.

Presidents of the Woman's Home Mission Society or Convention

1909-1912	Miss Lucy Linton
1913-1915	The Rev. M. C. Prescott
1916-1922	Mrs. Alice E. Lupton
1923-1924	Mrs. Grace B. Connor
1925-1926	Mrs. Alice E. Lupton
1927-?	Sister Overman of Bridgeton

<sup>1</sup>Copy on file in Historical Collection at Mount Olive College.

<sup>2</sup>Copy on file in Historical Collection at Mount Olive College.

<sup>3</sup>See minutes of the October 20, 1909 session of the Eastern Conference.

<sup>4</sup>The flag of the woman's organization has flown under many names: *Woman's Home Mission*, *Woman's Home Missions Society*, and *Woman's Home Mission Convention*, but they are all the same organization.

<sup>5</sup>The Sidney Church minutes do not mention Miss Linton's work among the ladies and youth of her church. An early 1909 issue of *The Free Will Baptist* carries only a name mention of Miss Linton. We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Jackson and the Eastern Conference minutes for verification of her work.

<sup>6</sup>From a 10/14/81 letter from Gary Barefoot, Librarian of Mount Olive College.

<sup>7</sup>These passages were transcribed for the writer from Eastern Conference minutes by the Rev. Carol B. Hansley.

<sup>8</sup>According to the Eastern Conference minutes, the churches in Beaufort County represented in the Fifth Union and Eastern Conference before the Albemarle Conference was organized. All of the other Albemarle churches or counties represented in the Second Union and Central Conference.

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Palmer Memorial Has Exciting Events



Since the first of January, Palmer Memorial Church near Garner has had an exciting time in Christ! On January 30, the youth went ice skating at the Daniel Boone ice skating rink in Hillsborough. They made a day of it, and a few reminders of it the next day were sore muscles and bruises!

A highly informative film about Israel called "Free Again," was shown by the youth on January 31. With the text taken from the Books of Ezekiel and Revelation, it showed Israel in the past, present, and upcoming future. The film brought the books alive and instilled thoughts into everyone who watched.

The first of February there were microphones installed at the pulpit and over the choir. It is amazing how a mike will make people work harder to use their talents better.

On February 14, the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a Valentine's Day banquet at the Hickory House. The program was presented by Mrs. Grace Barbour, of Smithfield, who asked the question, "What's

keeping you from getting closer to God?" With almost 60 present, all were asked to write their answers on slips of paper. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the thought-provoking program.

On the Second Sunday of every month, Mrs. Britt will give an informative report on missions just before the sermon. This month she brought out how little people pray for missions directly. Everyone should join in and encourage more prayer and support for missions. Without support, they would be nothing!

Since the first of this year, the men and women have taken turns singing every other Sunday night. Sometimes they both sing. The men are led by the Rev. Hubert Stanley, and the women are led by Mrs. Betty Strickland. Everyone has a great time singing for the glory of Christ.

The most exciting event was the baptismal service on February 21, for three new members. There were also two members who transferred and many rededications made.

### Revival Services at First Church of Kinston

Revival services will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, April 19 through April 23. The time of the services is 7 p.m. The Rev. Earl Glenn, pastor of Daniels Chapel Church, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special music rendered each night. The church and its pastor, the Rev. C. H. Overman, cordially invite the public to attend these services.

### Pastor to Begin New Work

The Rev. Willie Stilley completed his pastoral work at

Angola Church, Onslow County, on Sunday, March 28, 1982. He will begin shortly a new work at Reunion Chapel Church, located near Highway 17 bypass north of Vanceboro, North Carolina.

### Third Union of Eastern Conference Youth Fellowship To Meet

The Third Union Youth Fellowship of the Eastern Conference will be held on Saturday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Faith Mission, Leland, located on Highway 74-76 South. Everyone is invited to attend the fellowship.

### Flags Donated to East Rockingham Church

With sincere appreciation the members of East Rockingham Church, Rockingham, say thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Buck Strider and Mr. Howard Spivey for donating the flags.

The American flag was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Strider in memory of Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards and Sherilyn Denise Edwards, and the Christian flag was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spivey in memory of Ethel Spivey.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Eddie Edwards, held a dedication service for the flags, followed by salutes and pledges to both flags.

### Revival Services in Progress At East Rockingham Church

Revival services are in progress through April 16, at East Rockingham Church, Rockingham, at 7 p.m. The guest evangelist is the Rev. Robert May from Ahoskie. Special music is being presented each evening. Everyone is invited and

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welcomed to attend the remainder of these services.

The Rev. Eddie Edwards is pastor of East Rockingham Church.

#### **Friendship Church to Have Revival Services**

Friendship Church will be in revival services the week of April 19-23 with the Rev. Donald Earl Fader as the visiting evangelist. He is presently pastoring Grimsley Church, Snow Hill. The people of Friendship Church wish to extend a cordial invitation for the public to worship with them during this series of revival services. Friendship Church is located two miles north of Trenton. There will be special music each evening by the church and surrounding community. The pastor of Friendship Church is the Rev. Joe Crumpler.

#### **Revival Services to Be Held at Rosebud Church**

Revival services will be held at Rosebud Church during the week of April 19-23. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. T. C. Farmer, pastor of Tee's Chapel Church near Smithfield, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing and a nursery will be provided each night.

Rosebud Church is located just off 301 north of Wilson, near the Firestone Plant. The congregation and the pastor, the Rev. Everette Harper, cordially invite everyone to attend these services.

#### **Revival Services to Be Held at Sneads Ferry Church**

Revival services will be held at Sneads Ferry Church near Sneads Ferry, April 19-23. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Ransom McAbee, pastor of Sandy Plain Church. The pastor, the Rev. O. B. Taylor, and the church membership invite everyone to attend these services.

#### **Revival Services to Be Held at Ormondsville Church**

Revival services will be held April 18-22, at 7:30 p.m., at Ormondsville Church near Ayden. The Rev. Frank Flowers will be the evangelist. There will be special singing each night. The Rev. Jack Mayo is pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

#### **Revival Services to Be At Arapahoe Church**

Revival services will be held at Arapahoe Church, Arapahoe, April 26-30. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Royce Reynolds. There will be good preaching, good singing, and good fellowship. The Rev. Doug Skinner, pastor, extends a cordial welcome to everyone to join in this week of services. A nursery will be provided.

#### **Upcoming Events at Ayden Church**

Revival services will be held at Ayden Church, Ayden, April 19-23. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Joe Griffith, pastor of St. Paul Church, Elizabeth City, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing each night. The pastor, the Rev. David Ricks, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend these services.

To finish up the revival, a covered dish dinner will follow the morning worship on April 25. Immediately after this, there will be a gospel sing featuring the Oak Grove Boys from Elm City.

On May 2, at 7 p.m., there will be a special program at the Ayden Church featuring the Jerry Taylor family.

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## **PLAN TO ATTEND**

# **The State Sunday School Convention**

## **Saturday, April 17, 1982**

**St. Mary's  
Free Will Baptist Church  
New Bern, North Carolina**

**Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Classes begin at 9:00 a.m.**

**Seminars for superintendents and teachers  
of all age groups**

## WHAT HOME MISSIONS MEANS TO ME

by Jerry Campbell,  
pastor of Advance Mission

Home Missions means several things to me as a home missionary. It means first of all the privilege of sharing the wonderful news of Jesus, which has changed my life. It is seeing a face light up when it first has the assurance of salvation. It means watching the seed of a church being planted begin to rise up, even if it is very slow. It means witnessing the miracle of lives being transformed right before your eyes.

Home Missions also has another side. It is the empty feeling when you stand at the door on Sunday morning when no one comes, and you preach to the three members of your own family. It is the heartache when people, who are under conviction, harden their hearts and you leave their house with the knowledge that it may be their last opportunity to be saved. It means responsibility, for the people in your congregation, for the programs of the church, to the board with which you must work, and for the problems of each individual in addition to your own and your family's. It means frustration, tears, heartache, and deciding to quit about once a week, but hanging on because if you leave, someone may spend eternity in Hell.

What does Home Missions mean to me? It means work, harder than any I've ever known; loneliness, deeper than any I've ever experienced; challenge, greater than any I've ever faced; and also JOY, which makes it all worthwhile.

to teach children about Jesus and watch them as they learn about God's Word. It means going through the plan of salvation with a little one and watching his young faith being placed in the Master's hands. (See Matthew 19:14.)

**MEMBER:** To have the chance to build a church for my Lord and Saviour is a marvelous experience. It's the ability to reach out and help those whom we love and pray for. Just knowing in our hearts that in some small way we're helping to build God's church is a joy and pleasure. (See Matthew 28:19, 20.)

**MEMBER:** It's a place where comfort can be found in times of sorrow, help can be found in times of need, and joy can be found in times of victory. It's where friends and neighbors become brothers and sisters in Christ. God's love can truly be found here. (See 1 Corinthians 13:13.)

**MEMBER:** Since we've been here I've learned so much about God and His Word. I've grown in the Lord through my experiences here. I know the importance of reading the Bible and have benefited by our studies in the Word, and about our God. I thank God for His wonderful Word. (See 2 Peter 3:18.)

by Mona Campbell

Being a Home Missionary isn't easy, especially for teenagers. Leaving the people I grew up with and have come to love so deeply was difficult. I never thought I'd be able to call Advance, North Carolina, my home. My feelings changed when I realized I was holding back from God. I was so busy feeling sorry for myself and wishing things could be the way

they used to be, that God couldn't really use me.

Well, now things have changed, and although I still miss the warmth and comfort of my old home, God has given me a new one. And I've given God a new home in my heart too.

by Ronnie Hall, pastor of  
Agape Mission

When Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," He meant just that, "all nations." Our nation has many churches. Some even hold two morning services because they cannot seat all of the people in one service. Yet there are thousands of people right here in North Carolina that do not know Jesus.

Home Missions is reaching these people. Instead of holding two services, Home Missions is starting new churches and filling them with those who were lost.

I am overjoyed to see the growing interest and support of our churches, but I long to see the time when Home Missions is not only supported financially, but physically. I would like to see the time, when a church is filled, they will send out a mission team of 25 or 30 Christians to start a new church instead of doubling the services. Our job as Christians is not having a full church, it's leading souls to Christ. Some feel if they lose a few members they are going to fold, but if members are sent out to build God's Kingdom they will prosper spiritually, and in every way necessary to fill the church again so that another team can be sent out to build another church. There are many souls to be reached. They are reached by Christians who

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by Members of Advance Mission

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER:** For me it's an opportunity  
**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST**



## MRS. ELLA BOYETTE VISITS COLLEGE



Mrs. Ella Boyette (left) of Route 1, Kenly, is shown during a recent visit to Mount Olive College during which she inspected some plants and shrubbery she planted during the early stages of the landscape program on the new campus. Shown with her are (from left to right) her daughter, Dorothea Craddock; Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper; and son-in-law, V. T. Craddock.

Mrs. Boyette was a member of the committee which planned the landscape program for Mount Olive College. She is a member of Rains Cross Roads Church in Johnston County.

"Much of the beauty of our new campus reflects the love and work of Mrs. Boyette and her late husband, Mr. J. W. Boyette," declared President Raper.

In the first stages of the landscape program at Mount Olive College, Mr. and Mrs. Boyette came frequently to the campus to bring plants from their own gardens and to set them out. The beauty of today's campus is the direct result of their efforts.

### COLLEGE HALL PROGRESS REPORT

*by W. Burkette Raper, President*

There is a growing level of expectancy among Free Will Baptists, alumni and friends regarding the construction schedule for College Hall, the proposed physical education-athletic-convention center at Mount Olive College.

Architectural drawings and specifications are ready, a contractor has been chosen and construction can begin as soon as funds and financing are available. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,500,000.

\$1,500,000 — minimum amount in gifts and pledges established by

the Board of Trustees before authorizing the contractor to begin work

1,140,000 — Gifts and pledges through March 31

\$ 360,000 — Balance needed for construction to begin.

The Board of Trustees and the Administration of the College believe that the additional \$1,000,000 can be raised during the eighteen (18) months the building will be under construction. When gifts and pledges total \$1,500,000 the Board will seek to arrange a plan of finance for the project. The College will repay the loan over a five-year period from pledges for this purpose.

When will construction begin? Each church and friend of Mount Olive College can cast their vote by making a pledge or gift today.

For more information, please contact: The Office of the President, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, telephone: (919) 658-2502.

## COMING EVENTS

*April*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month

*April 14*—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Casey's Chapel, 5 miles east of Goldsboro on Highway 70

*April 17*—High School Day, Mount Olive College

*April 22*—Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

## THANK YOU FOR A GREAT TELETHON

**Total \$22,544.35**

*by Harold Jones*

For three and one-half hours on Sunday afternoon, March 28, there were very few extended pauses between telephone rings as churches and individuals from North Carolina, plus two churches from Georgia, called in the amount of their special offerings for Foreign Missions. It was exciting to see the total rise with each call. Listed below are the names of churches and individuals that contributed to this year's telethon. We greatly appreciate this generous response. Thank you for seeing that **the supreme task of the church is the evangelization of the world.**

<b>ALBEMARLE</b>			
Mount Tabor	\$ 50.00	Pleasant Hill	400.00
Plymouth, First	32.50	Rocky Mount, First	100.00
Plymouth Auxiliary	25.00	Rocky Mount Auxiliary	50.00
Shiloh Ladies		Rose Hill Sunday School	100.00
Sunday School Class	111.83	Rose of Sharon	204.00
Shiloh Men's		Rose of Sharon Sunday School	75.00
Sunday School Class	75.00	Saratoga	120.00
Shiloh AFCs	150.00	Saratoga Sunday School	375.00
Sidney	110.00	Saratoga Auxiliary	25.00
Saint Paul	175.00	Spring Branch	150.00
Union Chapel	150.00	Sweet Gum Grove	100.00
Union Chapel Young Adults		Walnut Creek	153.00
Sunday School	150.00	Winterville	88.30
Union Chapel AFCs	5.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,031.33</b>
Union Chapel YFAs	5.00	<b>EASTERN</b>	
Union Chapel League	100.00	Arapahoe	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,139.33</b>	Bethel	309.00

<b>CAPE FEAR</b>	
Bethel	\$ 100.00
Casey's Chapel Auxiliary	188.00
Hopewell	121.70
Johnston Union	600.00
Lee's Chapel	1,192.00
Palmer Memorial	63.52
Palmer Memorial Auxiliary	24.22
Riverside	200.00
Shady Grove	505.00
Tee's Chapel	66.33
Wooten's Chapel	56.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,116.77</b>

<b>CENTRAL</b>	
Aspen Grove	\$ 305.87
Bethany	395.25
Community	80.00
Edgewood	152.38
Free Union	653.96
Friendship Sunday School	152.51
Gum Swamp	1,127.76
Harrell's Chapel	85.00
Hickory Grove	181.00
Hugo	250.00
Hull Road	70.00
King's Cross Roads	698.30
King's Cross Roads League	75.00
Marlboro	536.50
Ormondsville	250.00
Otter's Creek	77.50

Pleasant Hill	400.00
Rocky Mount, First	100.00
Rocky Mount Auxiliary	50.00
Rose Hill Sunday School	100.00
Rose of Sharon	204.00
Rose of Sharon Sunday School	75.00
Saratoga	120.00
Saratoga Sunday School	375.00
Saratoga Auxiliary	25.00
Spring Branch	150.00
Sweet Gum Grove	100.00
Walnut Creek	153.00
Winterville	88.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,031.33</b>

<b>EASTERN</b>	
Arapahoe	\$ 50.00
Bethel	309.00
Bridgeton	45.00
Crab Point	40.00
Davis	100.00
Folkstone	200.00
Gethsemane	141.35
Grants Chapel	100.00
Holly Springs	834.28
Indian Springs	50.00
Long Ridge	150.21
May's Chapel	531.00
Moseley's Creek	325.00
Moseley's Creek League	81.33
Northeast	50.00
Otway	50.00
Pearsall Chapel Auxiliary	219.00
Rooty Branch	100.00
Sandy Plain	120.00
Smith's New Home	31.00
St. Mary's	1,425.00
Westside	342.00
Whaley's Chapel	108.94
Wintergreen	125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,528.11</b>

<b>PEE DEE</b>	
White Oak	\$ 129.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 129.74</b>

<b>PIEDMONT</b>	
Advance Mission	\$ 50.00
Cathedral Auxiliary	100.00
East Rockingham	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>

<b>WESTERN</b>	
Durham, First	\$ 200.00
Free Union	212.30
Fremont Auxiliary	50.00
Fremont Sunday School	100.00
Friendship	103.00
Kenly	375.00
Marsh Swamp Auxiliary	50.00
Mount Zion (Nash County)	100.45
Piney Grove	96.00
Piney Grove Young Adults	
Sunday School	50.00
Piney Grove Adult	
Sunday School	25.00
Piney Grove AFCs	15.00
Piney Grove (2 youth)	.50
Piney Grove Auxiliary	20.00
Rains Cross Roads	641.00
Spring Hill	456.00
Stoney Creek	835.81
Stoney Creek YFAs	500.00 (*)
Stony Hill	158.85
Stony Hill Auxiliary	25.00
Union Chapel	100.00
Union Grove	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,213.91</b>

<b>GEORGIA CHURCHES</b>	
Bethlehem	\$ 380.16
Jaken	240.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 620.16</b>

<b>INDIVIDUALS</b>	
Helen Bass	\$ 35.00
Ruth Daughtry	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Grantham	20.00
The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones	200.00
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz	5.00
Mrs. Deanye Morris	100.00
Estell M. West	20.00
Cynthia Wood	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 415.00</b>

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. W. S. Burns wishes to announce his new address. It is as follows: the Rev. W. S. Burns, Lot 54, Pinewood Trailer Park, Ayden, NC 28513.

Mr. Burns is available for pastoral work. Any persons desiring to contact him should call (919) 746-6128 (and ask for Mrs. Dot Burns).

**Renew  
your subscription  
today!**



## GIFTS TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME

**February, 1982**  
**\$13,756.85**

### ALBEMARLE

Gum Neck	\$ 62.10
Mount Tabor	135.75
Sound Side	193.37
District Convention	45.00
Total	\$ 436.22

### CAPE FEAR

Bethel	\$ 113.55
Catalpa	53.40
Goldsboro, First	55.05
Johnston Union	78.91
Palmer Memorial	65.09
Shady Grove	403.66
Smithfield, First	50.00
Tee's Chapel	32.00
Yelverton Grove	20.00
Total	\$ 871.66

### CENTRAL

Aspen Grove	\$ 199.00
Ayden	200.00
Black Jack (Pitt)	31.00
Daniels Chapel	22.00
Dilda's Grove	20.00
Edgewood	95.00
Elm Grove	6.63
Free Union	2,104.28
Friendship	305.49
Greenville, First	385.00
Harrell's Chapel	115.00
Hugo	4.00
Hull Road	199.50
LaGrange	216.90
Marlboro	773.00
Ormondsville	8.00
Owens Chapel	126.14
Peace	55.50
Reedy Branch	55.00
Roanoke Rapids, First	5.00
Rocky Mount, First	74.00
Rose Hill	100.00
Rose of Sharon	78.00
Saratoga	100.00
Spring Branch	20.00
Sweet Gum Grove	83.55
Tarboro, First	100.00
Williamston, First	259.94
Winterville	55.00
Union Number 2	14.05
Total	\$5,810.98

### EASTERN

Arapahoe	\$ 320.25
Bethlehem	50.00
Bridgeton	39.50
Core Creek	127.30
Crab Point	15.00
Croatan	100.00
Davis	14.60
Deep Run	100.00

Dublin Grove	16.66
Folkstone	500.00
Free Union	50.00
Friendship	60.48
Holly Springs	20.00
Juniper Chapel	208.00
Kinston, First	122.04
Moseley's Creek	20.00
New Haven	56.85
Northeast	139.79
Pearsall Chapel	20.00
Rooty Branch	20.00
Sarecta	20.00
Smith's New Home	125.10
Sneads Ferry	100.00
Smyrna	300.00
Sound View	105.00
Saint Mary's	135.46
Wardens Grove	79.25
Westside	35.00
Whaley's Chapel	63.00
White Oak Grove	3.00
Auxiliary Convention	30.00
Fifth Sunday	
School Convention	24.00
Union Number 3	100.00
Union Number 4	57.50
Union Number 5	85.00
Total	\$3,262.78

### PEE DEE

Cypress Creek	\$ 153.00
Macedonia	83.50
Mount Calvary	100.00
Oak Grove	195.92
Union Number 1	75.00
Union Number 2	100.00
Total	\$ 707.42

### PIEDMONT

Bethany	\$ 60.00
Calvary	507.45
East Rockingham	105.59
Gethsemane	34.00
Heritage Mission	74.33
High Point	144.27
Highland Pines	175.00
Hopewell	71.00
Total	\$1,171.64

### WESTERN

Everett Chapel	\$ 130.26
Little Rock	23.00
Marsh Swamp	53.00
Micro	135.00
Milbournie	125.00
Mount Zion	103.33
Mount Zion (Wilson)	50.00
People's Chapel	10.00
Pine Level	82.32
Pleasant Grove	5.00
Piney Grove	25.00
Rosebud	5.00
Saint Mary's	67.50
Sherron Acres	175.00
Stancil's Chapel	142.75
Stoney Creek	25.00
Union Chapel	32.50

Union Grove	68.50
Unity	9.00
Auxiliary Convention	25.00
First Sunday	
School Convention	118.99
Union Number 1	85.00
Total	\$1,496.15

### MEMORIALS

By Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church Sunday School in memory of Jesse Lynwood Wooten III

## GIFTS TO CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY February, 1982

### WOMANS AUXILIARIES

North Carolina Free Will Baptist Auxiliary Convention	\$ 856.57
Eastern District	
Woman's Auxiliary	25.00
Greenville Service	
Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Total	\$ 891.57

### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Free Union, Pinetown	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 25.00

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Edgewood	\$ 30.00
Fidelis Memorial	
Sunday School Class	20.00
Friendship	25.00
Greenville, First	225.00
Willing Workers	
Sunday School Class	20.00
Hull Road	400.00
Owens Chapel	100.00
Rocky Mount, First	50.00
Rose Hill Sunday School	50.00
Second Union Meeting	14.05
Williamston, First	26.66
Total	\$ 960.71

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Fifth Eastern	
Sunday School Convention	\$ 10.00
Fifth Union Meeting	20.00
Folkstone	300.00
Pilgrims Rest	10.00
Total	\$ 340.00

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

First Union of Western Conference	\$ 85.00
Flood's Chapel	5.00
Milbournie	37.50
Sherron Acres	175.00
Total	\$ 302.50

### OTHER

Third Union District	\$ 50.00
Fourth Union Convention	11.50

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For April 25

## ASSURANCE IN TIMES OF STRESS

**Lesson Text:** Revelation 1:1-3,  
9-11; 13:1-4

**Memory Verse:** Revelation 1:8

### I. INTRODUCTION

This lesson is the first of six that are based on texts selected from the Book of Revelation. These writings are markedly different from the other New Testament writings, and they have proved to be among the most controversial, challenging the interpretive skills of the most learned scholars.

It has been generally held that these writings flowed from the pen of the Apostle John. Yet, on the basis that the literary style of Revelation is so different from that of the other writings of John, some hold that the Apostle John did not write this book. But the combined external and internal evidence is so strong that there is no good reason to doubt that the author of the Fourth Gospel is also the author of this book. The book probably was written about A.D. 95, during the reign of the Roman emperor Domitian.

The three passages selected for today's printed text provide background material for understanding the Book of Revelation and introduce us to one of its major themes—the enemies of Christ and His church. Although there may be considerable disagreement among scholars about the identity of these enemies, their malignant power is made quite evident.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The very name of the Book of Revelation tells us that God is about to make a revelation revealing or uncovering His truth to us. Observe that there is no "s" in Revelation—the book is one continuous

revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. At the time John, the beloved apostle, wrote this book, he was being persecuted by being exiled on a lonely island called Patmos because of his Christian stand, but He found God's care sufficient. God's people will also find the loving care of the Father to be sufficient under any and all circumstances.

C. It is believed that the Lord will remove His people by the Rapture before the great Tribulation; however, this does not mean that the church will not go through many difficult trials before that time. The purpose of this lesson is not to assure anyone that we will not have trouble, but that God is with us in trouble.

D. The Antichrist will be called out of the Gentile nations by Satan.

E. God has not promised to keep His people from trouble. In fact, it appears sometimes that they have more trouble than do those who are not Christian. But God has promised to be with us in a special way. There are many illustrations of this in the Bible: the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, Paul with his thorn in the flesh, and many others.

—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In the last six lessons of this quarter we are turning to the Book of Revelation, written by the Apostle John A.D. 96 while a prisoner on the island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea. Revelation is a prophecy, the only book of prophecy in the New Testament. The book is also called *The Apocalypse*, from a Greek word meaning an uncovering or a revealing of certain events lying yet in the future.

B. The book should be called the Revelation of Jesus Christ because this is its central theme—the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It also reveals Christ as He is and was and shall be: High Priest, Bridegroom, and King-Judge. It reveals, by implication, the Rapture of the Church, and reveals most graphically the events of the Great Tribulation which shall occur following the Rapture. And of course it reveals the coming of Christ and the establishing of His kingdom on earth, enduring a thousand years. We might add that it also reveals the end of Satan and all His demons, the Antichrist, and the beginning of eternity with the saints of God in the New Jerusalem.

C. For our purposes today we will observe a portion of Revelation as it gives assurance to Christians in times of stress. It was written for Christians during a period of terrible persecution in the first century, offering them hope and encouragement.

—*The Advanced Quarterly*  
(F.W.B.)

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

On a main highway in Southeast Alabama between the towns of Dothan and Enterprise is a very old church. The church has a huge oak tree in the front yard, and under this tree is an artesian well where water continually flows. Through the years this had been a favorite stopping place for travelers along this highway. They can rest in the shade of the tree and drink from the well of overflowing water. Isn't this a picture of what every church ought to be?—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)



**SUNDAY, APRIL 18**

Scripture Reading—John 16:1-19

**THE BLACK SAMARITAN—  
CHAPLAIN LILLY!**

One of the greatest and most unselfish Christians I have ever known was Chaplain Raymond Lilly, "The Black Samaritan." For years he lived and preached Christ to the sick and dying thousands in the largest charity hospital in the world, the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. The story of his conversion is most thrilling. It occurred in a church in Evanston, Illinois. As he entered the church, he carried in his hands a package containing a large brick, used in paving streets. In Lilly's heart burned an intense hatred for the minister. He had vowed that he was going to use the brick to batter out the brains of the minister. But, miracle of miracles, a power greater than Satan's pervaded the meeting as the minister exalted Christ, the Almighty Saviour. Raymond Lilly listened as if in a trance. The hardened features of his face softened into tenderness. Presently tears of heartbroken sorrow glistened on his black face. Because of grace Divine, instead of the minister's head being broken, Lilly's heart was broken! Shortly after Lilly's death, a brick was displayed in a memorial service for the "Black Samaritan." Subdued sobs were heard, as all listeners silently extolled the "name which is above every name," and thanked God for His heart-transforming power.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*I knelt in tears at the feet of Christ,  
In the hush of the twilight dim;*

*And all that I was, or hoped, or sought,  
I surrendered unto Him.*

**MONDAY, APRIL 19**

Scripture Reading—John 16:20-33

**ALL SAVED EXCEPT  
DEWITT**

A soul-winning pastor visited the home of DeWitt Talmage. "Are all your children Christians?" asked he of DeWitt's father. The father replied, "Yes, all of them are saved, except DeWitt." Then the faithful pastor looked intently into the fireplace and vividly told a story: "It was a dark and stormy night. The wind swept the rain over the mountainside. A shepherd counted the sheep of his fold. All were safe within the fold except one lamb which was out in the storm and imperiled!" Said DeWitt Talmage later, "Had that man of God looked me straight in the eyes instead of looking into the fireplace, he could not have spoken so probingly to my slumbering soul. I never found any peace until I was sure I was inside the fold where the other sheep were!"

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*O grant, Lord Jesus, mine may be  
A life surrendered unto Thee;  
A vessel need not be of gold,  
Need not be strong, or wise or bold,  
It must be clean, for Thee to use,  
So fill my heart, till all shall see,  
A living, reigning Christ in me!*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20**

Scripture Reading—John 17

**THIS I DID FOR THEE!**

Years ago, in a little chapel in a European village, a young nobleman knelt. As the rays of the sun cast its shafts of light

through the beautiful stained glass windows onto pews and pulpits, the kneeling figure poured out his heart to God. At the front of the chapel stood a statue of the Saviour on His cruel cross, dying for the sin of the world. The statue was inscribed: "All this I did for thee—what hast thou done for Me?" With fixed gaze, the young nobleman looked upon the crucified One. He repeated over and over the words. "All this I did for thee—what hast thou done for Me?" Then and there, the young nobleman, Count Zinzendorf, gave his all to the Saviour, renouncing a vast fortune amassed by others in the brewery business. By his action, he said:

Take my life and let it be,  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee!

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

*Florence Nightingale at thirty wrote in her diary, "I am thirty years of age, the age at which Christ began His mission. Now no more childish things, no more vain things. Now, Lord, let me think only of Thy will." Years later, near the end of her illustrious, heroic life she was asked for her life secret, and she replied, "Well, I can only give one explanation. That is, I have kept nothing back from God."*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21**

Scripture Reading—John 18:1-27

**KAMIKAZE**

"Kamikaze" was a word often heard during World War II. The word designated the pilot of an explosive-laden Japanese plane whose sole mission was a suicidal dive upon a target, especially a ship!

Sakae Kobayashi was appointed to be a Japanese suicide pilot. He is now a minister of the gospel. Through the reading of Christian

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literature, and the prayerful efforts of a Christian girl, Kobayashi became a Christian.

One day, in 1945, he was sitting in the cockpit of his plane in Tokyo waiting to take off on a mission from which he knew he would not return. While the engines were warming up, a ground crewman ran to tell him that Japan had surrendered. "I went home despondent and bitter," said Kobayashi. "My home had been burned, and my mother and grandmother killed. There was no food and no work."

Later, Kobayashi found work in an old refinery. There he met a Christian girl who showed him the New Testament she was reading. She persuaded him to go to church with her. Out of curiosity he went. The sermon he heard dealt with loving one's enemies. His interest was aroused. He went to the church again. He was blessedly saved! "I discovered newness of life which only Christ can bring," he glowingly testified.

Kobayashi entered a theological seminary the following year. He married the girl whom God used to bring him to Christ.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Lay any burden upon me, dear Lord; only sustain me. Send me anywhere, only go with me. Sever any tie, but that which binds me to Thy service and to Thy heart!*

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Scripture Reading—John 18:28-40

#### A CONTRADICTION CORRECTED

Said a young woman to her pastor, "I really would like to surrender my life to the Lord Jesus Christ; but you know that I am an accomplished pianist and have had the privilege of playing on the concert stage here in Edinburgh. I am afraid that if I surrender to the Lord, He will ask me to give this up. Then if I yield my life to the Lord I am afraid He will tell me

I am needed in India as a foreign missionary; and I do not want to go." The pastor turned to the "Not so, Lord," of Peter. He explained that this was a contradiction in terms. If Christ was Peter's Lord, then Peter had no right to say, "Not so"; and if Peter had the right to say, "Not so," then Christ was not his Lord. The girl saw this. The pastor then wrote the three words on a piece of paper and asked her to make her choice. Either "not so" must be crossed out, or "Lord" must be deleted. The pastor left the room. In a few minutes he came back. The woman's head was on her arm, and she was sobbing softly. The pastor glanced over her shoulder. "Not so" was crossed out.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*When quite young, Gounod said, "I make music." Later, he said, "I and Mozart make music." Still later, he said, "Mozart and I make music." Years later, he said, "Mozart makes music!" Not until we reach the place of utter dedication, saying, "Not I, but Christ," are we fully blessed.*

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Scripture Reading—John 19

#### DADDY HAS ALL THERE IS OF ME!

In returning from Bible conferences, I usually bring little gifts to my girls. One night I came home after they were asleep. Next morning, as I sat in my study, I could hear overhead the patter of little feet. In a moment the oldest girl bounced into the study and entwined her little arms around my legs. Just then I heard the pitter-patter of little feet on the stair steps. In a moment, the youngest little girl came and stood in the door. Tears pearly in her eyes and trickled down her face. She was sad because she had failed to greet me first. The older sister said to her, "See, I have all there is of Daddy!" I reached down and took

the tearful one in my arms, and folded her to my heart. Looking down at her sister, she said, "You may have all there is of Daddy, but Daddy has all there is of me!"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our every gift, O God, is Thine To help achieve Thy great design.*

*Our earthly treasures, time and skill*

*We dedicate to do Thy will.*

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Scripture Reading—John 20

#### ONLY EXISTING

"If you are not a Christian, you are only existing and not living," said one of God's servants in his radio broadcast. A young banker and his wife were listening to the minister's earnest message. "That describes us perfectly, doesn't it?" asked the young man of his wife. Before she answered, he continued: "Our lives are empty. We go out on Saturday nights and have our good times. On Sunday mornings, we sleep with little thought of God and of our spiritual destinies. Yes, we are only existing, not living!" They resolved to go to God's house the following Sunday. There they heard the glorious gospel of Christ. They believed it. They invited Christ to come into their hearts. Today they are joyous Christians!

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*IF*

*God can hang the stars on high,  
Can paint the clouds that drift  
on by;*

*Can send the sun across the  
sky,*

*What could He do through  
you?*

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Walter B. Knight.

**OUR  
HOME MISSIONS  
PROGRAM DEPENDS  
ON YOU.**



## HOME MISSIONS

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care. They are reached by our mission program, foreign and home.

This is what Home Missions means to me.

*by Faye Willard*

Home Missions is giving all the people a chance to go to church. People who do not feel they are loved. People who do not have a family or may be not well off financially. All types of people.

Agape means unconditional love. We have to reach out and give all people God's love.

I have received such a blessing by attending Agape Mission. God is so good to all of us. Home Missions is different but rewarding. Everybody is a missionary for God in Home Missions.

*by Edna J. Hall*

As a young girl I dreamed of being a missionary. As time went on the dreams faded and thoughts turned to raising a family.

In the last few years I have realized that you don't have to go to foreign soil to be a missionary. Missionaries are needed all over the world, but there is a great need for missionaries right here. In working in Agape Mission my dream has not only returned but has come true.

## CRAGMONT

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Gospel Outreach Mission	5.00
Cragmont Club	645.00
Total	711.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,231.28</b>

### Expenditures for February 1982:

Salaries	\$ 992.99
Utilities	994.30
Food	106.43
Maintenance Supplies	12.63
Office Supplies	527.38
Insurance	139.64
Miscellaneous	1,322.82
Total	\$4,096.19
Previous Account Balance	\$1,556.33
Amount Checks Written	4,096.19
Amount of Deposits	3,231.28
Present Bank Balance	\$ 691.42

## NEWS AND NOTES

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### Revival Services at Spring Hope Church

Revival services will be held April 19-23, at 7:30 p.m., at Spring Hope Church near New Bern with the Rev. Harry Jones of Dover as the evangelist. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Charles L. Richardson. He and the members of the church invite everyone to attend the worship in these services. There will be special singing each night. A nursery will be provided. Prayer rooms open at 7 p.m.

### Revival Services at Pine Level Church

Revival services will be held at Pine Level Church, located at the corner of Blanche Street and Peedin Avenue in Pine Level, April 18-22. The Sunday evening service will begin at 7 p.m. and the remainder of the services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The evangelist for the services will be the Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of Marsh Swamp Church near Wilson.

There will be special music each evening, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Donald A. Coates.

### Revival Services to Be Held at First Church, Durham

Revival services will be held at First Church, Durham, April 19-23. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Robert May of Ahoskie will be the visiting evangelist. Special music will be provided each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Fred Johnson, and the congregation invite the public to attend.

## NOTICE

The Ordaining Council of the Eastern Conference will meet April 19, in the meeting room over the Kinston Bible and Bookstore, at 10 a.m. Anyone having business with the council is asked to meet with them at this time.

Francis Garner, *Secretary*

## NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank all our friends, neighbors, and the different churches and pastors for the visits, cards, flowers, love offerings, and most of all your prayers during my stay in the hospital and my recovery at home. God bless each of you.

The Rev. David Ricks and family

## EDITORIAL

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So many times we forget that it is God who is in charge. Every time the gentleman thought he had whipped nature into shape, God seemed to give the heavenly faucet another quarter turn. All the efforts the man could muster seemed pointless. Many of the things that occupy our minds, demand our mental energies, and drain us so, are things over which we have no control. Just as the man could not make his grass grow, we cannot add a cubit to our height.

Most important of all, we need to remember that God works in His own time and it may have little or nothing to do with our schedules. We usually consider miracles to be those events which take place in less than a second; and (according to many of us) answered prayers take no more than 24 hours to net a result. How absurd!

Our Heavenly Father, who has all of eternity at His disposal, must possess a great wealth of infinite love and tolerance. May our attention be turned to the mountains!

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## SPRING HIGH SCHOOL DAY

Saturday, April 17, 1982

### Program

- 9:45 A.M. Henderson Building  
Registration  
Refreshments
- 10:00 A.M. Campus Tours  
Henderson Building  
Moye Library  
Student Center  
Dorms  
Rodgers Chapel
- 11:00 A.M. Rodgers Chapel  
Welcome Dr. Raper, President  
Devotion New Creations  
Student Life Dr. Johnson, Dean of Students  
Academics Dr. Jeanes, Vice President/Dean  
Financial Aid Ms. Cobb, Director of Financial Aid  
Alumni Perspective Mrs. Penny Edwards Gates, '72
- 12:15 P.M. Lunch (downtown campus)  
Music by the Mount Olive Singers
- 1:00 P.M. Conferences with Faculty Members  
(downtown campus)
- 1:30 P.M. Auditions for the Mount Olive Singers  
Auditions for the New Creations  
Baseball game with Lenoir Community College, Scarborough Field

**The town of Mount Olive has planned its Festival of Flowers for Saturday, April 17. Activities are scheduled throughout the afternoon, and we invite you to stay and enjoy them.**

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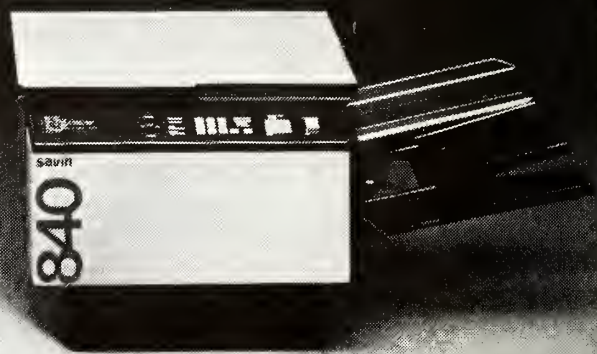
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**We as Free Will Baptists must not be complacent; we must make plans to further proclaim the Lord's message. We must catch the vision of the thousands of people—like the men and women pictured above from Cape Colony Mission, Edenton, NC—who need and want to hear. "The field is white unto harvest" and we must send forth laborers.**



# HOME MISSIONS: A HISTORY AND A CHALLENGE

Guest editorial by Ray Wells

The Psalmist has written, "I will look unto the hills from whence cometh my help." During the ministers' conference at Cragmont in 1972, a group of ministers saw the need to reach out to the people of North Carolina and offer them the opportunity to know more about the Lord Jesus Christ and the Original Free Will Baptist Church. The hills of Cragmont became the place where we sought the help of the Lord in beginning the Home Missions movement. In September of 1972, as the State Convention met at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, the North Carolina Ministerial Association submitted a resolution calling for the establishment of a Home Missions and Church Extension Department. The convention agreed and the ideas born at Cragmont became a reality. The convention appointed a five-member board to initiate and be responsible for the Home Missions program of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. Those first five men were Noah Brown, Grayson Spencer, C. L. Patrick, Ray Wells and Taylor Hill.

The program had a shaky start. We had no money, no missionaries and no idea as to what the State Convention expected of us as a board. When the board did get its sights set, they began to work diligently to further the cause of Christ and Free Will Baptists in North Carolina.

In March of 1973, the Home Missions Board met at Mount Olive College and voted to place the Rev. Al Markuson in charge of our first mission, located in Hope Mills, North Carolina, and the Rev. Stanley Slaughter in charge of our work in Henderson. Following the establishment of these mission points, the Lord began to lead us to other fields of work. In 1973 we opened a mission in Charlotte and reopened a church in West Hillsborough. In 1974 we started missions in Fayetteville and in Wilson. In 1975 we went to Lumberton and to Edenton, and in 1976 we co-sponsored with the Eastern Conference missions in Leland and Beaufort. From 1977-1981 we established missions in Raleigh, Eastover, Rocky Mount, Advance, and in Durham. In 1979 the board also voted to sponsor a summer encampment for the hearing-impaired under the direction of the Rev. Dale Albertson and his wife Jasmine.

As you can see, we started with nothing, but with the Lord's help and the prayers and support of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina we have been able to carry the gospel of Christ to many areas. Of the 16 missions established, 4 have been closed, 4 have been organized into Original Free Will Baptist Churches and 8 are still operating as Home Mission points. We also are continuing our support for the summer camp for the hearing-impaired.

We can see the blessings of the Lord at work in these mission churches, we can feel the enthusiasm of the mission pastors, and we are confident that our work is indeed the Lord's work. However, we as Free Will Baptists must not be

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# HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION HISTORY

by Taylor Hill

Our North Carolina State Convention voted to start a Home Missions and Church Extension department in 1972. We did not have any money or missionaries. I was elected to the board; they made me Executive Director, Secretary and Treasurer. We had nothing but the promises of Jesus Christ and His people to help us.

I realized that we must have some money to get started, so my friends and I started soliciting funds but most people would not contribute. They would say, "Give us something to support." I would reply, "We can't do that until we get some money from somewhere."

I remember saying in a lot of sermons and testimonies that I wished I could climb the highest mountain or swim the deepest river to prove my love and faith in Jesus. I love to see Christians go out into water over their heads and depend on Christ to see them through. There are a lot of good and bad things that I could say but it would take a book to hold it all. I found out years ago that if we are going to depend on our Lord's help, we must do things His way.

Well, we didn't have much encouragement but I was determined to move ahead if possible. I worked hard with no pay for several years. Our bookkeeper, Treva Kennedy, worked hard also with no pay to help out. Treva's husband, Dean, my close friend, did all he could to help and is still doing so today.

Well, we had to get started somehow. It wasn't so very

long before some ministers started talking to us about becoming missionaries, but we didn't have the money to pay them; but I knew we had to get started any way possible. It wasn't long before some preachers came forth and offered to work on jobs and build churches with no more than added expense money.

I became so troubled that I couldn't talk about it without crying. I reckon about half of our missionaries have worked out. Some of our board members have been enthusiastic while others were not: but our Lord Jesus is still on the job and will never forsake His children.

Here is a real test of faith. Brother Wayne Watson said he felt the call to go to Charlotte as a missionary. The board accepted him and I was to work with him. In just a few days before his departure, he called me and asked about our funds. I told him to just go ahead and leave that part to me. At that time we were out of funds, not enough to pay our next week's expenses. One day I was walking to the post office with our last money as usual. I was walking along and I began to pray. I said something like this: "Lord Jesus, as you can well see, I'm a troubled man, I have come to the end of my rope, please help me; after all this is your business, not mine." Immediately the answer came, "Go back, write a letter to the pastors. Don't try to dress it up; just write a letter and send it out in longhand." My spirit was lifted because I

felt that He was answering me. I hurried back and did exactly what He said. If my memory serves me right, I received approximately eleven thousand dollars within a week.

I know it sounds like I have been doing a lot of complaining but listen, friends, there have been a lot more blessings than disappointments. I praise our Lord's Holy Name. I remember when three of our local missions baptized thirty-five souls the same afternoon. "Glory to God."

We have seen some real good times and if I was to go out and start fresh again, I think it would be another new mission. We have received a lot of insults and have been looked down upon, but thanks and glory to our Lord, He has sent as many great blessings.

There are a lot of other things that I could say but I'll close for now. I want to thank all of you blessed people that stood by us and encouraged us to keep going and also our board members who have been real good friends. I love you all and God knows that it's true. I have kicked up a lot of dust in order to get attention for this department but if I know my heart, I love everybody.

I wish to leave these few words of encouragement to you. **PLEASE** continue to support Home Missions. I have resigned now because of my brain operation and am continuing to pastor the Haymount Mission Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. May God bless you all.



# Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Celebrates Fiftieth Year

## Part Three

by Minnie Hansley Chandler

In 1912, the *Sunday School Convention* and *Little Worker's League* were still a part of the *Woman's Home Mission Convention* (see program <sup>10</sup> below). It is evident that by this time the day of the convention had been changed from Saturday to Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August of each year.

### Program

—of—

ANNUAL CONVENTION

—of—

S. S., W. H. M. and L. W. L.

To Be Held At

St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church

New Bern, N. C.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 1917.

11:00 o'clock A. M.

Introductory sermon by Rev. J. W. Alford.  
Intermission for dinner.

2:30 P. M.

Convention called to order by president.  
Address of welcome by Rev. W. B. Everett.  
List of churches called and delegates respond.  
Report of officers and committees.  
Regular business of the Convention.  
Miscellaneous business.  
Lecture by Rev. M. C. Prescott.

Evening session, 8:00 o'clock.

Song No. 169, Church Hymnal.  
Prayer.  
Special music by choir.  
Short talk on the Sunday School work, by J. F. Robinson.  
Remarks by Mrs. G. R. Hopkins on Missions.  
Program by L. W. L.  
Quartet.  
Remarks by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Everett.  
Free-Will offering.  
Benediction.

At the twenty-third annual session of the Eastern Conference, which convened with White Hill Church on October 22, 1918, it was moved that the *Woman's Home Missionary Society*, the *Little Worker's League*, and the *Sunday School Association* be given their freedom from the Eastern Conference.

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention minutes from the Spring Convention 1919, through the Fall Convention 1948, have been lost. They were last known in the possession of Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.<sup>11</sup> (Anyone knowing or having any idea of where these minutes could be are urged to contact the secretary of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. Carol Prescott, Route 1, Box 294-A, New Bern, North Carolina 28560.)

Since our early minutes end with the October 1918 convention, we have only Mrs. Jackson's message and the following excerpts from *The Free Will Baptist* to tell us what took place:

Mrs. G. A. Connor (Grace Brinson Connor) of Belhaven, North Carolina (president of the *Woman's Home Mission Convention* in the Eastern Conference during 1923-24) wrote in the January 2, 1924, issue that the Executive Committee of the Convention requested that petitions of local societies be sent to her or to *The Free Will Baptist*, Auxiliary Department.

Minutes of the Free Will Baptist Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern Conference August 18 and 19, 1926, lists Sidney, Belhaven and Union Chapel<sup>12</sup> among churches that represented.

### The Albemarle-Central Woman's Work

It is believed by this writer that Mrs. Jackson, apparently

a close friend of Miss Linton and sharing her dreams for a woman's work in the Central District, and also having been elected an organizer along with Miss Linton in the 1909 organizational meeting, went to work in the Central District to found a woman's work there. According to her brother's letter,<sup>13</sup> she was a very modest person. She does not tell us anything about the part she played in the Central work. Her statements concerning the organization of the Central Auxiliary Convention are correct. The original minutes of the Second Union, Central Conference, during this period are lost as are the first three years of the Central Auxiliary Convention.

However, we have some excerpts from *The Free Will Baptist* which add a little more to the picture where the Albemarle and Central woman's work is concerned.

No Albemarle churches represented at the Central Auxiliary Convention which met for the first time separate from the Second Union on Thursday, May 27, 1920, at Winterville Church. Following is a list of the Albemarle Auxiliaries that represented in the Central Auxiliary Convention between 1920 and 1931:

1924 Shiloh (Mrs. R. V. Stubbs, president)

1925 Union Chapel

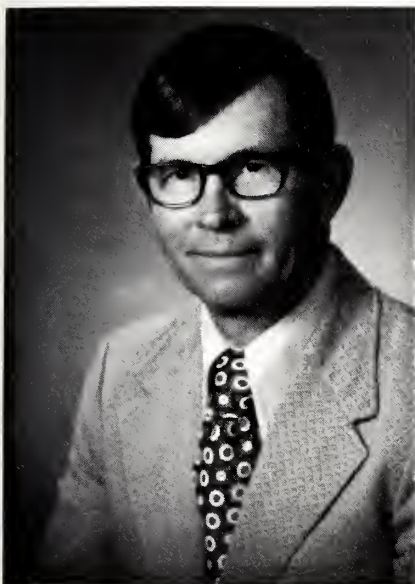
1926 No Albemarle churches listed. However, program says that Belhaven sent \$7.50.

1927 No Albemarle churches listed.

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Revival Services Scheduled For Johnston Union Church



*The Rev. Dewey Boling*

Johnston Union Church, located on Highway 70 between Smithfield and Clayton, will be in revival April 26-30. The guest evangelist for the week will be the Rev. Dewey Boling, pastor of the Palmer Memorial Church in Garner.

Mr. Boling has been preaching for 30 years and is a dynamic speaker for the Lord. A great blessing is expected each night.

The services will begin at 7:30 p.m., with a prayer room opening at 7:15 p.m. There will be special singing each evening, and the public is invited to attend.

### Revival Services to Be Held At First Church of Wilmington

Revival services will be held at First Church of Wilmington, April 26-30, 1982. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be Dean Kennedy of Beulaville. The church is located on State Road 132 East of Wilmington. The pastor, the Rev. Luther Swinson, invites everyone to attend these services.

### Revival Services to Be Held at Edgewood Church

Revival services will be held April 28, 29, 30, at Edgewood Church, near Macclesfield, at 7:30 p.m., with the Rev. Ray Wells as the evangelist. Special music will be featured each night. The pastor, the Rev. Robert Strickland, and the congregation invite the public to attend.

### Revival Services at Barnes Hill Church

Revival services will be held at Barnes Hill Church, near Nashville, April 29 through May 1. The Rev. Braxton Creech will be the guest evangelist. The prayer room will open at 7:15 p.m., followed by the church services at 7:30 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Robert L. Langley, and the church membership invite everyone to attend these services.

### Widows' Day at Mount Zion Church



*Pictured left to right are Mrs. Elizabeth Hassell, Mrs. Ruth Davenport and Mrs. Florence Jones.*

A widows' day was proclaimed at Mount Zion Church of Roper. The pastor, the Rev. Charlie Overton, declared this

day to be celebrated by taking five widows of the church out to dinner.

After the morning worship service, a basket of flowers was presented to each widow by Mr. Bently Oliver, a very outstanding young man and member of the church.

The widows participating in this event were Mrs. Elizabeth Hassell, Mrs. Ruth Davenport, Mrs. Florence Jones, Mrs. Martha Shakelford, and Mrs. Thelma Smith. Mrs. Shakelford and Mrs. Smith are sisters of Mr. Overton and Mrs. Katherine Winborne.

Everyone enjoyed the meal and the fellowship at the Buffet House in Plymouth.

### Christian Action Group Entertains Prayer Group

The newly formed Christian Action Youth Group from Spring Hill Church, on Highway 70 West of Goldsboro, entertained the Woman's Prayer Group recently at the Holiday Inn. This dynamic group was formed after the Sunday school class which they were in decided to do something besides just sing in a talent show. They felt led to get out and witness for Jesus by song and by testimonies. The Rev. William L. Dale is pastor of the church. The teacher of the Sunday school class is Mrs. Faye Parrish. She states that she is very proud of her class, and especially of this new undertaking of theirs to be used in a greater way in witnessing to young and old alike. Dick Brown heads up the group. He is also one of the singers. Others in the group are Adrienne Cole, Jan Sasser, Bettina Herring, Lori Edwards, Mrs. Faye Parrish, Douglas Radford, and Ronnie Sullivan.

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## WHY FOREIGN MISSIONS?

by Harold Jones  
Foreign Missions Director

This is a question that many people ask. The primary reason that this question comes up is money. This one thing seems to cool people toward missions more than anything else, yet it is impossible to place a dollars and cents value on a soul. We must face the issue as did the Early Church.

Missions are based on the words of Christ in Acts 1:8: "... ye shall be witnesses unto me ... unto the uttermost part of the earth." The Early Church had a vision for missions, and great leadership. The believers knew the power of the Holy Spirit and claimed that power in witness. The Spirit of God directed their outreach. "... Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2). The church obeyed the Holy Spirit. The local church is responsible today for carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord.

To reach the world with the gospel there have to be witnesses. Where do they come from? The best place to look is the local church. Members who demonstrate spiritual abilities are very often the ones most capable for world outreach. But again the leadership must be in tune with the Holy Spirit and lead the individual as well as the flock in this direction. Without mission emphases by the leadership of the local church, few if any will ever commit to serve in this area. Pastor, you are the key.

To reach the world also means that there must be sufficient funds to send them. It probably cost as much in the Early Church to support a missionary as it does today in terms of the difference in

economic factors. In some cases it will cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 to outfit and support a missionary the first year on the field. It is the responsibility of every local church to join in providing this support. No church is exempt even though many exempt themselves. I wonder how this is justified before God. A missionary should be seen as a part of the local church staff who is simply serving in another area. Every church should include missions in its budget. I believe it should be the number one item after necessary local expenses.

Missionaries are accountable to the church. Our missionaries report to the Foreign Missions Board and the Board reports to the churches. Sometimes the news is good and sometimes bad, but we must be open and honest in our reports. This was the pattern in the Early Church. If ever you have questions that we have not answered, please feel free to ask.

It is easy to forget missionaries. They are usually thousands of miles away. Our prayers are often so general. "Lord bless the missionaries." Learn their names. Pray in specifics. Remember they are human and have the same prayer needs as you. When a missionary family is home on furlough get to know them better. This will help you feel a part of their ministry.

The local church is God's chosen means to reach the ends of the earth. You, pastor, are the key to a strong mission-minded church. Why Foreign Missions? Because it is the chief business of the church to reach every person with the gospel. How have you responded to this two-thousand-year-old commission?

## PRAYER AND WORLD MISSIONS

The Free Will Baptist Day of Prayer for World Missions was March 28. I heard about churches that set aside the whole afternoon for prayer. Many churches had special services for the morning worship hour, with emphases on prayer. Individuals prayed. I believe our missions program will be strengthened and grow because of this renewed interest in prayer.

Soon you will hear about the "2 Minute Prayer Club." This is being sponsored by the Board of Foreign Missions to gain prayer partners for our missions program. The only requirements for membership are:

A. Be a committed Christian for world evangelism.

B. Promise to pray two minutes a day for world missions.

I envision every Free Will Baptist as a member of this prayer club. Those who sign the prayer promise card will be given a pen that reads "2 Minute Club" and a membership card. The cost of membership is two minutes of prayer a day. Surely we can give two minutes a day for victory. Watch *The Free Will Baptist* and *Command* for more news about this club.

## NOTICE

The date of the semi-annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society originally scheduled for April 23, 1982, has been moved to Friday, May 21, 1982, at 2 p.m., in the Sawyer Room of the Moyer Library, Mount Olive College.

Gary Barefoot, Secretary

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## FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMS IN RELIGION AT MOUNT OLIVE



Members of the Department of Religion at Mount Olive College are pictured as they discuss the new four-year programs. They are (from left to right): Frank Harrison, chaplain and religion professor; Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman; and Calvin Mercer, professor.

by Dr. Michael Pelt  
Chairman of the  
Department of Religion

As part of the development of Mount Olive College into a senior college, the Board of Trustees has approved programs in religion leading to the baccalaureate degree.

This action by the Board culminates a process of curriculum planning which began in August, 1980, when a committee was appointed to prepare recommendations for programs of study in religion. The committee included representatives from conference boards of ordination, mission boards of the Convention which sponsor the College, and College personnel. This committee completed its work in the fall of 1981 and submitted its recommendations to the Curriculum Committee of the Faculty for further refinement and the addition of core requirements of the College.

After approval by the Faculty and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board, the final draft of these curricula was submitted to the Board.

The Department of Religion will offer two programs, one leading to a Bachelor of Arts and the other to a Bachelor of Science in church ministries.

The Bachelor of Arts is designed for those students who wish to earn a major in religion either because of a genuine interest in the subject or because they wish to have a good foundation for further study in graduate school or in a theological seminary.

The Bachelor of Science degree is designed for persons who have made a definite commitment to the ministry as a vocation and are already engaged in the work of the ministry. These students often feel the need for more practical courses in addition to courses in Bible, theology and historical studies.

### Special Courses for Free Will Baptists

Because Mount Olive College is the only college sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and therefore desires to meet certain needs of that

body, the curriculum for Free Will Baptist ministerial students will include two courses on the denomination's history and doctrine as well as nine semester hours of professional courses.

The professional courses are designed to prepare these students for the basic responsibilities of a local pastor. Courses in this area include Introduction to Christian Education, Pastoral Ministry, Sermon Preparation and Delivery, and The Minister and His Work. In addition, the student may earn as many as three semester hours in an Internship in Ministry, a supervised, practical experience in a local church or institutional setting which is designed to enable the student to develop skills for the ministry.

### PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Trinity Church, Johnston County, on Sunday, April 25, at 11 a.m. At 9:45 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Trinity Church is the Rev. Lloyd Hargis.

### OPENING FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND BASKETBALL COACH

Mount Olive College, sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, seeks applications and nominations for the position of Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach. The Athletic Director has administrative responsibility for

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the College's total athletic program which includes: Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Golf, and Tennis. The College is a member of the Eastern Tarheel Conference and the NJCAA; however, the College is in a transition period to four-year college status.

Applicants must have academic preparation beyond the Master's Degree in Physical Education and a philosophy of athletics which is consistent with the aims and goals of the College. Preference will be given to applicants who have an earned doctorate in Physical Education. The position is available August 1, 1982. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Letters of application including a current resume must be received by April 30, 1982. Applicants must list personal and professional references including previous employers. All materials must be sent to: Dr. J. Thomas Johnson, Dean of Students, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

#### **TERESA PELT GRUBBS MEMORIAL FUND**

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Pelt of Mount Olive and the Rev. Frank Grubbs of Chinquapin have announced a memorial fund at Mount Olive College in memory of Teresa Pelt Grubbs. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Pelt and the wife of Mr. Grubbs. Dr. Pelt is chairman of the Department of Religion at Mount Olive College, and Mr. Grubbs is pastor of Lanier's Chapel Church in Duplin County.

Teresa was a 1976 graduate of Mount Olive where she had pursued her interest in art, especially watercolors. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in art education at East Carolina and a Master of Arts degree at the University of Illinois. She had displayed her



art work both at Mount Olive College and East Carolina University.

Although Teresa died of cancer in November 1980 at the age of 24, her artistic interests will be perpetuated at Mount Olive College through the

Teresa Pelt Grubbs Memorial Fund. It is the intention of the family that the fund be designated for an art studio in the proposed Fine Arts Building in Teresa's memory.

In the meanwhile, interest earned on the memorial fund will be used for the purchase of library books in the field of art. Teresa's husband has already donated her personal reference books to begin the collection.

In announcing the memorial, President W. Burkette Raper said, "Teresa was an extraordinary student both personally and academically. She will be remembered for her genteel spirit, her creative talents and the genuine qualities of character which characterized her short but radiant life. Through her memorial at Mount Olive College, she will be an inspiration to our students for years to come."

#### **GROUP FEATURED IN FESTIVAL**



Danny and The Singing Ambassadors from New Bern will be featured at this year's Christian Music Festival which will be held at Eagles Nest Conference Center from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 1982. Also appearing on the program will be The Four in Christ from New Bern, The Glory Bound Singers from Durham, The Prescott Family from Grantsboro, The Watchmen from Goldsboro, The Master's Quartet from Pikeville, and The New Creations from Mount Olive College.

## PAUL PALMER COURSE ON PERSONAL EVANGELISM

The Rev. Harold Jones, director of the Foreign Missions program, will teach a four-week course on personal evangelism beginning on Monday evening, May 17, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m., at Pine Level Church, Pine Level, North Carolina. The course will focus on how to witness and share the Christian faith more effectively.

The course will meet each Monday evening for four weeks.

The Rev. Donald Coates, pastor of Pine Level Church, invites the area churches to participate in this endeavor.

There will be no charge for the course. It is provided by the Paul Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College and the Foreign Missions Board of the North Carolina State Convention.

### DR. RAPER SPRING CONVOCATION: THE IMPERATIVE OF DECISIONS

*by Pepper Worthington*

Dr. W. Burkette Raper stressed the imperative of decisions in his spring convocation at Mount Olive College. "Easter," he said, "is an act of God. Easter is the result of important decisions made by Christ."

To illustrate the power of decisions, Dr. Raper focused upon three Biblical passages: Mark 1, Mark 10, and Luke 22. The first major decision was that of Simon Peter and Andrew. When asked to follow Jesus, the two fishermen left their nets and chose to become fishers of men, imitating Christ.

In Mark 10 a man asked Jesus what he needed to do to be saved. Jesus told the young man to sell all he had and give his wealth to the poor; the young man could not part from his love of money. Consequently, the young man decided to

keep his wealth and leave Jesus behind.

In Luke 22 Jesus faced His own trial of decision. Asked to suffer, to die on the Cross, to feel the guilt of all mankind, He felt the decision was difficult, dreadful enough to cause Him to sweat drops of blood. Nonetheless Jesus declared, "Not my will but thy will be done."

Dr. Raper challenged the Mount Olive College students to make the firm commitments which will determine the future of their lives. He challenged them to look within and discover what it is they must do to become the best they can be.

"Remember," Dr. Raper asserted, "self-denial always comes before fulfillment. The heights we attain depend in

large measure upon the decisions we make now." Thus the meaning of the Cross reflects the mission of Jesus. Dr. Raper noted, "Even Jesus Christ could not fulfill the mission of his life without giving Himself, without self-denial."

In essence then, Dr. Raper asked: "What is the meaning of the Cross to you now at the crossroads of your life?" He answered, "The decision to make now is to give up what is small so you can gain what is big. The decision is to pay the price so you can obtain something of lasting value."

Thus Good Friday is good because "the Cross is the way to life." To conclude, Dr. Raper stressed, "Good things in life are not cheap. And cheap things in life are not worth what they cost."

The 1982 State Youth Convention will begin at 9:30 a.m. Registration will begin at 9:15. Lunch will be provided by the Convention. Churches are asked to remember the \$15 registration fee; this fee is payable at the time of registration.

Be sure to make plans to attend. This is one convention you will not want to miss!

## State Youth Convention Lenoir Community College

Kinston, NC

Saturday,  
April 24





## TROOP 399



Pictured left to right—Front row: Duane Tant, Chris Cherry, Tony Langworthy, Ray Perry. Second row: Anthony Tant, Jimmy Hartley, Kenny Brown, Tommy Steadman, Steve Langworthy. Third row: Kelvin Webb, Richie Price, John Griffin, Bill Perry, Frankie Perry. Back row: Scoutmaster Richard Schans and Assistant Scoutmasters Bruce Steadman and Willard Tant.

Boy Scout Troop 399 meets on the campus of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home every other Monday night. This is a time when young men have the opportunity to receive spiritual, mental, and physical guidance. Troop 399 is an active troop. We recently enjoyed a weekend outing at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville. While there, we were guided around base observing the daily routine of Marines in action. We slept in Marine barracks and ate in Marine "chow halls." This was an experience that will be remembered forever by those attending.

Our future plans include a weekend campout at Camp Charles in Bailey, North Carolina, the Annual Spring Camporee at Camp Bonner in Washington, North Carolina, and a week-long Summer Camporee in July.

Please keep these young men in your prayers as they strive to

develop themselves into the men who will be our church and civic leaders of tomorrow.

## Retirement Homes

### RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS MARCH, 1982

**\$2,176.75**

#### ALBEMARLE

Saint Paul	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 15.00

#### CENTRAL

Daniels Chapel	\$ 50.00
Friendship	300.00
Hugo	25.00
Rocky Mount, First	35.00
Tarboro, First	75.00
Total	\$485.00

#### EASTERN

Beaufort Mission	\$ 20.00
Bridgeton	18.00
Dublin Grove	15.00
Gray Branch	125.00
Holly Springs	350.00
Oriental	5.00

Snow Hill	100.00
Total	\$633.00

#### PEE DEE

Oak Grove	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 50.00

#### PIEDMONT

East Rockingham	\$115.00
Highland Pines	37.50
Total	\$152.50

#### WESTERN

New Sandy Hill	\$100.00
Piney Grove	56.25
Pleasant Grove	360.00
Pleasant Hill	50.00
Sherron Acres	25.00
St. Mary's	100.00
Wilson, First	150.00
Total	\$841.25

### ATTENTION

#### Woman's Auxiliaries

The 1982 session of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene on Thursday, May 13, at Beavertown Church, in the Pee Dee Conference, near Chadbourne. Each auxiliary should represent with one delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof, plus a registration fee of \$10.

Many auxiliaries mail their \$10 registration fee 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 I will have time to get the list prepared and delivered to the convention registration committee for use on the morning of May 13. If you cannot possibly attend, please mail your fee anyway, as the convention needs your support. Mail your fee to the following address: Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, State Treasurer, 517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, North Carolina 27893.

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## GOD EVALUATES HIS CHURCHES

**Lesson Text:** Revelation 2:8-11; 3:14-22

**Memory Verse:** Revelation 3:19

### I. INTRODUCTION

Last Sunday's lesson provided an introduction to the Book of Revelation and to its general theme—assurance in times of stress. Today's lesson, drawn from Chapters 2 and 3, deals with practical admonitions in letters to two of the seven churches of Asia Minor.

Some commentators see in these letters something more than just an evaluation of each church. They contend that each church stands for a definite period in history and that the qualities described in each church describe the prevailing conditions in that period. But nothing in the text indicates that John or the Lord had anything like this in mind, and so it seems best to take these letters as messages to seven specific churches. We may benefit from these letters by applying their teaching to our times. Today's lesson deals with the letters to two of those churches—the church at Smyrna and the church at Laodicea.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Each of the seven messages has this phrase, *I know thy works*. This indicates the intimate and detailed knowledge that the Lord has of the church. He knows the strong points and the weak points; He knows her sins and the service she gives. This fact of the Lord's knowledge of the church is both a warning to the sinful and comfort to the faithful.

B. The church at Smyrna was one of two churches with

which the Lord found no fault; the other was the church at Philadelphia.

C. The Laodicean church was wealthy with material things, and she was proud of the fact. She probably had a beautiful building and a large budget. But her spiritual condition was such as to be disgusting to the Lord. How do you think the Lord feels about the church where you belong?

D. These messages are to churches, but we must not miss the element of individual responsibility that runs throughout. Note the admonition—*He that hath an ear*. This is definitely to the individual. Then note the promise—if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Just as the admonition is to the individual, so the promise is to the individual.

—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In the first chapter of Revelation, the Apostle John greeted seven churches located in Asia Minor, or what is now known as Turkey (v. 4). Later he gave the names of these seven churches (v. 11). These were not the only churches established in that area at that time, but these seven had symbolic meaning which we will refer to later in the lesson. In other words, these seven churches represented the whole scope of the Christian church through the years which followed.

B. What God had to say of these seven churches, and caused John to write, was His way of evaluating them as individual congregations and also His way of showing us the needs of the churches through the centuries, including the church

today. This lesson will not have space to discuss all seven of them, but only two: the one at Smyrna and the one at Laodicea, two cities of Asia Minor. In whatever way permitted in the space we have, we will tie the other five to these, at least in some reference.

C. John closes the discussion of these churches by showing Christ standing at the door of the present day churches—those which have become lukewarm—trying to get in. His evaluation of the churches is true and honest; He tells it just like it is.

—*The Advanced Quarterly*  
(F.W.B.)

### IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

On a main highway in Southeast Alabama between the towns of Dothan and Enterprise is a very old church. The church has a huge oak tree in the front yard, and under this tree is an artesian well where water continually flows. Through the years this had been a favorite stopping place for travelers along this highway. They can rest in the shade of the tree and drink from the well of overflowing water. Isn't this a picture of what every church ought to be?—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

### MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. Eldon L. Brock wishes to announce that he is available for full-time pastoral services effective July 1, 1982. He is a member in good standing with the Eastern Conference and is presently serving as pastor of Pilgrim's Home Church, Route 2, Dover, NC. He can be reached at work, 523-7155, or home, 527-6985.



## SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Scripture Reading—Romans 1

### DISCIPLESHIP, A RISKY BUSINESS

At the entrance of a driveway to a church is a sign which reads: ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK.

How intriguing is the sign! Though placed there for a different purpose, it proclaims the fact that church affiliation, if it means what it ought to mean—separation from sin and utter dedication to God—could be risky and dangerous. Discipleship costs something. Many have hazarded their lives to follow Christ: "Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 15:26). Some have forfeited their lives to follow Him: "And they loved not their lives unto the death" (Revelation 12:11).

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Oh, do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.*

## MONDAY, APRIL 26

Scripture Reading—Romans 2

### I HAVE NO FEAR OF DEATH!

During World War II, a captain, who was an unbeliever, noticed a private near him in a trench, who was reading a New Testament. The captain sneeringly said, "What are you doing with that book? It will make you as cowardly as an old woman!" "Not at all, Sir," replied the private. "Since I came to read, love and understand this Book, I have no fear of death!" Just then a shell fell in the trench. The private was blown to bits. How ashamed the captain was! The New Testament lay nearby—unharm- ed.

Reverently he put it in his pocket. In his dugout, he read it. Light came to his sin-darkened heart. He called upon the Saviour to save him. God answered his cry. He began immediately to tell others about Jesus. He secured from a chaplain a large number of New Testaments. "I want my men to be brave. I know that if they will read this Book and hide it in their hearts, they will know no fear, even in times of danger."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones, and when you have accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.*

## TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Scripture Reading—Romans 3

### ABANDON SHIP!

Some six miles above the panhandle of Texas, a jet bomber on S.A.S. patrol was fatally disabled when No. 6 engine exploded and the wing was enveloped in flames. The chief pilot gave the word to abandon ship and the necessary apparatus went into effect blowing off the canopy and ejecting the seats. Lieutenant J. E. Obenauf, however, had trouble bailing out. His ejection seat failed. As he went stumbling through the ship trying to find an escape hatch, he stumbled over the body of Major Joseph Maxwell. What would he do? To hesitate would mean certain death. Why not jump and leave the unconscious body where it lay? Without hesitation, Obenauf deliberately turned around and got into the pilot's seat. In spite of intense heat and imminent danger, he performed a superhuman task. Alone he took the ship down through a

storm and fog and landed in safety! It was a miracle but Maxwell, the man who lay unconscious in the belly of that cabin, was saved and given a second chance in life.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*If jet-age evangelism is going to be effective, our language and service must equal the jet age's demands for fidelity and sacrifice.*

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Scripture Reading—Romans 4

### CHRIST SHALL BE MAGNIFIED

A brilliant Chinese student was offered a fine position with the government. When Bishop Wilson S. Lewis asked the young man why he refused the splendid offer and volunteered to preach the gospel for a mere pittance, he said:

"During the Boxer Uprising I lived in an inland village where there was a temple for devil worship. The Christians were led by the soldiers to that temple and ordered to renounce their religion and bow before the devil image or they would be executed. I saw one hundred and sixty-three of my townsmen walk by the devil god with heads erect, when a little bow would have saved their lives—then out to a great beam over which they placed their heads for the swift stroke of the executioner's sword that sent their heads rolling in the dust. My father was one of that number. It was the unshaken integrity of their faith that thrilled me and gave me a longing for the new life. I must go back and tell my fellow townsmen of Christ who loves them, and of His power to save."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Set us afire, Lord  
Stir us, we pray!*

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*While the world perishes  
We go our way,  
Purposeless, passionless,  
Day after day.  
Set us afire, Lord,  
Stir us, we pray!*

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Scripture Reading—Romans 5

##### I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN!

Some splendid young people volunteered as foreign missionaries. One of them was the only daughter of a multi-millionaire. She was socially prominent, wealthy and worldly. Her parents were not Christians.

One evening, out of curiosity, the young lady entered a little Presbyterian church. There she heard the gospel for the first time. She was converted, and later she heard God's call to go as a missionary to China. She told her parents of her decision. Sneeringly they said, "You are mad. This is only a passing whim. We'll put a stop to it!"

The volunteer was engaged to a successful businessman. He was not a Christian. She appealed to him to surrender to Christ. He, too, laughed at her. He said to himself, "I'll dissuade her from this fantastic idea!"

Sometime later, the parents gave a gala social function to which they invited their socially prominent and wealthy friends. The parents told these friends of their problem, and enlisted their efforts to change the mind of their daughter. That evening, the daughter listened in silence to the discouraging pleas. She stood firm, however. Going to the piano, she began to play and sing:

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee,  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall  
be!

Her fiance was deeply touched. Going to her, he said, "I did not know Jesus Christ

could mean so much to any person. If He means this to you, pray for me that I, too, may be saved and become His devoted follower!" Her prayer was answered! They were happily married, and *both* went to China where they labored for God for many years.

##### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Have we—you and I—left all  
to follow Christ?*

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Scripture Reading—Romans 7

##### SAFE RETURN, DOUBTFUL!

The following ad occurred in a London newspaper: "Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success." The ad was signed by Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer. Thousands responded instantly to the call. They were ready to sacrifice all for the elation of adventure and uncertain honor.

##### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Should God's children do less  
for the One who paid the  
supreme sacrifice for the sin of  
the world and who said: "If any  
man will come after me, let  
him deny himself, and take up  
his cross and follow me. For  
whosoever will save his life  
shall lose it: and whosoever  
will lose his life for my sake  
shall find it"?' (Matthew 16:24,  
25).*

#### SATURDAY, MAY 1

Scripture Reading—Romans 6

##### ALL FOR ONE— ONE FOR ALL

A Chinese heard the gospel and became a Christian. At new year, he refused to perform the religious rites of burning paper and incense to the ancestors. The head of his clan gave him fifteen days to change his mind and decreed that he would be beaten with a thousand stripes if he failed to do so. Toward the

end of the fifteen days, a native Christian said to the head of the clan: "You don't understand this Christian religion. When a man believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, God is his Father, and every other believer is his brother or sister. We are one family. I could not see my brother beaten and stand idly by. What all we Christians propose to do is this: If you insist on carrying out your sentence, all of us who are brothers and sisters in Christ are going to come and share those stripes with him!"

The decree was rescinded. Christian unity and mutual love had triumphed over the heathen powers of darkness.

##### PRAYER THOUGHT

*O God, give us serenity to accept what cannot be changed,  
and courage to change what  
should be changed and wisdom  
to distinguish the one from the  
other.—Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*,  
Walter B. Knight.

##### NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank each church, auxiliary, Sunday school or person for the real wonderful way you have blessed us by your thoughtfulness of us in the loss of my dear husband. You have been such a strength to me by your prayers and thoughts.

Also the ministers' widows' fund in which Mr. Reynolds was very prompt, I say thank you for. In fact, I am most thankful for everything. I pray God's richest blessings on each one.

If we never meet again on this earth I am sure we will meet in a place where there is no pain or sorrow. I am sure my beloved is waiting and looking for all of us. What a great reunion that will be.

Pray for my children and me and come to see me.

Mrs. Wiley Ferrell



## EDITORIAL

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complacent in our success—we must make plans to further proclaim the Lord's message all over our state and beyond. We must catch the vision of the thousands of people in our state and surrounding states who need to hear about the Lord's saving grace. The field is white unto harvest and we as Free Will Baptists must continue to send forth the laborers into the field. And the Lord said, "... who will go for us?" and

(Your Name) said, "Here am I; send me."

If God is calling you to mission work at home or abroad, please contact the board. We need you and the Lord needs you.  
Ray Wells, *Interim Director*

### Those who have served

**Missionaries:** Ronnie Mohn, Stanley Slaughter, Dale Albertson, Lewis Sprouse, Johnny Sexton, Charles Parrish, James Gurganus, Ed Thornton, Al Markuson, Bobby Murray, Joe Gerald, Jason Salyer, Billy Nowell, and Wayne Watson.

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### Those who serve

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**Promotional work:** Dean Kennedy.

**Bookkeeping:** Treva Kennedy.

**Summer Camp for Hearing-Impaired:** Dale and Jasmine Albertson.

## FEATURE FILLER

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1928 No Albemarle churches listed.

1929 (March) Union Chapel

1929 (September) Union Chapel

1930 (March) Malachi's Chapel, Shiloh

1930 (September 24) Mount Olive, Malachi's Chapel and Union Chapel

1931 (March) Shiloh and Union Chapel

1931 (September) Malachi's Chapel

From the above information, we may conjecture that with the end of Mrs. Connor's term as president in 1923-24, all of the Albemarle Churches may have represented in the Central Auxiliary Convention until the time when the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention was organized in August, 1931, as

an arm of the Albemarle Union Meeting. Following are the minutes of that organizational meeting:<sup>14</sup>

The Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle Union met with the Union at Sidney Church on August 28, 1931. Convention organized and officers elected were: President, Mrs. W. W. Ricks; Vice President, Mrs. D. C. Dillion; Treasurer, Mrs. G. V. Boyd.

The following societies represented: (Shiloh (\$1); Sidney; Belhaven; Mount Tabor (\$2); Union Chapel; and Mount Olive.

There were a total of six societies represented and a \$3 offering. Mrs. D. H. (Mary) Furlough of Mount Tabor was a charter member of this convention. She has missed only two meetings since that day!

Mrs. W. W. Ricks, *President*  
Mrs. D. C. Dillion, *Secretary*

<sup>10</sup>The original program was in one of the books of "Uncle Bill" Everett given by Mrs. Everett to the Rev. Arthur B. Chandler. It is now in the Historical Collection at Mount Olive College.

<sup>11</sup>A letter on file at Mount Olive College from Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson of Bridgeton verifies this. Mrs. Simpson succeeded Mrs. Lupton as secretary of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention and was secretary for 19½ years.

<sup>12</sup>We are assuming that this was Union Chapel in Beaufort County (a member of the Eastern Conference) and that Union Chapel in Washington County represented in the Central Conference.

<sup>13</sup>Herbert Sawyer to the Rev. Carol B. Hansley; copy on file in Historical Collection, Mount Olive College.

<sup>14</sup>Albemarle Union Ladies' Auxiliary Convention, August 28, 1931.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

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It was a great blessing to all the women at the prayer group to have these young people come and present the program. The group met at 7 a.m.

### Cragmont Rally To Be Held

There will be a Cragmont Rally at Spring Hill Church, Highway 70 West, Goldsboro, on Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m. It is being sponsored by Cragmont Woman's Conference.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Joseph Ingram has a new address. It is 3301 Millbrook Drive, Wilson, North Carolina 27893. His phone number is 291-9761.



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## THE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE

Pastors, do you have a Layman's League in the church you serve? Perhaps you do have a men's organization but call it by a different name, Brotherhood, Men's Fellowship or a Men's Sunday School Class. Regardless of what you call your men's organization, aren't they a great blessing when organized for worship and Christian service?

Your State Layman's League Board is anxious to help you organize a league in your church if you do not have one and to offer help in improving or expanding your league if you do have one. A Free Will Baptist Layman's League Manual and a book of suitable devotions may be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, or one of our Bible Bookstores.

In addition to Leagues in local churches, the Leagues of the Central Conference have been meeting quarterly for several years. Recently, the Leagues of the Albemarle and Western Conferences have also organized. Pastors, please help us to get more Leagues organized in the local churches and also at the conference level.

There will be a meeting of all our Free Will Baptist men at Rodger's Chapel in Mount Olive May 15. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the organization of the North Carolina State Layman's League Convention at 7 p.m. You will want to be a part of this historic event.

C. L. Patrick, *Advisor*  
Rex Wainright, *Reporter*

## COMING EVENTS

*April*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month

*April 22*—Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention

# 1982 Cadet Christian Conference

## CAMPING NEWS

### Greetings:

The staff members are excited about the events for this oncoming Christian Cadet Conference (June 21-26). The theme will be "Arise and Shine." Many activities have been planned. We know you will want to invite your friends and the members of your youth groups to share this camping experience.

Due to the increase in interest and participation in the camping program we want to encourage our campers to get their applications in as soon as possible. We can only serve a limited number of campers and this will be done on a first come-first served basis. No application will be taken after May 5. But we expect to fill up before this date. To ensure your place at camp, you must respond quickly.

The cost of camp this year will be \$65 and a \$7 activity fee, total cost \$72. Letters of information will be sent from the Director on June 9, informing you on what you will need to carry to camp and where you will meet the bus.

Registration fee is \$10 and should be sent with your application to Bobby R. Taylor, P.O. Box 455, Pikeville, NC 27863. If you wish to pay in-full, this is fine. Please make your check to the Christian Cadet Conference.

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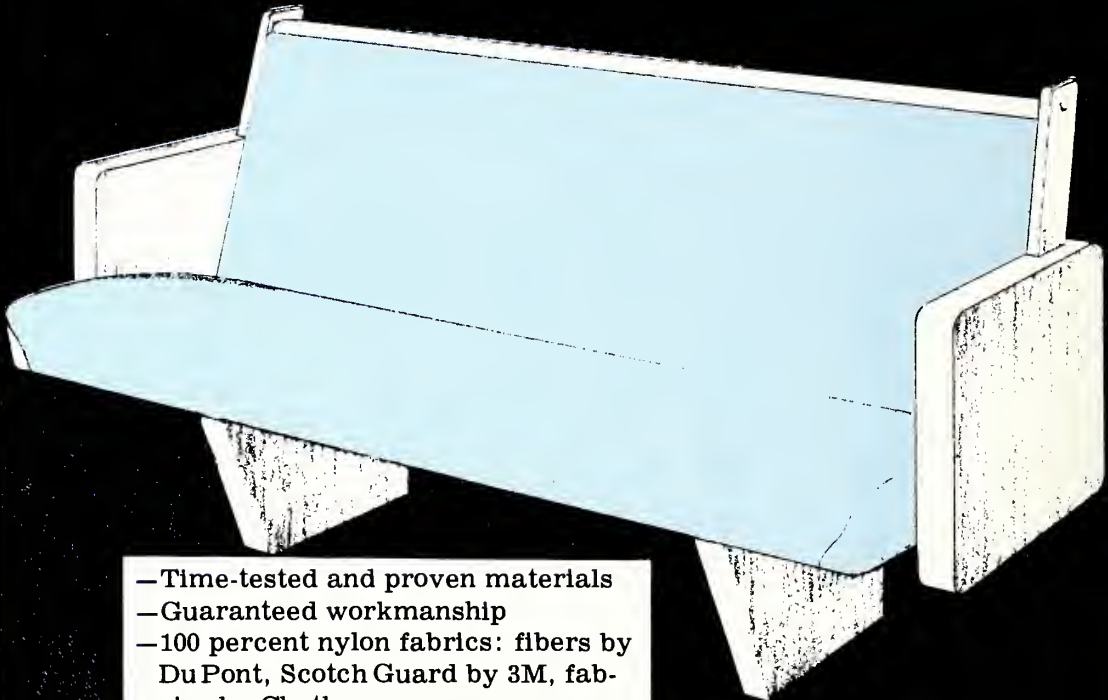


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## And the Cock Crowed

*Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples (Matthew 26:31-35).*

I have never been too thrilled about getting up early. You see, I am one of those people who desperately needs eight hours of sleep a night. But when the clock rang at 4:30 that morning, I had mixed emotions. My body kept assuring me it was not time for me to get out of bed; I had worked hard the week before and I needed my rest; but today was Easter and worthy of exceptions.

Our sunrise service was scheduled to begin at 5:30, and in sixty short minutes, I had to dress, make sure things were in order at home, prepare my fingers to play the piano at such an early hour, practice with the choir, and be in place for worship.

After taking care of things at home, I headed out the back door for the church. The stillness of the hour greeted me with a welcomed breath of fresh morning air. No cars made their way down Highway 264. The cows in nearby pastures were still asleep; even my dog seemed less active than normal. Only one sound made its way to my hearing: a rooster crowed. Needless to say, I was not too startled by this, for such is not uncommon.

The attendance at the service was good. The sermon was well delivered and my heart rejoiced, for Christ arose! I knew without a doubt that He lives, for He lives within my heart.

It is custom that we have breakfast together as a congregation after our sunrise service. Since the men of the church prepared everything, I decided to run home a few minutes to check on several things. After doing so, I headed back to the church. I had barely gotten out of the door when something quite thought-provoking happened: once more I was greeted by the early morning stillness; once more I was surprised at the lack of activity; but this time I heard the rooster crow twice, not once. Christ's words came to my mind. I wondered if I had in some way denied my Lord.

Whatever pride I had was stripped away that morning. This experience humbled me greatly; and even today I ponder its true meaning.

*And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly (Matthew 26:75).*

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## CHURCH HISTORY OF WESTSIDE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Westside Free Will Baptist Church grew out of a weekly cottage prayer meeting, at a time when fuel oil shortages and soaring energy costs were forcing many churches to curtail some of their normally scheduled services. In the absence of a Sunday evening church service, some of the members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston began meeting Sunday nights in a home for prayer and Bible study in February, 1977. The fellowship was especially sweet and God blessed in wonderful fashion!

During this time, many in attendance had a vision of seeing a new Original Free Will Baptist Church planted in the west side of Kinston. The desire to begin a new work was there and prayer confirmed the decision to begin such a work. The announcement was made in the parent church on February 27 and the following Sunday, March 6, 1977, a new church was born! Twenty-seven members of the First Free Will Baptist Church met in the Jack Everett home at 2813 Murray Hill Road in the Westhaven subdivision. For the next 14 months, this would be the meeting place of the newborn church.

Church officers were elected that first Sunday morning, Sunday school was organized, and regular Sunday worship services were begun. A name for the new church was discussed. Many names were suggested

but since the church was to be located in the west side of Kinston, "Westside" seemed to be the most appropriate and was chosen as the official church name.

That first Sunday was a very special one. In the morning worship service, B. C. Ball spoke on "The Second Birth." That evening, Charles Lancaster spoke on "Visions." Both messages were very apt and inspiring. A list of charter members was started at this first evening service. A total offering of \$889.25 was received for the day and the church immediately decided to sponsor a native pastor in India and buy a 40-passenger bus to use for church and denominational activities. God had blessed and the church was off to a good start.

Within two months, the congregation had met all the requirements necessary for obtaining an official church charter. And on Tuesday, May 3, 1977, the Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met with 46 charter members to officially organize the church as "Westside Original Free Will Baptist Church." The Rev. James Reb Lancaster was recognized as the church's charter pastor, as approximately eighty persons in attendance witnessed the inspiring ceremony for this historic occasion.

A search for an appropriate and permanent building site for

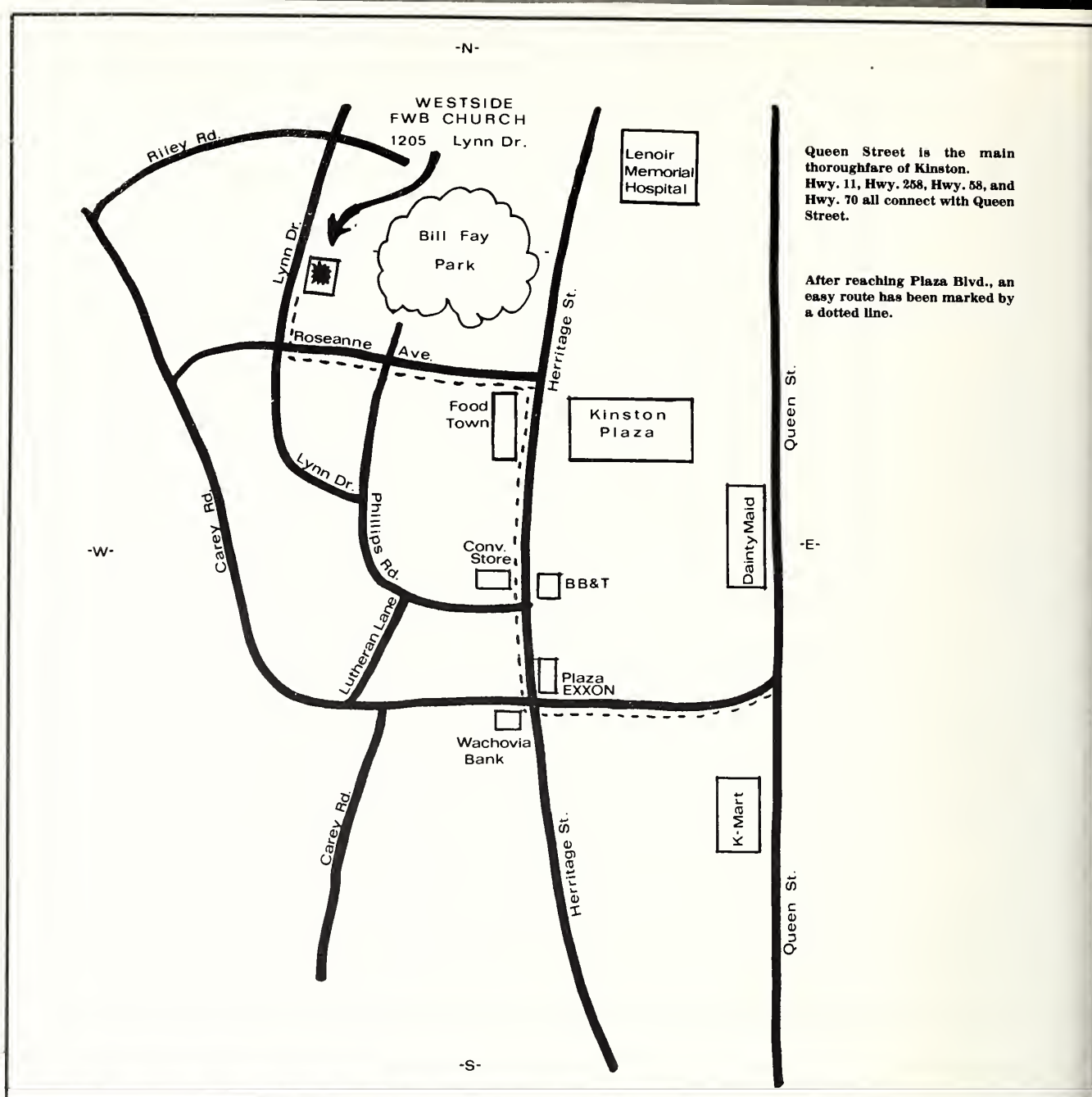
the church was begun immediately, since the members were still meeting in a home. Several locations were considered but none seemed right until a wonderful opportunity to buy a three-acre plot of land at 1205 Lynn Drive opened to the congregation. This particular site was adjacent to one of the newest of the city's parks—Bill Fay Park—and was located in a newly developing subdivision. It was as if it had been hand-picked by the Lord for His people, and everyone knew this was where God wanted the church located. The lot was purchased in October, 1977.

On November 8, 1977, a ground-breaking ceremony was held, and construction was begun on a 3,000-square-foot educational building at a cost of \$67,000. It is a beautiful brick building, consisting of a kitchen-dining hall combination, five Sunday school classrooms and a large assembly area with seating capacity of one hundred fifty, which serves as a temporary sanctuary. The building was completed and ready for the first service, May 7, 1978, with the official opening being held on May 28, 1978.

During this time of building, the church was blessed with the able pastoral leadership of the Rev. Clifton T. Rice. Brother Rice came out of retirement, in fact, to help the church and serve as interim pastor until a full-time pastor could be

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secured. He began his pastorate at Westside in September, 1977. In August, 1980, Mr. Rice resigned and the Rev. Wayne King, returning missionary from the Philippines, was called by the church to begin full-time pastoral work on September 7, 1980.

Throughout the years of its existence, Westside has continually enjoyed the blessings of God. Growth has been steady and continual, prompting the need for additional classrooms. By October 17, 1981, a new wing, consisting of five Sunday school rooms and a pastor's

study was added to the existing building and opened for use. Future plans call for a church sanctuary to be built in front of the present building to accommodate a larger gathering of worshippers. A building committee has been selected to begin looking at ways to raise the necessary money for construction and studying plans for a new church sanctuary.

Westside Church is a young church, but great things are happening! By God's grace, the membership has grown from 29 to 116, with an average church attendance in excess of 100

each Sunday. The annual church budget has increased from \$9,862 in 1978 to \$38,664 in 1981-82. In the past year alone, the church has given \$3,438 to missions and an additional \$2,612 to other denominational enterprises. For all these blessings and opportunities for growth and service, we just praise the Lord! We echo the words of the Psalmist who said, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

On Sunday, May 2, 1982, the church will celebrate its fifth anniversary.

# PRECIOUS MEMORIES

*submitted by Aspen Grove Church*

"In our Father's house are many mansions." Christ told us this, and "that He went to prepare a place for us, that where He is there we may be also." He said if it were not true, He would have told us. He also said, "I am the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. Therefore we know that if we are God's children, we will live with Him in Heaven. And we know that we have not lost our loved ones who have died in Christ. On these promises is our hope. It is this hope that sustains us when one of our loved ones departs from us, to live with our Heavenly Father—set free from bondage, set free from pain, the victory won and strife all ended.

Last year on March 31st our dear pastor, the Rev. Hubert Burress, went to this city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God. Preacher Burress had been with us at Aspen Grove almost ten years. He was gone so quickly, and we were left stunned and broken-hearted. It seemed the years went so swiftly. He was such a blessing to each of us. He seemed to have invisible means of support. He was our pastor, our dear friend, and our comforter when we needed him. He was never too tired to be there. And whether sick or well he never faltered in serving his Lord and attending to the needs of his flock. It seemed his soul's joy was in doing.

He and Mrs. Burress, having been raised in our community, knew us, they knew our children, our families, and so many of our problems. He and his dear wife worked so faithfully with our children and grandchildren. No wonder we loved him so much. They say you can preach a better sermon with your life than your lips. The work of the ministry is the greatest and noblest on earth. The call of presidents and kings is but a servant's role by com-



parison. It seemed he knew time was running out, and he had so much he wanted to accomplish. Aspen Grove under his guidance accomplished much. He was a leader.

Under his leadership and the help of a Church Finance loan our fellowship building was completed, and has been enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Burress gave the baptistry that was installed in the fellowship building. The bulletin board in front of the church was built.

Many dollars and lots of hard labor were given also. Next our walks were widened, and a covered walkway built connecting the two buildings. Improvements were made on our yard. Carpet was installed, and the church painted. Under his leadership we continued to move forward. A deep well was dug, a new piano was purchased for the fellowship building, new pews for the choir, and cushions for the church pews. And a P. A. system was installed so that services may be heard throughout the church. Then what a relief—the note to Church Finance was paid. God had surely blessed us. Then our old heating plant had to be replaced. We had plans to improve the entrance to our church, and a new steeple was added. This project was completed, with new doors and hardware given by our pastor's wife. Later a vacuum system was installed, and the woodwork on our building covered with aluminum siding. And then a major step forward—our church started full-time services.

Hubert Burress possessed an untiring zeal in his ministry and service to our denomination. At the time of his passing he was secretary of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and treasurer of Church Finance Association. His life was dedicated to serving God and his fellowman. They say every man's work is a portrait of himself. A perfect love is the

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Mount Zion Church Has Ladies Quartet



*Pictured are Mrs. Lucille Jones, Mae Oliver, Eloise Hassell, and Patricia Jones. Absent when the picture was made is Mrs. Hilda Hardison.*

The Rev. Charlie Overton, pastor of Mount Zion Church, Roper, states that he is very proud of the good singing there—by the congregation, the quartets, the Adult Choir, and the Young People's Choir.

The Ladies Quartet sings each Sunday morning, Sunday nights, at prayer meetings, and for special services. They also furnish special singing for revivals at other churches. The quartet members are Mae Oliver, Eloise Hassell, Patricia Jones, and Mrs. Hilda Hardison. Mrs. Lucille Jones is the accompanist.

### Revival Services in Progress At Edgewood Church

Revival services are in progress through April 30 at Edgewood Church of Crisp. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Ray Wells is the evangelist. There will be special music each evening. The church and its pastor, the Rev. Robert Strickland, cordially invite the public to attend the remainder of these services.

### Layman's League Has Ladies Night

The Central Conference Layman's League sponsored a Ladies Night at Free Union Church in Greene County, on March 20, 1982. The program began with a dinner of barbecued pork, fried chicken and the trimmings being served at 7 p.m. There were approximately 180 people present. The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of Bethany Church near Winterville, gave the invocation.

After the dinner, Donnie Langston, president of Free Union Layman's League, welcomed the laymen, their wives, Dr. and Mrs. Burkette Raper and the Mount Olive Singers along with their director, Mrs. Irene Patton. Mr. Langston then introduced Ray Clark, president of the Central District Layman's League Convention who gave an inspiring devotion honoring the Lord and the special guests for the evening, the wives of the laymen.

Mr. Clark introduced Dr. Raper, who presented Mrs. Patton and the Mount Olive Singers. What a blessing they were as they rendered a very inspiring program of Christian and contemporary music, recognizing in song the ladies who were present. The Rev. Calvin Heath, pastor of Free Union Church, pronounced the benediction, and a time of fellowship followed as refreshments were served by the Free Union Woman's Auxiliary.

(If any Conference does not have an organized Layman's League Convention, the North Carolina State Layman's League Board will be glad to assist in helping a church group to establish one. Mr. Paul Beaman of Route 1, Snow Hill,

North Carolina, is State Layman's League Secretary; his phone number is [919] 753-4263.)

### Revival Services in Progress At Daly's Chapel Church

Revival services are in progress through April 30 at Daly's Chapel Church near LaGrange, with the Rev. Keith Cobb, pastor of Fremont Church as the evangelist. Prayer room opens at 7:15 p.m. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. Special singing is being featured each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Tony McLamb, and the members extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend and enjoy the remainder of these services.

### Pastor Honored at Micro Church

The membership of Micro Church honored the pastor, the Rev. Clyde Cox, with a surprise covered-dish supper in celebration of his birthday Sunday night, March 28, in the church fellowship hall.

Carl Bagley, chairman of the board of deacons, called the group together. Lawrence Phillips gave the invocation. Mrs. Leta Gold Bagley provided the table centerpiece of red tulips and azaleas. Other tables held dishes of floating camellias arranged by Mrs. Kathleen Edgerton. The decorated birthday cake was made by Mrs. Carolyn Hales.

Following the meal, Mr. Cox and Linda Finnell presented an organ and piano prelude for the regular Sunday night worship service that followed.

### Easter Play Given at St. Mary's Grove Church

"Unwashed Hands" is the title of the play presented at St. Mary's Grove Church, Benson,

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on April 4 (Palm Sunday night). This play included the trial, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ, though the basic scenes of these events are not shown. The play begins with the appearance of Jesus before Pilate. The actual biblical setting of these events is integrated by the supporting roles of Pilate's wife, maid, and followers of Jesus.

Claudia, Pilate's wife, becomes increasingly interested in the Lord, and Fidelia, her maid, a follower of His, continues to interest her in Him. Pilate, from the time of his handing over of Jesus in place of Barabbas, is troubled by the crime that he has committed. Each time the subject of Jesus is brought up to Pilate, his mental anguish increases. He is unable to wash his hands of the blood of this innocent man and he is continually plagued by *unwashed hands*.

Claudia's palace chamber is the stage for the five scenes. The colorful and timely apparel gave the play the authenticity it required.

"Unwashed Hands" was written and directed by the pastor of St. Mary's Grove, the Rev. Rod Jones.

#### **Westside Church to Have Anniversary Services**

Special services will be held at Westside Church, 1205 Lynn Drive, Kinston, on Sunday, May 2, in observance of the fifth anniversary of the church.

The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. Wayne King, will deliver the morning message, followed by a picnic lunch on the church grounds. A singspiration will follow from 2 to 3 p.m. The activities will climax with a special evening worship service at 7 p.m.

#### **Current Happenings at Daniels Chapel Church**

The Rev. and Mrs. Earl Glenn were formally welcomed

to Daniels Chapel Church near Wilson at a reception and open house sponsored by the Woman's Auxilliary and the JWE Auxilliary, on Sunday, February 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, who came to Daniels Chapel Church on February 14, were visited by approximately 90 guests.

Refreshments and a tour service of the parsonage were provided by auxiliary members.

A day of fun, fellowship, and worship at Daniels Chapel Church was sponsored by the Sunday school department, the JWE Auxilliary, and the Woman's Auxilliary on Saturday, April 10, in celebration of Easter.

The festivities began at 3:30 p.m. with games for the children. Tradition was broken at 5 p.m. when the children had their annual Easter egg hunt. This hunt is usually held on Easter Sunday afternoon, but to allow more time for family activities on this day, the hunt was moved to Saturday. At 5:30 p.m., everyone in the church was invited to enjoy refreshments served by the auxiliary members.

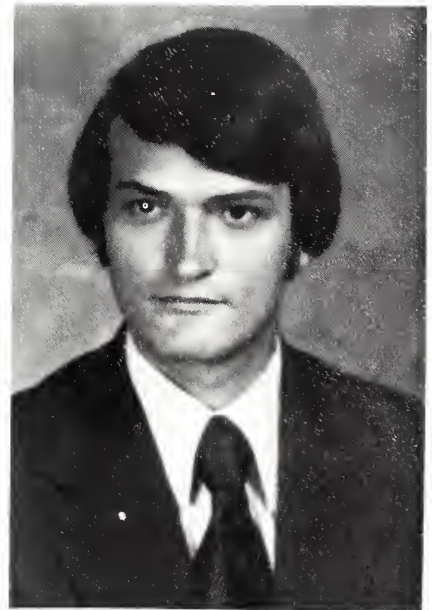
Immediately following the picnic supper, the JWE Auxilliary presented a play in the church sanctuary. The play, entitled "The Chancel Lily," under the direction of Mrs. Doris Davis and Mrs. Christa Goff, showed scenes of the life of Jesus from birth to Resurrection with both verbal and musical narration.

#### **Palmer Memorial Church To Have Revival Services**

The spring revival at Palmer Memorial Church, Garner, North Carolina, will be May 3 through May 7. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Fred Johnson, pastor of First Church of Durham. There will be special singing each night with the services beginning at 7:30 p.m. The church will have its

annual homecoming on May 2 with Mr. Johnson also bringing the homecoming message. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. The Rev. Dewey C. Boling is pastor of the church.

#### **Revival Services at Pleasant Hill Church**



*The Rev. Marvin Waters*

Revival services will be held at Pleasant Hill Church, Highway 43, Pitt County, May 3-7, each evening at 7:30.

The evangelist for the meeting will be the Rev. Marvin Waters, pastor of St. Mary's Church, New Bern. Special music and singing will be presented with all services. The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, extends an invitation to everyone to attend these services.

#### **Core Creek Church to Have Homecoming**

Core Creek Church, Cove City, will be having its annual homecoming on May 2. The Rev. T. O. Terry will bring the morning message. There will be a picnic lunch served after the worship hour. The Rev. Bass Mitchell is pastor of the church. He and the church membership invite everyone,

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# APRIL IS HOME MISSIONS MONTH



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## CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL SINGERS



*The Glory Bound Singers*

The Glory Bound Singers from Durham and The Master's Quartet from Pikeville are two of the groups that will be featured at the Christian Music Festival on Saturday, May 1. The festival will be held at Eagles Nest Conference Center and will begin at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to participate in this event and admission is free. Lunch will be catered by Wilber's of Goldsboro at a cost of \$3.50 per plate.



*The Master's Quartet*

Other groups appearing on the program will be The Prescott Family from Grantsboro; The Four In Christ and Danny and The Singing Ambassadors from New Bern; The Watchmen from Goldsboro; and The New Creations from Mount Olive College.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS TO BE OFFERED

Two Sunday school workshops sponsored by the Paul Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College will be offered in May in Martin and Lenoir Counties.

The workshop in Martin County will be taught on Mondays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, at Rose of Sharon Church, located one mile southwest of Bear Grass on rural road 1001. The time for the workshop is 7:30-9 p.m.

The workshop in Lenoir County will be offered on each Tuesday night in May, beginning May 4, from 8-9:30 p.m. The meetings will take place at the following locations:

May 4—Jackson Heights Church, near Kinston (one

mile off Highway 11, near Kinston Dragstrip)

May 11—Smith's New Home Church, located 11 miles south of Kinston on Highway 258

May 18—Hugo Church, located 5 miles southeast of Grifton on rural road 1091

May 25—Westside Church, Lynn Drive, Kinston

The Paul Palmer Institute is a program of continuing education offered through Mount Olive College for pastors and lay persons. Dianne Riley, associate director of admissions, is the instructor for the workshops which are offered in cooperation with the State Sunday School Convention.

Church leaders who would like a workshop conducted next fall in their area should contact Frank Harrison, director of church relations at Mount Olive College.

## COMING EVENTS

*May*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Children's Home Month

*May 1*—Music Festival, Eagles Nest, Mount Olive College

*May 1*—Annual Alumni Meeting, downtown campus, Mount Olive College, (evening meal 5:30 p.m.)

*May 2*—Commencement Worship Service, Rodgers Chapel, 8 p.m., Dr. Michael R. Pelt, speaker, Mount Olive College

*May 4*—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

*May 4*—Board of Superannuation Meeting, 1 p.m., Children's Home, Middlesex



## COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING OBSERVED



It was time of remembering and meditating on what Christ did for us on the Cross. May we never forget Calvary and what happened there for us. We were also challenged to remember that the Christian is to live a life of humility. Also that it is possible to live a life of holiness by a daily cleansing from sin.

God is so good to allow us to love Him and serve Him. Brethren, pray for us that we might be witnesses for Christ through our words and deeds here in the Republic of the Philippines.

Fred Baker  
*Missionary to the Philippines*



The believers from Canigaran Free Will Baptist Church, Bunkag Lighthouse Free Will Baptist Mission and the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church joined together to observe the ordinances of communion and feet washing.

The communion table was presided over by the Rev. Jimmy D. Basarte of the Bunkag Lighthouse Free Will Baptist Mission. Brother Basarte was assisted by the Rev. Ludgerio E. Malinao of the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church.

**Part Four of the Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary feature will run in next week's edition.**

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## SUNDAY, MAY 2

Scripture Reading – Romans 8

### HIGH COST OF COVETOUSNESS

An eminent physician had cured a little child of a dangerous illness. Full of gratitude, the mother went to the home of the physician, and said to him: "Doctor, there are some services that cannot be repaid. I really don't know how to express my gratitude. I thought you would accept this purse, embroidered by my own hands." "Madam," said the doctor coldly, "medicine is not a trivial affair. Small presents serve to sustain friendship, but they do not sustain our families." "But, doctor," said the lady, "what is your fee?" "Forty pounds, Madam." The lady opened the embroidered purse, took out five bank notes of twenty pounds each, gave two to the doctor, put back the remaining three, bowed coldly, and took her leave.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Covetousness had cost much and lost more.*

## MONDAY, MAY 3

Scripture Reading – Romans 9

### SHE STARVED WITH \$274,000 IN HER CLOSET!

The above headline, with the subhead, "Find \$200,000 More in Banks," lured millions of readers of daily newspapers over the nation to read one of the queerest stories about a frail little widow who starved to death in her dreary fire-charred Staten Island, New York, flat! Eloquently and convincingly her life and death showed that covetousness is a disease of the soul which stifles and extinguishes the nobler aspirations, and which renders its victims powerless to grasp the true meaning of existence.

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The frail little widow's name was Mrs. Emma Buhl DeHart. Besides the money discovered in the flat and in banks, she owned hundreds of shares of stock. Her total assets came to about half a million dollars. Her wealth had been largely untouched during her lifetime. She ate skimpily. She saved boxes and wrappings for her stove. It was her habit, in later years, to arise about noon and go to a nearby dime store for a hot dog or hamburger.

She died intestate, without a will. A court fight was precipitated by nephews and nieces, claimants of the estate of the decedent!

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Is covetousness a disease?  
Yes! It is a disease of the soul!  
With the passing of the years,  
passions burn low. Not so of the  
soul-shriveling, character-  
tarnishing, personality-  
dwarfing sin of covetousness.  
This sin tightens its grasp upon  
its wretched victims as they  
grow older.*

*That man may breathe, but  
never live,*

*Who much receives, but  
nothing gives;*

*Whom none can love, whom  
none can thank,*

*Creation's blot, creation's  
blank!*

## TUESDAY, MAY 4

Scripture Reading – Romans 10

### WHAT THEY LOST IN BECOMING CHRISTIANS!

An aged couple was solicited for a contribution for a worthy Christian cause. The wife, though a Christian, had not been delivered from the sin of covetousness. She lamented to her husband, "We have lost a lot of money by becoming Christians, and contributing to Christian work!" The husband, who had made more progress

in the Christian life than his wife, replied, "Yes, Mary, we have lost a great deal by our religion. I lost an old slouch hat, a patched coat, and unsightly shoes. I lost the habit of getting drunk and quarreling with you. I lost a burdened conscience, a wicked heart, and many guilty feelings and fears! All my sins are lost, completely lost, like a millstone, cast into the depth of the sea! They will never be remembered against me! Daily my soul feeds upon the living Bread! You, too, Mary, have been a loser, though not as great a loser as I. Before we were saved, you washed clothes to help with our expenses. Your clothes were worn and shabby. You lost an aching heart, filled with concern for me. You lost them joyously! How spiritually rich we are, Mary! God has imparted blessings which money cannot buy."

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Let us continually show our  
gratitude to Him by supporting  
His cause.*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Scripture Reading – Romans 11

### THE DYING PICKPOCKET

Years ago, during the early morning hours, a minister was called to see a notorious pickpocket who was dying. The minister told the man of the Saviour, and of His willingness to save him if he would only look to Him for mercy. Then the minister knelt and prayed. When he arose from his knees, the man was dead! His rapidly-stiffening fingers were clutching the minister's gold watch chain. The sight of the glittering chain and the urge to steal it from the preoccupied minister was too much for the dying pickpocket to resist.



## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Covetousness, a disease of the soul, tightens its grasp upon its victims right up to death's door!*

## THURSDAY, MAY 6

Scripture Reading—Romans 12

### WESLEY HAS SPOILED IT ALL!

A miserly farmer of some means went to hear Wesley preach on stewardship. Wesley began his message by saying: "Get all you can!" The farmer whispered to the one beside him, "This is strange preaching. I never heard the like before, but I like it." After Wesley had praised the diligent ones, he passed on to his second point: "Save all you can!" Thought the farmer: "This is one grand sermon!" Wesley spoke contemptuously of thriftlessness and waste, and then took up the third point of his message: "Give all you can! The covetous farmer winced as if dodging from a missile hurled at him. Lowering his head in displeasure, he mumbled: "Oh, dear! Wesley has spoiled it all!"

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*In death, the Christian goes to his riches: "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20). In death, the unsaved leave their riches: "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:7).*

## FRIDAY, MAY 7

Scripture Reading—Romans 13

### RULES FOR TRAGEDY

The police department of Houston, Texas, issued a leaflet giving rules for raising delinquent children: (1) Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living. (2) When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also

encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow off the top of your head later. (3) Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him "decide for himself." (4) Avoid use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted. (5) Pick up everything he leaves lying around—books, shoes, and clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others. (6) Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage. (7) Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later. (8) Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*More and more children are being led toward crime as parents throw away responsibility. Selfishness is often the keynote of the day and materialism the inspiration for living. Often, God is not accepted and all concepts of morality are discounted.*

## SATURDAY, MAY 8

Scripture Reading—Romans 14

### AS A MAN THINKETH

Amazing, but true! Psychologists have proven that if a person thinks often enough and long enough about committing a crime he will commit the crime, or at least try. They say, "What you believe is what you are."

Behind every wicked act is a process of wicked thinking. Murder is preceded by

murderous thoughts; immorality is preceded by unclean thinking. It is impossible to think wickedly and do righteously. "As he [a man] thinketh in his heart, so is he."

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Outward actions and words are just the expressions of inner thoughts.*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

## Retirement Homes

### REST HOME REPORT

We received \$4,534.88 from the area meetings which were held in January in each of our conferences. This money has been placed on deposit with Church Finance Association.

The board of directors is continuing to study the feasibility of a rest home ministry. We will need additional funding in order to implement this ministry. Right now we are concentrating our attention on providing additional apartments, as we do have applicants. There is a possibility of building a new building on the Retirement Homes' property. We request your prayers and your financial support in order to continue our present ministry and in order to expand our program to care for others who are now in need of our services.

We invite our churches to make a visit to the Retirement Homes. You will be welcome. I will be glad to meet with any individual, group or committee that would like to talk about our Retirement program. Please call for an appointment.

Walter J. Sutton, Director

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## YOU DIDN'T PRAY FOR ME



by Ruth Dye

**I thank God that He loved enough, not only for you and me, but for a mixed-up, eleven-year-old-boy in Vacation Bible School. Each year I teach a different age group for our Vacation Bible School. Last year I chose to work in the sixth grade. Most of the students were from our own congregation and I knew them well, but there were a few visitors. One of the other teachers brought a neighbor boy to my class. My friend told me to "beware"**

because Don might cause problems. It didn't take me long to find out what she meant.

The student was disruptive and argumentative. He continually demanded my attention. He told me he couldn't read the Bible I provided because he had left his glasses at home, and besides, this Bible had different words than his. He taunted the girls and was taunted in return by the boys. At recess he tattled about everything everyone did.

**Before that first session was ended, I knew some changes had to be made, and they would have to be made by me.** I am a teacher with many years' experience working with children and young people. I rarely have problems I can't handle, but now my integrity was being challenged. During the teachers' meeting at the close of the day, I requested prayer for both Don and me. My days of usefulness would be shortened. I thought, if I couldn't cope with this frustrating eleven-year-old.

I decided to do some private investigating. Don's public-school teacher told me she had had the same problems, and Don had spent a lot of time in the principal's office. Although the family was not migrant, they moved frequently. Don's mother had recently remarried and there was a new baby in the home. Don was reacting, but apparently no one cared.

I worked late Monday night preparing my challenge. I made more than one hundred cards with questions and a Scripture reference for each answer. The answers were worth points, and I planned to give a small prize each day to the student who earned the most points. The young people

would be allowed to work on the cards only when their other work was complete.

**The second day, I resolved, must get better.** Don did bring his glasses to school and seemed to try to use the Bible, but he became frustrated when he couldn't find things quickly. By the end of Tuesday, I suspected I might not last until Friday.

On Monday I had given each student a small card. Each person was instructed to write on the card the name of the person for whom he wanted to pray. The students were to put the cards away where no one could see; and each morning before recess, we had a "secret" prayer time. The person whose name was on the card was to be the subject of the prayer.

**On Wednesday, one of the girls asked if she could change the name on her card and I agreed.** She then asked if it was all right to pray for herself. I told her I believed we should pray for ourselves because we all have things inside we don't want to share with anyone except Jesus.

Another student suggested that the class pray for me. I accepted this suggestion graciously. I was tired, and I knew their prayers would help. I also told them I had been praying for each of them.

"I'll bet you didn't pray for me." Don snapped the words out with arrogance.

"Yes, Don, I did. And I know Jesus will answer my prayers. My heart ached for this child who could not believe anyone cared enough to pray for him.

"You need it, too." One of the boys was able to put our feelings into a few words.

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The change was amazing. Don got through the day without an outburst. He dug into the point questions. I wouldn't deceive you that Don became a model student, but he did try. The other students began to accept him more easily.

On Friday the lesson was about the Crucifixion and Resurrection. I painted a vivid word picture of the horror of Christ's death and compared it to the beauty of His Resurrection.

Don interrupted several times, asking, "But why? Why would He do that?"

"Because He loved us, Don. He knew we wouldn't always be the kind of people He wants us to be, but He did it anyway. He died for our sins. I don't know why, I just know He did."

Don had told me he couldn't possibly attend the closing program but there he was, although alone. He proudly participated in the songs and Scripture readings, but he disappeared when the parents gathered for a social time and to look at the craft work.

I visited with friends; and when the crowd had thinned, I went into my classroom to clear away my things. There, on the desk, was a wooden cross book holder like the ones all the boys had made during Vacation Bible School. At first I thought someone had forgotten it, but there was a rumpled scrap of paper tucked under it.

"To Mrs. Dye from Don. Thank you."

Don's family is gone now. I have no idea what he might remember of those Vacation Bible School sessions. But whenever I look at the wooden cross sitting on my desk, I thank God that He loved a mixed-up, eleven-year-old boy. And Don, wherever you are, I still pray for you and I know God will answer those prayers.

## I'M THANKFUL FOR

# TWO BAD LESSONS

by Peggy Hileman

Sometimes having a bad experience can be a blessing in disguise. At least it has worked that way for me. Two of the worst lessons I ever learned were learned in Vacation Bible School. And, because of those two bad lessons, I have determined to make Vacation Bible School a positive, meaningful experience for all concerned.

## LESSON 1

### VBS – Preparation = Disaster

The first bad lesson came when I was still in college. I was home for the summer and invited to help in a Vacation Bible School. It was a new opportunity for me. I was excited and eager to participate. At our one and only planning meeting, I was handed a book and told to teach the third graders. That was it! Nothing more was explained! We were on our own!

My class was a total disaster. I spent every free moment getting the craft supplies together and making the sample for the next day. I can't remember having time to study the Bible lesson, although I'm sure I did to some extent. The kids had a field day "breaking in" the new teacher. I doubt that they learned anything constructive. But the teacher learned plenty! She learned that she would never again begin a Vacation Bible School without adequate preparation. Never again would she ask anyone to teach a class without providing some help and materials!

"Bad lesson #1" has served to motivate me to do everything within my power to make teaching in Vacation Bible School a worthwhile, profitable experience for both teacher and pupil.

## LESSON 2

### VBS – Outreach = Lack of Vision

But my second "bad lesson" was just as meaningful and memorable. I was a new worker in a church, and once again, attending a Vacation Bible School planning meeting. Those in charge were discussing the materials they would need to order, the amount of money it would require, refreshments, awards, etc.

Then came the bombshell: "Let's not invite any outsiders to our Vacation Bible School. Some of the people in this town think the church should provide free baby-sitting service in the summertime with Vacation Bible School, and I don't think we should do that. If they want their kids to have something to do in the summer, let them organize their own summer program. Let's have Vacation Bible School just for our own kids!" And the idea met with approval of the majority.

Somehow that philosophy didn't fit with my understanding of the Great Commission. Somehow, I couldn't visualize Jesus suggesting such an idea. It seemed wrong to plan Christian teaching for "just our own" and not invite anyone else to come.

Later on when I had opportunity to be in a place of leadership and influence, I determined that Vacation Bible School would be used as an outreach program.

Does it work? We believe it does. Each year we have from 200-250 boys and girls from non-church or other church backgrounds.

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gift of oneself without thought of reward or return. But as much as he loved us he would not want to return. We are left with memories of dear, happy times, and our feeling of being loved and watched over. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. And as we bade him farewell there in our beloved church, as he rested there amidst the flowers, with his loved ones and friends, with the organ softly playing and our choir singing his favorite songs, it seemed you could actually hear Heaven's joy bells ringing as they welcomed another dear saint home. How beautiful is Paradise!

At times it seems the echo of his voice comes forth and we can hear him reading his favorite poem.

### Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell  
And after that the dark  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.

Alfred Tennyson

## NEWS AND NOTES

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especially former pastors and friends, to come and enjoy the fellowship of the day.

### Revival Services in Progress First Church of Woodrow

Revival services are in progress through May 1 at First

Church of Woodrow. Special music is being featured each evening. The Rev. David Cauley, pastor of New Haven Church, is the guest evangelist. The church and its pastor, the Rev. Owen A. Lupton, cordially invite the public to attend the remainder of these services. The services begin at 7:30 nightly.

### Short Summer Session At Carolina Bible Institute

A short summer session will be held at Carolina Bible Institute, Monday, May 3, through Friday, May 14. Classes will meet nightly, except on Wednesdays, from 7:30-9.

The course offered is entitled "The Holy Spirit." Classes will be taught using both videotapes and traditional methods. Enrollment is limited to 30 students.

### Woman's Day to Be Observed At First Church, Kinston

First Church, Kinston, will celebrate its annual Woman's Day on May 2, 1982, with its services being directed by the women of the church.

The morning speaker will be Miss Rudene Kennedy of Cabin Church, Pink Hill. The evening speaker will be Mrs. N. B. Barrow of Snow Hill. Her husband is a former pastor of the church.

Mrs. C. B. Wade has been elected "Woman of the Year" and will be recognized in both services. Circle 4 will host a reception in her honor following the 7 p.m. worship service. Friends, members, and relatives are invited to attend both services. The Rev. C. H. Overman is pastor of the church.

### First Church, Smithfield To Have Study Course

There will be a study course on Monday, May 3, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. at First Church, Smithfield. The study will be on *Methods of the Woman's Auxiliary*, which will be taught by Mrs. Dola Dudley. This course is sponsored by the Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliaries. Everyone is welcome to attend. The study course co-chairmen are Marie Daughtry and Shirley Sellers.

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Please help us to make this event a success.

Thank you,  
E. Howard Cayton  
Executive Director



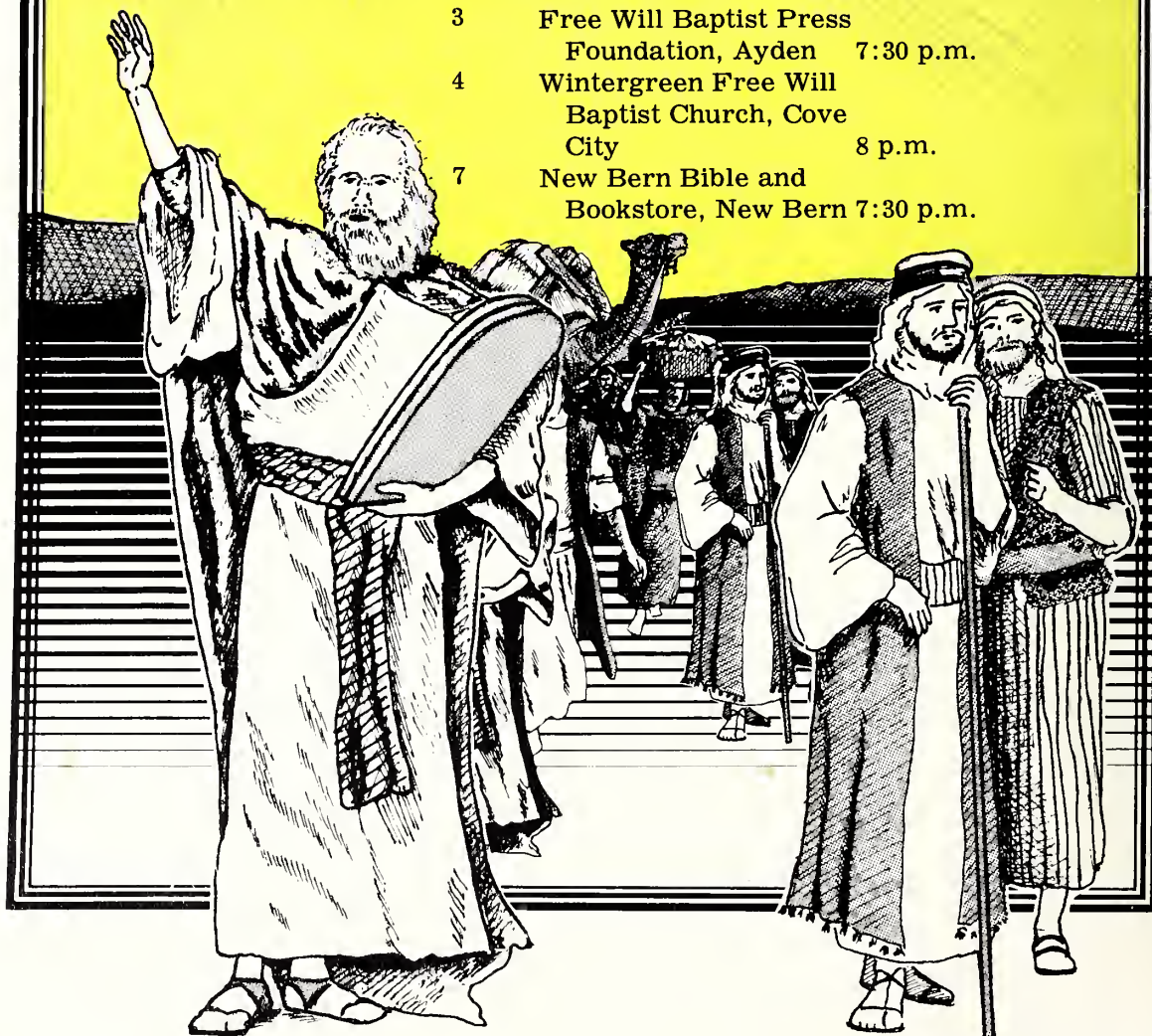
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| May 1 | Kinston Bible and Bookstore, Kinston            | 10 a.m.   |
| 3     | Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Ayden       | 7:30 p.m. |
| 4     | Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City | 8 p.m.    |
| 7     | New Bern Bible and Bookstore, New Bern          | 7:30 p.m. |





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**MOTHER FATHER CHILDREN MOTHER FATHER CHILDREN**



## You Ought to Taste Her Chocolate Cake!

The word *mother* denotes many things, but when a young child hears this term, he usually thinks of her functions first, then her feelings. "She loves me," is usually preceded by, "You ought to taste her chocolate cake!" But as we grow, our minds become a thick album of pictures, all of which are associated with that lady we know of as "Mama," for we come to realize that the needs which are met in a family by the mother are as diverse as life itself.

Strong in my mind is a picture of a new mother being checked out of a hospital—the very place where her young child was born a few days earlier. The excited male at her side proudly orchestrates the transition from hospital to home. The look on her face (and his) makes this scene quite memorable. There is a sense of awe present: they have had a part in bringing a new life into the world; the babe in her arms is an assurance of the future.

In our albums are many precious memories. We see Mother standing by her child and his first bicycle; oh, the scrapes and bruises—but she is always there to take care of them! There are Scouting trips and Christmas programs. (Do you remember all those cookies she bought and the many costumes she labored those endless hours to finish—always just in the nick of time?) Oh yes, we can't forget those art contests, vacations, class trips, little talks, and all those assemblies and graduations . . .

A rather curious scene is found in the print which captures a bride's mother on her daughter's wedding day. How exciting it is to watch the expression on that mother's face as she sees her "little girl" walk down the aisle. I usually wonder what is going on in her mind, but the tears in her eyes relate much. She thinks:

May she have daughters  
of her own  
to care  
when she is old  
and I am gone.  
I should have loved  
to care for her once more  
as I did those  
long years before.  
I was a mother young  
and she—my child.  
Caring was joy. So when  
she is old and I am There,  
may she have daughters  
of her own  
to care.

—Ruth Bell Graham

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# Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Celebrates Fiftieth Year

## Part Four

by Minnie Hansley Chandler

The Auxiliary Convention continued to meet with the Albemarle Union, having their meeting on Saturday afternoon after the Union until on October 29, 1938, at Saint Paul's Church in Elizabeth City a motion was passed that the Auxiliary Convention withdraw from the Union and meet twice yearly in April and October. At this time the convention had grown from six locals to ten; namely: Elizabeth City Mission Circle, Malachi's Chapel, Soundside, Piney Grove, Union Grove (now Trinity), Corinth, Free Union (Beaufort County), Free Union (Tyrrell County), Gum Neck, and Hickory Chapel. The contributions had grown from \$3 to \$22.14.

Following are the minutes of the first Albemarle Auxiliary Convention after it separated from the Union Meeting.<sup>15</sup>

"The Albemarle Auxiliary Convention met with Mount Tabor Church, April 6, 1939. Devotions, Mrs. W. L. Jernigan; Prayer, W. L. Moretz; Address Welcome, Mrs. D. H. Furlough; Response, J. W. Copeland.

"We were glad to have with us the following ministers: W. L. Moretz, E. C. Morris, Tom Davenport, W. L. Jernigan, D. M. Radcliffe, Marshal Joyner, and Dr. G. A. Martin, a Missionary Baptist minister.

"List of churches called (delegates and contributions): Malachi's Chapel, S. A. Reynolds. Convention Ex-

penses—50¢; Orphanage—\$2.00; Education—50¢; Superannuation—\$1.00; Missions—\$1.00 (Total \$5.00).

"Mount Tabor, Mrs. D. H. Furlough. Convention Expenses—25¢; Orphanage—46¢; Extension Work—25¢; Education—25¢; Superannuation—50¢; Missions—50¢; (Total \$2.21).

"Elizabeth City (St. Paul), Mrs. M. M. Jennings. Convention Expenses—25¢; Orphanage—50¢; Education—25¢; Superannuation—50¢; Missions—\$1.00 (Total \$2.50).

"Free Union (Beaufort County), Mrs. B. M. Radcliffe. Convention Expenses—50¢; Orphanage—\$2.00; Superannuation—50¢; Missions—\$1.00 (Total \$4.00).

"Sidney, by letter. Orphanage—50¢; Missions—50¢; (Total \$1.00).

"Elizabeth City Mission Circle (St. Paul), Convention Expenses—\$1.50; Orphanage—50¢; Education—80¢; Superannuation—50¢; Missions—50¢; (Total \$3.80).

"The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The various directors were called on for reports.

"Mrs. Morris read a letter from our newest missionary, Mrs. Bessie Yeley.

"Congregational singing was led by the Rev. W. L. Jernigan. Prayer was offered by Dr. G. A. Martin, after which we were favored with a very interesting sermon by the Rev. W. L. Moretz, using for his subject, "A Woman Who Influenced the World."

## AFTERNOON SESSION

"Devotions, Mrs. W. A. Willoughby; Prayer, Rev. W. L. Moretz; Duet, Mrs. W. L. Jernigan and Mrs. Eleanor Furlough.

"This being the day for the election of officers, the president declared the convention open for nominations:

"Mrs. E. C. Morris, our president resigned and Mrs. Richard Marriner was elected.

"Vice President, Mrs. E. C. Morris; Secretary, Miss Alice Webster; Treasurer, Mrs. Archie Willoughby and Mrs. John Copeland.

"This being the time for the election of directors:

"Publicity and Literature—Mrs. Sarah Homes; Christian Education—Miss Alice Webster; Orphanage—Mrs. J. W. Copeland; Missions—Mrs. H. S. Swain; Stewardship—Mrs. Richard Marriner; Superannuation—Mrs. W. L. Jernigan; Field Worker—Mrs. W. H. Harrison. (All directors were reelected except for Mrs. Jernigan and Mrs. Harrison.)

"The treasurer gave her report and it was accepted.

"A motion was made and carried that we send \$2 to Mr. Davidson for Education.

"Paid Mr. Moretz \$4.50 for Foreign Missions.

"Motion to send Superannuation money to State Director to use as they saw fit.

"A rising vote of thanks was extended to the hostess church.

"The Rev. Marshal Joyner gave a very interesting talk

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using for his subject, 'A Christian World.'

'Mrs. H. S. Swain gave a talk, using for her subject, 'Volunteers for Jesus,' which was very interesting.

'Mrs. O. B. Willoughby also gave a talk and she used for her subject, 'The Great Commission' which was very interesting.

"The convention closed to meet with Free Union Church the first Thursday in October, 1939.

Mrs. Richard Mariner, *President*  
Miss Alice Webster, *Secretary*"

### ALBEMARLE AUXILIARY CONVENTION OBSERVES TWENTY-FIVE YEARS<sup>15</sup>

The Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention observed its 25th anniversary on Thursday, April 18, 1957, at the Belhaven Church. The theme was "Through Channels of Light." A "Jesus Saves" lighthouse, assembled by Mrs. Archie Willoughby and Mrs. A. B. Chandler, program director, beamed throughout the day from the altar.

10:00—Congregational Hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus"  
—Devotions, "Children of Light," Mrs. Edwin Roper

—Special Music, "I Will Pilot Thee," Mrs. Hilda Allen

10:15—Welcome, Mrs. D. R. Tolan

—Response, Mrs. J. E. Foreman

—Recognition of Visitors

10:25—President's Message, Mrs. Lonnie Davenport

10:30—Appointment of Committees

10:50—News of Children's Home

—Congregational Hymn (and offering),  
"Throw Out the Life-line"

11:15—"The Lamplighters,"  
Mrs. Archie Willoughby

(Mrs. Willoughby recognized all who had served as president of the convention and presented each with a small battery operated brass lamp. These were: Mrs. W. W. Ricks, Belhaven; Mrs. H. S. Swain, Columbia; Mrs. E. C. Morris; Mrs. Richard Mariner, Jamesville; Mrs. D. H. Furlough, Mt. Tabor; Mrs. William Webster, Free Union; Mrs. Edwin Roper, Sidney; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville; Mrs. Delsie Waters, Shiloh; Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Ahoskie; Mrs. Lonnie Davenport, Mt. Tabor.)

(Secretaries recognized were: Mrs. D. C. Dillion; Mrs. W. V. Reynolds; Mrs. Callie S. Davenport; Mrs. R. R. Swain; Miss Alice Webster, who served from 1938-1953 without once being absent: Mrs. D. V. Pittman; Mrs. Leroy Cutler; and Mrs. C. J. Waters.)

(Treasurers recognized were: Mrs. G. V. Boyd; Mrs. John Copeland; Mrs. Olive Davenport; Mrs. Archie Willoughby; Mrs. Walter Brinson; Mrs. A. M. Reynolds; Mrs. Harry Swain; Mrs. Viva Spencer; and, Mrs. Delsie Waters.)

—Special Music, "Ship Ahoy," Mrs. Hilda Allen

11:30—Convention Message, "The Light Is Darkened," the Rev. J. D. Woodruff

12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 Congregational Hymn, "The Solid Rock"

—Devotions, "Christ, the Light of the World," Mrs. William Webster

—Special Music, "The Stranger of Galilee," Mrs. Douglas Spencer

1:15—Highlights of Twenty-Six Years: Progress in Enlistment Work, Mrs. Sherman Sawyer; Progress in Youth Work, Mrs. A. B. Chandler; Progress in Study Course Work, Mrs. J. E. Foreman; Progress in Programs, Mrs. A. B. Chandler; Progress in Orphanage Work, Mrs. S. H. Voliva; Progress in Benevolent Work

(Interesting facts brought out were:

At one time or another, every one of the Albemarle auxiliaries have represented in the convention. The membership had grown from ten auxiliaries in 1938 to fourteen.

Elizabeth City (St. Paul) was the first auxiliary of which we have any record to adopt a child from the Orphanage.

The three children from the Orphanage adopted by the convention were Victoria Brickhouse, Gene Page, and Brenda Batts.

The first contribution for Christian Education was given in May 1938 in the amount of twenty-five cents.

The first contribution to Missions was in 1935 in the amount of \$5.

It was noted that contributions increased after the auxiliaries began using report blanks.)

1:45—Business Session  
—Visitors Remarks

—Congregational Hymn, "Send the Light"

3:00—Benediction

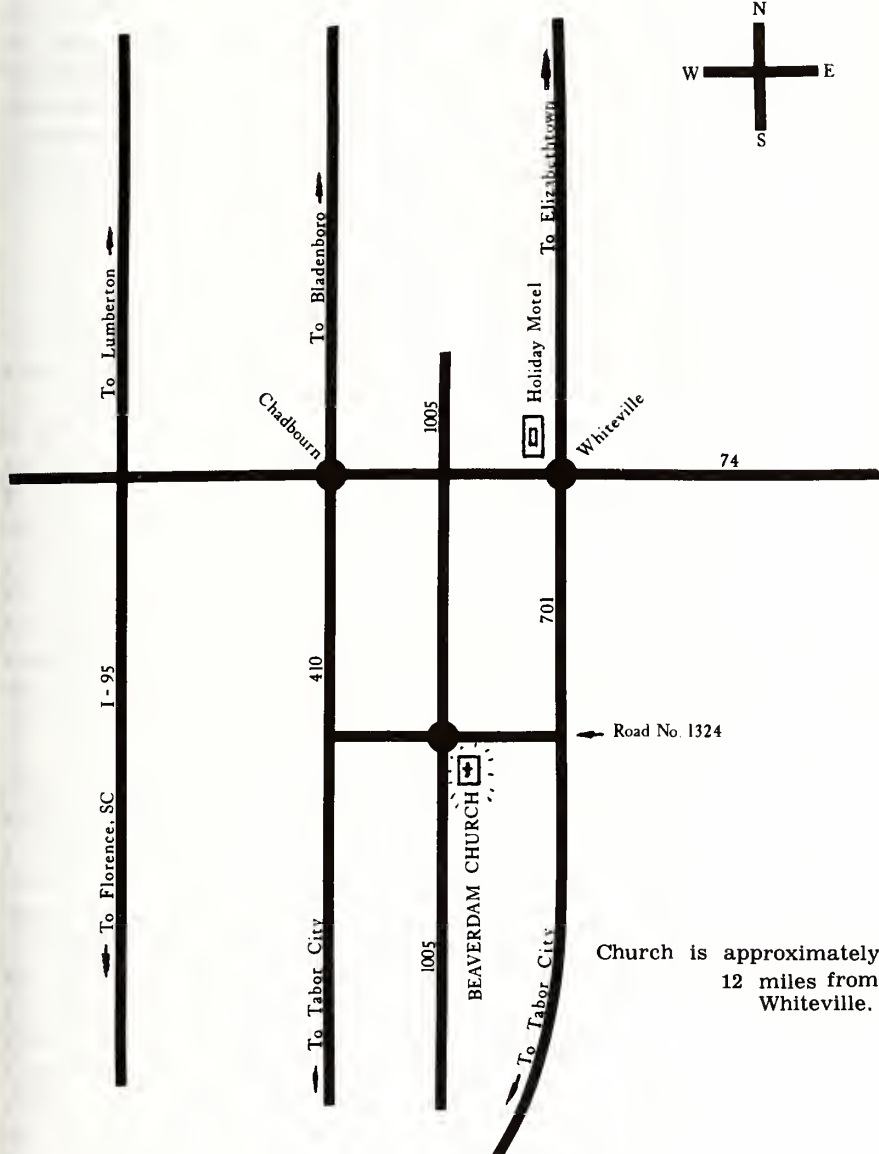
Mrs. Lonnie Davenport, *President*  
Mrs. C. J. Waters, *Secretary*

<sup>15</sup>Albemarle Auxiliary Convention, August 6, 1939.

<sup>16</sup>Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention minutes, April 18, 1957.

## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention to Be Held



The North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet for its fifty-fifth annual session at Beaverdam Church, near Whiteville, on May 13. It is being hosted by the Pee Dee District Auxiliary Convention. The theme of the convention will be "My Commitment to Service." The Scripture will be taken from Acts 9:6, "And he . . . said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go

. . . ." The scheduled program is as follows:

#### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn 125 "He Keeps Me Singing"
  - Invocation
  - Devotion, Mrs. Nancy Hardee
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Louise Cartrette
  - Response, Mrs. Sadie Daughtry

- 10:20—Greetings, Mrs. Happy Taylor, President
  - Recognition of Personalities
  - Business Session
- 10:50—Life Membership Award
- 11:00—Morning Worship
  - Hymn 362 "I Am Thine, O Lord"
  - Offering
  - Special Music, Beaverdam Church
  - Convention Message, the Rev. Harold Jones
  - Hymn 386 "Ready"
- 12:00—Lunch

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn 157 "Trust and Obey"
    - Memorial Service, Mrs. Martha Pittman
  - 1:20—Miscellaneous Business
    - Report of Committees
  - 2:00—Installation of Officers, Mrs. Rosalene Bass
  - 2:30—Adjournment and Benediction
- Pianist, Mrs. Nina Grace Register  
 Music Director, Mrs. Dianne Riley

### Sweet Gum Grove Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Sweet Gum Grove Church, Route 1, Stokes, celebrated its 75th anniversary on Sunday, April 4, 1982, with a very interesting and inspiring service. A short history of the church was given by Mr. Marion Nobles stating that some time in the first part of 1907, a Sunday school was begun in the Sweet Gum Grove schoolhouse located on the farm of Simon Nobles (great grandfather of Marion Nobles). The Rev. Robert Franklin Pittman, age 23, an ordained minister and student of the Ayden Seminary, was its first pastor. On the first

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Sunday in April, 1907, he delivered the first sermon.

On the first Sunday in 1913, the one-room church was dedicated debt free. The land was given by the Nobles family.

Honored members, 75 years or older, were recognized and presented corsages. They were Mrs. Margaret Barnhill; Mrs. Margaret Alexander, (who passed on to her reward April 13, 1982); Mrs. Callie James; Mrs. Ethel Tyson; Mrs. Lena Barnhill; Mrs. Margaret Terterton; Mrs. Minnie Alexander; and Mrs. Mae Briley.

Mrs. Edith Barnhill and Mrs. Elizabeth Adams sang the very beautiful "With Deepest Gratitude."

The pastor, the Rev. David Hill, delivered the morning message entitled "The Road to Calvary," with Scripture taken from Luke 23:32-46. Lunch was served in the community building. An enjoyable day was had by the many who attended.

The celebration was climaxed, with a revival, April 5-9. It was a soul-stirring revival with Joe Hudson as the evangelist. Many dedicated their lives to Christ and four were new converts. A social was held on Friday night, April 9.

#### **Wintergreen Church to Host Youth Rally**

A youth rally will be held at Wintergreen Church near Cove City, on May 8, at 7:30 p.m. This will also be the regular meeting for the Fifth Union of the Eastern Conference; however, young and old from all churches are invited to attend.

Brother John Weller from the Radio Station WBIC in New Bern will present a program about rock music. He will have a tape as well as some album covers that he will use during the program. He used to be a disc jockey in rock music, but now he is working for a full-time Christian radio station. There will be a time for questions on his presentation.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the fellowship building.

Wintergreen Church is located 3 miles north of Cove City on state road 1256.

#### **Bolings Honored At Palmer Memorial Church**



*The Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Boling*

"He's a Great Big Wonderful God" is the title of a song the choir at Palmer Memorial Church has learned to love and enjoy singing. The members of the church never fail to thank this Great Big Wonderful God for all the blessings that He has bestowed on them. One of the reasons the people at Palmer Memorial are so grateful to Him is because He sent His servant, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling.

These past twelve months have really given the members a year to be remembered. God has richly blessed the hearts and lives through the preaching of His Word by Mr. Boling and the untiring leadership and guidance of him and his dedicated wife, Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Boling celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on March 6, 1982. On Sunday night, March 7, the members gave a reception in their honor after the evening worship service. It was well attended and the Bolings received many lovely and useful gifts.

On Sunday, March 21, Pastor Appreciation Day was observed. Lunch was served in the fellowship hall after the service; everyone enjoyed the fellowship and meal with Mr. and Mrs. Boling.

The members look forward to the months ahead with great anticipation, for they believe that God has a great work for Palmer Memorial Church to do; and through the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Boling it will be done.

#### **Miss Bessie Nobles Honored**

Miss Bessie Nobles of Winterville Church, Winterville, was honored recently by the deacon board of the church during a Holy Communion service. She was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Taylor, for baking the communion bread for 42 years. "Miss Bessie" is also well known for her "chocolate cakes" which she willingly donates to all the church functions.

In addition to baking communion bread and cakes, Miss Nobles has faithfully served her church in many ways. Some of her activities date back to years of weekly cleaning the church, building the fire, playing the piano, and laundering the communion cloths. Lately she and her auxiliary members have been quilting to raise money for the building fund.

Miss Bessie is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Walter B. Nobles. She and her sister, Mrs. Minnie Hines, live together in Winterville.

#### **Unity Revival to Be Held at Trent Church**

A unity revival will be held at Trent Church, Merritt, on May 10-15. The time of the services is 7:45 p.m. The scheduled program is as follows:

Monday: Minister in charge, the Rev. Ralph Sumner;

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## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

MARCH 1982

Total \$19,769.97

### ALBEMARLE

Belhaven	\$ 25.00
Free Union	25.00
Hickory Chapel	10.00
Highland Pines	111.36
Mount Tabor	152.93
Saint Paul	175.00
Sidney	25.00
Sound Side	20.00
Total	\$ 544.29

### CAPE FEAR

Haymount	\$ 113.08
Saint Mary's Grove	100.00
Total	\$ 213.08

### CENTRAL

Aspen Grove	\$ 334.00
Black Jack	25.00
Cedar Grove	100.00
Daniels Chapel	325.00
Dilda's Grove	262.97
Edgewood	5.00
Free Union	458.33
Friendship	379.63
Greenville, First	10.00
Gum Swamp	250.00
Harrell's Chapel	95.00
Hickory Grove	365.00
Hugo	125.00
King's Cross Roads	85.66
Little Creek	200.00
Otter's Creek	77.50
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	111.91
Pleasant Hill	100.00
Reedy Branch	147.65
Rocky Mount, First	50.00
Tarboro, First	300.00
Winterville	245.55
Total	\$4,053.20

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Beaufort Mission	\$ 40.00
Bridgeton	71.00
Core Creek	71.81
Crab Point	15.00
Daly's Chapel	60.00
Deep Run	232.66
Dublin Grove	151.10
Ephesus	133.64
Faith	75.00
Gethsemane	600.00
Gray Branch	400.00
Hillsberry	30.00
Holly Springs	4,931.14
Kinston, First	80.00
Lanier's Chapel	60.00
New Haven	265.57
Northeast	48.80
Oriental	10.00
Otway	50.00

Pearsall Chapel	150.00
Sandy Plain	250.00
Snow Hill	400.00
Trent	40.00
Westside	350.00
Whaley's Chapel	150.00
Total	\$8,665.72

### PEE DEE

Beaverdam	\$1,025.00
Emerson	500.00
Oak Grove	398.68
Total	\$1,923.68

### PIEDMONT

East Rockingham	\$ 63.07
Highland Pines	50.00
Total	\$ 113.07

### TOE RIVER

Curtis Creek	\$ 100.00
Roaring Creek	72.66
Total	\$ 172.66

### WESTERN

Calvary	\$ 162.50
Everett Chapel	104.94
Fremont	50.00
Friendship	100.00
Holly Springs	500.00
Kenly	10.00
Living Waters	100.00
Marsh Swamp	100.00
Milbournie	125.00
New Sandy Hill	150.00
Pine Level	5.00
Piney Grove	131.25

Pleasant Grove	20.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00
Rains Cross Roads	50.00
Rosebud	5.00
Sherron Acres	175.00
Spring Hill	250.00
St. Mary's	375.00
Stancil's Chapel	54.23
Union Chapel	32.50
Union Grove	74.50
Watson's Grove	25.00
Wilson, First	1,250.00
New Life	134.35
Total	\$4,084.27

### MEMORIALS

	\$ 632.00
By Kenly Auxiliary in memory of Jesse Woodard	
By Samuel A. Pittman in memory of Wilbert W. Temple	
By Shirley B. Fuller in memory of Tommy Godwins	
By BB&T Employees in memory of Tommy Godwins	
By Margaret and Selma Briley in memory of Clarence and Martha Briley	
By Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poythress in memory of Hugh Mercer	
By Vendora S. Sutton in memory of J. H. Sutton	
By Winston Wooten in memory of J. H. Sutton	
By Kenly Auxiliary in memory of Jesse Woodard	
By John H. Walters in memory of John W. Walters	
By Margaret Briley in memory of Walter and Catherine Briley	
By Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt Sr. in memory of Mrs. Lanie Boykin Liles	

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Please help us to make this event a success.

Thank you,  
E. Howard Cayton  
Executive Director



Dear Pastor and Laymen:

You are invited to attend the organizational meeting of the North Carolina State Layman's League Convention May 15, at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 5 p.m. for those coming in time for the meal (the cost of which is \$5 per person). Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. for those unable to come in time for dinner. The meeting to organize the Convention will begin in Rodgers Chapel at 7 p.m.

In order for the personnel of Mount Olive College to know how many to prepare for for the dinner, it is requested that all churches notify Mr. Henry Paul Beaman, Route 1, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580, the approximate number of those planning to be present for the dinner. Mr. Beaman's phone number is (919) 753-4263. He should receive this information no later than May 10.

This meeting is for all Free Will Baptist laymen and pastors who are in good standing with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. If your church has a Layman's League, a Men's Fellowship or a Men's Brotherhood, we urge you to attend. Even if your church does not have a men's organization, come and join us.

We plan to have literature available at this meeting which will be of help in organizing and promoting the work of laymen in the local church and at the conference and state level. The Free Will Baptist Press will be providing this literature at a special discount.

In His service,  
Henry Paul Beaman, *Secretary for the  
State Layman's League Board*  
C. L. Patrick, *Advisor to the State  
Layman's League Board*

### Program for State Layman's League Convention

The program to organize the North Carolina State Layman's League Convention is as follows:

Prelude  
Hymn "All Hail the Power"  
Invocation, Harvey Cobb  
Greetings, the Rev. David Charles Hansley  
Welcome, Dr. W. Burkette Raper  
Response, Donald Marlowe  
Male Chorus, Free Union, (Central Conference)  
Recognize Pastors and District Conventions  
Male Chorus, Fremont, (Western Conference)  
Purpose of the Layman's League, the Rev. C. L. Patrick  
Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
Offering  
Organize the Convention, the Rev. David Charles Hansley  
Install the Officers, the Rev. David Charles Hansley  
Hymn "Blest Be the Tie"  
Benediction

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Presiding—the Rev. David Charles Hansley  
Pianist—Mrs. Ray Cunningham  
Song Leader—Mr. Alfred Moore

## BARNARD FAMILY ARRIVES IN THE PHILIPPINES



The happy arrival of the Barnard family has turned our thoughts to Acts 16:9, 10. "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (v. 9). Many times the Baker family along with many of you have prayed this same prayer: "Come over to the Philippines and help us." God is so faithful. He has heard our prayers and has taken them before Charles, Jackie, Shanna and Jeffrey Barnard. We must not forget to praise God for that. "And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them" (v. 10). When God calls and leads, man has the choice to follow or to rebel. We are so thankful that the Barnard family believed that the Lord has called them to preach the gospel to the Filipino people. We praise God for their obedience in following His command to come to this place.

The Barnards arrived March 16, 1982, at the Puerto Princesa Airport. A welcoming party was held for them on March 17 at the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church.

Since arriving they have been very busy taking part in PBI graduation, the annual convention and many other activities. They are adjusting very well to many new customs and friends. We have truly been blessed by the fellowship of Charles, Jackie, Shanna and Jeffrey. Their ability to take hold and work hard has already been witnessed. We look forward to the harvest that shall be reaped in the name of our Lord through this faithful family.

Please remember to praise God for the safe arrival of the Barnard family. Hold them up daily before the throne as they labor for the Lord Jesus Christ in His vineyard.

Thank you for all you have done to make possible their appointment and arrival here in the Philippines. May God richly bless each of you for your part.

Fred Baker  
*Missionary to the Philippines*

## CHARLES BARNARD WRITES FROM THE PHILIPPINES

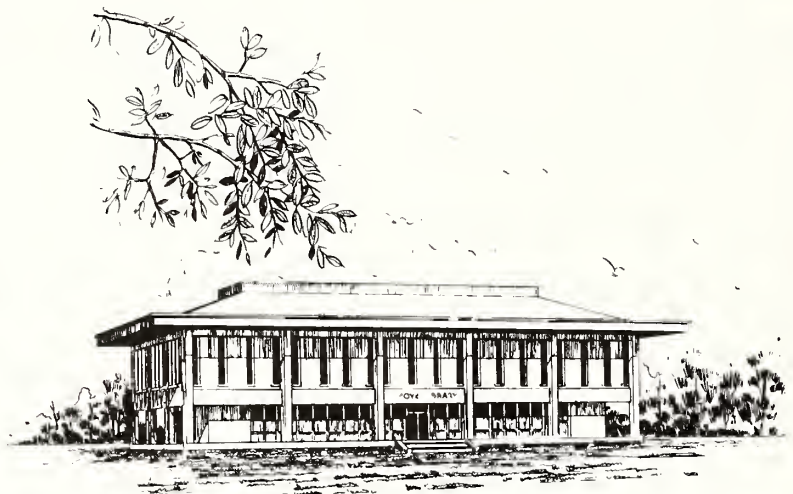


"The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all nations: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isaiah 52:10).

"Greetings" from the beautiful island of Palawan. We arrived safely on Tuesday, March 16, 1982. Our trip was long, yet enjoyable.

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*The Board of Trustees, Faculty  
and Graduating Class of  
Mount Olive College*

*request the honor of your presence*

*at the*

*Twenty-seventh Commencement Exercises*

*Friday evening, May seventh*

*Nineteen hundred and eighty-two*

*six o'clock*

*Moye Library Lawn*

## SECRETARIAL OPENING

Mount Olive College has an opening for the position of Secretary to the Director of Financial Aid. Minimum qualifications include an Associate Degree (two years of college) in Secretarial Science. Experience in College Student Aid work preferred. Send complete resume to Mr. James A. Coats. Vice President for Finance, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

## SPEAKERS AT GRADUATION



*Dr. Michael R. Pelt*

Dr. Michael R. Pelt, chairman of the department of religion, will be the speaker for the Commencement Worship Service at Mount Olive College to be held Sunday, May 2, in Rodgers Chapel. Dr. Pelt has been a member of the faculty for 25 years.



*Mrs. Lorelle F. Martin*

Mrs. Lorelle F. Martin, chairman of the science department, will be the speaker for graduation exercises to be held Friday, May 7, on the Moye Library Lawn. Mrs. Martin has been a member of the faculty for 25 years.

**PERSECUTED BUT TRIUMPHANT**

**Lesson Text:** Revelation 7:9-17  
**Memory Verse:** Revelation 7:17

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The story is told of a boy of about nine or ten years of age who was riding a stagecoach alone, back in the last century. He had gotten off a train in a little Western town where the railroad and the stagecoach lines crossed. To reach his destination he had to take a stagecoach across many miles of rough mountains and desert.

In spite of the fact that the boy was weary from his long journey and had a right to be apprehensive about the stagecoach ride, which wound through rough country, inhabited by unfriendly Indians, he was cheerful and happy mile after mile. Finally, one of the passengers asked him, "Son, why are you so happy? Most boys your age would be frightened half to death."

"Oh," he replied. "I don't mind the rough ride or the Indians or other dangers. I know my father is waiting for me at the end of the line."

Christians have every right to feel the same way as they meet life's trials. After all, our Father is waiting for us at the end of the line!

With Chapter 6 we begin to encounter some of the serious differences that have arisen in interpreting Revelation. The theory one brings to the book will go a long way in determining how he interprets each passage. However, on some issues there is general agreement. Most, for example, will agree that as the Lamb begins to open the seals of the book, we are given glimpses of the future.

Six of the seals are opened in the sixth chapter. As each of

the seals is opened, a tremendous event takes place, most of which involves destruction and suffering. But before the seventh seal is opened, Chapter 7 depicts an interlude in the drama of destruction—an interlude in which provisions are made to protect the faithful. Our printed text covers the latter verses of the seventh chapter.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

**II. HINTS THAT HELP**

A. Our lesson today is concerned with a great parenthesis, or break in the action, between the opening of the sixth and seventh seals. It is as though God stopped the camera and allowed John to see what was happening to the people who had been saved during the Great Tribulation.

B. Be sure to point out that if God can save people during the Great Tribulation, He can save people today. We sometimes get discouraged and feel that God just will not save anyone in our community today.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

**III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS**

A. At the close of last Sunday's lesson we saw the hosts of Heaven rejoicing about the throne of God as the Lamb of God takes the seven-sealed book from God's hand, being the only one worthy to open it. Beginning with Chapter 6, we read that the Lamb, Jesus Christ, begins to open or break the seals to disclose what the book contained. Let us look briefly at what was revealed to John.

B. The first seal revealed a white horse with one upon it carrying a bow, going forth to conquer (6:1, 2).

C. The second seal revealed a red horse going forth with one

on it with power to take peace from the earth (6:3, 4).

D. The third seal revealed a black horse with one on it bearing a pair of balances, bringing with him famine upon the earth (6:5, 6).

E. The fourth seal revealed a pale horse with Death sitting upon it and Hell following him. Many were killed by this rider (6:7, 8).

F. The fifth seal revealed the many martyrs who had been killed for their testimony for Christ (6:9-11).

G. The sixth seal revealed great calamities that would come upon the earth during the Great Tribulation (6:12-17).

H. The seventh seal was opened (8:1) to usher in still another series of calamities upon the earth. Between the opening of the sixth and seventh seals is an interlude where the text of our lesson today is found.

I. The four horsemen in Verses 1-8 are referred to as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, and all the events taking place after the opening of the first seal are in the period known as the Tribulation or the Great Tribulation.

—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

**IV. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON**

*Am I the Only One?*—A young man had accepted Christ and become a Christian during the summer. When he returned to school that fall he wondered if he would be the only Christian there, and if he could be faithful under these circumstances. He did not have long to wonder. When he let it be known that he was a Christian, he found that there were other Christians there also.—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*



## SUNDAY, MAY 9

Scripture Reading—Romans 15:1-6

### SPANKED BOY, 11, SLAYS THREE KIN!

The above caption topped the front page of a great metropolitan daily newspaper. The terrible happening screamingly points an accusing finger at the decaying society which man has created apart from God. "The world we have created is too much for us," said Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins, former chancellor of the University of Chicago. He is right. Our forgetfulness of God is exacting an alarming toll, and has unorbbed and unanchored ever increasing numbers of children and youths. Society has eaten the proverbial "sour grapes," and the youths' teeth are set on edge! Now let us go back to the "spanked boy," who, with cold-blooded deliberation, took the lives of his mother, father, and older brother: "I'm going to kill you," the boy said to his older brother as he felled him with a rifle bullet. Seeing his mother through a bedroom window, he sent a bullet scudding through her heart. Going around to the front of the house, he saw his father rushing out. "Hi, Dad," said the boy as he fired at him. "He fell to his knees and I fired again. He was still after the second shot, but I fired a third to make sure!"

We relate these gruesome and heartbreaking facts solely for one purpose: That all who read may weap, and cry to God to look in pity and mercy upon a world floundering in a veritable morass of immorality, drunkenness, and the sin diseases which brought about the downfall and disintegration of the nations of the yesteryears!

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Since man's extremity is God's opportunity, we weepingly and pleadingly cry to God, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy Law" (Psalm 119:126). Let this be our ceaseless heart-cry, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known: in wrath remember mercy" (Habakkuk 3:2).*

## MONDAY, MAY 10

Scripture Reading—Romans 15:7-9

### DOES THIS STARTLE YOU?

In two years Judge B. E. Johnson, of Pierce County Juvenile Court, Tacoma, Washington, had over 2,000 young people ten to eighteen years old appear before him. All but one listed a denominational preference. However, at the time of their arrest less than 2 percent were in regular contact with a church or Sunday school. The judge asked each of these youngsters if, when they dropped out of Sunday school, anyone contacted them to get them back. During the two years only two youngsters said such a contact was made.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Does this startle you? What about your Sunday school?*

## TUESDAY, MAY 11

Scripture Reading—Romans 15:10-16

### NO ANSWER

While contending with the manifold problems of geography and climate in the building of the Panama Canal, Colonel George Washington Goethals had to endure the carping criticism of countless busybodies back home who freely predicted that he would

never complete his great task. But the resolute builder pressed steadily forward in his work, and said nothing.

"Aren't you going to answer your critics?" a subordinate inquired.

"In time," Goethals replied.

"How?"

The great engineer smiled. "With the canal," he replied.

## PRAYER THOUGHT

*Don't mind criticism. If it is untrue, disregard it. If it is unfair, keep from irritation. If it is ignorant, smile. If it is justified, learn from it.*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Scripture Reading—Romans 15:17-27

### CHURCH CANNIBALS

With regularity, a Christian father and mother attended church with their children. After the services, around the dinner table, the pastor, the choir, the church officials were served "a la carte" as the family roundly and unjustly criticized. In time the hearts and minds of the children became hardened against the pastor and the church, thus making it impossible for the pastor to reach them for Christ. They became "gospel hardened," a fatal spiritual malady. They fell completely away from the church. They went recklessly into sin and worldliness. How overcome with grief were the mother and father over the way their children had gone! But now it was too late!

How different it might have been had the father and mother directed the conversation aright around the dinner table, and instead of "picking to pieces," the pastor, the church, and its officials, had poured out their hearts in prayer for them, and for the unsaved ones

including the children about the dinner table!

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Criticizing others is a dangerous thing, not so much because you may make mistakes about them, but because you may be revealing the truth about yourself.*

#### THURSDAY, MAY 13

Scripture Reading—Romans 15:28-33

#### THE WRECKING CREW

I stood on the streets of a busy town,

Watching men tearing a building down:

With a "Ho, heave, ho," and a lusty yell,

They swung a beam and a side-wall fell.

I asked the foreman of the crew,

"Are those men as skilled as those you'd hire if you wanted to build?"

"Ah, no," he said, "no indeed. Just common labor is all I need.

I can tear down as much in a day or two,

As would take skilled men a year to do."

And then I thought as I went on my way,

Just which of these two roles am I trying to play?

Have I walked life's road with care,

Measuring each deed with rule and square?

Or am I one of those who roam the town,

Content with the labor of tearing down?

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Until we know all, we should not pass judgment at all.*

#### FRIDAY, MAY 14

Scripture Reading—Romans 16:1-18

#### ME AND THOU

An aged man said to his aged wife, "Honey, I think everybody is peculiar excepting me and thou, and sometimes I think that thou art a little peculiar!"

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

How human it is to see the faults of others and be blind to our own faults. The Saviour asks this question of chronic critics: "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" (Matthew 7:3).

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Before criticizing another's faults, take time to count ten of your own.*

#### SATURDAY, MAY 15

Scripture Reading—Romans 16:19-27

#### A LITTLE WALK AROUND YOURSELF

When you're criticizing others and are finding here and there

A fault or two to speak of, or a weakness you can tear;

When you're blaming someone's meanness or accusing one of pelf—

It's time that you went out to take a walk around yourself.

There's lots of human failures in the average of us all,

And lots of grave shortcomings in the short ones and the tall;

But when we think of evils men should lay upon the shelves,

It's time we all went out to take a walk around ourselves.

We need so often in this life this balancing of scales,

This seeing how much in us wins and how much in us fails;

Before you judge another—just to lay him on the shelf—

It would be a splendid plan to take a walk around yourself.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*There has been only one faultless person in this world, and He has promised to present all believers "faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 1:24).*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

September 30, 1981—

March 31, 1982

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Cape Fear Union	
Sunday School Convention	\$ 20.00
Third Union District	
Sunday School Convention	120.00
Hickory Chapel	83.07
Pleasant Plain	50.00
Core Creek	24.00
Flood's Chapel	6.00
Second Union	
Sunday School Convention	100.00
Kinston	120.00
Juniper Chapel	38.85
Friendship (Johnston County)	80.00
Rose Hill	20.00
People's Chapel	5.00
Smithfield (First)	27.50
Total	\$694.42

W. Milton Wiggs, Treasurer

#### NOTE

The Woman's Conference scheduled at Cragmont Assembly during the week of August 2-7 is filled. Please register for the second week, which is August 9-14. Thanks. Hope to see you there!

Dola Dudley, Director

#### COMING EVENTS

May—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Children's Home Month

May 7—Mount Olive College, Commencement (Graduation), library lawn, 6 p.m., Mrs. Lorelle F. Martin, speaker (Both Dr. Michael Pelt and Mrs. Lorelle Martin are distinguished as professors for their 25 years of service to Mount Olive College.)

May 9—Mother's Day

May 9—Children's Home Day in Local Churches (If your church does not meet on that Sunday, choose a more convenient Sunday.)

May 11—Foreign Missions Board of Directors Meeting



## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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God blessed us abundantly as we were able to make every connection in a smooth timely manner. Since arriving we have enjoyed the warm Christian fellowship and hospitality of the Baker family and local believers. We were honored with a special service sponsored by the local churches. Everyone has made us feel welcome.

God again blessed us as we were able to attend the Second Graduation and Commencement Exercises of Palawan Bible Institute. Please begin to pray now for the upcoming year at PBI.

As we praise God for His bountiful provision and calling, we want to say a word of thanks to all of the good people of the North Carolina Original Free Will Baptist Churches. The Foreign Missions Board has been very supportive. Pastors and their members have rallied to the cry of billions of lost souls. Much has been accomplished, much more is still to be done! We urge you to pray faithfully that God will use our church in a greater way.

We send a special word of thanks to those who attended our commissioning service and departure. Also, we must not forget to mention the superb support to the cause of world evangelism by the pastor and members of Black Jack Church.

May God continue to richly bless each and everyone of you is our prayer.



## NEWS AND NOTES

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message, the Rev. William Littleton; choir, Mount Zion Church; Tuesday: minister in charge, the Rev. Doug Skinner; message, the Rev. John Clark; choir, Rock of Zion Church; Wednesday: minister in charge, the Rev. A. Graham Lane; message, the Rev. Timmy Webber; choir, New Bethlehem; Thursday: minister in charge, the Rev. Blaney Rowe; message, the Rev. Bob Yates; choir, Warden's Grove Church; Friday: minister in charge, the Rev. Ralph Sumner; message, the Rev. Dwight Hawley; choir, Trent Church; (all Saturday services will be conducted at Camp Vandemere) Saturday: minister in charge, the Rev. Ralph Sumner; message, the Rev. A. Graham Lane; choir special, Arapahoe; choir, combination of all church choirs. On Saturday come early for recreation and games at 3 p.m., a picnic for everyone at 6 p.m., and worship services at 7:45 p.m.

### Pee Dee District Women Met

The Pee Dee District Women met on April 3, 1982, at Oak Grove Church near Bladenboro for their spring convention. The theme for the convention was "Put On the Whole Armour of God." The Scripture was taken from Ephesians 6:10-18. The President of the Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention is Mrs. Louise Cartrette. The Rev. Jack Lassiter brought the message of the day. A business session and an installation of officers were held.

Renew your subscription to *The Free Will Baptist* now!

### ATTENTION

As craft director of Youth Frontier Conference—AFC week—at Cragmont, I would like for the women who have aluminum pie pans to spare to take or send them by someone going to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention on April 13 at Beaverdam Church. Since I will be unable to attend this meeting, Miss Becky Jo Sumner will assume the responsibility of collecting them for me. These pans will be used in one of the crafts for AFC week of camp.

Libby Taylor

### ATTENTION PASTORS OF CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

The annual YEARBOOK is now available. Please pick up those allocated to your church at the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore. If this is not convenient, we will deliver to the Union Meeting on May 29 at Faith Church.

Mrs. Ray G. Smith  
Conference Secretary

### State Youth Convention Tee Shirts

**\$4 for Children's**  
**\$5 for Adults'**

Available through the  
Free Will Baptist Press  
and its branch bookstores.



### EDITORIAL

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Another picture found in our album is rather heart-tugging. It is the memory of walking from a gravesight with that man who has just buried his mother. We walked along in silence, each had his own thoughts. I felt with him the kind of loneliness that comes from giving up the one who brought him into the world; and memories crowd my mind and heart of the day when I, too, took such a walk and left "her" behind.

A woman, as both wife and mother, plays a significant role in the family. She is 50% of a parenting couple (and sometimes more). She figures prominently in all the pictures of the family and in facing the problems that confront them.

## Youth Frontier Conference

### YFA Week

Scott and Janie Sowers, Directors

Route 1, Box 106-B  
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(919) 753-4260, 753-2185

YFAers will soon be traveling to Cragmont Assembly to attend the 1982 Youth Frontier Conference. Youth Frontier Conference (YFA Week) is unique because it is the only youth encampment planned at Cragmont for only teenagers (ages 13 up). This encampment always proves to be a time of fun and fellowship, a time of soul-searching and inspiration. The theme for the week is "Jesus, the Wonder Worker," and this year's encampment is scheduled for June 28—July 3.

To make sure you are among those attending YFA Week, please mail the application below soon! (Mail no later than June 18; but don't wait, as you might be closed out if you do.) Send the application with a \$10 registration fee. Letters explaining what you need to carry to camp will be sent when your registration fee is received; bus schedules will be mailed on June 21. The cost of camp is \$65, plus a \$20 activity fee. (This activity fee covers the expense of a trip to the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, and the cost of a group picture.) Please make checks payable to Youth Frontier Conference/YFA Week (balance due upon boarding bus—\$75).

### APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

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# STATE

## LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION



**Saturday,  
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**Mount Olive College  
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# Undermining the Family

The role the family plays in American society needs to be neither overlooked nor underestimated. Often though, individuals marry and begin families without understanding what they are doing; the reasons for this are many. For example, we are all influenced by those who make a vocation of debunking marriage and the institution of the family itself. Most of the books and periodicals currently being written operate on the assumption that the family is an "over-the-hill" institution and that the sooner we come up with a viable alternative, the better off we will be. We all know that things that go wrong receive much more attention than things that go right. Therefore, it is possible that people have spent so much time and energy focusing on the weaknesses of this institution that we have forgotten its strengths.

The overdependence people place on other institutions tends to undermine the family. Parents once spent many hours with their children, instructing them in both how to live and how to act. But, the general education of American youths has been taken over by public schools; as a result, the family—parents, that is—have less and less input into the process. Religious education seems to have been turned over to churches, with parents feeling less and less responsibility. There has also been an increased tendency to look to the government to provide services (previously and) traditionally taken care of by family members. It is almost as though we have become blinded: although schools, churches, and the government should be our allies, they can never substitute for the family unit, for it serves to undergird all of society.

Much of the future of our country is being determined, not by ambassadors, congressmen, or presidents, but by parents. The building of an effective, healthy family unit is the most important business in the world—and it should be so treated. Consider this:

## "Jimmy"

He is made up of the following ingredients:

Noise, energy, imagination, curiosity, and hunger.

He is "the cute little fellow down the street,"

"That spoiled imp next door," or "My son" . . .

Depending on who you are.

He is something to be kept fed, clothed, healthy, happy and out of trouble.

But . . .

He is something else, too.

He is (today and) tomorrow.

He is the future we are fighting for.

He is part of the world's most important generation.

Our generation must win the war and peace.

His generation must keep the peace.

His generation will determine whether it was worth doing.

He is one of the most important people in history.

So . . .

Anyone who influences his life is also a mighty important person.

—Boy Scouts of America (Adapted)

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# “RELIGION—IS IT OF GOD OR IS IT OF SATAN?”

by the Rev. Dewey C. Boling

*For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:20). If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world (James 1:26, 27).*

Everyone has some kind of religion, but religion itself cannot save. To be saved, you must be born again. Satan doesn't care how much nor what kind you have as long as you are not born of the Spirit of God. One group will say, "Become like us. We have the only right way," but listen, Jesus is the only Way—the only Truth—and the only Life. You can belong to any group or church and have a whole lot of religion for there are many kinds. Self-righteousness is the worst kind in the world today; it was in Jesus Christ's day and He called them (see Matthew 12:34) a "generation of vipers," for "how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." Jesus tells us in Matthew 12:36, ". . . That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Verse 37 tells us "For by the words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." The people of Jesus' day were asking for a sign (Matthew 12:38), but

in Verses 39, 40, He tells them "an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. For as Jonas spent three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (See 1 Peter 3:18-20 and Ephesians 4:8-10.)

In today's generation, everywhere you look people are saying we have something new. It is the real thing. Many are trying to tell everyone that unless you have what they claim to have and do like they do, you are not right with God. Some would have us believe that unless we are baptized in the name of Jesus only and speak in an utterance they say is the gift of tongues, we cannot go to Heaven. One even told us, in the presence of witnesses, that his mother would not go to Heaven because she had not been baptized in the name of Jesus only and had never spoken in an unknown tongue. He referred me to Acts 2:38; I had him open a Bible lying on the table in front of us and read the verse, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." I had him read it the same way each time. I said, "You are not reading it right," and he said, "Don't you think I can read?" I said, "Yes,

but you are not reading it correctly. You are reading it like you want it to be and that is not correct." He said, "Then you read it." I read it correctly by adding the word he had left out—Christ. He said, "So what?" and I then asked him who is Jesus Christ? He replied God. I then asked him who is the Holy Ghost and he replied God, so I referred him to Colossians 2:6-10, because I wanted him to understand the Word of God. He looked at me and said, "Well, my preacher believes it like I told you and I believe he is right."

Isn't it time that people stop trying to believe like some preacher says because he claims to have a new revelation from God, and he is right and everyone else is wrong? I say to my people, "Please don't get preacher religion but receive the salvation that Jesus told Nicodemus that all men must receive to get to Heaven." Now, how can we receive this salvation? Simply by doing what Paul tells us to do in Romans 10:8-13: "But what sayeth it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thou mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the

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mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek—for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Remember, God's Word has said, "If anyone does this in faith, they shall be saved." Verse 14 continues: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (vv. 14-17).

Let's go back to my subject—religion. Is it of God or is it of Satan? How many people today are preaching that God did not call? How many preachers have decided they know more than the God they say called them? Ask yourself the question—Why is the world today filled with preachers who are claiming they have the only way and unless all others believe as they say, they are wrong. How many times have we seen on the TV screen those who claim to be healers and you see people fall out when the preacher touches them or prays for them and they tell the person they have been slain in the spirit. Question: Does not *Webster's New World Dictionary* say that *slain* is the "past participle of slay." Check the same dictionary, "slay—to kill by violent means; bring death upon; destroy." Question: How can anyone believe that a God of peace is going to

do such as this to any of His children? Isaiah 26:3 tells us, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 32:17, 18 says, "And the work of righteousness shall be peace . . . ." Romans 3:17, 18 says, "And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." Mark 9:50 tells us, "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another." But unless you believe as they want you to, they will not let you have peace, but will say unto you something like this. The reason that we keep trying to get you to accept what we claim is because we know that it is what you really need. Some of them even claim perfection in the flesh according to their doctrine of sanctification. But if you watch them, they often strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

Let me share with you an amazing truth. First Corinthians 14: 33, "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. And Romans 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." When you see those who claim healing powers trying to heal someone, why not ask yourself a question: Why are some of them wearing eyeglasses, some of them too fat, and some even bald-headed? Are they trying to get us to foolishly believe that a God who says in His Word that He has all power, can heal cancer, but can't heal our eyes so we won't have to wear glasses to see? All mankind is subject to disease and will surely die if the Lord tarries His coming because it is appointed unto men to die, but after this comes the judgment (see Hebrews 9:27).

Dear friends, if faith alone would bring healing to every Christian, none of God's children would ever die, but we all know that we did not come to live forever as we are in a body that is subject to disease. We came to make our peace, calling and election sure with God so that in the life to come we can have a glorified body like our Lord Jesus Christ. It is true that God does have power to heal all manner of diseases, but He only heals people in this present time for one purpose and that is to bring glory to Himself, and He alone knows when this will happen. Recently in one of our services we were asked to anoint some people and we did according to James 5:13-15. Out of six people that were anointed, several had part of their problems healed; one had the doctor do more x-rays and they showed that she had been healed, but some of those who were anointed did not have any results. So my friends, I say unto you, that in my estimation not one of those who was being prayed for was any better Christian than the other, but God gave healing in accordance to His Word, for it tells us in Romans 8:28, ". . . that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Dear readers of this article, what I am trying to say to you is this. If you know you have been born again (see Romans 10:8-13), why not trust the God of your salvation, for He cannot lie, but man can and often does. Hold on to Jesus Christ's hand and listen to your inward guide. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13). Paul tells us in Galatians 3:3, "... having begun in the Spirit,

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# Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Celebrates Fiftieth Year

## Part Five

by Minnie Hansley Chandler

### MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE ALBEMARLE AUXILIARY CONVENTION<sup>17</sup>

The Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention celebrated its fiftieth year during its fall convention at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Jamesville, North Carolina, on Thursday, October 15, 1981. The theme for the day was "Seeking Greater Knowledge Through God's Word." The Scripture was Proverbs 2:6.

The Convention was opened by the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises." Mrs. Ernie Waters from Free Union Auxiliary gave our morning devotion. Among the various Scriptures that she used were 2 Timothy 2:15, Proverbs 2:6, 7, and Proverbs 3:5, 6. She encouraged us to study God's Word and to submit ourselves to God.

A very cordial welcome was given by Mrs. Faye Davis of the host church. Mrs. Lewellen Wallace from Free Union Auxiliary gave the response.

In her remarks as president, Becky Jo Sumner read Proverbs 25:21 and 22. We were reminded that we are told by Christ to repay evil with good and this will be like heaping coals of fire upon the individual. She told us that whatever we do, do it for Christ's glory.

The president recognized the ministers and visitors present. Ministers present were: W. Burkette Raper, Taylor Hill, Robert May and Walter Sutton. We had two State Woman's Auxiliary officers

present other than the two from our own district. They were Mrs. John Taylor, State president; and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, State secretary. We were also privileged to have Charles Barnard, missionary candidate to the Philippines, with us.

The following committees were appointed by our president.

Finance: Mrs. Laura Webster, Mrs. Flossie Eure and Mrs. Ann Dilday.

Hospitality: Mrs. Naomi Tankard, Mrs. Doris Comstock and Mrs. Shirley Beecham.

The minutes of the last Convention were read and approved. All thirteen auxiliaries in the district were present when the roll was called. They were: Corinth, Free Union, Hickory Chapel, the Sudie May Auxiliary of Hickory Chapel, Mount Tabor #1, Mount Tabor #2, First of Plymouth, Shiloh, Sidney, Soundside, Saint Paul, Union Chapel, and Trinity. The secretary read a letter from the former secretary of the Gum Neck Auxiliary stating that they no longer had an auxiliary. They wrote that their church is very small and that their auxiliary members were elderly women who were unable to attend the auxiliary meetings. (It should be noted here that the Gum Neck ladies will be greatly missed in this Convention because they have been faithful to the Convention for many years.)

Charles Barnard, representing the Foreign Missions Board, read a letter from Mis-

sions Director Joseph Ingram to the Missions Board stating that he was resigning effective as of December 15, 1981, to go back into the pastorate. Mr. Barnard reminded us that God has a work for us to do in all our denominational enterprises by supporting one another. He stressed the need for prayer and unity.

The Rev. Taylor Hill represented Home Missions. He thanked the group for their prayers and financial support during his time of illness. He told us that the greatest home missions area is in our own local churches.

Mrs. Katie Roper, District Missions Chairman, informed us of Mr. Timmons' illness and encouraged us to write to him.

While the congregation sang "Give of Your Best to the Master," gifts for missions in the amount of \$365.33 were laid on an open Bible. Mrs. Eleanor Moore from Mount Tabor Auxiliary prayed the offertory prayer.

The Rev. Walter Sutton represented for the Children's Home and the Retirement Homes. There are presently two cottages open at the Children's Home and 24 children are being served. The Children's Home Board has adopted a no-growth policy at this time. The Board is considering turning the State Cottage into a rest home ministry.

An offering in the amount of \$64.45 was taken for the Children's Home. Becky Jo Sumner led in prayer.

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# GOLDSBORO CHURCH HAS DEDICATION SERVICE

*submitted by Hazel Casey*

The First Church of Goldsboro had a special service during the morning worship service on Sunday, March 28, to dedicate 110 Bibles purchased by the women of the church through the auxiliary for their unique jail ministry. The Rev. Norman Ard, the pastor, placed special emphasis on the jail ministry, and gave a history of what had been accomplished during the past 6 years in this ministry. He also led in the dedication prayer on the Bibles, asking God to bless each person who came into contact with them. This service was in conjunction with missions month.

The ministry was born and birthed in prayer on April 11, 1976. For some time prior to this the ladies of the church had discussed this, prayed earnestly, and sought God's leading in this great undertaking to reach prisoners. It was indeed a great vision, and God has blessed in many ways throughout the 6 years of this ministry. Every week as the workers go into the jail, between 55 and 70 contacts are made, and materials and Bibles are handed out to the inmates as they are witnessed to in mini-services which are held at each cell block. God's Word is read, prayers are offered on behalf of the inmates, and singing is a highlight for many there behind bars. The hardened criminals have been softened up by the singing of old hymns, and on many occasions,

the inmates join in and help sing.

The first missions committee to become involved with this ministry was composed of Lanie Pierce, Mildred Wiggins, Dot Lord, Kim Lord, and Hazel Casey. On this first visit, April 11, 1976, 43 prisoners were visited, and 250 pieces of material were given out, along with 10 Bibles. The response was overwhelming. The jailer reported to the committee that he had never experienced such a calm atmosphere among the prisoners in jail, for every one said, "Thank you" for the reading material.

During the past 6 years, the workers have placed 45,000 tracts, magazines, novels on the book rack, and also given some directly to inmates. They have placed 500 Bibles in the hands of inmates, as they told them the story of Jesus. The men of the church have also given their support to this ministry, for they have purchased 160 of the 500 Bibles which have been distributed. At Easter, special tracts are given to the inmates, and every year for the past 6 years, Christmas stockings have been made, stuffed with fruit, nuts, candy, gum and tracts and given to the inmates on Christmas Eve. The men of the church have helped to get the goodies to stuff the stockings, especially Wilber Shirley, whom the auxiliary goes to in time of need, financially or otherwise. At present the auxiliary is very proud and happy to have Mr. Wayne

Pauley involved in our jail ministry. Mr. Pauley, an airman stationed at Seymour Johnson Field, joined the church on December 7, 1980, and became involved in the jail ministry in 1981. We feel very grateful to have Wayne going into the jail, for he is going to make our church and denomination a great preacher one of these days. Also involved in the visitation at present, and since the ministry was organized, is Sharlene Creech Howell. We could not do without Sharlene, for she prays, witnesses, and sings to the inmates. Also, Hazel Casey is the other member of the visitation team, and was on the first visitation to the jail.

We in the auxiliary do not know what the final outcome will be in regard to the visitation among the inmates, and the placing of God's Word in the hearts and hands of the prisoners. Only God will know what the harvest will bring in souls added to His kingdom. We are responsible to sow the seeds, and He will give the increase. Some of the Bibles placed among the prisoners have found their way to other prisons where the hardened criminals are pulling their time. Some of these men are being saved through the Word, and we are so grateful to have had the privilege of witnessing in this special type of ministry.

We need the prayers of all our readers of this paper as we began our seventh year of the jail ministry on Easter Day.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### **The Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Barrow to Be Honored**

The members of Hull Road Church, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina, will have a service honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Nigel Bruce Barrow for fifty years of faithful service to the Free Will Baptist denomination on Sunday, May 23, 1982, at 3 p.m. Gifts for the Barrow Family Endowment Fund at Mount Olive College will be received during the service. A reception is to follow.

### **The Jerry Taylor Family To Present Program**

The Jerry Taylor family will present a Christian puppet program at Core Creek Church, Cove City, on May 16, 1982. The time of the program is 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Upcoming Events at Pleasant Grove Church**

Revival services will be held at Pleasant Grove Church, Route 3, Dunn, May 12-15. The Rev. Keith Cobb will be the evangelist. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming will be observed on May 16 with the Rev. C. M. Coats as the speaker for the occasion. All friends of Pleasant Grove are welcome, especially former pastors. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

There will be a time of singing at 7 p.m. The Erwin Senior Citizens Sunshine Band will be on the program, along with other featured singers. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

### **Holly Springs Church To Observe Homecoming**

Homecoming services will be observed at Holly Springs Church, Route 2, Kenly, on Sun-

day, June 6. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. and the morning worship at 11 a.m. The speaker for the occasion will be the pastor, the Rev. W. Royster Martin. Lunch will be served at the church after the worship services. A memorial service will be held in the afternoon followed by special singing. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

### **Revival Services to Be Held at Sidney Church**

Revival services will be held at Sidney Church, Route 2, Belhaven, May 26-30. The time of the services is 7:45 p.m. There will be special music each night. A nursery will be provided. The Rev. Robert F. Burke is the evangelist. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Revival Services at White Oak Church**

Revival services will be held at White Oak Church, Bladenboro, May 17-21. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Wayne Watson from Kansas. There will be special music each evening. The congregation and the pastor, the Rev. Jack Lassiter, extend an invitation to everyone to attend.

### **Spring Singspiration for Central Conference Layman's League Fellowship**

The Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will be having its spring singspiration on Friday night, May 21, and Saturday night, May 22. All offerings received will go to Mount Olive College. The time of the programs is 7:30 p.m. On Friday night, the singspiration will be held at Bethany Church in Pitt County, and on Saturday night,

the singing will be at Rose Hill Church, Pitt County. The scheduled programs are as follows:

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT**

Free Union Men's Choir  
Free Union Quartet  
The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Jones, King's Cross Roads  
Richie Tugwell, King's Cross Roads  
Grimsley Choir  
Clark Family, Free Union  
Grover Hester, Bethany  
Rex Wainright, Bethany  
Ormondsville Choir  
Spring Branch Quartet  
Rose of Sharon Singers  
Aspen Grove Quartet  
Judy Dail Bowen, Bethany  
Bethany Trio

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT**

Rose Hill Quartet  
Piney Grove Singers  
Mickie and Vickie Baysden  
The Gospelaire, Tarboro  
Tarboro Men's Quartet  
The Rev. O. B. Jones, Tarboro  
Mount Zion Quartet  
Pleasant Hill Quartet  
Friendship Quartet  
The Genesis Quartet  
Greenville Quartet

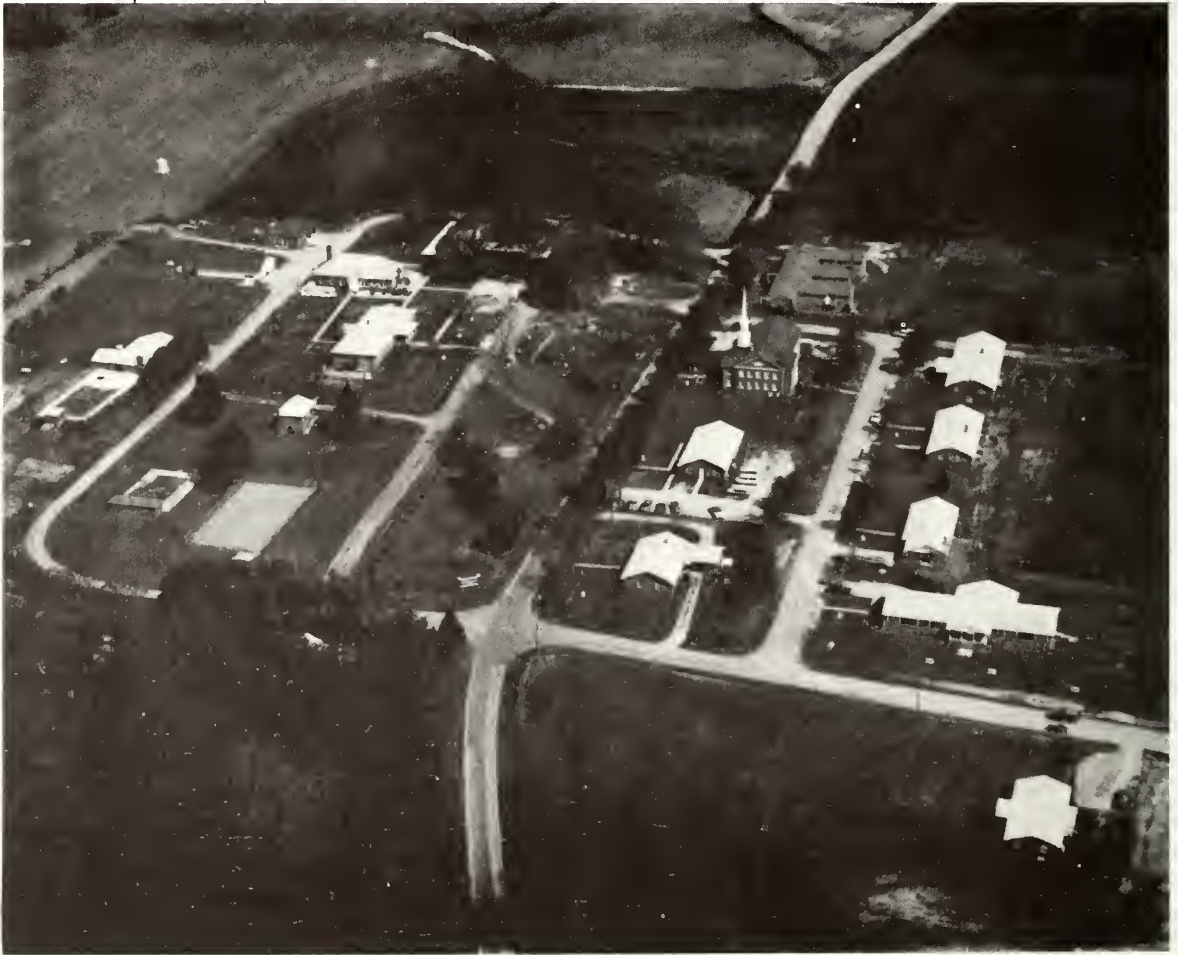
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are you now made perfect in the flesh? He tells us in Philipians 1:27, "... to stand fast in one spirit, ..." Let us do as John tells us in 1 John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because, many false prophets are gone out into the world." Remember that Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 3:6, "... the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."



# *May Is* **CHILDREN'S HOME MONTH**



*May 22nd* **Founder's Day at the  
Children's Home**

*Services begin at 10:30 a.m.  
Picnic Lunch at Noon*

*Auction Sale in the Afternoon*

*Open House in the Afternoon*

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Mount Olive College, a church related College with approximately 400 students, which emphasizes Christian values and conduct, invites applications for the following positions beginning in mid-August, 1982. Applicants for both positions must have a strong commitment to Christian education.

### RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Responsibilities include the administration of a facility housing 140 female students and directing a program of activities for all students. Applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree and related experience. A furnished apartment and board are provided for this 9 month position. Letters of application, resume and three letters of reference by May 26, 1982, to Dr. J. Thomas Johnson, dean of students.

### FACULTY POSITION IN MATHEMATICS

Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate mathematics. Academic preparation beyond the Master's Degree in Mathematics is required and preference will be given to applicants who have an earned doctorate. Letters of application, resume and three letters of reference by May 26, 1982, to Dr. Opey D. Jeanes, Vice President-Dean.

Salary for both positions: Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

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## TRUSTEES SET TARGET DATE FOR COLLEGE HALL

The Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College has voted to begin construction of College Hall at the earliest feasible date. The vote came April 27 at a regular meeting of the trustees in Mount Olive.

James B. Hunt Sr., of Lucama, chairman of the Board, said the vote was "unanimous and enthusiastic." Action came following a report from T. A. Loving Company of Goldsboro with whom the College has a negotiated cost-control contract for the building, and a report from a Raleigh based bonding firm on plans for financing the project.

President W. Burkette Raper reported that the College anticipated beginning construction by late summer. College Hall is designed as an athletic-physical education facility for the College and as a convention-recreation center for the Free Will Baptist Church and the Mount Olive Community. Construction is expected to take eighteen months.

Cost of the project is estimated at \$2.5 million. Trustees have set a minimum of \$1.5 million in gifts and pledges before authorizing construction to begin, but President Raper reported to the Board that he believed this goal would be reached during the summer. "Our total is now in excess of \$1,150,000, from more than 1,000 donors," he reported.

The College anticipates financing the balance of the cost through seven-year mortgage bonds.

"The building of College Hall will represent a significant step forward in our plans to develop Mount Olive into a four-year

college," President Raper said. "Our plans are to add the junior year in 1984 and the senior year in 1985."

In other action, trustees were told by Nancy Sampsell, director of admissions, that while applications for next year were generally down at private colleges in North Carolina, they were up at Mount Olive. Dr. Thomas Johnson, dean of students, reported that the number of students signing housing contracts to live on campus next year was up 9% over last year.

Librarian Gary F. Barefoot reported that the library now has in excess of 33,000 volumes toward its goal of 40,000 by 1984 and 50,000 by 1989. "We expect the library to be ready on schedule for the four-year program," he said.

## GRANTS TO FWB STUDENTS INCREASE TO \$1,000

Church/College grants to Free Will Baptist students have been increased to \$1,000 for the 1982-83 academic year.

Under this special grants program, Free Will Baptist churches who wish to participate may provide up to \$500 of the tuition a student must pay each academic year. The College will match that contribution for a total maximum tuition credit of \$1,000.

To qualify for the Church/College grant program, a student must be a member of a church affiliated with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and be enrolled on a full-time basis, taking not less than 12 hours per semester. Also, the participating church must send in advance of registration a check signed by the treasurer with the

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## OUR CHURCH IN RETROSPECT

by Dr. Emmanuel Lall



*School children being taught Christian education*

The year 1981 was full of events, achievements and accomplishments for which we owe our gratitude to God and to the Original Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina. India is the second largest country in population in the world, comprising 683,810,051. It is estimated that about 10 percent are Muslims, slightly less than 3 percent, Christians, and the rest, Hindus, divided into various subcastes. However, Northern India, which is our work center, has a negligible population of Christians, say 0.15 percent. While the Muslims adhere to their principles of "Qurran" the rest of the population believe in idol worship. Neither the Muslims nor Hindus in their religious books have any message for salvation or hope for eternal life. According to the Hindu faith the search for salvation began 700 years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is, therefore, no secret to know that the Word has to be preached in the length and breadth of our country to fulfill the commandment of the Lord as contained in the Scriptures.

We are grateful to God for the opportunity given to us for completing the task of evangelization to the teeming millions in our country. Though the missionary movement remains under attack which at times is troublesome to us, the doors for preaching are not closed as yet. We are, therefore, quite realistic about the cause and feel dedicated to the proposition that the evangelistic movement should not die but be revitalized in the indigenous missionary undertaking. The time is now challenging the church in India to make a careful study and develop a strategy aimed at rural evangelization, which reaches 82 percent of the total population residing in the area. There was a time that Christianity did not flourish in the rural areas, especially in Northern India, because of fear for life and property and there is no doubt that there have been many martyrs for the Christian cause. The situation as it exists now is that the villagers are more receptive to the Word. It is because men are in search of their real God to derive peace

and consolation. There is much restlessness so far as the spiritual life is concerned. Our personal experience in the field is that we can do wonders if we have adequate resources at our disposal. The tremendous work in the field of evangelism done by us in the rural parts of our country is indeed satisfying to our souls. The Free Will Baptist Church in India is said to be a living and witnessing church in our country though with meager resources. In my article contained in our church bulletin for the month of November 1981, I clearly stated the situation of rural evangelism carried out by us while other missions have withdrawn from the field. We are pioneering the movement of evangelism throughout the country.

The movement and progress in our elementary schools have been satisfactory. We have at the moment eight schools with an enrollment of 883 which imparts education from the lowest level to fifth standard. Initially, we had ten schools with a total enrollment of 1,003 children last year at this time, but two schools had to be closed down during the year because of unavoidable circumstances. There is zeal and enthusiasm among the children and the teachers. With the gracious help of the fellow-believers in North Carolina we were able to give 245 woolen jerseys to the needy children during the peak of the current winter. Above all, the opportunity of Christian education in these schools is of great strength to the children and to us also.

It is, however, felt that the needs of these schools should be examined with a view to establish them on a permanent

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CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

**Lesson Text:** Revelation 19: 11-16; 20:11, 12

**Memory Verse:** Revelation 19: 1, 2

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The corn was knee high and my father decided it was time to plant the Kentucky Wonder beans in the corn rows. The job fell to me, but since the day was hot and there were many other things I preferred to do, I approached the job with a lot less enthusiasm than my father had in assigning it.

I started out as I was instructed, but after a couple of rows that seemed hundreds of yards long, I grew weary. Soon a clever plot was hatched to get out of the work. I began to plant the beans only every twenty or thirty feet apart. Of course, after all the rows were done, I still had half a sack of beans left. These I took to the far end of the garden and planted them in one large hole. I had not much more than finished this task when it started to rain. Now I was all set. I had completed the perfect crime. As soon as Dad came home from work I knew he would ask about the beans. I could honestly say that I had planted them. If he asked if I had planted every row, I could still say, at least half truthfully, that I had. Even if he asked if I had planted all the beans, I could answer truthfully that I had.

About two weeks later Dad came in from the garden. "Son," he said, "the beans in the corn didn't come up too well."

"Must have been bad seed," I mumbled.

"Oh, is that right?" he responded, his voice taking on a former note. "Those you planted at the end of the garden came up very well." The

justice that followed was swift and painful.

Don't we confront temptations like that every day? We face an unpleasant job or seek a forbidden fruit, and so we take a moral shortcut. Often, when we plan carefully, we get away with it—for two weeks, or two years, or half a lifetime. But sooner or later that moment of truth comes, and we learn to our dismay that wicked deeds, like beans, will eventually sprout and reveal their presence.

In the chapters that intervene between last Sunday's lesson and today's lesson John sets before us a vast panoramic view of history. In imagery that often defies precise identification we see the seventh seal opened, we hear the seven vials being poured out. We see other aspects of the struggle between good and evil under such figures as Babylon and the great harlot.

Now in today's lesson this great cosmic struggle is coming to a climax in the final judgment. While scholars may differ greatly about all the events that the preceding chapters depict and about the date for the judgment, all agree that there will be a final judgment, "the great and the terrible day of the Lord."—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

**II. HINTS THAT HELP**

In Revelation 19 and 20, from which our Scripture for this lesson is taken, we read of Christ's Second Coming as a great military leader (the Rider on the White Horse) and of the trial of the resurrected dead (the Great White Throne Judgment). Christ leads the hosts of Heaven against Satan, his allies and followers, and defeats them. His armies slain,

Satan is cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. During that time (the Millennium), the saints and the martyrs who died in the Christian faith are to reign with Christ. After the thousand years, Satan, released to prey upon mankind once more, gathers new armies from among the nations of the earth for a final battle against Heaven. His followers are utterly destroyed, and Satan is cast into eternal torment. The resurrected dead are brought before God for judgment. Those whose names are written in "the Book of Life" will be saved, the rest "cast into the lake of fire."—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

**III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS**

A. In this day of grace we have Christ as our Advocate (1 John 2:1) before the throne of God. He pleads our case and implores the Father's forgiveness when we sin. If we meet God's requirements in 1 John 1:9 we are cleansed and forgiven, and fellowship with Him is fully restored.

B. But there is coming a day when Christ will no longer be our Advocate, but will be our Judge. His judgments will be righteous; that is, they will be fair and true. For example, if the unsaved man rejects Christ in this life and dies in his sins, he will be sentenced to eternal life. The Word of God teaches this, and the unsaved man knows it. The choice is his, but if he dies in his sins the judgment will be Christ's.

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## SUNDAY, MAY 16

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 1

### HOME, SWEET HOME

Years ago the world-famed opera singer, Jenny Lind, sang in many of the cities of our nation. In Washington, D.C., she sang to many celebrities, including the president, the vice president, members of the cabinet, and congressmen. She so thrilled her great audience that at the close of the concert the applause was thunderous and she was brought back to the stage for seventeen encore numbers. As she was about to sing her last encore, she chanced to see a man in the gallery whom she recognized as John Howard Payne, the man who wrote "Home, Sweet Home," a song which strikes a responsive chord in hearts around the world. Simply and beautifully Jenny Lind sang that song. The audience was spellbound. Deep emotion brought tears to the eyes of many. At its conclusion, the audience leaped to its feet and applauded unroariously, and hats were thrown into the air. The demonstration lasted for five minutes. Then the audience sensed the fact that the writer of the song was present! Silence suddenly pervaded the scene. All turned and looked with deferential awe at the man in the gallery who had given to the world a song that will last as long as times lasts.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*The beauty of a house is harmony,  
The security of a house is loyalty,  
The joy of a house is love,  
The plenty of a house is in children,  
The rule of a house is service,  
The comfort of a house is God himself.*

## MONDAY, MAY 17

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2

### NON-CHURCHGOING PARENTS

Two condemned murderers were recently executed in the State of Utah. On the night of their execution they made public statements: "The principal cause for our failure in life was the lack of religious training in the home. We do not protest against the forfeiture of our lives. We are guilty of a most serious crime. For the sake of the record, however, we must say that we both came from broken homes. We grew up in neglect. We were left to shift for ourselves. We had no parental care, affection and guidance. Religious training would have pointed us in the right direction. But godless, non-churchgoing parents led us away from Sunday school and the church. While in prison, we have tried to build up in our souls what was lacking—vital faith in God and forgiveness of our great sin by the Saviour. This enables us to accept our punishment with trustful resignation!"

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is my conviction that the greatest single need of young life in America today is the need for restoration of the home as a dependable, godly influence. Our lads and lassies are in desperate need of sources of strength from the home.*

## TUESDAY, MAY 18

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 3

### GLAMORIZED VICE ENTERS HOMES!

One evening a family sat talking together. They heard a gentle rapping. Thinking that someone was knocking at the

door, they opened it. No one was there, however. They listened more closely and learned that the sound was coming from somewhere in the house. With difficulty they located the noise. A picture of Christ hung in one of the rooms. An electric fan was blowing a stream of air against it. Intermittently the picture struck the wall and produced the gentle rapping.

Think of it! A picture of Christ upset a household!

Does not Christ often upset and disturb households where He is supposed to be a welcomed Guest? How many households need to be upset by Christ! Does Christ see things in our homes which dishonor Him? Does He see things which undermine the morals of our youths and blunt the sensibility which we formerly had toward evil? Too often, glamorized vice comes into our homes via radio and television.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Home—a roof to keep out rain, four walls to keep out wind, floors to keep out cold! Yes, but home is more than that: It is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father, warmth of loving hearts, the light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty, comradeship!*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4

### TO BE NOTED ON A BLUEPRINT

It takes a heap of thinking  
To plan a house for two.  
It takes a heap of money  
To see the project through.  
It takes a heap of flooring  
To cover rooms and halls,  
It takes a heap of plaster  
To smooth its many walls.  
It takes a heap of labor

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And many pounds of nails;  
And yet it's worth the watching  
And waiting it entails,  
For when a house is finished,  
From cornerstone to dome,  
It takes but happy heartbeats  
To change it to a home.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*A house is built of logs and stones,  
Of tiles and posts and piers,  
A home is built of loving deeds,  
That stand a thousand years.*

#### THURSDAY, MAY 20

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:17-33

#### NEITHER BID HIM GOD SPEED

Two callers stood at the door of a faithful Christian who recognized them as representatives of a false religion. "May we come in?" they asked. "No!" said the Christian, "I have tried to help others of your sect, but they just heckled and ridiculed me." They said, "If you will let us come in, we will not interrupt you as you talk." When seated, the Christian asked, "Do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was the Son of God?" "Yes, we believe that Jesus was a Son of God." Instantly, the Christian turned to the following verses in his Bible and read them slowly and prayerfully: "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and . . . If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed" (2 John 1:7, 10). In an awed voice, the zealous callers asked, "Do you wish us to leave?" "Yes!" was the short reply.

The Christian then knelt and prayed, "Father, forgive me. I received in my home those who do not believe that Thy Son was God manifested in the flesh!"

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#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*There are times in every home when tempers become short and hasty words fly. This shouldn't happen, however, and it should be our fixed purpose to obey the injunction: "Learn first to shew piety at home" (1 Timothy 5:4).*

#### FRIDAY, MAY 21

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:1-16

#### A GODLY MINISTER GAVE ADVICE

A godly old minister, after he performed a marriage ceremony, always gave advice to the bride and groom. Some of his church officials thought he ought to discontinue the custom. One said, "It is too old-fashioned." But the chairman of the board said, "Our pastor performed our wedding ceremony twenty years ago. I didn't know the Lord then, but because of a searching question he asked me: 'Have you invited the Lord Jesus to be a guest at your wedding and bless your home?' I asked the Saviour to come into my heart and abide there! If Christian counsel was needed twenty years ago, it is more greatly needed today!"

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our nation is sadly in need of a rebirth of the simple life—a return to the days when God was a part of each household, when families arose in the morning with a prayer on their lips, and ended the day by gathering together to place themselves in His care.*

*If there is hope for the future of America; if there is to be peace and happiness in our homes, then we, as a nation, must turn to God and the practice of daily family prayer.*

#### SATURDAY, MAY 22

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6

#### THE CHILD IN THE GODLESS HOME

Think of your child in his Christian home,

See him in prayer at your knees;

Then think of the child in the godless home,  
What manner of chance has he?

What chance to learn why the Saviour died,

And why His blood was shed;  
Will he only learn salvation's plan

Too late, when he is dead?

"As the twig is bent the tree inclines,"

A child is a tender plant,  
And a child needs God as a flower needs light,  
And a soul can die from want.

#### PRAYER THOUGHT

*"Suffer the children to come unto Me!"*

*"Dear Saviour, can there be A greater service, a sweeter task,  
Than to bring a child to Thee?"*

Selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*,  
Walter B. Knight.

#### NOTICES

There will **not** be a bus chartered to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention for those women who are members of the Eastern District.

The Western Conference Layman's League Convention will meet on Monday, May 17, at Pine Level Church, Pine Level, NC. This event will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The North Carolina State Sunday School Convention is sponsoring a week of camp at Cragmont, General Youth Conference-II, July 12-17. The Rev. Frank Grubbs will direct this week and the Rev. Joe Crumpler is serving as registrar. See next week's issue for more details.



## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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specification that the check is for the student named.

For the 1981-82 academic year, Free Will Baptist students who participated in the program received a maximum of \$700 credited toward their tuition.

President Raper explained that the purpose of the Church/College grant program was to assist Free Will Baptist young people in attending their own church-related college.

The deadline for churches to inform the College of their participation in the church-grant program is June 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester. Full information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Betty Cobb, Director of Financial Aid, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (phone 919/658-4933).

### PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Core Creek Church, Cove City, on Sunday, May 16, at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Core Creek Church is the Rev. Bass Mitchell.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

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basis so that they may be in a position to get government recognition similar to that accorded other institutions. It is possible only when we have proper school rooms. Some of these schools are held in the open for want of shelter and difficulty is experienced when it rains or the dust blows in summer.

Our evangelistic efforts have borne fruit. During the year under report no pains were spared to teach the Word of God even on the borders of the country of Nepal. Besides, a great preaching campaign was led in the remotest areas, Phulwari, Cherapani, Champawat, Lohaghat, Abotmount, Pithoragark Berinag, Bageshwar and the interior of Almora—the foot of Himalayan hills. Many souls, as already reported, were saved and added to the number of our congregations. There have been appreciable conversions and mass baptisms during the year. About 5,000 New Testaments and 50 Bibles besides other Christian literature were distributed among the non-Christians who felt interested in it. There were two counseling and guidance centers organized by us specially for the non-Christians, which was encouraging. A large scale convention was held which brought revival among our congregations. The annual church seminar, the highlight of our year long activities, held in September, was full of concern and inspiration for us. The day-to-day Christian witness through our church office and the workers is also our concern. We meet in various councils and conferences almost every month to derive zeal, inspiration and strength to keep up our energies.

All these Christian activities have been made possible with the help, prayers and the sharing of the Free Will Baptists in North Carolina. They are the ones to be lifted up before the throne of His grace for granting peace and happiness in the cause of Christ.

### ATTENTION

Mrs. Jane Parker has accepted the office of treasurer of the Cape Fear District Woman's Auxillary. Please send all funds to her at this address: Mrs. Jane Parker, P.O.

Box 428, Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524.

Mrs. Grace Barbour  
President, Cape Fear District

## GRANDMA (In Memory of Mary Lee Spivey)

by Sue R. Carpenter

Her small petite figure was one of but grace.  
Her mingled gray hair enlightened her face.  
Her beautiful smile was one of much cheer.  
But in her latter days, she knew God was near.  
For He needed an angel so fair and mild.  
And Grandma had been on this earth for a while.  
He looked at St. Peter as He nodded His head.  
"She's the one for the job," He loudly said.  
So that very same day He called her home;  
To a land where no sorrow or pain is known.  
And if by chance you should look toward the sky,  
You may see a beautiful angel fly by.

### MINISTER AVAILABLE

Mr. Steve Starnes announces that he is available for supply services. He has recently been licensed to preach by the Board of the Eastern Conference, and is a member of Faith Church in Morehead City. He may be contacted by writing him at 3010 Bridges Street, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557; or phone 726-4218.

### NOTICE

With this issue of *The Free Will Baptist*, we plan to stop printing "Family Devotions" and "The Sunday School Lesson." This is being done so that we might have more space to print current news items.

**GROUP FROM MARLBORO  
VISITS THE HOME**



*The Rev. Scott Sowers*

Recently the staff and children who reside on campus had the pleasure of a visit of the pastor and 58 members of the congregation of Marlboro Church. The group arrived on campus at 4 and was given a guided tour of the campus and buildings by some of the children and staff.

Dinner was provided by the Home at 5:15 and at 6:30 the Rev. Scott Sowers held his regular Sunday evening worship service in Memorial Chapel, located on campus, which was attended by his group, as well as the campus residents.

Everyone of us thoroughly enjoyed having this group with us. It is always a pleasure to have visitors and to enjoy fellowship with them.

We heartily encourage each of our pastors to consider visiting us with members of their church and sharing a worship service with us. This will serve two purposes. One, it will give us the pleasure of your company and, second, it will enable our pastors and laypeople to become better acquainted with our Home and its operation and, especially, with our children and staff.

If you are interested in visiting some Sunday afternoon and evening, please call or write soon to schedule a date. We would love to have YOU!

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## **CAMP VANDEMERE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE**

**June 21-25**

**Nina Grace Register and Happy Taylor—Co-Directors  
Hazel Stilley and Louise Bryan—In Charge of Crafts**

**Theme: "He leadeth me beside the still waters"  
(Psalm 23:2).**

**Rudene Kennedy will present a Bible study each evening  
(Monday through Thursday) at 8 p.m.**

All churches are invited to come and share these services and fun.

Each day will include devotions, Bible study, music, crafts, and recreation. On Wednesday, there will be a trip across the Pamlico River Ferry.

Monday all the ladies who have been elected "Woman of the Year" will be honored. Be sure to have all the ladies selected on campus for that special day.

If it is impossible to spend the entire week, you are invited to come for the day. The cost for the full week is \$40; for day campers, the cost will be for the meals.

Come and see what our camp is really like. Continue to pray and support the work at Camp Vandemere.

### **Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee is \$5 with balance due on arrival \_\_\_\_\_

### **Day Campers Only**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Days planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Happy Taylor

Route 1, Box 187

Deep Run, North Carolina 28525

We are getting excited about the conference. There are many activities and services planned that we know will be a blessing to everyone.

If you have not already registered, please do so now. Nina and I are looking forward to seeing you all at camp.

Happy Taylor

### **EDITORIAL**

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The family is many things. It is a universal phenomenon that not only permits survival but prepares children for life; it is a balanced environment designed by God for the growth of human beings. A center for creativity, a place of safety and security, the family unit is also a transmitter of values. But there is one picture of the family that must not be drawn—perfection. The family is not a place without problems. There are no perfect families; there does not exist one family who does not experience difficulties. Many of the problems which occur are quite predictable; they are built into the complex nature of the relationship of marriage and the family. But problems can be looked at and faced, and growth can take place during the process. (Next week we will consider some of the difficulties families face and ways they can be handled.)



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# LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION



**Saturday,  
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Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 5 for those coming for the meal (the cost of which is \$5 per person.) Registration will begin at 6:30 for those who are unable to come in time for dinner; the convention will begin at 7 p.m.

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# "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden . . ."

Whenever a man and woman marry, they bring to that merger varying backgrounds and experiences. In fact, these are the elements that often serve to spice life. If you were to talk with that husband some years afterwards, he would probably relate instances about the family in which he was reared, how he met his wife, what he liked (and likes) about her, their wedding, the things about marriage that surprised him, the differences that still exist, their children, and a score of other matters. His wife would also talk about these things, but her version would be quite different at points, so much so that one might wonder whether or not both parties were talking about the same people. Without a doubt, though, both would talk about problems.

Every couple faces many stresses—a normal situation. Nearly everyone faces the same tensions, and they can be dealt with. Even after individuals have been married over twenty years, there are still areas of stress and tension. Some people seem to think that a couple is given a set of problems on their wedding day; once that set has been dealt with, it is assumed that all will be peace and tranquility. How absurd! New situations arise at each stage of life; each situation presents its own crises to be solved, or at least managed. Once this discovery has been made, there is the opportunity for real growth.

The average American family has been deceived by the myth that the normal, healthy familial group does not experience problems and stress, but this is not true. The normal family does not live in perfect harmony; it does get ruffled at times; members of the unit do not always cooperate with one another. The difference between a healthy family situation and a destructive one is not the absence of problems; instead, it is how adversity is seen and dealt with.

Most of the problems encountered by families belong to one of two groups: there are those which grow out of the normal life cycle of such a unity. Each stage—marriage, parenthood, the departure of children from the home, retirement—possesses its own problems and opportunities; and there are resources for working through each stage so as to bring about a sense of excitement.

Those in the second group do not arise out of the family process itself; they develop out of the larger society of which the family is a part. The tremendous social pressures which are ever present, are more than many can cope with. When the average familial group moved and changed its life-style from rural to urban, it created problems for itself that had never been encountered. Our age is one in which rapid and radical social changes are taking place. But, as often as our way of life is being altered, we also experience a lowering of morals and standards (new problems!).

All of these problems can strain the best of relationships. There is no place where we can run to hide from them and the resulting anxieties. However, anxiety must be confronted (and often it must be faced head-on).

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# The Talent of Almost Saying Something

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

The talent of almost saying something is quite common these days. Politicians have long had the reputation of being able to talk out of both sides of their mouths. At last this talent of almost saying something has made its way to our pulpits.

The speaker gets off to a good start; and you feel he will hit the nail right on the head. But no; just before he gets to the point, he deftly swerves to one side and makes a neat detour. He almost says it, but not quite. He never goes through and really names things. He sounds like he might do it any minute; and shallow listeners sometimes think he does. But when you have checked over the performance, the pickings are slim. He said a lot, but not enough.

One minister had a sermon on "How to Preach so as to Convert Nobody." One point was to preach about sin in general, but never mention any of the sins that the congregation has.

The woman at Jacob's well did not get under conviction while Jesus talked about the water of life and where the best place was to worship. But when He said, "Go, call thy husband," things begin to happen. She told the townspeople, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did." Jesus did not generalize, He particularized. He said something every time.

This talent shows up in prayer meeting when one dear brother gets no farther than, "We have done many things we should not have done, and we have left undone many things we should have done." Who hasn't?

When men and women begin to confess gossiping, covetousness, backbiting, bad temper, worldliness, evil habits, and name them unmistakably, revival is near. When God's Spirit convicts and men confess, nothing is done halfway; we come clean with it.

The talent of almost saying something is clever; it sounds smart and it will not offend anybody. It will help the speaker get ahead in

this world, but this is not the right world to get ahead in. At the end of the road stands God, and God always says something. His Book does not **almost** state the case. The man who says something is, of course, dogmatic. Strangely enough when we get sick, we want a dogmatic doctor who knows what ails us. When we take medicine, we want it to come from a dogmatic pharmacist, not from one who ignores the formula. When we ride a plane, we want a dogmatic pilot, not one who disregards the instruments and goes by guess.

And yet, in the ministry of the Word of God, it has been fashionable to disobey orders from heavenly headquarters and substitute the opinions of men.

We need to be saying something about sin and judgment and salvation and godly living and the future. It is tragic the way some approach such subjects as worldliness or the Lordship of Christ, or the return of our Lord.

Our nation suffers today for the lack of leaders who believe something and say it. The pressure is terrific, and it is far easier to be a timeserver than a God-pleaser.

It is no time to almost say something. Let us hear from men with a double resolve: "I will hear what God the LORD will speak" (Psalm 85:8); "What the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak" (1 Kings 22:14).





# Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Celebrates Fiftieth Year

## Part Six

by Minnie Hansley Chandler

Of special significance on this date was the recognition of women present who had been a member of the auxiliary for fifty years or more. We were privileged to have seven women present in this group. They were: Mrs. Thelma Keech and Miss Alice Webster from Free Union; Mrs. Mary Furlough and Mrs. Annie J. Ambrose from Mount Tabor; Mrs. Hilda Waters and Mrs. Varnie Woolard from Corinth; and Mrs. Olga Ferbee from Trinity. Each was presented a long-stemmed silk rose by Mrs. Christine Waters, Program Chairman. (As has been stated earlier, Mrs. Mary Furlough was a charter member of the 1931 organizational convention and has been absent only twice since that convention.)

Mrs. Waters recognized those who had served as president of the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention. Those serving since 1957<sup>1</sup> are as follows:

Mrs. Lonnie Davenport	1958-60
Mrs. Edwin Roper	1960-62
(Second time in office.)	
Mrs. A. B. Chandler	1963-66
(Second time in office.)	
Mrs. Kenneth Carter	1967
Mrs. A. B. Chandler	1968-70
(Third time in office.)	
Miss Alice Webster	1971-72
Mrs. Frank Daw	1973-78
Mrs. Francis Garner	1979-80
Miss Becky Jo Sumner	1981-

Those present were presented corsages by Mrs. Waters. They were: Mrs. Lula Daw, Sidney; Mrs. Mary Furlough, Mount Tabor; Mrs. Katie Roper, Sidney; Miss Alice Webster, Free Union; and Mrs. Minnie Chandler, formerly of Hickory Chapel

and Free Union. Mrs. John (Happy) Taylor, our state president was also presented a corsage.

Ladies from the host church favored us with special music by singing "Fill My Cup, Lord."

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, brought our morning message. In his preliminary remarks he reminded us that the Auxiliary work of the Albemarle Conference was begun in 1931, and that Eureka College burned November 4, 1931. He reminded us that auxiliary work and Christian education are very closely related and that our Fiftieth Anniversary focus should be on the teaching of our children.

In his message, Dr. Raper used 2 Timothy 1:5-7 and 2 Timothy 3:15-17 as portions of his Scripture. In using our theme for the day as the theme for his message he brought out three special points. (1) Knowledge is one of the greatest virtues of life. We should love God with our minds as well as our hearts. (2) Knowledge comes only to those who want it—seek it—desire it—and work for it. Learning requires sacrifice. (3) God's Word is where we seek knowledge. God gave us the Bible that we might know Him, His Son, have salvation and know His will for our lives. If we are to grow in knowledge—we must grow in God's knowledge.

Our benediction and thanks for our food were given by

Mrs. Robana Fowler from Saint Paul Auxiliary.

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Wonderful Words of Life." We were led in prayer by Mrs. Robert May from Hickory Chapel Auxiliary.

Mrs. Christine Waters gave a brief sketch and history of the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention. (See attachments in Minutes Book.)

In the memorial service Mrs. Katie Roper gave many interesting remarks about the life of Mrs. Lucy Linton Daugherty, a former member of Sidney Church in Beaufort County, who initiated the idea and spearheaded the organization of the beginning of the "Woman's Home Missionary Society" which is now known as the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Roper also eulogized Mrs. Eula Clayton who was a charter member of the Sidney Ladies Auxiliary and a niece of Lucy Linton Daugherty.

Mrs. Christine Waters, Mrs. Francis Brooks and Mrs. Lew Ellen Parker sang "Beyond the Sunset."

The Mount Olive College Report was given by Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president. High School Day will be November 21, 1981. It is hoped that seniors in high school this year will be able to go four years at Mount Olive College. Dr. Raper stated that it was hoped we could begin construction of College Hall in 1982.

The Rev. Harry Grubbs, chairman of the Cragmont Board of Directors, gave news

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

*submitted by the Rev. DeWayne Eakes*



*Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Esther Mae Barnes, daughter; Mrs. Esther Pennington, Life Award recipient; Mrs. Mary Katherine Rowe, General Auxiliary president.*

On March 14, 1982, the people at the worship service of Little Rock Church were very happy as they honored a special person. Mrs. Esther Bryant Pennington was honored with the presentation of a Life Membership Award by the Little Rock Woman's Auxiliary. The presentation was made by Mrs. Mary Katherine Rowe, General Auxiliary president and the pinning was done by Mrs. Esther Mae Barnes, daughter of Mrs. Pennington. Also in attendance for the ceremony was Mrs. Pennington's sister from St.

Paul's near Fayetteville, Mrs. Ruth Council.

Mrs. Pennington was born in 1906. She graduated from Lucama School, Atlantic Christian College, and earned a Master's Degree from East Carolina University. She married Leonard Pennington who died in 1945. Her daughter is Esther Mae Barnes, who lives in Lucama; and her son was Colonel Dave Pennington, USAF, who died in 1979.

She taught in the Wilson, Johnston, and Cumberland Counties public school systems

until her retirement. Since her retirement she has given hundreds of hours as a Red Cross Gray Lady at Wilson Memorial Hospital and bloodmobile. She has traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Europe. She has also knitted dozens of afghans for others.

Mrs. Pennington is an officer of Circle #2, having been an officer most of the time, as well as serving as president of the General Auxiliary. She taught the Adult Sunday School Class for years. As her pastor, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes, states, "I have often referred to her as my assistant pastor due to her faithfulness in visiting the sick of the church and community. She is always willing to give her time to represent the church or auxiliary at various denominational meetings. She is always interested in the denominational programs and gives them her support.

Her chief interest is people, especially her six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Her comments to the congregation upon receiving the award are indicative of her Christian character. She said she deeply appreciated the honor but felt unworthy to receive it. The statement that brought tears to all of the church was, "I've come this far by the grace of God, and I know He will carry me the rest of the way."

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## NEW HAVEN CHURCH HAS PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY



*The Rev. and Mrs. David Cauley*

On a recent Sunday, the members of New Haven Church, Ernul, North Carolina, honored their pastor, the Rev. David Cauley, and his wife, Maezell Smith Cauley, with a special Pastor Appreciation Day service.

Mr. Cauley is in his eighth year of devoted service to the church and community; he began serving the church in July 1974. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cauley are faithful and understanding servants—ministering to the spiritual needs of the members in times of sickness and sorrow, and rejoicing with them in times of happiness.

The day was declared Pastor Appreciation Day by the Woman's Auxilliary and the church membership as a way of showing their love and appreciation to their pastor and his wife. Unknown to Mr. and Mrs. Cauley, the church invited their families from Kinston to be present. When Mr. Cauley stood to deliver the message, Marie Whitford, vice president of the Woman's Auxilliary, asked to address the congregation. She came forth and recalled many of the events and how prayers were answered

that led to the beginning of Mr. Cauley's pastorate. She also told of the growth in different areas of the church as a result of Mr. and Mrs. Cauley's ministry. She then explained that the floral arrangements of yellow daisies and statice, placed on the altar, were in their honor. Mrs. Cauley was presented a corsage of yellow daisies, and Mr. Cauley a yellow daisy boutonniere.

The Young Adult Choir, organized and led by Mrs. Cauley, sang "Battle Hymn of Republic," a favorite song of Mr. Cauley. The youth choir also presented special singing in their honor. Harvey Whitford, speaker for the day, used as his topic, "The Pastor."

At one point, time was given to anyone who wished to speak. Many conveyed their love and appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. Cauley's dedication, patience, kindness, thoughtfulness, and loyalty. It was evident from the response of the people that the Cauley's have not only served New Haven Church, but have done so in a way pleasing to God.

At the end of the service, Mr. and Mrs. Cauley were presented an engraved silver tray. Mrs. Cauley joined her husband at the door to shake hands and speak to each member of the congregation as they left.

A fellowship supper was served at 6 p.m. followed by the evening worship service with special singing by the adult choir.

New Haven Church members want the Cauleys to know how much they love them. Their prayer is for God to continually bless and keep them in His will.

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### YOUTH WALK FOR MISSIONS



The youth of Faith Mission sponsored a walk-a-thon for missions on March 13, 1982. The walk consisted of an opening prayer and a seven-mile walk. The Lord blessed them by allowing them to raise \$666.50 for Home Missions. Pictured are the youth chairman and part of the youth presenting the Rev. Walter Sutton with a check for Home Missions. The Rev. Roger C. Heath is pastor of Faith Mission, Leland.

### Danny and the Singing Ambassadors to Sing at Arapahoe Church

Danny and the Singing Ambassadors of New Bern will be singing at Arapahoe Church, Arapahoe, on Sunday, May 30. The time of the service is 7 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Doug Skinner, invites everyone to this special service.

### Ministers' Retreat Scheduled At Camp Vandemere

The Rev. C. B. Hansley will direct a Ministers' Retreat, June 4 and 5, at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina, sponsored by the Eastern Conference. This retreat will have as one of its main speakers, Mrs. Letress Hammonds, an occupational program consultant. Mrs. Hammonds, who works with

the Duplin-Sampson Counties Mental Health Center, is a substance abuse education specialist. She will give insight as to how one might identify abusers, discuss ministering to the family, and cite resources available to the minister.

The total cost of the retreat is \$11.75; this figure includes three meals and lodging for one night, but the price can be broken down for those who do not eat all three meals at the camp and/or for those who do not wish to stay at camp Friday night. Those planning to attend should contact the Rev. Ralph Sumner by writing to him at Box 298, Oriental, North Carolina 28571, or by phoning (919) 249-1329.

The scheduled program is as follows:

#### FRIDAY

5:00—Supper

7:00—Service, the Rev. D. W. Hansley  
7:45—Break  
8:15—Service, the Rev. Grady Tucker

#### SATURDAY

8:00—Breakfast  
9:00—Workshop, Substance Abuse Education Specialist, Mrs. Letress Hammonds  
12:00—Lunch

### Elm Grove YFAers Had A Busy Day



Elm Grove Church YFAers took on the job of cleaning the church yard the Saturday before Easter, April 10. The group worked very hard picking up sticks, raking and then carting off what had been raked up. They wanted the yard to be beautiful on Easter Sunday for the scheduled Sunrise and regular worship services. They even had their new pastor, the Rev. Steve Hargrove, and his wife working with them, along with their leaders. Elm Grove is near Ayden.

### Fifth Union of Eastern Conference to Meet

The Fifth Union of the Eastern Conference will meet  
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on May 29, at Spring Hope Church, Craven County. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. New officers will be elected at this meeting; Mrs. Barbara Tucker, the wife of Moderator Grady Tucker, will speak on the woman's role in the church.

All pastors and delegates are urged to attend.

### Free Spirit Church to Have Revival Services



Mr. Wayne Whitley

Free Spirit Church, Wilson, is having its spring revival on May 24 through May 28. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing each night.

God recently sent the church a pastor, Mr. Wayne E. Whitley. He is presently employed at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Wilson, North Carolina, as a quality control technician. He will be the evangelist for the revival services. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### Fourth Central Union to Meet

The Fourth Central Union meeting will meet at Dilda's Grove Church, near Fountain, on May 30, 1982. The scheduled program is as follows:

#### MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Hymn, "O Worship the King"

—Welcome, William Harris

—Response, J. R. Gay

11:15—President's Remarks

—Greetings from the Children's Home

—Mount Olive College Report

—Missions Report

11:30—Special Music, Saratoga Church

—Sermon, the Rev. Clifford Ball

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15—"I Need Thee Every Hour"

—Devotion, Otter's Creek

—Program, Local Church

—Committee Reports

2:15—Adjournment of Today's Business

### Cape Fear Union to Meet

The Cape Fear Union Meeting will convene with Faith Church near Four Oaks, on Saturday, May 29, 1982. The scheduled program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, Congregation

—Devotion, the Rev. Tony McLamb

—Welcome, the Rev. Wilson Dowdy

—Response, the Rev. Davie Brinson

10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers

—Recognition of Visitors

—Reading of Minutes of Last Union

—Appointment of Committees

—Roll Call of Churches

—Report of Denominational Enterprises

11:15—Hymn, Congregation

—Special Music

—Offertory and Offertory Prayer

—Message, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin

12:00—Report of Treasurer

—Report of Committees

—Unfinished Business

—Benediction and Adjournment

—Lunch

Moderator, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough

Secretary, Mrs. Dola Dudley  
Music Director, Mr. Johnnie Woodall

### Revival Services at First Church, Wilson

The spring revival for the First Church, Wilson, North Carolina, will be held May 16 through May 20. Services will begin at 7 on Sunday evening and 7:30 Monday through Thursday evenings. The minister for the services will be the Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of Marsh Swamp Church. Special music will be presented each night. The pastor, the Rev. Craig Simmons, and the church membership extend an invitation to attend these services.

### CAPE FEAR BOARD OF ORDINATION TO MEET

The Board of Ordination of the Cape Fear Conference will meet in the pastor's study of the First Church in Smithfield on Monday afternoon, May 24, at 1:30. Any persons having business with this board are asked to be present at this meeting.

Mike Scott

### CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE TO MEET

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference is scheduled to meet on Monday, May 24, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Church in Smithfield. The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry is scheduled to speak concerning the Carolina Bible Institute. The Rev. T. C. Farmer, president of the conference, encourages all of our Cape Fear ministers to attend.

Mike Scott

### MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. Jerry Campbell announces that he is available for full-time pastoral services. His address is Route 4, Box 270, Advance, North Carolina 27006; phone (919) 998-5766.

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# **The Free Will Baptist Children's Home**

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## **Founder's Day**

**May 22**



**10:30 a.m.**      **Services begin in Memorial Chapel Free Will Baptist Church (located on the Children's Home Campus)**

**Noon**      **\*Picnic lunch on the grounds**

**Afternoon**      **Open house, campus tours and auction sale**

**\*Please bring a picnic lunch. The home will provide beverages, bread and barbecue.**



## EMPTY HALLS, EMPTY ROOMS



When State Cottage was built a few years ago we thought that it would always be filled with the sounds of children—laughing, playing, working, and even crying and complaining. But, State Cottage has not housed those sounds for quite some time. The reason is not that there are no children who need our help, but that funds are not adequate to keep the cottage open. Pictured above is one of the rooms in State Cottage that is ready for occupancy when the funds become available, as we already have the inquiries for admission.

Currently the Children's Home has three cottages in operation and is caring for 38 children. We thank God that our ministry is available for those 38 children and we thank you for everything that you have done to make this ministry possible. However, it is very heartbreaking to see two beautiful cottages (State and Rodgers) vacant when there are so many children that we could be serving.

Please remember during the month of May, Children's Home Month, that this Home was built on the faith and sacrifice of Free Will Baptists and it will be the faith and sacrifice of Free Will Baptists that will enable us to grow and expand to the point that we are able to serve every single child that God sends our way. Please

rededicate yourself this month to our child care ministry and together let's fill State and

Rodgers Cottages with children once again.

Linda Bray *Executive Secretary*

## North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

### Treasurer's Report, End of Fourth Quarter, April 30, 1982

Balance in Bank, January 31, 1982

\$ 4,085.80

#### General Fund:

Contributions  
Life Award Fees  
Promotional Fund  
(CSF)  
Per Capita Dues  
Registration Fees  
Denominational Enterprises  
Total Receipts  
Total for Which to Account

#### Receipts

\$ 182.95  
110.00  
  
75.70  
666.05  
660.00  
\$ 1,694.70  
15,266.09

16,960.59  
\$21,046.59

#### Disbursements

Convention Expenses and  
Allocations  
Denominational Enterprises  
Total Disbursed  
Balance in Bank,  
April 30, 1982

\$ 326.22  
15,266.09  
15,592.31  
\$ 5,454.28

#### Banks

Branch Banking and Trust Company (Checking)  
Church Finance Association  
Total

\$ 2,454.28  
3,000.00  
\$ 5,454.28

#### Denominational Enterprises Report

Itemize	Received	Disbursed
Church Extension (Home Missions)	\$ 1,866.38	\$ 1,866.38
Foreign Missions:		
General Fund	\$ 431.23	
Mexico	275.00	
Palawan	12.59	
Fred Baker	123.68	
India pastor	40.00	
State Project (Missionary wives)	<u>2,235.34</u>	3,117.84
Mount Olive College:		
General Fund	173.80	
Alice Lupton Scholarship	43.50	
Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund	295.48	
Books	10.00	
College Hall	60.00	
Peter Tingen (Foreign Student expense)	30.00	
State Project (Chapel parking lot)	<u>1,704.40</u>	2,317.18
Free Will Baptist Children's Home:		
General Fund	1,328.00	
Clothing	300.00	
Child Support	220.00	
Child to Cragmont	50.00	
Christmas Gift	50.00	
Spending Money	24.00	
Music Lessons	45.00	
State Project Media Center)	<u>1,110.13</u>	3,117.13

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## BAPTISMAL SERVICE HELD



"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19).

As Free Will Baptists of the North Carolina State Convention were observing a Day of Prayer for World Missions, the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines was reaping a bountiful harvest. On Sunday March 28, 1982, a baptismal service was held on the edge of beautiful Puerto Princesa Bay.

Puerto Princesa City Church and two were from the Canigaran Church. The Rev. Roger Malinao, pastor of the City Church, conducted the service. He was assisted by newly licensed minister, Pastor Andrino Segay. The Revs. Pio dela Rosa and Jimmy D. Basarte, pastors of Canigaran Church and Bunkag Lighthouse Mission respectively, led in the opening and closing prayers.

As God sent unexpected rain showers upon our heads, we

paused to reflect upon His wonderful showers of blessing. Surely, a God so loving as to send His only begotten Son must be pleased to see His children upon their knees in humble obedience to His command. May we seek to please Him more by continuing to pray for laborers to carry the good news of Jesus Christ into all the world.

"... and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:20).

Fred P. Baker  
Charles I. Barnard

## CHURCH HOLDS SEMINAR

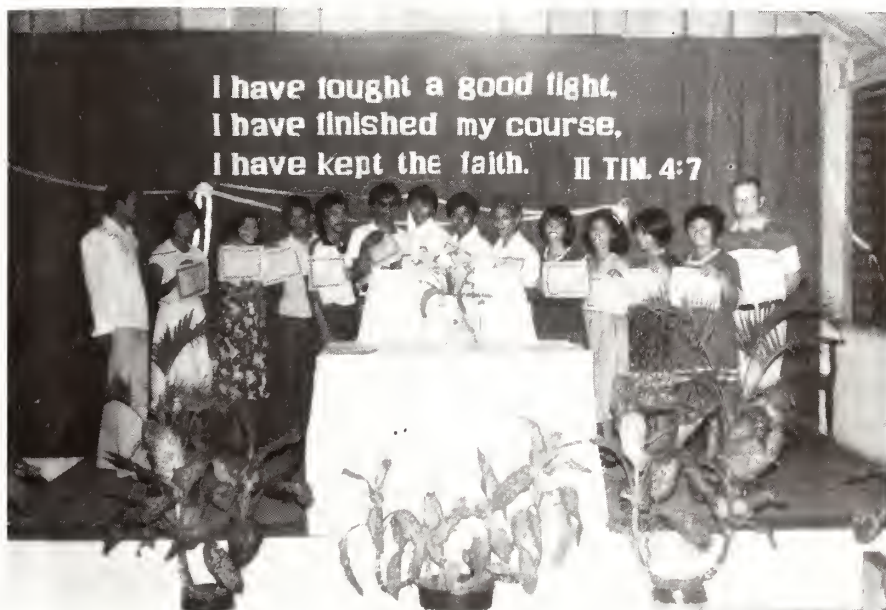
The Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church held a seminar on evangelism for three consecutive Sundays in March. Speakers for the seminar were the Rev. Ludgerio E. Malinao, Pastor; and Missionary Fred P. Baker. Mr. Malinao spoke on "The Plan of Salvation" and "The Role of the Church Member in Evangelism." He also led in the study of "The Role of Home Bible Studies in Evangelism."

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A total of twenty-one (21) new converts followed the Lord's command as they identified with the death, burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ through believer's baptism. Nineteen of these were from the

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST





## FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED BY ALUMNI



*Dr. Michael Pelt and Mrs. Lorelle Martin*

Two distinguished faculty members were honored for their 25 years of service by the Mount Olive College Alumni Association on Saturday, May 1.

They are Lorelle F. Martin, chairman of the science department, and Dr. Michael R. Pelt, chairman of the religion department. Both Mrs. Martin and Dr. Pelt joined the faculty at Mount Olive in the fall of 1957.

In recognition of their dedication to Mount Olive College, the alumni association presented both Dr. Pelt and Mrs. Martin with a silver tray and an album of letters. The letters of appreciation were written by former students, faculty members, and other associates. It was noted that most of the students at Mount

Olive have studied under one or both of these most respected professors.

Alumni are also making gifts to the Pelt and Martin Endowments which will perpetuate the personal and professional contributions of these faculty members.

In other action, it was reported that the Executive Committee of the Association has endorsed a goal of \$150,000 by alumni to the project for College Hall. President W. Burkette Raper reported that one-half of the goal has already been reached by ninety-two alumni who have pledged \$75,000.

New officers for the 1982-83 academic year are as follows: President, Penny Edwards Gates, class of 1972; Vice President, Cathy Wallace Crumpler,

class of 1975; Secretary, Jackie Phillips, class of 1971; and Board of Trustees Representative, Howard Scott, class of 1974. Members of the alumni executive committee are James Lambert, class of 1972; Pat Jones, class of 1975; Sharlene Creech, class of 1975; and Carroll Turner, class of 1969.

## DR. MICHAEL PELT DELIVERS COMMENCEMENT SERMON

*by Dr. Pepper Worthington*

"Mount Olive College is happy to have Dr. Michael Pelt at the College for twenty-five years. He is an asset for the man he is, the scholar he is, the gentleman he is, and the Christian he is," said Dr. Burkette Raper as he introduced Dr. Pelt as the speaker for the College's commencement worship service. "We celebrate a commencement worship service as a part of the purpose of Mount Olive College. We believe education is more than what happens to our intellect. We believe education is what happens to the total person, what happens to our spirit, what happens to us as we are children of God," said Dr. Raper.

Dr. Michael Pelt focused his sermon upon two crucial questions: (1) "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" (2) "What are your priorities in life?"

Turning to Psalm 8 which Suzanne Guy, the sophomore class president read, Dr. Pelt confronted the dilemma of modern man, the dilemma of identity when we wonder who we are and what we are as we see ourselves in relation to the wondrous universe on one side and the technological inhumanity on the other side.

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## MICHAEL PELT

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Why should God be mindful of a creature who sins, wages war, hates, builds, destroys, creates, defies? "God created mankind in His image," said Dr. Pelt. "This means we are made for fellowship with God. God addresses us as persons."

Dr. Pelt emphasized man's responsibility in this relationship. "We are not whole persons apart from God," he stressed. "We are accountable and there is no escape. God searches for us. God asked Adam, 'Where art thou?' Yet Adam hid."

Dr. Pelt noted our own modern efforts to escape God. "We build our own little empires. We reject God's authority. We have the false hope that we can be gods ourselves, the center of our universe. But we must be obedient to God."

When Dr. Pelt analyzed our priorities, he asked the students and faculty alike to examine their priorities. "What is most important? What is your system of values?" he asked.

Recognizing the love of material things, Dr. Pelt spoke of the mood of students in America. Many are choosing careers with preferences to higher incomes. Some are taking courses to achieve the goal of more money as the end. This distorted system of values leads to a philosophy of pleasure.

Dr. Pelt then asked, "Does what you value lead to true, lasting rewards?" To emphasize the importance of examining these priorities, Dr. Pelt asserted, "If your priorities are not carefully chosen, then your life may be disordered. You may have movement but no clear direction. You may be a ship lost at sea, a victim of stormy weather."

Only one person has taught who we are and what our priorities should be: Jesus Christ. Dr. Pelt concluded, "Rest assured that if we are in the family of God, if we are a child of God, nothing can separate us from the love of God."

## ALBEMARLE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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on Cragmont Assembly. He stated that Cragmont has a real mission and that it is fulfilling this mission. Many young people are won to Christ each summer at Cragmont. We were told that we needed \$15,000 more to make the payment due on the new building in November. We were encouraged to join the Cragmont Club. Mrs. Libby Taylor from Hickory Chapel, who assisted in one of the youth camps, gave a child's view of Cragmont.

Mrs. Minnie Chandler gave a report from the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. She again asked us to think Free Will Baptist, to give the Press the first chance to supply our needs.

In the absence of Wallie Hargrove, youth chairman, Miss Becky Jo Sumner stated

that we had a good youth rally and encouraged us to pray for our youth work.

The Hospitality Report was read. Motion made and seconded to accept it. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee gave its report and suggested that we give \$25 to the Mount Olive College Library and \$10 to Cragmont Assembly. After some discussion it was suggested the money to the library be given in memory of Mrs. Eula Clayton and the money to Cragmont be given in memory of Mrs. Amanda Willoughby. Motion made and seconded to accept this report. Motion carried.

The Spring Convention will be at Free Union Church, Beaufort County, on Thursday, April 15, 1982.

We were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. John Taylor, state Woman's Auxiliary president.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Jo Sumner, *President*  
Sara Willoughby, *Secretary*

<sup>17</sup>Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, October 15, 1981.

<sup>\*1</sup>See April 18, 1957 roster for previous Albemarle Auxiliary Convention presidents.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

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Superannuation	348.23	348.23
Cragmont Assembly	2,079.25	2,079.25
Retirement Homes	1,278.91	1,278.91
Life Membership Fees (Cragmont)	275.00	275.00
Central		
Conference Missions	185.00	185.00
*Christian Service Fund:		
Mount Olive College	151.35	
Missions	151.35	
Children's Home	113.54	
Cragmont	113.53	
Retirement Homes	75.70	
Superannuation	75.70	
Totals	681.17	681.17
	\$15,266.09	\$15,266.09

\*10 percent retained for promotional,  
(see receipts \$75.70)

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, *Treasurer*

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Missionary Baker spoke concerning "The Importance of Evangelism," "The Work of God in Evangelism," and "The Work of the Holy Spirit in Evangelism."

The seminars were well attended by the members of the church. Average attendance was in the twenties with fourteen successfully completing all three days of the seminar.

We are expecting much fruit as a result of this seminar series. Already, six home Bible studies have been established. Please pray for these that many will come to know Christ. Pray for this church and its pastor.

Fred Baker

*Missionary to the Philippines*

## GENERAL YOUTH CONFERENCE-II

The State Sunday School Convention will be sponsoring two weeks at Cragmont this summer. The General Youth Conference in June has been very successful and this year will be no exception, as the week has already been closed to further applications. Due to the success of the June General Youth Conference, the State Sunday School Convention will be sponsoring a second week in July. Applications are now being received for General Youth Conference-II, the week of July 12-17. Send your name and address with a \$10 registration fee to Joe Crumpler, Route 2, Box 293-A, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. The total cost of the week is \$70. Letters explaining more about the week will be sent after registration fees have been received.

General Youth Conference-II is shaping up to be a very good week, and this would be an excellent opportunity for our churches that have not been sending their young people to Cragmont to do so. The theme for the week will be "The Abundant Life (Who Are We and What Do We Believe?)" with the theme Scripture taken from John 10:10. An exceptional staff is presently preparing for a week of learning and fun through structured classes, recreation, crafts, worship, and field trips. Ages 9 and up are eligible to attend.

## COMING EVENTS

**May**—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Children's Home Month

**May 19**—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

**May 22**—Children's Home Founder's Day Celebration, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex

**May 30**—Central District Sunday School Convention and Union Meeting

**May 30**—Mount Olive College Day in Local Churches

**June 14-July 16**—Summer School (Term B), Mount Olive College

## APPLICATION

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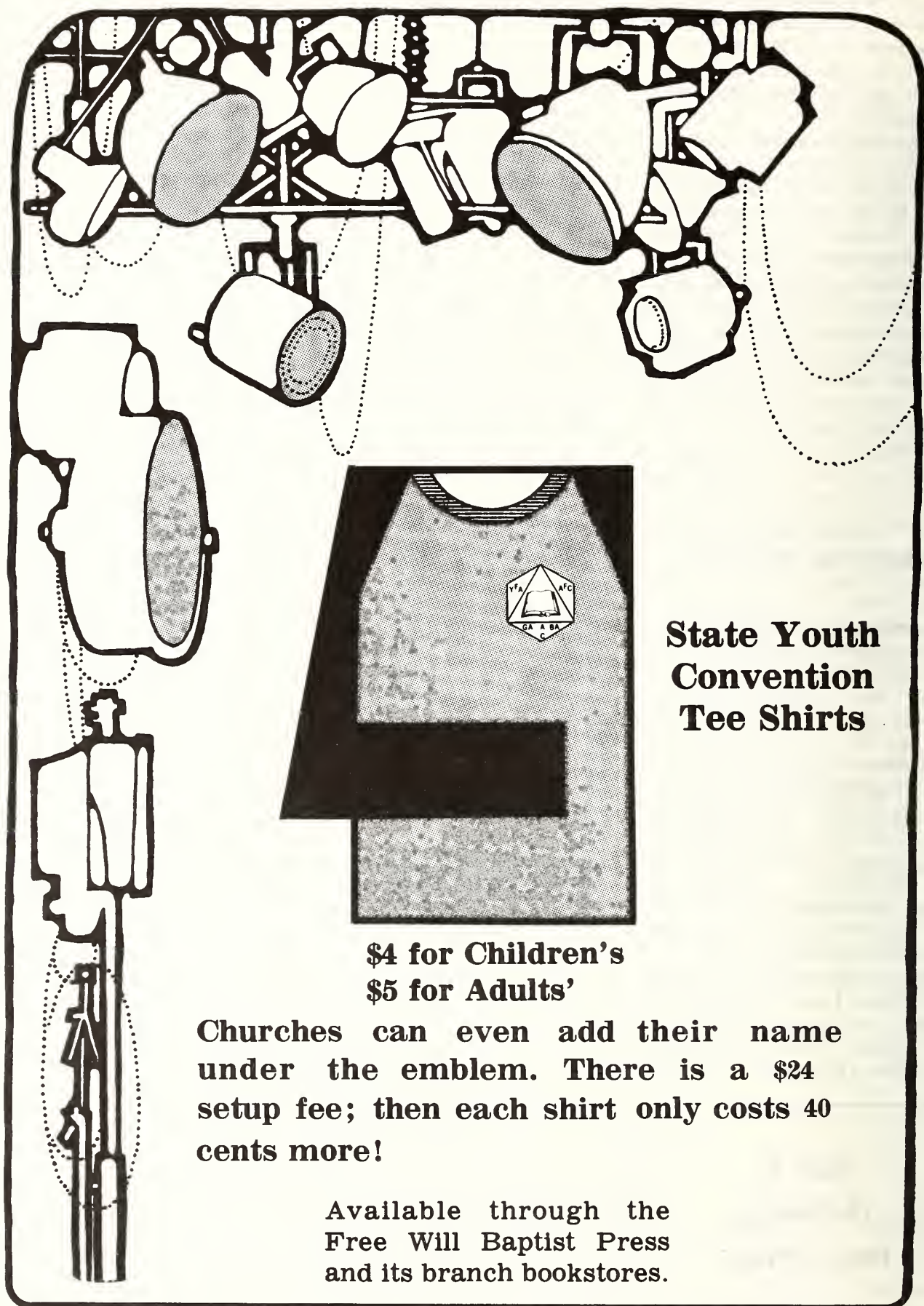
General Youth Conference-II  
The Rev. Frank Grubbs, Director  
Route 1, Box 69  
Chinquapin, North Carolina 28521

Send applications to the Rev. Joe Crumpler

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**May Is  
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1982, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA



## *Hello, I'm Harry . . . Who Are You?*

Have you ever stopped to realize that the average American couple does more planning for their wedding ceremony than they do for the marriage that follows? Since weddings usually last no longer than thirty minutes and marriages are to last a lifetime, is it any wonder that so many fail?

During the early days of a marriage, strong marital bonds are formed, for this is the time when both partners are learning how to share each other's life. This is the time when partners learn to make accommodations to each other. In other words, this is the time when a husband who squeezes the toothpaste in the middle learns how to cope with his wife telling him to squeeze it from the end, when a wife who meticulously plans everything comes to terms with her mate who does everything on the spur of the moment. It is the time when "night owls" learn to do things in the daytime and those who feel everything must be in its proper place get plenty of practice putting it there because their mates do not!

Communication skills are also developed during the early days of one's married life. Many marriages fail at this point, for communication means more than holding hands and looking into each other's eyes—it is much more. Mates should know what their partners feel deep inside and what they mean when they speak. One couple had its first big fight over a meal: after enjoying a ham, it was decided that the bone would certainly be good for seasoning a pot of beans. How disappointed the young husband was when he lifted the lid of the beanpot and found green beans instead of butterbeans! His wife, a native of Oklahoma, translated the term to mean green beans; she did not have his Georgian background. Often, though, misunderstandings stem from deeper problems than a whetted appetite—goals, future marital roles, how mates feel about careers, the rearing of children, and religion should all be discussed long before two people walk down an aisle and say, "I do!"

It is also during this time that loyalties must be shifted from the family one was reared in to the family being established. In order for such to happen, young people must be equipped to leave and parents must be prepared, ready, and able to let go.

Parenthood adds a whole new dimension to family life—one that usually serves to enrich the family relationship. The addition of each child into the unit adds an infinite number of new relationships to family members; each stage a child goes through creates a new situation and potential for crisis; it also creates the possibility for growth.

One of the most difficult ideas to accept is that of preparing one's children to leave home. Couples often forget that parenting is a temporary job. Parents need to remember that they are equipping their offspring for life, and at the same time, should continue to develop the husband/wife relationship.

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# CLERGY DIVORCE RISE LIKELY, WITHOUT HELP

by Tim Fields

Marriage therapist David Mace says pastors and their wives are having a rough time with marriage, and unless churches come to their aid there will be a rash of divorces among clergy couples.

Mace, who sounded his warning to Baptists attending a Christian life conference, said his fears were based on extensive research and counseling sessions with more than 1,000 clergy couples, many of whom were Baptists.

Mace feels the subject of clergy marriages has been totally ignored. "There are hundreds of books on the role of the pastor and a few on pastor's wives, but there are no books on clergy marriages," Mace said.

In researching a book of their own, Mace and his wife, Vera, recently conducted seven regional marriage conferences for pastors and their wives. The couples were asked to complete questionnaires on their marriages. A tabulation of the responses revealed four major outside pressures which strained their marriages.

"The couples' number one complaint was that congregations expect them to be perfect models of a Christian family," Mace said. "However, in discussions with lay people we found that congregations were not making these kinds of demands on their pastors and wives. It seems that clergy

couples are living under self-imposed demands that they cannot live up to," Mace said.

The second pressure cited by clergy couples was their demanding time schedule.

"The average work week for pastors is 70 hours," Mace said. "Times when other husbands and fathers are spending time with their wives and children, pastors are not. Weekends and week-nights are filled with church meetings and other pastoral duties."

The lack of privacy or the goldfish bowl syndrome was the third ranked pressure. "Pastors and their families are never really alone," Mace said. "No matter where they go they are on display and have to worry constantly about who is watching."

Although finances ranked fourth on the list of outside pressures, Mace said that the majority of clergy couples were not bitter or upset by their financial situation because they feel God called them to the pastorate.

"We researched pastoral salaries and found that out of the 432 occupations recognized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, pastors ranks 325th on the hourly wage list," Mace said. "This puts them in the same category as farm laborers, cooks, and waiters and waitresses. But on the level of education pastors rank in the top 10."

According to Mace, the most distressing signals about the

condition of clergy marriages came when pastors and their wives discussed the intimate details of their marriages.

"The greatest difficulty is with handling anger," Mace revealed. "The very nature of their job dictates that they suppress their anger instead of dealing with it openly."

Other internal problems include the failure for pastors and their wives to communicate effectively with each other, a lack of uninterrupted time for family devotionals and difficulty with resolving conflict in their marriage.

"It is very clear that clergy couples are in trouble. But what can they do about it?" Mace asked the conferees.

"They can't tell the congregation because in their estimation the congregation would be horrified and would probably fire them. They can't tell their fellow pastors because they feel their reputation would be damaged."

In order to counteract this dilemma, Mace said that church lay leaders should point the way.

"Pastors and their wives need marriage enrichment where they learn to deal with all of these problems," Mace said. "Our recommendation is for Baptists and other churches to begin big programs of marriage and family enrichment for clergy couples."

Mace also recommended that pastors and their wives

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# Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Celebrates Fiftieth Year

## Part Seven

by Minnie Hansley Chandler

### IN MEMORIAM

Eula Jordan was born January 6, 1982. She was married to Tibius Clayton at the age of sixteen. She was the mother of seven children, and lived her entire life in the Ransomville and Sidney communities, Route 2, Belhaven, Beaufort County.

Her grandfather, John Linton, and her uncles, Malachi and Frank Linton, were Free Will Baptist preachers. Malachi Linton organized Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, North Carolina and Free Union Church, Beaufort County. John Linton helped to organize Sidney Free Will Baptist Church where Mrs. Eula became a member when she was thirteen years old.

Eula Jordan was a niece of Mrs. Lucy Linton Daugherty who organized the *Woman's Home Mission* and the *Little Worker's League* in the Free Will Baptist denomination and in her home church, Sidney.

Eula was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Sidney Free Will Baptist Church. "Miss" Eula, as we affectionately called her, loved her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ above all else, but she also loved her church.

She was very active in the Ladies Auxiliary, and seldom ever missed a meeting. When there was no other way of transportation, she would walk three miles there and back. At this time the *Ladies' Aid* meeting was in the afternoon.

For thirty-one years, a prayer meeting was conducted each Monday afternoon in the living room of her home. We who were privileged to attend this "Prayer Band Meeting," as we called it, felt that this special room was hallowed ground. There, shut away from the world, we shared our problems with each other and then lifted them up to our Father through His Son, precious Jesus. We always left feeling cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit. As one lady expressed it so well one day as we were leaving, "I feel as though I have been washed from my head to my feet."

"Miss" Eula loved her Bible. She read and studied it daily. She believed every word written in this blessed Book, but there were two Scriptures that she claimed as her very own:

Deuteronomy 33:25: . . . *as thy days, so shall thy strength be.* She often said that she was not afraid of becoming an invalid nor dependent wholly upon her children when she grew old, because of her faith in the above quoted Scripture. The second Scripture that she loved is found in Isaiah 26:3: *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.* She trusted this Scripture for peace of mind regardless of circumstances. These two verses proved to be the truth they proclaimed in the life of "Miss" Eula. She had cancer, but she never suffered pain from this affliction. She became senile, but she was never unhappy, and she was able to wait on herself until the end of her eighty-nine years of life on this earth.

As the clock struck twelve on Christmas Eve night, 1980, "Miss" Eula was being prepared by two of her children to be carried to the hospital. She was stricken with a heart attack. As the pain grew more severe she said, "What am I going to do?" In the next breath she said, "Oh, I know, I'll pray." When she had finished her prayer to her Father and Great Physician, she said, "Not my will, Lord, but thine be done."

She had been in her hospital bed but a short while. Three of her children were standing by her bedside when she reached out her right hand as if to grasp a hand extended toward her, and with an angelic smile on her face, she fell asleep in Jesus.

A devoted child of God, a good mother and friend, a faithful Free Will Baptist, one who supported the church she loved and believed in, has gone from earth to Heaven to rest from her labors eternally with Jesus.

By Mrs. Edwin (Katie) Roper

### IN MEMORIAM

Lucy Linton was born in 1870. She was the daughter of John Linton, a Free Will Baptist minister who organized the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church in Beaufort County and served as its pastor for a number of years.

In 1908, Miss Lucy organized the *Woman's Home Mission* and the *Little Worker's League* in the Free Will Baptist denomination and in

her home church, Sidney. She served on the committee of the Fifth Union, Eastern Conference, to draw up a Constitution and Bylaws for the new organization. She was elected the first president of the new organization after its endorsement by the Eastern Conference, and served as president for four years. She was one of two "organizers" elected by the conference.

She worked at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and also the Kennedy Children's Home in Kinston, North Carolina.

In later years, Miss Lucy married Robert F. Daugherty, a Free Will Baptist minister, and lived in Cove City, North Carolina. After his death, she lived there for a time.

During her years of retirement, she again worked for a short while at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. During this period, she started the fund raising drive in the Albemarle District among Free Will Baptist Churches that built the Albemarle Boy's Cottage at the Children's Home.

Mrs. Lucy's love for the home of her childhood days always held a special place in her heart. Being born and reared in the Sidney Community, she came here frequently to visit with relatives and friends. This was when I came to know and love her. One of her outstanding characteristics was the ability to recite poetry from memory. We would sit for hours and share the love of Jesus. Often she would recite the most beautiful poetry for me. Three poems she recited which stand out in my memory were: "Let Me Live in a House by the Side of the Road and Be a Friend to Man," "I'd Rather See a Sermon Than to Hear One Any Day," and "If You Can't Be a Tree on the Top of the Hill, Be a Twig in the Valley Below (Be the Best of Whatever You Are)."

In her declining years, Mrs. Lucy came home and lived with a niece near Sidney.

Finally she made her home in the Beaufort County Nursing Home. There she held a little prayer meeting each day with the patients who cared to participate. She darned socks, and patched pants for the men, and did little jobs for any of the patients who needed her assistance. They all grew to love and respect her.

Mrs. Lucy Linton Daugherty was a very aggressive and intelligent lady. The warmth of her love touched many people. Everyone who knew her thought that "she was a wonderful woman." No one will ever know the extent of her work in the Free Will Baptist denomination. She never stood in the limelight, as it were, because she had no desire to do so. She loved her Lord, her church, her friends, and did quietly what her hands found to do to help make our Free Will Baptist denomination what God would have it to be.

She went to be with the Lord in 1955.<sup>1</sup> She was buried in Cove City beside her husband. Her epitaph reads: **Devoted to God and Man.** What greater tribute could be paid to one who did so much for so many.

By Mrs. Edwin (Katie) Roper

<sup>1</sup>The dates and epitaph were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow McCoy of Core Creek Church, Cove City.

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Ruth Ambrose	mt Labor	Creswell, N.C.
Nelly Haverford	mt Labor	Creswell, N.C.
Annie Jane Ambrose	"	" "

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## BABY DEDICATION SERVICE HELD AT SPRING BRANCH CHURCH

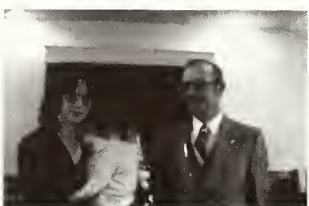
by Jasmine Albertson

"... and do you, as parents, promise to bring these children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?" "We do."

As the beautiful sight of six young children being dedicated to the Lord took place, at Spring Branch Church near Walstonburg, the congregation listened reverently to the vows made by the parents. Hearts were warmed, spirits were stirred, and each person was made aware of the need for self-dedication in a deeper sense of the word.

Truly, this service, held on February 28 during the morning worship hour, touched the hearts of all present. Each left the church knowing that it was good to have been in the house of the Lord.

The service was directed by the Rev. Dale Albertson, pastor of the church. The proud parents and precious children were captured in these photographs by Ronnie Strickland.



Pictured are Bob and Jane Hudgins with Katherine; Carol and Nancy Johnson with April; Doug and Melody Strickland with Rhapsody; Carson and Beth Cobb with Rebecca; Richard Bagley, Cindy Tony with Charles; and Ricky and Gloria Boswell with Cristopher.

## GOLDSBORO FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST HONORS REV. EMMITT JONES

submitted by Hazel Casey

On Sunday, March 21, the Goldsboro Church held an Appreciation Day for the Rev. Emmitt Jones, who had supplied the pastorate during the recent illness of the Rev. Norman Ard, pastor. Mr. Jones pastored the church for 3 months and gave many hours of teaching, counseling, understanding, visiting, and loving to the congregation during the time that Mr. Ard was resting following a heart attack. It seems so wonderful that God had already planted Mr. Jones in the midst of the church family, for he had been worshipping there for some time. When the time came that the pulpit needed to be filled, the church was most fortunate to have Mr. Jones step in, with not a single problem to worry about, and the work went on without interruption.

On this special day, flowers were placed in the church by the Woman's Auxiliary in honor of Mr. Jones. Dinner was also served in his honor. During the morning worship service, Mr. James Malpass, chairman of the Board of Deacons, expressed thanks to Mr. Jones for all his work, love, and concern in holding the church together. A poem was read by Mrs. Hazel Casey about Mr. Jones.

We, at First Church in Goldsboro, would like all the churches to know that we are proud to have Mr. Jones with us, as he is a great asset to any church.

He was born in Duplin County, the son of Mr. Herbert and Mrs. Mildred Jones. He attended church in his early years at Sarecta Church in Duplin County. He also attended Mount Olive College. He entered the ministry in 1969.

We are so thankful to have had the privilege of knowing, and loving, as well as working with Mr. Jones.

We also would like for all Free Will Baptists to join us in giving thanks to God that our pastor, the Rev. Norman Ard returned to our pulpit on March 1, as a product of God's healing power. He is well known, as he is on our Foreign Missions Board.

### IN HONOR OF REV. EMMITT JONES

It was indeed a happy day, when you, Brother Emmitt Jones, came our way  
For you have helped us to adjust, and to learn each day,

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That God has a purpose in sending trials and sickness our way  
For we need to rest the body at times from cares and strife.  
And yet, always, we must be able to cope with life.

Our dear pastor needed a nice long rest  
For his body was weary and worn and was put to the test.  
He had lived his life at such a frantic pace  
And somehow, been caught up in the human race of running.  
His lesson was to learn to be quiet and rest,  
And this was surely put to the test.  
For God had already planted you here with us,  
To continue the ministry with your own special touch.

Our little children, and adults too have become interested in knowing  
How all the little magic tricks work that you have been showing.  
They remember that you tell them it is all because of God's plan  
That has been being perfected from the beginning of human man,  
Oh yes, they will believe that His blood washes away all sin,  
As it changes the heart to a pure white within.  
For you have helped them to see and understand this.

Our sick and bereaved have been especially blessed by your touch  
By your constant prayers and visits, as you restored their trust  
Once again in our precious Lord and Saviour.

Our Men's Choir has found a new voice within  
To help sing the parts that are needed again  
As your voice has joined the others in the chorus  
It has made our hearts rejoice!

We cannot forget the timely messages which you have brought to us on each Lord's Day  
To help prepare us for living with our problems as they come our way.  
As mid-week came along, we received a new challenge to hold fast  
So that we could make it through the week at last.

Thank you, dear Emmitt Jones, for all that you have done for us  
For sharing yourself with us three months as we worshiped, and we trust  
That you will remain with us.  
God bless you, Emmitt, and may you always be led by God's hand  
In whatever you do, or wherever you travel across our land.  
Just don't forget us!

Written by Hazel Casey

## ROBERT'S GROVE ENJOYED EXCITING EVENTS

*submitted by Mrs. James Spell*



The people at Robert's Grove Church, near Dunn, have really been enjoying some wonderful experiences the last few months.

On Saturday, February 13, the men met at the church and enjoyed a pig picking and fellowship. They organized a  
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Laymen's League. They now meet every first Sunday morning at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall and have breakfast together.

The revival was held March 1 through March 5. Many Christians rededicated their lives to Christ. Six took Christ as their personal Saviour and were baptized Sunday, March 21.

The Sunday school enrollment has increased to 178, and we have a sanctuary full for worship services each Sunday morning. Sunday night services are well attended, and there is also a large crowd at Bible study on Wednesday nights.

On Sunday morning, March 28, the church observed its annual youth Sunday. The young people were in charge of all duties throughout the Sunday school and worship service. The speaker for the morning was Chris Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Johnson. In his message, he related what the young people (as Christians) expect of their parents; what

they do not want from their parents; and most of all, what they want their parents to want and expect of them. It was a very good message and was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday night, April 4, the Chancel Choir presented an Easter Cantata, "God So Loved the World." The songs, Scripture and music were very inspiring. As the disciples ate the Passover Supper with Jesus, and as they took the bread and the cup in remembrance of His broken body and shed blood, everyone could feel the Spirit of the Lord as it hovered around. But as the sanctuary grew dark with Larry Faircloth hanging on a cross, as he portrayed Jesus dying for the sins of the world, our hearts did really burn within us. After the program everyone was invited into the fellowship hall for refreshments.

A special thanks for a job well done to Dixie Honeycutt, choir director, and to everyone

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Stoney Creek Church Has Retreat



*Pictured above is a group from Stoney Creek Church of Goldsboro. This group spent the first weekend in May at Cragmont Assembly in a Spiritual Life Retreat. The mountains were beautifully decorated with flowering dogwoods; the management of Cragmont rolled out the red carpet; and the Spirit of God was evident throughout the weekend. The effects on the lives of those attending are still being experienced in the church.*

*Most weekends at Cragmont are booked; however, some still remain in the late fall (November). For reservations, call (704) 669-7677.*

### Second Union of Western Conference to Meet

The Second Union of the Western Conference will meet with Flood's Chapel Church, Nash County, May 29, 1982, at 7 p.m. The host church and Union invite everyone to attend.

### First Union of Western Conference to Meet

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet on Saturday, May 29, 1982, with Marsh Swamp Church, Wilson County. The host pastor, the Rev. Ray Wells, and the Union extend a cordial welcome to everyone. The Rev. Joseph Ingram will preach the Union message. Ken Forehand is clerk of the First Union of the Western Conference.

### Mother-Daughter Banquet At St. Mary's

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at St. Mary's Church in New Bern was held recently in the church fellowship hall with 75 ladies in attendance. It was sponsored by the Woman's Auxilliary of the church; this year's theme was "Great Women in History." Miss Susan Hill served as Mistress of Ceremonies, and with the assistance of the young ladies of the church gave a short biographical sketch of a number of outstanding ladies of the past, including two pioneers of the Woman's Auxilliary—Mrs. Alice Lupton and Mrs. J. C. Griffin. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Dianne Riley, after which Mrs.

Lizzie Dawson of Shady Grove Church gave an inspiring address that instilled within the listeners a greater appreciation of the role of women in the history of our nation as well as in today's world.

A delicious meal was served by the ladies of the church under the capable direction of Mrs. Temple Lupton.

### Western District Men's Fellowship to Meet

The Western District Men's Fellowship will meet at Milbournie Church near Wilson, on Tuesday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. All ministers of Western District are invited.

### Second District Churches to Meet

The Second District Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference will meet at King's Cross Roads Church near Farmville on Sunday, May 30, at 3 p.m. All churches in this district are asked to attend.

### St. Paul and Piney Grove Churches Host Meetings

St. Paul Church, near Elizabeth City, will host the Albemarle Union Meeting and Piney Grove Church, Beaufort County, will host the Albemarle League Convention. The date for these events is May 29, 1982. The programs are as follows:

### UNION MEETING OPENING SESSION

Pianist, Mrs. Mary Lucille Jones

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Robert May

10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Joe Griffith

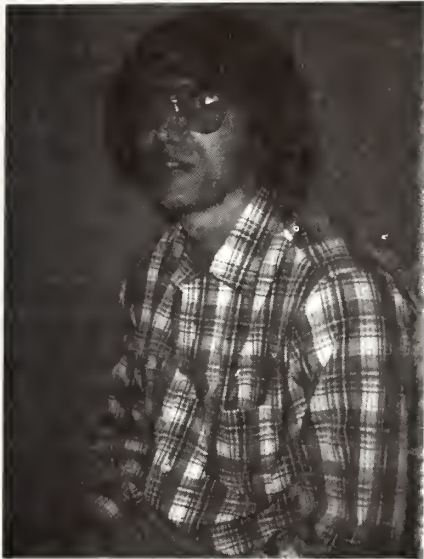
—Response, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose

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## JEFF EASON REUNITED WITH FATHER

by the Rev. Bruce Steadman



Jeff Eason

The Admission Policy established by the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home Inc., states in part:

"The Free Will Baptist Children's Home Inc., seeks to provide care for children that must live apart from their families. It's the goal of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc., to reunite the children and their families whenever it's in the best interest of the child."

This goal has been realized for Jeff Eason.

Jeff came to the Children's Home with his two brothers and his sister August 18, 1976. Jeff recently celebrated his eighteenth birthday and, being of legal age, decided to return home to live with his father in Selma, North Carolina.

While Jeff was in our care he developed physically, mentally, and most importantly, spiritually. He has been active in the Boy Scouts, earning many awards. He participated actively in the campus THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

religious life, taking part in Bible study and various singing groups formed on campus during his stay with us.

In school Jeff performed well academically and athletically. He was a member of the Southern Nash Senior High football team for the past two seasons. He also participated in baseball, softball, and basketball on community teams.

Jeff was recently attending Wilson Technical Institute every weekday morning and working part-time in the afternoons. He will be transferring to Johnston Technical Institute to continue his education as he goes to live with his father.

Jeff will be missed on campus. He has proven himself as a mature, responsible young man. I know you all will join us in wishing him well in his new endeavors.

On behalf of Jeff I would like to thank you for supporting him with your prayers and finances during his stay. You have meant much to Jeff over the years. When he and his family needed help, you were there to provide. May God continue to bless you as you provide for other boys and girls who need your help as Jeff once did.

Please keep Jeff and his family in your prayers as they take another step toward the goal of reuniting the entire family.



### BEAVERDAM YOUTH WALK FOR HOME MISSIONS

On Saturday May 8, about 50 young people of the Beaverdam YFA and AFC sponsored a walk-a-thon to raise funds for



Beaverdam Church

the Home Missions Program of Original Free Will Baptists.

The young people walked a distance of 10 miles and ended the day with lunch at the church. These young people were able to raise a total of \$455 for the Home Missions program. They are to be commended and congratulated for their efforts. The leaders of these groups are also to be commended. The YFA leader is Debra Godwin and the president is Kip Godwin; the AFC leader is Minnie Godwin and the president is Lisa Walton. The pastor of the Beaverdam Church is the Rev. William Jackie Godwin.

We, at the Home Missions Department, wish to thank these young people for their dedication and support of the Home Missions program. We also encourage other youth groups to follow their example and help support the work of Home Missions. If you need ideas for projects—please contact the Home Missions Office by writing to P.O. Box 38, Ayden, NC 28513 or by calling State Convention Headquarters at 746-4963, extension 33.

Ray Wells,  
Interim Director  
Home Missions Department



## "WHY ME, LORD?"

by Vance Link  
Missionary to Mexico

Have you ever asked the question, "Why me, Lord?" I'm sure that many of us have, but in a different manner than what I'm talking about. This is the question we usually ask in reference to some problem we find ourselves confronted with or in response to some great crisis in our lives. When trouble or testing come our way, we are quick to respond, "Why me, Lord?" But this is not what I am referring to. As I visit the churches in Mexico—as I look on their poverty and see the great physical need, I often question, "Lord, why are we blessed with so much when there are multitudes about us who have so little?" I sit at the table with a Mexican family and they have beans and rice to eat and yet are so grateful to God for the meager things they have. They would not dream of eating without spending 3 or 4 minutes thanking and praising God for His goodness and asking Him to be with those who have not. I often think as I listen to their prayer, "Why, we throw away a lot more than they have to feed a family, and we then grumble about our lack."

As I worship with them and sit on their little backless benches, I often think of our large plush churches, so often half-filled. I ask "Why are we so blessed, Lord?" As I watch them file to the front to take their peso (a peso is about 2½¢ right now), as they give from a position of poverty, I think of what we have and we reason, "Should I give a tithe before or after the withholding taxes?" Again I think, "Lord, why? Why are we so blessed?" As I listen to the testimonies of

these who have so little, as they eagerly wait their turn to sing a special "to the honor and glory of God" (many times with voices that cannot begin to carry a tune), again the question comes, "Lord, why? Why do we have to beg and plead with a people loaded with talent to serve a God who so bountifully blesses our lives?"

As I visit with the pastors in their communities and see so many little children without decent clothing, without shoes, without proper medical attention, I question, "Lord, why?" But far more serious than anything I have mentioned is the lack of the knowledge of Christ. In so many of the small rural areas are people living without Bibles, without a church, without a preacher, without the hope the gospel gives, and once again my heart cries out, "Lord, why?"

May God through the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit help us to see the grave truth of Luke 12:48: "... for unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." Just what is our responsibility and accountability to God?

May God help us that we might work with the strength He has given us while it is yet day. May we give as liberally as He has given unto us.

May we serve Him with the talents and abilities He has given as we praise Him for the opportunity to serve.

May we be remembered as a people not because of what we have but because of our work of faith, our labor of love, and our patience of hope in waiting for the coming of our Lord.

To: All ministers of the Eastern Conference

Topic: Ministers' Retreat

Dates: June 4 and 5

Place: Camp Vandemere

This year's Ministers' Retreat to Camp Vandemere should prove to be beneficial, as it will be a time for worship, fellowship, and education. The cost for three meals and one night's lodging will be \$11.75. Look for additional information in the coming issues of *The Free Will Baptist*. Pre-registration is needed so that food and lodging can be planned. Please fill out the form below and mail it to:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to attend the Ministers' Retreat. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ people in my party.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sorry, but I will be unable to attend this year's retreat.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# **FIVE STEPS TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESS**

*by Eleanor Daniel*

Monday dawned bright and clear. It was the first day of Vacation Bible School. Director Joyce Logan made her way to the church building early that morning to tend to last-minute details. To her delight she found classrooms prepared, supplies distributed, and staff on hand to greet pupils as they arrived. That first day went without so much as a hitch, even with more children present than had been projected. Vacation Bible School was under way, and Joyce went home that day with a feeling of satisfaction.

Contrast Joyce's experience with that of Phyllis Brown, director of Vacation Bible School at a church across the city. Phyllis arrived only to find classrooms unprepared, some supplies missing and the remainder not yet distributed, and teachers scurrying to set up rooms, and materials. Nothing seemed to go right—the song leader kept the children too long, refreshments were late, and craft leaders couldn't find all of the materials they needed. Vacation Bible School was under way, but it was anything but pleasant and satisfying. Phyllis went home vowing never to direct Vacation Bible School again.

Two churches—two Vacation Bible School programs—two directors—two contrasting outcomes. What made the difference? Why did one Vacation Bible School begin so well while the other seemed to accomplish so little? The key to a successful Vacation Bible

School—Joyce's or yours—is planning. Joyce's planning—and yours too, if it is done well—includes five steps.

## **1 SET GOALS**

A successful Vacation Bible School aims to accomplish something specific. Far too many Vacation Bible School programs “just happen,” usually in the same way they “just happened” last year. And when they are all over, people wonder why they should spend all of that money and invest all of that energy in a program that seems to accomplish so little. It need not be that way.

Sit down at the beginning of Vacation Bible School planning and decide what the goals will be. If it is to reach unchurched children, decide how many you can realistically expect. If you want to teach the children of your congregation, decide how many you can expect to enroll. If your goal is to teach missions or to reach families or to provide intergenerational learning or to accomplish any one of other possible goals, say so. Specifying your goals at the outset helps to determine later strategy.

## **2 SELECT CURRICULUM**

Evaluate materials by using simple criteria to determine usability.

**Biblical content.** Lessons must be Bible-based and accurate in explanation of the Scripture. The Bible must also be regarded as God's Word.

When content lends itself to it, salvation aims should be included in materials for Juniors and above. On the other hand, the materials should be flexible enough to go beyond the basics for those who are ready for a greater emphasis on Christian living. In short, look for materials that accept God's Word as truth and present that Word in a way that calls for pupil response.

**Teachability.** Check to see that a step-by-step lesson plan is included for each age level. It should give “how-to” as well as “what-to” help. A good test is to look at each lesson from the eyes of an inexperienced teacher.

Each element of the lesson—each learning activity, every visual, all crafts, the pupil's book, even games—should contribute to accomplishment of the teaching aims. At the same time, look for a variety of methods and activities at each point in the lesson.

**Attractiveness.** Last, though surely not least, look at the use of color, print, art, and layout. All else being equal, attractive materials communicate the gospel more effectively than do drab ones.

## **3 RECRUIT AND TRAIN LEADERS**

After goals and curriculum are selected, the critical work of staffing begins. But before you can staff, you must decide how many classes you will need, who to recruit, and how to prepare your workers. In other

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words, plan your recruitment procedure.

**Determine needed staff.** To decide how many people you will need to carry out your Vacation Bible School program, list every job that needs to be done: music director, devotional leader, missions leader, department leaders, teachers, craft leaders, refreshment workers, recreation leaders, transportation workers, publicity planners, closing program personnel, purchasing agent, secretaries. Then decide which jobs could be combined.

Figure a bit to determine how many classes you will need. Consult last year's attendance records. Look at current Bible school records. Project to account for unchurched children who will be reached during this Vacation Bible School effort. Then, if at all possible, decide to create small classes to allow for personalized teaching. (Small means 6-7 preschoolers, 8-10 children of elementary school age, and 12-15 teens). This procedure should give you a figure for needed teachers and helpers.

**Recruit staff.** Actual staff recruitment needs to begin no less than three months before Vacation Bible School is to begin. This provides ample time to make personal contacts (either home calls or telephone calls) and to provide training/planning classes in preparation for the program.

Recruitment is an aggressive task, requiring sound planning and plenty of hard work. It seldom "just happens." That is why you make the contacts and ask those individuals whom you know to be qualified to minister. Staff stability, quality, and function improve dramatically when this procedure is followed.

The director need not recruit everyone himself, especially if the Vacation Bible School is large enough to be departmentalized. Rather, after deciding

who will recruit whom, department leaders recruit their own workers.

**Develop the staff.** Plan for staff training to prepare workers for Vacation Bible School ministry. Some churches conduct a series of special meetings to provide training and to permit group planning. Others leave training up to department leaders with only one or two general staff meetings.

The nature of staff training must be determined by the needs of the staff members. If your staff is composed mainly of veteran workers who already possess effective teaching skills, a review/planning session or two may be adequate. On the other hand, inexperienced workers require more training time. Consult the *Director's Manual* from the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Ayden, NC, as well as the teachers' books for added suggestions. But be flexible enough to modify those suggestions to meet your needs.

#### 4 PLAN STRATEGY

Once goals have been established, curriculum selected, and staff recruited and trained, the major preparation is well under way. But some details remain to be finalized.

**Publicity.** Use every available means to let the community know that Vacation Bible School is coming. Work with the publicity chairman to prepare a calendar for publicity. Begin early and publicize consistently.

**Plan a daily schedule** and communicate it to your workers. Give ample time for good Bible teaching and fit in worship, missions, crafts, and other activities. Use the *Director's Manual* for guidelines.

**Order supplies.** Work with the supply chairman to coordinate purchasing. Communicate the buying procedure

to teachers. Order printed materials early.

**Plan refreshments.** Work with the refreshment chairman to plan refreshment needs and to work out the time schedule.

**Plan transportation.** Consult the transportation chairman to work out routes. Get a list of those who need transportation to him early.

**Arrange for custodial help.** Communicate with the church custodian about room arrangements and schedule. If your church does not have a paid custodian, recruit a volunteer to do it.

**Pre-register pupils.** Develop a strategy to register pupils. A Vacation Bible School registration day works well for many. Other churches develop class lists and have the teacher call each child on the list. The first day of Vacation Bible School will proceed much more smoothly when most pupils have been pre-registered.

**Plan closing program.** Work with the director of the closing program to plan the details. Communicate those details to the staff. The *Director's Manual* makes suggestions for several correlating programs.

**Plan follow-up.** Vacation Bible School isn't finished when the last day arrives. Rather, its effects should extend throughout the year. Decide before Vacation Bible School begins what will be done to follow-up. Include evaluation meetings, staff appreciation events, pupil contacts, how and when to get prospects' names to Sunday school teachers and church callers. Again, the *Director's Manual* provides added help.

#### 5 PRAY

Every step of preparation must be clothed in prayer if Vacation Bible School is to be God's witness in the community. Begin with prayer, sustain with prayer, and give thanks at the end. Plan. Work. Pray.

## OPENS CARD



*These Johnston County graduates look on while Janet Cooke of Four Oaks (center) opens one more graduation card. They are (from left to right) Cathy Woodard of Pine Level Church, Teresa Pittman of Piney Grove Church, Janet Cooke of Hopewell Church, Karen Hartley of Riverside Church, and David Parker of Smyrna Church.*

## GRADUATES AT MOC URGED "TO IMAGE"

*by Mary Susan Yates*

Milestones are sometimes difficult to pass because just beyond them are signposts pointing in several directions. After the event, decisions must be made which will determine the path of the future.

The 113 graduates of Mount Olive College were faced with one of those milestones at graduation held May 7 on the Moye Library lawn. The faces of the graduating sophomores and their parents expressed both pride in accomplishment and apprehension about the next step after Mount Olive.

Mrs. Lorelle F. Martin, the principal speaker for the College's thirty-first graduation, urged the graduates to review the factors involved in their experience at Mount Olive before taking the next step—transferring to a four-year institution, applying for a job, or getting married. Mrs. Martin has been a member of the faculty for 25

years and she is presently serving as chairman of the science department. "What is your image?" she asked the candidates for graduation.

### Test Time at Graduation

Advising them to take out a "sheet of mental paper," Mrs. Martin posed three questions which she explained would enable the students to answer her original question. "What is the heritage that Mount Olive College has provided for you?"; "What has it meant to you to spend two years of your life here at Mount Olive College?"; and "What image have you formed or are you forming for yourself?"

"Imaging," Mrs. Martin explained, "is positive thinking carried one step further. In imaging one does not merely think about a hoped-for goal; one 'sees' or visualizes it with tremendous intensity, reinforced by prayer."

## MOC's Heritage

Recalling the history of Mount Olive, Mrs. Martin said that the College existed because the Founding Fathers in the Free Will Baptist Church practiced imaging. (They voted to charter the college with only \$6.17 in the education fund.) Throughout Mount Olive College's history, friends of the college, like Dr. C. C. Henderson, "have had faith in you and in this institution," explained Mrs. Martin. "An investment in Mount Olive College has been an investment in you."

## The Significance of Life at MOC

In answer to her second question, Mrs. Martin continued, "your college days are your first experience at life, partially on your own—to some extent away from your parents or guardian but still under the direction of other adults who have trod these paths before you." We at Mount Olive College care about you.

The religious aspect of life at Mount Olive will provide "one of the most valuable memories" of the two years spent here, Mrs. Martin added, recalling "the times spent in chapel" and the "other occasions when you withdrew from the pressures of daily life to commune with God." Many of you have grown spiritually at Mount Olive College.

### The Image of the Future

Last, Mrs. Martin reminded the graduates that "you have at least two more years to find your image.

"Remember that you are Mount Olive College . . . Remember that the greatest truths are the simplest and so are the greatest people.

"Honor the heritage you have here, be loyal to it, to yourself, and to the image you form."

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## FEATURE

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seek marriage and family counseling outside their communities.

"If a pastor and his wife were seen going to a marriage counselor there would be a scandalous story spreading around town. It's time for congregations to do away with this stupid stigma and get to work helping clergy couples with their marriage," Mace said.—(BP) used by permission of the editors of *Charity and Children*, Thomasville, NC 27360.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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### PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Saints Delight Church, Craven County, on Sunday, June 6, at 11 a.m. At 9:45 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Saints Delight Church is the Rev. Noah Brown Sr.

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who had any part in putting on the program.

On Easter Sunday morning at 6:30, about fifty people gathered in the cemetery for sunrise service. The service began with the group singing "The Old Rugged Cross," followed by prayer by Bobby Tew. The pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen, brought a very heartwarming message on "The Resurrection," using Luke 24:1-8 as his Scripture.

We, the members of Robert's Grove, thank God every day for sending this devoted man of God and his family to be our leader. He is never too busy or too tired to visit and counsel with any who need him. He is

willing to spend hours with one person, if there is a chance he might be able to lead that soul to Christ. Mrs. Allen is a very devoted Christian wife and mother. She is always giving of herself to encourage others. A pat on the back, or a hug, and a few words of praise is a gift of hers that came from God. May God's richest blessings go with them as they lead us, and we strive to live closer to Christ and to each other.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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- 10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charles 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 Press, via Literature
- Report of Missions, 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

- 11:00—Hymn
- 11:20—Special Music, Host Church
- 11:25—Message, the Rev. James Rogerson
- Adjournment and Lunch

## LEAGUE CONVENTION

- 7:30—Devotion, Miss Patricia Jones
- 7:40—President's Message, Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr.
- Appointment of Digest Committee
- Offering
- Roll Call of Leagues
- Sword Drill
- Hymn
- Recognition of Ministers
- Announcements
- Special Music
- League Program
- Minutes of Last Convention
- Business of Digest Committee
- Report of Digest Committee

## EDITORIAL

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Often the period of parenthood parallels the development of the husband's career. The foundation for later problems is laid when women give themselves totally to the rearing of children, and husbands devote themselves to the advancement of their careers. In the process, little time is given to each other. Parenting should be seen as a challenge, one with the potential for growth, development, and enrichment. If it is, when the children are gone, what is left is two people who have a stronger marriage and who are better equipped for the next phase of life.

But how tragic! Often after the last child is married, the following can be heard: "Hello, my name is Harry. I work a lot. What do you do?" In tears, Harry's wife merely shrugs her shoulders and wonders if she really knows Harry—even after twenty-five years of marriage. Apparently he does not know her.

- Awarding of Banners and Picture
- Treasurer's Report
- Minutes Read and Approved
- Adjournment

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May 30—Mount Olive College Day in Local Churches

June 14-July 16—Summer School (Term B), Mount Olive College

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A very special thank-you is due Mrs. Janie Jones Sowers, editor of *The Free Will Baptist*, for her cooperation and patience.

It has been a real joy and privilege to assemble this information. I hope to continue with the Central, Western, and Piedmont organizations in the near future.

I would appreciate any local auxiliary which was organized in the 1904-1910 period and has the minutes or a written record to prove that they were, to contact me (Minnie Chandler) at the Free Will Baptist Press as soon as possible. In fact, I would like to ask each local auxiliary in each conference to send me a complete copy (photocopy or handwritten word for word) of their first or organizational minutes.

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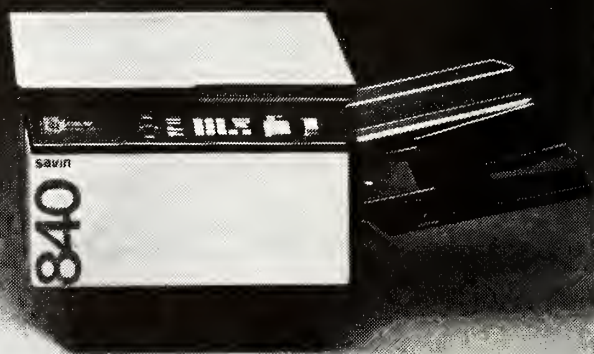
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## Scenes from Laymen's Convention



(Top) The Male Chorus from Free Union Church; (middle left) the Rev. C. L. Patrick; (middle right) some of those in attendance; (bottom) registering beforehand.

## State Layman's League Convention Organized

It was May 15, 1982; Rodgers Chapel, located in the midst of the Mount Olive College campus, was the scene; the event was the organizational meeting of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists Layman's League. Men from five districts—the Albemarle, Cape Fear, Central, Eastern, and Western—assembled themselves with a united purpose, the forming of a state body which would be “for the development of the men of the church, especially for their stewardship” (the Rev. David Charles Hansley).

Special music for the occasion was sung by two excellent male ensembles. The Men's Chorus from Free Union Church, Central Conference, sang, as did the Male Chorus from Fremont Church, Western Conference.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of Bethany Church, was the speaker of the hour. While speaking about the purpose and goals of such an organization, Mr. Patrick referred back to the time when Moses told Joshua to get his men of war together, for he (Moses) needed help. Those men of war were in fact laymen who would hold up their leader's hands; they would help provide needed strength.

Mr. Patrick called for the men of the Original Free Will Baptist Church to be men of war, to hold up their preachers' hands, to hold up the hands of those who lead

our denominational enterprises. A State Layman's League Convention would help men to do so, for it would serve to organize men for worship, stewardship purposes, and service. Such an organization would be a means by which laymen could exalt Christ through the agencies God has provided; and the local church serves as the point where such an endeavor should begin.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, organized the Convention, putting together the

organizational structure. Those elected as officers were: President—Henry Paul Beaman, Central Conference; Vice President—J. T. Wilson, Eastern Conference; Secretary—Floyd Newsome, Western Conference; Treasurer—Ray Clark, Central Conference; Member at Large—Chuck Whitford, Albemarle Conference.

The newly elected officers were then installed by Mr. Hansley who challenged them to spread the good news of Christ, and to walk daily with the Cross before them and the world behind them.



*Pictured above are the newly elected state officers of the Layman's League Convention. The ribbon cords they hold symbolize Christ's blood that was shed for their salvation. From left to right, the men are Clark Whitford, J. T. Wilson, Henry Paul Beaman, Floyd Newsome, and Ray Clark.*



# North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Fifty-fifth annual session of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention was hosted by the Pee Dee District Auxiliary Convention at Beaverdam Church, May 13, 1982.

The theme for the Convention was "My Commitment to Service." The Scripture reference was Acts 9:6—"And he said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said, Arise and go."

Mrs. Dianne Riley directed the music, accompanied by Mrs. Nina Grace Register at the piano. Miss Sara Willoughby, vice president, opened the Convention and Mrs. Riley directed the congregation in singing, "This Is the Day That the Lord Hath Made," and "He Keeps Me Singing." Mrs. Lorraine Sutton gave the invocation.

Mrs. Louise Cartrette, president of the Pee Dee Convention extended greetings and welcomed us to Beaverdam, her home church. Mrs. Sadie Daughtry responded.

Mrs. Nancy Hardee presented the devotion. Mrs. Happy Taylor, president of the Convention expressed her appreciation for the cooperation of the Executive Committee and all the local auxiliaries in the support of all the denominational enterprises. She recognized State officers, District presidents and ministers present. Mrs. Taylor invited the Rev. A. B. Bryan to pray God's blessings on the Convention.

Mrs. Deborah King and Mrs. Dianne Riley presented a skit in which representatives of the denominational enterprises were invited to "dinner."

Those who participated were the Rev. Ray Wells, Home Missions; the Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions; the Rev. Doug Skinner, Cragmont; Mrs. Nina Grace Register, Camp Vandemere; Mrs. Janie Sowers, the Free Will Baptist Press; the Rev. Billy Hardee, the Children's Home and Retirement Homes; and Mrs. Dianne Riley, Mount Olive College.

Following a short business session Mrs. Ruth Warrick on behalf of the Convention presented a tribute to Mrs. Hilda Gray Sasser who has served as treasurer of the Convention twenty-two years. She had previously served as secretary for six years.

The morning worship was begun with the hymn, "I Am Thine." The offering was taken with the Rev. Billy Hardee giving the offertory prayer.

Mrs. Deborah King rendered special music, "I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian." Mrs. Taylor introduced the Rev. Harold Jones, director-treasurer of Foreign Missions, as the speaker of the hour.

In using the theme Scripture Mr. Jones put out a challenge to the congregation to rate themselves on a scale of 1 to 10 on the following 5 points: (1) Personal experience in Jesus Christ, (2) obedience to Christ's direction for your life, (3) concern for and obedience to the Great Commission, (4) concern for being a daily witness, (5) concern for intercessory prayer. He elaborated on each of these with the hope that we could improve our rating and our

church's rating with the help of our Lord.

Miss Leah McGlohon sang "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" after which the congregation sang the hymn, "Ready."

Mrs. Rachel Duncan invited us to lunch in the basement of the church; and the Rev. Jackie Godwin, pastor, gave the benediction and grace.

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of choruses and "Trust and Obey."

Mrs. Martha Pittman conducted a very impressive memorial service. She was assisted by Mrs. Register who played "When They Ring the Golden Bells."

Miss Becky Jo Sumner, Youth Chairman, very proudly presented several of the Free Will Baptist youth who had been winners in Essay, Declamation and Bible Bowl contests in the State Youth Convention. Among those were Ginger Rowland, Susan Taylor, Karen Mzingo, and teams from Beaverdam and Oak Grove. We are very appreciative of our youth and their endeavors.

In the business session, Mrs. Lorraine Sutton gave the Anna Phillips Loan Education Fund report. Miss Leah McGlohon gave the Resolutions Committee report. Mrs. Hilda Gray Sasser gave the treasurer's report stating that all project quotas were met or exceeded.

Mrs. Rose Raper gave the secretary's report, a highlight of which she stated there were 22 A-1 auxiliaries out of the 166 reporting.

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## Our New Pastor

*submitted by Lillie Mae Pender, Clerk*



*The Rev. Bobby Taylor*

Brother Bobby Taylor was born August 9, 1947, and was licensed to preach in October of 1972. He was ordained November 2, 1973, at Sound Side Church. He now serves as President of the State League Convention, director of the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont, member of Mount Olive College Advisory Board on Church Relations, Cragmont Board Representative, chairman of the Credentials Committee of State Convention, member of Advisory Committee for State Youth Convention, and member of State Ministerial Association. A graduate of Mount Olive College, he obtained a B.A. degree in psychology from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson.

In the early months of nineteen eighty-one,

Our deacons had to secure a messenger of the Lord.

We prayed and prayed for the right thing to be done,

So that we could work in one accord.

Our prayers were answered and the last of June

Came a young man to us, full of energy and zeal;  
We enjoyed his first message, and we sang a tune.

At prayer meeting, we gave our approval with a seal.

Our church year began on July first,  
With love in our hearts, and faith to believe

That we could work together in spirit,  
and never burst

Into lack of wisdom, but grow in grace in that we receive.

We love him more and more as we fellowship together,

Regardless of rain or sunny weather.

We've had our ups and downs, and sickness, too,

But our pastor has been with us all the way through.

He's a man of God and preaches the Word,

Just like all preachers should, that we've ever heard.

The better we know him the more we love and appreciate him,  
And our need and love for him will never grow dim.

As we honor him in *The Baptist* today  
We're proud of him, is what we want to say.

Keep up your good works and patience with us,

And we'll get along good without any fuss

His wife is Audrey, and Stephen, his son,

As we work together, we have a lot of fun.

Soon there will be another little tot,  
And I know we will learn to love it a lot.

We are very proud of our new church family, and we look forward to many years working together. Pray that God's will will be done in our church; and come visit us.

## Congregation Meets New Pastor



Pleasant Grove Church's new pastor at Erwin is the Rev. Ted Eugene Bryant. He and his wife, the former Gail Brown, recently began their work in Erwin.

Blue-eyed, affable, easy to talk to, 33-year-old Bryant is taking on his first full-time pastorate at Pleasant Grove. The past two years he has served as Youth Director for Branch Chapel Church.

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Have Special Program For Auxiliary



The members of the Catalpa Free Will Baptist Mission Woman's Auxiliary held a special meeting in March with emphasis on Home and Foreign Missions. Each member attending the meeting was encouraged to dress in a native costume representing either India, Mexico, Philippines, or Home Missions. Prizes were awarded for the best costume.



Catalpa Mission became an A-1 auxiliary in the Cape Fear District. It is a privilege and an honor to be in this position in such a short time. The Lord has truly blessed the mission and auxiliary.



### Youth to Present Program at Sound Side Church

The Young Adult Class of Sound Side Church of Columbia will present a play on Sunday, June 6, at 8 p.m. The play entitled, "The Accident," was written by Nancy Matthews of Wilson and deals with an accident following a drinking party. It presents an important message in an impressive and unforgettable manner. The play is being given by the young adults as a part of the church's effort to help finance its young people's week at Cragmont. An offering will be taken.

### New Layman's League Formed

The men of First Church of Micro met in March and organized a Layman's League.

The pastor, the Rev. Clyde Cox, was instrumental in the organizing of this league. Fourteen men met and are recognized as charter members. Hopefully, all men of the church will join and help it to be an active and soul-winning force of the church. Meetings will be held at the church on the first Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

### Elm Grove YFA Has Rock-a-Thon



The members of the YFA at Elm Grove are going to Cragmont YFA Week. They have been working hard having dinners, and on Sunday, May 16, they had a rock-a-thon to finish paying for their trip to camp. They had pizzas for lunch in the fellowship building cooked by their leaders. Ann Elks and Wallie Hargrove. Later in the afternoon at the parsonage the leaders served them homemade ice cream. The YFA rocked for 10 hours and had a real good time. The pastor of the Elm Grove church is the Rev. Steve Hargrove. It is hoped the young people will be blessed by going to camp.

### Central Conference Laymen To Meet

The Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will hold its regular quarterly meeting at Piney Grove Church in Pitt County,

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on Monday night, June 7, 1982. The meeting begins at 8 p.m.

### **St. Mary's Youth Weekend**

The youth of St. Mary's Church, New Bern, held their annual youth weekend, April 23-25, with many traditional happenings and a few new remembrances.

All began on Friday at 7:30 p.m. with the making of large cards for the shut-ins and one large banner with "We miss you, Mrs. Versie" (for one of the teachers who has been out for a time because of illness). Then Mr. Wellar of WBIC Radio spoke about rock music and its satanic influence. The group then shared devotions with the pastor, the Rev. Marvin Waters, in the sanctuary. There was then a sleep-in held on the third floor with boys in one room and girls in another. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. was prepared by Gail and Lanier Clark. Then the group went off to the State Youth Convention.

The group came back to deliver the cards, and to play a volleyball game; Saturday's activities ended with pizza and a song service, with the Prescott family singing.

On Sunday morning the youth taught all the Sunday school classes and were in charge of all the music for the morning worship. It was a wonderful service with the pastor's message entitled "The Greatest University." Many lives were rededicated and one profession of faith was made.

It was a grand weekend. Baptismal service was held on May 2. The Pollocksville Puppeteers were there on Sunday night.

### **Free Spirit Church Honors Its Mothers**

May 9, 1982, Mother's Day, was a special day for Free Spirit Church in Wilson. All mothers, members and visitors were honored during the morning worship service. The

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pastor, Wayne Whitley, read a poem entitled, "Mothers," followed by two selections of special music. Jean Griffin, accompanied by Leslie Lamm on the guitar, sang "Hallelujah Square," and Mr. Whitley sang "Mama Loved the Roses." The mothers were asked to form a line across the front of the sanctuary. Each one was presented a red silk rose by Miss Amy Evans and Miss Amy Medlin. What a heavenly sight it was to behold, seeing all those beautiful ladies standing there. The oldest mother was then recognized. Mrs. Nannie Joyner was presented a cross-stitch sampler, made by the pastor's wife, which read, "A Mother is someone you cherish because of the rich love her heart conveys." As Mr. Whitley stated during his message, whenever children are sick or need comforting, they say "I want my mama." Thank God for mothers—they are so precious!

### **Grubbs Awarded Degree**



*The Rev. Paul Grubbs*

The Rev. Paul Charles Grubbs of Mount Olive was among the more than 200 graduates at recent commencement exercises at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest. He received the

Master of Divinity degree. Mr. Grubbs is pastor of Friendship Church, Middlesex.

### **A Time of Fellowship At Friendship Church**

The Growers in Christ Sunday School Class of Friendship Church near Middlesex entertained the two adult Sunday school classes with a supper on Saturday night, April 24, at the church fellowship building.

The building was decorated in a spring theme with spring flowers. These flowers were placed in honor of the two classes.

Ray Wilder, class president, welcomed everyone after which the Rev. Paul Grubbs, pastor of the church, asked the blessing.

Judy Strickland was in charge of the door prizes and all the guests received gifts from the class. Entertainment for the evening included the Rev. Jerry Hicks, pastor of Wakefield Central Baptist Church of Zebulon; Miss Barbara Dorsey, youth director of Wakefield Central Baptist Church; and Miss Christy Hicks. Everyone enjoyed their gospel singing and testimony.

Special guests were Mrs. Jerry Hicks and Jimmy of Zebulon, and Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Fulghum of Zebulon. Approximately 50 people enjoyed this evening of Christian fellowship.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Concerning the widespread rumor that I am retiring on June 30, I wish to make it known, that I am not. While it is true that I am leaving Rose Hill Church after 18 years of serving those good people, I plan to continue preaching as the opportunity comes. Please don't talk about my retiring; I am just changing places as soon as another place becomes available. My address is Route 4, Box 400, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580; phone, 747-3503.

N. D. Beaman



## JUNE: CRAGMONT MONTH

June has been designated by our State Convention as Cragmont Month.

Cragmont has had a faithful ministry to the people of the Free Will Baptist denomination. In many ways it is a mission in the sense that many young people have been won to Christ our Lord while attending a youth conference. Many young men have devoted their lives to Christian ministry because of the good influence of Christian leaders through their efforts at Cragmont. Not only has Cragmont ministered to our youth but to our adults as well. For many years the ministers have traveled to Cragmont for their annual Ministers' Conference. Their purpose of coming is one of spiritual renewal and fellowship with one another.

The Woman's Auxiliary comes once a year to this place for renewal and good Christian fun.

Cragmont has now broadened its ministry to the local church. Many of our churches plan weekend retreats. In all the retreats the purpose that all have in mind is spiritual renewal.

In this article one other thing should be pointed out. By reading all of the above, it should stand out that Cragmont ministers mainly to its own people. This does not mean that only Free Will Baptists may come to Cragmont. But, that Cragmont is in such big demand by our own people that there is hardly enough time in a year for anyone else.

Because Cragmont is in such great demand does not mean that it can exist or continue its ministry without your support.

Without the support of individuals and churches Cragmont would fail. Therefore, it is of great importance that you continue your financial giving. Last year only 140 of our 274 churches in our denomination gave to Cragmont. Therefore, our challenge to those churches not contributing to this work is that you send us \$100 this year. We would like for you to set aside a Sunday in June as Cragmont Sunday and take a special offering.

To those churches who are supporting us, we ask for your continued support; and we challenge you to increase your giving as much as you can.

## CRAGMONT: FINANCIALLY ACCESSIBLE

Many times the question is asked, how may I give my money to Cragmont? The purpose of this article is to impress on you the great need Cragmont has for your support.

First, we must understand that Cragmont is a non-profit corporation and therefore depends greatly upon the churches of our denomination for financial support. Many of our people think that because we charge for staying at Cragmont and for the meals that we serve that we are self-supporting. But this is just not the case. Let me share some figures from 1981 which should prove this point.

Last year we received from summer conferences, weekend retreats and visitors a total of \$67,090.32. However, our total expenses for operating the camp last year was \$164,589.21. This means that we depended upon churches and individuals to make up the \$97,498.89 that was needed to operate the camp. You can see from this that we are not self-supporting.

Another way of looking at this is to show you how much it costs to send a child to Cragmont for one week of camp. This year the cost of Cragmont for one week of camp is \$65. Of this \$65, Cragmont gets only \$33 per child for the week. The rest of the \$65 goes toward transportation to Cragmont and home again, and other conference expenses. For this \$33 that Cragmont receives we provide for the child, room and board from Monday supper through Saturday breakfast. Obviously the \$33 will not cover all the expenses for a child to stay a week at Cragmont.

However, the policy of the Board of Directors at Cragmont has been "make camp at Cragmont as cheap as we can for the kids." We want to make Cragmont accessible to all the people of our denomination. The only way we can do this is for our churches to support us with their contributions. If your church is not helping us financially, please consider it so that our youth can continue to come to Cragmont for a week of great spiritual renewal and good Christian fun. Will you, as individuals, also pray that Cragmont may continue its home mission effort of winning youth over to the cause of Christ?

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Lt. Col. John B. Narron, has assumed responsibility as Senior Installation Chaplain at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, North Carolina, with his new address being 1506 East Harris Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530; phone 736-5211 (office) and 734-0270 (home).

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## YOU AND EVANGELISM IN INDIA

by Harold Jones



Target Area of June Evangelism

During this month (June) Dr. Lal and the Indian pastors are engaged in an intensive evangelistic effort. This is one of the most important campaigns of the year. They will reach into areas that have never heard the gospel. You can be a part of this effort, **first** of all by praying. We must hold them up in prayer as they carry this only message of hope. **Pray** that they will find prepared hearts. **Pray** for their safety. There are many dangers in this area of the world. **Pray** for their health; long hours and much travel will be involved. They need strength to accomplish this great task. **Second**, you can give. The Foreign Missions Board approved funding of this effort in the amount of \$2,090. This will cover travel expenses, food, and 500 Hindi Bibles. You can share in this by sending your gifts to the Foreign Missions office. No gift is too large or too small.

Thank you in advance for your participation in prayer and giving for this great evangelistic effort.

## BOOKS NEEDED FOR P.B.I. LIBRARY

The library at the Philippine Bible Institute is rather small, and in order to better train our students, we need a good reference library. **You can help!** We need Bible handbooks, Bible dictionaries, Bible land maps, Bible commentaries, and other good reference books. **Pastor**, you may have some good books that you no longer use or need that you would like to give to the library. **Church member**, you may also have some Bible reference books that you wish to donate. This would be a good project for a youth group or Sunday School class to raise funds to purchase new reference books or maps.

If we act within this month, we can include these in the Barnard's shipment and will not have to pay customs.

Contact the Foreign Missions office for further information

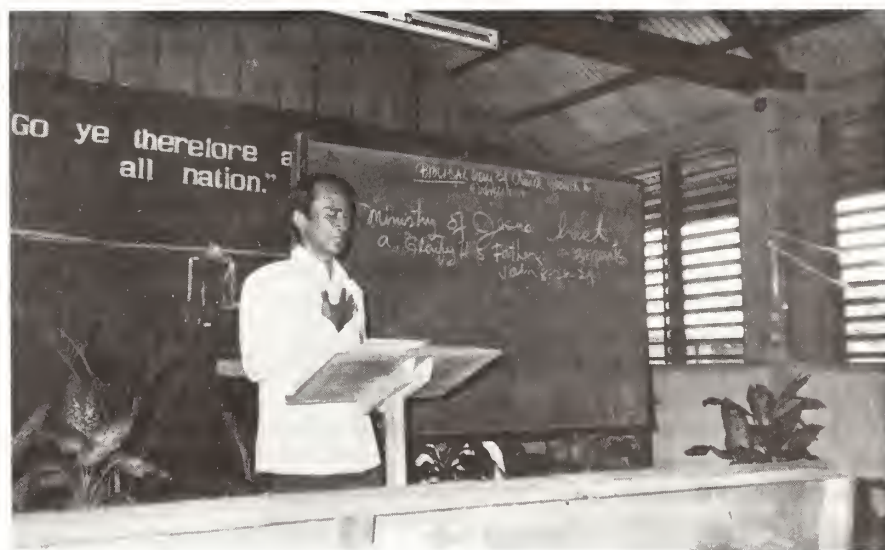
or send books to: P.O. Box 38, Ayden, North Carolina 28513; or via U.P.S., 809 North Lee Street, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

**NOTE:** Never let special projects take away from your regular missions support. If it does it just hurts the total program.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET NEEDS

The budget for 1981-82 was approved by the State Convention at \$180,000. To date we have received \$134,537.84 for general missions support, and \$22,253.87 for world relief. We have spent \$144,034.90 for general missions use, and \$12,673.75 for world relief. General fund contributions are \$9,497.06 below expenditures. We need a good month in June to meet our budget for this fiscal year. **WILL YOU HELP?**

## CONVENTION, THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PHILIPPINES



The Tenth Annual Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines convened on March 25, 26, 1982, at the Puerto Princesa City Church. God blessed, attendance and participation were excellent. The spirit of brotherhood was discernable by all present.

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## RONNIE RHODES ENJOYS THE WRIGHTS



Ronnie Rhodes

Ronnie Rhodes is a 10-year-old male who is presently in foster care with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wright in Durham. Ronnie lived at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc. along with his older brother and sister for three years until he moved into foster care with the Wrights in August, 1980. He is very happy and active in outdoor sports. He is a member of the local baseball team in Durham. Ronnie enjoys visiting with his brothers and sisters and having them visit in the foster home on occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have two smaller children of their own, but Ronnie is a very special part of their lives and they treat him as if he were their own. Their energy and love make it all worthwhile for Ronnie. Please remember Ronnie, his family, and foster family in your prayers.

Foster parents are special people. They are people who care about others; people who can give affection and care to a child without expectation of

return; people who enjoy being parents; people who have love to share and the desire to care for a child whose family is in a crisis.

If you would like to share your life, your home, and your family with a child, we will be happy to talk with you about the requirements and procedures for becoming foster parents. Please contact: Susan Dalton, Foster Care Social Worker, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc., P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557; phone, (919) 235-2161 Extension 6.

### RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS APRIL, 1982 Total \$11,036.79

#### ALBEMARLE

Gum Neck	\$ 25.00
Mount Tabor	215.35
Mount Zion	109.15
Sidney	87.93
Sound Side	25.00
Total	\$ 462.43

#### CAPE FEAR

Johnston Union	\$ 276.00
Palmer Memorial	238.56
Shady Grove	735.00
Smithfield, First	400.00
West Clinton	129.00
Yelverton Grove	144.64
Total	\$1,923.20

#### CENTRAL

Aspen Grove	\$ 173.00
Ayden	200.00
Bethany	125.00
Black Jack (Pitt)	200.00
Dilda's Grove	50.00
Edgewood	5.00
Free Union	178.45
Friendship	95.52
Greenville, First	20.00
Grimsley	50.00
Harrell's Chapel	95.00
King's Cross Roads	805.00
Little Creek	225.00
Otter's Creek	145.70
Owens Chapel	100.00
Reedy Branch	55.00
Rocky Mount, First	25.00
Saratoga	20.00
Spring Branch	20.00
Williamston, First	150.00
Winterville	450.08
Total	\$3,187.75

#### EASTERN

Antioch	\$ 375.00
Bridgeton	50.00
Core Creek	79.72
Crab Point	15.00
Dublin Grove	16.66
Friendship	94.10
Jackson Heights	112.30
Kinston, First	10.00
Mount Zion (Pamlico)	239.88
Mount Zion (Onslow)	100.00
New Haven	60.60
Northeast	45.10
Rock of Zion	204.07
Saint Mary's	300.00
Smyrna	300.00
Sound View	630.00
Warsaw	100.00
White Hill	25.00
Union Number 3	20.00
Total	\$2,777.43

#### PEE DEE

Mount Calvary	\$ 168.65
Thomasboro	150.00
Total	\$ 318.65

#### PIEDMONT

Advance Mission	\$ 14.94
East Rockingham	73.32
Total	\$ 88.26

#### WESTERN

Agape Mission	\$ 150.00
Black Jack Grove	200.00
Everett Chapel	76.58
Fremont	445.00
Kenly	305.00
Marsh Swamp	50.00
Milbournie	125.00
Oak Grove	180.99
People's Chapel	10.00
Pine Level	5.00
Pleasant Plain	125.00
Rock Springs	100.00
Rosebud	5.00
Selma	100.00
Sherron Acres	175.00
Stancil's Chapel	55.00
Union Chapel	32.50
Union Grove	68.50
Wilson, First	70.50
Total	\$2,279.07

#### MEMORIAL GIFTS - \$45

By Mr. and Mrs. William Tyndall in memory of J. W. Efird  
By Mrs. James B. Hunt in memory of Ransom V. Johnson, Jr.  
By Kenly Auxiliary in memory of Jesse Woodard  
By Hickory Grove in memory of Hazel Earley

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Due to errors in our report to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention we submit the following corrected report. Please accept our apology for the errors.

# **CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT TO THE STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION May 1982**

Currently the Free Will Baptist Children's Home is caring for a total of 36 children. Twenty-seven of those children are being cared for on our campus in the three cottages that we now have open. The rest are in foster care, higher education and other specialized programs.

## **AUXILIARY FUNDS**

The State Woman's Auxiliary funds were used to purchase silverware and dishes for the three cottages that are now open. We are now in the process of moving our education department to a permanent place in the Albemarle Building. Some construction work is being done in order to complete these plans. A permanent library will be constructed, along with a music and art room. Most of the labor will be contributed, but materials will have to be purchased. We are looking for monies to do this. This is something that the Home and the auxiliary will be proud of once it is completed.

## **BEAUTIFICATION PLANS**

We plan to put azaleas on the left side of the south entrance to the campus. We also plan to beautify the center of the campus, which we plan to call the Superintendents' Garden.

## **INVITATION**

Our churches are being invited to come on campus on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:15, during which time they will be served a meal, followed by church services here in Memorial Chapel at 6:30.

Please contact your congregation and see if they would be interested in making an appointment. If so, please call (919) 235-2161.

E. Howard Cayton  
*Executive Director*

## **MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Having lost my appointment book and not being able to remember all the appointments that have been made, I would appreciate it greatly if all our constituents that I have appointments with, whether church, layman's league, or whatever, would please be kind enough to call or write to me to remind me of the appointment. This will be greatly appreciated.

E. Howard Cayton

## **RETIREMENT HOMES**

### **RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS**

**APRIL, 1982**

**Total \$985.12**

#### **CAPE FEAR**

Johnston Union	\$487.50
Smithfield, First	150.00
Total	\$637.50

#### **CENTRAL**

Bethany	\$ 25.00
Black Jack	140.15
Total	\$165.15

#### **EASTERN**

Westside	\$150.00
Total	\$150.00

#### **PIEDMONT**

Advance Mission	\$ 7.47
Total	\$ 7.47

#### **WESTERN**

Sherron Acres	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 25.00

Route 1  
Pink Hill, NC 28572  
May 15, 1982

Dear Auxiliary Members,

The 18th session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference will convene with the Cazy Free Will Baptist Church, Bob White, West Virginia on June 28, 29. The convention theme will be, "Walking in Faith," Hebrews 11:1.

**YOUTH NIGHT**—Monday, June 28, 7:30 p.m. Registration—7 p.m. The Bible Bowl Quiz continues to be the highlight of this meeting.

The 1983 Study Guide *Questions* will be available by convention time. Upon request one copy and a set of rules will be mailed free. Extra copies may be purchased at 25¢ each from the General Conference Youth Sponsor, Mrs. Edna Fowler, P.O. Box 164, Cumberland, NC 28331; phone (919) 425-7873. (This is only a guide. Contestants are responsible for all material assigned.)

**WOMAN'S CONFERENCE**—Tuesday, June 29, 9:30 a.m. Registration—10 a.m. Speaker will be Miss Rudene Kennedy, Beulaville, NC. Special singing provided by the host church, the Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Price, and others.

**FOR MOTELS AND GUEST HOMES**—A list is printed on Page 12 in this issue.

**LUNCH**—Tuesday, host church.

**MISSION FUND**—This year this fund will go towards our youth work expenses. We have spent some \$300 getting a sound system for the Bible Bowl Quiz. We need your support.

**PRAY**—for the work. We have come a long way and things are beginning to look up. Thank God for this. May God bless you.

In His service,  
Margaret Ard, *President*



# THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cazy Free Will Baptist Church, Bob White, West Virginia. The dates of the conference will be June 28-30, 1982. The scheduled program is as follows:

## Monday, June 28

- 7:00 P.M. --Youth Program
- Bible Bowl Quiz
- Fellowship

## LADIES AUXILIARY CONVENTION

## Tuesday, June 29

- 9:30 A.M. --Registration
- 10:00 A.M. --Convention Convenes

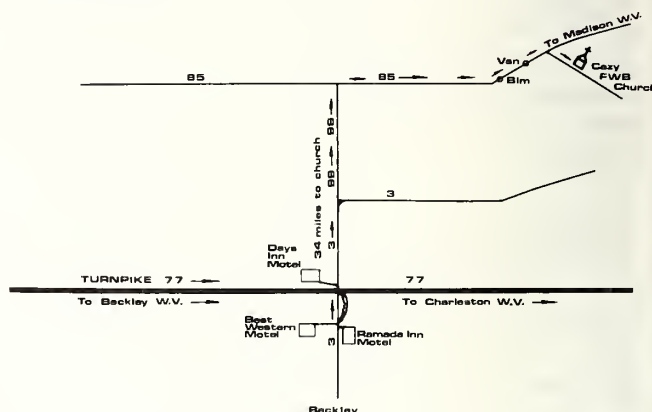
## GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

## Tuesday, June 29

- 6:30 P.M. --Registration of Ministers, Delegates, and Visitors
- 6:45 P.M. --General Board Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. --Special Singing and Devotions by Local Church
- 7:30 P.M. --Official Opening: Conference Secretary, the Rev. Steve Hargrove
- Welcome, Host Pastor, the Rev. Tom Price
- Response, the Rev. Harry A. Jones
- 7:45 P.M. --Appointment of Committees, President, the Rev. John Owens
- Reading of Minutes
- Old and New Business
- Partial Report of Credentials Committee
- 8:15 P.M. --Introduction of Speaker, the President
- Message, the Rev. H. B. Sitton
- 8:40 P.M. --Announcements
- Adjournment, Conference President, the Rev. John Owens

## Wednesday, June 30

- 9:00 A.M. --Registration of Ministers, Delegates, and Visitors
- 9:45 A.M. --Special Singing, Host Church
- 10:00 A.M. --Devotions, Shelly Bowling
- 10:15 A.M. --President's Message, the Rev. John Owens
- 10:30 A.M. --Final Report of Credentials Committee
- 10:35 A.M. --Treasurer's Report
- 10:40 A.M. --Final Business Session
- 10:50 A.M. --Special Music, Host Church
- 11:00 A.M. --Conference Message, the Rev. Ransom H. McAbee
- 12:00 Noon --Announcements
- Benediction



Lunch: Tuesday's will be provided by the local church. All other meals will be the responsibility of each individual. The local church will provide a list of recommended restaurants or eating establishments.

## MOTELS

Days Inn, Beckley, West Virginia, for reservations, phone 304-255-5291; room rates: 1 adult, \$27.88; 2 adults, \$31; each additional adult, \$5 per room; children under 12, free.

Ramada Inn, Beckley, West Virginia, phone 304-252-8661; for reservations, toll free No. 1-800-228-2828; room rates: 1 person per room, \$37; 2 people per room, \$41; each additional person per room, \$3.

Best Western Motor Lodge, Beckley, West Virginia; toll free No. 304-252-0671 and 800-528-1234; room rates: 1 room, 1 bed, \$27.30; 1 room, 2 beds, \$30.45; 2 beds, 2 people, \$33.60; 2 beds, 3 people, \$36.75; 2 beds, 4 people, \$39.90; children under 11 years of age, no charge.

## PALM TREE PRESENTED



*Two British Chapel Church members recently presented Mount Olive College with a palm tree grown from the Sea of Galilee. Pictured with the date palm are (from left to right) Earl Lovett; Sue Lovett; Lorelle Martin, chairman of the science department; and Frank Harrison, chaplain.*

*Mrs. Lovett brought the palm seeds back in her pocketbook on a recent vacation that the couple took to Israel.*

*There is already an olive tree from the Mount of Olives growing on the College grounds, so the date palm is a welcome addition to the campus.*

## PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Johnston Union Church, Johnston County, on Sunday, June 13, at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes. During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college. The pastor of Johnston Union Church is the Rev. Mike Scott.

## ALUMNI TO MEET

The alumni of Ayden Seminary and Eureka College will meet Wednesday, June 9, at 10 a.m. at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church.

Members of the Association have voted to broaden their membership by inviting

spouses, children, grandchildren, and other family members to become members of the Association.

Ayden Theological Seminary had its beginning in 1897. In the early 1920's it grew into Eureka College, which continued until the Great Depression.

Although Eureka College burned in 1931, it became the predecessor of Mount Olive College, which was chartered twenty years later.

"Without any question, the founding and early development of Mount Olive College was due to the interest of the Ayden Seminary and Eureka College alumni in providing for Original Free Will Baptists a college true to the faith and heritage of their Church," declared Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College.

The program on June 9 is being arranged by Mount Olive College. It will include a display of catalogues, pictures, and other items of historical interest relative to the early educational institutions located in Ayden.

The program will conclude with lunch at a local restaurant.

All persons who attended either the Seminary or Eureka College are encouraged to send their names and addresses to President W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. In addition to their own names and addresses, it is hoped that these persons will also send the names and addresses of any known living alumni of these schools.

## GIFTS TO MOC LIBRARY

As a part of our commitment to make Mount Olive a four-year college, special emphasis is being placed upon the development of our library resources. Currently, the College has approximately 33,000 volumes but our four-year program will require a minimum of 50,000 volumes, a goal we hope to reach during the 1980's.

Free Will Baptists and other friends of the College have been generous in their support through memorial gifts or contributions in honor of persons on special occasions.

In the early years of the College, the average cost of a book was \$5, but during the past twenty-five years the cost of books has increased to a current average of approximately \$20 per volume. Due to this increase, it has become necessary for the College to adopt a policy relative to placing nameplates in books.

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## FEATURE

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Mrs. Corinne Ginn, president of the Piedmont District invited the Convention to that District in 1983 to be held at Cathedral Free Will Baptist Church in Durham.

Mrs. Rosalene Bass installed the officers of the Convention for the next two years using a "wheel and spokes" theory with a challenge that cooperation is needed from all parts of the wheel so that it may run smoothly. Those who were elected by acclamation and installed were: Mrs. Happy Taylor, President; Miss Sara Willoughby, Vice President; Mrs. Rose Raper, Secretary; Mrs. Ruth Warrick, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Hilda Gray Sasser, Treasurer; Mrs. Nadine Crocker, Assistant Treasurer; Miss Caroline Castelloe, Missions Chairman; Miss Becky Jo Sumner, Youth Chairman; Mrs. Nina Grace Register, Study Course Chairman; Mrs. Virginia Joyner, Program-Prayer Chairman; Mrs. C. L. Patrick, Benevolence Chairman; Mrs. Rachel Duncan, Field Secretary; Mrs. Alice Barrow, *Devotion* Compiling Editor; Miss Leah McGlohon, Assistant *Devotion* Compiling Editor; Mrs. Dianne Riley, Christian Education Committee Chairman; Mrs. Carolyn Jernigan, Literature Committee; Mrs. Ruby Hancock, Cragmont Stockholders; and Mrs. Dola Dudley, Literature Committee Chairman.

The meeting was closed with a medley of choruses. The benediction was prayed by Mrs. Raymond Sasser. Truly, it was a great day of fellowship, inspiration and worship.

Ruth L. Warrick,  
*Corresponding Secretary*

**June Is Cragmont  
Assembly Month.**

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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This year's convention was described by many as being the best ever.

During the course of the convention several seminars on church growth were offered. The Rev. Roger Malinao taught courses on the Biblical Way of Church Growth and Evangelism and on the subject of Statistics and Records. The Rev. Jimmy Basarte led in the discussion of Church Growth and Discipleship. Missionary Fred Baker led the group in a study of Church Growth and Palawan Bible Institute and in the area of Church Growth and God. All seminar leaders did an outstanding job in the presentation of their topics.

Each day's proceedings were followed by evening evangelistic services led by Missionary Charles Barnard. Several decisions were made including one first time profession of faith.

A new Board of Trustees was elected during the course of the Friday afternoon business session. The Board members for the upcoming church year are as follows:

President, the Rev. Ludgerio E. Malinao  
Vice President, the Rev. Pio dela Rosa  
Secretary-Treasurer, Pastor Antonio M. Samones Jr.  
General Supervisor, Missionary Fred P. Baker  
Member-at-Large, Missionary Charles I. Barnard

All church reports were favorable, showing an increase in every area.

Charles Barnard  
*Missionary to the Philippines*

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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For the past year he has worked as an assistant pastor at Faith Church in Kenly.

The new minister was licensed in February 1980 by the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists and was or-

dained by them in March of 1981.

The newcomer to Erwin will be an understanding friend among the mill people of the area. He has worked at the Automatic Blanket plant for 13 years. He has been a supervisor of Data Processing, been trained as a Computer operator at Raleigh's School of Data Processing and has attended Johnston Technical Institute, studying Business Administration.

He graduated from Selma High School, has had 15 months experience with the United Nations at Pan Mur Jam (Joint Security Area) as a Police Security Guard during his tour of army duty.

Mr. Bryant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Bryant of Selma. He and his wife have two sons.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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The College will continue to accept and to send appropriate acknowledgments to the families of those persons memorialized and to individuals who are honored by gifts to the library. Nameplates in a book, however, will be reserved for those who contribute an amount equivalent to the cost of a book.

When sending contributions, checks should be made payable to Mount Olive College and addressed to the Library. The full address of the donor as well as the name and address of persons to be notified should also be included.

Persons who would like gift forms for use in making contributions to the library are encouraged to contact: The Gift Records Secretary, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone: (919) 658-2502.

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## CHURCHES OF THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

We would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you and the men of your church to our next meeting of the Layman's League of the Albemarle Conference. We especially encourage churches having no Layman's League to attend.

Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church will host our next meeting June 4, 1982, at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting during a time of fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Michael Cuthrell  
*Secretary-Treasurer*  
*Albemarle Layman's League*

### NOTICE

For those wishing to stay in guest homes during the General Conference, June 28-30, please call the Rev. Tom Price, (304) 245-8230, Bob White, West Virginia.

Margaret Ard  
*General Conference WA President*

### CHURCH AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Jerry Campbell announces that he is available for full-time pastoral service. His address is Route 4, Box 270, Advance, North Carolina 27006; phone (919) 998-5766.

Mr. Steve Starnes announces that he is available for supply services. He has recently been licensed to preach by the Board of the Eastern Conference, and is a member of Faith Church in Morehead City. He may be contacted by writing him at 3010 Bridges Street, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557; or phone 726-4218.

Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Vanceboro, is seeking a pastor. Any minister interested may contact R. B. Lancaster Jr., 242-4019 or Steve Taylor, 242-4018.

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## Youth Frontier Conference AFC

Hello!

Your AFC Conference staff is excited about our fast-approaching camping week this summer. We have many fun and exciting events planned that will be educational and inspirational. We hope you and your friends are even now planning for a great week at Cragmont.

The theme for the week will be "Jesus Is Lord." The dates will be July 5-10. To make sure you are among the 150 campers we will take this year, please mail your application as soon as possible (no later than June 30). Fill out the application below and mail it to me along with a registration fee of \$10. Letters of information will be mailed to you explaining what you need to carry to camp and where you will meet the bus. The cost of camp is \$65 plus a \$5 activity fee. An optional expense is \$2 for those of you who want a copy of the group picture. (AFC Week is planned for boys and girls ages 8-12.)

### APPLICATION

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PASTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
PASTOR'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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AFC Conference  
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Arapahoe, NC 28510  
Phone 249-1484

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Which girl or fellow is the right one for me?  
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## **PALMER MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Dewey Boling, Pastor



# Revolution Yields Bad Harvest

The effects of the sexual revolution, a movement which began in the '60's and which startled the majority of those over the age of thirty at the time, have become a way of life for many of today's teenagers. Today's young people have grown up during a time when open nudity has been commonplace in magazines, when movie standards have been lowered. (Productions once rated "X" now pass for "PG" or "R." That means that young children can see them if they are accompanied by an adult or if they can walk fast.) The easy availability of birth control pills and the legalization of abortions have not served to strengthen morals; neither has the practice of unmarried couples living together.

Jennie, an 18-year-old, said, "There's always pressure for a girl to have a boyfriend. Something's wrong with that. Girls should be treated as individuals and not just as half of a couple." This pressure "to pair" has helped to bring about some astounding results. The 1981 Norman-Harris Report, a study of the American youth, reveals that 41% of the 13-15 year-old boys answering related that they engage in sexual activity on a fairly regular basis; 21% of the girls that age indicated activity. Seventy percent of the males in the 16-18 age group reported sexual involvements, compared to 46% of the females of like age.

Answers given prove interesting: Eddie, a 14-year-old, said, "Right now sex is not important. But I'll be ready for it any time if I meet the right person." But the study also indicated that girls who feel good about themselves have developed a self-respect that enables them to decide not to succumb to sexual pressures.

The one persistent fear of both parents and young people is unwanted pregnancies. Seventy-five percent of the young people reported that they and their parents never discuss birth control (neither do they talk about fornication being wrong!). Parents often feel that such a discussion is tantamount to condoning promiscuity. One 17-year-old girl stated, "If I brought up the subject of birth control, my mother would be sure I was having sex. She'd panic, so I don't mention it. Of course, she'd panic even more if I got pregnant, which I did 8 months ago, but she never knew."

Of the one million girls who became pregnant out of wedlock last year, close to 600,000 of them gave birth. This figure is more than double the number in 1960. In 1970, eight out of ten unmarried teens gave their babies up for adoption. Now, only two out of every ten even consider this alternative.

Nearly three-quarters of today's teenagers would consider living with someone without the benefit of marriage. This represents a horrible change in American attitudes. Far from believing that such would be "living in sin," they say it is the most sensible procedure they know; they relate that they don't want to wait until after they are married to determine whether or not they have made a mistake. Many think if their parents had lived together first, they would never have married. These youths say they don't "want to feel stuck." One

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# HISTORY OF PALMER MEMORIAL CHURCH

*submitted by Betty Jo Perritte*

*"If this work be of men it will come to nothing but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it" (Acts 5:38, 39).*

*"For the people had a mind to work" (Nehemiah 4:6).*

It was with this attitude that on May 1, 1962, thirty-six people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamon in Raleigh, North Carolina, to organize a Free Will Baptist Mission.

The following ministers were present at this meeting: The Rev. R. H. Jackson, chairman of North Carolina State Missions Board; the Rev. R. W. Allman, member of State Missions Board; the Rev. C. M. Coates, chairman of Cape Fear Conference Missions Board; the Rev. Ed Taylor, moderator of Cape Fear Union Meeting and proxy for the Rev. C. F. Bowen, moderator of Cape Fear Conference. Mr. Taylor was elected to serve as moderator of the meeting and the following officers were elected: Trustees—Moses Farmer, Lawrence Farris and Louis Puckett; Clerk—Mrs. Ralph Beamon; Treasurer—J. D. Strickland; Finance Committee—J. D. Strickland, Albert Woodard, and Eddie Taylor.

The organization was first named New Hope Mission. This was changed on September 5, 1962, to Palmer Memorial Mission in memory of Paul Palmer, founder of our Free Will Baptist faith.

The first services were held in homes of various members. Later we moved to Overby Funeral Home where we continued until August 26, 1962, at which time we moved to 500 Garner Loop Road into a building provided by one of our members, Mr. Moses Farmer.

In August 1962, we elected the Rev. W. Royster Martin as our first pastor. On September 6, 1962, a Woman's Auxiliary was organized under the direction of Mrs. Carl Dudley, field worker for the State Auxiliary Convention and also a member of Palmer Memorial. In October 1962, a Youth Fellowship Auxiliary and an Ambassadors for Christ were organized by Mrs. Gladys Phillips, Youth Director.

In June 1963, the mission called the Rev. Ed Taylor as pastor, our first resident pastor. On October 18, 1964, our first deacons were ordained. Mr. Taylor served as pastor until December 1965.

From January to September, 1966, the Rev. Eugene Sumner and Dr. Michael Pelt served as interim pastors, and at this time the Rev. H. Adrian Grubbs Jr. was elected pastor.

On September 20, 1967, Palmer Memorial Mission voted to purchase property located at 904 Northview Street, Cloverdale Subdivision, which is now a part of Garner, North Carolina. The house on

this property was remodeled with a chapel that would seat about eighty people and provide for seven Sunday school classrooms.

On May 5, 1968, Palmer Memorial Mission was officially organized into a church. This service was held in conjunction with our annual Homecoming service with members of the State Missions Board and the Cape Fear Conference Missions Board participating.

In August of 1969, the adjoining property became available and was purchased for a parsonage.

In September 1969, our pastor resigned and for several months we were without a pastor. Our people began to scatter and we were as sheep without a shepherd. During this period we were in a state of despair and hope was very dim.

In January of 1970, the Rev. R. W. Allman came to pastor the church. He saw the needs of the church and began immediately to reactivate the members. Then again we began to see some results of our labor.

In December 1970, the building was moved from the corner lot and on January 31, the groundbreaking ceremony was held. It looked as if our dreams were going to become a reality. On February 9, 1971, the layout for the present

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building was begun. On March 6, the foundation for the church was laid; not in the manner that the foundation of an average building is laid, but as the first block was laid the pastor was there and prayer was offered to God. The wise man Solomon said, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Had this church not been built on the solid rock, Jesus Christ, all our labor would have been in vain.

After four years Mr. Allman resigned and at that time we elected the Rev. Curtis Jones as our pastor who remained with us until September 1978. During this time we purchased a church bus to be used for making trips to Youth Rallies and other church functions. Because of an increase in attendance, the men of the church dug out the basement and made two new Sunday school classrooms.

In September 1978, the Rev. R. W. Allman, our former pastor, came out of retirement to serve as interim pastor until April 1979; at which time the Rev. Danny Braswell became our next pastor. During the next year we added new carpet in the sanctuary.

In August of 1980, we again were without a pastor. We, therefore, called the Rev. R. W. Allman to serve again as interim pastor. We have a special place in our hearts for Mr. Allman who has shown us such great love and devotion by his willingness to help us when we need him most.

Our present pastor, the Rev. Dewey Boling, came to us in March 1981. Since his arrival our church has experienced a new quest for growth, not only in membership but also in spiritual matters. As a result of fund-raising efforts and the faithfulness of our members, we have padded the pews in the sanctuary and are looking forward to June 13 of this year when we will hold a special

service to celebrate the retiring of our bond debt.

The members of Palmer Memorial Church and its ministry have worked long and hard with great perseverance. Today as we look round about us, we see our dedication and labor has been crowned with success. Our hearts are not swelled with pride as we often say, but with humility, gratitude, and thanksgiving to God for what He has done for us. It is in this spirit that we shall continue our work here at Palmer Memorial Church. May we never lose sight of our greatest task—winning the lost to Jesus Christ.

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Everette Harper announces that he has a change of address. It is Route 2, Box 436-H, Elm City, North Carolina 27822.

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### NOTICE

The 1982 General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will meet June 28-30 at Cazy Free Will Baptist Church, Bob White, West Virginia. Looking for YOU!

Margaret Ard  
*Auxiliary President*

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### FAITHFULNESS TO CHRIST—

Put DANIEL in the lion's den;  
Cast his THREE FRIENDS in  
the furnace;  
Made STEPHEN the first  
martyr;  
Took JOHN BAPTIST'S head  
off;  
Caused PETER to be crucified;  
Brought PAUL to the execution  
block;  
Burned EARLY CHRISTIANS  
at the stake.  
QUESTION: What does it cost  
us?

**June is  
Cragmont Month**

### NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank my many friends throughout the state of North Carolina for the many cards and gifts for my birthday. I cannot think of the words to express my feelings and my thankfulness for the cards and phone calls on and around May 13. I want to especially thank the people from LaGrange Church for their special gift. May the Lord richly bless each one. I pastored this church three different times and learned to love them. I know they must love me as this is not the first time this church has showed their love for me.

Friends like this have kept me going for the Lord through these 58 years. I decided last year in December, that I would have to slow down. I went to Aspen Grove Church after the death of Brother Hubert Burress and stayed until the fourth Sunday in December, 1981. This was the fourth time I had pastored this church. The first time was in 1932, and these are some of the sweetest people on earth. They also gave me a nice offering when I left them.

I love to preach. It is in my blood and in my heart. I still try to serve people when I can. I have held and helped in ten funerals this year through May 21; and as long as the good Lord gives me strength to go, I will serve Him by serving others. In Matthew 25:40 Jesus said, "as much as you have served others you have served me." Again may I say, thanks to everyone for everything.

L. B. Manning

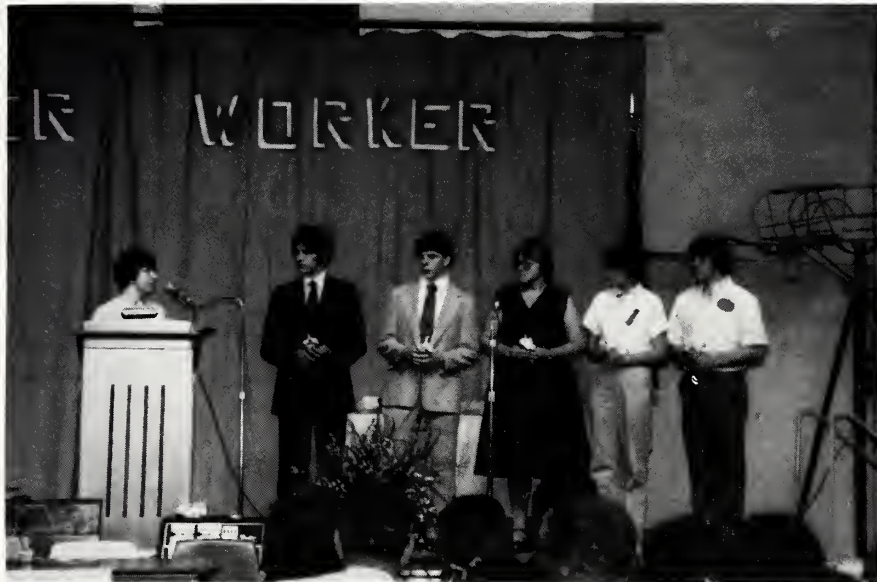
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### NO BAPTIST

In accordance with our policy of printing only forty-eight issues of **The Free Will Baptist** each year, there will not be an edition on June 30. The deadline for the June 23 issue is June 16, so don't forget to get your material to us on time.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## CONVENTION MARKED BY ENTHUSIASM



Over 600 young people, sponsors, and ministers gathered in the gymnasium at Lenoir Community College earlier this spring for the 1982 State Youth Convention. Enthusiasm characterized the day, and much was accomplished for the cause of Christ, for it was on this occasion that new officers were elected and winners of various competitions were declared.

Pictured above is Miss Becky Jo Sumner, State Youth Chairman, installing the Convention's newly elected officers. They are as follows (from left to right, beside Miss Sumner who is on the far left) Roy Lewis, president, Eastern Conference; Phil Shepherd, vice president, Western Conference; Cynthia Denise Eastwood, secretary, Central Conference; Janet Wallace, outreach secretary, Albemarle Conference; and Rusty Smith, treasurer, Eastern Conference.

(Look for more information on these young people in upcoming issues of this publication.)

Lynn O'Neal from Sound Side Church, Albemarle Conference, won first place in the YFA declamation contest. The AFC contest was won by Karen Ann Mazingo, a member of Pine Level Church, Western Conference.

This year's essay winners were Susan Elaine Taylor from Hickory Chapel Church, Albemarle Conference, YFA contest; and Ginger Rowland, AFC contest. Ginger attends Arapahoe Church, Eastern Conference.

(Declamation and essays entered in this year's competition will be printed in future issues of *The Free Will Baptist*. Information on Bible bowl teams will also be given.)



Teams from the Pee Dee Association took top honors in both the YFA and AFC Bible Bowl competitions. The YFA team from Beaverdam Church won first place; team members are Jamey Lea McPherson, Ann Hinson, Andrea Lynn Gore, and Katrina Marie Cartrette. The AFC team from Oak Grove Church took top honors. This team is composed of Wendy Denise Edwards, Gary Carson Bryan, and Margie Bryan.



## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

*submitted by  
Sidney Church Sunday School*



On March 9, 1982, Mrs. Katie Roper officially resigned her long-standing position as teacher of the Teen Sunday School Class at Sidney Church. For forty-three years, Mrs. Katie has served our Lord by teaching young people the truth of God's Word. Most of our members have benefitted from her training at some time in our lives. If she didn't teach us, she taught our parents or our children. Through the years, there have been many changes at Sidney Church. People have come and gone; children have become adults and many have left our little fellowship to return only on special occasions, and other children have come to be instructed in their place. Each new group of young people has had different problems, different values, and different social conduct; but they have all been given the same sound, Biblical fundamentals for living a successful Christian life.

Mrs. Katie has never faltered in her stand for Christ nor compromised His teachings. She has presented the love of Jesus and His saving grace in every

lesson she has taught. She has taught with deep humility, never seeking praise for herself, but always seeking to glorify God. She has a deep, compassionate love for young people, and sincerely desires that they will know the great joy that comes from living in Christ.

Though Mrs. Katie has been led by God to give up this teaching position in our Sunday school, she has in no way given up her love for her students. She will always be remembered by us as we follow her example and her training. She may not stand before us in the classroom, pouring out her heart, as she has done for so many years; but she still stands before us as she lives her Christian testimony. Our younger teachers see her as a model to follow. We know that she is always available to give instruction, encouragement, or constructive criticism, if we need her; and we know that she is lifting us up in her prayers.

There are others in our church who are wonderful Christian examples too, but there is probably no other one person who has influenced so many of us to remain true to Jesus Christ as has Mrs. Katie Roper. We thank God for her.

## A DISH FROM THE ISLANDS

*submitted by Deborah King*

Many have requested the recipe for Pork Adobo (a do' bo), which is a favorite from the Philippines. Last summer the ladies at Camp Vandemere got an opportunity to sample this dish and they will attest that it is delicious.

Use either pork roast by the rib bone or pork shoulder roast. Cut the meat in about 1" cubes. The following will flavor about 2 pounds (1 kilo) of pork.

Filipinos like to combine pork and chicken.

Saute in hot fat . . . .

2 lbs. pork in cubes

2 lg. cloves garlic cut in fourths

When browned, add . . . .

¼ cup vinegar

1 lg. bay leaf

1 whole peppercorn crushed

1 tablespoon soy sauce

½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon brown sugar

Add . . . . .

1½ cups water

Simmer until all is tender. Add more water if necessary. A bit of juice left is nice to go on rice. Taste it. If too sour, add more sugar; if too flat, add more vinegar. You may add 1 or 2 tablespoons flour to juice to make gravy. Serves 6 to 8.

Ladies, why not have a supper (Filipino style) for missions night! All you need to make this meal complete is rice, a vegetable, and, of course, a banana for dessert "Masarap ang pakgain!"

## OUR NEW SHEPHERD

*submitted by Mrs. Jean Griffin*

As a church tries to find a shepherd that will guide its flock, it is important that God's children turn to Him for leadership and direction. When we beseech Him in earnest prayer, we find that the answers sometimes come in a unique way. It was not just mere chance that at this same time God was calling into the ministry a young man, Wayne E. Whitley—a man who had accepted the Lord on July 15, 1978, a man whose thirst for serving the Lord and seeking His will could never seem to be completely satisfied until he became very active in his local church. His former church, Oak Grove Church, in Elm City has come to love Brother

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Riverside Church Holds Baptismal Service



*Church members with pastor.*

On Sunday, May 23, 1982, Riverside Church, Route 1, Princeton, held a baptismal service at 3 p.m. at Melvin Allen's pond. Nine people were baptized. There were also four to join the church by moving their memberships. The Rev. C. M. Coats of Smithfield is pastor of the church.



*New members who were baptized are left to right: Walter Kennedy; Chris Hartley; Tracy Tyner, Peggy McCullen; Stephen Howell; the Rev. C. M. Coats, pastor; Maxine Robbins; Jim Daniels; Betty Jean McCullen; and Bryant Robbins.*

### Sound View Auxiliary Picks Woman of the Year

On Tuesday night, May 11, 1982, the Woman's Auxiliary of Sound View Church, Gales Creek, voted Mrs. Willie Marie Padgett as "Woman of the Year."

Mrs. Padgett was born August 15, 1925, in Newport. She is an outstanding member in Sound View Church. She has been involved in the Woman's

Auxiliary for 30 years (five of these as secretary-treasurer and one year as president). She is a member of the adult choir and the wife of Fredrick C. Padgett. They have 4 children, Donna, Wanda, Fredrick, and David. They also have 5 grandchildren.

### Bible School at Reedy Branch

Reedy Branch Church, Winterville, will be having its annual Bible school on June 21-25, from 7-9 p.m.

This year there will be a class for the adults taught by Mrs. Alma Worthington. Everyone is invited from Nursery to Adult classes.

### Mother's Day at Reedy Branch

Mother's Day was very special at Reedy Branch Church as always. Everyone enjoyed a solo, "We Thank Thee, Lord, for Mother" by Allen Moye.

Three babies were dedicated: Kendall Arlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Jennings; Amy Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fredette; Kevin Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Buck. Each baby was given a New Testament and certificate of dedication by the Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor.

There also were six special Mothers honored with a red carnation: The oldest mother was Mrs. Ella May; the youngest mother was Sandra Bowen; the mother of the youngest child was Cindy Buck; the mother with the most children present, Mrs. Lena Hooks McLawhorn. There were two mothers present with four generations in the church, Mrs. Alma Paramore and Mrs. Lillie McLawhorn.

### Winterville Church Youth To Represent County

The Pitt Soil and Water Conservation District has selected Thomas Wayne Wilson as their candidate to attend the 1982 Resource Conservation Workshop to be held June 21-25 on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Wayne, a rising Junior at D. H. Conley High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilson of Winterville. Wayne hopes to attend college and pursue a career in Soil Conservation. He is a member of the D. H. Conley Chapter of F.F.A. and a member of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church.

### St. Mary's Church Welcomes Pastor

The Rev. and Mrs. Graham Faucette were formally welcomed to St. Mary's Church near Kenly at an open house sponsored by the deacons and their wives, on Sunday, April 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Faucette have just recently moved into the parsonage. Refreshments were served, and a tour of the parsonage was provided during the afternoon to approximately 75 guests.

### Spring Revival at Whortonsville

Spring revival services for Bethel Church in Whortonsville will be held June 14 through June 18. Prayer room opens at 7:45 p.m. The time of the services is 8 p.m. The Rev. Bobby Brown will be the minister for the services. There will be special music presented each night.

The Rev. Blaney Rowe, pastor of the church, extends a welcome to everyone.

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## LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN



My name is Cindy Rhodes. I am 14 years old and I go to Southern Nash Junior High and am in the 9th grade. I am in the Southern Nash Firebird marching band twirling. I am taking a life-saving course, as I am trying to be a lifeguard at the Children's Home.

Living at the Children's Home isn't really all that bad. It's something you have to get used to—being away from your parents. I have really learned a lot of things by being up here.

I have two brothers and one sister. My brothers are Ronnie and Randy Rhodes. Ronnie is 10 and in the 4th grade. He is in foster care with Doug and Charlene Wright. They live in Durham. Randy is 15. He is working at the Children's Home. My sister is Dorothy Rhodes. She is the president of the Student Council at Southern Nash Junior High School. Dorothy is 13 and in the 8th grade.

I guess you can say this Home has helped me and my brothers and sisters' life be a lot easier. And we have done many things in life that we have never thought of doing. We have chances to go to Cragmont, which is a Christian

camp. We go to circuses and to a lot of places.

I don't think either of us are Christians, but maybe one day we can learn more about Christ and what a Christian life is all about. After I get out of school I am planning on getting a job at the YMCA or YWCA helping in recreation and working with younger people in activities, such as swimming, softball and games like that.

Cindy Rhodes

My name is Sandra Eason. I am 15 years old and go to Southern Nash Junior High School where I am in the 8th grade. I am on the drill team. I have lived up here for 9 years, and I have really enjoyed it. I have learned a lot by living up here. I have three brothers. Junior is the oldest; he is 20. Jeff is 18; Ricky is 14 and in the 7th grade. We all have lived up here, but Junior and Jeff are gone now. Ricky and I are looking forward to finishing high school and leaving to be on our own.

I don't think living at a children's home is all that bad, but it sometimes can be embarrassing. There are so many things this Home has done for me and my family. We have the two best houseparents I believe anyone could have. They care an awful lot about me and the other children in the house with me. They have to give up a lot of things just to be with us, and that is something we ought to thank the Lord for. I hope this place will last a long time, so maybe they can do the same for other families as they've done for me and my family.

Sandra Eason

My name is Jimmy Hartley. I am 13 years old and I live in the

Children's Home and I like it. I enjoy living here; my houseparents' names are Mr. and Mrs. Owens; they are nice to all of the kids here at the Home. I like to fish, hunt, swim and play sports, ride bicycles and motorcycles and play games. I live in Deans Cottage. My best friend is Steve Langworthy. We are roommates and we have a lot of fun together. We have bicycles and a basketball and a goal behind the cottage. We both have parents. I have a girlfriend named Lou Ann Gray in Smith Cottage.

Jimmy Hartley



My name is Steven Langworthy. I have lived at the Home for 6 years. I have one brother that is 10 and in the 5th grade. I'm in the 6th and enjoy any sport with a ball, except tennis and handball. I played football for the Corinth Holder Pirates. I am in a gifted and talented class at school.

I live in Deans Cottage with the houseparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens from South Carolina. I was going to be sent to a boy's campus where they could help me deal with my problems, but Mrs. Owens and

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## SUGGESTIONS ON WRITING MISSIONARIES

*by Harold Jones*

Many people have asked for the addresses of our missionaries. Listed here are the names and addresses along with birthdays.

Here are a few suggestions on writing missionaries:

TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE MISSIONARY. Read all you can about the missionary from publications and news releases.

Missionaries are interested in news from home. Very often the news that we hear or read never reaches them. This news could be from the local church, denomination, city, county, state, or nation. They would even be interested in new trends and styles. Missionaries are human just like the rest of us.

ALWAYS ENCOURAGE THE MISSIONARY SPIRITUALLY. Quite often the spiritual battles that they must fight are of greater magnitude than the ones we are fighting.

REMEMBER THEM ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS such as birthdays, anniversaries, and Christmas. Plan ahead; mail going out of the United States travels slower. It usually takes ten days to two weeks for a letter to get to the field. Christmas cards should be mailed around the middle of November.

Every Christian can write missionaries. Set aside some time to write, and become involved. It will increase your concern for world missions, and you will gain some close friends in the process.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## ADDRESSES, ANNIVERSARIES, AND BIRTHDAYS OF OUR MISSIONARIES

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Baker  
P.O. Box 98  
Puerto Princesa City 2901  
Philippines

New Address beginning August 1  
The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Baker  
505 Quail Drive  
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Baker  
(Anniversary)  
Fred Baker  
Linda Baker  
Kim Baker  
Stevie Baker

July 2  
April 7  
October 13  
August 7, 1970  
December 20, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnard  
P.O. Box 98  
Puerto Princesa City 2901  
Philippines

Charles and Jackie Barnard  
(Anniversary)  
Charles Barnard  
Jackie Barnard  
Shanna Barnard  
Jeffrey Barnard

August 27  
October 28  
March 7  
September 9, 1970  
December 9, 1972

The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link  
P.O. Box 211  
Quemado, Texas 75877

The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link  
(Anniversary)  
Vance Link  
Mattie Lou Link  
Jodi Link  
Paul Link

May 31  
September 13  
October 1  
March 26, 1968  
June 3, 1972

Dr. E. M. Lall  
319 Memoran  
Bareilly 249001  
U.P. INDIA

November 23

(Information on Lall family is not available at this time)



## PUT CRAGMONT IN THE CHURCH BUDGET

by John Williams

In the last article on Cragmont, I showed how Cragmont is a non-profit organization and is therefore very dependent upon the contributions from churches for our continued operation.

In this article, I want to encourage all churches to have Cragmont in their church budget.

1. First of all, I believe the Scripture teaches that churches are responsible for how they manage their money. We can see this through the principle of tithing. Tithing is usually taught as a principle which should be practiced by the individual to the church. I believe that we should not only see this principle of tithing as good for the individual but as good for the church also. As the individual gives to the local church program, the church as a body of tithers should give to the denominational programs. Therefore, one of the best ways for a church to tithe is to set aside an amount and plan to give it over the period of a year.

2. The second reason for putting Cragmont in the budget is that it will give us a steady flow of income. If you remember the article from last week, you know that Cragmont does not take in enough money from retreats and conferences to pay for the operating expenses. If churches did not contribute to Cragmont we would have to raise our prices for the retreats and summer conferences. Most of the churches who have Cragmont in their budget either send so much per month or per quarter. We know we can count on that money and can plan how to use it.

3. The third reason for having Cragmont in the church budget is that our statistics show that churches who do this usually are our biggest contributors. Last year we had approximately 34 churches who gave over \$500 to Cragmont. Out of these 34 there are only about 4 who do not have us in their budget. This is because they do not operate on a church budget. From this you can see that our biggest contributors are putting Cragmont in the church budget.

We are certainly not saying by this that if you do not have Cragmont in the budget then don't send any money. You send what you believe you can whether we are a part of your budget or not. However, I believe that through the budget churches can help Cragmont go a long way toward meeting its obligations. Last year there were 140

churches out of 273 who gave to Cragmont. This means that there are 133 churches who must not be aware of the ministry of Cragmont. I hope this helps in some way, and I hope these 133 will see fit to give to Cragmont.

## RECEIPTS FOR CRAGMONT APRIL 1982

### ALBEMARLE

Mount Zion	\$ 27.29
Sidney	29.31
Trinity	200.00

### CAPE FEAR

Palmer Memorial	79.52
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### CENTRAL

Friendship	25.00
Willing Workers	
Sunday School Class	20.00
Otter's Creek	116.42
Spring Branch	350.00
Tarboro, First	250.00
Winterville Women's Auxiliary	25.00
Greenville Service	
Women's Auxiliary	20.00
Hugo	125.00

### EASTERN

Beaufort Mission	20.00
Bridgeton	18.00
Croatan	50.00
Folkstone	82.00
Jackson Heights	37.43
Mount Zion	25.00
Oriental	10.00
Pilgrims Rest	10.00
Saints Delight	82.00
Sound View	100.00
St. Mary's	337.50
Warsaw	50.00
Westside	82.00

### WESTERN

Fremont	200.00
Kenly	175.00
Milbournie	37.50
Pleasant Grove	1,325.00
Sherron Acres	125.00
Stancil's Chapel	82.00

### OTHERS

Advance	7.47
Third Union District	
Sunday School Convention	20.00
North Carolina State	
Convention of Leagues	465.32
Individual gifts	220.00
Store	353.25
Cragmont Club	1,067.50
Conference and Retreats	1,966.00
Miscellaneous	1,019.08
Total	\$9,234.59

## EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL

Salaries	\$1,762.01
Utilities	1,018.06
Food	312.35
Office Supplies	64.55
Maintenance Supplies	518.90
Store Items	92.05
Taxes	459.06
Insurance	1,593.89
Maintenance and Repairs	589.20
Gas	107.55
Miscellaneous	2,281.68
Total	\$8,799.30
Balance forward	\$ 715.01
Deposits	9,234.59
Error in balance	.01
Total for which to account	\$9,949.61
Less Expenditures	8,799.30
	1,150.31
Less bank service charge	2.83
Present balance	\$1,147.48

## CHILDREN'S HOME

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my psychologist helped me to learn how to deal with them.

Steven Langworthy



I live at the Free Will Baptist Home. I am looking forward to going home with my mom. I am 10 years old and the Home is a fun place to be at times, at least for me. And you should come and visit the Free Will Baptist Home. It's real fun in the swimming pool. They try to do everything they can to make us happy.

Tony Langworthy

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Board of Superannuation

REV. WALTER REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR-TREASURER  
P. O. Box 474, Ayden, N. C. 28513

June 9, 1982

TO: Co-Workers in Original Free Will Baptist Churches  
SUBJECT: "Superannuation Day"

Dear Co-Workers:

This is to remind you that the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists designated the third Sunday in June, Father's Day, as "Superannuation Day" in our churches again this convention year. I am sure that you realize the importance of supporting the total program of the convention.

You are urged to receive a special offering on this day or send a special gift from your treasurer. Remember also to support the Superannuation program with your prayers and gifts throughout the year.

Respectfully,



Walter Reynolds

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EDITORIAL

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17-year-old girl commented, "I'll just live with someone. Maybe by the time that happens, illegitimacy won't make any difference."

Whereas many of those replying were aggressive, **most of today's young people are not.** Sixty-seven percent of those polled said they like to spend time with someone of like interests; talking and being together, fun and companionship were their top priorities.

It seems that for long enough American youths have been seen as knowing "all there is to know." If this is true, why, then, do they have so many unanswered questions? Why do so many young men and women still want to know what is right and what is wrong? Why are so many seeking attention and love in the wrong places? Have they not experienced love in their homes? Do they not know of God's love?

It seems to me that the church has a lot of work to do. We not only need to instruct the young people who attend our services in the teachings of our Lord, we need to show those not in church that we care. Moreover, they need to know that God does.

CAMP VANDEMERE

1982 Schedule

June 14-18

First Week of Camp

Mrs. Owen Arthur and Mrs.

Lexa Upton, Co-Directors

Register with Mrs. Owen K.

Arthur

P.O. Box 445

Bridgeton, NC 28519

Phone, 638-5396

June 21-25

Women's Week

Mrs. Happy Taylor, Director

Route 1, Box 109

Deep Run, NC 28535

Phones, 523-9644; 527-2843

June 28 - July 2

Second Week of Camp

The Rev. Ray Williamson,  
Director

Route 6, Box 147-A

Greenville, NC 27834

Phone, 758-4356

July 5-9

Third Week of Camp

The Rev. Sam Weeks, Director

Route 3, Box 117-A

Newport, NC 28570

Phone, 223-5343

July 16, 17

Christian Music Retreat

Matthew Prescott, Director

Route 1, Box 294-A

New Bern, NC 28560

Phone, 745-3539

August 9-13

Fourth Week of Camp

The Rev. Wayne King, Director

1316 Manchester Street

Kinston, NC 28501

Phone, 523-1055

August 16-21

Fifth Week of Camp (North  
Carolina Sunday School  
Convention Week)

The Rev. Chris Singleton,  
Director

P.O. Box 162

Beulaville, NC 28518

Phone, 298-3520



## SPECIAL REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

by W. Burkette Raper, President

\$1,500,000	Goal in gifts and pledges set by Board of Trustees for beginning construction.
<u>1,203,667</u>	Gifts (\$518,880) and Pledges (\$684,787), May 31.
\$ 296,333	Amount required in gifts and pledges to begin construction.

Our objective is to reach the goal of \$1,500,000 by August 30. This schedule will require \$25,000 in gifts and pledges each week for ten weeks, but we believe that our cause is worthy and that God has already provided His people with the resources and faith to achieve this goal.

Letters have been sent to churches which have not made pledges and I am devoting the maximum amount of time possible to making personal visits to friends of the College.

Mrs. Jean Ackiss, associate director of Development, will be visiting alumni. The Alumni Association has accepted a goal of \$150,000 on College Hall, and more than \$75,000 of this amount has already been given or pledged by 92 alumni.

During the week of May 23-29 gifts and pledges from 17 individuals and families totaled \$45,900.

Special appreciation is expressed to:

1. Mount Olive College Trustee S. W. McCoy, who worked with me in the Core Creek Church community on May 24. Gifts and pledges totaled \$17,500 from five donors.
2. The Rev. Donald Coates who assisted with calls in the Pine Level Church community on May 27. Gifts and pledges totaled \$3,500 with the assurance

of commitments from others who will advise the College regarding the amount of their pledges.

3. The Rev. Jerry Rowe, pastor of Holly Springs Church, Newport, who worked with me on May 28, 29 in Carteret County. Gifts and pledges from seven donors totaled \$23,900.

I would appreciate the assistance of other pastors and interested laymen who truly want to see Original Free Will Baptists have a four-year college that can adequately meet the educational needs of our children and our Church.

I am convinced that our people will respond when they understand the purpose and program of our College.

### ROY LEWIS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF STATE YOUTH CONVENTION



Roy Lewis, a 1982 Mount Olive College graduate, has been elected president of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State Youth Convention.

As president, Roy will attend district meetings, supervise state projects for the convention, and serve as moderator at state meetings.

Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Lewis Jr. of Blounts

Creek, and a member of Symrna Church.

At Mount Olive, Roy was active in the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, the Henderson Science Club, the Academic Honors Program, and the New Creations.

Roy plans to attend East Carolina University in the fall and major in business management. He graduated from Mount Olive with an associate in science degree.

### MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AT MOC

The topics for the 1982 Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College are "The Minister and Crisis Ministry" to be discussed on Monday, August 9, and "The Minister and His Financial Planning" to be discussed on Tuesday, August 10.

The Ministers' Institute is offered as a service to ministers by Mount Olive College. The program is planned by a representative group of Free Will Baptist ministers.

All sessions will meet in the Henderson Building, Room 115. Lunch will be served in the College Cafeteria at a cost of \$2.50 per meal.

Overnight accommodations may be arranged at the Southern Belle Motel, Mount Olive, by calling 658-9404.

For additional information, contact Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College at 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

Following is a copy of the program:

### MINISTERS' INSTITUTE- MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Monday - August 9  
THE MINISTER AND  
CRISIS MINISTRY

9:30-10:00—Coffee, South Lobby, Henderson Building

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

10:00 —Devotional, the Rev. Jerry Allen, Pastor of Robert's Grove Church

10:10-11:00—*Biblical Foundations of Ministry*, Mr. Calvin Mercer, Department of Religion, Mount Olive College

11:00-11:45—*The Pastor's Hospital Ministry*, the Rev. Preston Smith, Chaplain, Nash General Hospital, Rocky Mount

1:45-12:15—*Ministry to the Terminally Ill*, the Rev. Preston Smith

12:15- 1:15—Lunch, College Cafeteria, Downtown Campus

1:15- 2:00—*Ministry to the Divorced and Single Parent Family*, Dr. Eugene Sumner, Chairman of the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Meredith College, Raleigh

2:00- 2:15—Break

2:15- 2:45 *Ministry and Family Crisis: Opportunities and Challenges*, the Rev. Marvin Waters, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, New Bern

3:00- 4:00—Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Church Relations, Room 107, Henderson Building

Tuesday—August 10

THE MINISTER AND HIS FINANCIAL PLANNING

9:00- 9:30—Coffee, South Lobby Henderson Building

9:30- 9:45—Devotional, the Rev. Danny Smith, Long Ridge Church, Mount Olive

9:45-10:30—*Budget Planning for the Minister*, the Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Retired Minister, Durham

10:30-10:45—Break

10:45-12:00—*Insurance Coverage: Life, Health, Disability*, Mr. Delano Hill, Insurance Representative, Mount Olive

12:00 —Lunch, College Cafeteria

1:00- 2:30—*Retirement Options for the Minister: Free Will Baptist Retirement Program*, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, Board of Superannuation

—*IRA-TSA and Tax Planning for the Minister*, Mrs. Ann K. Thomas, Representative of Wachovia's Bank and Trust Department, Raleigh

2:30- 2:45—Break

2:45- 4:00—*Wills and Estate Planning for the Minister*, Mr. John M. Hines, Attorney at Law, Kinston

FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN THE NEWS

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Wayne and his lovely wife, Pat, and their 2½-year-old son Matthew. The members there adopted this young man whose energy and enthusiasm radiated with the love that he had for the Lord and his fellowmen. They are saddened by his leaving as he was responding to a new level of service, but they are prayerfully supporting him in his new endeavor.

God has entrusted him with the responsibility and challenge of serving Free Spirit Church. We are rejoicing in the Lord as our prayers have been answered. Wayne is presently employed at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Wilson, as a Quality Control Technician. He attended high school at Saratoga Central, and is presently enrolled in the extension program of Mount Olive College, the Paul Palmer Institute. His wife is the former Patricia Hamm and they make their home at Route 1, Box 81-G, Elm City, North Carolina. His service to the Lord has included being choir director, Young Adult Sunday school teacher, and Youth Leader prior to his calling to the ministry.

NEWS AND NOTES

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Caswell Group to Sing at Bethany Church

The Caswell Spiritual Singers from Caswell Center of Kinston will present a program of gospel music at Bethany Church near Winterville on Sunday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m.

This group consists of 22 members, all of whom are handicapped in some way. They have become very popular, making frequent appearances at churches, schools, and for various civic groups. The pastor, the Rev. C. L. Patrick, and the members extend an invitation to all.

REGISTRATION FOR MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Mount Olive College  
August 9, 10, 1982

So that the College will know for how many to prepare, each minister who plans to attend the Ministers' Institute is requested to complete and return this form by August 1. Wives are cordially invited to attend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

My wife will accompany me: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) plan to attend  
(check appropriate blanks):  
\_\_\_\_\_ August 9 (Number of persons for lunch) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ August 10 (Number persons for lunch) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by August 1 to: Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365.



REPORT BLANK TO THE

# GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Name of Church or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate(s) to the General Conference \_\_\_\_\_

(REPRESENTATION: Churches—one (1) delegate for each one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof. Denominational organizations—one (1) delegate for each two hundred (200) members or fraction thereof).

Donations (registration fees, etc.) sent to the General Conference: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note that registration fees are \$10 per delegate and \$3 per minister)

Please furnish the following information about your church:

ORGANIZATION	NO. ON ROLL	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
Church	_____	_____
Sunday School	_____	_____
Free Will Baptist Leagues	_____	_____
Layman's League	_____	_____
Woman's Auxiliary	_____	_____
Cherub Auxiliary	_____	_____
Ambassadors for Christ	_____	_____
Youth Fellowship Auxiliary	_____	_____
Others:	_____	_____
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Please list below the Free Will Baptist Denominational Enterprises which your church supports:

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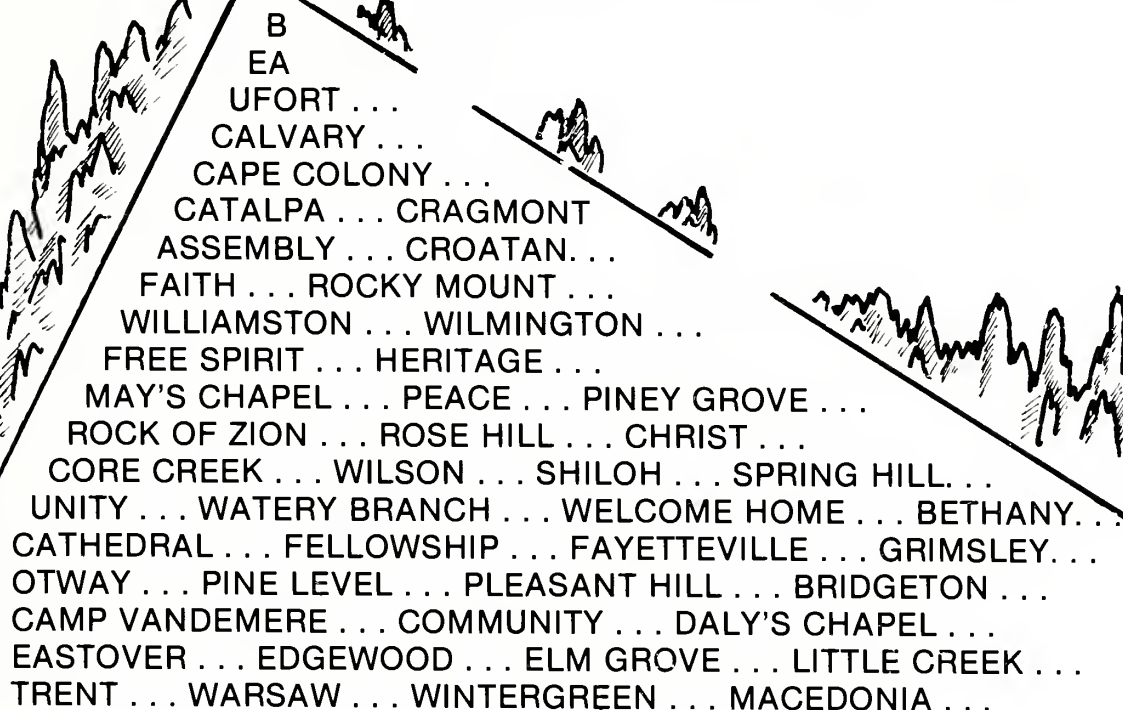
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Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If your church or minister did not receive a blank in the mail, please use this one. Send to the Rev. Steve Hargrove, Route 3, Box 294, Ayden, NC 28513.



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 FAITH ... ROCKY MOUNT ...  
 WILLIAMSTON ... WILMINGTON ...  
 FREE SPIRIT ... HERITAGE ...  
 MAY'S CHAPEL ... PEACE ... PINEY GROVE ...  
 ROCK OF ZION ... ROSE HILL ... CHRIST ...  
 CORE CREEK ... WILSON ... SHILOH ... SPRING HILL ...  
 UNITY ... WATERY BRANCH ... WELCOME HOME ... BETHANY ...  
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 OTWAY ... PINE LEVEL ... PLEASANT HILL ... BRIDGETON ...  
 CAMP VANDEMERE ... COMMUNITY ... DALY'S CHAPEL ...  
 EASTOVER ... EDGEWOOD ... ELM GROVE ... LITTLE CREEK ...  
 TRENT ... WARSAW ... WINTERGREEN ... MACEDONIA ...

## BUILDING AND GROWING

These churches and many others have been built or improved with your deposits. Hundreds have been reached for Christ. Many new Free Will Baptist Churches have been planted and established churches are growing. There is the need for new and expanded facilities.

Yes, we want to help build Free Will Baptist Churches by investing in

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
 P.O. Box 38, Ayden, North Carolina 28513-0038.

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 8% 5-year Certificate  
 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 7% demand Certificate.

Interest will be credited on December 31 and left to compound.

☐ We prefer that a check be sent. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If 1,000 of you will deposit \$500 or more now, your Association can assist waiting congregations with below market rate mortgages. Though our interest rates cannot match the earthly return of some current investments the eternal returns are beyond measure. Every dollar you invest is used to help our Free Will Baptist Churches and institutions build or improve.



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# The Free Will Baptist

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1982, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

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DURHAM, N.C.



## My Way, Or—

Often it seems that my husband and I are more different than we are alike. One of us is normally neat, calm, ordered, and logical; the other has been known to leave clothes on the floor, pile up magazines for months, get excited about a new project every week (only to lose enthusiasm before its completion), and to cast every reason to the wind when the right opportunity availed itself. From time to time we may try to change each other, but the die has been cast; so we have more or less adapted to each other's idiosyncrasies. Our differences have not destroyed our lives; instead, they have brought me to the realization that everyone does not see things my way!

There was a time when my world possessed a clean-cut sense of what was right and wrong. These convictions were later translated into what was Christian or non-Christian. As my world grew, it became harder to define absolutes. Part of this was true because new experiences entered my life, new relationships were formed, and new responsibilities became mine; but a lot of the "problem" was the result of society's "gray" nature. (Few things are clearly defined.) Things once seen as being wrong have become common, everyday happenings. Still, my mind reasons that the frequency with which things occur does not change their original nature; in other words, something is not right just because "everyone is doing it" (especially if the Word of God speaks negatively on the matter).

Each of us is fond of absolutes; they make life clear cut and comfortable. It's nice to feel secure, as though we are on the right side—the side of justice and good. But life doesn't always work that way.

I am usually surrounded by others who are so like me that it becomes easy to extrapolate my beliefs and experiences to the rest of the world. Sometimes this serves to limit my world view, and I'm not afraid to admit it. And we often come to feel that our way is the way. This is especially true of Christians. In fact, some think their beliefs are the only ones true; they act as though they hold all the answers.

We need to realize that Christianity is more than a reaction to the world in which we live; it is a way of life. We often confuse theology with sociology. By doing so, Christian beliefs (and absolutes) are reduced to a debate over trends. How often we find it easier to debate others' beliefs than to analyze and explain our own. Long explanations come much quicker than our living out an honest faith; they also are easier to come forth with than the honest admission that we sometimes don't know what we believe—our actions are only a means by which we carry out family beliefs and traditions. You see, it is sometimes quite difficult to separate habits from those truths which define our very reasons for being.

I am not perfect; and from what I can best deduce, no one reading this is either. But no one is always wrong. It is time that each of us realizes this.

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# In Memory of Daddy

*A Grateful Daughter*

I have been blessed so much by the miracle that occurred in my family that I want to share the enclosed letter with others. When my father died in September, 1979, his hospital bills were over \$8,000. My mother has always felt very strongly about paying her debts and this was quite a burden for her. She always paid her tithes to the church and began to think about using this money to pay on the hospital bills.

After much prayer, she paid her tithes on Sunday. When she went to the hospital in Wilmington on Monday to discuss Daddy's bill, they told her it had been taken care of—**PAID IN FULL**—by a special fund. When she went to the

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hospital in Whiteville on Wednesday, they told her the same thing, that it would be paid out of a special fund. They said they had never received the funds before and didn't know if they would ever get them again. The next day someone gave her cash money for a car she wanted to sell, and that money paid off **all** the doctor bills. **Praise God!**

This miracle and wanting to share with my family things I had read about the family led to my letter and the thoughts in memory of my father. I hope they will be a blessing to you also. My prayer for you and your family is the same as for mine—the last paragraph in my letter to them.



To My Family:

I just wanted to write and wish each of you a **Happy New Year**. I hope you are as excited as I am about the year ahead. It sure started off with a bang. What better way to start a year than praising God for fulfilling His promises to those who believe in Him. He **will** supply our needs if we are obedient to His Word. He says all we have to do is ask in faith **believing**. Our faith grows stronger each time we share with others how the hospital and doctor bills were paid.

I pray this miracle will increase our faith in all the things we can claim as Christians: joy, peace, prosperity, long life, and freedom from sickness and diseases. Daddy loved God and lived for Him. The bills being paid showed me how much God loved Daddy and those he loved. We all know how he hated to give money to doctors and didn't want his bills to be a burden on us; so, now his last request has been fulfilled because Mama was obedient and paid her tithes. What is so exciting to me is that God loves you and me just as much, and we have the same access to God's storehouse of blessings. You can believe my husband and I will be paying our tithes from now on.

My prayer for my family for 1980 is that the love of God in us will be manifested by us loving others as Christ loves us and that we will experience His blessings for us: prosperity, health, and joy. I will be praying for all of you. Please write or call me if there is anything you would like for my family to pray about with you. Last, but not least, remember us in your prayers. It is a wonderful feeling to know someone loves you enough to pray for you.

I Love You All,  
Your Sister

P.S. I hope you will share the enclosed with your children and others as you feel led.

## IN MEMORY OF DADDY JANUARY 1980

The Lord has led me to share with you the following excerpts about the family from *Angels on Assignment* by Charles Francis Hunter. The family meant so much to Daddy, I thought it very fitting to remember him in this way the first time we have started a new year without him.

*The home is the closest thing on earth to God's heart. In an effort to get at God and to try to hurt him, satanic forces are attacking the home. God wants the name of every head of the house and his family included in the gate of the tabernacle (Exodus 30:12-16 and 38:25-28). God worked through one person (Rahab) that he had contact with in that home and they were all saved because God cared for the entire family. God's plan is a family plan.*

*The enemy wants to spoil God's plan by hurling heavy artillery into the homes, causing husbands to lose feelings for their wives, causing restlessness, causing things to fall apart, causing children and parents to hate each other. But God says Satan is not going to get away with it. He will not violate the free right of choice He has given, but He is going to do everything necessary to bring people to the point*

*where it will be easy for them to make the choice to serve Him.*

*He said, "I want the fathers to feel the hurts of their family. I want the children to know that when the enemy attacks they can find a strong arm at home on which to lean. I want the mothers' hearts to be opened and filled with compassion for the kids." God's purpose, His desire, and one of the things that He wants to accomplish in all that He is doing, is to reach the rebellious children. He wants to turn the hearts of fathers and mothers toward their children, those who are disobedient, and bring them to a point of knowing how complete His forgiveness really is.*

*Those who have laid their loved ones before Him in sincerity and in faith can stop praying right now. They can start praising God right now. He is on the job, and has released the forces to bring about circumstances which would make it hard for these people to resist God.*

The following was taken from *Our Daily Bread*:

*Most of us have dear ones in Glory. And, I like to think that even as we long to see them, they are eagerly awaiting that day when we'll all be together again. No doubt Fanny Crosby had this in mind when she wrote:*

*O the friends that now are waiting  
In the cloudless realms of day,  
Who are calling me to follow  
Where their steps have led the way;  
I shall see them, I shall know them,  
I shall hear their song of love,  
And we'll all sing hallelujah  
In our Father's house above.*

*As we think of our loved ones on that Heavenly Shore, let's rejoice. One of these days, whether we pass through death's valley or meet them in the air, we're going to have a great and grand reunion.*

I thank God for a father who prayed for me, and whose prayers kept me protected and brought me to where I am today in Christ. I thank God for my mother's prayers that are continuing. But most of all, I thank God that we will be a family, not one missing, in Heaven with Daddy on that **glad reunion day**.



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## A TRIBUTE TO THE REV. N. DAN BEAMAN

by Sara Branch



The Rev. and Mrs. N. Dan Beaman

Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, is indeed grateful and thankful to have had as its pastor a dedicated servant of God, the Rev. N. Dan Beaman.

Brother Beaman comes from Snow Hill, North Carolina. He is a member of the Central Conference and Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg. He has been an ordained minister for 48 years and has served on several denominational committees. His name is familiar to several churches which he has pastored. A few of these are Shiloh, Smith's New Home, Pleasant Hill, Winterville, Fremont, and May's Chapel. He has been pastor of the Rose Hill Church since September 1964 but will be leaving it June 30, 1982.

On May 30, 1982, the people of Rose Hill Church honored the Beamans with a reception in the fellowship hall from 3 until 5 in the afternoon. He and his wife were presented an engraved silver platter and an honorarium, along with other

gifts. Members of the church and community along with special guests attended this occasion.

He is a very special person to the people at Rose Hill Church, as well as to the community. He can best be described as being a leader, builder, teacher, pastor, choir director and member, counselor, and friend.

Most people remember Brother Beaman as always being there when called upon. He always stood near by even if it meant long hours of waiting. He was there in times of sorrow and of joy.

Still others will never forget him as a teacher (he has served as teacher of the Junior Sunday School Class and the Adult Vacation Bible School class), or for his messages in song, which he rendered as a member of a duet or quartet with other members of the church.

Brother Beaman has seen many improvements at Rose Hill Church since he has been pastor. These include heating, air-conditioning, stained-glass windows, painting, screens, altar set, baptistry, carpet, and brick veneering. The last project was the building of the fellowship building.

He is also a devoted husband. He is married to the former Nina Heath of Snow Hill. She is also a dedicated Christian and a former member of the choir of the church.

They are the proud parents of two wonderful daughters: Mrs. Joyce B. Taylor of Snow Hill and Mrs. Mary B. Godwin of Richmond, Virginia. The Beamans have one grandson, Donnie, whom they love dearly.

Brother Beaman, we the people at Rose Hill Church are proud to have had you for eighteen years as a dedicated man of God to serve us. We wish you God's blessings as you enter in-

to the ministry elsewhere. We pray that God may richly bless you.

## MINISTER AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE

The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., pastor of Black Jack Church, Route 3, Greenville, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on March 21, 1982. This degree was conferred by the Associated Missionary Society, Inc., chartered in Washington, D. C., and domiciled in Reidsville, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing programs and schools to train and prepare missionaries for worldwide missions.

Thus, the A.M.S. operates the Associated Missionary Training School and Bible College in Washington, D. C., where students are trained to do missionary work in the United States, Mexico, and other foreign countries. Satellite schools provide "on-the-field" training for native pastors and missionaries.

The presentation was made during the church's evening worship service on behalf of the Associated Missionary Society by Dr. James G. Knox III, a member of the A.M.S. Board of Trustees, who was guest speaker for the service. Dr. Knox also serves as a Southern Baptist minister and an employee of the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction.

As a part of his presentation Dr. Knox read a statement authorized by and on behalf of the A.M.S. Board of Trustees in which he cited several areas of "outstanding service" and noted that Pastor Pierce's involvement and leadership in the Christian ministry and

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especially in missions (the mission of the church) had not gone unnoticed. Then he said: "Therefore, the Associated Missionary Society confers the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Cedric Dixon Pierce Jr. who has shown a deep dedication to the work of our Lord."

Mr. Pierce also holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest University (1962), and the Master of Arts in Education degree from East Carolina University, conferred in 1974. He has completed additional studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Furthermore, he has completed several in-service and specialized training programs in education, professional child care, and the Christian ministry.

## YOUTH SUNDAY OBSERVED AT SIDNEY CHURCH

Youth Sunday was observed at Sidney Church on May 9, 1982. The young people of the church were in charge of the Sunday school and morning worship services, under the direction of Kathy and Jimmy Brinn. Chad Arthur acted as Sunday school superintendent, and Mike Modlin served as secretary. Scott Campbell led the congregation in responsive reading. YFA members taught the various Sunday school classes, and each of them did an outstanding job.



YFA Choir

David Burbage Jr. acted as master of ceremonies for the

morning worship services. The AFC and YFA choirs led the singing and gave a tribute to the mothers. A beautiful, hand-made bookmark was given to each mother present. A special part of the service was the dedication of a beautiful altar set, given to the church in loving memory of Mrs. Eula Clayton, by her family. A trio composed of Robin Burbage, Kim Arthur, and Debbie Brinn rendered special music.



Gary Burbage

Gary Burbage was the youth speaker. He gave an illustrated message for the children, showing the importance of using one's talents for Jesus. He also gave each child a stuffed animal, representing that child's gift for serving Jesus. By taking the stuffed animals away from all the children and giving them to one child, Gary demonstrated that when everyone doesn't help carry the load in serving Jesus, the burden becomes heavy for the faithful few. "By working together, each uses his God-given talent; the load is not heavy at all and much more can be accomplished for the Lord," Gary added.



AFC Choir

He chose "Challenge" as the topic for his sermon. He pointed out that challenge is the "Christian Game of Life," using for Scripture selections Psalm 143:6, Ephesians 6:6, and Philippians 4:13. He stated that in order to play the game there are rules to follow, just as games in the sports world are played. One must know the will of God and do it. Gary gave four rules a Christian must follow in order to know God's will in playing this game of life: (1) discipline—knowledge is power through learning, which is gotten through studying God's Word; (2) decision—Jesus is the way; (3) rules—keep His commandments; and (4) opponents—these are me, devil, and sin.

Gary concluded his message with a challenge to all Christians to get rid of excuses and begin serving Jesus.

## IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING

*submitted by Aspen Grove Church*

We are all familiar with the story of the little boy who was following in his father's footsteps leading to the tavern, and who called to his father, "Look, Daddy! I'm following you. I'm walking in your footsteps." We know these were not the right kind of footsteps.

We at Aspen Grove were especially delighted Sunday, May 9, as we witnessed the results of a father setting a good example for his children when Mr. Steve Burress, son of the late Rev. Hubert Burress, was ordained to the office of Deacon in our church. We could not help but feel that Steve was walking in his father's footsteps. It seemed we could almost see a smile on his father's face, as Steve set forth in the service of the King.

Since it was Mother's Day, our pastor, the Rev. David Charles Hansley, pointed out to us in his sermon the rewards of

having dedicated Christian parents who take time to care.

In the ordination service Preacher Hansley referred to Acts 6:1-6, which describes the selection and appointment by the apostles, of the first deacons, "seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" to attend to the needs of the people. Preacher Hansley also described the good Christian life that was required for a deacon according to 1 Timothy 3:8-13. As he went over the requirements listed in the Bible we realized the responsibility is great. The word deacon literally means servant. Deacons should minister in the name of Christ to those in need. In John 12:26, Jesus tells us, "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour." Being a deacon carries much responsibility, requires much thought, and lots of time. This commission is not only given to our deacons, but to all of us who respond to Christ's call. May God help us to be faithful in this ministry and support our deacons, for it is not an easy task they have.

At the close of the service Preacher Hansley invited our present deacons and Steve's wife, Dorothy, to come to the altar, and stand with him; and as we sang "In the Service of the King," the congregation went forward and welcomed Steve as our new deacon. It was a glorious moment as Steve's mother embraced him with a heart full of pride and joy, knowing that her son was following in his father's footsteps—called to be a servant—and that he could say, "I am happy, Oh so happy in the service of the king. I have peace and joy and blessing that nothing else could bring."

"For of him, and through him, are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Romans 11:36).

## WINTERVILLE CHURCH HONORS SENIORS

Sunday, June 6, was a special day for seniors at Winterville Church, Winterville. As there were no baccalaureate services at the local public schools, the church carried out the morning worship service in this manner. The following seniors marched in wearing their caps and gowns: Gregory James Churchill, graduating from Rose High School; Marty Willie Corbett; Gary Allen Crawford; Joey Lee Joyner; Angela Darwin Quinn; Debra Lynn Wade; Terri Lynn Wilson, all graduating from D. H. Conley High School.

Each student was presented a Bible from the Sunday school by Superintendent Karl W. McLawhorn. "Arise, O Youth of God" was sung by the choir. The sermon was delivered by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Taylor, after the Messengers sang "Treasures Unseen."

Jack Weathersby, of the Messengers, adapted the following from a poem, "God's Grocery Store," especially for the occasion.

As you walk down Life's highway, shop  
with care.

Everything you'll ever need is in  
God's store.

And all that you can't carry,  
You can come back for more.

First, you need Patience and Love  
For everyone you know,  
And Understanding, you need,  
Any place you go.

You need a box or two of Wisdom,  
A bag or two of Faith.  
And you can't miss the Holy Spirit  
For it's all over the place.

Stock up on Strength  
And courage to help you run the  
race.

But always remember  
You need God's Grace.

There's Peace and Joy  
To remove Sorrow and Fear,  
Songs and Praises  
Will be hanging near.

Don't forget Salvation  
And never cease to pray.  
For Sin is always  
Just a breath away.

And when you've finished shopping  
Don't ask how much you owe  
For, you see Jesus paid your bill  
A long time ago.

Remember your most valuable possessions are things that you cannot physically see or touch, such as Faith, Hope, Peace, Joy, Strength, Courage, Love, and Understanding. The things that were just referred to . . . another name for them is to simply say, they are "Treasures Unseen."

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## ELEGY FOR INGLISH MCLEAN

by Kitty S. Barnes

(This elegy was composed by Kitty Sasser Barnes upon the death of her grandfather, Mr. English McLean.

Kitty is an active member of Little Rock Church in Lucama. She teaches Sunday school and sings in the Chancel Choir. Kitty is an English instructor at Charles B. Aycock High School, Pikeville, NC. She is a lover of great literature.

As her pastor I take great joy in sharing this example of her talent, warmth and feeling with other Free Will Baptists.—DeWayne Eakes)

I remember the removal of the brown  
Al Capone hat;  
The unveiling of the glossy "Grecian  
Formula" strands, neatly parted and  
combed smooth.  
Long hours in a veneer mill gave his  
shoulders a weary stoop.  
Baggy pants and shirt hung on his thin  
frame.  
His steps left a Hansel and Gretel trail  
of chipped bark.

I remember a thin, yet firm hand dis-  
closing a shiny dime in a day when  
movies cost a mere nine cents; toot-  
sie pops, two for a penny.  
A half smile, a twinkling eye—his plea-  
sure in giving;  
He smelled of pine resin and the sweat  
of honest labor.

I don't remember the intervening  
years . . . my own life accelerating in-  
to adulthood.

Suddenly I applied the brakes to my  
close-knit world and I remembered  
again.

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### General Conference WA to Meet

The 18th Session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will be held on June 28, 29, 1982, at Cazy Church, Bob White, West Virginia. The theme will be "Walking in Faith." The Scripture will be taken from Hebrews 11:1. The scheduled program is as follows:

#### MONDAY, JUNE 28

- 7:00 P.M.—Registration
- 7:30 P.M.—Youth Convention

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 29

- 9:30 A.M.—Registration
- 10:00 A.M.—Hymn
  - Devotion and Prayer, Mrs. Phyllis Davis
  - Welcome, Mrs. Jim Ryan
  - Response, Mrs. Edna McAbee
  - Special Music, the Rev. Arnold Price and Jan; West Virginia Church
  - Opening of Convention, Mrs. Imogene Howard
- 10:30 A.M.—Recognition of Officers, Delegates, Ministers, and Visitors
  - Hymn
  - President's Remarks, Mrs. Margaret Ard
  - Business Session
  - Minutes
  - Appointment of Committees
- 11:30 A.M.—Offering and Prayer
  - Hymn
  - Special Music, the Rev. Arnold Price and Jan, West Virginia Church

- 11:40 A.M.—Message, Miss Rudene Kennedy

- 12:15 P.M.—Lunch

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15 P.M.—Hymn
  - Devotion and Prayer, Mrs. Wallie Hargrove
  - Special Music
  - Business Session
- 2:15 P.M.—Hymn
  - Singing and Testimony
  - Installation Service, Mrs. Faye Woods

Song Director, Deborah King  
Pianist, Mrs. Jan Price

### News from Daniels Chapel Church

Seniors were honored at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, the weekend of May 22, 23. On Saturday night the Ladies Auxiliary entertained seniors and their parents at a banquet in the church fellowship hall. After the meal a puppet program was presented which encouraged all seniors to "Climb Every Mountain," to dream "The Impossible Dream," and to be assured "You'll Never Walk Alone." The program was coordinated by Mrs. Marie Glenn.

The Sunday morning worship service honored seniors by having each wear the cap and gown of his high school and enter the service to "Pomp and Circumstance." During the service Bibles were presented to this year's graduates: Larry Gates, Eddie Hilliard, and Ronald Pugh. Also, a \$200 scholarship was presented to the graduate with the highest grade point average by the JWE Auxiliary. The recipient was Eddie Hilliard.

The JWE Auxiliary of Daniels Chapel Church spent a weekend in retreat at White Lake, May 14-16. While auxiliary members enjoyed the fellowship and the sunshine, they also gleaned many blessings from the weekend. The auxiliary was divided into four groups and each group was assigned a book to read and present to the other members. The books were *Beauty Care for the Feet*, *Beauty Care for the Ears*, *Beauty Care for the Tongue*, and *Women of the Bible*. In addition to study groups in the cottage, members particularly enjoyed a worship service Sunday morning by the lake.

The weekend was coordinated by Maggie Campbell, study course chairman; Christa Goff; and Debbie Pittman.

### Revival Services in Progress At St. Delight Church

Revival services are in progress through June 19 at St. Delight Church, Route 1, Ayden. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Frank Flowers, pastor of Little Creek Church, is the guest speaker. There will be special singing each night. The pastor, the Rev. James Warren, and the congregation, cordially invite everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

### The Youth of Reedy Branch

On Sunday, May 30, the youth of Reedy Branch Church, Winterville, held the service for the 11 a.m. worship.

The message was brought by Tim Faulkner. For the service

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## PHILIPPINE NATIONAL CHURCH AIDS REFUGEES

by Charles Barnard  
Missionary to the Philippines



Over the past few years terrorist activity has been on the increase in many parts of the Philippine Republic. In many instances Satan has used these eruptions of violence to harass the body of Christ and those who have contact with the body. One such occurrence has taken place on the Island of Luzon in the province of Quezon.

At one time this area was one of the fastest growing works among our many church-planting endeavors. Several churches and preaching points were established. Today, the organized work in Quezon is no more. The Evil One has used the ruthlessness of the terrorists to utterly disrupt all evangelical work in that region. Many, including the pastor, have fled for their lives.

Several families familiar with our workers on Luzon have migrated to this island, Palawan. In the last few months, three new families have moved into our area. Pastor Pio dela Rosa, former pastor in Quezon, now pastor of Canigaran Free Will Baptist Church, shared the urgent need of food for these families.

The National Church approved the participation of missionaries Fred Baker and Charles Barnard with Pastor Roger Malinao to secure a sack of rice (the staple food for nearly all Asian peoples) to be given to those in need. This provision was immediately delivered.

The Free Will Baptist Church has tried to minister to this group of newcomers with measured success. The sack of rice met only a small physical

need when compared to the more urgent matter of the "spiritual hunger" of these lost souls. We know that God had a special purpose in allowing such a terrible event to occur in the driving out of these people from their homes. He has guided them into our midst for a reason.

Please join us in prayer for the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit to use us as vessels through which will flow "rivers of living water" unto these lost and misplaced souls. God, who is Sovereign and Omnipotent, will provide as we allow Him full control of the situation. Let us jointly keep this people before the Throne in our daily prayers.

## RELIEF FUNDS IN ACTION

by Fred Baker

Man is so wonderfully made by a magnificent God. God in all of His wisdom gave to man both spiritual and physical natures that are inseparable in this life. God is deeply concerned with both the spiritual and the physical. For us to be the love of God to the people of this world we must be deeply concerned with both the spiritual and physical. "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).

We are so thankful for your spiritual discernment in helping with the physical needs of distressed peoples. Your love and concern make it possible for us to help in needful areas. The following are a few examples of how we have been able to help our fellowmen.

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*The Revs. Roger Malinao, Pio dela Rosa, and Fred Baker delivering rice to the families from Tamnao.*



*Fred, Roger, and Pio delivering rice to the refugees from Tamnao.*

(1) *Family of four:* The house they were renting was completely destroyed by fire. All their possessions were burned. The family was given a

gift of two hundred pesos to help make a new beginning.

(2) *16-year-old girl:* This young lady had a throat tumor and needed surgery. The

Ministry of Social Services paid for the medical operation. Her need was money for her mother to accompany her to Manila for the operation. This young lady was given four hundred pesos to help with the expenses.

(3) *Sick man in hospital:* This man, a fisherman, was taken to the government hospital for medical treatment. He was not able to purchase the medicines needed. He was given twenty-five pesos to purchase his medicines.

We want to thank God and you for your generosity in providing the means to help these people. We fully believe it is in keeping with the Christian faith. May Jesus Christ be glorified.

## NOTICES

Due to our policy of printing forty-eight issues of *The Free Will Baptist* a year, there will not be an edition for June 30, 1982. The next issue will be dated July 7.

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and all its area bookstores in Smithfield, Wilson, New Bern, and Kinston, will be closed July 5 in observance of July 4.

## CHURCH AND MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. Gurney Chase wishes to announce that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services effective July 1, 1982. He is a member in good standing with the Eastern Conference. He can be reached at 411 Central Avenue, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; phone 523-3429.

Otway Church, Route 2, Beaufort, is looking for a full-time pastor. Anyone interested contact Michael Taylor, 728-5059, or Norman Gillikin, 728-3931.

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## CHILDREN'S HOME BEGINS NEW PROGRAM



Charles V. Watt

Pictured above is Mr. Charles V. Watt, who was recently hired by the board of directors of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home as Administrative Assistant in charge of a newly structured public relations program. He will be concerned primarily with fund raising and planned giving. Mr. Watt was chosen for this important position due to his extensive training and experience in sales and marketing. He earned his B. S. degree from the University of Florida and his most recent position was as Field Representative for Open Doors with Brother Andrew, which is located in Orange, California.

Mr. Watt's family—his wife, Diana, and son and daughter, will be joining him on campus during the month of June. The staff and children are looking forward to their getting settled into their new home here on campus so that we might get to know the whole family.

Please be much in prayer for this new program and for Mr.

Watt as he assumes his new duties as Administrative Assistant.

E. Howard Cayton  
*Executive Director*

## NEWS FROM CENTRAL COTTAGE

To us the most exciting event in June will be graduation and school getting out. Tim and Kim Mills graduated from Southern Nash Senior High School on June 11. This was the last day for all the other children.

June is the month when we become restless because the days are longer and nights are shorter. It becomes harder for us to study and to stay inside to get work accomplished.

Summer is approaching fast. This means spending more time with cottage family and relatives. Also, the pool will be open now that school is out.

## INVITATION TO ALUMNI

The Children's Home would like to take this opportunity to invite all alumni to visit our campus the weekend of July 10, 11. Bring your whole family for a weekend of fun. We will have many activities scheduled for Saturday afternoon and that night we plan a pig-picking. You and your family can stay overnight in a cottage (at no cost to you).

Sunday morning, at 10 a.m., there will be a worship service in Memorial Chapel, followed by the annual Alumni Association Business Meeting. Lunch will be served at noon and the afternoon will be a time of more fellowship.

Please make plans now to attend this event.

## A NOTE FROM A CHILD



I go to school and my best friends are Tommy, Steve and Ann. I love my houseparents, they are the best, they are number one.

I am 10 years old and will be 11 very soon.

Ronald Willis

## Cragmont

## SQUARE FOOT PROGRAM

by John Williams

In the last article, I talked about how important it is that churches put Cragmont in their church budget. In this article, I would like to talk about the Square Foot Program.

The Square Foot Program had its start with the construction of the new main building. If you remember, the old building was in bad repair. It was decided that either the old main building should be renovated or a new main building constructed. A ballot was sent out to the people of the denomination asking which they would prefer done. As a result, the decision was made to construct a new building. About half of the money needed to do this

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENCOURAGES FREE WILL BAPTISTS TO "KNOW THEMSELVES"



Attending the May meeting of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society were (from left to right) Librarian Pam Wood, Vice President Bill Futch, President Adrian Grubbs (seated), Treasurer Louise Edgerton (seated), James Evans, Bertha L. Morris, Dr. Michael Pelt, and Ed Gonzalez.

Citing Thomas J. Latham as an example of a man who did not know his heritage, Dr. Michael Pelt stated that "our contribution today is to make people aware of our history." The remark was made in the context of Dr. Pelt's program on "The Relationship of the Free Will Baptists and the Disciples of Christ." The program was presented at the May meeting of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society.

Dr. Pelt told the group that because of the Disciples' influence on Latham, a number of Free Will Baptist churches in the Bethel Conference abandoned their Articles of Faith and principles of church government in the 1840's. "Where you had informed leadership, you did not have defections to other denominations," concluded Dr. Pelt.

Business conducted at the meeting included the report that two markers had been purchased by the society—one for

Ayden Seminary and one for the site of the first State Convention.

The Rev. James Evans requested that Gary Barefoot investigate the preservation of tapes held by the library and that more tapes be added to the collection as they became available.

The Rev. Ed Gonzalez reported that he had received some early letters of Jesse Heath to be contributed to the collection.

Librarian Pam Wood reported on the books added to the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, and the group voted to expend \$100 from the treasury for additional purchases.

It was also noted by the group that many ministers have no biographies or have incomplete biographies on file in the historical room. These ministers or the families of deceased ministers are encouraged to contact Gary

Barefoot, secretary, for assistance in the form of these biographies.

The Mount Olive College Library is the repository for the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection.

The next meeting of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society will be in November.

## FORMER ELIZABETH CITY RESIDENT WINS COLLEGE AWARD



James M. (Buddy) Rogerson Jr. (left), a former Elizabeth City resident, accepts congratulations and a check from Dr. Michael Pelt (right), chairman of the religion department at Mount Olive College. Buddy is the recipient of the Ministerial Award for the 1982-83 academic year.

James M. (Buddy) Rogerson Jr., a former Elizabeth City resident, is the recipient of the Ministerial Award for 1982-83 at Mount Olive College.

The award is made annually on the basis of academic ability and promise as a minister to a person selected by the religion faculty at Mount Olive College. The North Carolina Ministerial Organization of Free Will Baptists sponsors a \$100 scholarship which accompanies the award.

Buddy and his wife, Ollie Bell, will move to Mount Olive from Elizabeth City this fall so that he can enroll at the college as a ministerial student.

He is the son of James M. and Willie Mae Rogerson of Elizabeth City.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



## FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH INTERESTED IN HOME MISSIONS

**Sidney Church:** The young people at the Sidney Church through various projects received contributions for Home Missions. They were able to send a check for \$166.26 to be used for the work of Home Missions. We wish to thank the youth leaders of the Sidney Church for their help. The youth leaders are: YFA, Kathy and Jimmy Brinn; and for the AFC, the leader is Linda Modlin.

**Marsh Swamp Church:** The Primary Sunday School Class at Marsh Swamp Church used May as their Home Missions Month. Through taking up nickels and dimes for the month, this class was able to contribute \$7.45 to the cause of Home Missions. The teachers of the primary class are Mrs. Mildred Boswell and Mrs. Ann Johnson. These young people are to be commended for their efforts for Home Missions.

**Sandy Plain Church:** The young people of the Sandy Plain Church recently sponsored a bike-a-thon for Home Missions. Through their efforts, they were able to contribute a total of \$95.12. The leaders of the youth groups are: YFA leader, Beverly Kennedy; AFC leader, Kathryn Garner. The youth director at Sandy Plain is Pam Kennedy.

As you can see, the youth of our state are vitally interested in the work and progress of Home Missions. We, as adults, should take a lesson from them and see to it that Home Missions continues to be a vital part of our State Convention program. If every Sunday school class in the state would send \$10 to Home Missions it

would be a tremendous help to the program. If every youth auxiliary, woman's auxiliary or men's fellowship would send \$10 to Home Missions, we would have the money we need to establish other mission points and reach other people for Jesus.

Please give Home Missions every consideration as you prepare your budgets for the coming year. We need \$2,500 a week to operate; and without your help, we cannot move forward. May God bless you as you continue your support.

Ray Wells  
Interim Director

## NEWS AND NOTES

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Left to right: first row: Janet Garrett, Tracy McDonald, Gwen Tyndall; second row: Cindy Moye, Tracy Hodges, Stacy Hodges; third row: Tom Moye, Tim Faulkner, Robbie McDonald.

he used "Living in the Fast Lane." It was a very inspiring message about our lives being so busy and not stopping and taking time for God and others.

Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Faulkner. He was the first baby born after the Rev. Willis Wilson came to the church in 1963. Tim graduates from D. H. Conley High School

this year. In July he will enter West Point Academy.

During the service Mr. Wilson remembered the graduates of the church with Bibles. They were Tammy Fisher and Tim Faulkner.

Special music was brought by the youth choir. There was a solo by Stacy Hodges, a duet by Cindy Moye and Janet Garrett, and a trio by Cindy Moye, Janet Garrett and Tracy Hodges. Ardeth Little played the piano for the group.

As youth director, Becky Moye has worked very hard this past year. Other leaders are Cherubs—Cathy McDonald and Martha Jackson, YFA—Trudy Hodges and Linda Garrett, AFC—Susan Moore and Pat Tyndall. The groups have been very busy in different activities in the church. In the planned famine they raised \$1,300 for missions. They gathered a love box for a special shut-in; cookies were made for all the shut-ins of the church; and they brought back the YFA banner from the Youth Convention. Doug Jackson came and talked to the group about drugs and alcohol.

The Couples Class sponsored a Youth Field Day with activities for all ages, and a picnic was served. Reedy Branch is very proud of all the youth.

Greatest Hoist Of His Life



"Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."  
— Ephesians 6:4.



## THE DAY THAT WAS . . .



Sherry Jones from Arapahoe Church giving her campaign speech for District Secretary.

The day that was . . .

The Spring Youth Convention of the Eastern District will be a day that will be long remembered by many of those attending the affair. It was the largest crowd ever assembled at Camp Vandemere. There were around 450 present for the meeting. Singing, skits, campaign speeches, district competitions and a puppet presentation were on the agenda for the day.



Puppet presentation from Verona Church.

Since we meet only twice a year, it was a good opportunity to fellowship with those we hadn't seen since our fall convention and last summer at camp. It's great to see those we have come to love in the Lord. Our ministers from the Eastern District supported us well at the convention. We thank you.

Special appreciation goes to Mrs. Edna Buck, Mrs. Pam Kennedy, Miss Marlene Braddy, and Mr. Tony Sanders, who were in charge of the program especially prepared for the AFCers and Cherubs.

Rusty Smith was declared YFA Essay winner and Ginger Rowland was the AFC Essay winner.



The Revs. Doug Skinner and Ralph Sumner encouraging youth to attend Cragmont and Camp Vandemere.

The winning AFC Bible Bowl Team was from Sandy Plain Church and the winning YFA Bible Bowl Team was from Christian Chapel Church. These District winners competed for State honors at the State Youth Convention.

New District officers were elected. Leon Turnage from Beaufort Church, president; Rusty Smith from Christian Chapel Church, vice president;

Sherry Jones from Arapahoe Church, secretary; Caren Gibson from Sound View Church, treasurer; Dorona Stroud from Smith's New Home Church,



Who is going to camp this summer?

program chairman; and Joyce Ryall from Mount Zion Church, historian.

These new officers will be installed at the fall convention in September.

The offering was \$230.02. A delicious lunch was provided by the churches of Pamlico County. I would personally like to thank the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Sumner, Mrs. Margaret Ard, Mrs. Dianne Riley and the Rev. Dwight Hawley, who helped to lighten my load.

Truly, it was a special day and we thank the Lord for His many blessings.

Deborah King  
Eastern District Youth Convention



View of AFCers and Cherubs at their meeting.

Photographer—the Rev. Dwight Hawley



# THE BOOK CORNER

by DeWayne Eakes

**Marney, Carlyle. *Achieving Family Togetherness*, Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1958 (Festival Book) edition published 1980). Paperback, \$1.50.**

Dr. Carlyle Marney was an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church, a professional of great renown. My first introduction to Dr. Marney's wit and depth of thought was as a chapel speaker at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest in the mid 1970's. I learned to appreciate his wit and grasp of the world situation and the need of permanent values undergirded by the bedrock of a dynamic mature faith. Dr. Marney's last years of ministry prior to his death were spent as director of "Interpreter's House" at Lake Junaluska.

I recommend this one hundred and twenty-eight page book to anyone who is a part of a family unit. It is not complicated technical jargon designed to boggle your mind. It is very well written and easily understood, a characteristic of this man's preaching as well. Dr. Marney draws from his experience as a father and husband, his pastoral experience, and his vast avademic knowledge in this very relevant treatise on family togetherness. It is replete with common sense, biblically-based concepts dealing with achieving a wholesome family unit. The following quote illustrates Dr. Marney's concern for the family, "Do like old Joshua—reach up and stop the sun while you enjoy the family God gave you. It changes as fast as the earth travels" (Page 16).

All of us know time will not stand still. Family life is an ever changing structure. The time you do have can become a friend when fathers, mothers, sons and daughters discover the wisdom of Carlyle Marney. His book will not solve all your difficulties or stop the normal flow of events, but it will assist your growth into a deeper and richer understanding of yourself and other family members.

Chapter titles are "Any Man's Family," "Dangerous Father," "Mothers and Sons," and "The Terrible Teens." Read this book! It's a well-spent \$1.50! It will challenge you, amuse you, and bless you.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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Dr. James Royal Lambert (left) a Mount Olive physician, received the 1982 Mount Olive College alumni award for outstanding service and achievement in professional, church, and civic activities. He is a 1972 graduate. The Rev. Marvin Ray Waters (right) pastor of Saint Mary's Church in New Bern, received the 1982 alumni award for outstanding service, unselfish interest, and demonstrated loyalty to Mount Olive College and the alumni association. He is a 1973 graduate.

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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The "Grecian Formula had given way  
To the thin, snow-white locks of a full  
life.

A plaid robe and soft pajamas now hung  
on a frame so fragile

Movement became the enemy.

"Ivory" soap and "Old Spice" floated  
upward from his easy-chair ex-  
istence.

This time my kiss, less wet, but more  
directed

Planted itself with love and realization  
On his still-stubbed cheek.

Realization.

Now I can remember . . . with my heart.

## Cragmont

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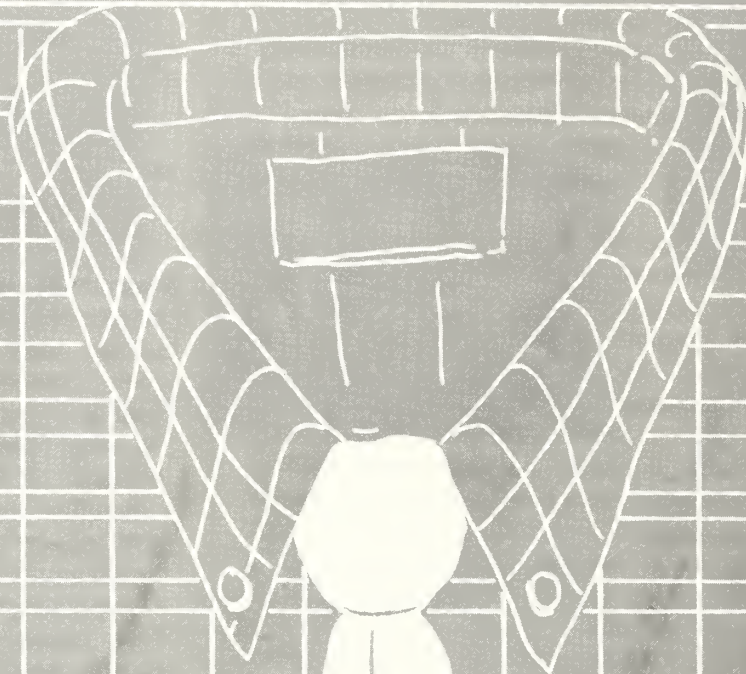
was raised before construction  
began. The rest was financed.

The Square Foot Program  
was launched to help raise  
money to pay off the remainder  
of the debt on the main  
building. It was geared so that  
churches or individuals could  
participate and could feel they  
had a part in the new building.  
Here's the way it works: For  
\$25 a church or individual may  
purchase one square foot of the  
main building. For your \$25  
contribution you get a cer-  
tificate stating that you are a  
contributor. You may buy one  
or as many as you like.

At this time many of our peo-  
ple must have forgotten about  
this program because there are  
only two churches partici-  
pating.

This is a good program to  
help raise money to pay off the  
debt on the new main building.  
Every year we struggle to  
make payments of approx-  
imately \$40,000. So far we have  
made 3 payments but, we have  
17 more to go. It would be great  
to make this indebtedness as  
short as possible by paying off  
the note early. One way you can  
help would be to write or call us  
about the Square Foot Pro-  
gram. Our address is Cragmont  
Assembly, 1233 North Fork  
Road, Black Mountain, North  
Carolina 28711; phone (704)  
669-7677. Let us hear from you.





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## Who Forgot the Utility Bill?

When was the last time you dined in a dimly-lit restaurant? Do you remember how difficult it was to see when you first entered? Gradually, though, you could make out objects more clearly; in fact, you got used to the dark before too long. The tragedy of this dilemma is that we have also become used to the darkness of sin.

Never before have there been so many sources of artificial illumination and less true light. While we physically inhabit a world characterized with brilliance, our souls dwell in an unmitigated night. The depths of man's depravity have become too vile for words to describe. Evil is becoming double distilled and compounded; the very carcass of civilization is characterized by putrefaction.

There is a slow, subtle, sinister brainwashing process taking place. Little by little sin is appearing less sinful to us. Alexander Pope described this process thus:

*Vice is a monster of such frightful mien,  
As to be hated needs but to be seen;  
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,  
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.*

Not only are we living in darkness, we are getting used to it. We fraternize with unbelievers and their beliefs are less objectionable; we open the doors for borderline sects, are hospitable, and see no problems in what we are doing; we even wrap ourselves up in a quilt of world religions, taking the best of them all. (Then we can't understand why we don't know what we believe and why.) Stretching our consciences should not be equated with broadening our minds.

Some time ago comedienne Lucille Ball commented (in reference to our world situation), "I'm shocked that I'm not shocked!" Well, it's like veteran preacher Vance Havner said, "There are some things we have no right to get used to." But many Christians have. "We are tempted to leave our noontide lights behind in our study and to move among men with a dark lantern which we can manipulate to suit our company. We pay the tribute of smiles to the low business standard. We pay the tribute of laughter to the fashionable jest. We pay the tribute of easy tolerance to ambiguous pleasures. We soften everything to a comfortable acquiescence. We seek to be all things to all men to please all. We become victims of illicit compromise. There is nothing distinctive about our character" (Dr. John H. Jowett).

Brothers and sisters, we are not in this world to get along with evil; we are here to overcome it with good. We are not here to learn how to live in the dark; we are to walk in the Light, and to show others how to do so.

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# The Cragmont Club

by John Williams

At the State Convention in 1980 the Cragmont Board of Directors launched a new program to solicit more financial support from individual members of our denomination. We decided that there would be two main purposes for creating the Cragmont Club. We desperately needed to bring the debt on the main building to a swift retirement. Every year this note is costing us thousands of dollars in interest. We also wanted to create a regular cash flow. This way we would have money coming in every month that we could count on.

If you decide to join the Club, your family would receive certain benefits. We have three plans for joining the club.

(A) \$10 per month—you would receive free room and meals for your immediate family for two days and nights.

(B) \$7.50 per month—you would receive free room for your immediate family for two nights.

(C) \$5 per month—we would charge your immediate family only half price on the room rate for two nights.

We need more Cragmont Club members and we would like to have you join. In order to join just choose the plan you want and send your check to Cragmont Assembly, 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.



*Nestled on the slopes of Mount Allen near Black Mountain, North Carolina, is "The Free Will Baptist Mountain," Cragmont Assembly. You know it as the location of our denomination's "Spiritual Retreat Center" for young people of all ages. Going to Cragmont is "going to camp" for scores of Original Free Will Baptists annually. This year's camping schedule began on June 13, but many retreats have already been held at Cragmont in 1982.*

Earlier in these articles, I stated that through the use of the Cragmont Club we could bring the debt on the main building to a swift end. At this time we have 80 club members whose contributions bring in over \$9,000 per year. This club has the potential of going so much further and doing so much more. The more participation we have from our denomination in the program, the more we can do. For example, think what we could do to the note if we have 500 club members. That could generate \$5,000 per month and \$60,000 per year. With that kind of participation we could quickly retire the debt on the main building. Surely there are 500 people in our denomination who could give \$10 per month to the Cragmont Club.



## TARBORO CHURCH AUXILIARY HONORS "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

by Mrs. Emily Long

We, the women of the Tarboro First Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary, are very proud and fortunate to honor one of our ladies with a special award naming her our "Woman of the Year." This deserving lady has been a Christian for 35 years and a member of this church for 30 years. She has received 11 Sunday school pins for perfect attendance. When this lovely lady is absent, you can go ahead and send her a get-well card because she is sick.

She is a former member of the Goodwill Circle and is now a member of the Willing Workers Circle, and rightly so, because this title characterizes this lady. She is very faithful to her Sunday school (class 15) and sometimes she surprises us with the things she tells us that God has done for her. She is looking forward to His coming. She has never taught Sunday school, sung in the choir, or even held an office in this church, but she has done all that she could to lift up the Lord Jesus Christ. She is a witness for her Lord in her walk and in her talk, always ready to give her testimony of how good God is and has blessed her.

Our Woman of the Year is 79 years old, the mother of four children, of whom only one survives. She has one granddaughter, one grandson, and two great granddaughters; and they all agree she is a remarkable person. Her youngest son was a trustee, a deacon, and a Sunday school teacher until his untimely death 15 months ago. It gives us

a great deal of pleasure to present this award to Mrs. Matilda Briley, or "Tillie," as she is affectionally known. Congratulations, Tillie, and may God continue to bless you that you may continue to serve Him and lift Him up *In Times Like These*.

## EAGLE SCOUT AWARD



Daniel L. Taylor

Daniel L. Taylor Jr. of Route 1, Snow Hill, was presented the Eagle Scout Award on Sunday, March 28, at Free Union Church, Route 2, Walstonburg. The presentation was made by Dr. Wes Perry of Kinston, representative of the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Eagle is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts. Qualifications for the Eagle rank include earning at least 21 merit badges and doing a service project that will benefit the community, school or religious institution, and demonstrates leadership. After receiving the merit badges and completing the service project, the applicant must be approved by the local Scout Committee and the District Board of Review.

Sixteen-year-old Dan is a member of Troop 606 of Walstonburg, North Carolina. He has been active in scouting for over eight years. While he was in the Cub Scouts, he served as the National Youth Representative for the East Carolina Council Boy Scouts of America in 1976 and earned the Arrow of Light. His service project for Eagle rank was Special Olympics. He has earned 23 merit badges. He is a member of the Neuse Order of the Arrow and is a member of the Indian Dance Team. In 1980 he was awarded the God and Country Award.

As well as being involved in scouting, Dan participates in many school-related activities. He is a rising senior at Greene Central High School, member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, where he served as vice president during the 1980-81 school year, and the Science Club. He received the Outstanding Fellowship of Christian Athlete Award in 1981. Recently he was elected President of the Student Government Association for the 1982-83 school year.

Also active in sports, he is a member of the track team, lettered in 1981 as a member of the varsity football team at Greene Central High School and plays with the church league in softball.

Dan is an active member of Free Union Church, a member of the Male Chorus, Laymen's League, and serves as an usher. He is serving as vice-president of the Christian Youth Fellowship in Walstonburg.

The entire Taylor family is actively involved in the scouting program. Dan and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Taylor, started in the scouting

program together and made it a family affair. His father, Danny, is Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of Troop and Pack 606; and his mother, Genevieve, is Den Leader of Cub Scout Pack 606. The Pack and Troop are sponsored by the Layman's League of Free Union Church, Route 2, Walstonburg. Dan's younger brother, Charles, is a member of Troop 606 and has taken part in the Boy Scout Program since the age of 8.

**IN MEMORY OF  
MRS. MARGARET  
ALEXANDER**

As she sat quietly in her chair in the home of her daughter, Minnie Brown Whitehurst, on Tuesday night, April 13, 1982, the Lord saw fit to call Mrs. Margaret Alexander's soul from us to be forever with the Saviour whom she loved, respected and served so faithfully.

Mrs. Alexander, widow of the Rev. D. W. Alexander, spent most of her life in the Sweet Gum Grove Community and was a member of Sweet Gum Grove Church.

Funeral services were conducted at the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel, Friday, April 16, at 2 p.m. by her pastor, the Rev. David Hill, and the Rev. Willis Wilson. The body was laid to rest in the Bethel Cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers which was evidence of the love and respect which her loved ones and friends had for her.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Minnie Brown Whitehurst of Stedman and Mrs. Miles Hart Jr. of Raleigh; three sons, the Rev. Carroll Alexander of Columbia, South Carolina; Dennis W. Alexander Jr. of Robersonville; and Sam Alexander of Bethel; 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She lived a long and useful life and will be greatly missed but our loss is His gain, for as

much as we hated to see her go we realize God has something far better in store for the Christian life she had lived.

Since death is the gateway of life, she is not dead. That gate opened, she entered in to hear her Master say, "Well done." Her suffering has ended and has been replaced with unspeakable joy and peace. All storms of life, sorrow and disappointment are forever past and she has won the victory.

We extend to the family our deepest sympathy, and may they find comfort and peace in Him who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

submitted by Obituary Committee of  
Sweet Gum Grove Church

**CHERRY TO ATTEND  
WORKSHOP**

The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, president of Carolina Bible Institute, Pine Level, will participate in a week-long workshop entitled "Write to Publish," at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, June 21-25.

Ruth Beam, Moody Bible Institute workshop coordinator and professor of Communications, says, "The workshop is organized to help Christian men and women sharpen their writing skills and teach them how to transfer their ability into manuscripts which will honor God and edify others."

Mr. Cherry is the writer of "The Bible Teacher" for the Free Will Baptist Press, and editor of "Echoes," published by the Carolina Bible Institute.

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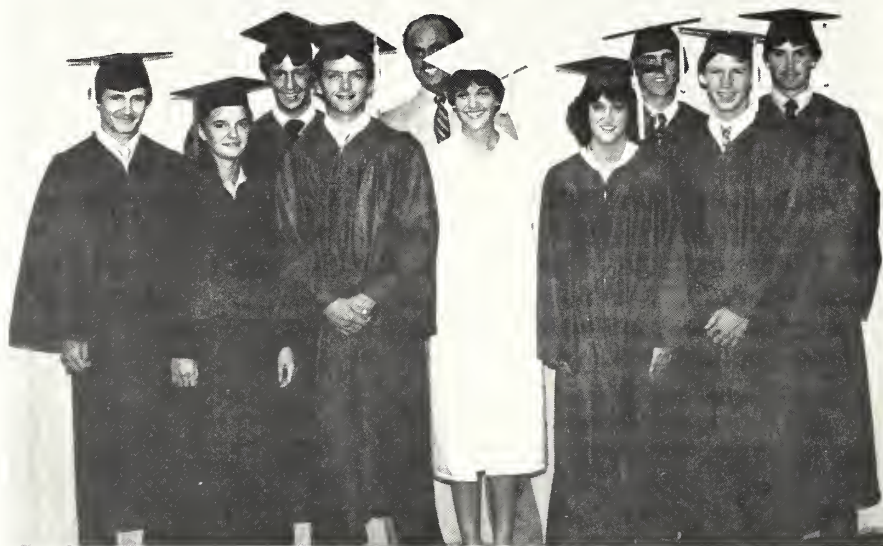
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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### BLACK JACK CHURCH HONORS GRADUATES



The members of Black Jack Church, Route 3, Greenville, honored their graduates at the morning worship service on Sunday, June 6, 1982. A special band made up of students from D. H. Conley High School and Chicod School played the processional and recessional for the graduates, with Mr. James Fleming, the director of D. H. Conley and Chicod Bands, directing the special band.

The pastor, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., had for his sermon "What Is Your Life," and brought out the following three points: "Something to do"; "Someone to love"; and "Something for which to hope."

Black Jack had the following high school graduates: E. Chris Buck, Karen Buck, Tammy Edwards, Jeff Hudson, Billy Kittrell, Dixon Page, Wesley Smith, and Leigh Anda Summerfield, and the following college graduates: Louie Dixon, Linda Hudson, and Robby Hudson.

### Mount Zion Has Special Service

Sunday, June 6, 1982, was a happy day for four young people, their pastor, parents and friends. They were presented Bibles by the Rev. Charlie Overton on behalf of Mount Zion Church, Roper, North Carolina.

Following the morning service, the pastor treated the four, along with four previous graduates, to a delicious meal. Standing left to right are Kathy Oliver, Dwayne Jones, Natalie

Oliver, Jayne Jones, and the pastor.

Because Dwayne Jones and Jayne Jones are twins and were



baptized together at the same time, the pastor stated that he wanted to present their Bibles at the same time also.



On Sunday night, the pastor highly praised the eight young people for such good manners and behavior at the restaurant.

### Heaven Echoes to Be At Free Spirit Church

The Heaven Echoes will sing at Free Spirit Church on June 27, at 7 p.m. The church is located on Route 5, Wilson. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

### Invitation Extended for Special Camp Service

The staff of Camp Eagles Nest for the Hearing Impaired extends to all Free Will Baptists an invitation to attend their Thursday evening, July 8, service. This meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and it will be held in the dining hall at the Eagles Nest Conference Center.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Albertson serve as directors for this encampment.

### NOTICE

All area bookstores—Ayden, Smithfield, Wilson, Kinston, and New Bern—will be closed for inventory July 1.

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## NEW LOGO FOR CHILDREN'S HOME



We are pleased to introduce to you the new logo which is being adopted for use by the Children's Home. The design depicts all of our children—past, present and future.

We are entering a new era at the Children's Home. The new logo is the beginning of what we pray will be a much brighter future. This cannot be accomplished by the children and staff alone. We earnestly need your individual daily prayer support for the children and staff.

We are admonished by James (5:16b), "The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Place our request on your daily prayer list, asking our Lord and Saviour for health, protection and spiritual growth for the children, as well as for guidance, direction and understanding for all the staff. God will answer your prayers, allowing growth and providing His guidance in meeting our obligations.

Please won't you let us hear from you concerning your interests about our future? Ad-

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dress your remarks to: Charles Watt, Public Relations Department, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc., P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557.

Charles V. Watt  
*Administrative Assistant*

A man lived by the side of the road  
and sold his hot dogs.  
He was hard of hearing so he had  
no radio.  
He had trouble with his eyes so he  
read no newspapers.  
But he sold good hot dogs.  
He put up a sign on the highway  
telling how good they were.  
He stood by the side of the road and  
cried: "Buy a hot dog, Mister."  
And people bought.  
He increased his meat and bun  
orders.  
He bought a bigger stove to take  
care of his trade.  
He got his son home from college  
to help him.  
But then something happened . . .  
His son said, "Father, haven't you  
been listening to the radio?  
There's a big depression on,  
The European situation is terrible.  
The domestic situation is worse."  
Whereupon the father thought,  
"Well, my son has been to college.  
He reads the papers and he listens  
to the radio, and he ought to  
know."  
So the father cut down on his meat  
and bun orders,  
Took down his advertising signs,  
And no longer bothered to stand on  
the highway to sell hot dogs.  
And his hot dog sales fell almost  
overnight.  
"You're right, Son," the father said  
to the boy.  
"We are certainly in the middle of a  
great depression."

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

MAY 1982

**Total \$26,739.06**

### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Belhaven	\$ 50.00
Corinth	100.00
Free Union	3.00
Hickory Chapel	537.35
Malachi's Chapel	450.00
Mount Tabor	272.41
Plymouth, First	55.00

Shiloh	6.00
Sound Side	10.00
Trinity	260.00
Union Chapel	127.37
Union	17.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,888.79</b>

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Bethel	\$ 75.00
Hopewell	98.52
Johnston Union	48.30
Lee's Chapel	20.00
Mount Olive	50.00
Oak Grove	420.00
Palmer Memorial	25.00
Powhatan	153.60
Robert's Grove	38.25
Riverside	20.00
Shady Grove	23.60
Wooten's Chapel	86.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,058.27</b>

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	\$ 212.00
Ayden	10.00
Bethany	20.00
Cedar Grove	100.00
Daniels Chapel	70.00
Dilda's Grove	20.00
Edgewood	143.50
Elm Grove	100.00
Free Union	153.16
Friendship	922.50
Gum Swamp	29.00
Greenville, First	20.00
Grimsley	20.00
Harrell's Chapel	115.00
Hickory Grove	225.00
Howell Swamp	20.00
Hugo	20.25
Hull Road	6.00
King's Cross Roads	1,061.61
LaGrange	569.00
Little Creek	30.00
Marlboro	70.00
Ormondsville	20.00
Otter's Creek	66.00
Owens Chapel	50.00
Peace	84.50
Reedy Branch	15.00
Roanoke Rapids, First	35.66
Rocky Mount, First	25.00
Rose Hill	195.00
Rose of Sharon	417.00
Saratoga	35.00
Spring Branch	135.00
Sweet Gum Grove	395.00
Tarboro, First	20.00
Watery Branch	197.77
Williamston, First	103.00
Winterville	80.00
Union Number 2	100.00
Auxiliary Convention	65.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,976.73</b>

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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Arapahoe	\$ 4.50
Bethel	125.00
Bethlehem	500.00
Beulaville	100.00
British Chapel	520.00
Cabin	300.00
Christian Chapel	400.00
Core Creek	146.30
Croatan	100.00
Deep Run	224.00
Dublin Grove	16.66
Folkstone	27.50
Friendship	60.00
Gray Branch	600.00
Hillsberry	2.25
Holly Springs	15.04
Indian Springs	15.00
Jackson Heights	6.75
Juniper Chapel	143.62
Kinston, First	294.00
Lanier's Chapel	60.00
Macedonia	52.25
May's Chapel	320.00
Mount Pleasant	195.43
New Haven	55.67
Northeast	80.11
Pearsall Chapel	150.00
Pilgrims Rest	100.00
Piney Grove	100.00
Reunion Chapel	50.00
Rock of Zion	109.00
Sarecta	30.00
Sandy Plain	3.60
Smith's New Home	100.00
Sneads Ferry	100.00
Snow Hill	20.00
Spring Hope	20.00
Saints Delight	29.00
Saint Mary's	23.00
Verona	120.00
Wardens Grove	206.43
Westside	300.00
White Oak	60.00
White Oak Grove	131.00
Wintergreen, First	29.00
Woodrow, First	50.00
Total	\$6,095.11

**PEE DEE ASSOCIATION**

Beaverdam	\$1,000.00
Oak Grove	381.87
Mission Valley	101.81
Pireway	59.00
Pee Dee Association	90.50
Total	\$1,633.18

**PIEDMONT CONFERENCE**

Bethany	\$ 100.00
Highland Pines	441.00
Holy Cross	40.00
Miscellaneous Card	2.10
Total	\$ 583.10

**TOE RIVER CONFERENCE**

Roaring Creek	\$ 73.84
Total	\$ 73.84

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Barnes Hill	\$ 20.00
Calvary	20.00
Durham, First	175.00
Everett Chapel	78.62

Fellowship	2.25
Flood's Chapel	100.00
Fremont	22.50
Free Union	441.00
Friendship	254.50
Holly Springs	540.00
Kenly	44.15
Little Rock	1,486.00
Living Waters	100.00
Marsh Swamp	124.50
Micro	190.00
Milbournie	127.40
Mount Zion	143.31
Oak Grove	23.75
People's Chapel	125.00
Pine Level	7.25
Pleasant Grove	88.55
Piney Grove	51.00
Pleasant Hill	134.25
Pleasant Plain	23.17
Rains Cross Roads	6.00
Rock Springs	22.80
Rosebud	254.42
Spring Hill	272.00
Saint Mary's	168.75
Stancil's Chapel	416.93
Stoney Creek	125.00
Stony Hill	7.20
Trinity	1,993.50
Union Chapel	32.50
Union Grove	362.50
Unity (Durham)	4.50
Watson's Grove	75.00
Wilson, First	1,305.95
Western First	
Sunday School Convention	35.79
Youth Fellowship	25.00
Total	\$9,430.04

**MEMORIAL GIFTS \$40.00**

By Hickory Grove Church in memory of Hazel Earley  
 By P. A. Tyndall in memory of A. E. Tyndall  
 By Kenly Church Auxiliary in memory of Jesse Woodard  
 By Laura Faye Massengill in memory of Mrs. Donnie Coleman  
 By Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gaggett in memory of Mrs. Donnie Coleman

**RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS****MAY, 1982****Total \$2,661.61****ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE**

Free Union	\$ 2.00
Hickory Chapel	24.90
Mount Tabor	40.00
Shiloh	4.00
Sound Side	10.00
Total	\$ 80.90

**CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE**

Bethel	\$ 20.00
Goldsboro, First	250.00
Powhatan	2.40
Riverside	20.00
Robert's Grove	26.00
Shady Grove	2.40
Smithfield, First	20.00
Total	\$340.80

**CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

Aspen Grove	\$ 10.00
Bethany	35.00
Black Jack	5.31
Dilda's Grove	20.00
Edgewood	10.00
Elm Grove	8.55
Friendship	200.00
Free Union	17.00
Greenville, First	20.00
Gum Swamp	26.00
Harrell's Chapel	10.00
Howell Swamp	20.00
Hugo	11.50
Hull Road	4.00
King's Cross Roads	10.00
LaGrange	20.00
Little Creek	10.00
Marlboro	20.00
Ormondsville	20.00
Reedy Branch	15.00
Rocky Mount, First	20.00
Rose of Sharon	20.00
Saratoga	20.00
Tarboro, First	15.00
Total	\$567.36

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Arapahoe	\$ 3.00
Beulaville	20.00
Cabin	20.00
Core Creek	22.40
Croatan	25.00
Davis	1.40
Deep Run	15.00
Folkstone	5.00
Hillsberry	1.50
Jackson Heights	4.50
Kinston, First	25.00
Macedonia	1.50
May's Chapel	100.00
Northeast	22.50
Piney Grove	50.00
Rock of Zion	6.00
Saint Mary's	22.00
Saints Delight	26.00
Sandy Plain	22.40
Snow Hill	20.00
Sound View	20.00
Whaley's Chapel	15.00
White Oak Grove	4.00
Wintergreen	26.00
Total	\$478.20

**PEE DEE ASSOCIATION**

District Convention	\$102.00
Total	\$102.00

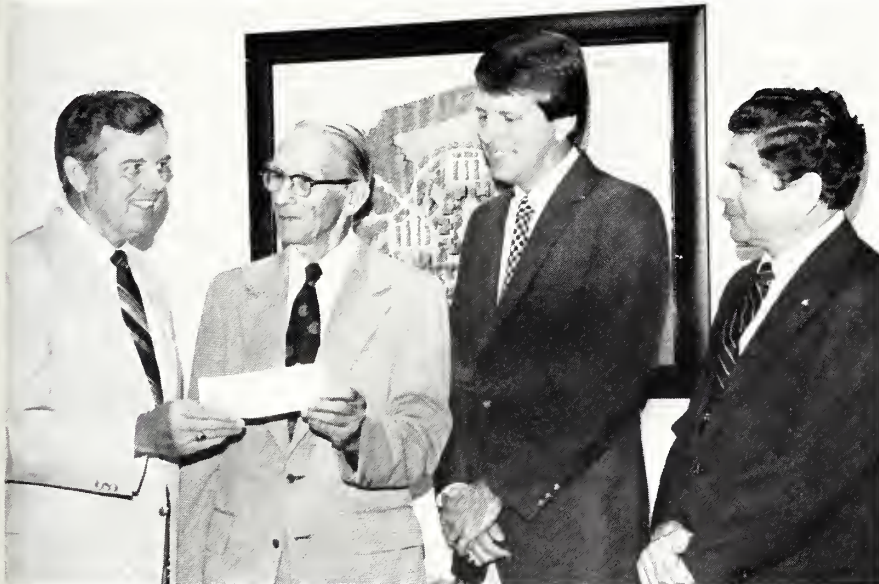
**PIEDMONT CONFERENCE**

Highland Pines	\$ 90.00
Total	\$ 90.00

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## COLLEGE HALL GETS A BIG BOOST



Left to right, Lonnie Rackley, manager of the Mount Olive Belk Tyler store; James B. Hunt Sr.; College athletic director, Bob McEvoy; and President W. Burkette Raper.

The Belk Foundation of Charlotte has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the building fund of Mount Olive College. The presentation was made to James B. Hunt Sr. of Lucama by Lonnie Rackley, manager of Mount Olive's Belk Tyler store. Hunt is chairman of the College's Board of Trustees and a member of Marsh Swamp Church (Western Conference).

The grant will be used to help construct College Hall. College Hall will provide the Free Will Baptist Church with a site for the North Carolina State Convention, the State Youth Convention, mission rallies, and other denominational events which require a large seating capacity.

President W. Burkette Raper reported that the Belk gift would help to "virtually assure the beginning of construction by early fall." September is the target date for awarding contracts.

Gifts and pledges to date now total \$1,270,000 toward the goal

of \$1,500,000 set by the board of trustees for beginning construction.

On the project Hunt said, "College Hall is the key to our four-year program. Mount Olive will be the only four-year institution between Wilmington and Wilson and will afford the many graduates from technical institutes an opportunity to obtain a four-year degree."

### EDDIE BARWICK FUND ESTABLISHED AT MOC



Eddie Barwick

A scholarship endowment fund in memory of Eddie Barwick has been established at

Mount Olive College by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex E. Barwick, and sister, Mrs. Alexis Welch.

Eddie died in a car accident March 14. He was 25.

All memorial gifts received by the family have been placed in the fund which will be used to provide a scholarship at Mount Olive College for a Lenoir County student. Eddie's sister "Lexie" is a 1971 graduate of the College.

A friend of Eddie's, Dan Colie Jr. of Mount Olive, described him as "a congenial and accommodating young man" who helped his family with their barbecue business, the B. and S. Cafe in Deep Run (Dennis Rogers' column, *The News and Observer*, 3/26/82).

Over 500 people, some from as far away as Wyoming and Florida, attended the funeral in appreciation of the barbecue on wheels served by Eddie from Pennsylvania to Florida.

The Barwicks are members of Deep Run Church.

### ROBERT STRICKLAND— A MAN OF MANY TALENTS

by Mary Susan Yates,  
Director of Public Relations, MOC

The Rev. Robert Strickland, pastor of Edgewood Church, wears a coat of many colors. Like Joseph, Mr. Strickland has many talents and feels himself "blessed by God" as he pursues his three careers—owner of Strickland's Yard Maintenance Service, tobacco inspector for the United States Department of Agriculture, and pastor of Edgewood Church.

The ministry is Mr. Strickland's most recent vocation as he has been Edgewood's minister for two years.

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## AWAKE, O ZION

by Dr. E. M. Lall



"Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean" (Isaiah 52:1).

We are living in the most critical hour in the human history. Millions pass to Christless graves. Hell is filled with men due to negligence of Christians. Satan scorns at the feeble, fainting church, which stops at the door of Pentecost. Instead of being adorned in the bridal garments, the church is wearing the grave clothes. Her hands and feet are bound by the cords of the world. Resurrection life is not manifested. The tentacles of the world are tightening their grip on the church.

The church, as a matter of fact, is in deep slumber. Christians are busy in their self-hood and erecting gigantic buildings for themselves and for the institutions of their own while the church buildings and properties are in ruins. The communists on the contrary are training men to conquer the

world. Big church buildings in communist countries are converted into the cinema halls and community centers. How cleverly Satan uses the money and labors of Christians to build amenities for devil's work! The complacent attitude of the church is disappointing.

Why have we fallen? What afflicts the church today? Has God failed? Where has the Holy Spirit of the primitive church disappeared? Beloved! God has not failed. We are failing God. God is not dead to men but man is dead to God. We prefer programmes of temporal joy following our selfish motive. Today's service to God by those involved in the task is a mere play for their own gains. The church buildings and its allied properties in the face of personal residences of the leaders at the helm of the church is a clear evidence to this fact of the matter. It is more often than not the congregation feels bored with their sermons and manifest their regret at the close of the service in exchange of their conversation with each other. It is just because of sheer lack of dedication, commitment and above all the desertion from the upper room to the detriment of their power. Because of the fact that they do not pray in the closet, they tickle with the easy gospel and mistake the rattle for revival. Community dinners, frequent conferences and committees are replacing Communion tables. The fun oriented Hollywood patterned churches seek pleasure in fiction as facts are painful. Prayer closets are no more in the offing. Tear-fountains are dried. Apostasy has sucked the life and breath of the church. Declension has set in. The church, truly represented in the appropriate

words, is not only made lukewarm, but is made ice-cold.

The Lord Jesus Christ has in these days many people who love His heavenly kingdom, but there are few to bear His Cross. There are many who desire comfort, but few who are ready for trials. He has found many to share His table, but few to share His fast. Many rejoice with Him, but few suffer for Him. Many follow Him in breaking the bread, but few drink the cup of His passion.

The reason of our failure is just because we are not realistic in our assessment of the situation and in our approach. World population has gone more than double in the last quarter of a century. Has the church kept pace with the population explosion, by a comparable evangelism explosion or communication explosion? 37,000 babies are born in a day—more than are evangelized in one whole year by all Christian agencies put together in India. There is no business acumen, zeal or enterprising spirit in Christian work anymore. In our own country in India the Christian missions have lagged behind in evangelizing the 82% population in the rural areas and are confined among the born Christians in the urban areas which are a handful among the 18% people of the total population of 683,810,051 as per census 1981. In our own state of Uttar Pradesh one believer stands for 1,200 nonbelievers.

The communists claim to overtake the world in this generation. They have almost overtaken Asia and most of Africa. They are close to controlling the world.

With the modern means of transportation and communication we must hand out the gospel to the dying hungry people in this generation. Only 20% of the Christians in the world have Bibles. There are more than 2,321 billion or 2/3 of the world population who are yet to know the Lord. There are only 2½% Christians in the total population of India. The most scientific men in the world are travelling back and forth, sometimes to the moon and sometimes to Mars. But multiplied millions on this earth are still waiting for the first gospel message. Is it not a rebuke to our slowness?

We often speak of the false cults and their movement but hardly acknowledge that they print millions of books and magazines in the most attractive form and design. Their disciples find out the clients to sell the books. They claim 90% mobility and engagement of 25,000 young men. However, the church is still dragging her feet with out-moded ways of witnessing. Preachers in our own country have to cover about 300 villages without a proper conveyance. It is sometimes not possible for the preacher to conduct the worship service in all the villages on Sundays even in a couple of years. Church sales are organized from time to time to raise funds for the missions whereas the liquor shops and cinema lords gulp in the gold from the church members. The copper goes to God and the gold to the devil. Should God wait for our copper coin, when we cast all our gold and silver to the devil's den?

Another reason of our failure, is the lack of vision, revelation and dedication, which leaves us behind in proclaiming the gospel. God knows our heart. The sword of the Lord is raised against this new brand of religious hypocrites who use God for their personal benefit.

The church is on the retreat, instead of blasting the gates of Hell and hoisting the banner over liberated territories, the church is on the defensive. The destiny of millions is hanging in the balance. We see the nuclear umbrella precariously over this sin-soaked civilization.

Let us now decide to go all the way with the Lord. Let the great awakening touch our heart and receive Christ as our guide to follow, since "the harvest truly is plenteous but labourers are few." Let us arise, shake off our dust and the bondage to lift high the torch of untarnished integrity in this hour of need. Karl Marx has men to die for communism. Jesus of Nazareth is looking for men who will deny all and follow Him. The preaching of the gospel should be the mission of the church and obedience of the great commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ should be our life and breath. Let us be a living and witnessing church for His cause.

#### NOTICES

Due to our policy of printing only forty-eight issues of *The Free Will Baptist* a year, there will not be an edition dated June 30, 1982. The next issue will be dated July 7, 1982.

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and its area bookstores in Ayden, Smithfield, Wilson, New Bern, and Kinston will be closed July 5 in observance of July 4.

#### COMING EVENTS

*June*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Cragmont Assembly Month

*June 28-July 3*—Youth Frontier Conference (YFA), the Rev. Scott Sowers, director, Cragmont

*July*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

Month

*July 4*—Independence Day

*July 5*—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and all Bible Bookstores closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

*July 5-10*—Youth Frontier Conference (AFC), the Rev. Doug Skinner, director, Cragmont

*July 11*—Annual Alumni Meeting, Memorial Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex

*July 12-17*—Sunday School Conference, the Rev. Frank Grubbs, director, Cragmont

*July 19-22*—Ministers' Conference, the Rev. C. H. Overman, director, Cragmont

*July 26-30*—Young Peoples Bible Conference, the Rev. Sam Weeks, director, Cragmont

#### ATTENTION MINISTERS

We hope each of you is planning to attend the Annual Ministers' Conference at Cragmont, July 19-22, 1982. Please remember that preregistration is required this year. Send your registration to the Rev. Ray Wells, Route 1, Box 67-A, Sims, NC 27880, along with a \$10 registration fee. Please remember also that room assignments will be made this year.

The wives of our ministers are urged to attend, too. Some special activities are being planned for them.

Our attendance at the conference has been increasing for the past several years, and we hope to see it even higher this year. We will look forward to seeing you at Cragmont.

C. H. Overman, *President*



## NEWS FROM LAYMAN'S LEAGUE

In a historic event in Rodger's Chapel on the campus of Mount Olive College, the North Carolina State Layman's League Convention was organized May 15, 1982. At last Free Will Baptist men are organized "to exalt Christ through the agencies which God in His providence has provided for the people making up the Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina"—*League Manual*. But as long as there is a Free Will Baptist man (age 18 and above) who is not an active League member, or a church without a local League, or a Conference without a District Layman's League Convention which belongs to the State Layman's League Convention, we have not fully enlisted our potential.

Only three conferences, Albemarle, Central and Western, had organized their laymen at the conference level as of May 15, 1982. Probably more than one hundred churches do not yet have a Laymen's League. May our goal be a Layman's League in every church.

According to the *Layman's League Manual*, "Your pastor is a key man. He is a member of the executive committee and is charged with the responsibility of helping you in this program." In addition, the State Layman's League Board and the State Layman's League Executive Committee are anxious to help you to start a League in your church or conference. For further information contact the President of the State Layman's League Convention, Mr. Henry Paul Beaman, Route 1, Box 232, Snow Hill, NC 28580, or phone (919) 753-4263.

## THE LAYMAN

by Edgar A. Guest

Leave it to the ministers  
and soon the church will die;  
Leave it to the women folk,  
the youth 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.

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;  
For it's not by song or sermon  
that the church's work is done;  
But by the laymen of the country  
who for God must carry on.

Rex Wainright, *Reporter*  
C. L. Patrick, *Advisor*

## Cragmont Month

by DeWayne Eakes

Member Cragmont Board of Directors

June is designated by the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina as "Cragmont Month." We urge you to remember Cragmont in some special way in your churches this year. We have set as a goal to make a payment of \$82,000 on the debt retirement at Cragmont when our payment comes due on December 31, 1982. Because of your support we were able to pay off an extra \$5,000 last year. Take a special "Cragmont Day" offering and encourage members of your church to join the "Cragmont Club." Put Cragmont in your budget if it is not there already!

Last year (1981) 140 churches out of 273 reporting to the State Convention (51%) made contributions to Cragmont Assembly. Gifts ranged in amounts from \$10 to \$3,225.47, with 17 churches contributing \$1,000 or more; 3 churches gave \$2,000 or more. Listed in alphabetical order are the conferences, number of churches contributing, total amount from the conference and percentage of conference churches contributing:

Conference	Number Churches	Conference Total	Percentage Churches
Albemarle	7	\$ 1,270.57	41.1%
Cape Fear	20	5,089.99	64.5%
Central	39	19,368.42	81.2%
Eastern	38	8,711.12	45.2%
Pee Dee	3	1,208.15	18.7%
Piedmont	3	255.71	12 %
Western	30	20,075.31	57.6%

We, the Cragmont Board of Directors, greatly appreciate the contributions made by each church, group or individual. We urge each conference to encourage 100% participation by the churches in your conference for Cragmont Assembly.

Your continued financial support, prayer support and your use of the facilities are needed. Last year over 4,000 Free Will Baptists used Cragmont Assembly. Keep up the good work! We greatly appreciate your support of this "Mountain Ministry."

# **The Minister MUST Be a Vacation Bible School Booster**

*by Max R. Hickerson*

From driving the church bus to teaching Bible lessons via chemistry; from mimeographing the Vacation Bible School announcement on grocery store sacks in Mound Valley, Kansas, to a front-page story "Class Deflated—No Helium Can Be Found" in the Rockford, Illinois, *Morning Star*; from borrowing motorized displays from the local department store to recruiting teachers and helpers; from being a student in Vacation Bible School to being a director, I say, "Every minister *must* be a Vacation Bible School Booster."

"Must" in the title might seem a bit strong to you. What does it mean? It means that the leaders in the church who desire the church to grow must build, support and use Vacation Bible School. To be useless in an area that deals with the study of God's Holy Word and with the salvation of souls is to offer an overwhelming argument against one's worthiness of the ministerial charge!

Yet, some ministers simply tolerate Vacation Bible School. In such a case, Vacation Bible School is usually a disappointment. Plans are made late and Vacation Bible School is criticized for its failure to accomplish the things it is supposed to do. No one can oversee what he doesn't see.

However, the equipping minister, the player/coach,

recognizes Vacation Bible School as one of the most resultful means of training youth and reaching the lost. Vacation Bible School, if energetically and wisely used, pays the church and minister great dividends on the investment made.

Consider these ten benefits we receive from Vacation Bible School:

## **1. VBS helps Christians find and use their gifts.**

Paul told the Ephesians (Chapter 4) that God has given everyone of us two things: grace and gifts. Grace is the enabling of God. Your gift is the cutting edge of that enabling. Every church is full of gifted people. A retired cabinet maker was in charge of our Junior crafts. An amateur artist led the Primaries in artistry one year. A pianist, who feels insufficient to play in morning worship, uses her talent in the opening assembly of Vacation Bible School.

Every Christian is unique! Sometimes we idolize an outstanding Christian teacher and say, "If God had only made two of him and none of me!" If God had wanted two of him, He would have made two of him. He wants unique, gifted you. Give some serious thought now as to what your gifts are. How best can you use them? One more question: Why are you *not* using them for God?

Vacation Bible School is a valuable in-service training experience for potential and apprentice teachers.

## **2. VBS provides a means of knowing the church members, their children, and their friends.**

Every morning and/or evening for a one or two-week period, you can brush elbows with the church family. Take advantage of some of the leisure time to discuss and discover needs and goals with the workers. Some time can be set aside for individual conferences. And the minister doesn't have to drive miles to get to the homes. The children will rejoice in our availability as they introduce their friends to "my preacher." Vacation Bible School helps the minister keep in touch with the constituency of the church.

## **3. VBS assists in doing the work of the church.**

One who is eager to keep the work of the church focused on Bible study, evangelism and enlistment will make the widest possible use of Vacation Bible School. If Vacation Bible School fails as an arm of the church, the fault is not in Vacation Bible School. The fault is with the use of it. Follow-up meetings after Vacation Bible School are a necessity to conserve the gains achieved. It is the urgent

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will of God that His church grow. Vacation Bible School can aid tremendously.

**4. VBS prepares older youth with Christian leadership experience.**

Summer provides more leisure time than most youth can constructively or happily use. Every church I know could use more teachers and workers. Fine young people want to serve. Their zeal is a cause for rejoicing. Don't stifle their enthusiasm. Many Junior High and Senior High youth are excellent assistants in Vacation Bible School. A group of ministers in the state of Washington said that their involvement in Christian service as teens was the major factor that led them into the pastoral ministry. We must teach our youth not to overlook full-time specialized Christian vocations when they scan the occupational horizon! Vacation Bible School assists.

**5. VBS is a time to teach the ordinances of Christ.**

Many Christians do not fully comprehend the meaning of Christian baptism and the Lord's Supper. False doctrine abounds. The minister could teach (the Juniors especially) two sessions on the ordinances. Use the communion trays and show the students the baptistry and baptismal dressing rooms. Children will never forget these sessions with their minister.

**6. VBS is a vital tool for Bible memorization.**

In the seventh grade, in Anna, Illinois, my Vacation Bible School teacher told our class we were going to memorize Psalm 1 and quote it in unison at the closing program. I rebelled. My wise teacher had the answer. "I talked with your father." (My father happened to be the minister of the church.) I memorized Psalm 1 and quoted it perfectly! Today, I thank God for a Vacation Bible School

teacher and father who encouraged me to memorize God's Word. Dawson Trotman, originator of the Navigator's, memorized 1,000 Scripture verses the first three years of his Christian life. God has commanded that we hide His Word in our hearts (Psalm 119:11) and that we be ready to give a reason for our hope in Christ (1 Peter 3:15). Vacation Bible School can contribute mightily to Scripture memorization.

**7. VBS combats the "summer slump" in attendance.**

As many as ten million children who will attend Vacation Bible School, will help turn the "summer slump" into a "summer jump" for the Lord. Commitment becomes priority Number 1. Reap the harvest and "be instant in season and out of season."

**8. VBS involves the pupils and teachers in Christian growth.**

If Bible study never goes beyond study, it is unbiblical. The Bible is a record of action. Christian education takes place **before** action, **during** action and **after** action. Can you remember building the tabernacle at Vacation Bible School? And what each piece of furniture meant in our worship in the New Testament? Or the Scripture verse plaque you made and it still hangs on the

wall at home? Or the Bible drama your class enacted? Vacation Bible School is a time of growth in Christ.

**9. VBS sharpens the teachers' skills.**

The informal setting of Vacation Bible School gives the teacher greater variety and allows them to improve their personal competence. The vision of the church is expanded as teachers see the total mission of Christ more clearly. Cooperation with other teachers and the sharing of ideas add up to a big plus for Vacation Bible School.

**10. VBS creates a joyous atmosphere!**

Waving his hand in a gesture of finality, the speaker concluded, "You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink." And old rancher at the back of the room drawled, "Salt him and he will drink."

Contagious enthusiasm, generated by eager students and prepared teachers, must abound in Vacation Bible School. The preacher must watch his own spirit first. The spiritual glow will then challenge the best in teachers, leaders, workers. A joyous atmosphere will certainly result as boys and girls, men and women are led closer to Christ through the rewarding ministry of Vacation Bible School.



## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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*The Rev. Robert Strickland*

Mr. Strickland sees no conflict in his varied interests but, in fact, believes that he can "live for the Lord as well as work for Him." As an example, he recalled his witness to a troubled waitress who sought advice during one of his many business trips.

"Robert is really an exceptional individual. Even though he accepted the call to preach late in life, he was determined to get more education so that he could become a better minister," stated Frank Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College.

He is currently enrolled in the advanced curriculum of the Paul Palmer Institute. When he graduates next May with 64 completed Paul Palmer units, Strickland will be MOC's first graduate in that curriculum.

Rufus Harrell, member of Edgewood, said of his pastor, "Mr. Strickland is most enthusiastic about his ministry and about Free Will Baptist enterprises—the Children's Home, missions, and the educational programs offered by Mount Olive College."

Of his success in the Paul Palmer Institute and in his ministry, Strickland credited Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of

the religion department, and the Rev. Frank Harrison, institute director, for their cooperation in scheduling college work around his busy schedule. He also commended his wife Dorothy for her support.

As a student himself, Strickland has first-hand knowledge of the importance of the College's continuing education program, but he also believes in the importance of the College's regular academic program. His daughter Cathy is a 1978 honor graduate of Mount Olive.

Edgewood Church in Edgemcombe County was begun in 1921, and currently has a membership of 64.

### PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Oak Grove Church, Bladenboro, on Sunday, June 27, at 11 a.m. During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Oak Grove Church is the Rev. James B. Hardee.

### PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

*by W. Burkette Raper, President*

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Our goal is to raise the additional \$230,000 in gifts and pledges by the end of August. During the past month (May 15—June 14) gifts and new pledges have totaled \$115,480.

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and pledges by August 31, or before.

College Hall: "If Not Now, When?"

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One day she read a sentence in her Sunday school paper which caused her to enter upon a life of service for Jesus. The sentence read: "An engine of one-cat power, working all the time, can do more for Jesus than an engine of forty horsepower standing idle."

She said, "I will not have many chances to serve Jesus while I am small. But I will use the one-cat power I have, and serve Him all I can!"

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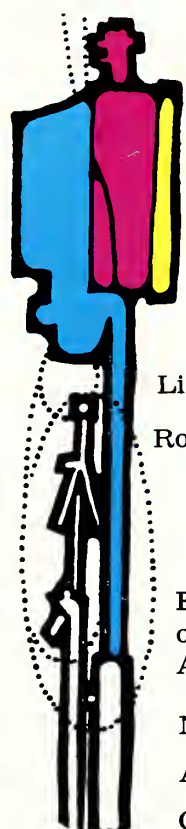
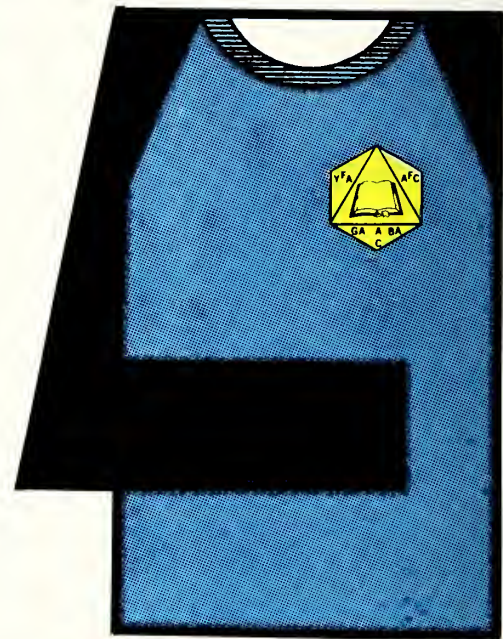


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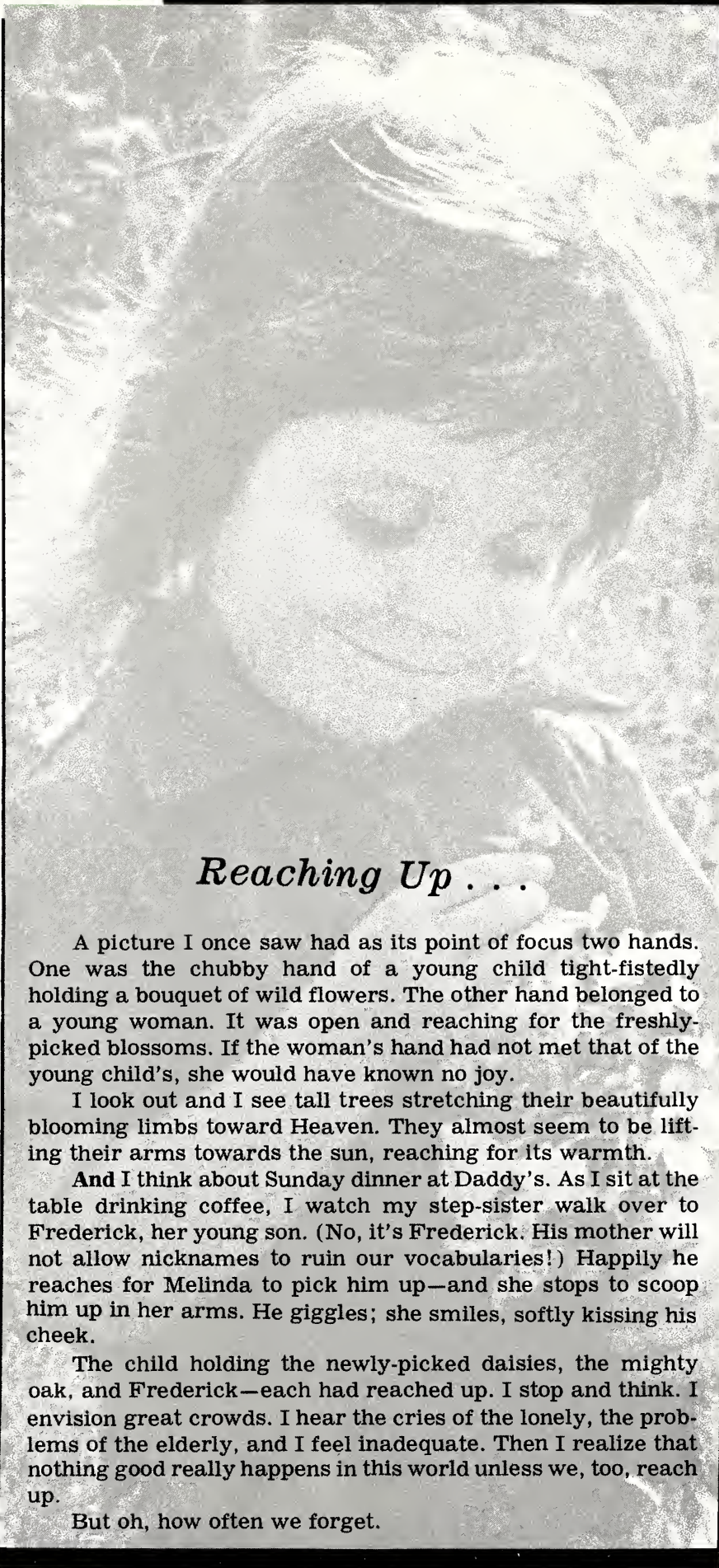
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## Reaching Up . . .

A picture I once saw had as its point of focus two hands. One was the chubby hand of a young child tight-fistedly holding a bouquet of wild flowers. The other hand belonged to a young woman. It was open and reaching for the freshly-picked blossoms. If the woman's hand had not met that of the young child's, she would have known no joy.

I look out and I see tall trees stretching their beautifully blooming limbs toward Heaven. They almost seem to be lifting their arms towards the sun, reaching for its warmth.

And I think about Sunday dinner at Daddy's. As I sit at the table drinking coffee, I watch my step-sister walk over to Frederick, her young son. (No, it's Frederick. His mother will not allow nicknames to ruin our vocabularies!) Happily he reaches for Melinda to pick him up—and she stops to scoop him up in her arms. He giggles; she smiles, softly kissing his cheek.

The child holding the newly-picked daisies, the mighty oak, and Frederick—each had reached up. I stop and think. I envision great crowds. I hear the cries of the lonely, the problems of the elderly, and I feel inadequate. Then I realize that nothing good really happens in this world unless we, too, reach up.

But oh, how often we forget.

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# REACHING OUT

by Paul S. Rees

"The greatest obstacle to evangelization," writes a Christian leader of international stature, "is the church which is preoccupied with its own existence." The same can be said for the individual Christian.

There are two indications of the way to attain our goal. We could do with (1) **a freeing up** and (2) **a thinking through**. Now consider that we need (3) **a reaching out**.

There are two journeys that all of us in the family of faith must make: the journey inward and the journey outward. Although both journeys have crisis points, both must be made simultaneously and continuously.

Features of the inward passage are awareness of sin, assurance of salvation, the purifying and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, and the disciplines of worship (prayer, praise, and listening to God's Word in Scripture).

The outward journey, which must be seen as dynamically related to the inward, is marked by Christian witness and stewardship, by works of

faith, by deeds of mercy and justice, and by the acceptance of responsibility for modeling the shape of the new community that Jesus Christ is raising up in the world.

It is in and through this new community that Christian reach-out must take place if the gospel is not to be short-circuited and the world short-changed. Any cluster of Christians, large or small, that is self-contained has its hand on the self-destruct lever. The rule can be tersely stated: reach out or die out. Jesus said, "Go . . . ." If there is no going, there will be no growing. Jesus said, "I send you." Where there is no lively sense of "sentness," what you have is a deadly sign of sickness.

The gospel in its totality is saying to us who believe it: **reach out caringly**. Dr. Ida Scudder, medical missionary to India, famous for the rural mobile medical units that she operated and for the Vellore Medical College and Hospital that she founded, was asked at her retirement to name the secret of her extraordinary career. She replied: "Secret? There has been no secret except perhaps that I have been

the carrier of some of Christ's compassion."

A splendid secret indeed! Yet so open, so obvious, that it wasn't really a secret.

The gospel is saying something more: **reach out costingly**.

Our Saviour's caring cost Him the Cross—His life. And the disciple is not above his Lord. In the last century, Adoniram Judson reached out from proud Boston to proud Burma. Christ was his message, God's love his motive. But the price he paid was high. He was cruelly ostracized, constantly threatened, frequently fevered permanently scarred. Today the Burma Church is strong.

Just as surely, though in far less dramatic form, today's caring exacts a price. In the community where these lines are being written are two businessmen, both retired from rewarding careers, who through fall and winter set aside Monday nights to make friendly calls in all sorts of homes. Their primary purpose is to speak of Jesus Christ. No big deal, you say. Right. They would say the same thing. Still,

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compared with socializing or lounging, it is a joyous discipline for which they pay a price. Caring is costly.

Again, the gospel is saying to us: **reach out communally.** What is often called "personal evangelism" has its place and value, but it is lame unless linked with a caring community. In Europe and North America it is not uncommon to find church members who never dream of accepting responsibility for church growth or evangelistic outreach. "That's for the pastor" is the prevailing attitude. One Third World pastor, temporarily added to the staff of a German church, had to struggle with the notion, generally held by the members, that "Herr Pastor" is the church.

How different is the picture of the Early Church in the Book of Acts! Read Chapters 3 and 4. First you are told, at the end of Chapter 2, "All the believers were together"—apostles and non-apostles. Then we see Peter and John at the gate of the temple (outside, mind you, not inside) communicating the gospel by means of a healing miracle and a spoken message. It is a case of holistic evangelism in a context of Christian togetherness.

Gabriel Fackre is right when he insists, against the background of Acts, "Evangelism includes the witness and life of a caring community. **Koinonia** (fellowship) belongs alongside **kerygma** (proclamation) and **diakonia** (service). Together they constitute an enfleshed evangelical word."

To conclude, if the thrust of this brief series is solid, as I believe it is, and we can have (1) **a freeing up**, (2) **a thinking through**, and (3) **a reaching out**, the world mission of Christ's people will be far better served. □

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# HOW IS YOUR HEART?

by the Rev. Graham Faucette

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9).*

These words are not too pleasant to hear, but they are God's Words and are therefore true. God told Jeremiah to include them in his prophecy, so that all the world would be able to read them as a warning. We can find no greater warning in all the Word of God.

When we read this verse we can be sure of one thing. We must be on guard at all times and not allow sin to enter our hearts. Once the guard is dropped, Satan will see that sin enters. If we are not careful the heart will lie, deceive, trap, and ruin us. Some will say that Jeremiah's statement does not apply to the heart of a saved person, that it applies only to the sinner. But this verse does not say that. I believe that Jeremiah was talking about the hearts of all people, for all time.

What about the saved person's heart? We must remember that after we are saved, we still live in the same flesh. The flesh will ever rise up to hurt and to hinder our souls. Evil does not leave us when we are saved. Satan will be right behind us everywhere we go.

Christian hearts are like the hearts of other people. We must be ever vigilant against the wiles of the devil.

What are some of the pitfalls that we must cope with? Perhaps one of the most dangerous spots is vanity. It is so easy for a Christian to get puffed up, and to take on exalted opinions of himself. Many times a promising career for Christ will end here. Some dear

grandmother that remembers a minister when he was a baby will overflow with emotion when she hears him preach. She is as sincere as she can be, but the young man had better not believe all that he hears her say. Chances are that she may not remember just how he was when he was a baby.

There is something about public speaking that will produce vanity in a man if he does not keep a tight rein on his heart. Nearly all of us like to hear ourselves speak. There is something about the sound of our own voices that we like. Sometimes we convince ourselves that we are really something special. If any minister grows too fond of his popularity, he ought to look out the window after Sunday school and see how many people leave before church. Sometimes a minister grows old before he realizes how easily the world can get along without him.

Jealousy is another tool of a tricky heart. This seems to be a disease that we cannot find a sure cure for. This condition is of the heart and can ruin a person's heart. We should never be jealous of another person. It will only cause confusion.

Jesus said that it was not what went in the mouth that defileth the body, but it was what came from the heart. When the heart becomes deceitful we can never do anything right.

When we relax we see that trouble always comes. For example, King David relaxed on the job as we read in 2 Samuel 11. At ease in Zion, he thought that he had everything under control. He had defeated the

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# The Joy of the Lord

by Susan Elaine Taylor

The joy of the Lord is found in many ways in this world and through His Word. His joy is found first in the creation after the third day where we find that God has created a beautiful world full of grass, herbs, and trees on the dry lands surrounded by water. His joy can still be seen today through what He has made: beautiful trees, flowers, cute little animals, newborn babies, mountains, lakes, and rivers. The list can go on and on.

For the first time it is said in Genesis 1:12 that God saw that His creation was good. Just as I find joy in doing something good, I feel that God's joy is first shown when He saw what He had created was good. This line is repeated again and again after each day of creation. After the sixth day, which we find in Genesis 1:31, it says ". . . and, behold, it was very good." This is a continuing thought just as our joy should continue.

Psalms 29:11 says, "The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace." Here we find God's promise to His people, that He would provide the needed strength to carry on His work, no matter how hard the task would be. Psalm 73:26 says, "My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." No matter what physical condition one is in, God can give mental strength to withstand any affliction. Paul cried to God of an affliction which he referred to as a thorn in the flesh, and although God didn't

remove this thorn, He provided Paul with the strength to endure his problem. This strength was provided to Paul on many occasions. God didn't let him down no matter how many trials he faced. This is joy in knowing one can count on Him in all bad times. In Isaiah 26:4 we read, "Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength." If you trust in the Lord He'll always give you strength that lasts forever. There is a song, "The Joy of the Lord," which begins, "The joy of the Lord is my strength." This means that in anything you do you need to be sure that it will glorify Him first, and He will give you the strength and be by you in whatever you do.

The song continues, "He giveth living water and I thirst no more." Before you accept Christ as your Saviour, you really don't know what you want out of life. It's like being thirsty and nothing you drink can or will satisfy the thirst. When you find Jesus, He satisfies that thirst with living water. This is the greatest joy a human being can know. He gives you all you'll ever need through salvation and you will have no reason to want any more. This is illustrated to us in the fourth chapter of John's gospel in the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. He gave this woman, who was considered by the Jews to be among the lowest of humans, something no one else could give: living water and salvation. Her sins were forgiven and she now

had a friend, the best of all friends. This joy is available for us all. All we have to do is accept Him as our Lord and Saviour.

As we go on with the song we are reminded, "He heals the brokenhearted and they cry no more." We find that He's with us through all our disappointments. He makes life worth carrying on.

In Nehemiah 8:10 we find, "Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength." Here we find that the people of Jerusalem had asked Ezra to read the Laws of God which were given to Moses. Ezra had stood in front of the water gate from early morning until noon to read these laws. After he had finished reading, the people were upset and began to weep. Ezra told them that they should not be unhappy but should rejoice because they could hear the Word of God and understand its purpose.

He wipes away our tears and shows a better way. In Psalms we find this theme of joy over and over again. We see that David found joy in the Lord as we read his accounts. In Psalm 21:1 it says, "The king shall joy in thy strength O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice" and in Psalm 16:11 we find, "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is

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## MEET SUSAN TAYLOR



*Susan Elaine Taylor*

Twelve-year-old Susan Elaine Taylor is an active member of Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina. It was with the article found on page five of this issue, "The Joy of the Lord," that she won first place at the 1982 State Youth Convention in the YFA essay contest.

Susan is the secretary of her local YFA and she sings in the youth choir. She won second place in the Albemarle District essay competition in 1981 and was a member of the 1980 third place state Bible bowl team.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor.

## WOMAN OF THE YEAR

*by Mrs. Pam Braxton*

Linda Faye Jenkins, the Woman of the Year from Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church, is an active young woman in every phase of her life. Born August 31, 1943, she is the daughter of Doris and Aubrey Smith of Deep Run. She and her husband, Carlton, are the parents of a fourteen-year-old son, Reggie, and an eight-year-old son, Bryan.

Both the Jenkinses are deeply interested in young people as both are teachers. Linda's preparation for her career began with her graduation from Pink Hill High School. She then received an AA degree from Mount Olive College and a BS degree from East Carolina University. For ten years, Linda has taught special education and she is now teaching exceptional children at the Beulaville Elementary School.



*Linda Faye Jenkins*

As well as being busy with her career and her family, Linda is a devoted member of her church. She has taught several Sunday school classes and is now serving as a substitute Sunday school teacher. Also she has taught in and directed the Vacation Bible School program. Further, she is the immediate past president of the Woman's Auxiliary and she has held several other offices in that organization. Moreover, Linda has served and continues to serve as assistant church clerk.

When Linda does find a bit of free time from all her varied interests she has several hobbies which she enjoys. Among those

hobbies are sewing, quilting, and gardening. Her lovely collection of African violets attests to her green thumb.

As much as what Linda does, it is the manner in which she does things that makes her deserving of being Woman of the Year. She is ever exemplary of the spirit of Christian love and kindness. In spite of the many demands on her time, she is always cheerful when called on to help others, and she is quick to note when she can be of help materially as well as spiritually.

## HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH HAS PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

*by Mrs. Ruth Hinton*

On Saturday evening, May 1, the members of Holly Springs Church, Route 2, Kenly, honored their pastor, the Rev. W. Royster Martin, and his family with a special service in recognition of his birthday and for 17 years of service to the church. Unknown to Mr. Martin, the church invited his parents and other family members to be present. The church membership declared this as a way of showing their love and appreciation, both to him and his wife for being faithful and understanding servants, in times of sorrow, and in times of happiness.

At 5 p.m. a fellowship supper was served to many of Mr. and Mrs. Martin's co-workers in the church and friends and family members of Johnston County and other areas. Barbecued chicken and pork were prepared by Jonas Hinton. Other church members prepared the rest.

J. L. Creech served as master of ceremonies and

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Jonas Hinton gave the invocation.

After the meal and fellowship, Mr. Martin, family and friends were invited into the church fellowship hall for birthday cake and ice cream. Mrs. Elgie Creech and daughter, Tammie, assisted the couple in opening their many useful gifts.

At 7:30 the group assembled in the church sanctuary for a special, "This Is Your Life for the Past Seventeen Years Service." A devotional period was held after which J. L. Creech, on behalf of the church, presented Mr. Martin with a plaque engraved with the words: "To W. Royster Martin in recognition of his devoted years of service to this church and community." A gift of a color television set from the church was presented by Mrs. Nellie Atkinson.

The Bible Class gave a demonstration on "The Blessings of a Good Pastor" presented by Mr. and Mrs. George Ballance, Mrs. Harding Ballance, Gladys Aycock, and Bethany Aycock.

Deborah Pittman, Senior Class president, read Scripture and shared some experiences of little folks in Mr. Martin's congregation. She presented him with a photo album with pictures of class members.

The Junior Class, directed by their teacher, Mrs. Janice Boyette, presented a poem and song. Tracey Creech was soloist.

The Nursery, Preschool, Beginners, and Primary classes sang and gave recitations under the direction of their teachers. Christine Barnes, Susan Lamm, Mary Ruth Davis and Eva Ballance sang and recited parts for their pastor.

Heath Coates, representing the Intermediate Class, introduced Aundrea Creech. She read an original poem.

H. T. Pope and Pat Wall were spokesmen for the Adult Sunday School Class, with good reports.

Joe Ballance, president of the Young Adult Class, gave their tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

Eddie Coates, president of the Youth Fellowship Auxiliary, presented Mr. Martin a decoupage copy of "A Capable Man" and an article paying tribute to Mr. Martin in *The Free Will Baptist*.

The Woman's Auxiliary was represented by Frances Pope, President.

Raymond Radford, Chairman of the Deacon Board, spoke in behalf of the board members. He noted that Mr. Martin had given full support to the church for the past 17 years.

Special music was rendered by the Youth and Adult Choirs.

Lee Fitzgerald presented Mr. and Mrs. Martin a scrapbook entitled "A Touch of Gold," composed of photographs of the original church, photos following renovations, poetry, drawings of children of the church, and notes and letters of appreciation from church members who wished to participate.

Mrs. Donnie Rose, daughter of the honorees introduced family members and gave a special tribute to her mother; Bryan Martin, the couple's son, paid tribute to his father, saying although Daddy was called away many hours through his ministry, he was always there for his family when needed.

At the end of the service, time was given to anyone who wished to speak and others conveyed their love and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Martin for a job well done, and that God will continually bless and keep them in His will.

The Rev. Martin expressed his gratitude to the church for the memories they shared during the evening.

## MAY'S CHAPEL CHURCH CHOOSES FIRST WOMAN OF THE YEAR

by the Rev. Andrew J. Hill



Edythe Mae Blanton (Mrs. Nellie Outlaw's daughter) is presenting her mother a corsage.

We are proud to announce that the Woman of the Year in the May's Chapel Church, Route 3, Dudley, is Mrs. Nellie Gray Outlaw.

Mrs. Outlaw was born November 17, 1916, in Wayne County. She is the daughter of the late Felix and Mae Harrison Gray.

Mrs. Outlaw's father died when she was a small child and her mother married Elder A. E. Rouse. They were among the founders of May's Chapel Church.

Having received Christ as her Saviour at the age of nine, she began playing the piano at the age of ten and has served the church in this capacity ever since. She serves at the present time as treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary, trustee of the church, a member of the pulpit committee, and as an assistant Sunday school teacher. In 1977 she was honored by the church for distinguished Christian service.

She married Roy J. Outlaw on October 14, 1939. Their children are Jimmy, Edythe, and Bobby Outlaw.

We all love Mrs. Outlaw and thank God for her and her faithfulness to her church, her community and family as she lives Christ before us.



## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### First Church, Rocky Mount Has Bible School



Vacation Bible School was held June 14-18, at First Church, Rocky Mount. Many children from all areas of the city attended. Everyone who participated enjoyed the Christian fellowship and learned more about walking daily with Christ, and is thankful God gave a wonderful and safe week.

The director of the school was Marie Jenkins. The Rev. Mark S. Hobbs is pastor of the church.

### Daniels Chapel Church Has New Director of Music



*Sandra Kay Webster*

Daniels Chapel Church has announced that Sandra Kay Webster is the new director of music. She assumed her duties on Sunday, June 13.

Miss Webster is a summa cum laude graduate of Campbell College and holds a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has six years previous experience as a minister of music.

In addition to her position as music director, Miss Webster is also employed as the Director of Continuing Education at Wilson County Technical Institute.

Prior to her arrival in Wilson, Miss Webster served as the Coordinator of Continuing Education at Fayetteville Technical Institute, Fort Bragg, and at Central Carolina Technical College, Sanford.

She was also employed in public education for six years, serving as a third grade teacher for four years and as an elementary school music teacher for two years. While teaching Miss Webster received numerous honors: Lee County Teacher of the Year (1978), The Broadway Jaycees' Outstanding Young Educator Award (1974), and the Sanford Business and Professional Women's Club's "Young

Careerist of the Year" Award (1974). In addition, she acted as director of the Sandhill Community Concert Association from 1975-1977.

Miss Webster will be responsible for directing three choirs (children, teenage, and adult) and for the special music for all scheduled worship services and special services. She also has a quartet, The New Life Singers; a trio, The Miracle Trio; and numerous other soloists and impromptu groups with which to work.

Miss Webster is the daughter of Mr. Clarence Webster of Pittsboro.

The adult choir entertained Miss Webster at a reception given in her honor on Sunday, June 13, immediately following the evening worship service.

### Carteret County Ministers Meet

The Carteret County ministers and their wives met at Sound View Church fellowship hall, June 11, at 7 p.m., with the Rev. and Mrs. Francis Garner and the Rev. and Mrs. David Vesper as hosts. Those attending were Jerry and Jean Rowe, James and Dean Gurganus and daughter Kathy, Carol and Mildred Hansley, Francis and Lorraine Garner, Sammy and Gladys Weeks, David and Roxie Vesper, and sons, Dayton and Joshua, all of Newport; E. C. Gaskill, Roland and Motie Cherry of Morehead City; Clifton and Violet Styron, Davis; and Harry A. Jones of Dover.

Everyone arrived a little early to enjoy the fellowship and to see what's cooking. The two chefs, Francis Garner and David Vesper, were busy cooking fish and hushpuppies; also, David had prepared a delicious

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## MUTUAL BENEVOLENT FUND

The Board of Superannuation initiated the Mutual Benevolent Fund Program which began on April 1, 1981. It is a self-funded health and hospital income plan for all Free Will Baptist people. The Board established the new program following several months of investigation and study which revealed that health and hospitalization coverage had increased for many over 100 percent in the past few years.

Now our negotiations with Blue Cross and Blue Shield on stop-loss coverage has been finalized and beginning July 1, 1982, they will administer claims and provide other services for our program. Enrollment and contributions will continue to be administered by Saul's Insurance Agency. There will be only one medical care benefit program with a \$100 deductible and after this is satisfied, the program will pay 90% of the next \$10,000 of usual, customary, and reasonable charges for covered services. Covered services above \$10,000 will be paid at 100% of usual, customary, and reasonable charges. The program also includes \$5,000 life insurance, \$5,000 accidental death and dismemberment and \$2,500 life insurance on each dependent.

If you are interested in good medical care coverage, it would be to your advantage to compare our program with your present insurance plan.

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## FILLER

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fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 126:5 says, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." David was a man who at many times was determined to do what he wanted to do instead of what God would have had him to do. It wasn't because he didn't love the Lord, it was just that he was like you and me at times, and he didn't always do what God wanted him to do. He made a lot of mistakes but God made him pay for them. He experienced very hard things at times, but David never stopped loving God because of his punishments. Instead he found joy as stated in the last verse quoted above, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

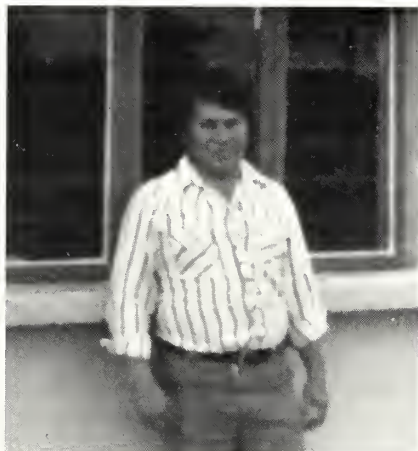
In Hebrews 12:2 we read: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Christ endured the pain and suffering of the Cross because of the joy that He knew He would have afterwards. He knew sinners would be able to be cleansed from their sins because of it. We rejoice because now we can stand clean before our Lord since Jesus bore all our sins on the Cross.

In Psalm 71:23 we read, "My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul which thou hast redeemed." Through accepting Him as our Saviour we have traded our old way of life for a new way of life—a life as His follower as His witness. When we leave this world as His we can surely say that our lips will rejoice in His presence before His throne. Our home will then be with Him in Heaven forever and our joy will be everlasting.



## CHURCH GROWTH IN MEXICO

by Vance Link



*Cristobal Vasquez*

Pictured here is one of our newest workers. When Brother Cristobal Vasquez was a member of the church in Nueva Rosita, God began to work in his heart, and he and his family began helping Brother Filemon with the services. After approximately a year of helping with the Rosita Mission, he approached me about the possibility of beginning a new mission some place. He voiced the conviction that God had called him to serve Him in full-time Christian service. As we sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, God led us to place him in Juarez, Coah, a small fishing village located on Lake Don Martin approximately 35 miles from Sabinas. It is accessible only by a hand-drawn barge (ferry). Brother Cristobal's father and mother live in the village so this gave him some moral support although his father is not yet a Christian.

The area is extremely difficult. Down through the years the people have been taught that it is sinful for them to go to any church other than the

Catholic church. They have been taught for years that if they go, God will be displeased and will punish them. If one does attend the services of another church and becomes ill, they have been taught that this is the evidence of God's displeasure and that He is punishing them. As a result of this superstition, the people are afraid the Lord will punish them if they attend this little Free Will Baptist Mission. Please pray that God will give a breakthrough in this area. Brother Cristobal is a little discouraged. God has supplied him with a building and he operates a little store to help support his family. The business is poor and the attendance at the mission is small so he needs our prayerful support. We had the opportunity of visiting with him and his family (they had a newborn baby boy, February 18). Our visit was to give them encouragement in the Lord's work.

As we left and drove to the edge of the little village to take the barge back across the lake, it started to rain. I was wondering what they would do if it was

raining. They only operate the barge until 9 each evening. It began to rain very hard and became quite stormy as we waited for the men to come out of their little building to take us across. I thought I saw it lightning and a moment later I heard it thunder and there was not any doubt about the lightning.

An hour passed, still no sign of the men. I asked the Lord for the rain to stop but also prayed for His will. About 8:15 the rain began to slacken. Soon it was only a drizzle. How thankful I was when the men came out and turned on a light and motioned for me to drive on the ferry. Isn't God wonderful!

Pray for the little village of Juarez and the many there who do not know Christ as their Saviour.

Pray that God might tear down this stronghold of superstition and reveal to them His love and plan of salvation.

Pray for Brother Christobal and his family as they labor there for Christ.

Praise Him for the 5 or 6 who have accepted Christ as Saviour.



*Hand-drawn ferry to village of Juarez.*

## FOUNDER'S DAY

by Linda Bray

On May 22, 1982, the Free Will Baptist Children's Home celebrated its annual Founders' Day Service in Memorial Chapel Church, located on the campus. Our speaker for the day was the Home's attorney, Mr. I. T. (Tim) Valentine Jr., of Nashville, who has for years contributed his legal expertise, as well as many other gifts.

Following the service everyone enjoyed a delicious noon meal and good, Christian fellowship. The afternoon consisted of tours of the campus and an auction sale.

For those of you who are interested in how our CHILDREN'S HOME MONTH was financially, the auction sale proceeds amounted to \$986.80 and our churches and friends either brought to the service or mailed to us by June 14, a total of \$3,288.32.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who took the time to come to our campus and join us in this celebration and to thank those of you who could not be with us but remembered us in prayer or with a gift.

## FAREWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holder left the Home on June 19 after serving here since August of 1979. They are going to be missed greatly by the children and staff, but we wish them much happiness and success in their new ministry and with the birth of their first child.

## NEW STAFF

George and Louise Renner began their new positions as relief houseparents at the Children's Home on May 24, 1982. The Renners are

members of Tippet's Chapel Church in Clayton. They have one son, Dana, who lives in Pennsylvania, and one grandson. On June 20, they became regular houseparents in Central Cottage, due to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holder.

Mr. Renner had a bit of misfortune shortly after coming to work here. While on an outing with the children at a local skating rink, he fell and broke his arm. However, that didn't slow him up one bit; immediately upon leaving the emergency room at the hospital he went right back to work and hasn't slowed up since.

This dedicated couple is a real asset to the Home. Mr. and Mrs. Renner have already become very important to us all, children and staff. Please remember them often in prayer as they go about their new duties as houseparents.

## SUMMER PLANS

### Camp

Several of the children from the Home recently attended camp at Cragmont. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience, as always, and came back home with a lot of experiences to relate to their friends.

### Volunteers

Three of our girls, Cindy Webb, Vickie Hartley and Sheila Hillburn, have volunteered to work at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount this summer. These girls are really looking forward to this experience as they have a strong desire to help others.

### Work

As usual a large garden has been planted and our children and staff will be working very hard to preserve the produce.

We're not so sure that either the children or staff are looking forward to this venture, but they will enjoy the rewards of their labor!

## TIME TO PRAY

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day.  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't take time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about  
me  
And heavier came each task.  
"Why doesn't God help me?"  
I wondered.  
He answered "My child, you  
didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty  
But the day toiled on, grey  
and bleak.  
I wondered why God didn't  
show me;  
He said, "But, my child, you  
didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's  
presence,  
I used all my keys at the lock;  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning  
And paused before entering the  
day.  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

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*Will you take time to pray daily  
for the children and staff at  
your Children's Home?*

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Harold Jones announces that he now has a new address. It is Route 13, Box 253, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; phone, 756-9732.

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# Cragmont

## RECEIPTS FOR CRAGMONT MAY 1982

### ALBEMARLE

Albemarle Union Meeting	\$ 18.66
Free Union, Pinetown	25.00
Union Chapel	31.84
Total	\$ 75.50

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Hopewell	\$ 98.52
Riverside	100.00
Total	\$ 198.52

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Edgewood Sunday School	\$ 30.00
Friendship	25.00
Otter's Creek	20.97
Owens Chapel	50.00
Rose Hill	50.00
Winterville	128.30
Total	\$ 304.27

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cabin	\$ 25.00
Deep Run	168.00
Indian Springs	35.00
May's Chapel	100.00
Pearsall Chapel	50.00
Pilgrims Rest	10.00
Piney Grove, Deep Run	50.00
Wardens Grove	82.57
Total	\$ 520.57

### PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

Highland Pines	\$ 90.00
Total	\$ 90.00

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Little Rock	\$ 100.00
Milbournie	122.50
Sherron Acres	175.00
Spring Hill	350.00
Wilson, First	375.00
Total	\$1,122.50

### OTHERS

Gospel Outreach	\$ 5.00
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Conference	2,467.78
Others	102.00
Total	\$2,574.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,886.14</b>

### Expenditures for May 1982

Salaries	\$2,651.91
Utilities	787.88
Food	1,428.03
Maintenance Supplies	612.66
Office Supplies	45.45
Store Operations	1,679.27
Taxes	11.12
Insurance	139.64
Maintenance and Repairs	725.76
Gas	132.42
Film Developing	23.70
Miscellaneous	8,641.84
Total	\$16,879.68

Previous Acct. Balance	\$ 1,147.48
Amount of Deposits	18,911.77
Total for which to account	20,059.25
Returned Check	50.00
	20,009.25
Amount Checks Written	16,879.68
Present Bank Balance	\$ 3,129.57

## Home Missions

### HOME MISSIONS DIRECTOR NAMED

The Home Missions Board is pleased to announce that the Rev. Charles Crisp of Wilson has been named as the full-time director of our Home Missions program. Mr. Crisp was the unanimous choice of the board at its meeting on May 6.

Mr. Crisp is no stranger to the Free Will Baptist denomination, having served Free Will Baptist Churches in Rocky Mount, Greenville, and is currently at Milbournie Church near Wilson.

He brings to the position experience in Home Missions' work and administration. Before coming to the Free Will Baptists many years ago, he helped the General Baptists establish a Home Missions program in Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee. He has had experience both as a missionary and as a Home Missions program coordinator. The Board is pleased to have Brother Crisp as our new director, and it is our prayer that you will support him and the work of Home Missions. Brother Crisp will assume his new duties in September.

Ray Wells,  
*Chairman of the Board of  
Home Missions*

### CHURCH AVAILABLE

The First Church, Williamston, is in need of a pastor for full-time services. Anyone interested should contact Billy Edmondson, 792-3283, or Harry Rogerson, 792-3396.

## COMING EVENTS

*July*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

*July 5-9*—Third Week of Camp, the Rev. Sam Weeks, Director, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere

*July 5-10*—Youth Frontier Conference (AFC), the Rev. Doug Skinner, Director, Cragmont

*July 11*—Annual Alumni Meeting, Memorial Chapel, Children's Home, Middlesex

*July 12-17*—Sunday School Conference, the Rev. Frank Grubbs, Director, Cragmont

*July 16, 17*—Christian Music Retreat, Matthew Prescott, Director, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere

### NOTICE

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference will meet at the Kinston Bookstore on Monday, July 12, at 10 a.m.

Francis Garner  
*Secretary*

### VACANCIES

The General Youth Conference-II is shaping up to be a very good week, and this would be an excellent opportunity for our churches to send their young people from age 9 and up the week of July 12-17. The Rev. Frank Grubbs is the director; the theme for the week will be "The Abundant Life (Who Are We and What Do We Believe?)"

We have vacancies on our second bus. If you would like to attend this camp, please contact the Rev. Joe Crumpler, Route 2, Box 293-A, Mount Olive, NC 28365; or call 568-3758, or 568-3533. The total cost for the week is \$70.

Joe Crumpler

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## WORKSHOPS A SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

The series of Sunday school workshops taught by Dianne Riley is one of the many services Mount Olive College offers to the Free Will Baptist Church.

These workshops are organized in conjunction with the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention and are provided for Sunday school teachers, officers, pastors, licensed ministers, and others who are interested in creative ideas for Sunday school lessons. Mrs. Riley, associate director of admissions at Mount Olive College, is the instructor.

Church leaders who would like a workshop conducted in their area next fall should contact Frank Harrison, director of church relations at Mount Olive College.



Gary Bailey (right), pastor of Stoney Creek Church, demonstrates the use of an overhead projector in presenting a more effective Sunday school lesson.



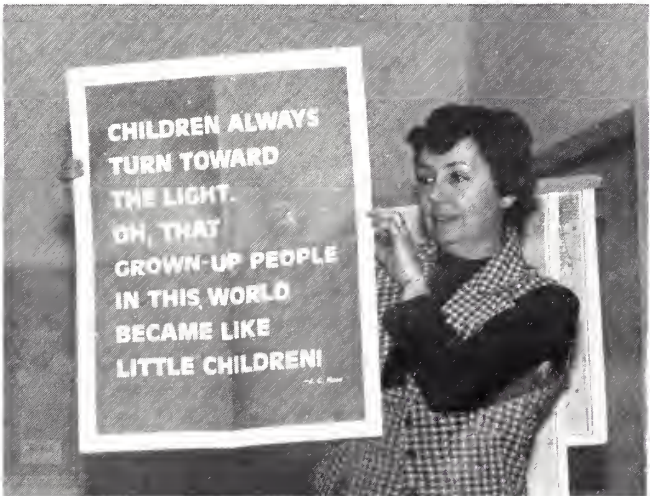
Mrs. Riley shares materials available through the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention with (left to right) Floyd Newsome of the Fremont Church, Brenda Burnham of Pleasant Grove, and Maxine Parnell of Pleasant Grove.



Tim Crocker (right) of the Pine Level Church shows Mrs. Riley (left) the felt board that he made for class.



Sue Williams (right) of Stoney Creek Church shares the puppets she made for her primary class with Dianne Riley (left) and the other members of the group.



Frances Radford of Spring Hill Church demonstrates the effectiveness of posters in illustrating the Sunday school lesson. (Turn the Page)



## AYCOCKS ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY



*Margaret and A. Worth Aycock (center) receive a copy of the scholarship endowment from President W. Burkette Raper (right) and James B. Hunt Sr. (left).*

In commemoration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Margaret and A. Worth Aycock of Route 2, Fremont, have established a scholarship endowment at Mount Olive College with an initial contribution of \$1,000. The endowment will provide an annual scholarship for a Wayne County student at Mount Olive.

Having spent much of their married life in support of education, the Aycocks are celebrating their anniversary in this manner because "Financial support of Mount Olive College is one way we can be a part of Christian education in Wayne County."

Mr. Aycock has observed the history of education in Wayne County and at Mount Olive College and has played an important part in the progress. He served on the Wayne County Board of Education for 18 years, 1952-70, and as chairman during two terms. He was involved in the consolidation of Charles B. Aycock High School, the first consolidated high school in Wayne County.

Mr. Aycock was a member of that same board which negotiated the sale of the old Mount Olive Elementary School building in 1953 to Mount Olive College. He says that he continues to support the College because he hopes to see a four-year institution grow from that beginning.

The Margaret and A. Worth Aycock Scholarship Endowment is the first formal fund set up by the couple for individual students. However, during the 1950's, the Aycocks helped a number of students get into Edwards Military Institute and into Pineland College for girls (Sampson County). One year the couple had nine students, including their son and daughter, enrolled in these institutions. Of these, four finished college. Mrs. Aycock was named "Mother of the Year" in 1957 by the Pineland faculty.

The Aycocks were married June 26, 1932. They will observe their anniversary on Sunday, July 11, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## JULY: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MONTH

*by W. Burkette Raper, President*

On the calendar of the North Carolina State Convention, July is Christian Education month, and below is information which Mount Olive College would like to share with Original Free Will Baptists.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:** Hundreds of Free Will Baptist students graduated from high school this spring. If any of these graduates wish to attend college but have not made plans, there is still time for them to enroll at Mount Olive. The fall semester begins August 29. Financial aid is available, including \$1,000 Church-College Matching Grants (\$500 from the College to match \$500 from the student's home church). Full-time North Carolina students may also qualify for a \$650 Legislative Tuition Grant.

In addition, there are academic scholarships, loan funds and part-time employment. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office promptly. (Telephone 919/658-2502, Henderson Building). Students who enter this fall can be in our first four-year graduating class in 1986.

**COLLEGE HALL (PHYSICAL EDUCATION-ATHLETIC- CONVENTION CENTER):** We believe that a great day is at hand for Original Free Will Baptists and Mount Olive College. The Board of Trustees has voted to begin construction of College Hall when gifts and pledges total \$1,500,000, and to date, we have \$1,325,000 toward meeting this requirement. It is within our reach, if it is within our will, to raise the additional \$175,000 in gifts and pledges by August 31. During the past six weeks, gifts and pledges have exceeded \$170,000.

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## STEPHEN: SERVANT AND MARTYR

**Lesson Text:** Acts 6:1-6, 8-10;  
7:58-60

**Memory Verse:** Acts 7:60

### I. INTRODUCTION

One of the purposes of Luke in writing the Book of Acts was to show how the church carried out this statement of Jesus as recorded 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 in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The progression of the spread of the gospel as outlined by Jesus is the outline of the Book of Acts.

In the process of recording the thrilling story of the spread of the church, Luke also shows how the church met and overcame obstacle after obstacle. One of those obstacles provides the setting for this lesson.

Stephen is the subject of our character study in today's lesson. The only available information about Stephen is that which we find in the Book of Acts. He was one of the seven chosen to handle the problem that arose in regard to the daily distribution made to the widows in the church. His name, which means "crown," is appropriate, for he was "crowned" with martyrdom. The brief description given of him in Acts indicates that he was a man of spiritual maturity. It is probable that he was a "Hellenist," which means that he was a Jew who had been born or had lived for some time outside of Palestine, where Greek language and customs prevailed. The Scripture

records nothing of Stephen's conversion to Christianity. —*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Stephen, the man who is the subject of our lesson today, was unique in at least two ways. First, he was one of the first deacons to be selected to serve the church. Second, he was the first Christian martyr. There would be many who would later have to die for their faith, but Stephen was the first.

B. Although there were others in the Early Church, Stephen was also filled with the Holy Spirit. This means that he was not only indwelt by the Spirit, but that he was submissive and controlled by this indwelling Spirit. The possibility of being filled with the Spirit is a doctrine that should not be forgotten or neglected today.

C. We have a picture of Stephen as a deacon in this lesson. He was selected by the church to be a deacon. Then he was set apart or ordained by the apostles to this work. What was this work? It was the administration of the offering for the needy within the church. From then until now quite a list of traditional duties for deacons has been developed. Maybe we should try to get back to God's Word for the duties of deacons.

D. Apparently, the appointment of the deacons settled the problem for which the deacons were appointed and the church began to grow. Stephen, one of these first deacons, began to do evangelistic work. God gave him the ability to do great signs and wonders among the people. He believed and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ.

E. As a result of his preaching, Stephen aroused opposition. He was apparently a

great apologist and was able to defend his position. This only aroused the opposition more. This resulted in his being stoned to death. It was in this manner that he became the first Christian martyr. Others followed, but he has the distinction of being the first.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTH

A group of people were climbing the Alps. Two men tried to go higher than the rest and were lost forever. Their friends said, "When last seen, they were going toward the heights." That surely could have been said of Stephen. Can it be said of you and me? —*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

### ATTENTION MINISTERS

We hope each of you is planning to attend the Annual Ministers' Conference at Cragmont, July 19-22, 1982. Please remember that preregistration is required this year. Send your registration to the Rev. Ray Wells, Route 1, Box 67-A, Sims, NC 27880, along with a \$10 registration fee. Please remember also that room assignments will be made this year.

The wives of our ministers are urged to attend, too. Some special activities are being planned for them.

Our attendance at the conference has been increasing for the past several years, and we hope to see it even higher this year. We will look forward to seeing you at Cragmont.

C. H. Overman, *President*



## SUNDAY, 11 JULY

Scripture Reading—Matthew 26:1-16

### TRAMPLED UNDER FOOT

A Scottish botanist lay flat on his stomach in a meadow. He was looking through his magnifying glass at a common heather bell. He seemed to be oblivious of the shepherd near him until his shadow announced his presence. Looking up, the botanist said to the shepherd, "Take this and look into it!" The rugged shepherd, for the first time, saw the heather bell magnified in all of its intricate beauty and marvelous design. As he continued to look, tears began to trickle down his weather-beaten face. Regaining his composure, he said to the botanist, "And just to think I have been trampling these beneath my rough feet all these years!"

There is a greater act of sacrilege, or wanton desecration of which we can be guilty. We may trample "the Rose of Sharon," the Lord Jesus Christ, beneath our feet.

God's Word says, "*He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant . . . an unholy thing . . . ?*" (Hebrews 10:28, 29).

## MONDAY, 12 JULY

Scripture Reading—Matthew 26:17-35

### THREE CROSSES

Three crosses on a lonely hill,  
A thief on either side,  
And, in between, the Son of God . . .  
How wide the gulf—how wide!

Yet one thief spanned it with the words,  
"Oh, Lord, remember me";  
The other scoffed and turned aside  
To lost eternity.

Forsaken is the hilltop now,  
And all the crosses gone,  
But in believing hearts of men  
The center cross lives on.

*And still, as when these sentinels,  
First met earth's wondering view  
The presence of the Lord divides—  
Upon which side are you?*

## TUESDAY, 13 JULY

Scripture Reading—Matthew 26:36-56

### WHERE'S THE LAMB?

Several years ago I was preaching in a city in the United States and had the opportunity to speak at a businessmen's lunch. I had preached on the necessity of the new birth, and at the close a man came to speak to me, who, I was warned, was a Jewish millionaire who owned a big department store in the city, and who always tried to put the ministers on the spot. He handed me a card and said, "I am a Jew, and I want you to answer me 'yes' or 'no.' Do you think that if I do not believe in Jesus, I will go to Hell?"

I replied, "I cannot answer you 'yes' or 'no.' "

He said, "I want you to."

I said, "You have heard the old story about the lawyer who wanted a 'yes' or 'no' answer on the witness stand, and the witness said you cannot answer all questions by 'yes' or 'no,' and the lawyer said, 'Yes, you can.' 'Well,' said the witness, 'have you stopped beating your wife? If you say yes, people think you don't do it any more, and if you say no, they say you are still doing it.' "

Then the man said to me, "Do the best you can."

I said, "Do you believe there is a Hell and a Heaven?"

"Oh, yes," said he.

I replied, "If you are going to be in Heaven you have to get there the same way that Moses got there."

He said, "I am glad you are broad-minded; Moses got there by keeping the Law."

I said, "I will collect and give five thousand dollars to the Red Cross or any other charity if you can show me one verse in the Bible which says that Moses got to Heaven by keeping the Law."

He said, "How did Moses get there?" and I said, "By having his brother Aaron kill a lamb and shedding its blood for the remission of his sins. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission. You must have a Saviour. You must either go to Jerusalem and find Moses' brother

Aaron killing a lamb, or you must take God's Lamb," and he went away.

*"Jesus died for me," said Charles Haddon Spurgeon, "are four words I have lived by, and they are the words I am going to die by!"*

**WEDNESDAY, 14  
JULY**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 26:57-75; Isaiah 53

**THE CONVINCING  
FIFTY-THIRD CHAPTER**

I was traveling some years ago with one of the most eminent Jews of our time, the late Dr. Cappadose of Amsterdam. He said to me, "Would you like to know how I became a Christian?" "I should, very much," I replied. He said, "I was reading my Hebrew Old Testament, and I came to the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. I had read it before, but this time my eyes seemed opened. I began to think it was the New Testament I had gotten hold of by mistake. I turned the back of it toward me to make sure it was my own Bible. As I read it again and again, I saw what I had never seen before—sin laid on another. And who could it be but the Lord Jesus? The end of that was that I became a Christian without the New Testament at all!"

*Christ's vicarious death was deficient for none; sufficient for all; efficient only for those who believe.*

**THURSDAY, 15  
JULY**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 27:1-23

**HE BECAME SIN FOR US**

O the mystery of His mercy!  
Ungessed depths of matchless grace,  
Christ became that which He hated,  
While God turned away His face.

Turned in wrath from His Beloved,  
Hanging there upon the tree,  
Strangely changed, and strangely bearing  
All the sins of you and me.

Angels dared not look upon Him,  
But averted stricken eyes,  
Seeing, not the Lord of glory,  
But a bleeding Sacrifice.

*Through the circling, endless ages  
Such a sight had never been;  
He, the spotless Lamb of Heaven,  
Christ the Lord, becoming sin!*

**FRIDAY, 16  
JULY**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 27:24-66

**HE SUFFERED THERE FOR ME!**

My mother-in-law, a schoolteacher, had constant difficulty with one of the boys. She tried every method she knew—reasoning, kindness, sternness. Not knowing what else to do, she applied a ruler to the palm of his hand.

One day when she was about to raise the ruler to strike, the thought flashed to her mind, "I'll reverse this. I'll let him strike the palm of my hand." Surprised, the boy gave his teacher a smart blow. Never again did she have the slightest trouble with him.

Who can count the multitudes who, knowing of Christ's suffering on the Cross, have repented of their sins saying, "He suffered there for me"?

*God's divine power saves us when we repent of our sins and realize that Jesus cared enough to be bruised in our stead for our sins.*

**SATURDAY, 17  
JULY**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28

**I HELPED TO CRUCIFY JESUS**

Rembrandt, the famous Dutch artist, painted a picture of the Crucifixion. Vividly he portrayed Christ writhing in nameless agony on the cruel Cross. Vividly he depicted the various attitudes of those about the Cross toward the suffering Saviour by their facial expressions. Apart from the Saviour's death, the most significant thing about the painting is the artist's painting of himself, standing in the shadows on the edge of the onlookers. This was Rembrandt's way of saying, "I was there, too! I helped to crucify Jesus!" We, too, were there, standing with Rembrandt in the shadows!

*'Twas I that shed the sacred blood,  
I nailed Him to the tree;  
I crucified the Christ of God,  
I joined the mockery!*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

**Editor's Note**—Because of a large number of requests from our readers, we are including *Family Devotions* in *The Free Will Baptist* again. We face a problem getting all our material in each week—a problem that we are glad exists, but one we felt needed some remedy. It has been the opinion of many for quite some time that no one read this section and that it was only filler material. You, our readers, have shown us that this was not the case. We appreciate your response and are glad to include devotional material for you again.—Janie Jones Sowers



## NEWS AND NOTES

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seafood gumbo to go with corn on the cob, slaw, lemon pie, and tea.

Everyone looks forward to these meetings. They are held on the second Friday night every other month. The next meeting will be held with Holly Springs Church, Newport, North Carolina. James and Dean Gurganus will be the hosts for this meeting.

Ministers and their wives in the Carteret County Union are given a special invitation to attend and enjoy this time of fellowship and the delicious dinner. If you can be with them for the next meeting, please call the Rev. James Gurganus, Route 3, Box 64, Newport, North Carolina; phone 726-6529. This will help him to know how many to plan for.

(The clerk of the Carteret Union is the Rev. Roland C. Cherry, Route 3, Box 109, Morehead City, North Carolina; phone 726-6529. He accepted the duties of this office in the last Union Meeting.)

### Happenings at Winterville Church

Father's Day, June 20, was celebrated in very special service at Winterville Church, Winterville. Gifts were presented by the Willing Workers Class to the father with the youngest child present, Mr. Seth Cayton; the father with the oldest child present, Mr. Robert Briley; and to the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Taylor.

The service also included a dedication of children to the Lord. Those participating in this were: Mr. and Mrs. Seth Cayton with daughter, Gretchen; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Smith with son, Eric; Mr. and Mrs. Manola Amoras with daughter, Nicole; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weathersby with daughter, Aimee.

Pastor Taylor anointed the children with oil while the deacons assisted him with the laying on of hands for the dedication prayer.

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### HOW IS YOUR HEART?

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Syrians and he had every confidence that Joab and his experienced warriors could easily handle the men of Ammon and Rabbah. David had everything under control except his own deceitful heart.

Once David had relaxed he was an easy prey for the devil. He was as putty in Satan's hands. Only a step away from the horrible sins of adultery and murder, he let his desperately wicked heart make those awful choices. As a result, David spent the next twenty tears weeping and reaping. Before the harvest of his sins had all been gathered in, he buried three sons, sobbed over the ruin of a precious daughter, and listened to the protests of his own people. He learned the hard way that he had made a mistake when he relaxed on the job. Don't let Satan catch you relaxing on the job, or you too will be an easy prey for the devil.

Another thing that could ruin a man's usefulness would be broadmindedness. Some think that to be broadminded is to be cultured, educated, well-read, emotionally balanced. But the broadminded person does not have everything under control, even if he never gets excited, is never at a loss for words. A person may be like that. He can become so broad in his thinking that in reality his thoughts are not worth thinking. He will not take a stand on any issue. He gets so tolerant that he even makes Satan sick.

King Solomon grew broadminded in his late years and brought great sorrow to himself and to all Israel. He had married heathen wives. They clamored for altars at which

they could worship their pagan gods. And Solomon, of all people, commanded the altars to be built. Thus he turned his back in treason upon the true and the living God who had been so good to him. Solomon's trouble was that he grew broadminded. He became tolerant of evil. Like his father David, he failed to keep a watch on his deceitful heart. The rest is history. A person must never for one instant think that he is immune to this sort of temptation.

A young man that had been convicted of murder was brought in to be electrocuted. He was asked if he would like to say anything to the witnesses. He said "In two or three minutes I will be dead. A few months ago I killed four people in a fit of frenzy. Why I did it I do not know. I had never considered myself as a criminal. Never before had I been arrested. I never dreamed that something like this could ever happen to me, but it did. I just want to say to all of you that you had better be very careful. You might do the same thing." Then he was put to death in that chair. It was all over for him then.

This should be a lesson to us to watch our own hearts. We must take care. We need to stay on praying ground. There is never a moment that we can safely relax from guarding our hearts and keeping them clean. We will do well to remember what Jeremiah said.

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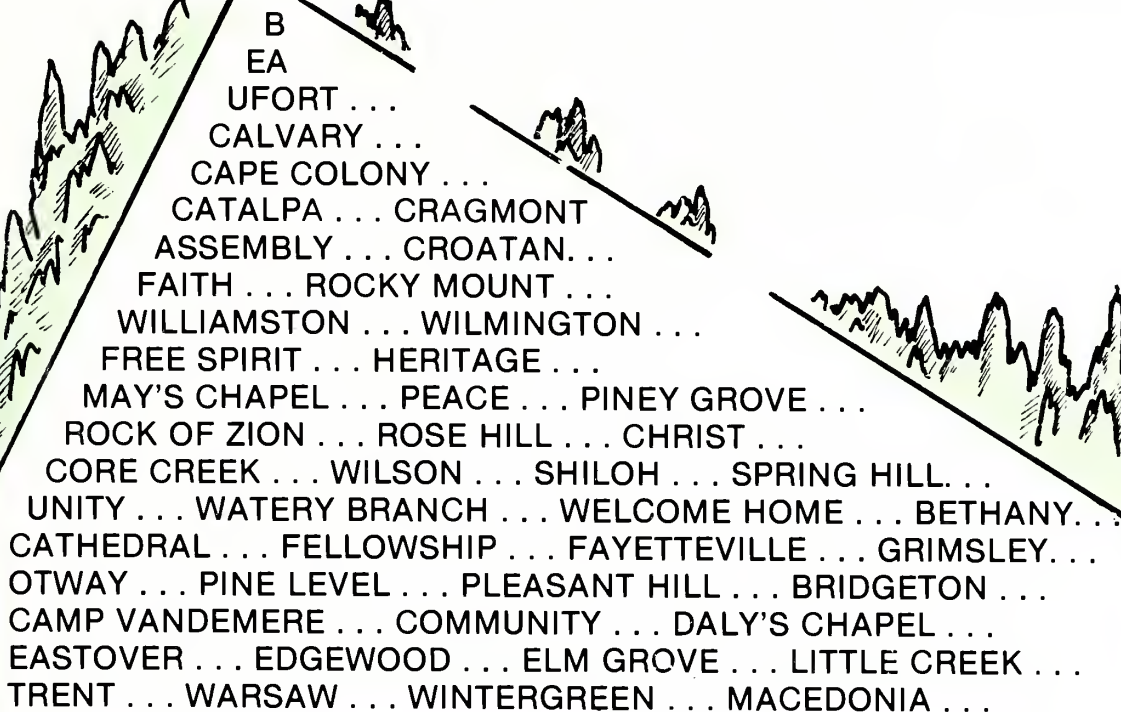
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Harold Jones

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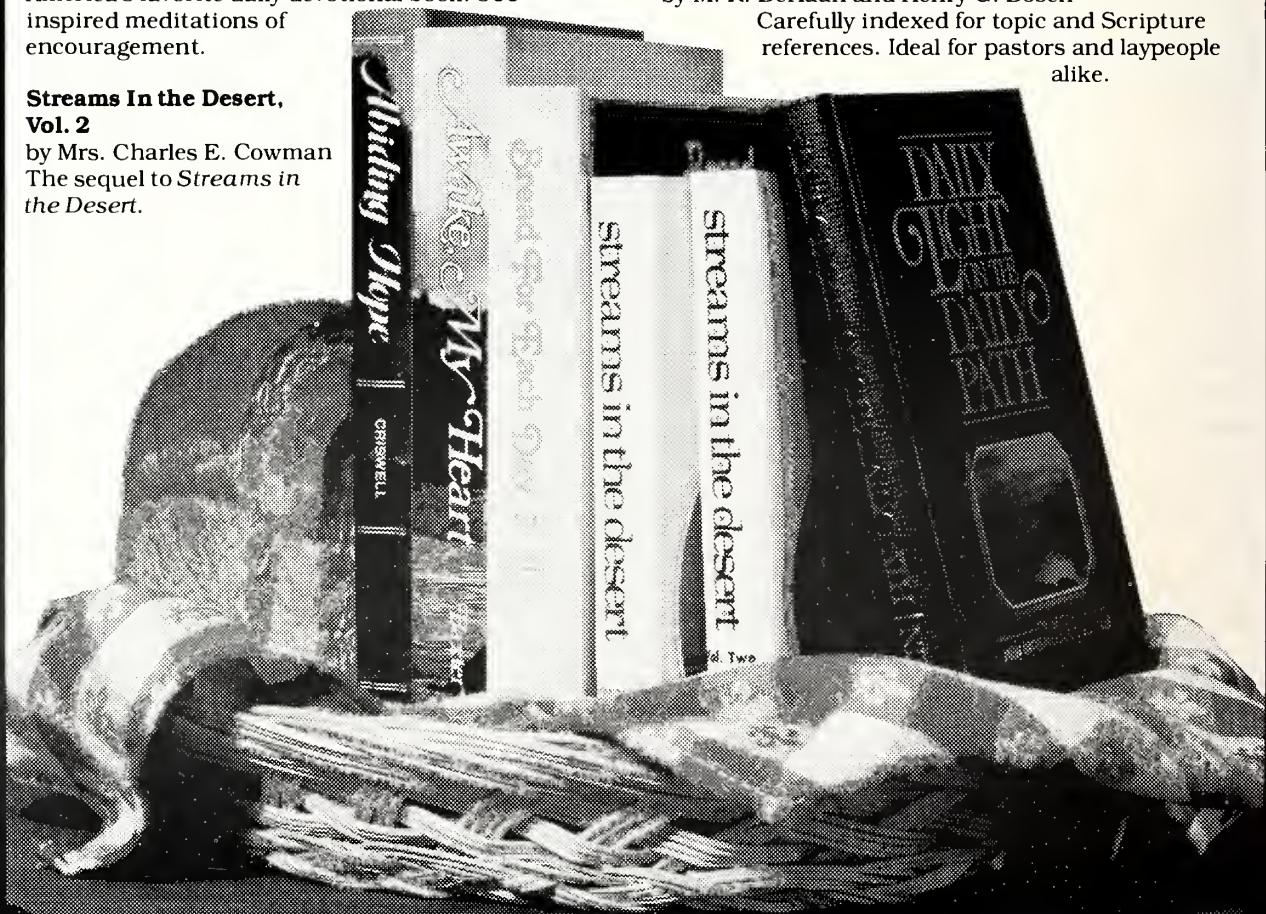
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# The Ties that Bind

Author Jonathan Swift became famous in 1726 when he wrote *The Travels of Lemuel Gulliver*. The initial volume of this series dealt with Gulliver's adventures to the land of Lilliput, a place inhabited by pygmies. These little people enjoyed a highly organized civilization, one which possessed the same political systems, motives, and vanities as those of larger men. The story began with the hero being washed ashore. It was there that he was found by the pygmies, little men only 1/12th Gulliver's size. While he slept, the little people tied him down with little threads. Each thread was a trifle and could be broken easily. But the pygmies used hundreds of threads, thereby making it impossible for Gulliver to break loose.

Lemuel Gulliver was not the first nor the last big man to be captured by little threads. Since they are little, they seem insignificant. But many a man has later discovered that little things were bigger than they first appeared and has become their victim. Strong, heavy ropes are not always needed to bind men; neither are big beasts and cataclysmic "acts of God." Often all it takes are many little threads. Even though they look harmless, they can work havoc. Little threads are dangerous; little weaknesses can become big ones. We are taught to meet big faults head-on; the little ones are usually slippery and we are not sure how to handle them.

Jealousy is a little thread. It causes us to criticize our competitors and to throw stones at others, for it is easier to condemn than to aid. Businessmen are quick to point out the errors the man down the street has made; preachers are sometimes ready to lambaste other ministers, especially if they have been accomplishing something great for the Lord. Jealousy is a destroyer of beauty; it causes men to exaggerate faults. Many an opportunity has been missed by people because they could not break this tie. Oh, how it hurts the Christian cause!

Discouragement is another thread that holds us back. Many flee from it; some give up the cause; others face it with confidence and faith. "Trouble defies the law of gravity. It's easier to pick up than to drop." Discouragement is but one way trouble can be met. But this attitude can be so binding that it becomes a habit. What we need are men of faith who will be Abrahams and go out not knowing where they are bound, willing leaders like Moses, Lincolns who are willing to guide others during times of crises, and determined gospel preachers.

Laziness, the "refuge of weak minds and the holiday of fools," also ties us down. How strange it is that everything comes to him who hustles while he waits. We would all do well to follow *Lincoln's Ten Guidelines*:

*You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.  
You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.  
You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.  
You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.*

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# GOD'S DIVINE DELIVERANCE

by Mike Scott



"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help, and . . . look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!" (Isaiah 31:1). Jehovah, not Egyptian allies, will defend Jerusalem.

To properly understand this short chapter of only nine verses, some background information is necessary. After the reign of King Solomon, the nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms, the Northern Kingdom, Israel, and the Southern, Judah. Because of the wickedness of the Northern Kingdom, God allowed the Assyrian army under leadership of King Sennacherib to destroy that kingdom. Assyria was used as an instrument of God's judgment and wrath, and the whole of the Northern Kingdom was overcome.

After this, Sennacherib and his army planned their next move, to go on and take the Southern Kingdom. The mighty  
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Assyrian army moved into Judah, and surrounded the capital city of Jerusalem.

In their difficulty, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and their king, Hezekiah, believed that the horsemen and chariots of Egypt could deliver them from the Assyrians. But Isaiah disagreed. What was needed was trust and reliance upon God. He rebuked the people for trusting in the might of Egypt, and for rejecting the power of God which was in their midst.

Three points in Isaiah 31 should be emphasized.

First, we see *man's struggle*. God's people find themselves surrounded. Sennacherib and his army have overcome Israel, moved into Judah, have hemmed in Jerusalem, and are expected to attack.

God's people today are in similar straits. We Christians

find ourselves in the midst of daily conflict. Yet our war is different. Paul tells us, "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). Our enemy is Satan, his demons, and the very power of Hell itself. Yes, Christians must do constant battle with Satan.

He is real. Liberals and modernists tell us that Satan doesn't exist, that there is no devil, that he is the product of superstition, a mythological figure created only to explain away the problems of sin and evil in the world.

We could not disagree more. According to the Word of God, we believe in the existence of Satan, and we believe him to be exactly what the Bible describes him to be. The Scriptures teach us that Satan is the enemy of God, and that he is opposed to anything and everything that is sacred, righteous, and holy. Satan is doing everything within his power to destroy the perfect work of God upon the face of this earth. He and his demons are working overtime to wreck the church of God, and to diminish its influence and power. Yes, Satan is a real enemy.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve came face to face with the reality of Satan. It was not some figment of Eve's imagination that beguiled her to partake of the forbidden fruit.

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Satan was in that place and he was a real and literal tempter.

When Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days and nights, He also came in contact with Satan. The devil approached Jesus with three temptations whereby he attempted to lead the Son of God astray. It was no mythological figure that confronted Jesus; it was no imaginary being. Rather, it was the embodiment of a real and personal devil that approached Jesus with those temptations.

If Satan would try to lead God's own Son astray, we can rest assured that he will also work on us who attempt to live for the glory of God today. Satan IS alive and well on planet earth, and he is doing everything within his power and authority to wage war with you and me who seek after the will of God.

The good news that you and I have to rejoice in is the fact that the power of God is greater than the power of Satan. No matter how strong the temptation Satan may throw against us, through faith in Christ it can be withstood. John teaches us, "... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). That which we possess through our Lord Jesus Christ is greater than our enemy Satan and his power and authority. Through our faith, God is our refuge and strength.

Second, these verses also reveal *man's misguided faith*. When Sennacherib and his army invaded Judah and surrounded Jerusalem, the people wanted to turn to Egypt for help. They believed that the strength and might of the Egyptians were sufficient to turn back the Assyrian invasion. Their faith was in worldly and temporal things rather than in God.

People today still possess a misguided faith. Rather than trusting in God and looking for the strength needed to live these days, people today look to

other sources. Many people trust only their own strengths and abilities. Far too many people feel that they in and of themselves can overcome any obstacle and can conquer any foe.

How foolish we mortals can be. The Bible teaches us that apart from God we are nothing. God made man out of the dust of the earth, and then blew into his nostrils the breath of life. Without God, we are no better off than the dust of the earth. Man in his own strength and power is subject to the weaknesses of the flesh and will surely come to utter destruction. We can do nothing, and we are nothing apart from the grace and mercy of God. We stand in need of His power and might every second of every day. If we place faith and confidence in ourselves then we have a misguided faith.

Many people trust in others for the needs and necessities of life. They are like the people of Judah, looking to Egypt during a difficult time. While friends are nice, and while it is good to be able to depend on others, it is a dangerous thing to place too much faith in others. I make this statement with the danger of being misunderstood, yet it is true. I'm sure that your preacher is one of the best that the Original Free Will Baptists have, but let us never put so much faith and confidence in that preacher that we lose sight of the God that he presents to us Sunday after Sunday. The same is true of our Sunday school teachers. I'm sure that they are among the most sincere and dedicated anywhere. But let us not put so much trust in those teachers that we lose sight of the Christ that they are trying to teach us about. My point is simply this: it doesn't matter how holy and righteous a person may be, that individual is still in the flesh and is subject to the weaknesses and limitations thereof. Somewhere along the way, that person may let us

down. But God will never fail us; He will never let us down. Through faith and trust in Him we are always assured of victory. God is constant, steadfast, and reliable. He is always there. Our faith should be in nothing except Him. A faith in anything or anyone else besides God is a misguided faith that will fail us. Faith in God will sustain us during the most difficult of circumstances.

Third, we see *God's willingness to help*. "As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also He will deliver it; and passing over He will preserve it" (Isaiah 31:5). And in the last verse we are told that the Assyrians will flee at the sight of the battle flag of Israel, for God will come to save His people.

God is able to help His people, and He wants to help them. Isaiah rebuked his nation for looking to outside sources for help when they had God on their side. God's power is unlimited, and His authority is beyond measure. There is nothing that our God cannot do. He holds the whole of creation in the palm of His hand, and He is able to protect it against all opposition. God's ability cannot be questioned.

It is God's desire to help His people. If we find ourselves in difficulty, we need to seek the help of God. He is ever-present, and always available. He has promised to fight for His people and to grant unto their lives ultimate victory. If we find ourselves buffeted by Satan, let us take it to God and find deliverance through Him. Throughout the pages of Scripture we see that God has fought His people's battles over and over again. He can and He will do the same today. He desires to help us with the trials and tribulations of this present day. God will come to the rescue of His people.

Let us heed the advice of Isaiah, a great prophet of God.

## MRS. RAYMOND T. SASSER HONORED

*submitted by Mrs. Rose Raper*



Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser (Hilda Gray), treasurer of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, was honored at the fifty-fifth annual session of the convention, for her continuous and faithful service as a state officer for twenty-eight years.

Mrs. Sasser is married to the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, a well-known and beloved Free Will Baptist minister. They reside in Wilson.

Mrs. Ruth Lancaster Warlick of Johnston Union Church, on behalf of the Convention, composed and presented the following tribute:

### A TRIBUTE TO MRS. HILDA GRAY SASSER

The beautiful lady we honor today,  
Is most deserving in every way.  
She is always so chic in manner and  
dress,  
With a smile that radiates inner  
happiness.  
She is the mother of two fine sons,

Whom she faithfully reared in a  
Christian home.

With her minister husband, side by  
side,

The Lord in His wisdom has been their  
guide.

Faithful as a mother, loyal as a wife,  
Dedicated truly to the Christian way  
of life.

The Auxiliary purpose, missions, ser-  
vice and devotion

Has found this woman at the heart of  
its promotion.

For forty-three years, all the time she's  
been married,

The banner of the Woman's Auxiliary  
she has carried.

She served as State Secretary, six  
years completing,

Efficiently transcribing the minutes  
of the meeting.

For twenty-two years, she has served  
as treasurer,

To hear her reports has indeed been a  
pleasure.

It seems every year, she has said with  
great fervor,

"This is the best report that I have  
given ever."

She has taken great care to give an  
account,

Of God's money, whatever the amount.  
She credits her husband with giving

much aid,

In this responsible work, a great team  
they have made.

It gives me much joy, to represent this  
Convention,

In presenting this small token of our  
appreciation.

For Mrs. Hilda Gray Sasser, we say,  
"Thank you, Lord."

Only eternity will reveal her reward.

(Note: Though Mrs. Sasser has sub-  
mitted her resignation, she will con-  
tinue to serve as State Auxiliary Con-  
vention Treasurer and until further  
notice, all auxiliary funds should be  
sent to her at the following address: 517  
Westover Avenue, Wilson, NC 27893.  
—Rose M. Raper, *State Secretary*)

## LAY WITNESS WEEKEND AT CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CHURCH

*by Audrey Stroud Powell*

Early this year our Woman's  
Auxiliary was approached by  
the pastor, the Rev. Ed Miles,  
about a "Lay Witness  
Weekend" instead of our usual  
sponsorship of a revival  
speaker for pre-Easter ser-  
vices. After careful considera-  
tion and prayer the Woman's  
Auxiliary agreed with Mr.  
Miles's plans. Committees  
were organized, chairmen ap-  
pointed, overnight ar-  
rangements made for the  
guests, and coffee hours set up.

Much to our delight, the  
layperson to be in charge of the  
weekend activities was Dr.  
Robert "Bob" Moyer of Raleigh,  
accompanied by his wife,  
Betty. Moyer Library at Mount  
Olive College, honors Bob's  
parents, the late Rev. and Mrs.  
J. C. Moyer of Snow Hill.

Having taken up residence in  
Raleigh in the practice of  
general dentistry, the Moyes  
became active in the Methodist  
church but their hearts are still  
with the Free Will Baptists.

Our Lay Witness Weekend  
began with a covered dish sup-  
per at the church on Friday

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evening, April 2. Afterward we met in the sanctuary for special music and a talk by Dr. Moyer. Then, in small groups, we assembled in the Sunday school rooms where lay speakers led us in sharing, praying, and evaluating ourselves and our church. Rejoining the others in the sanctuary, we told how strongly the presence of the Holy Spirit was being felt in our midst.

Our Saturday sessions began with coffee hours in the homes of various church members. Small groups of no more than 15 persons were led by trained lay persons. In these hours of sweet fellowship, with the Holy Spirit sharing our feelings and thoughts, we all received an understanding we had never experienced before. We witnessed to each other of God's power in our lives, of how we came to know our Saviour, out of our realization of the urgency of winning lost souls to Christ. After a noon hour luncheon at the church, the men and women met separately, again led by trained lay witnesses. Following supper at the church, we all assembled in the sanctuary once more for worship, testimony, special music, and singing. The evening ended with the return of the small groups to the Sunday school rooms for re-evaluation, a very soul-searching time.

The Sunday morning services began at ten, with a "full house" being led once again by the lay witnesses. Dr. Moyer was in charge of the eleven o'clock worship service. After a buffet luncheon, we gathered in the sanctuary for singing, informal prayer, and dismissal.

Among the lay witnesses for these meetings were married couples, older folks, and especially young people and teenagers, all dedicated and praying for a true revival among our church people.

Our Lay Witness Weekend at Christian Chapel Church did not end on April 4, for if it did,

we had no revival! Indeed, on the following Wednesday night, our Bible Study teacher, Ms. Rudene Kennedy, warned us "to be very careful as the devil does not like the work of the Holy Spirit which you have all just experienced," and "will do everything in his power to undo the work . . .!"

Our prayer is that God will continue to bless the testimony of these lay witnesses and bless those who were fortunate enough to experience what they had to share. Thank you, Rev. Ed Miles and Dr. Bob Moyer for bringing "Lay Witness Weekend" to our church.

Christian Chapel Church is near Pink Hill, North Carolina.

### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

Research conducted by the Institute for American Church Growth in Pasadena, California, has revealed that most people who are today active in a local church came as a direct result of a friend or relative in that church. Of 15,000 laypersons surveyed by the Institute, 70-90% said they can trace their "spiritual roots" to a prior relationship with a member of their church.

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## **The Book Corner**

*by DeWayne Eakes*

Dreikurs, M.D., Rudolf. *Children: The Challenge*, Hawthorn Books, New York, 1964. Paperback, \$6.25.

Dr. Dreikurs draws from more than 40 years of working with parents and children in resolving problems. His principles are very practical in nature and the book itself is written in a very readable, useable, and non-technical style. The purpose of this book is to help parents cope with the problems children present in ever-increasing frequency and intensity. The following quotation from the foreword illustrates the basic philosophy of the book.

"Our recommendations are based on a specific philosophy of life and a distinctive concept of man as it has been presented by Alfred Allen and his co-workers . . . We do not suggest that parents be either permissive or punitive. What parents have to learn is how to become a match for their children, wise to their ways and capable of guiding them without letting them run wild or stifling them" (pp. 7, 8).

Many of us recognize the need for helpful guidance in being the best parents we can possibly be for our children, for they deserve that! This book is a very practical guide in helping parents formulate a consistent philosophical approach to child-rearing as well as pointing out some tested and proven solutions for specific problems.

The book is arranged in 39 chapters averaging less than 10 pages each. Any chapter from front to back can be read beneficially without reading others. Some chapters titles are as follows: "Be Firm Without Dominating," "Eliminate Criticism and Minimize Mistakes," "Action! Not Words," "Watch Your Tone of Voice," "Meet the Challenge of TV," "Use Religion Wisely," and "Listen." Parents, here is a good book for you!

## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Senior Citizens Day Held at Spring Branch Church



*Senior Citizens of Spring Branch*

On Sunday, June 27, 1982, the Senior Citizens of Spring Branch Church, Route 2, Walstonburg, were honored during the morning worship services. Corsages and boutonnieres were pinned to each senior citizen as he entered the church and was then escorted to reserved seats.

Mrs. Ruby Ellis delivered the tribute message after which she presented a personal copy to each family honored. Mrs. Anne Craft read the response in the form of a poem written by Mr. Reddin Wooten, a senior citizen. The Rev. Dale Albertson, pastor, delivered the morning message using the contributions made by these senior citizens as his central theme.

At the conclusion of the morning services, a picnic lunch was enjoyed by everyone in the fellowship building of the church in honor of the senior citizens. This brought to a close a most momentous occasion for everyone present.

### Robert's Grove Observes Father's Day

On Sunday morning, June 20, 1982, the YFAs of Robert's Grove Church, near Dunn, honored their fathers during the eleven o'clock worship service, under the direction of their leader, Miss Connie Strickland.

Each father was presented a red carnation boutonniere. They were then ushered into the sanctuary where they sat in a group. Some of the young people had special poems. Chad

Honeycutt gave a very special tribute to the pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen. It was as follows:

"We would like to take a few minutes on this Father's Day to recognize a very special man in our church. He has been almost like a father to many of us in that he has tried to lead us in doing right according to what the Lord is leading him. He has tried to instill in us moral values and the real meaning of love just like our own daddy.

"We were blessed a year ago today when the Lord sent this

man and his family to us. Ever since then we've seen our church grow in spirit, enthusiasm, and number. He has meant a lot to us in the past year. We pray God's guidance upon him and his family as they continue to serve the Lord.

"At this time we would like to say a special thank you and Happy Father's Day to our pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen."

### Hillsberry Church Honors Pastor and His Wife



The members of Hillsberry Church, Clinton, recently honored their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Mickey Whitfield, with a surprise anniversary party following Wednesday night prayer service.

Refreshments were served from a lace-covered table centered with an arrangement of silk flowers.

The ladies auxiliary presented the couple with gifts of copper.

### Western District Youth Rally Is Held

The monthly Western District Youth Rally was held at Oak Grove Church, Elm

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City, on June 26, 1982, at 7:30 p.m.

The members of Oak Grove youth group sang two songs entitled, "He Loves Me," and "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me." They also presented a program under the leadership and direction of the youth leaders, Faye and Leonard Barnes, entitled, "I Can Move a Mountain."

It blessed the hearts of everyone. Some young people even went to the altar to rededicate their hearts to Christ.

### **Robert's Grove Enjoys Bible School**

Robert's Grove Church, Route 1, Dunn, enjoyed a wonderful week of vacation Bible school from Monday, June 7, through Friday, June 11. Services began each night at 6:30 under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Allen. There was good attendance each night, with an average attendance of 58 for the entire week. The children and teachers enjoyed a week of singing, Bible stories, handicrafts, refreshments, and fellowship.

Commencement services were held on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. when each department gave a short sketch of what they had learned during the week. This was followed with a cookout.

### **Special Services at Little Rock Church**

The Sundays of June 6 and 20 were special days at Little Rock Church in Lucama. On June 6, Senior Sunday was observed with six seniors recognized and honored with the presentation of "Good News Bibles." Those honored were Danny Barnes, Tammy Ballance, Greg Howard, Michael Witherington, David Raper, and Susan Worrells.

Also honored were four Webelos Scouts who had earned and were presented their "Arrow of Light" award. This is the

highest award a Cub Scout can attain and is the only one which can be transferred to the Boy Scout uniform. Mr. Joe Childress, Webelos Leader, made the presentations. Those receiving the award were Steve Childress, Kevin Eakes, Andy Thompson, and Robert Thompson.

June 20 was a very special day in the services of the church. This was the annual child dedication service. Four babies were dedicated: Garry Lyn Wright Jr., son of Garry and Susan Wright; Kristen Brooks Kennedy, daughter of Leslie and Gail Kennedy; Jefferson Collin Elliott, son of Walt

and Sherry Elliott; and Heather Nicole McKeel, daughter of Danny and Terry McKeel.

This service also saw another special honor and recognition. The oldest father present was recognized. He was Mr. Ollie Owens, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, June 19. Mr. Owens' family honored him with a birthday dinner on Saturday and by being with him in church on Father's Day. They filled three pews and filled his heart with joy. The congregation spontaneously sang "Happy Birthday" to Mr. Owens.

The Rev. DeWayne Eakes is pastor of the church.

### **Oak Grove Church Has Spirit Filled Week**



June 13-20, 1982, was a very busy week for the Oak Grove Church and one that was filled with many blessings. On Sunday, June 13, the high school graduates were honored and presented with a Bible during the morning worship service. They are Annette Walston and Kimberly Webb.

At 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, there was a baptism at Dr. Putney's pond, and during the evening service the five new converts were given the right hand of fellowship.

Vacation Bible School took place the next week and there was an average of 59 each night.

The church family and friends met together again on Saturday night for the monthly barbecued chicken supper.

Sunday, June 20, was another big day, with a special vacation Bible school commencement program during the evening service. The Rev. Clarence Harris, pastor, extended thanks to all of the members, workers, and helpers who made their vacation Bible school a tremendous success.

## **FIERA GETS NEW PAINT JOB**

*by Fred Baker*



Time appears to leave its mark upon all things. Time has a way of reminding us that only God is eternal and never changes. The Ford Fiera that is used in the mission program in the Philippines is one such victim of time. In only three and one-half years the salt has caused much rust damage to portions of the body.

Rust is much like sin. It just keeps spreading and eating away at what is good. Like sin, if rust is only covered over and hidden it continues to do its destructive work. Rust, like sin, must be completely eradicated to stop its destruction.

The Fiera was completely taken apart and all rust areas were cut out. New metal was put back in its place. A new coat of primer was applied. The old metal roof was replaced with a canvas one to help keep down expenses. Finally the Fiera was reassembled and sprayed with a new coat of white paint. It really looks great.

Thank you, Lord, for your guidance and provisions. Thank you, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, who pray so faithfully and give to keep God's work moving forward

here in the Philippines. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP COMPLETED**

*by Charles Barnard*

The Puerto Princesa City Church sponsored a Sunday school teacher's workshop on April 6, 1982. The workshop consisted of three lectures and one demonstration. The workshop was conducted for the purpose of instructing and inspiring both present and future Sunday school teachers to pursue a more excellent standard of classroom and everyday teaching methods. Although results from a workshop of this nature can only be measured in the changed lives of both teacher and students over a relatively long period of time, we are encouraged by the receptive spirit and consequent participation that has already been observed.

Missionary Fred Baker opened the workshop with a lecture on "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Sunday School Teacher." Missionary Charles Barnard followed with a lecture concerning the "Proper Conduct and Behavior for Sunday School Teachers." The pastor, the Rev. Roger Malinao, led the afternoon session in a study of the types of visual aids and literature available to our teachers. He demonstrated the use of these and the possibilities available to those who will use their initiative and imagination.

The Free Will Baptist Church Philippines believes that workshops, seminars, and conferences of this caliber will increase the overall efficiency and effectiveness of all church members. Other events of this

nature are planned for the upcoming year.

It is our utmost desire to be used of God through the indwelling Spirit of the Son to fulfill His Great Commission. Will you join us in our quest? If so, please pray right now this simple prayer: "Father, I don't understand why or how, but I know You have a specific will for my life. Lord, I'm available to You. You do Your work in me and through me. Thank You! Amen."

## **COMING EVENTS**

*July*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

*July 12-17*—Sunday School Conference, the Rev. Frank Grubbs, Director, Cragmont

*July 19-22*—Ministers' Conference, the Rev. C. H. Overman, Director, Cragmont

*July 26-30*—Young Peoples Bible Conference, the Rev. Sam Weeks, Director, Cragmont

*August*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as State Convention Promotional Month

*August 2-7*—Woman's Auxiliary Conference, Mrs. Dola Dudley, Director, Cragmont

*August 3*—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

*August 3*—Board of Superannuation Meeting, 1 p.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

*August 9-14*—Woman's Auxiliary Conference, Mrs. Dola Dudley, Director, Cragmont

*August 11*—Foreign Missions Board of Directors Meeting



## IN REMEMBRANCE OF RAY SCARBOROUGH



On June 25, one week before his unexpected death on July 1, Ray Scarborough (left), Chairman of the Development Committee of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees, is shown updating the gift-support sign for College Hall. On that date, gifts and pledges had reached \$1,300,000. Shown with Scarborough are James B. Hunt Sr., chairman of the Board, and President W. Burkette Raper.

Ray Scarborough, 64, a trustee of Mount Olive College, died of a heart attack July 1 at his home in Mount Olive.

A graduate of Wake Forest College (1939), Ray was also a loyal supporter of his hometown college—Mount Olive. He was instrumental in founding the athletic program of Mount Olive College, for which he provided financial support and leadership,

especially the baseball program. In recognition of his contribution, the baseball diamond was named "Scarborough Field" in April of 1980. At the time of his death, he was involved in the current campaign to help raise funds for College Hall.

For 13 years, Ray pitched professional baseball for teams including the Washington Senators, Boston Red Sox, New

York Yankees (World Championship team of 1952), and the Detroit Tigers. He became a major league Scout in 1958 and was active in that role at the time of his death.

On the Mount Olive campus, Ray was frequently on hand at baseball practice to encourage and coach the players.

President W. Burkette Raper declared, "The entire College community mourns the passing of Ray Scarborough. Our College has lost an outstanding trustee, a loyal friend and our greatest leader in the development of our athletic program. It was under his wise guidance, indefatigable work and generous support that our total athletic program was planned and inaugurated. Scarborough Field, our baseball diamond, is just one example of his long and invaluable services to athletics at Mount Olive College. We will miss his strong hand of leadership, but our athletic program, especially the baseball team, will be a living memorial to his belief in the development of young people through competitive sports."

In lieu of flowers, the Scarborough family requested that contributions be made to Mount Olive for the "Ray Scarborough Baseball Scholarship Endowment Fund."

## PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

by W. Burkette Raper

\$1,500,000	Goal in gifts and pledges set by Board of Trustees for beginning construction.
1,338,000	Gifts (\$596,000) and Pledge Balances (\$742,000), July 2.
\$ 162,000	Amount required in gifts and pledges to begin construction.

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"... Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).



\*Seeks to perpetuate the work of the Kingdom through charitable trusts and bequests?

\*Has been reviewed and/or updated within the past three years?

If your answer to any of these questions is no, or if you have never taken time to develop a will that is tailored to your objectives and the needs of your family, we at the Children's Home would be pleased to clearly explain what options you have, provide literature for your assistance, and assist you in gathering the information you need in preparing your Christian will and planning your estate.

For additional information, contact Charles V. Watt, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc., P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557.

Charles V. Watt

## NEW FAMILY MEMBER

Shelia Hilburn is the newest addition to our family here at the Children's Home. Shelia is a very pretty 15-year old who enjoys, in her own words, "swimming, softball, boys, and music." Shelia came to live with us during June. She rooms with Vickie Hartley in Deans Cottage. She has one sister (who does not live at the Home); her original home was in Tarboro.

Shelia enjoys her new home and has already made many friends. Being very industrious, Shelia keeps herself busy about her cottage and on campus, always willing to lend a helping hand wherever she can; this includes being a volunteer Candy Stripper at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount.

Like many other children on campus, Shelia is attending summer school and is very excited about this new opportunity to improve her grades.

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## What manner of child shall this be? Luke 1:66

That decision, my fellow Christian, is up to you!

We have expressed before, and I wish to ask again, and again, for your prayer support for your Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

I can tell you from my own personal experience, that if God's people will pray, God will provide our needs in abundance. Pray daily for our children, for His guidance and direction in each of their young lives. Pray that our cottage parents might have patience, understanding, and that His love will radiate from them to each child. Pray also for the administration and our Board of Directors, that through our Lord and Saviour's guiding and directing this Children's Home might be a shining light in a darkened world—and that these children entrusted to our care may grow straight and tall in His sight and service.

May their light so shine before men that they may see His good works and glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

Charles V. Watt  
Director of Development

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that . . .

\*Seven out of 10 Americans die without a valid will?

\*Over \$100,000,000 is left for the courts for distribution each week?

\*Not one cent of these monies can be used for the Lord's work?

As a result, more than 52 billion dollars worth of estates is passed to the state probate courts for disposition annually. A large portion of these assets often is swallowed up by increased costs of administration and estate taxes.

Ask yourself, Are you prepared? Do you have a Christian will that . . .

\*Outlines your future objectives with regard to property distribution?

\*Provides for the anticipated needs of dependents and loved ones?

\*Testifies to your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour?

\*Takes advantage of possible savings in federal estate and state inheritance taxes?

\*Nominates Christian guardians for the care of minor children?

\*Appoints an executor in whom you have confidence to administer your estate?



## SUNDAY, 18 JULY

Scripture Reading—Galatians 1

'Tis not for works which I have wrought,  
'Tis not for gifts which I have brought,  
Nor yet for blessings that I sought,  
That I have been accepted.

'Tis not for tears that I have shed,  
'Tis not for prayers that I have said,  
Nor yet for slavish fear or dread,  
That I have been accepted.

'Tis not for these, however right,  
That God has formed intense delight,  
Nor is it these that have made white  
The robes of those accepted.

*From these I turn my eyes to Him,  
Who bore the judgment due to sin,  
And by Christ's blood I enter in  
And share in His acceptance.*

## MONDAY, 19 JULY

Scripture Reading—Galatians 2

WOULD GO ANYWHERE  
WITH STORY OF CROSS

Said a bishop of the Methodist church, when that church was noted for its evangelistic fervor, "I wouldn't cross the street to make a Methodist, or a Baptist, or a Presbyterian of a man. I wouldn't lift my finger to make a mere church member of anyone. But if it pleased God, I would go around the world again and yet again to tell perishing sinners everywhere.

*There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains!*

## TUESDAY, 20 JULY

Scripture Reading—Galatians 3

JUST ONE REMEDY

A well-known firm of drug manufacturers, Parke-Davis, is authority for the statement that

ninety percent of all prescription medicines used today were unknown seventeen years ago. This is one of the most astounding truths of our generation, and has its tremendous effect in the population rises of the emergent nations, and in the history of the human race.

But it is more important to remember that the *only* prescription for misery, unrest, sadness, sorrow, tears and all the other by-products of sin, has not changed since God, in the Garden of Eden, shed the first blood that was ever spilled upon this earth to provide a covering for a man and a woman who had just believed His simple word about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to put His heel upon the head of Satan. Christ is still the *only* answer to the world's need.

*No love so great has e'er been known,  
No grace so vast was ever shown,  
No blood for sin could e'er atone,  
But Christ's who died for me!*

## WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6

I'LL PAY THE FINE FOR YOU!

Two young men were university friends and graduated together. They went into the world to make their names. One became an eminent judge. The other became a businessman and amassed a fortune. He had constant dealings on the stock exchange. Unfortunately, a black day came and he lost everything. Then, in an effort to regain his old position of influence, he embezzled a large sum of money. At his trial, he pleaded guilty, hoping for clemency from the judge. The judge was the embezzler's old friend of university days. Court attaches speculated as to how far the friendship would influence the judge's verdict.

The judge clearly summed up the case, making no attempt to minimize the seriousness of the offense. When he pronounced the sentence, an audible gasp was heard throughout the court. It was the heaviest fine the law could impose! Then something happened. As the prisoner was about to be led away, the judge, removing his robe, went to the prisoner's side. Extending his hand to his old friend, the judge said, "I'll pay the fine for you!" Then the judge left before the prisoner could say a word.

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In paying his friend's fine, the judge was reduced to serious financial straits.

How like Jesus, our Saviour-Substitute! In our lost condition, we stood judged and condemned before God. Then Jesus "interposed His precious blood!"

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*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow!*

## THURSDAY, 22 JULY

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:1-17

### THE UNLIGHTED CROSS

Six lives were snuffed out when a plane crashed into a mountain in Pennsylvania, near a sixty-eight-foot stainless-steel cross which served as a marker for a Methodist training center. The Associated Press dispatch, reporting the tragedy, said, "The cross has electric lights, but they were not turned on at the time."

From this incidental reference to the unlighted cross, one might conclude that perhaps this terrible tragedy might have been averted if the cross had been lighted.

The message of the Cross, the only hope of eternal life, has ceased to be the theme of some pulpits, and souls are groping in spiritual and moral darkness.

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*Christ crucified is still the power of God unto salvation, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16).*

## FRIDAY, 23 JULY

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:18-26

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The geographical heart of London is Charing Cross. All distances are measured from it. This spot is referred to simply as "the cross." A lost child was one day picked up by a London "bobby." The child was unable to tell where he lived. Finally, in response to the repeated questions of the bobby, and amid his sobs and tears, the little fellow said, "If you will take me to the cross I think I can find my way from there."

The Cross is the point where men become reconciled to God. If we find our way to God and home we must first come to the Cross.

*I must needs go home by the way of the cross,  
There's no other way but this;  
I shall ne'er get sight of the gates of light,  
If the way of the Cross I miss.*

## SATURDAY, 24 JULY

Scripture Reading—Galatians 4

### WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS

An Associated Press dispatch told of a fifteen-year-old girl in Taiwan who appealed to the supreme court of that land for permission to be executed in the place of her father, a widower, so he could support her young brothers. The father, Chia Ling-Shu, was one of three men sentenced to death for robbing and murdering a bank cashier. Her appeal was rejected by the court.

Centuries ago, in China the emperor, moved by the filial devotion of children, sometimes spared their parents from death, allowing children to die in their stead.

As we read of the self-sacrificing spirit of the Taiwanese girl, we think of the One who died on a cruel Cross in our stead.

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*Of His vicarious death the Bible says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5).*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.





## CORNELIUS: A GENTILE CONVERT

**Lesson Text:** Acts 10:1, 2, 30-35, 44-48

**Memory Verse:** Acts 10:34, 35

### I. INTRODUCTION

Am I a person or a thing? Am I an "I" or an "it?" Am I property to be used? Or am I a person with powers of perception, private opinions, potential of divine dignity? Anything that dehumanizes me makes me less than the divine image.

That is why the gospel is for "every creature" in "all the world." God loves people! Christ came to save, not property, but people. He liberates people from being "nobody's" to "somebody's."

Children, abused by society, are exploited as fish of the sea, things to be caught and sold. Wives or husbands, when treated as ore from which gold is extracted for selfish satisfaction, become chattels. If employer or employee is only a means of making money rather than for sacrificial service, then the divine image is brutalized.

If race, nationality, color, or economy determine fellowship within the church, then that fellowship becomes partial, divisive, fragmented, sectarian, evil. It is godless, without divine cohesion.

Starting from a small wellspring of apostles at Pentecost the gospel battled to break out of the rigid restrictions of Jerusalem's Judaistic Christianity. In ever widening circles the gospel scaled or pierced every barrier—social, geographical, legal, racial, religious—until it reached Rome, center of the civilized world. This is the story of Acts.

From eternity the gospel was in the heart of God, intended for "all families of the earth." It took nine chapters and several years for Acts even to get to the threshold of advancing to non-Jews. On the eve of its push into Gentile hearts two miracles (9:32-43) endorsed the gospel's going abroad.

The story of Cornelius and its aftermath (10:1–11:18) occupy an emphatic place in Acts. The event recorded in today's lesson was a crucial, history-making landmark of progress in the unfolding of God's eternal purpose and plan. It could not have been included sooner in Acts. Nor psychologically could it have occurred sooner. The timing was of God. The mood of men made it imperative. The streams of past fragments of human history were ready to become a united river of fellowship of the people of God. The dawn of a universal, international fellowship was at hand. In Cornelius God revealed that He is "no respecter of persons." Henceforth the gospel was to be a blessing for "all families of the earth." None was to be denied entrance to the fellowship, in the first century or the twentieth.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. Cornelius, the man we study today, is unusual in two ways. First, he was an officer, a centurion commanding soldiers. Second, he was a Gentile, the very first one to be accepted into the church. The church started out as a Jewish organization until God revealed to Peter that it was also for the Gentiles, and Cornelius was the first one to be accepted into the church.

B. Cornelius was a good lost man. He had all the outward

characteristics of a Christian, but he had never trusted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Look at some of the good qualities about him: (1) he was a God-fearing man; (2) he was a man of constant prayer; (3) he had a good family who also feared the Lord; (4) he gave much alms to the poor. But if we believe that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour, we have to believe that he was lost until he accepted Christ as Saviour.

C. There is a principle here that should not be overlooked—God will not leave a conscientious man who wants to do right and seeks the Lord without help. He gave Cornelius a vision and it corresponded with a revelation which had been given to Peter that the Gentiles were to have the gospel. God brought the two, Peter and Cornelius, together and Cornelius heard the true gospel, believed, and was saved and given the Holy Spirit.

D. Cornelius, along with other Gentiles in his group, heard the gospel and was saved. The Holy Spirit baptized them into the body of Christ. The Jews that were present and had already been baptized with the Holy Spirit were not baptized again. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. There is one baptism of the Holy Spirit, but there are many fillings of the Holy Spirit.

E. The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Gentiles (while Peter was preaching) was Pentecost for the Gentiles. All of those who had had the Holy Ghost to come upon them on the Day of Pentecost were Jews that had come to Jerusalem for the Jewish Pentecost feast. So that there could be no mistake about it, God gave the Gentiles a Pentecost of their own.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

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*You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.*

*You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.*

*You cannot further brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.*

*You cannot establish security on borrowed money.*

*You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.*

*You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.*

Selfishness is like a spider's web. One strand joins to another, until we are hopelessly trapped to be poisoned by the spider and consumed at its leisure. The selfish person's whole life becomes bitter and disappointing. Selfish men have warped concepts of values; unselfish men are interested in others and will listen to and appreciate another's interests. One of the best ways to keep alive spiritually is to be vitally concerned about helping others. Yes, selfishness can bind men very tightly.

Ingratitude enmeshes everyone. Simply being grateful is not enough; gratitude must be demonstrated one way or another. The two words "thank you" can make all the difference in the world. To be perpetually grateful, we must not limit our gratitude to just pleasant things, for we need "dark" experiences too. Our thanksgiving should not be limited to just one realm of blessings either. Last, we should not be discouraged in our efforts. We should maintain a real, vital faith; it is imperative that we remember our achievements are God's, not ours; we must not let those things which are the blessings of others cause us to despise our own.

Mark Twain once said: "Most people are bothered about the passages of Scriptures which they cannot understand; but, as for me, I have always noticed that the passages which trouble me most are those which I do understand." With this in mind, may we beware of the little threads which can bind us—even though we are large men. Watch out for the little threads

- of jealousy . . .
- of discouragement . . .
- of laziness . . .
- of selfishness . . .
- of ingratitude .

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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### GROUNDBREAKING FOR COLLEGE HALL SET!

**Sunday  
August 29, 1982**

**4:00 P.M.**

**New Campus  
Mount Olive College**

All Free Will Baptist Churches and friends of Mount Olive College are invited and encouraged to attend this significant and long-awaited event.

Our plans are to take bids about mid-August and to begin construction in September. The construction schedule is based on the faith and commitment that pledges and gifts will reach \$1,500,000 by the end of August.

## CHILDREN'S HOME

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This sweet young lady is very glad that the Children's Home and her houseparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens, were here when she needed them. We, the staff and children, are glad too, and we welcome Shelia to our family with open arms and much love.

Linda Bray

### HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

The Children's Home is presently in need of a mature, Christian couple who are interested in becoming houseparents for children. We prefer couples between the ages of thirty and fifty-five. If interested please call (919) 235-2161 or write to the Executive Director at P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557.

If you are not interested, but know of someone who might be, please pass this information along to them.

### JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

We will be featuring the birthdays for the upcoming month. We would encourage you to send a birthday card; the children look forward to receiving mail and this would be one way you could brighten their day.

Randy Rhodes	July 15, 1966
Kenneth Jones	July 31, 1966
Heidi Perkins	August 18, 1969

### NOTICE

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# ANGER

Yours and mine and what to  
do about it

Feeling outraged?  
Your boss chew  
you out today?  
Traffic bad on the  
way home tonight?  
Did your pot-roast  
burn?

**Well, listen up...**

'cause we have a book for  
you!

It's a book that will  
change your outlook on



anger. It's a book  
that will make  
your boss' yelling  
seem like a kit-  
ten's purr. A book  
that'll make the  
freeway seem like  
a fairyboat ride. A

book that will turn a ru-  
ined dinner into a night  
on the town.

**Don't get outraged, get...**

## ANGER

Yours & mine &  
what to do about it

**by Richard P. Walters**

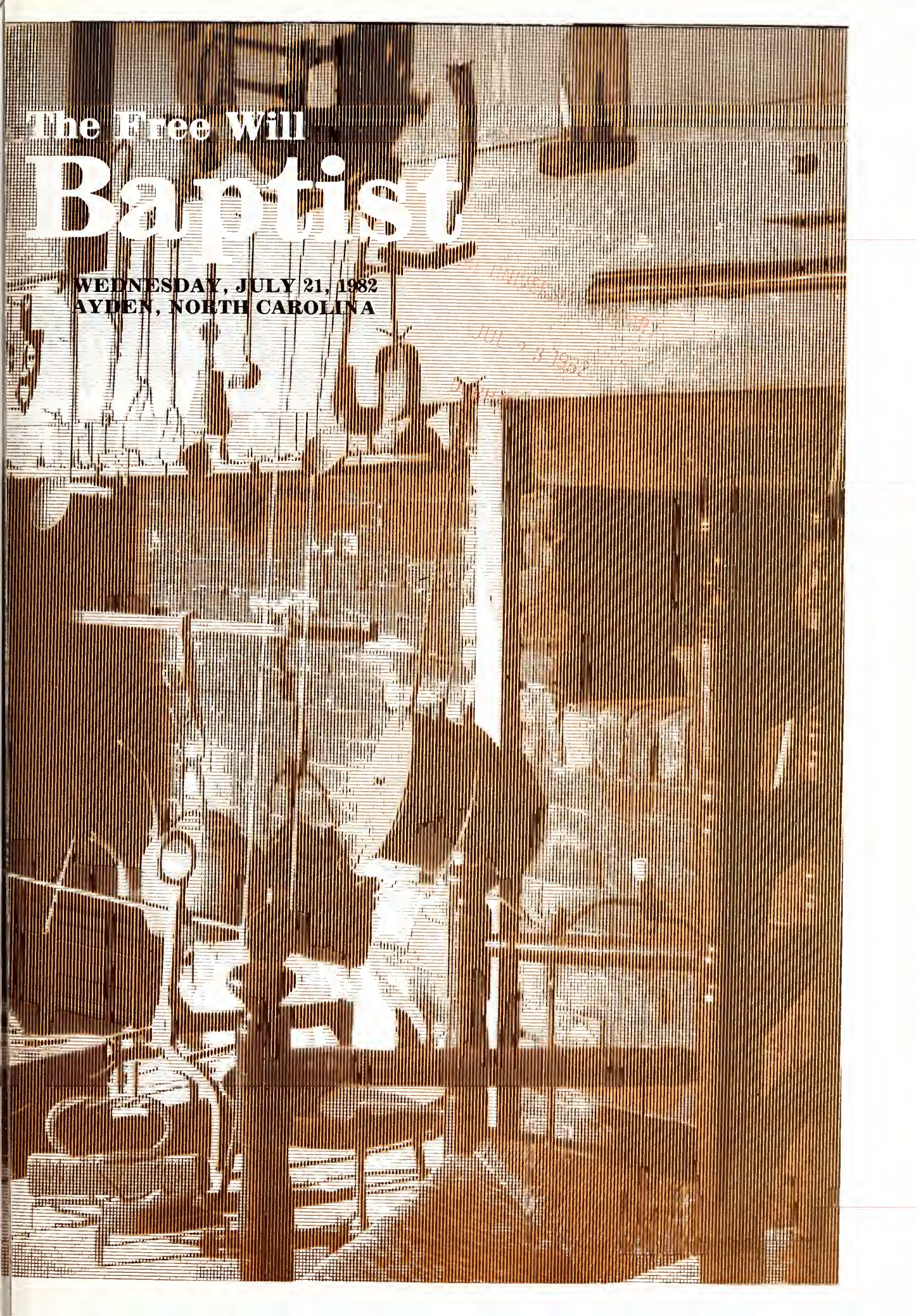
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## Food for Thought

Everyone of us has a philosophy of life, whether or not we realize it. We preach it daily by the way we live; and others see and recognize it, whether we do or not. Among some of the most well-known laws of life are: "know thyself" (Greek philosophy), "control thyself" (Roman philosophy), "give thyself" (Christian philosophy), "get all you can as quickly as you can" (pig-pen philosophy), "get all you can for nothing" (bingo philosophy), and "do all that others do" (street philosophy).

There are several truths on which we should found our philosophies. The first of these is: ours is a purposeful world. We must never forget that God created our cosmos; we are beneath the clouds, God is above them; man lives in the shadows, Christ is the light. God is the ruler of all creation; He holds the scepter of all power and man can only go as far as God permits—and not one step further.

When his daughter was so boisterous one evening that he could not read the newspaper, a father thought he had determined a means by which he could occupy her. The man tore a large map, found in the paper he had been trying to read, into many small pieces and gave it to her for reassembling. The girl was delighted by the challenge, but only took a few minutes to accomplish the task set before her. Her father did not understand how she had put the map together so quickly. "There was a big picture of a man on the other side," she replied to his query. "I put him together and turned it over; when I did, I found that if the man was right, the world would be, too!" We need to remember this, for you see, we usually think that a failure on the part of man points to the failure of God. No, we just need to remember a second great truth—ours is an imperfect world.

The world in which we live is an imperfect world because it is inhabited by imperfect people. As long as we are on this side of Heaven, perfection will not be attained—although some do make greater strides than others.

There are no perfect marriages. She who trips and is told, "Careful, Sweet," before marriage, afterwards hears, "Pick up your feet!"

There is no perfect nation. We all feel that America, our beloved home, is far better than all others. The difference between our country and others is found in its soul, for the spirit of America is Christian. Since this is true, "what our fathers with so much difficulty secured do not basely relinquish." We should seek to conserve the religious heritage, liberty, convictions, and heroic character which make us what we are; we need "sturdy souls who know themselves to be sons of God in pursuit of His will."

There are no perfect churches; and if there were, no one could pastor them! (Many people feel compelled to inform others of all that is wrong with their church; they also point to most problems as being the result of their pastor's "illness"—they are sick of him!) How we need to confess: "we have left undone those things which we ought to have done and done those things which we ought not to have done."

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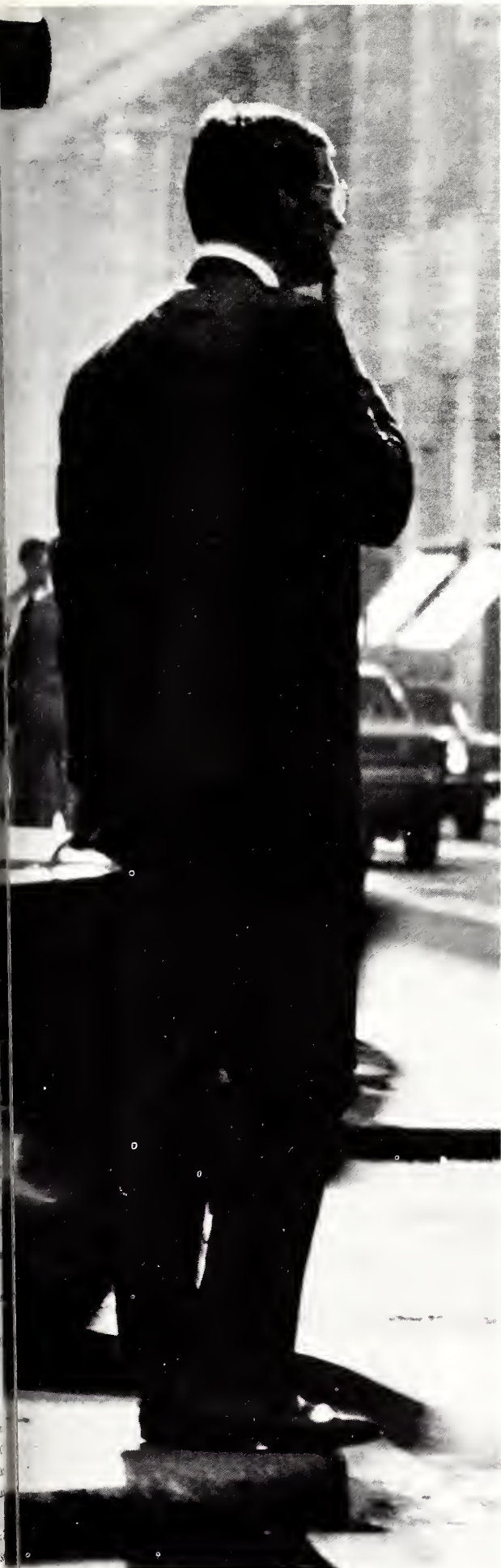
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## What Ministers Wish Their People Knew About Ministers

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*by Bass Mitchell*

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I would like to share with you some of the things which most ministers wish their people knew about ministers. My purpose is to give you some insight into the life of ministers, their feelings, problems, their view of the ministry itself, the unique tensions and demands of the ministry. It is my hope that with this insight a way can be opened for more dialogue, greater understanding, and increased mutual support between the ministry and the laity. Perhaps you can use this article as a basis or a stimulation for discussion with your minister. We ministers have often criticized our people for a lack of sensitivity to the needs and demands of the ministerial life, but what have we done to help our people become aware of them? I hope that this article will help some ministers to do just this.

Ministers wish that their people would understand that they are very human. There has developed a tendency in the church to place the minister and his family on a high pedestal of holy living. The minister is expected to embody in his life a perfect and pure example of the Christian life. To a certain degree this is understandable. The minister who does not take the claims of the gospel he preaches seriously enough to make them a real

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part of his life has no right to call himself a Christian, much less a minister. But does such a standard apply only to the ordained ministry? Is it fair or Christian to apply high moral standards for the minister and have another set of standards and expectations for our own lives?

Ministers have helped to foster this double standard because many of us find it satisfying and flattering to our egos. Conceit and self-righteousness are prevalent and ever-present dangers in the ministry. When we ministers begin to think that everything we do and say is the gospel, that we cannot be wrong, that everyone must agree with us, then we have lost sight of our humanity, our fallibility, our vulnerability to all the temptations and frailties of being human. But there are many ministers who are painfully aware of their humanness, their faults, and their limitations. They want to cry out to their people, "I'm human!" "I hurt!" "I'm trying to be a Christian just like you! 'I'm tempted, imperfect, make mistakes, and have needs!'"

In the light of the high expectations of their people, some ministers find it most difficult to express such feelings in the fear that they will let them down by being human, by being themselves. It is because of his or her humanity that a true ministry is possible. The minister is able to identify with the bereaved family because he too has experienced such grief. He can minister to the sick because he has known sickness. He understands anger, hatred, feelings of self-worthlessness and inadequacy, joy and happiness because he is human.

Ministers want their people to know that they are human and need help to accept their humanity. You can help by having reasonable expectations of your minister. Expect the same quality of Christian living for your own life that you do for your minister. After all, God has called all of us to holy living.

Something else that ministers wish their people knew about ministers is that they do not like to be compared with one another, especially the new minister and the former one. When the new minister begins his pastorate, he has different ideas, approaches, a different personality and educational background. When his own uniqueness begins to show, someone might say, "That's not the way our former pastor did it!" To say the least, this makes the new minister feel uncomfortable and that he is not really accepted. Certainly if he is being constantly compared to former ministers, he is not free to be himself and a pastor with the unique gifts that he brings to the ministry. Can you imagine what it would be like in a marriage if one of the marriage partners had been married before and kept comparing the present

partner with the former? You must let your former pastors be just that, former. This does not mean that you cease to love them, to associate with them, and even invite them to the church; rather, it means that you have a new minister, who needs and deserves the same respect and love which you gave to your former minister.

No two ministers are exactly alike. Every minister has different talents and will desire to work the hardest in those areas in the life of the church where they can contribute the most. Differences are healthy and should be welcomed as a blessing. Would you really want every one of your ministers to be exactly alike and do the same things? You can recognize the individuality by not comparing your minister to the former minister or to any other ministers. Try to get to know your minister as an individual, with unique contributions he can bring to your church.

Ministers wish that their people knew that ministers have to make a living like everyone else. Ministers are often reluctant to talk about money. They do not want to give the impression that their only concern is a financial one. Yet, the minister, like everyone, is concerned about the financial security of his family. He has a family to support and inflation is doing the same thing to his salary that it is to everyone else's. It is my opinion that the minister's family must come first. What kind of ministry can he really provide for the church if he cannot take care of the needs of his family? The call to the ministry is not a call to poverty for the minister and his family.

The minister who is constantly pressed and occupied with financial concerns because he is underpaid is a minister who cannot devote his full attention to the needs of the church. Usually, this means that he will be forced to get another job. Paul had to resort to tent-making in order to support himself so that he could continue preaching. When ministers must resort to "tent-making," then they suffer, their families suffer, and the whole church suffers. The most important concerns which any pulpit committee should consider as the top priority are the needs of their church, what kind of ministry they need, and obtaining the minister who is the best qualified in light of those needs. Too often the main concern is getting a minister as cheaply as possible. With the need of the church clearly in mind, consideration should then be given to what is a reasonable and fair salary to offer the minister who has the training and experience to help meet those needs.

A growing concern among ordained ministers is to own a house. Perhaps many of you know what security and how good it feels

own or be paying for your house. It is difficult for the minister and his family to have such feelings while living in a parsonage. Some ministers and their families are perfectly content to live in the parsonage, but others are not content, simply because the parsonage belongs to the church, not to them. Such a minister is plagued with the thought of what would happen to his family if he suddenly died and left no house for his family. It is a blight on the church when a minister can spend his life in service to the church and then end up without a place he can call his home.

A friend of mine, who is a minister, was recently called to pastor a church. He related his concern about owning a house for his family. The church decided to sell the parsonage and put the money into savings. They paid him a monthly housing allowance from that money which was drawing considerable interest. He was then able to build a house and we helped him move into it a few months ago. I wish each of you could have seen their faces. They were extremely happy and grateful to the church for being so sensitive to their needs. When the church expresses such sensitivity to the needs of the minister and his family, then the minister's sensitivity to the needs of the church family is increased, as is his willingness to give even more of himself to meet those needs. The church that constantly ignores the needs of the minister cannot expect that minister to be able to adequately meet their needs.

Another thing that pastors wish their people knew about ministers is that the church loves the minister and not his wife. The church should not expect to get two for the price of one, so to speak. This does not mean that the wife of the minister will not support and even assist her husband; rather, she has a life and most likely a vocation of her own. I know a minister who was called to a church and before they moved into the community his wife was elected as the pianist. The church never bothered to check with her first. It should not be automatically assumed that she will desire to take on such responsibilities. The wife of the minister should be allowed, without any undue pressure, to take the place of service in the church as a regular member. She needs some time to adjust to the church and see where she can make the best contribution.

Another major concern of the minister's wife grows out of the nature of the ministry itself. The demands on the minister's time often takes time away from his opportunities to be with his family. The minister does not work from 8 to 5 and then come home, leaving the work at the church. He is on call 24 hours a day. The weekends and holidays for most of the busy times are times when they can be together, off

from work, and just relax. Not so for the minister and his family. During the weekend and holidays, the minister is the busiest. If he puts the time into the other pastoral duties which are required during the week such as visiting, counseling, conducting funerals and weddings, preparing his sermons and program for Wednesday night, and meeting with all the committees and other groups in the church, then he has a limited schedule for family activities. Realizing this, some churches allow and require their ministers to take up to a month of vacation time, which allows for several mini-vacations with the minister and his wife alone and others with the children.

Another problem which often confronts the minister's wife is a loss of identity. She may not mind being thought of as "the preacher's or the minister's wife," as long as it is not forgotten that she has a name, that she is a person in her own right. She just wants to be free to be who she is without being forced into a stereotyped role.

There are many other problems and tensions for the spouse of the minister. You can help by letting them be themselves and be understanding if they do not particularly fit your conception of "the minister's wife."

Perhaps one of the most crucial things that ministers wish their people knew about ministers is that all Christians are ministers. The ordained ministry is often thought of as "the ministry," as if it was the only one or the most important one. The ordained ministry is only a part of the whole ministry of the church. We are all ministers! We are all servants! We are all called by God as ambassadors! The body of Christ does not consist of one member but of many. If a Christian should say, "Because I am not an ordained minister, I do not belong to the body of Christ," that would slim the body of Christ considerably! As it is, there are many parts, yet only one body. The ordained minister cannot say to the lay person, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable. Just because you do not preach from the pulpit and administer the sacraments does not make the ministry you provide inferior. You are important! We make up one body, one holy priesthood. We are a community of ministers, ministering to each other's needs, bearing each other's burdens, rejoicing with each other, uniting with each other in the glorious cause of the gospel. If we can ever realize that degree of oneness, if we ever attain that level of sensitivity to each other's needs, then ordained ministers will never have anything that they wish their people knew about ministers, for their people would already know.



# THE JOY OF MY SALVATION

*by Ginger Rowland*

It was June 26, 1981, at Cragmont, when I finally realized that Jesus is my Saviour and Lord. It was the happiest time of my life. I was filled with a wonderful joy.

Since that day, I have had many trials. I have learned that each day that gets closer to Jesus' coming the trials get harder. I have to lean on Jesus more and more.

Sometimes I get away from God, but He always knows how to get me back on the right track.

I wish everyone in the whole world could feel the joy and happiness that I and many more Christians have felt.

Let me tell you of a time about two years ago before I had accepted Christ. I was praying for my father and two brothers who live in Florida and all of a sudden it dawned on me that they were not saved. I had never thought of them as not being saved. I cried and I prayed. I told God that I would be very, very sad in Heaven if He didn't save my father and brothers.

Each night I did the same thing over and over, until I finally realized that crying wouldn't help me get anywhere. I started thinking of how I could witness to them. That is when I started to get closer to God.

I began writing to my father. He would never write me back, so I wrote to my brothers. They wouldn't write to me either, I didn't give up. I kept on writing. I have been writing ever since. They still haven't written except for my brother Rodney. He wrote to my mom and told her that Jesus had come into his life. My mom was

so happy she could have burst, and I was happy, too.

I'm letting God take care of my problems now. I believe that my dad and brother, Roy, are going to be saved pretty soon.

Another time was just last September. My grandfather was put in the hospital. He had a bad leg that had to be amputated. My grandfather was not saved. After the doctors amputated his leg, he had a rough time recovering. The stub of the leg was not healing. The doctors X-rayed the stub. They found that it was infected. They moved him to the hospital at Chapel Hill, where further studies could be held. The doctors tried to help him, but they couldn't. That was when I got worried. I started to pray harder than ever that Jesus would save Granddaddy's soul.

Well, Granddaddy came back to New Bern. God must have seen fit to save Granddaddy's soul, because Granddad was a new person. He wasn't really happy, because of the pain, but he realized that God was the only one who could take away his pain.

He went home after that. Each day he got better and better. Then one day, he just got worse. After that it was all downhill. He returned to the hospital, this time in more pain than ever. He was losing his mind more and more. It got so bad, he didn't know how to feed himself. He was so helpless. I knew if he died I would know where he was going.

Later he wasn't anything but a vegetable. He couldn't recognize anyone. He finally lost his speech. He couldn't see very much either. We lost all hope.

It was near Christmas and my mom was going to call my brothers so they could come and see my grandfather before he passed away. She didn't because the doctors said that he was going to be just fine. That wasn't very true. He got worse. One night, Mom thought that she had better go and stay with Granddaddy. The night passed by. It was about 7:30 in the morning when Mom called. She answered and Mom was crying. She said, "Well, Granddaddy is not in any more pain."

I knew right then that he had passed away. Mom called Rodney and Roy in Florida. Roy answered. Mom said the same thing she had said to me. Roy said, thinking Granddaddy was better, "Oh, that's good!" When Mom explained what she meant, Roy couldn't believe it. He kept on asking why couldn't they have done something for him.

Rodney and Roy came home for Christmas. It was a bad, bad holiday. It didn't seem like Christmas without Granddaddy. Grandmama had gone to Charleston to stay with some of my aunts. On Christmas Eve we usually have a party at Grandmama and Granddaddy's house, but this year we didn't. It was so boring, I was depressed.

That was an experience I will never forget. I was so happy at first and then I was sad. I know where my Granddaddy is. He is in a much better place than I was. I will see him some day, and that day is going to be very, very soon. I'm going to be praying that every one who has not been saved will be saved before it is too late.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT YOUTH HAVE FIELD DAY



The Central District Youth met at Farmville Central High School on May 15 for their annual field day.

After registration of YFAs, AFCs, and Cherubs from seven churches, events began. Each participant competed in 3 of the following events: 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 880-relay, running broad jump, softball throw for accuracy, softball throw for distance, and three-legged sack race. Special events for the Cherubs were tennis ball throw for distance and 50-yard dash.



Following the events trophies were awarded by Lisa Carraway, president, to the churches earning the most points overall. First place trophies were given to King's Cross Roads YFA and Marlboro AFC. Second place trophies went to Marlboro YFA and Tarboro AFC. Third place trophies went to Rose of Sharon YFA and Elm Grove AFC. Cherubs winners were Michael Cale from Marlboro in tennis ball throw and to Bobby Jones from Elm Grove in the 50-yard dash.



Lisa Carraway, president of Central District youth, then announced her resignation effective June 1 due to her coming marriage and change of churches. Everyone enjoyed a cookout for supper.

Praise the Lord for such a beautiful day and for taking care of His little one who had an accident that day. Thanks to all the Field Day Committee, Food Committee and the parents who helped out and gave their support.

Wendy Mills, of Greenville Church, vice president, will take over the duties of president until March of 1983 when new officers will be elected. Next meeting of the Central District will be FUN DAY AT CAMP VANDEMERE JULY 31. Watch for details.

Joan Little  
*Central District Youth Chairman*



## GODWINS HONORED ON PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

by Mrs. Ray Warwick



*The Rev. and Mrs. Felton Godwin*

Saint Paul and Oak Grove Churches, near Newton Grove, co-hosted a Pastor Appreciation Day at Saint Paul Church on Sunday, May 30, for their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Felton Godwin.

Ray Warwick, master of ceremonies, directed the honorees to sit at the altar, where they received many surprises, including gifts of flowers, money, and a silver tray from the churches and an appreciation plaque from both church auxiliaries.

Music was furnished by the Sweetheart Choir of Saint Paul Church and by a combined choir from both churches.

Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, was the guest speaker. During his message, Dr. Raper praised the Godwins for their many years of Christian leadership and community service.

In further appreciation for their love and devotion to both congregations, a Felton and

Christine Godwin Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in their honor. This will be a permanent investment, and the earnings from it will be used to provide a scholarship to Mount Olive College every year for a worthy student from Oak Grove or Saint Paul Church or for some other Sampson County student.

The pastor and his wife expressed their surprise, happiness and thanks for all their honors and gifts.

Dr. Michael Pelt of Mount Olive College, a former pastor of Saint Paul Church, prayed the prayer of benediction, which included grace for the meal. A bountiful meal and Christian fellowship concluded the program.

## GINGER ROWLAND: ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



*Ginger Rowland*

Eleven-year-old Ginger Rowland wrote the article entitled "The Joy of the Lord" found on Page 6 of this issue. She won first place in the AFC Essay contest sponsored by the North Carolina State Youth Convention with this work earlier this year.

Young Ginger attends Arapahoe Free Will Baptist

Church, Arapahoe, North Carolina.

## GOD'S WORD GREETES VISITORS

Millions of visitors who pass their way through the turnstile at the Knoxville World's Fair the next few months will receive a strong spiritual boost from the Scriptures created specially for them by the American Bible Society (ABS) and others.

Taking their cue from the fair's own theme of "Energy, Baptist Ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention have included passages from John's Gospel, as well as Isaiah, Acts and Romans in a program designed and printed for them by ABS which lists daily multi-media and musical events at their pavilion.

When they come to the Church Presence at the Fair exhibit, an area set aside for outreach evangelism by a widely representative group of churches, fair attendees will be given a brochure with a striking "Power" cover and excerpts from the Gospels of John and Matthew, together with Psalm 8.

Scripture selections can be seen along the way to Knoxville.

Said Henry Drummond, the modern apostle of theistic evolution, toward the close of his life: "I am going way back to the Book, the Bible, to believe and to receive it as I did at the first. My soul can no longer rest on uncertainties!"



## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Pleasant Grove Sunday School Is Chosen Sunday School of Year



Teachers of Pleasant Grove Church Sunday School: First row: Brenda Arnham, Renee Pittman, Sherl Smith; second row: Kitty Glover, Kay Barnes, Myllis Bass, Tempie Jones; third row: Ethel Glover, Pauline Denning, Lida Greenup, Maybelle Fleming, Alpheus Jones, Annie Mae Howell, Dewey Pate, Cora Mae Roberts.

The First Western District Sunday School Convention met at Marsh Swamp Church on May 29, 1982. Convention officers met earlier this year and revised their bylaws in an effort to improve the convention. The major change was to select Sunday school of the year using the old six-point system plus evaluating each Sunday school's program.

first Sunday school of the year by the Western District Sunday School Convention. They presented the program at the convention stressing the point that it is important for young and old alike to attend Sunday school every Sunday. Under the leadership of their pastor, the Rev. Bobby Taylor, Pleasant Grove is truly a growing church. It is the prayer of the Sunday School Convention that all Free Will Baptist churches will get on fire for Christ.

### High School Graduates' Day At Palmer Memorial Church

On May 30, Palmer Memorial Church had Graduates' Day. After the call to worship by the choir, the graduates were escorted by Mrs. Dewey Boling to special pews reserved for them and their families. The congregation stood as the organist played, "Pomp and Circumstance." The communion table was decorated with a beautiful flower arrangement in honor of the graduates by the Rev. and Mrs. Boling. The pews were adorned with beautiful

bows made out of the graduates' school colors. This year there were 2 graduates: Teresa Norris and Stan Perrittee, both of whom won awards as outstanding students.



Mrs. Boling, Teresa Norris and Stan Perrittee

As the congregation entered the vestibule, there was a display of the graduates, along with the awards and pictures of them as babies and graduates. During the message, Mr. Boling challenged the graduates to not only try to achieve the goals they set in the vocation of life but to achieve a very high standard of Christian living in the process. At the close of the service, Mr. Boling called the graduates and their families to the altar for a special prayer.

During the evening service, the parents of the graduates gave them a very nice reception in the fellowship building.

### Father's Day At Reedy Branch

Reedy Branch Church, Winterville, had a beautiful Father's Day service.

Jimmy Stocks sang a lovely solo entitled, "My Tribute."

There were four special fathers honored. The oldest father was Wilbur Worthington

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Officers of Pleasant Grove Church Sunday School: First row: Nancy Overman, J. D. Jones; second row: Worth Cerman, Shelton Denning, the Rev. Ebby Taylor.

Pleasant Grove Church near Lakeville was selected as the



who was 72. Mike Fredette was the youngest father. The father who had the most family present was S. A. Paramore Jr. The father of the youngest child was Thomas Bowen. Each one was remembered with a special gift from the church.

The Rev. Willis Wilson gave the message, not only for fathers but for mothers also. It was very inspiring, about "Parents Who Are Worthy of Honor."

For the evening service there was a baptismal service. Edward Buck was baptized by Mr. Wilson. Edward wanted to give his dad, Mike Buck, a Father's Day to always remember.

### Western District Youth to Meet

As announced during the June Youth Rally, the next meeting of Western District youth will be held at the Children's Home in Middlessex on July 24. There will be many events held for the day in the form of recreation, music, and fellowship. The schedule for the day's activities is as follows:

- 9:30 —Registration
- 10:00-11:30—Games
- 11:30-12:30—Softball Game
- 12:30- 1:30—Lunch
- 1:30- 3:30—Swimming
- 3:30- 4:30—Concert

Be sure to dress comfortably for these activities and bring items such as softball gloves and swimsuits. Equipment for the games and for softball, such as balls and bats, will be provided.

Each person is asked to bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided by the Children's Home, free of charge.

Each person needs to wear a white paper nametag for use during the games.

A love offering will be taken during the day for the musical group who will be singing for the occasion. Please come prepared to give.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Mel Warren, Corresponding

Secretary, at 284-3860 or Suzanne Coates, Youth Chairman, at 965-6740.

### Shiloh Church Honors Pastor

The members of Shiloh Church at Pinetown honored their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Royce Reynolds, with a surprise anniversary party on Wednesday evening, June 23, 1982, at the church fellowship building on the occasion of the couple's 16th wedding anniversary. The surprise party immediately followed the church's regular Wednesday night Bible study.

A two-tiered wedding cake was prepared by Mrs. Hazel Waters, who served first slices to the honored couple and then to the other guests. Teresa Carawan presided at the punch bowl.

Approximately 50 guests were in attendance. The good fellowship was enjoyed by everyone present.

### Faith Mission Has Contest



Faith Mission, Leland, had a Sunday school attendance contest between the ladies and the men of the church. The losers had to prepare a meal for the winners of the ten-week contest. The ladies brought 22 visitors and the men only brought 17. The men prepared a meal on July 18 for the ladies, but don't forget, God is the winner!

### Palmer Memorial Church Honors Graduates

On May 23, Palmer Memorial Church, Garner, observed College Graduates' Day. This year there were four: Ted Sherrod from North Carolina State University with a B. S. in Biological Agricultural Engineering, Carol Shupe from Mount Olive College with a Business degree, Tammy Wright from Troutmans College of Hair Styling, and Robin Strickland, who attended LeMcRae College, North Carolina State University and graduated from Wake Technical College. The graduates sat with their families during the worship service. Mr. Boling stressed the importance of the learning they had obtained in school and from the Bible. He stated that if they would use their learning in faith any goal they might set for themselves in life was attainable. At the close of the service, he called the graduates and their families to the altar where he offered an inspiring prayer for them.

The Ladies Auxiliary gave each graduate a gift, and they all had lunch at the Western Sizzlin with the Rev. and Mr. Dewey Boling.

That evening after the service the parents of the graduates gave them a very nice reception in the fellowship building. This was well attended. May all of the churches feel as proud of their graduates as does Palmer Memorial.

### Sound Side Church to Have Revival

Revival services will be held at Sound Side Church near Columbia, July 26-31. The time the services is 7:45 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. J. Griffith, pastor of St. Paul Church, Elizabeth City. There will be special singing each night. The pastor is the Rev. N. D. Wiggs. Everyone is invited to attend.

## FIVE BAPTIZED



*Five candidates enter the water led by the Rev. Roger Malinao and Pastor Andrino Segay, as the Rev. Fred Baker looks on.*

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19).

On Sunday, May 2, 1982, five new converts entered the Pacific waters of Puerto Princesa Bay to receive the ordinance of believer's baptism. These five young people represent a portion of the fruit that has resulted from the Lord's harvest efforts among the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines.

The Rev. Pio dela Rosa delivered the seaside baptismal sermon. The Rev. Roger Malinao, assisted by Pastor Andrino Segay, accompanied the candidates into the water. Brother Malinao there carried out our Lord's command by baptizing the candidates by immersion in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

We praise God for the continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our efforts to fulfill His Great Commission. We have seen His answers to your prayers in a very personal and moving way. Please continue to

pray for your missionaries and national workers as we labor in the Lord's vineyard.

Charles Barnard

## REPORT ON THE BARNARD FAMILY'S VISAS

"For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward" (Isaiah 52:12).

This verse was quoted in the letter from "Mom" Willey, read by the Rev. C. F. Bowen at our Commissioning Service. These comforting words have echoed true time and again in our lives since that unforgettable evening. As someone has so aptly phrased it, "We serve a great big wonderful God!"

On April 20, 1982, Brother Baker and I submitted the paperwork required to change the visa status of the Barnard family from that of tourist (9a) to pre-arranged employment (9g). The agent handling our request then told us that Brother Baker would have to return to Manila, possibly in June, to meet with a lawyer from the Department of Immigration and Deportation. As so often happens the Lord saw fit to intervene in the affairs of His children!

On the following Monday, April 26, we were able to meet with the Commission's lawyer. At that time Brother Fred presented the reasons for the need of the Barnards as part of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines. We are now waiting for news from the Immigration Department as to when and where we can pick up our visas.

Concerning this matter there is one urgent prayer request. While we were in the meeting

with the lawyer we were informed of a new policy change concerning the 9g visa requirements. The new procedure requires the visa applicant to pick up his visa prior to entering the country. This would mean that the Barnard family would have to leave the Philippines and visit another country in order to pick up our visas, once approved. Based upon the fact that we were already in country when this policy change was ordered we have asked for a waiver allowing us to pick the visas up in Manila.

We fully expect God to work this out in the Sovereignty of His will. Please pray concerning this matter. We will let you know of any further advancements as they arise.

Charles Barnard

## SCHOOL IS OUT

Hello to each of you from the Baker Family. We pray that all is well with you.

Kim, Stevie and I finished their schooling around the first of June. Kim is now eleven years old and has just finished the sixth grade. Stevie is now nine years old and just finished the third grade. We are thankful and glad to have completed this year's school work.

It has been a great privilege and a great challenge to teach them. Teaching them has been a very rewarding experience for me, but of course, frustrating at times. It wasn't always easy, but I can truly say God has been faithful. We thank and praise God for His help through all four years of their schooling. Please join us in praise to God for this.

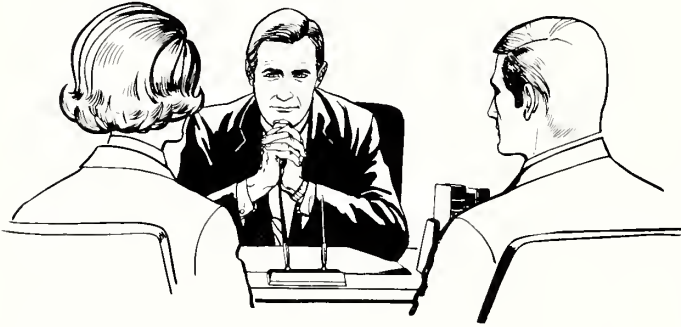
We would like to ask each of you to continue to pray for Kim and Stevie. Please pray for

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"... Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

## WHEN THE FAMILY NEEDS MORE THAN YOUR CHURCH CAN OFFER



Ask them to let you contact one of our Family Services workers at the Children's Home and let them explain the services our Children's Home can offer them during their time of need.

As soon as an appointment can be arranged, a representative from the Children's Home will come to your community and meet with you, your pastor, and the family.

If our Children's Home is not prepared to meet the family's needs, our Family Services workers can aid the family in getting the assistance it needs.

**You must not delay!** Unresolved minor family problems can become major problems. **Free Will Baptists can offer families a Christian alternative in**

- (a) family counseling,
- (b) and especially, in the field of child care.

If we fail to reach them with a healing, redeeming love of Christ, the family's problems may worsen to the point the county has to intervene.

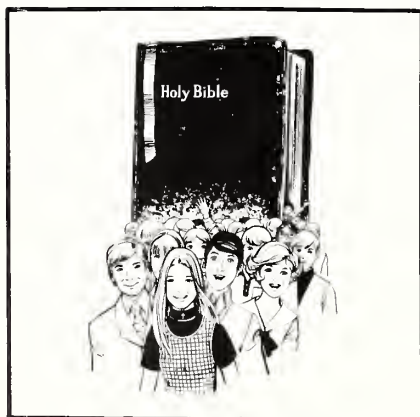
Quite often family crises develop into serious problems before you become aware of them and you will need help.

Churches and pastors can turn to our capable Family Services workers at the Children's Home to help clarify and respond to a family's needs.

When it becomes evident to you that a family will need care beyond the ability of your local church and community, especially where it seems the children will need to be removed from the home, tell them about "A Christian Home for Boys and Girls."



## WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REACH THEM ALL, BUT WE CAN REACH SOME



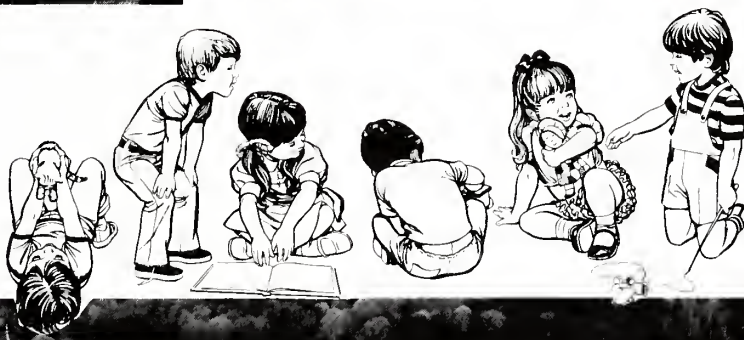
You, the members of your church, and your pastor are like the shepherd who goes out into the hills and seeks the lost and straying sheep. Once you have found the lost sheep, you may need help in ministering to their needs.

Like the Good Samaritan, you may need to find a good place where care can be given over an extended period of time. Our Children's Home can offer families the time they need to work on their problems, to renew marriage vows, to get on their feet financially, and to put their broken homes together again while their children are in a safe, secure environment.



## CHRISTIAN ALTERNATIVE

When family needs are greater than the resources of your church, the Children's Home can give you help.



The Free Will Baptist Children's Home provides licensed, quality, Christian group care for boys and girls. We want to be your partner in child care.





## PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

by W. Burkette Raper

\$1,500,00	Goal in gifts and pledges set by Board of Trustees for beginning construction.
1,359,000	Gifts (\$601,000) and Pledge Balances (\$758,000), July 12.
\$ 141,000	Amount required in gifts and pledges to begin construction.

Our goal is to raise the additional \$141,000 in gifts and pledges by the end of August. Since May 24, 1982, gifts and new pledges have totaled \$201,720.

**College Hall: "If Not Now, When?"**

## GROUNDBREAKING SERVICE FOR COLLEGE HALL: AUGUST 29

The long-awaited groundbreaking service for College Hall has been scheduled for Sunday, August 29, at 4 p.m. on the new campus site where the building will be constructed.

The College anticipates receiving bids during August and construction can begin as soon as gifts and pledges total \$1,500,000.

A unique groundbreaking event is planned. The perimeter of the building will be marked off and every Free Will Baptist Church is invited to participate. A different area of the perimeter will be designated for each conference, and the pastor and a lay representative from each church are invited to bring a shovel and help break ground. Other church members in attendance will stand behind their pastor and it is hoped that all churches will be represented so that every space on the perimeter will be filled.

## PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Gum Swamp Church, Pitt County, on Sunday, July 25, at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Gum Swamp Church is the Rev. Ray Williamson.

## FIRST RECIPIENT OF NAN GARNER SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED



Robin Anne Johnson

Robin Anne Johnson of Dudley will be the first recipient of the Nan Garner Scholarship recently established at Mount Olive College. The award was provided by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. (Ted) Garner Jr., of Mount Olive, in memory of their daughter, Marsha Nan. The Garner Scholarship is endowed and will provide a \$1,000 scholarship annually.

Robin, a classmate of Nan's, will receive the scholarship for the 1982-83 academic year. She

is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Johnson of Dudley.

At Southern Wayne, Robin was president of the National Honor Society, senate corresponding secretary of the Student Council, a yearbook assistant, and a member of the Spanish Club, and the National Art Honor Society.

As a recipient of the Nan Garner Scholarship, Robin was selected on the basis of merit and the fact that she is a graduate of Southern Wayne High School.

Nan, a senior at Southern Wayne, was planning to enroll in Mount Olive College this fall, but she was killed in an automobile accident on January 10. Nan, too, was active in various high school organizations.

In accepting the award, Robin stated that she felt "honored to be the first recipient" of the scholarship. She expressed her appreciation to the Garners and noted that many other young people would also be given an "opportunity" through the memorial.

Both the Garner and Johnson families are members of Northeast Church of Mount Olive.

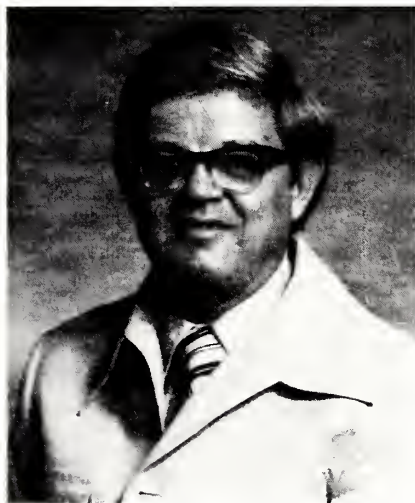
## MINISTERS' INSTITUTE IN AUGUST

The annual Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College will be held from 9:30-4 p.m. on Monday, August 9, and from 9-4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10. Topics are "The Minister and Crisis Ministry" and "The Minister and His Financial Planning."

The program, which is planned by a representative group of Free Will Baptist ministers, will include Dr. Eugene Sumner and Calvin Mercer. Dr. Sumner is chairman of the Department of

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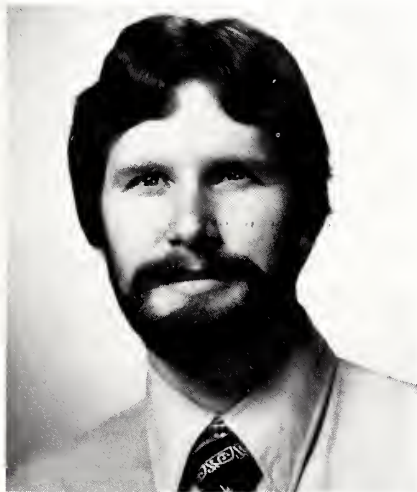
Sociology and Social Work at Meredith College and Calvin Mercer is a professor in the department of religion at Mount Olive College. Other Institute speakers will be featured in articles to appear in *The Free Will Baptist*.



*Dr. Eugene Sumner*

Dr. Sumner will speak on "Ministry to the Divorced and Single Parent Family" as part of the session on Crisis Ministry.

Dr. Sumner holds degrees from Mount Olive College, Atlantic Christian College, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, U.N.C. at Chapel Hill, and the University of Utah. He is an ordained minister and a member of Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church. He is also a member of Mount Olive College's board of trustees.



*Calvin Mercer*

Calvin Mercer will speak on "Biblical Foundations of the  
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Ministry," also as part of the session on Crisis Ministry.

Mercer is a Ph.D candidate at Florida State University. He holds degrees from U.N.C. at Chapel Hill, and Southeastern Baptist Seminary. He is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield.

For additional information and registration, contact Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College at 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

## *Camp Vandemere*

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT CAMP VANDEMERE**

The following is the schedule of organized activities issued by the Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere for the remainder of the summer.

The week of August 9-13, for all children and youth, will be directed by the Revs. Doug Skinner and Dwight Hawley. For reservations send \$5 and application to the Rev. Doug Skinner, Arapahoe, NC 28510. The remainder (\$35) will be due upon arrival.

The week of August 16-20 is sponsored by the State Sunday School Convention under the direction of the Rev. Chris Singleton. Send reservation, application and \$5 to the Rev. Chris Singleton, P. O. Box 162, Beulaville, NC 28518, phone 298-3520.

The Prayer Retreat, August 20, 21, will be directed by Dean Kennedy. For information, reservation and application contact Mr. Kennedy, Route 2, Box 297-A, Pink Hill, NC 28572.

### **PRAYER RETREAT**

Camp Vandemere is sponsoring a Prayer Retreat for Friday and Saturday, August 20, 21 beginning with the evening meal on Friday at 6 p.m. to last

as long as there is a need. This retreat will be directed by Mr. Dean Kennedy. He states, "This will be a retreat of prayer, with prayer meetings going on all night. Special emphasis will be on praying for the Lord to 'Send forth Laborers.' " A special invitation is issued to all our denominational leaders to attend and let us join in united prayer. The only cost will be for meals and \$5 for overnight accommodation for those who wish to spend the night. If anyone is interested in spending the night they are asked to bring their pillow, sheets, blankets, etc, and their Bible.

It is important that advance reservations be made. Send reservations to Dean Kennedy, Route 2, Box 297-A, Pink Hill, NC 28572.

*Ralph Sumner*

### **COMING EVENTS**

*July*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

*July 26—30*—Young Peoples Bible Conference, the Rev. Sam Weeks, Director, Cragmont

*August*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as State Convention Promotional Month

*August 2*—Foreign Missions Board of Directors Meeting, Free Will Baptist Headquarters, Ayden

*August 2-7*—Woman's Auxiliary Conference, Mrs. Dola Dudley, Director, Cragmont

*August 3*—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

*August 3*—Board of Superannuation Meeting, 1 p.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

*August 9, 10*—Ministers' Institute, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive



## SUNDAY, 25 JULY

Scripture Reading—Philippians 1:1-17

### NEVER MIND!

Sometimes, when nothing goes just right,  
And worry reigns supreme,  
When heartache fills the eyes with mist,  
And all things useless seem,  
There's just one thing can drive away  
The tears that scald and blind—  
Someone to slip a strong arm 'round  
And whisper, "Never mind."

No one has ever told just why  
Those words such comfort bring;  
Nor why that whisper makes our cares  
Depart on hurried wing.  
Yet troubles say a quick "Good-day,"  
We leave them far behind  
When someone slips an arm around  
And whispers, "Never mind."

*But love must prompt that soft caress  
That love must, aye, be true  
Or at that tender, clinging touch  
No heart ease come to you,  
But if the arm be moved by love,  
Sweet comfort you will find  
When someone slips an arm around,  
And whispers, "Never mind!"*

## MONDAY, 26 JULY

Scripture Reading—Philippians 1:18-30

### IT'S A SHAME!

A Christian young man left his home in the country and got a job in a city office. "By God's help, I'll live a clean, consistent life before the people with whom I work," he resolved. Some professing Christians made sarcastic remarks about him. "He's narrow," they said.

A man in the office, who did not profess to be a Christian, greatly admired the younger man for his courage. He said, "Stick to what you believe, Sonny. Keep it up!"

The young man thought much about those encouraging words. "It is a shame," he thought, "that Christians often gossip about one another instead of trying to help one another in the Christian walk. Here is a man of the world giving me

encouragement to continue in the Christian life at all costs."

*"How much better and brighter the world would be if more Christians were using their tongues to help others and not hinder them."*

## TUESDAY, 27 JULY

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:1-16

### A LITTLE PUSH AND PULL

A little push when the road is steep  
May take one up the hill;  
A little prayer when the clouds hang low  
May bring the soul a thrill;  
A little lift when the load bears down  
May help one to succeed;  
A little pull when the will slows down  
May help one gain his speed.

A little clasp from a hand that's kind  
May lift from crushing care;  
A little word from a voice that's sweet  
May save one from despair;  
A little smile when the heart is sad  
May bring a sunbeam in;  
A loving word when the spirit droops  
May help one rise and win.

*A little love for a soul that's lost  
May help him seek God's grace;  
A little tear and a "God bless you"  
May brighten someone's face;  
A little deed from a Christian's heart  
May bless a weary soul;  
A little boost when the battle's hard  
May take one to his goal.*

## WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:17-30

### MANY ARE WAITING!

The writer was visiting among the sick in the great Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. Going from bed to bed, he spoke for his Master, Jesus. Nighfall was just coming. The lights in the great ward had not yet been turned on. Coming to the bed of an aged child of God, he introduced himself and spoke kindly to the sufferer. Tears of

gratitude welled in her eyes as she exclaimed, "Oh, I was just lying here, praying that God would send someone to speak some words of cheer and encouragement!" Her prayer is typical of the prayers of multiplied thousands in the streets, in the homes, in the hospitals —everywhere!

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*Oh, that my tongue might so possess  
The accent of Christ's tenderness  
That every word I breathe should bless!  
For those who mourn a word of cheer,  
A word of hope for those who fear,  
And love to all men, far and near.  
Oh, that it might be said of me,  
"Surely thy speech betrayeth thee,  
A friend of Christ of Galilee!"*

## THURSDAY, 29 JULY

Scripture Reading — Philippians 3:1-12

### COURAGE, MY BOY!

A cheerful, encouraging word, spoken long ago by an English naval officer, saved a youthful sailor from disgrace and dishonorable discharge. The sailor was only fourteen years old. During a fierce engagement with an enemy ship, the volleys from a number of firearms so frightened the sailor that he trembled and almost fainted. The officer, seeing him, came close beside him and said, "Courage, my boy! You will recover in a minute or two. I was just like you when I went into my first battle!" Afterward the young man said, "It was as if an angel had come to me and given me new strength!"

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*Only a word of kindness.  
But it lightened one heart of its grief;  
Only a word of sympathy,  
But it brought one soul relief!  
Only a word of gentle cheer,  
But it flooded with radiant light  
The pathway that seemed so dark before,  
And it made the day more bright!"*

## FRIDAY, 30 JULY

Scripture Reading — Philippians 3:13-21

### SAY IT NOW

If you have a tender message,  
Or a loving word to say,  
Don't wait till you forget it,  
But whisper it today!

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The tender words unspoken,  
The letter never sent,  
The long-forgotten messages,  
The wealth of love unspent.

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*For these some hearts are breaking,  
For these some loved ones wait,  
Then give them what they're needing,  
Before it is too late!*

## SATURDAY, 31 JULY

Scripture Reading — Philippians 4

### GOD'S "LARGE PLACE" FOR YOU

When a famous preacher arises, swaying the crowds, one by-product is that some of his contemporaries begin to imagine that they must be out of God's will or not filled with the Spirit, because they are not achieving similar results. But God is sovereign. He chooses men for special tasks, and if one hits the headlines, that is no reflection on the host of little-known ones. The Spirit divideth severally as He will. A country preacher ministering to two hundred people may be as Spirit-filled to his capacity as was Moody. Moody had around him many lesser lights who helped him in his work, who filled their orbits as well as he filled his. And what would the "big" preacher do without the help of the "small fry"? Seek neither more nor less than God's will for you. Do not compare yourself with men above or below you in station, lest you become depressed or exalted.

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*Simply find His place for you and happily  
serve Him there. Anywhere He puts you is a  
"large place"!*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

### ONE IN CHRIST

While I was conducting a meeting in Chicago near the close of World War I, I attended a fellowship dinner. There were representatives from several nations present. A Christian Jew presided over the meeting. Next to him sat a German. I, an Englishman, sat next to an Irishman. An Italian sat next to an Austrian. A Japanese sat next to a Chinese, and so on around the table. Were they fighting? Not at all! They were having the most blessed fellowship that believers can have on earth. They were united by one Spirit in Christ! At the close of the dinner, we stood and joined hands—our hearts were already united in Christian love—and sang, "Blest be the tie that binds!"

—Dr. Louis T. Talbot



For July 25

## THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER: A SHAKEN MAN

**Lesson Text:** Acts 16:25-34

**Memory Verse:** Acts 16:34

### I. INTRODUCTION

With the exception of Jesus Christ, perhaps no figure in history had had more influence on the flow of events in Europe and western civilization in the last two thousand years than the Apostle Paul. Although the gospel may have already reached European soil (namely, Rome), by the time the events recorded in today's lesson took place, Paul established churches in strategic cities as bases for expansion of the gospel into that part of the Roman Empire.

Paul was not disobedient to the urgent plea of the man from Europe, who said, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16:9).

Luke, who may have been a native of Philippi, says Philippi was an important town in Macedonia and a Roman colony (Acts 16:12). It commanded a fertile plain, was located on an important highway, and was enriched by the gold mines in the mountains to the north. Because Philippi was a Roman city, its municipal administration was modeled after that of the city of Rome. A spirit of independence marked the city.

Paul preached Christ to the God-fearers worshiping by the riverside in Philippi. Apparently the Jewish population was not large enough to warrant having a synagogue. In response to Paul's preaching, Lydia, a businesswoman, and her household believed and were baptized. The second person in Philippi described by Luke was a demon-possessed

slave girl who was exploited by her owners and who brought them much profit by fortune-telling. Paul expelled the demon from her, which brought relief to the girl but anger from her owners. Her gain of release from the evil spirit resulted in her masters' loss of material gain.

In wrathful revenge, the girl's masters took Paul and Silas to the city rulers. There they were falsely condemned and apparently were not given the opportunity to defend themselves. Against every standard of Roman justice the magistrates had them stripped and beaten. Following the severe beating, the magistrates threw Paul and Silas into jail and charged the jailer to keep the two safely.

The jailer took this charge seriously and put them in the inner prison, the most secure part of the jail. In addition to this he placed them in stocks, partly for security and partly for torture. The legs could be forced wide apart in these stocks so as to cause painful cramping. We see no sign of sympathy in the jailer at this point, but we do observe a man who took his job seriously.

—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Paul, accompanied by Silas, began his second missionary journey, which took them to Europe.

B. The Philippian jailer experienced a physical and emotional shock before he was saved. There is no doubt that this shock was the final incident that made him see himself as a poor lost sinner. No one will be saved until he sees himself lost and turns to Jesus as Saviour. Men are not saved by turning to

Jesus as a great Teacher or a Miracle Worker, but as the Saviour.

C. What were the results of the jailer's conversion? To sum up, note these things: (1) It was used of God to save his family; (2) it brought great joy to his heart; (3) it changed his attitude toward people; and (4) it was a living testimony to the saving grace of God.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Remember the five C's in the jailer's experience: (1) *Conviction*. He trembled with fear before God when he realized he could do nothing for himself (v. 27). (2) *Contrition*. He fell before Paul and Silas in the deepest kind of humility (v. 29). (3) *Conversion*. Upon hearing the Word he turned from sin to Christ, trusting Him for salvation (vv. 30-32). (4) *Confession*. After he was saved, even in the very hour, he confessed Christ by showing his willingness to be baptized, the most obvious form of confession (v. 33). (5) *Change*. The jailer was a changed man because he was saved. He showed this by cleansing Paul and Silas' wounds, taking them into the fellowship of his family, and providing a meal for them. Only a short while before he would have scoffed at any suggestion of doing any of this. When Christ comes into a life, these and many more changes take place.

B. Are not these the steps in everyone's conversion? Look at them closely and compare them with the ones that led you to Christ.

—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

JUNE, 1982

Total \$2,068.52

### ALBEMARLE

Saint Paul	\$15.00
Total	\$15.00

### CAPE FEAR

Casey's Chapel	\$190.00
Total	\$190.00

### CENTRAL

Daniels Chapel	\$ 50.00
Friendship	200.00
Hugo	25.00
Reedy Branch	27.00
Rose Hill	150.00
Tarboro, First	75.00
Union No. 2	8.62
Williamston, First	42.43
Total	\$578.05

### EASTERN

Angola	\$ 60.00
Dublin Grove	105.00
Macedonia	200.00
Oriental	5.00
Rock of Zion	150.00
Sandy Plain	25.00
Spring Hope	142.00
Total	\$687.00

### PIEDMONT

High Point	\$42.22
Total	\$42.22

### WESTERN

Friendship	\$200.00
Piney Grove	56.25
St. Mary's	100.00
Union Grove	200.00
Total	\$556.25

### Foreign Missions

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their entrance back into the stateside schools. There will be many adjustments after going to school in their home for four years.

The Baker family would like to thank each of you for every prayer you offered for me as their teacher and for Kim and Stevie as they studied. Also thank each of you who had a part in the financial support.

May God richly bless you for caring enough to pray and to give.

Linda Baker



### EDITORIAL

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There are no perfect men and women. Romans 3:23 points this out: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Last, may we always remember that in this purposeful, imperfect world, man is "the crown" of God's creation and he has a great deal of potential.

Man is capable of faith. "As the flower is before the fruit, so is faith before good works. Man is the only animal that smiles, sheds tears, and blushes.

Man is capable of hope. "Hope writes the poetry of the boy, but memory that of the man. Man looks forward with smiles, but backwards with sighs. Such is the wise providence of God. The cup of life is sweetest at the brim—the flavor is impaired as we drink deeper, and the dregs are made bitter that we may not struggle when it is taken from our lips" (Emerson). Hope is the greatest of all preachers; if a man is robbed of hope, the curtain of his life is harshly pulled down—and quickly.

Man is also capable of love.

No matter on what other beliefs we base our lives, we can count on facing disappointments. Just as we will enjoy mountaintop experiences, we will tread through many valleys, face many cloudy days. During such times we must maintain all self-control. God's hand will be on our shoulders directing us through shoals and darkness into a safe harbor.

If ours is to be a useful life, our faith must be one with a long-range focus. We need to keep in mind that "a philosopher sees less on his tiptoes than a Christian sees on his knees." We must also play for keeps. This life is all we have with which to work. What we are going to do must be done now.

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## A Spoonful of Sugar . . .

Mothers have for many years coaxed their children into taking medication by adding a spoonful of sugar. Using "sugar" to make "bad" things in life better is not new. In fact, Father Israel employed this tactic many years ago, possibly without even knowing it. When? Well, Canaan was embraced by a severe famine. The cries of starving children could be heard everywhere, and the cold finger of death pointed at every home with no respect given to persons because of age or position. Some time before this, Joseph's brothers had purchased food in Egypt; but the famine continued to linger, all their grain had been consumed, and another trip to Egypt was in order. Israel, the head of the clan, understood the grim future quite well and called his sons together to discuss the matter. Now Joseph's brothers knew that they could not gain an audience with the prime minister of Egypt unless their youngest brother, Benjamin, was with them. The aged sire could hardly stand the thought of such, but it was inevitable that Benjamin must go. In response to the situation Israel instructed, "If it must be so now, do this; take along the best fruits in the land in your vessels . . . and a little bit of honey" (Genesis 43:11). His motive for taking along honey is not known, but it was a good idea.

Life is serious business. Before we realize it, we can become burdened under a composite of responsibilities. There is one course in life—the matter of living. There are discouragements, failures, heartaches—and some joys along the way. We sometimes travel the road of monotony, cross personalities, come close to fainting in the desert of defeat, and nearly succumb in the quicksand of flattery. Yet, we are still admonished to live lofty, noble, faithful Christian lives. How can we? By sweetening the situations we find ourselves in with "a little bit of honey."

When tension is high, be sure to carry along a little bit of honey. The world in which we live is marked by tension. It is present in churches, in schools, in business. (In fact, all you have to do is ask a businessman about business to find out about tension!) Life in general would be better if we realized the value of a little honey; for if our lives were ruled by a spirit of forgiveness, good will, and a sense of humor, we would not find as many reasons to lose our tempers.

When responsibilities are heavy, we should carry along a little bit of honey. One older minister offered the following admonition as a relief to younger ministers: "When you get out on the field and you don't know what to do next, and as a matter of fact, you don't know what's going on, let me give you some advice. Just stand in the corner and smile and keep your mouth shut." Then he added, "I've been in the ministry for thirty-five years—and I've been in the corner smiling for the last twenty-five!"

When people misunderstand you, have the honey ready. You don't have to live long until someone will misinterpret your finest intentions, rearrange your motives, and/or add to everything you say. In times such as these, things can become pretty bitter.

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# THE HISTORY OF CALVARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

**Wilson, North Carolina**

**The Rev. John Boykin, Pastor**

*submitted by Margie Pittman*

In 1951, the Murray Hall Mission in Wilson, North Carolina, was organized. The group, organized by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Musser and Mr. Dan Sasser, met in the old Atlantic Christian College barracks named Murray Hall. The mission met here for almost three years.

The faithful group moved their meeting place to an old dwelling house on Gold Street. On February 12, 1954, the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church was organized in accordance with the Free Will Baptist doctrine. The church began with approximately 12 charter members. Mrs. W. A. Stancil was elected as the first church clerk and Mrs. L. H. Harrell as the first church treasurer. T. F. Felton, W. A. Stancil, and W. H. Godwin comprised the first board of trustees. The first board of deacons consisted of T. F. Felton, J. R. Musser, and W. B. Batts. The Rev. Hillary Minshew became the new church's pastor with the Rev. J. C. Varnell serving as assistant pastor. During the services, the deacons' ordaining service was offered by the Rev. J. A. Evans, and the Rev. M. L. Johnson presented to the church a certificate for the names of the charter members.

On April 8, 1954, Mrs. Annie Barthalomew donated to the church a corner lot on Deans and Woodard Streets. The church, however, elected to trade this lot for the lot across the street owned by Atlantic Christian College. This lot was the site of our first sanctuary, which was completed in late December, 1957, during the pastorate of the Rev. Thurman Hall. The Women's Auxiliary and the Free Will Baptist League began the next year, 1958.

The membership grew as did its hopes and dreams. The church became full-time in September 1960 with the Rev. Cecil Rose serving as the church's first full-time pastor. The church experienced a period of rapid growth for a time in 1962-1964. Nineteen new members were added to the roll and in August, 1963, the Spell House on the corner of Gold and Deans Streets was purchased and used for Sunday school rooms. The Sunday school membership reached 200. Almost ten years later in January, 1973, two lots on Woodard Street directly behind the church were

bought and houses on this property were used for Sunday school rooms. The purchase of two additional lots on Gold Street in October 1974 and September 1977 provided the church with much needed parking space.

During 1977 the church was engaged in a building program under the pastorate of the Rev. Dewey Boling. On December 18, 1977, the new building was dedicated to the service and glory of God. The new sanctuary was beautifully furnished with carpet, padded pews, stained glass windows, a baptistry, refinished pulpit furniture, a new piano and organ. The old sanctuary was renovated into Sunday school rooms and a spacious fellowship hall. A kitchen (another first) was completed in November, 1979. God has richly blessed the membership's dedication and hard work to accomplish much.

On December 14, 1980, the congregation was saddened as Mr. Boling read his letter of resignation after twelve and a half years of dedicated, and often sacrificial, service. He and his devoted wife, Louise, left the church many beautiful memories and evidences of their love and devotion.

The Rev. John Boykin was called by the church and began his pastorate on April 5, 1981. As with all churches, Calvary has traveled some perilous roads, but the faithful members have never lost sight of their faith in God and are expecting great things from God under the leadership of Mr. Boykin.

From a college barrack mission to a beautiful sanctuary, the members have continued the faith of the first dedicated few, and the wonderful news of salvation continues to be told.

A list of the dedicated men that have served as pastors at Calvary is as follows:

February, 1954	The Rev. Hillary Minshew
October, 1955	The Rev. W. L. Hart
October, 1957	The Rev. Thurman Hall
October, 1959	The Rev. Cecil Rose
December, 1961	The Rev. Douglas Johnson
September, 1962	The Rev. Bruce Dudley
September, 1964	The Rev. Roland Cherry
August, 1968	The Rev. Ray Wells
November, 1968	The Rev. Dewey Bowling
April, 1981	The Rev. John Boykin



## BESIDE STILL WATERS

*by Nina Grace Register*



The first day of summer, June 21, marked the beginning of the 1982 Woman's Conference at Camp Vandemere. Instead of a heat wave, it brought refreshing showers to accent the theme, "Beside Still Waters," and underscore lessons which Rudene Kennedy taught from Psalm 23 in the evening Bible studies.

Morning devotions used biblical events that happened beside the water. Speakers Happy Taylor, Janet Brown, Margaret Ard, Ailene Hawley, and Rudene Kennedy emphasized God's care, prayer, stewardship, and missions.

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave reports and devotions each afternoon. Jean Ackiss reported on Mount Olive College, present and future, and gave an inspirational message. The Rev. David Charles Hansley displayed several things concerning the literature and history of the Free Will Baptist Press while explaining the things the Press does and what it can do. As the Rev. Norman

Ard represented the Foreign Missions Board, he used a slide presentation to show contrasts and needs in India, combined with an oral report of other areas. The Rev. Charles Crisp made his first public report after his appointment as Home Missions Director, with interesting information about himself and plans for the future. He described each state-sponsored mission, its location, pastor, meeting place, membership, and needs. All of the reports were most interesting to the campers, because the representatives had time enough to give details and answer questions.

Each day brought its special activities and surprises. Monday afternoon Margaret Ard recognized each Woman of the Year and in the evening service gave a pink rose to each. They included Linda Jenkins, Deep Run; Pauline Mizelle, Mount Zion; Thelma Thompson, Daley's Chapel; Lois Everington, White Oak Grove; Selma Wilkins, Folkstone; Willie Marie Padgett, Sound

View; and Ola H. Wilson, Wintergreen.

The Mount Zion Choir and Pastor Bob Yates were special guests Monday night. On behalf of Camp Vandemere, the chairman of the Board of Directors, the Rev. Ralph Sumner, accepted a public address system given by Cynthia Wood of LaGrange. The Rev. William Littleton of Lowland offered the dedicatory prayer.

Tuesday's big event was posing for the pictures of regular campers, day visitors, and staff. Visitors arrived each day; but Tuesday's group was the largest when the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Williamson arrived with the bus from Gum Swamp Church.

A memorial service on Tuesday, in memory of Sybil Godley, Eastern District Pin Chairman, and others, was conducted by Hazel Stilley.

Carol Prescott, from Rock of Zion Church, presented special music at the evening service.

Early Wednesday morning, the Rev. Dwight Hawley brought the bus for the trip across the ferry into the Morehead-Beaufort area for sightseeing and lunch by the water. Some brave souls dipped their soles in the ocean briefly. Gulls following the afternoon ferry enjoyed the contents of lunch-time "doggie bags"—or would you say, "birdie bags"? The women who remained in camp rested, read, walked, talked, and did crafts. A few went into Oriental to visit and shop.

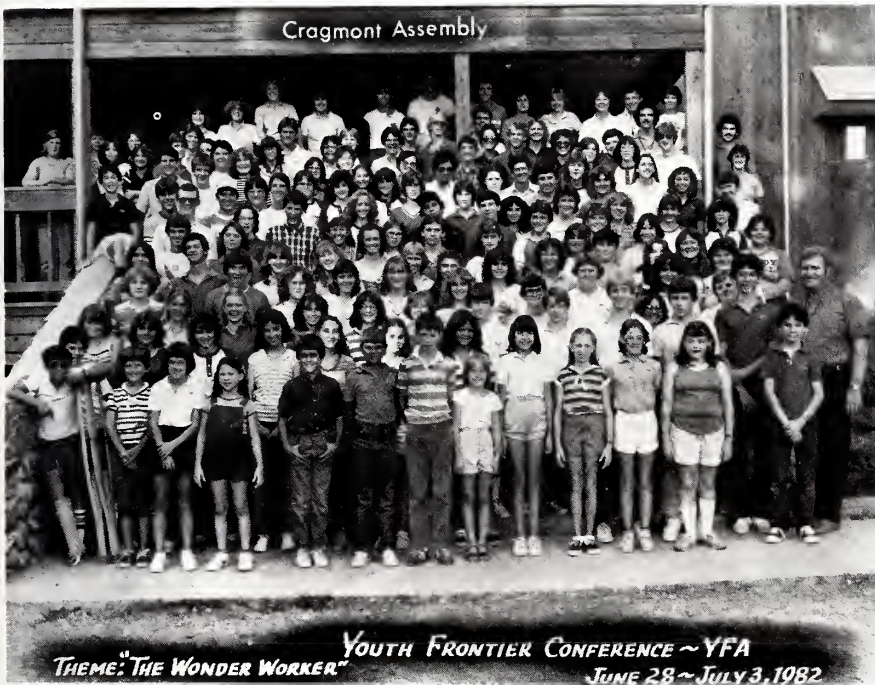
An impressive feature of the evening worship, after special music provided by the campers, was a candlelight service of commitment and consecration conducted by Minnie Mae Chandler.

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### YOUTH FRONTIER CONFERENCE/YFA WEEK A TIME TO BE REMEMBERED



The week of June 28—July 3 will long be remembered by those who attended the 1982 Youth Frontier Conference/YFA Week at Cragmont Assembly. The week was filled with fun times and periods of recreation, but the major thrust of the encampment involved campers in Bible studies, classes, devotionals, chapel services, and vesper programs dealing with "Jesus, the Wonder Worker." Many prayers were answered during the week and life-changing commitments were made to the cause of Christ.

Serving as staff for the Conference were Nancy Boykin, Ron Braxton, Nancy Cale, Lynn Chappelle, Sheryl Eastwood, Jerry Goff, Cynthia Hansley, Bobby Harper, Wayne Harris, Lorri Herring, Lori Horne, Jay Hudson, David Joyner, Don Ribeiro, Becky Jo Sumner, Mike and Lisa Temple, Patricia Tyson, and Scott and Janie Sowers, co-directors.

from Winterville Church, who gave an interesting and inspiring message on "The Five Parts of Prayer." The Rev. Bruce Jones, pastor of the church, dismissed with prayer.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Braxton for his part in making this study course a success.

### Anniversary Celebration Planned for the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry

Everyone is invited to attend a reception honoring the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry on the fiftieth anniversary of his ministry as a Free Will Baptist minister. The reception will be held at the Pine Level Church in Pine Level, North Carolina, on Sunday afternoon, August 8, 1982, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. No gifts.

### Marsh Swamp Church to Host Study Course

Marsh Swamp Church will host a study course on August 3, 1982. The time of the course will be 8 p.m. It will be on the Book of Ephesians, given by Mrs. Ruby Boykin.

Marsh Swamp Church is near Sims.

### Mount Tabor Church to Have Revival Services

Mount Tabor Church near Creswell announces its revival beginning August 2 and continuing through August 6. The Rev. Ed Miles of Goldsboro will be the visiting evangelist. The services will begin each evening at 8. The pastor, the Rev. Dewitt Cleve, and the church membership invite everyone to attend. There will be special singing each night.

### Study Course Is Held By King's Cross Roads Auxiliary

On July 14, 1982, a study course was held by the King's Cross Roads Ladies Auxiliary. Study Course Chairman Berlene Hobgood gave the welcome and led the congregation in singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Nellie Dunn, president, led in prayer.

Mrs. Hobgood introduced the guest speaker, Ron Braxton

God respects not the arithmetic of our prayers—how many they are; not the rhetoric of our prayers—how elegant they are; not the music of our prayers—how melodious they are; not the logic of our prayers—how methodical they are; but the *sincerity* of our prayers—how heartfelt they are.



## DISHWASHER TO BE FUNDED BY AUXILIARY



Mrs. Fannie Rose (left), food service manager at Mount Olive College, shows the new College dishwasher ("our most needed item") to Rose Raper, State Woman's Auxiliary Secretary. The dishwasher was donated to the College by the auxiliary.

A new dishwasher has been installed in the Mount Olive College cafeteria as a project to be funded by the State Woman's Auxiliary. Total cost for the new equipment is \$7,240.

Each auxiliary in the state is requested by the Executive Committee to contribute \$20 toward this year's goal of \$2,500.

Rose Raper, state secretary, noted, "With an auxiliary membership of 4,049 at the present time, if each member will contribute \$2 for this project, we can go beyond our goal and really show we mean business."

All auxiliary funds should be sent to the district treasurer and be designated for the Mount Olive College dishwasher project.

## PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

by W. Burkette Raper

July 19, 1982

\$1,500,000	Goal in gifts and pledges set by Board of Trustees for beginning construction.
1,376,000	Gifts (\$608,000) and Pledge Balances (\$768,000)
\$ 124,000	Amount required in gifts and pledges to begin construction.

Our goal is to raise the additional \$124,000 in gifts and pledges by the end of August. Since May 24, 1982, gifts and new pledges have totaled \$218,930.

God has given His people adequate resources, and it is within

our reach, if it is within our will, to have \$1,500,000 in gifts and pledges by August 31, or before.

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**College Hall: "If Not Now, When?"**

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## MINISTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN INSTITUTE

The annual Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College will be held from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday, August 9, and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10. Topics are "The Minister and Crisis Ministry" and "The Minister and His Financial Planning."

The program, which is planned by a representative group of Free Will Baptist ministers, will include the Rev. Marvin R. Waters and the Rev. Preston Smith. Mr. Waters is pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Bern and Mr. Smith is chaplain at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount. Other Institute speakers will be featured next week in an article in *The Free Will Baptist*.



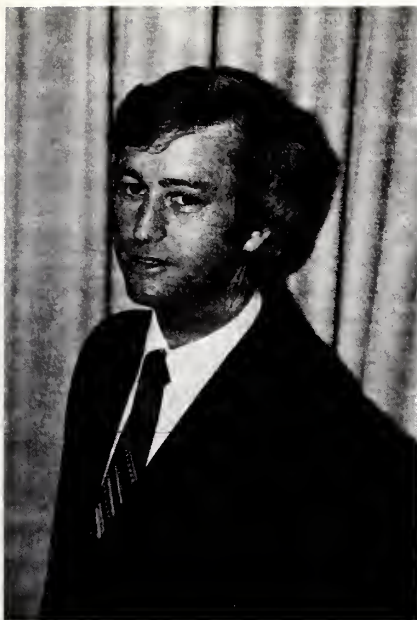
The Rev. Marvin Waters

The Rev. Marvin Waters will speak on "Ministry and Family Crisis: Opportunities and Challenges" as part of the session on Crisis Ministry.

He holds degrees from Mount Olive College, Atlantic Christian College, and East Carolina University. Mr. Waters is currently serving on the board of directors of the Foreign Missions Board, as vice president of the State Sunday School Convention, as secretary of the Albemarle Conference, and as a member of the advisory committee for MOC's four-year curriculum.

The Rev. Preston Smith will speak on "Ministry to the Terminally Ill," also as part of the session on Crisis Ministry.

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*The Rev. Preston Smith*

He holds degrees from Mount Olive College, Campbell College, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For additional information and registration, contact Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College at 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

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## *Cragmont Assembly*

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#### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Malachi's Chapel	\$ 100.00
Shiloh	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Ayden	\$ 150.00
Bethlehem	100.00
Dilda's Grove	47.31
Friendship (Farmville)	200.00
Friendship Sunday School	25.00
Greenville Service	
Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Greenville, First	225.00
Willing Workers	
Sunday School	20.00
Hickory Grove Sunday School	40.00
LaGrange	75.00
Piney Grove	50.00
Saratoga	25.00
Second Union Meeting	8.62
Spring Branch	621.00
Tarboro, First	250.00
Williamston, First	42.43
Winterville League	21.04
Winterville Woman's Auxiliary	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,930.40</b>

#### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Casey's Chapel	\$ 100.00
Lee's Chapel	80.00
Lee's Chapel Sunday School	31.59
Shady Grove	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,211.59</b>

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Angola	\$ 60.00
Bethel	50.00
Christian Chapel	100.00
Deep Run	85.00
Fifth Union Meeting	10.00
Gray Branch	200.00
Juniper Chapel	48.99
Kinston, First	320.00
Mount Zion (Beulaville)	25.00
Oak Grove	125.00
Pilgrims Rest	10.00
Sandy Plain	25.00

Verona	150.00
Fifth East Sunday	
School Convention	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,218.99</b>

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

First Union of Western	
Conference	\$ 85.00
Flood's Chapel	5.00
Milbournie	37.50
Pleasant Grove	
(Pikeville)	140.50
Sherron Acres	175.00
Spring Hill	100.00
St. Mary's (Kenly)	250.00
Union Grove	140.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 933.50</b>

#### OTHERS

Friendship League	\$ 60.00
North Carolina State	
League Convention	29.49
Harrell's Chapel	50.00
Third Union	50.00
Others	173.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 362.49</b>

#### PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

High Point	\$ 42.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 42.22</b>

### COMING EVENTS

*July*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Christian Education Month

*July 26-30*—Young Peoples Bible Conference, the Rev. Sam Weeks, Director, Cragmont

*August*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as State Convention Promotional Month

*August 2*—Foreign Missions Board of Directors Meeting, Free Will Baptist Headquarters

*August 2-7*—Woman's Auxiliary Conference, Mrs. Dola Dudley, Director, Cragmont

*August 3*—Retirement Homes Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

*August 9, 10*—Ministers' Institute, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

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"... Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

## PRAYER IS A MINISTRY. . .



Prayer is a ministry in which all of God's saints should be involved. It is God's method of granting our individual needs, supplying our pulpits with power, and bringing revival to our nation.

The most prevalent sin among the saints is the sin of prayerlessness, the failure to pray. It is not that there are only certain persons who are intelligent enough to pray, for God has thrown open the door of grace and issued an invitation that we should all come boldly to the throne. It is not that there are certain times and places and postures in which we can pray, because we are told in *Luke 18:1*, "*That men ought always to pray, and not to faint.*"

Why is it that so very few people get their prayers answered? Have you had a prayer answered in the last 24 hours? How long has it been since you had a prayer answered? How long has it been since God did something for you that nobody else could do for you? There are some things money will do . . . there are some things human effort will do . . . there are some things human ingenuity will do . . . but there are some things that only God can do.

Only God can give life. Only God can save a lost soul. Is there one thing in your life that you would like to see done that only God Himself could do?

Everyone of us has somebody, some thing, some problem, some need requiring supernatural intervention. I could tell you of several things now for which I'm praying that only God can perform—only God can pull it off. God doesn't want us to be surprised when He does it! God doesn't want us to leave the miracle standing at the door. God wants us to accept that miracle and believe it and say, "I've been looking for and expecting this to happen because I've asked God to do it."

That's the kind of praying that gets answers.

Praying is asking, seeking, and knocking as we see in the following verses:

*"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men" (1 Timothy 2:1).*

*"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:18).*

*"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made*

*known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).*

We need your daily prayers for the children, staff and Board of Directors of your Children's Home. Pray that God will also provide our financial needs.

## EASON FAMILY REUNITED

On June 29, 1982, Ricky and Sandra Eason were discharged from the care of the Children's Home to join their brother, Jeff, who left two months ago, to live with their father in Selma, North Carolina. This was a very happy occasion for the children, and we are all very happy that they have the opportunity once again to live with their father and be a united family.

The Eason children lived many years at the Children's Home and will be greatly missed by everyone, especially their Deans Cottage family.

Three of the Home's goals for these children have been fulfilled: we cared for their physical needs, provided them with the opportunity to come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, and reunited them with their natural family.

Join us in prayer daily for this family as they begin to build a new life together.

Linda Bray

## JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

We will be featuring the birthdays for the upcoming month. We would encourage you to send a birthday card; the children look forward to receiving mail and this would be one way you could brighten their day.

Kenneth Jones	July 31, 1966
Heidi Perkins	August 18, 1969



## LABORERS ARE ON THE INCREASE



Left to right: The Rev. Pio dela Rosa; Jaapal Ontong, new licensed minister; Missionary Fred Baker

Greetings to each of you from the beautiful Republic of the Philippines. We write this report to you with our hearts aflame with the knowledge and promise of our Lord. In 2 Peter 3:9 we find these words: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." We see the love and longsuffering of God demonstrated in His willingness to save all who will repent and believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. It is also demonstrated in His constant calling and sending forth of laborers into His harvest.

The Lord Jesus Christ has placed His calling upon two more young men here in the Philippines. We are thankful and joyful that they have answered yes.

Mr. Jaapal Ontong, after making known Christ's call upon his life, was examined on May 13, 1982, for possible licensing for preaching the

gospel. The examining board found Mr. Ontong qualified to receive a license to preach the gospel. Brother Ontong is a member of the Canigaran Free Will Baptist Church where he serves as the leader of the young peoples' group. Having already completed one year of studies at Palawan Bible In-

stitute, he will continue his studies there this coming school year. Mr. Ontong was presented his license by Missionary Fred Baker at the Canigaran Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday morning, May 23, 1982. Brother Baker also delivered the charge and morning message. This brings the number of licensed ministers in the Canigaran Church to two. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Pio dela Rosa.

Mr. Fernando Pilapil was also examined on May 13, 1982, and found qualified to receive a license to preach the gospel. He is a member of the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Pilapil is already working on his second year studies at Palawan Bible Institute. His license was presented on Sunday night, May 23, 1982, by Missionaries Charles Barnard and Fred Baker and his pastor, the Rev. Ludgerio E. Malinao. Mr. Malinao brought the charge and the evening message. This

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Left to right: Missionary Charles Barnard; the Rev. Ludgerio E. Malinao; Fernando Pilapil, the new licensed minister; Missionary Fred Baker; and Pastor Antonio Somonies



## SUNDAY, 1 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 1

### GET INTO THE WHEELBARROW!

Years ago a strong wire was stretched across Niagara River, just above the roaring falls. It was announced that a tightrope walker would walk on that suspended wire from the American to the Canadian side. The thrilling moment for the death-defying fete arrived. Great crowds watched with wide-eyed wonderment as the man performed, with calm deliberateness, the awesome stunt. The people cheered wildly! Then the performer did an even more daring thing. He began to push a wheelbarrow with a grooved wheel across the suspended wire. At the conclusion of this breathtaking performance, thunderous applause went up. The performer observed a boy whose wonderment was clearly discernible on his bright face. Asked the man, "My boy, do you believe that I could put you in this wheelbarrow and push you over the falls?" "Oh, yes," said the boy quickly. "Then, get in the wheelbarrow," said the man. Instantly the boy dashed away! In reality he did not believe that the tightrope walker could take him safely across the falls.

*How like many of God's children was the boy! We say we believe in the power of Christ to pilot us safely "o'er life's tempestuous sea," yet we fail, at times, to utterly commit ourselves into His pierced hands.*

## MONDAY, 2 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 2

### FAITH THAT SAVES

Some years ago, two men were in a boat above the rapids of a cataract, and found themselves unable to manage it, being carried so swiftly down the current that they must both inevitably be borne down and dashed to pieces. One was saved by grasping a rope that was thrown to him. The same instant that the rope came into his hand, a log floated by the other man. Thoughtless and confused, instead of seizing the rope, he laid hold of the log. It was a fatal mistake; they were both in imminent peril; but the one was drawn to shore, because he had a connection with the people on the land, while the

other, clinging to the loose, floating log, was borne irresistibly along, and never heard of afterwards. Faith has a saving connection with Christ. Faith is on the shore, holding the rope, and, as we lay hold of it with the hand of our confidence, He pulls us to shore; but our good works, having no connection with Christ, are drifted along down to the gulf of fell despair.

*O for a faith that will not shrink,  
Tho' pressed by every foe  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of any earthly woe!*

## TUESDAY, 3 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 3

### SALVATION BY CHARACTER

A minister was sitting in a railway coach beside an unbeliever who said to him, "I differ with you. I don't believe that anyone is admitted into Heaven because of his faith. I believe that when God receives anyone into Heaven, He inspects his character and good works rather than his faith." Presently the conductor came along and looked carefully at every ticket the passengers gave him. After he passed, the minister said, "Did you notice that the conductor looked carefully at every ticket the passengers gave him, and took no pains to inspect the passengers? A railway ticket entitled them to transportation. So faith in Christ brings saving grace. It also produces Christian character which is pleasing to God."

*The Bible says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

## WEDNESDAY, 4 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 4

### AUTUMN LEAVES

Upon the breeze, the autumn leaves  
Are carried thither, yon;  
They rest at last, upon the grass,  
One moment, then they're gone.  
They're tossed about, and in and out,  
They fly across the

And up and down, they sail around—  
The wind they must obey.

Now, if you please, the autumn leaves  
Are much like most of us;  
We're tossed about, by fear and doubt,  
And things we rare discuss.  
This need not be, for you or me—  
There is a surer way;  
The solid Rock, will bear the shock,  
No matter what the fray.

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*He who believes, is not like leaves,  
That drift with every wind;  
His faith is fixed in God, unmixed  
With doubts that Satan sends.  
He walks with God, while earth he trods—  
He's led by pow'r Divine;  
When life is through, beyond the blue,  
He'll dwell in lands sublime.*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 5

### BECAUSE THE MASTER SAID IT

A schoolmaster gave three of his pupils a difficult problem. "You will find it very hard to solve," he said, "but there is a way." After repeated attempts, one of them gave up in despair. "There is no way!" he declared. The second pupil had not succeeded, yet he was smiling and unconcerned. "I know it can be explained, because I have seen it done." The third worked on, long after the rest had given up. His head ached and his brain was in a whirl. Yet as he went over it again and again, he said without faltering, "I know there is a way, because the master has said it."

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*Here is faith—that confidence that rests not upon what it has seen, but upon the promises of God.*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 6

### ONLY ONE TOOK AN UMBRELLA

The writer's grandfather, John W. Knight, was a Methodist circuit rider. Before his conversion, he was a notorious, blatant atheist. When God saved him his life was totally changed. It is said that, wherever he went, a revival of "the old-time religion" broke out. Bishop Pierce, in his biography of "Uncle Knight," tells some interesting stories of him. The following incident shows the old circuit rider's faith. A destroying drought had cast its sear mantle over the

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countryside. Crops were withering and lying in the parched fields. "Uncle Knight" and others wended their way to the little Crawford Church in Putnam County, Georgia, to pray for rain. "Uncle Knight," however, was the only one who took an umbrella with him to the prayer meeting. On bended knees the old man began to pray as follows: "O, Lord, we need rain. O, Lord, we need much rain. O, Lord, we don't want any drizzly-drazzly rain. We want a gully-washer!" God as He always does, honored the simple faith of the old circuit rider, and the people soon knew the answer to the ancient question, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"

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*In the realm of the natural, seeing is believing. In the realm of the spiritual, believing is seeing. Jesus said: "If thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God" (John 11:40).*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 7

### BOY, DROP! I'LL CATCH YOU!

Your condition is like that of a lad in a burning house, who escaped to the edge of the window, and hung on to the windowsill. The flames were pouring out of the window. The lad would soon be burned, or, falling, would be dashed to pieces. He therefore held on with a deathlike clutch. A strong man below said, "Boy, drop! I'll catch you!" Now it was no saving faith for the boy to believe that the man below was strong. He might have known that and perished. It was saving faith when the boy let go and dropped down into the big man's arms. You are a sinner, clinging to your own sins or to your good works. The Saviour pleads, "Drop! Drop into My arms!" It is not working that will save you. It is trusting in that work which Jesus has already done. Trust, and the moment you trust you are saved!

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*Canst thou take the barren soil  
And with all thy pains and toil  
Make lilies grow?*

*Thou canst not. O helpless man,  
Have faith in God—He can.*

*Canst thou paint the clouds at eve?  
And all the sunset colors weave  
Into the sky?*

*Thou canst not. O powerless man,  
Have faith in God—He can.*

*Canst thou still thy troubled heart  
And make all cares and doubts depart  
From out thy soul?*

*Thou canst not. O faithless man,  
Have faith in God—He can.*

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For August 1

## APOLLOS: A LEARNING TEACHER

**Lesson Text:** Acts 18:24-28;  
1 Corinthians 3:5-9

**Lesson Verse:** Acts 18:26

### I. INTRODUCTION

*Partners in the gospel!* People working with people. Working with others, we feel the strength of united effort, the blessing of shared responsibility, and learn self-discipline.

*Partners in the gospel!* People working with God. Working with God, we learn the value of human beings in His program of redemption and realize life's greatest satisfaction and fulfillment through commitment to the greatest task in which human effort can be given.

*Partners in the gospel!* People working with people and working with God. What a sobering yet joyous thought this is—sobering as we think of the responsibility, exhilarating as we contemplate the high privilege.

*Partners in the gospel!* People cooperating with the Divine in the greatest work in the world—proclaiming the gospel of redemption and life everlasting through Jesus.

In this lesson we see the varied contributions of partners in the gospel and the happy results of all their combined labors.

On his second missionary journey Paul labored in Corinth for at least eighteen months, establishing the church in that thriving center of commerce. While there he lived with a couple who, like himself, were tent-makers: a Jew named Aquila and his wife Priscilla. The three of them sailed from Corinth and came to Ephesus, where Paul stayed only briefly, and soon went on his way back to Jerusalem and then to his

home church in Antioch. He left this Christian couple in Ephesus, promising that he would return if it was God's will. The event recorded in the first portion of today's text took place in Ephesus, sometime between his departure and his return.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. There are a few well-known characters in the Bible that every one recognizes, and we sometimes get the idea that these are the most important people in the Bible. We would not take anything from any of the well-known characters of the Bible, but there are some lesser-known individuals that are also very important. The man we study today is one of them. His name—Apollos.

B. What is there about Apollos that makes him important? First, he was a well-trained minister of God; but most importantly, he was unselfish and humble. This is brought out by the fact that he was willing for some of his auditors to correct him. Aquila and his wife Priscilla did correct Apollos. He accepted the correction and became a great power for God.

C. Something of the importance of Apollos is also brought out in 1 Corinthians, when we see that he had ministered there and some of the church wanted him, as others wanted Paul, and still others wanted Peter. Paul tells us that he "planted" and Apollos "watered." This shows that Paul recognized his work, and knew that he was an able minister of Jesus Christ.

D. When Paul speaks of his "planting" and Apollos' "watering," he is referring to two kinds of ministry. By

"planting" he is referring to evangelistic ministry, the planting of the seeds of the gospel, the winning of men to Christ. When he speaks of "watering," he is speaking about the ministry of discipling those who have already been won to Christ. There are many reasons for believing that both Paul and Apollos did both kinds of ministry.

E. One great truth that should be noted in the passage which we study today from 1 Corinthians is that neither Paul nor Apollos caused the church to grow. They did their work; they were used of God, but only God could give the growth or increase.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

R. A. Torrey once said: "The whole secret of why D. L. Moody was such a mightily used man you will find in Psalm 62:11, 'God hath spoken once, twice have I heard this, that power belongeth to God.' I am glad it does. I am glad that power did not belong to D. L. Moody; I am glad that it did not belong to Charles G. Finney; I am glad that it did not belong to Martin Luther; I am glad that it did not belong to any other Christian man whom God has used greatly in this world's history. Power belongs to God. If D. L. Moody had any power, and he had great power, he got it from God."—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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**The Sunday School Notebook**  
**Part Two: The Role of the Teacher**

**The Nursery Teacher**

The Psalmist David wrote, "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD . . ." (Psalm 127:3), and surely they are. As a preschool teacher you know the importance of teaching young children. But are you ready for the task? Do you feel adequate? The following information should answer some of your questions and give you added insight. Remember that "tomorrow's world will be shaped and guided by today's babies." Your job is important.

Carl Sandburg once wrote that "a baby is God's opinion that the world should go on. Every time a child is born, He gives the world another chance." Here is where you, as a teacher, come in. It is your responsibility to see to it that these little ones feel that their world is all right. They need to learn love by experiencing it.

Nursery work is a supportive ministry. Although most of your students will be toddlers, you will surely have some crib babies in your class or department. With this in mind you may wonder when does one's spiritual development begin. Concerning this, Edith Fisher said, "I believe that every experience a child has, from the moment he is born, has a spiritual dimension which relates to his development as a whole person" (*Parent's Magazine*, December 1962). Dr. Burton L. White said that "in their simple every day activities, infants and toddlers form the foundation for all of later development. To begin to look at a child's educational development when he is two years of age is already much too late, particularly in the area of social skills and attitudes."

You are a teacher, not a babysitter! Needless to say, a very young infant cannot learn a great deal about the Bible, but he can learn about love.

**A Nursery Worker Is A Very Special Person**

A nursery worker must be a committed and glowing Christian who considers his/her work with babies as a holy task from God. Since he/she will not be teaching as such, but communicating love, the worker must truly love babies. He/she needs to be dependable, friendly, and cheerful.

At least two workers are needed in the nursery when more than one baby is present. (With older nursery students there should be



Think not that he is all too young to teach;  
His little heart will like a magnet reach,  
And touch the truth for which you find no  
speech.—Froebel



several assistants. In this case, it is the teacher's responsibility to see that supplies and equipment for the nursery are provided (He/she can appeal to the church or to a ladies group for necessary items if funds for such have not been appropriated in your church budget.) The teacher also needs to make arrangements for the laundering of nursery linens.

It is a good practice for nursery workers to arrive fifteen to twenty minutes early for Sunday school. They should greet each parent warmly and maintain a personal contact with him/her. Since the church is often the first place a new baby is taken, your getting along well with parents is very important. Parents are quite concerned about the care of their new family member. They need to know that their child will be sufficiently, expertly, and lovingly cared for. "Nursery work is a partnership between the teacher, the parents who gave life, and the Great Teacher who said, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me.' "

Nursery children will learn about Jesus through their experiences with you. Place a picture of Jesus in a very prominent place. Let them hear the words **love, God, Jesus, pretty, church, and Bible** often. Smile, talk, and be patient. The older the child, the more senses he will have developed; the more senses developed, the more he can learn. Use every opportunity you have to relate God's love to your students.

## Working with Preschoolers

A preschooler is a young determined child who is headed toward independence. He learns a great deal from books, pictures, blocks and puzzles, nature, games and toys. He enjoys singing and purposeful playing.

The young child has a short attention span and he often learns attitudes rather than concepts, but there are big ideas that he can grasp. A preschooler can learn that God loves him and that he can talk to God. He can come to know that God made the world and everything in it, that Jesus loves and cares for him, and that the Bible is the special Book that tells him so.

Individuals who work with toddlers need to be reliable, prepared, cooperative, sensitive to the needs of children, confident, and mature Christians. Examine the following checklist to see how you stand.

Your job will not be problem-free. Often parents wait too long to bring their child to church for the first time. Often nursery students attend haphazardly. But there are other problems. You should be prepared to deal with sudden illnesses, crying, and parents.

One group of nursery workers recognized that difficulties do occur. In their attempts to make the nursery more attractive, they placed a sign on the door which read, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed" (from 1 Corinthians 15:51.)

### Checklist for Teachers

- \_\_\_ Do I have a regular period for Bible study and prayer each day?
- \_\_\_ Am I reading regularly to learn more about the age group I teach? Do I know how best to help them learn?
- \_\_\_ Am I physically and spiritually attractive to my students? (This does not mean that you have to be handsome or a raving beauty—but are you neat and well groomed? Are you spiritually radiant?)
- \_\_\_ Do I let my students know that everything is going to be fine? (Or do I let them know when I have even the smallest problem?)
- \_\_\_ Do I treat my students with respect? Are the needs of my students important to me?
- \_\_\_ Are my actions as well as my words teaching my students what they should know about God and His love?
- \_\_\_ Do I get along well with other workers in the department?
- \_\_\_ Am I doing everything possible to add new resources to my department?
- \_\_\_ Do I welcome contact with parents? Do I treat them with the respect they deserve and expect?
- \_\_\_ Do I keep records of my class attendance?
- \_\_\_ Do I know when my students' birthdays are?
- \_\_\_ Do I love God as I should?
- \_\_\_ Do I attend church as I should?

Teaching preschoolers is a challenging task, but don't let the challenges stop you. You can make a difference in their lives. To do so, you must offer a balanced teaching program. You must have quiet and active times with your class. Your plans need to be routine and flexible, sparked with variety and repetition. Your students should enjoy discipline and freedom; they should be reverent and yet joyfully active.

When you begin on Monday to prepare your lesson, think about last Sunday and the problems you encountered. Determine how they could have been handled better. Spend some time in prayer and make notes about things you need to do during the week. Keep a book on the table and READ. Read about Bible characters, teaching methods, and theological concepts. Study your teacher's book and do the things suggested. Don't wait until Saturday night or Sunday morning to study. If you do, you are cheating your students!

## EDITORIAL

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When you become an "important" person, be sure to have a lot of honey. We don't have to worry when big men are in big places; small men who somehow get into big places give and cause the trouble—that's when it's time for concern (not to mention prayer). (Have you ever noticed how some people know a lot more when you try to tell them something than they do when you ask them a question?)

Yes, life is serious business. We can't go through it laughing all the time, but our lives can be saturated with joy, a virtue our Father so freely gives. Happiness and peace of mind do serve to refresh us and to keep our outlooks clear. The advice Israel gave many years ago has echoed through the corridors of time, but few have grasped it. So let me conclude by saying, "While traveling the road of life, be sure to carry along a little bit of honey." Life will be much sweeter!

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

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The Arapahoe Choir joined the Thursday night service. Other special guests included members of the Camp Vandemere Board of Directors. Bett Ormond, Miss Camp Vandemere 1982, reluctantly relinquished her crown to the new Miss Camp Vandemere 1983, Cynthia Wood.

Ministers, their wives, District and State officers present each night and at other services were recognized, as were the churches represented. No attempt was made to keep an account of the number of day campers, or visitors at meal time and/or night services. The average attendance at evening worship was 63. The average offering was just under \$94.

There were 45 campers who spent from one to four nights. Total receipts turned over to the Camp Vandemere treasurer were \$1,574.65.

Most people agreed that this was the most interesting Woman's Conference we have had. Who can forget the heads bent over a table together, following Hazel Stilley's directions to make a potholder? Or the heads back, arms extended, threading a needle to "candlewick" according to Louise Bryan's directions? Or

"Ma" Gertrude Ballard's smile as she led the choruses? Or Annie Belle Hines' silvery laughter when she forgot the words to another chorus? And we can't forget the day campers who played and sang, and joined in all activities. There are too many mind-pictures to relate, too many kindnesses to count. We are thankful for each one who attended and each one who helped in this week of happiness and spiritual blessings.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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brings the number of licensed ministers in the Puerto Princesa Church to two also.

Two more of our laborers, the Rev. Ludgerio E. Malinao and the Rev. Charles I. Barnard, were recently registered at the National Library in Manila. They were presented certificates and authority of the Philippine government to solemnize marriage anywhere in the Republic of the Philippines.

We are deeply thankful to God for all of these laborers. We are thankful to each of you for your prayer to them. May we all continue to give ourselves to prayer for them and for new laborers. One of our greatest needs will always be laborers for His vineyard.

May we never forget that God calls and sends laborers as we His children pray.

Fred Baker

## COMING EVENTS

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*August 9-13*—Fourth Week of Camp, the Rev. Wayne King, Director, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere

*August 9-14*—Woman's Auxiliary Conference, Mrs. Dola Dudley, Director, Cragmont

*August 16-21*—Fifth Week of Camp (North Carolina Sunday School Convention Week), the Rev. Chris Singleton, Director, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere

*August 18*—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

*August 24*—Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees, Mount Olive College

*August 29*—Groundbreaking Service for College Hall, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, 4 p.m.

*August 29*—Fall Semester Begins at Mount Olive College

*August 29*—Central District Sunday School Convention and Union Meeting

*August 29*—Mount Olive College Sunday in Local Churches

## SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW

- 5% of reported church members do not exist;
- 10% cannot be found;
- 20% never pray;
- 25% never read the Bible;
- 30% never attend church;
- 40% never give to any cause;
- 50% never go to Sunday school;
- 60% never go to church Sunday nights;
- 70% never give to missions;
- 75% never engage in any church activity;
- 80% never go to prayer meeting;
- 90% never have family worship;
- 95% never win a soul to Christ.

Let us determine to dedicate ourselves for His service, so that the whole world may hear the whole gospel.



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## The Things That Matter

It is not unusual to pick up a newspaper and be hit by a headline which reads: "Farmers Lose All!" Inside we can read sobering accounts of murder, theft—all kinds of horrors. This calls to mind such things as seeing a young child hovering over his bloody pup who only minutes earlier had been struck by a car; I remember seeing the jumping flames engulfing a friend's house.

Losses of any kind are frightening, shocking. Some people walk away from tragedies unscarred. Some individuals moan and cry over any setback. But we can overcome nearly every loss. Every loss but . . .

. . . our soul to an eternal damnation . . .

. . . the love for God and our fellowman . . .

. . . the loss of an open heart—a heart that allows love to enter and flood one's whole being.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mathew 6:19, 21, 33).

Some people go to Myrtle Beach for the weekends. But Sam D. Roane Jr. and his wife leave their home in the South Carolina coastal resort each Friday and head for Raleigh.

The Roanes, who at one time lived in Raleigh, make the 300-mile round trip every weekend to teach Sunday school at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women. They stay in an apartment they maintain there.

"Working for the Lord is very satisfying to me," Roane said. "My wife and I feel that we have a calling to that."

Roane and his wife Gales have been answering that calling for the past 21 years. That's how long they've been volunteering in the prison system, teaching Sunday school on Sundays and occasionally conducting services.

Roane was selected the Division of Prisons' Volunteer of the Year 1981. He and other prison system volunteers were honored at a luncheon in April.

More than 5,000 people are volunteers with the Department of Corrections statewide, according to Stuart Shadbolt, public information officer with the department.

"Sam's a super guy," Shadbolt said. "He's been volunteering out there for years. He leads the singing and conducts the classes."

Shadbolt said the volunteers are "invaluable."

"You're talking about big money if you had to pay all of those people," he said.

Five years ago, Roane sold his surgical supply business, Roane-Barker Inc., that he started from scratch in 1948, and moved from Raleigh to Myrtle Beach.

"We started on a shoestring in the basement of a building in Greenville, South Carolina," he said. "Ten years later we opened an office in Raleigh."

Now Roane spends time during the week traveling with South Carolina evangelist Reuben J. Wallace. Roane directs the music at the revivals.

Roane speaks with a booming voice that foretells his ability to sing. He has other musical talents, though—talents he hasn't used in many years.

Now Roane limits his music to standing before a congregation and leading them in song.

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## **'Super' Volunteers Regularly Travel Long Road to Answer Call to Service**



*Mr. Roane is seen above receiving the Governor's Award from Mr. James C. Woodard, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Corrections.*



"Religion is very important to me. I find it the source of peace and joy and meaning in my life," he said. He enjoys coordinating revival music and conducting services at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women.

"The Lord God taught us to go and visit those who are in prison," he said. "It's a challenge. The love of God is very important in the spiritual life of a prison. The inmates need to know that God loves them" (Sylvia Adcock).

### **What the Roanes Mean to the Inmates** (from *Inside Outlook*)

Brother Sam Roane has been my spiritual inspiration for seven years. I first met him in October 1975, when he knelt with me in Dorm C in front of my cell. I was waiting to go to court. The handshake he gave me was a very warm and welcomed one. When I looked up at him, I could see a fatherly love in his eyes and read so much feeling in his expressions. I knew he was sent to me through God. He made it possible for me to make the necessary adjustments here through many, many prayers and his personal visits to Dorm C each Sunday morning for devotions with me. He talked with the voice of truth and experience and caused me to look at my life—what it had been like and what my future would be like if I'd accept what he taught me. He always reminds me that God loves me no matter where I've been or what I've done; just have faith and trust Him. Sam

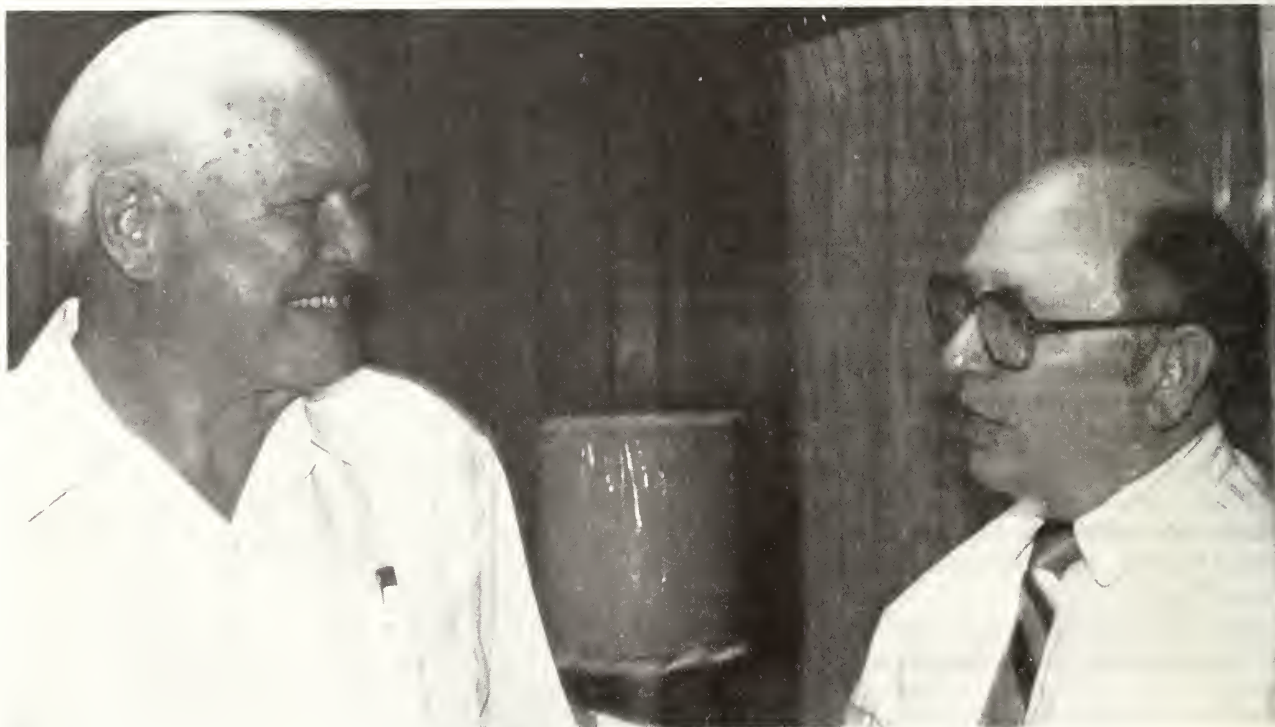
Roane is the friend that everyone likes to have because he cares. He is the friend you can count on. So many times I've unburdened to him on paper or by phone, and he always has the right answers for me because he understands my inner feelings. His friendship has given me so much to live for. With time, I've grown so much more spiritual but without his reassurance I could not have made it at times. Sam reminds me of the road in life I must walk and how carefully I must walk it, because this walk is a one-way trip. We may be persecuted, but we never have to stand it alone. Sam Roane has never let me forget that God is with me.

Margie Boykin  
*Dorm E*

### **The Roanes and Original Free Will Baptists**

It has been a little over a year now since we first learned of the Roanes' ministry at the woman's prison. According to records, though, Mr. Roane has been using Free Will Baptist literature for many years. In fact, when he gathers the inmates together Sunday after Sunday, they read collectively Scripture taken from *Sunday School Single Lessons*, a publication of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation.

We appreciate the work Mr. and Mrs. Roane do for the cause of Christ; and we are grateful that we can assist them in their efforts.



*The Roanes visited The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden, NC recently. Mr. Roane (left) is seen above talking with the Rev. David C. Hansley, executive director of the institution.*

## ROBERT'S GROVE ENJOYS A SPECIAL SERVICE



*Gary Faircloth receives his ordination certificate for deacon from the pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen.*

The Sunday morning worship service on June 20, 1982, was a very special time at Robert's Grove Church, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina. Gary Faircloth was ordained into the office of deacon of the church.

Before the ordination service, the pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen, delivered a very inspiring message on "The Duty of Stewardship," using 1 Corinthians 4:2 and 1 Timothy 3:13 as scriptural background. His message was especially fitting for the ordination service to follow.

During the ordination service, the pastor read to Gary concerning the life a deacon should live and the responsibilities of a deacon. Then the other ordained deacons met Mr. Allen and Gary at the altar. As they placed their hands on him and prayed, Dixie Honeycutt read Gary's testimony. Then Mary Lynn; Judy, Dixie and Jerry Honeycutt sang, "The Longer I Serve Him, the Sweeter He Grows."

This service was very inspirational because Gary had been reared in a Christian home. His parents have been loyal to God, to His church and

to the denominational enterprises for which the church stands. Gary's father, Mr. J. T. Faircloth, was a very sincere and dedicated deacon from the time he was ordained June 11, 1967, until he passed away August 22, 1981. He would have been pleased seeing Gary walking in his footsteps.

### IN MEMORIAM



*Mrs. Carol Sue Hoops Hopkins*

Mrs. Carol Sue Hoops Hopkins, age 40, of Route 1, Germanton, North Carolina, was pronounced dead on arrival at Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Danbury, North Carolina, from injuries

she received in an automobile accident on June 25, 1982, at 5:20 p.m. near her home. Funeral services were conducted June 28, 1982, at 11 a.m. at Union Gospel Church, Germanton, North Carolina, by the Rev. Willie Kate Lawson. Burial was in Walnut Cove Cemetery. She was employed at Salem Electric Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Any memorials may be made to Union Gospel Church, Route 2, Box 15, Germanton, North Carolina 27019.

Sue is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Martha Preston of Pine Hall, North Carolina, Mrs. Judy Simpson of Germanton, North Carolina, Mrs. Dee Farrell of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and many loved ones and friends.

She was the Youth Director of the Piedmont Conference and the Youth Director of Union Gospel Church. She was also a Sunday school teacher for the young adult class, and was a very active member and past secretary for the ladies auxiliary of the church. Sue sang with the choir and in the church quartet. She was loved by all who came in contact with her, and made many friends while working for the Lord. She was faithful in the Lord's work. She gave so much of her love and time to the young people. Sue Hopkins will be missed by all whose life she came in contact with.

The world is a much lonelier place because she left it, but Heaven is a much friendlier place because she is there. She is waiting for people here on earth to make it into Heaven. One of God's jewels has been called hom, to live with Him forever and ever.

The Rev. Willie Kate Lawson  
Evelyn Hampton



"... Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

## REASONS FOR PRAYER

God commanded us repeatedly to pray as in 1 Samuel 12:23, *God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you ... or in* Ephesians 6:18, *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit ... and in* 1 Thessalonians 5:17, *Pray without ceasing.*

Throughout the New Testament the example of Christ praying is found many times.

Christ prayed at His baptism (Luke 3:21).

Christ prayed in the desert (Luke 4:42).

Christ prayed in the wilderness (Luke 5:16).

Christ prayed on a mountain (Mark 6:46).

Christ prayed in the presence of His disciples (Luke 9:18).

Christ prayed three times in the garden (Matthew 26:39-44).

Christ prayed when He raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:41).

Christ prayed three times on the Cross (Matthew 27:46; Luke 23:24, 46).

The Early Church sets an example for us to pray as in Acts 1:14, *These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication ... and Acts 2:42, And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.* And in Acts 12:5, *Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.* Too many of us pray when the burden is really upon us and then forget about it. Maybe when the crisis is brought to our attention again—down the road somewhere—we'll pray another time, but we do not pray without ceasing.

Won't you please pray daily for the financial needs of your Children's Home?

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND



Shown above are Ronald Worthington; Doris Ann Hudson; Mickey Newton; and Charles Warren, outgoing president.

### New Alumni Officers Elected 1982

PRESIDENT ..... Mickey Newton  
VICE PRESIDENT ..... Doris Ann Hudson  
SECRETARY & TREASURER ..... Ronald Worthington

### Awards

ACADEMIC AWARD: Given by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper to the students in elementary and high schools who made the highest scholastic average during the past school year. Recipients are determined by the official school records.

Steve Langworthy

MIDDLESEX ELEMENTARY

Heidi Perkins

SOUTHERN NASH JUNIOR

Dorothy Rhodes

SOUTHERN NASH JUNIOR

Tim Mills

SOUTHERN NASH SENIOR

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD: Given by the Alumni Association to the girl and boy showing the most interest in the Home. Selection by vote of the staff.

GIRL Betty Worley

BOY Steve Langworthy

JOHNSON AWARD: Given by Miss Wanda Johnson to the child reflecting the most overall progress during the year. Selection by vote of the staff.

CHILD Cindy Webb

MIXON AWARD: Given by Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Mixon to the best all-around girl and boy. Selection by vote of the children.

GIRL Betty Worley

BOY Randy Rhodes

POWELL AWARD: Given by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Powell to the girl and boy showing the most interest in religious activities. Selection by vote of the staff.

GIRL Betty Worley

BOY Johnny Wayne Griffin



YESTERDAY'S CHILDREN—TODAY'S ADULTS

ALUMNI WEEKEND July 10 and 11 was a time of seeing old friends and staff. Many came with families of their own to reminisce about living, growing, working and playing together here at the Children's Home.

They expressed appreciation to the staff still here, and those who returned for a visit, for the guidance, love and values they were taught. Like most adults looking back at childhood, the love and guidance of their houseparents through Bible training, chores, manners and discipline was to become even more important in the years after leaving the Children's Home.

One Alumni man said, "I never did mind working on the farm, but I sure did not see why my housemother insisted I learn to iron my own shirts. Well, I sure see why now, I'm not married yet! My housemother cared about me even after I left the home. Especially when I remember the hard time I gave her in learning to iron, but I am grateful she never gave up on me. We used to say she had eyes in the back of her head; today I'd say she had eyes that could see way out *ahead* of me."

Over seventy years ago the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina had a vision . . . with dedication, labor and faithfulness that vision became a reality in May, 1920, when the first children were admitted to the Home.

With that vision came responsibility . . . for young lives from broken homes caused by alcohol, mental illness, crime, physical illness, poverty, neglect, desertion, death, etc. The majority of children today are not orphans, but have a greater individual need. Their world has been shattered. They no longer know the love and security of a family. The purpose of *your* Free Will Baptist Children's Home is redemptive in the restoration of the child's faith in himself, God and his/her world. These children must be loved as our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, loved the Church. We of the staff are dedicated to that end.

The Alumni are the result of that vision, but they, like others, are asking what about today, the child who should be here but is being turned away because promised support is not coming in from the Free Will Baptist Churches or His people.

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Many have the idea from past publications and happenings that *your* Children's Home may be "on its last legs" and about to close. What happened to that early vision? That dedication, labor and faith in Almighty God of your forefathers! The Bible is full of examples of the Lord giving a work to His people and His abundant blessing when in obedience they labor for Him.

The 1981 State Convention accepted the request of the Children's Home . . . "that our member churches support the Children's Home with gifts of \$15.65 per member in their church budget . . ." This did not, however, mean that individual churches accepted the request and most choose not to.

*Your* Children's Home is private—it receives no tax monies of any kind—therefore our people *should* support the Children's Home . . . today that is not being accomplished.

Our Lord blessed the Free Will Baptist people with their faithfulness to the vision of building the Children's Home, land and housing for 100 children. Today we have about 26 and are turning children away because of lack of support. The Alumni made it—but will those who are in our care today (and waiting) receive the benefits to which they too are entitled? Yes! through the grace of God and your individual interest, prayer and financial support.

What manner of children shall they be? Individual—you can make that difference. It is up to us, my fellow Christian. Let us again read Matthew 25: especially 31-46. Each of us will be called to account, and in that hour all that will matter is ". . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

*CHARITY IS . . . Not what we give, but what we share,  
For the gift without the giver is bare;  
Who gives himself with alms feeds three,  
Himself, his hungry neighbor and Me.*

—James Russel Lowell

THE TIME IS NOW—to step out in faith and stand with me—the future of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home depends on it.

Please let me hear from you today,

Charles V. Watt  
Director of Development  
Free Will Baptist Children's Home  
Box 249-W  
Middlesex, NC 27557



TODAY'S CHILDREN—TOMORROW'S FUTURE



## OUR AMBITIONS

*by Dr. Emmanuel Lall*



*Dr. Emmanuel Lall*

The Free Will Baptist Church of India will soon be passing through her seventh year of establishment. It is the result of our fervent prayers. A group of Indian Christians organized in 1970 was concerned with the evangelization in the country, specially the difficult part of Northern India where the Christian population was merely 0.01. This challenge took our heart and we were at a loss to determine as how to undertake the task. What we did was to continue banding ourselves in prayers that the Lord of Harvest would open some way for us to have the resources for evangelization in our country. Our prayers were heard and the Lord brought us in contact with the Director of the Foreign Mission Board of the Original Free Will Baptists in North Carolina in a way that it is still surprising to us. When we think of this we bow our heads in gratitude to God for the arrangement brought before us. As you know, the chief resource for evangelization is Christian manpower backed up with fervent and intelligent prayers. The second major resource is financial. Large amounts of money are needed to accomplish the task of evangelization. The third resource is

information, data, that helps in decision making and determining the strategies.

The Free Will Baptists in North Carolina took up the task of sharing the work of evangelization in our country in which we are involved. We are happy to say that in such a short span of time we have 42 congregations and 9 elementary schools in operation. When our denominational work started in India we gladly took the risk of our lives and property to evangelize in the part of North India where no other mission of the church has been able to flourish ever since Christianity reached the shores of India from the very beginning because of the orthodoxy of the people in this area and the rigidity of their faith. There had been countless martyrs in this part of the country in the wake of evangelical activities so far. We preferred organizational ecclesiastical ambitions. The beginning of the work seemed receptive and until the end of last year was harmonious. However, severe criticism, opposition and persecution are now under way.

Our country is the largest one in the world in many respects. There are about 14 million Christians in a total population of about 700 million. What are desperately needed here are witnesses and disciples who, as they study the Scriptures, are thoroughly convinced that men and women without God are without hope. Constrained by the love of Christ, filled with His compassion for the lost, these disciples will respond to His call for laborers. Their work as Christ's witnesses begins where we place them. Owing to economic need and uncertainty it is hard to find

people for full-time Christian work.

The present reality is that in many modern Indian congregations, the rural areas have memberships ranging from 100 to 600, but these members are scattered over vast areas in about 20 or 30 villages, often many miles away from the church location. Usually such a congregation has only one pastor. Most of the pastors are without any means of conveyance. It takes months for him to visit each of the families of his congregation. Those who have bicycles are the most fortunate and are better off than the former. To complicate matters, the prayer meetings, Bible studies and meetings of various sorts held at the church place are usually attended by only a few people. In other words, most of the church members enjoy little fellowship, have little opportunity for Bible study or to pray together etc. Under the present pattern of ministry, it is not an easy work to gather the lost sheep and care for the backsliders. The work among such people requires time and better techniques.

Undoubtedly, the ministers and deacons available for the full-time ministry of the church in this part of the country do not meet the standard required for the witness and challenge to the lives of people among whom they are charged to work. There is a greater need to learn more about the Word of God, that our pastors and deacons might be able to proclaim the teaching of the Scripture more ably and faithfully. It would help make strong denominational leaders among our people such as the ministers, deacons, teachers and other mission workers. It would



further help our rural churches to become self-supporting. More able pastors and deacons will be helpful and much more appealing to converts and seekers.

In fact, our ambition since the very beginning of the work as Free Will Baptists is that the whole country of India might be evangelized and brought to Christ through our church denomination. We hope that the people in North Carolina who are supporting the mission of our church in this country will continue to help us through their prayers and financial assistance until the task is over. The huge unfinished task of proclaiming the gospel to the millions in our country drives us to our knees. We offer to God our manpower, our financial resources and our information channels. We commit ourselves afresh to Him as His ambassadors and bearers of the gospel. We make evangelization of our country our primary concern and request you to join hands with us as His people—brothers and sisters and march forward as soldiers of Jesus Christ.

### **FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCED**

Faculty and staff members of the Palawan Bible Institute for the 1982-83 school year were formally announced on May 30, 1982. A special service for the occasion was held at the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church on the Campus of PBI.

The service was led by Pastor Andrino Segay. Following the invocation, singing, welcome and announcements, the President of PBI, Fred P. Baker, introduced the faculty and staff for the upcoming school year. They are: President, teacher—Fred P. Baker (on furlough); Acting-President, teacher—Ludgerio E. Malinao; Dean of Faculty, Business Manager, teacher—Charles I. Barnard; Librarian,

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## *Cragmont Assembly*



Our summer season has been great this year. Most of our youth camps have set records in attendance again this year. Each camp has had good spiritual programs for their classes and preaching. I am sure all the youth have been lead to a closer relationship with their Lord.

Pictured here is General Youth Conference directed by the Rev. Harry Grubbs, pastor of Greenville Free Will Baptist Church.

## *News and Notes*

### **Third Union Youth to Have Youth Revival**

The Third Union Youth of the Eastern District will be having a Youth Revival August 12, 13, 14, at Sandy Plain near Beula-ville. It will begin at 1 p.m. with singing by the youth from different churches of the Third Union. Tim Heath will be the speaker each night.

The Saturday, August 14, session will be the monthly meeting. Everyone is invited to come and fellowship with them.

### **Western District Laymen To Meet**

The Western District Layman's League Convention will meet with Little Rock Church near Lucama, on Monday, August 16, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. All churches of the Western District are urged to attend.

### **Youth Singspiration at Union Chapel**

There will be a Youth Singspiration at Union Chapel Church near Plymouth, August 29, at 3 p.m. All youth through high school will participate. Everyone is invited to attend.

August is State Convention Promotional Month



## PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

by W. Burkette Raper

July 26, 1982

\$1,500,000	Goal in gifts and pledges set by Board of Trustees for beginning construction.
1,413,000	Gifts (\$610,000) and Pledge Balances (\$803,000).
\$ 87,000	Amount required in gifts and pledges to begin construction.

Our goal is to raise the additional \$87,000 in gifts and pledges by the end of August. Since May 24, 1982, gifts and new pledges have totaled \$255,695.

God has given His people adequate resources, and it is within our reach, if it is within our will, to have \$1,500,000 in gifts and pledges by August 31, or before.

College Hall: "If Not Now, When?"

### GROUNDBREAKING FOR COLLEGE HALL SET!

Sunday, August 29, 1982  
4 p.m.

New Campus  
Mount Olive College

All Free Will Baptist Churches and friends of Mount Olive College are invited and encouraged to attend this significant and long-awaited event.

Our plans are to take bids about mid-August and to begin construction in September. The construction schedule is based on the faith and commitment that pledges and gifts will reach \$1,500,000 by the end of August.

## MOC TO ISSUE BONDS FOR COLLEGE HALL

\$1,500,000 in first mortgage interest bearing bonds will be issued for the construction of College Hall. College Hall is the physical education, athletic, and convention center to be built on the new campus of Mount Olive College.

President W. Burkette Raper has announced that bonds will be issued October 1 with maturity dates from six months to seven years.

Two types of bonds will be issued:

*Coupon bonds* will pay interest at 12% each six months. For example, upon presentation of his "coupon," the bond holder of a \$1,000 bond would receive \$60 in interest each six months until maturity. Coupon bonds will be available at maturities of ½ to 3 years.

*Compound interest bonds* will pay interest at 12% for bonds which mature from 3½ to 5 years and 13% on bonds at maturity from 5½ to 7 years. Interest will be compounded each six months and will be paid at the maturity of the bond. For example, a \$1,000 compound interest bond which matures in 7 years would be worth \$2,415.

Both coupon bonds and compound interest bonds will be available in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000. Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on the land and building of College Hall.

Gifts and pledges to the project have now exceeded \$1,500,000 and a groundbreaking service has been scheduled for Sunday, August 29, at 4 p.m.

Architectural drawings and specifications will be available to selected contractors about mid-August and if bids fall

within the proposed budget, construction is expected to begin in September. Estimated cost of the total project is \$2,500,000 and the projected construction period is 18 months.

The College Hall bonds are not covered under the recently defeated amendment which would have permitted private colleges to issue tax exempt bonds for financing construction.

Interest earned on the College Hall bonds will be taxable just as interest from regular savings accounts and certificates of deposit is now taxable as ordinary income.

For a copy of the offering circular and additional information on College Hall bonds, contact: President W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365; telephone: (office) 658-2502, (home) 658-3855.

## MRS. ROSE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Mrs. Fannie I. Rose, director of food services at Mount Olive College, has announced her retirement, effective September 1. After 37 years in food service management (13 of those years at Mount Olive) Mrs. Rose says, "I have decided to retire in order to have time to do some of the things that I am unable to do while continuing to work."

Those things include helping her husband "tend his crop of 63 dogwood, crepe myrtle, and pine trees." She also plans to enjoy sitting quietly in the morning and eating breakfast while watching the squirrels and rabbits play on her lawn. For 13 years, she has risen early to supervise the preparation of breakfast for the 400

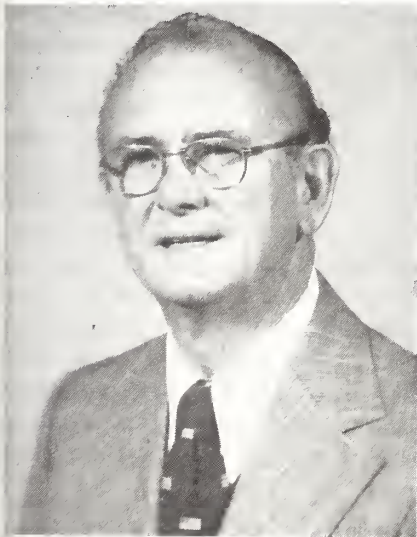
on-campus students and members of the community who eat regularly in the cafeteria.

In addition to preparation for three meals a day, Mrs. Rose's duties have included meal planning, buying, labor supervision, and inventories. She has also provided catering services for individuals and area civic organizations.

Mrs. Rose added that she will miss all of those people who have taken advantage of food service in the cafeteria but that she is "looking forward to watching the growth of the College." She hopes some day to visit them all in a new cafeteria.

### MINISTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN INSTITUTE

The annual Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College will be held from 9:30-4 p.m. on Monday, August 9, and from 9-4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10. Topics are "The Minister and Crisis Ministry" and "The Minister and His Financial Planning."



The Rev. Fred Rivenbark

The program, which is planned by a representative group of Free Will Baptist ministers, will include the Rev. Fred Rivenbark and the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

The Rev. Fred Rivenbark is retired but serves as assistant

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## THE BOOK CORNER

by DeWayne Eakes

Howe, Revel L., *The Miracle of Dialogue*. The Seabury Press, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1963.

Dr. Howe, a skilled person of pastoral experience, an able theologian and one skilled in the area of man's psychological makeup, presents a very readable and practical book on the need for dialogue in every realm of contemporary life. Dr. Howe is well-known for his insistence that the great need for people in our world today is meaningful relationships with each other and with God, and that the basis for those relationships is dialogue. Dialogue is "the mutual exchange of meaning from one person to another person."

Dr. Howe writes, "Dialogue is to love, what blood is to the body. When the flow of blood stops, love dies and resentment and hate are born. But dialogue can restore a dead relationship. Indeed, this is the miracle of dialogue: it can bring a relationship into being, and it can bring into being once again a relationship that has died. There is only one qualification to these claims for dialogue: it must be mutual and proceed from both sides, and the parties to it must persist relentlessly" (Page 3).

Dr. Howe talks about the major barriers to dialogue: language, images we have of each other or the subject matter, defensiveness and holding of contradicting (contrary) purposes. His discussion of each of these elements as barriers to the "meeting of meaning" or real dialogue is simple and to the point, but very illuminating if approached with openness on the part of the reader.

A discussion of qualities that a person who is capable of meaningful dialogue has is very helpful. The person capable of real dialogue is a total, "authentic" person who is really present, who does not run off on mental "errands" while he seems to be listening to you. This person is an "open" person who can reveal himself to others and can hear and receive others' self-revelation; this person is "disciplined" and is able to assume responsibility for himself and others and accepts the limitations and opportunities of relationships; this is a "related" person who responds to others and is, therefore responsible. The author states, "It is imperative, then, that a Christian be a dialogical person through whom the Word that gives life is spoken" (Page 83).

The author draws from his rich pastoral experience and his concerns for the need of the church to initiate and sustain meaningful dialogue within itself for its own health and within the world which is the mission and life of the church.

"The miracles of dialogue are needed in all relationships—by dialogue we can let God into our world because in dialogue we open ourselves to one another, and in so doing, we open ourselves to God. When man is open to God miracles have to happen . . . (Page 152)."



## SUNDAY, 8 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 8

### WHAT SAVED A JUDGE'S LIFE

Judge Shepherd, Circuit Court Judge of Nashville, Tennessee, was a deacon in his church. It was his unvarying custom to attend the services of his church on every Lord's day. One Sunday his pastor, Dr. Norman W. Cox, noticed that the judge was not sitting in his accustomed place. Inquiry was made. "Where is Judge Shepherd today?"

Later Dr. Cox said, "Suddenly I became worried. When there was no answer to the phone call at his home where he lived alone, I went there and found the house locked. I convinced the police that it was unlike the judge not to be at church, and he must be in his home. The officers forced a door open. They found him unconscious from gas fumes caused by a faulty heater. Another half hour would have been too late. The judge's fixed custom to go to God's house on the Lord's day saved his life!"

*So on I go, not knowing,  
I would not, if I might;  
I'd rather walk in the dark with God  
Than go alone in the light;  
I'd rather walk by faith with Him,  
Than go alone by sight!*

## MONDAY, 9 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 9

### YOU DID NOT DENY ME!

Years ago, a young university student worked with a godless gang of surveyors during the summer vacation to help with his college expenses. The student was a devout Christian. In fact, he was the *only* Christian in that gang of surveyors. When the evening meal was over, the men would gamble and drink and, oftentimes, the atmosphere of the large room where they stayed would become "blue" with profanity. On his first night with the gang, before the Christian student retired, he read his Bible and then knelt to pray. Pillows and shoes began to fly about the kneeling form. The praying student was ridiculed and mocked. The foreman of the gang allowed the mockery to go unabated for a moment, but then something noble asserted itself in his heart. Leaping to his feet, he said, "The next

man who throws a pillow or a shoe, or says anything in ridicule of that Christian boy will get one of the soundest thrashings anyone ever got! That boy is genuine. He is more of a man than the whole shebang of us!" The Christian boy finished praying. Then he got into his cot. That night God seemed to say to him, "Eddie, I want you to preach my gospel. You did not deny Me, and I will honor and greatly use you as My messenger!" Thus Dr. R. E. Neighbour got *his call* to the Christian ministry.

*Faith is dead to doubts, dumb to discouragements, blind to impossibilities, knows nothing but success. Faith lifts its hands up through the threatening clouds, lays hold of Him who has all power in Heaven and on earth. Faith makes the uplook good, the outlook bright, the inlook favorable, and the future glorious.*

## TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:1-17

### GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN

For thirteen years a faithful missionary worked in Urfa, Mesopotamia, without seeing anyone confessing Christ. Humanly speaking, the situation was hopeless. Then a destroying scourge came to the people—an epidemic of cholera! The fear-shaken natives fled like stampeding cattle, abandoning the sick and dying to sure death. The missionary faithfully stood by the sufferers. How grateful they were! Finally he succumbed to the dreadful disease and died. His body was interred outside the city walls. Had all his labors been in vain! No! Another missionary was appointed, and now many turned to Christ. A church was built and dedicated to the memory of the fallen missionary whom the natives endearingly spoke of as "the man who died for us!"

*If we forget ourselves for others, others will never forget us.*

## WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:18-39

### I'LL NEVER GO BACK!

A girl from a godless home began to attend a Bible class. She was genuinely converted. Her

parents ridiculed her, and did their best to get her to renounce her faith in Christ. "It is not natural for a young girl like you to be religious," they said. The girl, however, was steadfast. She said, "The change of heart I have had is not natural. It is supernatural. It is altogether from God. Only God could do what He has done in my life. By His grace I'll never go back to the old life!"

Time passed. Her father, observing the change which had taken place in her life, said, "I guess it must be real, Mary, because now you get up at six o'clock every morning to study the Bible. Before that you were so lazy we had trouble getting you out of bed!"

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*Faith never stands around with its hands in its pockets.*

## THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11

### GIVE UP YOUR FAITH, OR ELSE!

There was a clamorous knock at the African pastor's door and in came a murderous group of Mau Mau! The leader said, "It's simple. Give up your faith in Christ, subscribe to our oath, or die!" The brave pastor replied, "I will not give up my faith in Christ, and I will not sign your oath!" He was dragged from his humble home. A noose was placed about his neck and the rope was thrown across an overhanging limb. His hands were tied behind his back. The rope was drawn sufficiently taut to suspend his body so that his toes barely touched the ground. Agonizing hours passed. As the day began to break, his persecutors again said: "It's simple. Give up your faith in Christ, subscribe to our oath, or die!" Resolutely the pastor replied, "I will not give up my faith in Christ, and I will not sign your oath!" "Then die!" said the leader.

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*Those who are faithful in well-doing need not fear those that are spiteful in evil-doing, for they have a God to trust who has well-doers under the hand of His protection, and evil-doers under the hand of His restraint.*

## FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 12

### ONLY ONE VISIBLY PRESENT

A church in a small community decided to discontinue the midweek prayer service. There was little protest about the decision. One woman, however, never failed to attend the midweek service unless ill or away. She said, "I am going to

be present at the usual time for the midweek prayer meeting." The following Wednesday night she was present in the prayer room of the little church. Next day, someone jestingly asked her, "Did you have a prayer meeting last night?" "Yes," she replied cheerfully. "Ah, that we did!" "How many were present?" "Four," she said. "Why, I heard that you were there all alone!" "No, no!" she protested. "I was the only one *visibly* present, but the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were there, and we were all agreed in prayer!"

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*Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible.*

## SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 13

### I LEAVE THE RESULTS WITH GOD!

An explorer was going through the wilds of Alaska. It was bitter cold. He came to a little church and mission school where a lone missionary preached and taught. "What are you doing here in this cold, dreary, out-of-the-way place? How can you waste your life in a place like this?" asked the explorer. The missionary smiled and answered, "God sent me here. Here I shall remain until I die, or until God gives me further orders!" The explorer said, "But the task here is hopeless! You have made so few converts in all these years; the results have been so small!" The missionary said, "Results are not my business. I leave the results with God. I must be faithful and do my best for God. Some day results will come!"

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*Doubt sees the obstacles,*

*Faith sees the way!*

*Doubt sees the darkest night,*

*Faith sees the day!*

*Doubt dreads to take a step,*

*Faith soars on high!*

*Doubt questions, "Who believes?"*

*Faith answers, "I!"*

Portions selected from *Kinght's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

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A cab driver in Ireland was reading his New Testament. "What are you reading?" a fare asked as he entered the cab. "The New Testament, Sir." "Why do you read it?" "I love it, Sir, and the Saviour of whom it tells." "What is your creed?" "It is very simple, Sir: Believe all that God has said; obey all that Christ has commanded; expect all that Christ has promised!"



For August 8

## **BARNABAS: BUILDER AND MISSIONARY**

**Lesson Text:** Acts 4:34-37; 11:19-26; 13:1-3

**Memory Verse:** Acts 11:24

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Our attention is captivated by those who are on center stage, by those who are the stars or the leading actors in any drama. This is true, not only of actual dramatic productions, but also of many other situations in life. The surgeon is vital as he operates with great skill on the patient. But the nurse who hands him the correct instruments as he requires them is important too. So is the anesthetist who must supervise and monitor the anesthesia level. The leading actor must have a supporting cast and a director. In television dramas the persons behind the cameras are essential.

So it is in our view of the New Testament drama. There are certain great persons who seem to be on center stage in the Book of Acts. Probably these could be listed as Peter, Philip, and Paul. But there are many others who are very important, whose roles are those of supporting actors. One of the most significant of these is Barnabas. We shall see how large a place he had in the life and work of Paul. He was a noble Christian in his own right and a dedicated servant of our Lord. Our consideration of his life and endeavors should encourage us not to be disturbed if we cannot always have "top billing" in the Kingdom's work. Also we should come to a keener appreciation of all those faithful, unsung heroes who make possible all God's victories among men.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. HINTS THAT HELP**

A. The Christian character which we study today is one of the greatest, we think, in the Early Church. It was he who helped to make Saul of Tarsus to become the Apostle Paul, one of the greatest characters in all history. It was he who helped to make the focal point of the church move from Jerusalem to Antioch. And it was he who taught with Paul at Antioch for a year or more.

B. The name of the man we study is Barnabas. He is called a "good man" in the Bible. Then we are told that he was filled with the Holy Spirit. This is the reason the Bible calls him a good man. Why do we call people good today? Because they are morally clean, honest and upright? Barnabas shows that there is more to being a "good" man than morals. God must be the Controller of the person's life.

C. Barnabas was the kind of man that could rejoice when he saw the grace of God at work even though the Spirit was working in a manner that went against the traditions of the church. Too many people are not willing to accept any work of God unless it is in accord with their traditions.

D. Observe three great characteristics of the man Barnabas. He was the man of the open hand—this showed when he sold his land and gave all the money to the church. He was the man of the open mind—this showed when he rejoiced to see the grace of God at work at Antioch even though it was against the traditions of the Jews. He was the man of the open heart—this shows when he was led of the Holy Spirit and went with Paul on the first missionary journey.

E. Note that in connection with the first missionary journey the name of Barnabas is mentioned before that of Saul, at least at first. There can be no doubt about the fact that he helped to get Paul accepted in the church and aided him in becoming the greatest leader in the church since the Lord Jesus himself.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B)*

### **III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS**

So far as we know, the Scudder family made a missionary record not made by any other family in history. Read this brief statement: "John Scudder and his wife were missionaries to Ceylon and India. Of their ten children who grew to adult life, one died while preparing for the Christian ministry, and nine became foreign missionaries, five being medical missionaries. In 1919, the year marking the centennial of Scudder influence in India, three great grandchildren sailed for that land. Thirty-one descendants have worked in India, while seven others are missionaries elsewhere."—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W. B.)*

### **FAITHFUL TO THE END**

John Eliot, on the day of his death, in his eightieth year, was found teaching the alphabet to an Indian child at his bedside. "Why not rest from your labors?" said a friend.

"Because," said the venerable man, "I have prayed to God to make me useful in my sphere, and He has heard my prayer, for now that I can no longer preach, He leaves me strength enough to teach this poor child his alphabet."

Eighty years of age, and bedridden, yet still at work for others! And shall the young find nothing to do for those about them?

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Left to right: Ludgerio E. Malinao, Charles I. Barnard, Breatriz R. Manzano, Esther A. Macolor, Pablita O. Malinao, Antonio M. Somones Jr., Nilo dela Rosa, Sammy dela Rosa

teacher—Miss Breatriz R. Manzano; Administrative Secretary—Miss Esther A. Macolor; Kitchen Supervisor—Mrs. Pablita O. Malinao; Garden Supervisor—Antonio M. Somones Jr.; Piggery Leadman—Sammy dela Rosa; Fishing Leadman—Nilo dela Rosa.

A message of challenge was given to the members of the faculty and staff by Fred P. Baker, using for his text 1 Timothy 4:15, 16. After the message, the members were read the charge of office which they accepted. Then they knelt in prayer as Brother Baker committed and dedicated them to the Lord's service.

We are looking unto God for a truly great school year under

the leadership of these that God has chosen to serve Him. Registration and orientation was held on June 10, 11, with classes officially opening on June 14, 1982. This was the beginning of the fourth school year at Palawan Bible Institute.

Your earnest prayers and support of these people and this ministry that God has called them to is requested. The training of young men and women for the gospel ministry is a must if we are to accomplish the Great Commission of our Lord. We are counting on you again this year.

Thank you for your past involvement in the Lord's work here in the Philippines.

Fred Baker

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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minister of Sherron Acres Church in Durham. He will speak on "Budget Planning for the Minister" as part of the session on Financial Planning.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds is chairman of the board of Superannuation and secretary-treasurer of the Church Finance Association. He is a former manager of the Free Will Baptist Press and currently serves as pastor of Friendship Church in Greene County.

Mr. Reynolds will discuss "Retirement Options for the Minister," also as part of the session on Financial Planning.

The Rev. Jerry Allen, pastor of Robert's Grove Church, and the Rev. Danny Smith, pastor of Long Ridge Church, will conduct the devotionals for the Institute.

For additional information and registration, contact Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, by calling 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363 (home).

## COMING EVENTS

**August**—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as State Convention Promotional Month

**August 9, 10**—Ministers' Institute, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

**August 9-13**—Fourth Week of Camp, the Rev. Wayne King, Director, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere

**August 9-14**—Woman's Auxiliary Conference, Mrs. Dola Dudley, Director, Cragmont

**August 16-21**—Fifth Week of Camp (North Carolina Sunday School Convention Week), the Rev. Chris Singleton, Director, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere

**August 18**—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

**August 24**—Quarterly Meeting, of Board of Trustees, Mount Olive College

**August 29**—Groundbreaking Service for College Hall, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, 4 p.m.

**August 29**—Fall Semester Begins at Mount Olive College

**August 29**—Central District Sunday School Convention and Union Meeting

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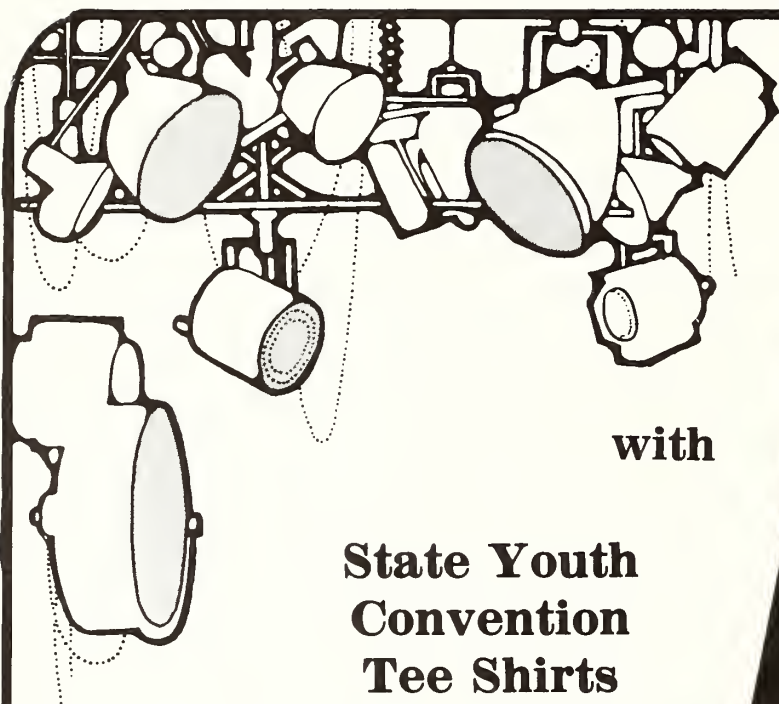
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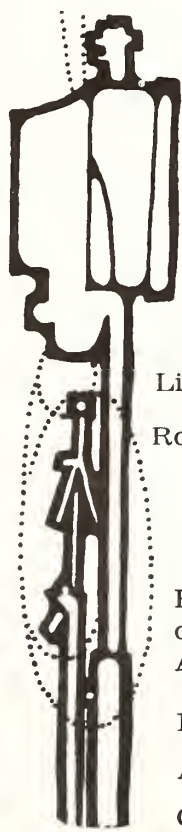
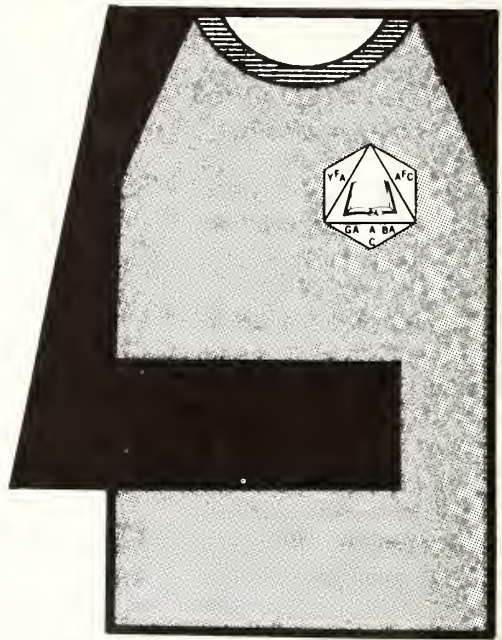


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## Be On The Lookout For . . .

I hate and fear snakes. I'm sure that not all of my prejudice is well-founded, for I know that there are snakes that will not hurt men, but I like them no better because of this. Probably a lot of my feelings are based on the fact that many people I know have been unknowingly bitten by another kind of viper; I know they have because I can see the results in their lives.

Such people have been poisoned with an unlovely disposition. This poison first shows up in one's attitude—and it speaks louder than any words ever could. A poor attitude causes difficulties in life, but it also serves to blind one to this tragedy; it closes more doors than ability ever opens; and it is usually tied up with plain old selfishness. If there is any place where kindness is needed it is within the family circle, and it is within this circle that this poison is usually expressed. This poison surfaces and is manifested too often in our church life. Beware of the serpent lest you be bitten and poisoned with an unlovely disposition.

Many people have been bitten by the serpent of selfishness. He is a master of disguise, for he can change that which is ugly into something beautiful; a bitter experience can look so sweet. It is tragic to watch someone after he has been bitten by this snake—his whole personality often changes. His situation is *the* peculiar, his problems *the* biggest, his enemies *the* most unscrupulous, his jokes *the* funniest, his trials *the* absolute worst, *his* own prayers receive special attention, his virtues are *the* most exemplary; and needless to say, his (few) faults *need* to be overlooked.

The poison from this serpent is sometimes manifested in ingratitude. One mountain couple had as their only desire for their son to receive a college education. To that end they sacrificed—they plowed their neighbors' crops; they washed others' clothes; they even used coffee grounds over and over again. Time passed quickly after their son enrolled in the university, but the days sometimes were lengthened by the fact that the boy seldom wrote home. On the young man's graduation day, his father, clad in a pair of clean overalls, headed to the affair in his buggy. When he reached the campus, the old gentleman saw three rather intelligent looking young men, one of whom looked an awful lot like his son. The father called out to them and asked if they knew his son. His boy was one of the young men; he looked at his roommates, then at the old man and his out-of-date buggy and merely asked, "Who is that old man?" Heartbroken, the father turned his buggy around and headed back toward his mountain home.

"Can people be so cruel?" you ask. Yes, I must reply, for there are millions who have turned their backs on God, their Father, and disowned Him, too. Many have been bitten and poisoned; beware of this serpent.

Apparently one of the fastest reproducing of all snakes is the serpent of laziness, for its poison has reached epidemic proportions, if such is possible. When he was told he looked tired one morning, a gentleman replied, "Last night I read that a person turns over every 15 minutes when he's asleep. I

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# SOULS ARE FOR MORE THAN WINNING

*submitted by Frank Ray Harrison*

What brought it to my attention was a letter from an elderly pastor in Poland. He told me about the small seminary where he is a teacher, and said, "My favorite subject to lecture is soul-caring."

I like that! I've heard a lot about soul-winning, but not very much about soul-caring. Apparently it's been hidden or missing for a long time, for even the Psalmist lamented, "No man cared for my soul."

Caring.

Winning.

We can always care. We can't always win. It was said of the rich young ruler—Jesus' "unsuccessful" attempt at winning—that Jesus, "beholding him, loved him." Was that why the young man "went away sorrowful"? Was it his rejection of Jesus' offer of eternal life or was it his rejection of Jesus' love that made the impact? (See Mark 10:17-24.) It would be interesting to know where that young man finally wound up, what direction he ultimately chose for his life, whether searing memories of that encounter stayed with him down the years. Did he ever rearrange his priorities?

It is usually possible, I think, to know when one is loved, when one's soul is being cared for rather than coveted. Soul-caring is always personal. There is a recognition across barriers, a glimpsing of oneself in the eyes into which one looks, a finding of likeness whatever

outward difference. Soul-caring is the quiet but shattering discovery of mutuality. It is the transcending of narrow interest and status, a warm respect that suddenly links destinies. To care, one must become vulnerable, let someone else matter, surrender in some sense a measure of one's own sovereignty. That was the trouble with Jim Jones of Guyana. He was a soul-winner, but he was not a soul-carer. He captured souls; he did not free them.

When the focus is on being a winner, the soul being won tends to become secondary, almost an afterthought.

"Winning" just may not be the best word. When we bring good news to someone in despair, we don't say we "win" the despairing one. We are more likely to say that we comfort or release or bless the person as a result of the message. If there is any "winner" in soul-winning, it is surely the one who hears and acts upon the good news, not the one who transmits it.

Soul-winning, as we commonly use the expression, often deals in numbers, fostering the impression that evangelicals are interested primarily in spiritual body counts or in completing a somewhat burdensome assignment with as little inconvenience as possible. We're not doing much thinking—or caring—about the earthly environment to which

saved souls will have to return and in which they are expected to operate happily and victoriously with little further attention from us.

Soul-caring must go on not only after confrontation but before it. Perhaps there are some evangelists who "win" with only superficial caring, but I hope they are in the minority. Perhaps there are congregations whose prime motivation for what they call evangelism is the increasingly desperate need to bolster a shaky budget, but this is no adequate solution to either financing or evangelizing. In the church, the bottom line has to be not intake but outgo; not snaring but caring.

There are still pouting Jonahs in the world who accuse God of softness when He accepts the repentance of a Nineveh these fire-breathers hope He will incinerate. But the nagging question remains: Does destruction or repentance offer the greater vindication of prophethood? Don't ask Jonah, for you will get the wrong answer. Thanks to the intervention of God, Jonah became a soul-winner, though an unintentional and even unwilling one. He knew little, it seems obvious, about soul-caring.

A few months ago, 558 people—half the population of a village in India—embraced Islam. Asked why they preferred Islam to Christianity,

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the converts said that Christian concern for people ended with their conversion while the Islamic society looked after them even following their conversion.

I hope their perception is wrong or that it's different in other places. But I'm afraid it may not be.

If "winning" is all we are interested in, maybe we deserve what we are not getting. If we want to "win" without moving close to the lost one, without touching him, without sharing something of his life and hope and hurt, without venturing into his lostness, without trying to make him a friend before making him a convert (and not simply in order to make him a convert), we're going in the wrong direction, whatever the assistance of how-to seminars and computers and communication gimmicks.

Preaching, as you can see, is nine-tenths (p)reaching, whether by an appointed minister in a pulpit or a lay Christian in daily life. Literally and figuratively, it could be said that if there is no reaching, there is no preaching. And it could also be said that if there is no caring, there is no reaching.

So the final question, then: Who cares?

—Stan Mooneyham

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# Suggestions for Parents and Children

I know that the welcome and the thanks for you coming have already been said, but I would like to add my two cents worth. I am happy to see each of you even though it makes my knees just a little shaky. It would have been very disappointing to have worked this hard and no one showed up to see how many mistakes we made. I feel sure the preacher must be just a little upset this is not his Sunday to preach with all these people to preach to. I can make you a promise before I get started: you will be out of church before one o'clock,

How many parents have ever had trouble with their children? How many children have ever had trouble with their parents? I have with me a few rules and/or suggestions for a family to live by. Some came from the Bible and the rest came from *King's Business Magazine*. The first one of these rules tells parents "Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I ought not to have all I ask for. I'm only testing you." We test our parents every day to see if we can get away with something, such as asking for a new magazine or some money. When you are deciding, please, as another states, "Don't be inconsistent." That confuses me and makes me try harder to get away with everything that I can. Please don't confuse me; I'm already confused enough. Be honest with me. Tell me the truth no matter what. Lukewarm answers only make me uneasy. Proverbs 23:13 and 14 say, "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod; he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shall

deliver his soul from hell." Don't be afraid to correct me but do it in a way that I will learn something from it. Another one of my little rules says, "Don't correct me in front of people." I'll take more notice if you talk quietly with me in private. If you correct me in front of people it will only embarrass me and I will wind up doing the same thing again. If you take the time to correct me in private it will show me that you care and don't want to embarrass me.

When you do correct me, as another rule states, "Don't nag." If you do, I shall have to protect myself by appearing deaf. If there is one thing we hate it's nagging mothers. We love you but it's hard to live with all that nagging. "Don't preach or lecture to me," another rule states. You'd be surprised how well I know what's right and wrong. We don't like for you to lecture to us. We have enough common sense to know right from wrong. If we do something right, please tell us because you *always* tell us what we do wrong. Praise us when we do something right, then we will do something right more often. "Don't make me feel that all my mistakes are sins," says another. I have to make mistakes to learn, without feeling that I am no good. Please don't make me feel that a mistake is always a sin. They were created so that I could learn from them and hopefully by learning, I won't make similar mistakes again. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." If you train us

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in the way we should act when we are young, then we will not change our way as we grow old. We will act as we have been taught to act and as we have seen you act. "Don't ever suggest that you are perfect or infallible. It gives me too much to live up to." Don't ever tell me that you are perfect, because no one except God is perfect.

Don't tell me that you're infallible because I see you make mistakes every day. It's good that you want us to be perfect, but don't push us so hard that we constantly mess up. "Don't take too much notice of my small ailments. I may learn to enjoy poor health if it gets me much attention!" If I say I have a stomachache or headache, don't make a real big deal out of it, because I might just get sick to get attention. If I get attention by being sick, I might just get sick to keep from going to school or cleaning my room. Another thing, "Don't let my bad habits get me a lot of attention. It only encourages me to continue them." If my bad habit is throwing fits and getting mad or spilling things, then just don't pay any attention to me but make me clean up my own mess. If I try to get attention this way, just ignore me.

"Don't do things for me that I can do for myself. It makes me feel like a baby, and I may continue to put you in my service." Don't clean up my room for me or cut the grass for me if you have told me it's my responsibility. If it's my responsibility to clean the house, remind me about it but don't nag too much, I will get the job done. If you start doing my chores for me, they may soon be your chores. "Don't make promises that you may not be able to keep. That will discourage my trust in you. Don't tell me that we will go to town when you get home, if you know that you will be late. That will make me lose my trust in you." Ephesians 6:1 through 6:4 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for

this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." This tells us to obey our parents and honor them so that we may live long on the earth. It also tells fathers not to give your children a reason to fly into a rage, but to bring them up in the training of the Lord.

What I've been trying to say is, "Treat me the way you treat your friends, then I will be your friend too. Remember, I learn more from a model than a critic." In closing I have a little rhyme that I think will include everyone.

#### ANYWAY

People are unreasonable,  
illogical and self-centered.  
Love Them Anyway!

If you do good, people will  
accuse you of selfish ulterior  
motives. Do Good Anyway!

If you are successful, you will  
win false friends and true enemies.  
Succeed Anyway!

The good you do today will be  
forgotten tomorrow.  
Do Good Anyway!

Honesty and frankness make  
you vulnerable. Be Honest  
And Frank Anyway!

The biggest men with the biggest ideas  
can be shot down by the smallest men

with the smallest minds.  
Think Big Anyway!

People favor underdogs but  
follow only top dogs. Fight  
for Some Underdogs Anyway!

What you spend years building  
may be destroyed overnight.  
Build Anyway!

People really need help but  
may attack you if you help  
them. Help People Anyway!

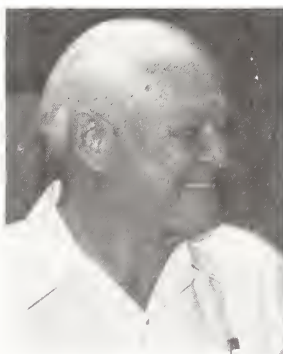
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Chris Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Johnson. This little sermon was delivered on Youth Sunday, March 28, 1982, at Robert's Grove Church near Dunn. The pastor is the Rev. Jerry A. Allen.



Mr. Sam Roane

**See and hear Mr. Sam Roane, the 1982 recipient of the Governor's Award, at the 1982 State Convention, Lenoir Community College, Kinston, NC.**



## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### The Rev. O. B. Jones Receives Doctor of Theology Degree



*The Rev. O. B. Jones (right) recently received his doctor of theology degree.*

The Tarboro, First Church, is proud to announce their pastor, the Rev. O. B. Jones, has recently received his doctor of theology degree from Christian Bible College of Enfield. The church family got together Sunday night, July 25, after the evening worship service, in the fellowship building to honor him. Refreshments were served, gifts were presented and good Christian fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

The pastor has worked hard toward this achievement, and the church family felt honored to share it with him.

### Cape Fear Union Meeting To Be at Hopewell Church

The Cape Fear Union Meeting will be held at Hopewell Church, near Smithfield, on Saturday, August 28, 1982. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
- Devotion, the Rev. Phillip Wood
- Welcome, Host Church
- Response, the Rev. L. B. Woodall
- Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Reading of Minutes of Last Union
- Appointment of Committees
- Roll Call of Churches
- Report of Denominational Enterprises
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation

- Special Music, Local Church
- Offering and Offertory Prayer
- Message, the Rev. Ted. Bryant

- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- Benediction and Adjournment
- Lunch
- Moderator, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough
- Secretary, Mrs. Dola Dudley

### Babies Dedicated at First Church, Tarboro

Sunday, July 18, 1982, was baby day at Tarboro, First Church. All babies, three years old and younger, attending the morning worship service, were honored with a gift and a

prayer of dedication by the pastor, the Rev. O. B. Jones. A total of twelve babies were dedicated during this service.

### CAPE FEAR BOARD OF ORDINATION TO MEET

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference will meet on Monday afternoon, August 23, at 1:30 p.m., in the pastor's study of First Church in Smithfield. Any persons having business with this council are asked to be present at this time.

Mike Scott

### CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE TO MEET

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference will meet on Monday morning, August 23, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of First Church in Smithfield. Brother Howard Cayton is scheduled to speak on the work of the Children's Home.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer, president of the conference, encourages all of our Cape Fear Ministers to put forth a special effort to attend this meeting.

Mike Scott

### NOTICE

There will be an organizational meeting of the Eastern Conference Layman's League on August 28, 1982. The meeting will be at Bridgeton Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina, at 8 p.m. Dr. Burkette Raper will be the guest speaker at that time. All laymen are urged to share this opportunity with us, whether their church has a laymen's league, men's fellowship, brotherhood, or no organization.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Tommy Benson  
State Laymen's League Executive Committee

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# Children's Home

"... Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

## TIME OF PRAYER

One of the most rewarding aspects of prayer is that we can pray anytime of the day or night. *And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed* (Mark 1:35). We pray at noontime as in Psalm 55:17, *Evening, morning, and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice*. Our prayers are heard in the evening as found in Psalm 141:2, *Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice*. We see in Acts 16:25 Paul and Silas prayed at midnight while imprisoned. Prayer then, can be lifted up anytime, day or night, according to God's Word.

Please pray daily for God's direction and guidance for the entire staff of your Children's Home. Pray without ceasing for His protection and presence in the hearts and lives of each child.

## HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

The Children's Home is presently in need of a mature, Christian couple who are interested in becoming houseparents for children. We prefer couples between the ages of thirty and fifty-five. If interested please call (919) 235-2161 or write to the Executive Director at P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557.

If you are not interested, but know of someone who might be, please pass this information along to them.



Alumni weekend was July 10 and 11. It was a time of reminiscing and sharing. Such an occasion was possible because of the vision men and women had long ago . . . a vision of a home for children who needed one. When that vision became reality in May, 1920, it was accompanied by responsibility, and responsibility has not left even though many years have passed.

The Lord has blessed our alumni and the Home. It is our prayer that He will continue to do so.





## RELIEF FUNDS IN ACTION

As most of us know, missionary and pastoral service is not all preaching. While sharing the good news of Jesus Christ must always be our supreme task, it often falls to those of us in Christian vocations to play the role of counselor, teacher, and comforter. This, of course, is due to the effects of man's sin upon his physical well-being as well as his spiritual welfare. To this end we submit the following report.

During the month of May 1982 the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines, supported by you, aided several families and individuals in the area of relief.

(1) *Housewife*: This lady has serious ulcer problems and was unable to afford the needed medicines. She was provided with the necessary funds to purchase the prescribed medicines.

(2) *Family*: This large fishing family needed a new boat motor to develop their fishing business. They were aided in the acquisition of the needed motor.

(3) *Two Families*: These families were among those who fled to this island from the terrorists on the island of Luzon. Two sacks of rice and transportation were provided to resettle them in a new area.

We thank God for the growing concern among His children in the State Convention for those less fortunate. Your generosity continues to give evidence to your commitment to fulfilling the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Charles Barnard

## BAKERS ARRIVE HOME ON FURLOUGH



July 21 was a very special and exciting day for those of us who waited at the Raleigh-Durham airport for the Baker family to arrive from the Philippines. The plane came roaring in on time. After a few minutes of eye straining and neck stretching, we saw them emerge from the arrival area. The next few minutes were spent in handshakes and hugs as the Bakers were once more reunited with their friends and family.

My how Kim and Stevie have grown since 1978; four years does make quite a difference at their age! Fred and Linda looked great. The years and the tropical climate of the Philippines agreed with them well.

After greetings and some necessary conversation concerning the work and the Barnard family, we all departed filled with the joy of a renewed friendship.

The Bakers are now residing at 503 Quail Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27530; their phone number is (919) 735-2694. They still have several open dates. Schedule them soon before their calendar is filled.

## CRAGMONT SUPERBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Cragmont Superball Golf Tournament is almost upon us again. The tournament will be played on Friday, September 10, at Happy Valley Country Club near Wilson, North Carolina. The four-person-team concept is very appealing and promises to be very exciting again this year.

Women are encouraged to participate. However, because of the limited number of women who usually play there will be only one woman per team.

Also this year there will be a \$2 charge for the meal. Bring your family as they will enjoy the pig-picking to be catered by Bill's of Wilson.

A \$25 registration fee per player covers greens fee and golf cart. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to winners.

Come on and enjoy the fellowship and fun that all of last year's participants are still talking about. Send your registration form and \$25 registration fee to: Rick Watson, Route 2, Box 607, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; phone 919-237-8472.

### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

My average score: (circle one)

over 100	95-99	90-94
85-89	80-84	75-79
74 or less	I am a non player	

PARTNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

My average score: (circle one)

over 100	95-99	90-94
85-89	80-84	75-79
74 or less	I am a non player	

Please send a \$25 registration fee along with this form to register yourself for the Cragmont tournament.

## MY PERSONAL PRAYER

*by William G. Stanley*

Dear God,

I thank You for these eyes which, though imperfect, enable me to see Your beautiful world, the rainbow colors, and the changing of the seasons.

I thank You for these ears, Lord, that I may hear every sound, be it from a child, a preacher, a private citizen, 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 and the willingness to say "I'm sorry" and admit that I am wrong; for forgiveness is one of the greatest assets any human 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 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, given 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

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## PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

by W. Burkette Raper

### August 2, 1982

\$1,500,000	Goal in gifts and pledges set by the Board of Trustees for beginning construction.
1,430,000	Gifts (\$612,000) and Pledge Balances (\$818,000)
\$70,000	Amount required in gifts and pledges to begin construction.

Our goal is to raise the additional \$70,000 in gifts and pledges by the end of August. Since May 24, 1982, gifts and new pledges have totaled \$272,694.

### 1982 DINNER PLANNING SESSIONS TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

Planning sessions for the 17 annual Mount Olive College dinners will begin August 15 at Whaley's Chapel Church in Jones County at 4 p.m.

Jean Ackiss, associate director of development, will be in charge of the 1982 dinners. Each church is requested to appoint a Mount Olive College Committee to attend the area planning session. Additional information will be provided and the date and place of the dinner will be decided at the sessions.

Following is a list of the planning sessions confirmed by area churches. The list will be completed in next week's issue of *The Free Will Baptist*.

### 1982 PLANNING SESSIONS

*Jones County*, Sunday, August 15, 4 p.m., Whaley's Chapel Church near Richlands

*Lenoir County*, Monday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., First Church in Kinston

*Greene County*, Tuesday, August 17, 8 p.m., Hull Road Church near Snow Hill

*Edgecombe-Halifax County*, Thursday, August 19, 8 p.m., First Church in Tarboro

*Beaufort County*, Friday, August 20, 8 p.m., Memorial Church near Chocowinity

*Nash County*, Sunday, August 22, 3 p.m., Free Union Church near Spring Hope

*Craven County*, Thursday, August 26, 8 p.m., Saint Mary's Church, New Bern

*Carteret County*, Friday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., Crab Point Church, Morehead City

*Wayne County*, Monday, August 30, 8 p.m., First Church in Goldsboro

## THE PAUL PALMER INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

### Mount Olive College Purposes

The purpose of the Paul Palmer Institute, which was established by Mount Olive College in 1955, is to equip both ministers and Christian laymen for more effective service to Christ and His Church.

### COURSES FOR THE FALL, 1982

*Pastoral Ministry*—Begins Monday, September 13, 7-8:15 P.M., Henderson Building, Room 115. Frank Harrison, Instructor (3 units). Course ends November 1, 1982.

*Studies in Galatians and Corinthians*—Begins Monday, September 13, 8:30-9:45 P.M., Henderson Building, Room 115. Dr. Michael Pelt, Instructor (3 units). Course ends November 1, 1982.

*Christian Beliefs*—Begins Monday, September 13, 7-8:15 P.M., First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. Mr. Calvin Mercer, Instructor (3 units). Course ends November 1, 1982.

*Introduction to the New Testament*—Begins Monday, September 13, 8:30-9:45 P.M., First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. The Rev. Phillip Wood, Instructor

(3 units). Course ends November 1, 1982.

*Christian Beliefs*—Begins Thursday, September 16, 7:30-9 P.M., First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina. The Rev. Harry Grubbs, Instructor (3 units). Course ends November 18, 1982.

*Old Testament Prophets*—Begins September 7, 7:30-9 P.M., Verona Free Will Baptist Church, Verona, North Carolina. Miss Rudene Kennedy, Instructor (3 units). Course ends October 26, 1982.

### COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES

*Pastoral Ministry 301*—Begins Monday, September 13, 7-9:45 P.M., Henderson Building, Room 115. Frank Harrison, Instructor (3 semester hours). Course ends December 13, 1982.

*English Composition 101*—Begins Monday, September 13, 7-9:45 P.M., Henderson Building, Room 111 (3 semester hours). Course ends December 13, 1982.

*Introduction to the Old Testament 101*—Begins Thursday, September 2, 7-9:45 P.M., Henderson Building, Room 115. Dr. Michael Pelt, Instructor (3 semester hours). Course ends December 16, 1982.

### REGISTRATION AND COST

Registration, payment of tuition and securing of textbooks will be at the first session of each class. Tuition is \$20 per course for Institute credit and \$10 for non-credit. Textbooks are extra.

For more information and to schedule a course in your area contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, director of Church Relations, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. Telephones: Home 919 / 658-9363; Office 919 / 658-2502.

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CLASSES AT MOC TO BEGIN  
SEPTEMBER 1

Fall semester at Mount Olive College will begin when residence halls open Sunday, August 29. Orientation and registration will take place Monday and Tuesday, August 30 and 31. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 1.

With a projected student enrollment of approximately 400 students, dorms are already filled to capacity. However, the admissions office is still accepting applications from commuter students.

PRESIDENT RAPER TO  
SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Hickory Grove Church, Pitt County, on Sunday, August 15 at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

BUILD OUR FUTURE WITH  
BONDS

by W. Burkette Raper, President

Individuals and churches who wish to help build the future of the Free Will Baptist Church and Mount Olive College should consider an investment in College Hall Bonds.

College Hall is the physical education and convention center essential to baccalaureate status for Mount Olive College. The building will be financed by a \$1.5 million bond issue to be dated October 1. We encourage friends of the College who have investments coming due at any time during 1982 to consider investing in College Hall Bonds.

For those investors whose funds become available after October 1, the College will prorate the interest based on the date of the receipt of these funds.

Advanced payments for bond purchases will also be accepted by the College with interest paid from the date of receipt. On October 1 these advance payments will be "rolled over" into interest-bearing bonds.

There are several ways that churches and individuals can invest:

**CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS**—Building funds can be invested at competitive rates from 6 months to 7 years in College Hall Bonds. Until your church is ready to build, let your funds help build College Hall.

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**—Savings accounts belonging to either individuals or churches can be converted to College Bonds. If you are saving for your children's education, bonds are a good way to assure that when they are ready for college, the necessary funds will be available.

Bonds can be placed in a child's name under the

Uniform Gift to Minors Act and probably be tax-free since most children do not earn enough to pay income tax.

Under other circumstances, interest earned on College Hall Bonds is taxable just as interest on savings accounts and certificates of deposit is now taxable as ordinary income.

**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**—Certificates of deposit coming due before or after the bond issue can be reinvested in College Hall.

**IRA ACCOUNTS**—IRA accounts and self-directed pension plans can be converted to College Hall Bonds without penalty.

For a copy of the offering circular and additional information on College Hall Bonds, contact: President W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, telephone: office 919/658-2502; home 919/658-3855.

Coupon Bonds . . . . 12% Interest

These bonds will be available with maturities from 1/2 year to 3 years. Interest will be paid by *Coupon* each six months.

AMOUNT INVESTED . . . . .	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500
Semiannual Coupon . . . . .	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$60.00	\$30.00

Compound Interest Bonds . . . . 12 1/2%/13% Interest

These bonds will be available with maturities from 3 1/2 years to 7 years. Interest will be *Compounded* each six months and will be paid at the maturity of the bond.

COMPOUND INTEREST GROWTH CHART

		AMOUNT INVESTED			
	Year	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>
12½%	3½	15,286.30	7,643.15	1,528.63	764.32
	4	16,241.70	8,120.85	1,624.17	812.09
	4½	17,256.80	8,628.40	1,725.68	862.84
	5	18,335.40	9,167.70	1,833.54	916.77
13%	5½	19,991.50	9,995.75	1,999.15	999.58
	6	21,291.00	10,645.50	2,129.10	1,064.55
	6½	22,674.90	11,337.45	2,267.49	1,133.74
	7	24,148.70	12,074.35	2,414.87	1,207.44



## SUNDAY, 15 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 1

### THEY ARE GETTING SOMETHING WE'RE MISSING!

A family was driving along the highway one Sunday in a comfortable car, listening to a good sermon on the radio. They passed by a small country church where cars were parked and they could tell that a service was going on. Someone in the car said, "I'm sure they are not hearing as fine a sermon as we are."

"No," said the father, "but they are getting something which we are not. They are in the Lord's house. They are having fellowship together and they may be remembering Jesus as He asked them to do. We hope they are doing as the early Christians did (Acts 2:42). We are not."

A bookseller wired a book concern in Philadelphia for a copy of the book *Seeking After God*, by Harrer. He received the following reply: "No seekers after God in Philadelphia, or New York. Try Boston."

## MONDAY, 16 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 2

### I YEARNED FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP!

One of God's children was hospitalized a distance from home. It was the eve before surgery. Without, the shades of night were falling. "Within my heart there was a sense of loneliness, though I knew the ever-present Friend and Saviour was with me," she said. "I yearned for Christian fellowship. The unfailing One knew of the longing of my heart. Just then, I heard someone humming the hymn, 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus.' Going in the direction from whence the tune came, I met a Russian lady, one of God's dear children. I could speak no Russian, and she could speak no English. We prayed together. I didn't know what she prayed. However, the Holy Spirit, who indwells all of God's children, caused me to know that we had an audience with God, and in the joy of that knowledge, all loneliness vanished from my heart, and the peace of God flooded my soul!"

*Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love,*

*The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above!*

## TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 3

### A WORLD IN TORMENT!

We stand today at one of those decisive moments in history when we begin to see what the late H. G. Wells called "The Shape of Things to Come." The clouds thin, the mist rises, and we see Heaven or Hell—we cannot yet know which.

As we look at the civilized world in the morning's news we can scarcely put a finger on any point that is not somehow troubled. Within the past few months conflict and uncertainty have revealed themselves, first in one spot, then in another. Poland, Iran, Lebanon—there the spotlight has concentrated and moved. We do not know what the next day's news may be from the Middle East or the heart of Africa.

This is not alone a political crisis. It is also, above all and beyond all, a philosophical crisis. By what and for what do men live? Shall they move toward freedom or away from it? Where is the boundary, where is the truce line, between anarchy and tyranny?

*While wondering what the world is coming  
to, we forget Him who has come to the world.*

## WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 5

### MOTHER, I'VE LOST GOD!

Henry W. Grady was one of Georgia's greatest statesmen and journalists. After the Civil War, he, with his pen and tongue, did much to restore good will between the North and the South. His book, *The New South*, did as much to heal the wounds of a mutually destructive war as *Uncle Tom's Cabin* did to precipitate it. One day, as he sat at the editor's desk, he lapsed into heart-searching meditateness. He soliloquized, "Though fame and honor have overtaken me, I feel that I have lost much of the joy of God's presence which I knew in my earlier years under the influence of my godly mother and a Christian home!" Then he said to his secretary, "I will be away from my desk for a day or two. Tell no one where I am." Returning to his country home, he

said to his mother, "Mother, I have won fame, but I have lost God! I have come back to you to help me to rediscover God. Let me kneel at your knees again, and let me feel again the caressing touch of your gentle hand on my head. Then, Mother, when bedtime comes, let me see you at my bedside, tucking the covers about me, and smiling at me just as you did when I was a boy!" Later, Grady returned to his editor's desk, renewed spiritually, and ready to carry forward the work of bringing unity and understanding to a nation smoldering in the ashes of a recent fratricidal war.

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*Turn back to where you left Him,  
And you will find Him there.  
He is waiting by the bedside  
Where you used to kneel in prayer.  
He is standing in the chapel  
By that long-abandoned pew.  
He stands by your forsaken swath  
Where laborers are few.  
You are older, sorer—broken.  
You are tired of self—'tis true.  
But return to where you left Him;  
He is waiting there for you.*

## THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 2

### DAVID BEN-BURION'S QUESTION

David Ben-Gurion, former prime minister of Israel, said to William L. Hull, a missionary, "The New Testament teaching and standards are wonderful, but where are those who live up to them? Are there any in the world? Are there any living the Christian life? Can this book really produce what it sets forth?"

Mr. Hull told the prime minister of the transforming power of God's Word and that he was a new creature in Christ Jesus.

"Are there others like you?" asked Ben-Gurion. "Yes, there are millions of Christians throughout the world," replied the missionary.

"Why do they let conditions that are in the world today exist?" seriously asked the Jewish leader who closed the conversation with the question which many are asking—"Why do the nations act as they do at the present time?"

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*Our answer to the question is this. The nations have forgotten God. God's indictment of His ancient people, Israel, is applicable to the nations today: "For my people have committed two evils, they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13).*

## FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 3:1-10

### GOD'S OFFER TO FUGITIVES

A man serving a life sentence for murder escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. The warden, Jerome J. Waters, offered the fugitive \$1,500 if he presented himself at the gate of the prison. There was a catch to the offer, however. The reward was to be earned and saved by the escapee by his working in the prison. "If he comes, we will see that he doesn't get out again. Justice must prevail," said the warden. How different, by contrast, is the offer God makes to all fugitives from divine justice! There is no catch to His offer: "Let the wicked forsake his way . . . and let him return unto the LORD and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7). God's justice has been satisfied by the vicarious death of the Saviour.

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*All who present themselves to God in faith and repentance will be received, not as fugitives, but as sons of God, "justified from all things" (Acts 13:39).*

## SATURDAY, 21 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 3:11-18

### GONE!

One day a Christian visited a minister in his home. As he sat in the minister's study, he began to read one of the minister's books. While reading, he suddenly cried, "Glory! Praise the Lord!" The minister ran into the study, asking, "What's the matter, man?" The visitor replied, "This book says that the sea is five miles deep!" "Well, what of that?" asked the minister. "Why, the Bible says my sins have been cast into the depth of the sea, and if it is that deep, I'm not afraid of their coming up again!" exclaimed the radiant Christian.

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*I will cast in the depths of the sea,  
All thy sins whatever they be,  
Though they mount up to Heaven,  
Though they sink down to Hell,  
They shall sink in the depths,  
And above them shall swell,  
All the waves of God's mercy,  
So mighty and free!*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.



**PRISCILLA AND AQUILA:  
TENTMAKING MINISTERS**

**Lesson Text:** Acts 18:1-4, 18-21  
**Memory Verses:** Romans  
16:3, 4

**I. INTRODUCTION**

It is one thing to make an acquaintance, but it is quite another thing to make a commitment. As we look carefully at the record of Paul's relations with Aquila and Priscilla, it becomes apparent that the word *commitment* applies to the togetherness of this couple and Paul. The three of them became associated in living together, working together, traveling together, worshipping together, and taking risks together. Aquila and Priscilla were faithful Christians not only in Corinth, but also in Ephesus and in Rome. They were devoted disciples whether Paul was with them or not.

The comments just made point up the remarkable *constancy* of these two friends of Paul. They seem to have been available to him, ready to share their work and their home with him. They did not depart from him as did Demas, who forsook Paul because of his love for the world (2 Timothy 4:10). Apparently, across several years in different cities, Aquila and Priscilla had opened their home as a center of worship for the church. This meant extra work for Priscilla especially, who not only helped in the tentmaking business and cooked for two men most of the time, but had to make arrangements each week for a number of people to assemble in her home. These meetings often may have occurred at night and could have involved extra work with oil lamps, rearranging household items, etc. But this

seems to have gone on for years. The faithfulness and steadiness of this couple are admirable qualities.

But Aquila and Priscilla also were persons of *courage*. They were not afraid to become known as associates of Paul. There were many who came to consider the apostle a dangerous agitator and a disruptive social influence. We notice that Paul was thrown into prison, once had to escape from Damascus by being lowered over the city wall in a basket, was stoned at Lystra, and was brought before the Roman authority at Corinth as a troublemaker. His work caused a wild public demonstration in Ephesus, and his mere presence led to a severe riot in Jerusalem. One would have to consider any association with Paul as not likely to be "good for business."

Besides this we know that this dedicated couple were not afraid to correct a preacher, Apollos, when they felt it helpful to do so.

Much of Aquila and Priscilla's work is unknown to us. We may be sure they led vital and venturesome lives. Just being a couple providing a location for Christian assemblies could, in many situations, become a dangerous practice. In his letter to the Romans, Paul tells us that there was a time when this couple "risked their necks" for him. We don't know the details, but there is no question about Paul's gratitude. He further states that "all the churches of the Gentiles" were indebted to them. While Aquila was a Jew by birth and associated with the Jewish community, at least in Rome, still their greatest service seems to have been

rendered to non-Jewish believers. What a delightful challenge it is to consider the Christian influence and outreach of this interesting couple! —*Standard Lesson Commentary*

**II. POINTS TO PONDER**

A. In our study of Christian personalities, we come to a husband and wife team that were not "professional" missionaries or preachers, yet they had a great influence upon Paul and other Christian leaders. Their unselfish ministry should be an encouragement to all laymen who feel that they cannot do much for God. The greatest work for God can sometimes only be done by laymen and the church could not possibly get along without them.

B. Why would Paul take time out from preaching the gospel to make tents? Wasn't preaching the gospel more important to him than the task of making a living? Remember that Paul lived in a culture different from ours. He was preaching to unorganized groups of people, and when they formed churches that could support a ministry, he usually moved on to new fields.

C. Think for a moment about some of the ways that Aquila and Priscilla helped Paul. First, they provided him a place to live while he was in Corinth. Second, they allowed him to work with them at their trade of tentmaking. Third, they allowed the church to meet in their home. Fourth, they undoubtedly helped Paul financially with the work. Fifth, they were personal witnesses to the gospel of Jesus. Can you think of some other things they did? —*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

## EDITORIAL

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weigh 200 pounds. That means that last night I moved 6,400 pounds, the very thought of which exhausts me!"

Think about it: if a man is allowed to live threescore and ten years, he will spend (on the average) 23 years and four months of that time asleep, nineteen years and eight months working, ten years and two months engaged in religious or recreational activities, six years and ten months eating and drinking, six years traveling, four years sick, and two years dressing. What we do with our time does add up, and it does make a difference!

Not only have we become apathetic, we are lazy mentally; perhaps our most pressing problem is not knowing how to use our time wisely. One study made in Los Angeles recently dealt with the relationship existing between car ownership by high school students and their grades. Not a single straight A student owned a car, but no less than 83% of those who had failing grades did. Only 15% of the B students owned cars, while 41% of the C students and 71% of those who were D students owned vehicles. This seems to prove that a lot of riding and good grades don't mix. The cars in themselves probably caused no problems; it was the time they consumed. (I'm sure this report will not gain me any fans!) But, parents—teenagers are not the only ones who have problems with self-discipline.

One gentleman trained a large dog to pull a light garden plow, but whenever anyone would come up, the dog would bark furiously, as though he were going to tear him to pieces. The gentleman watched the dog and saw that he would do no danger; he only barked so as to have an excuse for not plowing. Some churches seem to be filled with barkers; "the most ear-splitting calamity howlers are the men who have quit honest toil and taken to crying hard times, blaming it all on somebody else." Workers "never" grumble and grumblers "never" work. Working and grumbling do not harmonize—they are two opposite forces.

Spiritual laziness has quite a few symptoms. Those who have it possess a sort of indisposition to do anything, they have a weakness in their knees, a loss of backbone, a harshness of voice and an "all gone" feeling that usually occurs at meeting times. Severe (and sometimes fatal) cases may include being peevish and fretful at times and ill at ease during hot sermons. A creeping paralysis tightens one's pocketbook. Alarming cardiac problems include "spells" of sputtering and complaining, coughing up excuses, dimness in vision, and dullness in hearing. Remember, "God never goes to the lazy or the idle when He needs men for His service. When He has work to be done, He goes to those who are already at work." Beware of the serpent of laziness—its poison can be deadly!

There is another snake we need to look out for—the serpent of inconsistent living. "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men" (2 Corinthians 3:2); but, as Emerson said, "what we are sometimes speaks so loud people can't hear what we say." There is no need for us to say we are one thing when our actions belie the profession we make. It is not so much for us to say that we are Christians as it is to prove that we are by the lives we lead.

Beware of the snakes—the serpents of unlovely disposition, selfishness, laziness, and inconsistent living—lest you succumb to their poison!

## MY PERSONAL PRAYER

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needs support from those that are younger.

Dearest Lord, I thank You for these legs that I might stand for You, that I might walk for You, that I might work for You and worship You. I also thank You for the support and help they give me in spreading 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...my soul that lives within me and gives me the ability to show compassion, sympathy, love, understanding, and above all else, provides me with the 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 door or 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 I love, for we all are brothers and sisters in Your sight and should treat and recognize each other as such.

In Jesus' Beautiful  
Loving Name I Pray,  
Amen

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Jerry A. Campbell announces that he now has a change of address. It is Route 5, Box 369, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.



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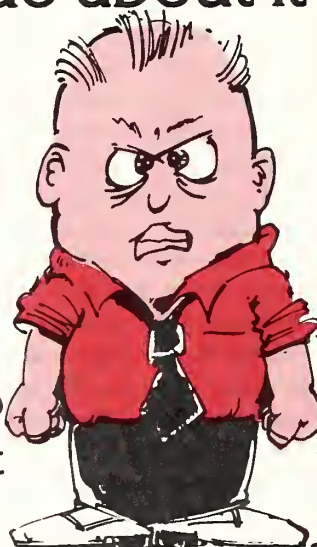
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## FREE TO SERVE

We have been brought up to believe that, for us as Christians, service to humanity called for verbal proclamations and a pat on the back.

We know that we should not ignore Christ's command to "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:20)—even though we sometimes do.

What makes us think we can ignore His command to wash feet, to serve others? What does it mean to love your neighbors as yourself? It means not simply condescending willingness but our eagerness to do the humblest act of service. That is what Jesus did when He left Heaven, shedding the fullness of His divine glory and power, to become identified with humanity. He did so to serve, to meet our needs, to set us free. And that is how we are to carry on His ministry. We are to meet our fellowmen with loving concern and utter humility, especially at their point of need.

We may find it difficult to compare serving with proclaiming the gospel. Yet our Lord commanded us to meet the needs of others, to expend our lives and energies on behalf of them.

The humble act of footwashing is communication of another sort; and it sets up lines of communication over which the gospel may be proclaimed.

If I am to serve truly, I may have to begin by washing another's feet. Service may engage me in a most humble and unspiritual act of loving service to the person closest to me or my neighbor next door. Then again, the avenues of service may lead me halfway around the world. Wherever the call, I must go; whatever the task, I must give my all.

I cannot hesitate—I must follow Christ's commands. For if I refuse to be a servant, I shall live and die as a slave—a slave to self-centeredness, from which I have never let Christ set me free.

As a Christian, I have asked Christ to set me free, for He said, ". . . ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free . . . If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:32, 36).

I have claimed His redeeming power for that purpose. And if I am truly to discover that freedom, I must act like a recipient of freedom, as one who has been set free in order to live for others.

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# The Evangelical Dilemma: Disciples or Dropouts?

by William MacDonald

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It's easy to get someone to say yes. It's more difficult to bring someone through a gestation period to discipleship.

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There is a curious problem today in the evangelical world—one that poses sobering questions for the church and for the individual believer. The problem in brief is this: a great army of personal soul winners has been mobilized to reach the populace for Christ. They are earnest, zealous, enthusiastic and persuasive. To their credit it must be said that they are on the job. And it is one of the phenomena of our times that they rack up an astounding number of conversions. Everything so far seems to be on the plus side.

But the problem is this. The conversions do not stick. The fruit does not remain. Six months later there is nothing to be seen for all the aggressive evangelism. The capsule technique of soul winning has produced stillbirths.

What lies at the back of all this malpractice in bringing souls to birth? Strangely enough it begins with the valid determination to preach the pure gospel of the grace of God. We want to keep the message simple—uncluttered by any suggestion that man can ever earn or deserve eternal life. Justification is by faith alone, apart from the deeds of the law. Therefore, the message is "only believe."

From there we reduce the message to a concise formula. for instance, the evangelistic process is cut down to a few



basic questions and answers, as follows:

"Do you believe you are a sinner?"

"Yes."

"Do you believe Christ died for sinners?"

"Yes."

"Will you receive Him as your Saviour?"

"Yes."

"Then you are saved!"

"I am?"

"Yes, the Bible says you are saved."

At first blush the method and message might seem above criticism. But on closer study we are forced to have second thoughts and to conclude that we have oversimplified the gospel.

## The Missing Ingredients

The first flaw is the missing emphasis on repentance. There can be no true conversion without conviction of sin.

It is one thing to agree that I am a sinner; it is quite another thing to experience the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life. Unless I have a Spirit-wrought consciousness of my utterly lost condition, I can never exercise saving faith. It is useless to tell unconverted sinners to believe on Jesus. That message is only for those who know they are lost. We sugar-coat the gospel when we de-emphasize man's fallen condition. With that kind of watered-down message, people receive the Word with joy instead of with deep contrition. They do not have deep roots, and though they might endure for a while, they soon give up all profession when persecution or trouble comes (Matthew 13:21). We have forgotten that the message is repentance toward God as well as faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

A second serious omission is a missing emphasis on the Lordship of Christ. A light, jovial mental assent that Jesus is Saviour misses the point. Jesus is first Lord, then Saviour. The New Testament always places His Lordship before His Saviourhood. Do we present the full implications of His Lordship to people? He always did.

(Turn the Page)





A third defect in our message is our tendency to keep the terms of discipleship hidden until a decision has been made for Jesus. Our Lord never did this. The message He preached included the Cross as well as the crown. "He never hid His scars to win disciples." He revealed the worst along with the best, then told His listeners to count the cost. We popularize the message and promise fun.

The result of all this is that we have people believing without knowing what they believe. In many cases they have no doctrinal basis for their decision. They do not know the implications of commitment to Christ. They have never experienced the mysterious, miraculous work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration.

And of course we have others who are talked into a profession because of the slick salesmanship techniques of the soul winner. Or some who want to please the affable, personable young man with the winning smile. And some who only want to get rid of this religious interloper who has intruded on their privacy. Satan laughs when these conversions are

triumphantly announced on earth.

#### Some Needed Questions

I want to raise several questions that might lead us to some changes in our strategy of evangelism.

**First**, can we generally expect people to make an intelligent commitment to Christ the first time they hear the gospel? Certainly, there is the exceptional case where a person has already been prepared by the Holy Spirit. But generally speaking, the process involves sowing the seed, watering it, then sometime later reaping the harvest. In our mania for instant conversion, we have forgotten that conception, gestation and birth do not occur on the same day.

**Second**, can a capsule presentation of the gospel really do justice to so great a message? As one who has written several gospel tracts, I confess to a certain misgiving in even attempting to condense the good news into four small pages. Would we not be wiser to give people the full presentation as it is found in the Gospels, or in the New Testament?

**Third**, is all this pressure for decisions really scriptural? Where in the New Testament were people ever pressured into making a profession? We justify our practice by saying that if only one out of ten is genuine, it is worth it. But what about the other nine—disillusioned, bitter, perhaps deceived en route to Hell by a false profession?

**And fourth**, is all this boasting about conversions really accurate? You have met the man who solemnly tells you of ten people he contacted that day and all of them were saved. A young doctor testified that every time he goes to a new city, he looks in the phone book for people with his last name. Then he calls them one by one and leads them through the four steps to salvation. Amazingly enough, every one of them opens the door of his heart to Jesus.

I don't want to doubt the honesty of people like this, but am I wrong in thinking that they are extremely naive? Where are all those people who are saved? They cannot be found.

What it all means is that we should seriously re-examine our streamlined, capsule evangelism. We should be willing to spend time teaching the gospel, laying a solid doctrinal foundation for faith to rest on. We should stress the necessity for repentance—a complete about-face with regard to sin. We should stress the full implications of the Lordship of Christ and the conditions of discipleship. We should explain what belief really involves. We should be willing to wait for the Holy Spirit to produce genuine conviction of sin. Then we should be ready to lead the person to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

If we do this, we will have less astronomical figures of so-called conversion, but more genuine cases of spiritual growth.





## **Come Be a Part of the Big Choir!**

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists would like to invite singers from your church to be a part of the choir which will sing during the Night of Evangelism service, a part of this year's State Convention activities. The Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of Micro Free Will Baptist Church, will direct the choir.

A practice session will be held at Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, near Goldsboro, at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 30. Those attending should bring along a *Free Will Baptist Hymnal* if they have one; hymnals will be provided for those who do not have one. All other music to be used at the service will be given out that evening. Attendance at this session would be appreciated.

If you would like more information, contact the Rev. Clyde Cox by phoning (919) 237-2589, or the Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the Convention, at (919) 746-6128.

Let's make this the biggest choir ever to perform at our Convention!



## News and Notes . . .

### Information Concerning the 1983 Bible Bowl Quiz

The 1983 Bible Bowl Quiz will be taken from Acts, Chapters 16 through 28 (King James Version). Everyone will need a map of Paul's journey to study. Study all the cities, countries, islands and provinces on the map contained in these chapters. Please learn to point out on the map any of these cities, etc. that may be asked about. AFC questions will be asked from Acts 16 through 22 (King James Version). AFC will study these first seven chapters.

YFA questions will be asked from Acts 16 through 28 (King James Version), all 13 chapters. Both groups must study the map of Paul's journey. For rules and question outline please write the General Youth Chairman, Mrs. Edna Fowler, P.O. Box 164, Cumberland, North Carolina 28331, or phone (919) 425-7873.

### Winners at AFC and YFA At General Conference

General Conference Youth night at Cazy Church in Bob White, West Virginia, was both blessed and exciting. The sweetness of the Holy Spirit kept testimonies coming from 73 years young right on through some of the Bible Bowl team members. The AFC Bible Bowl Quiz was really exciting with only 10 or 20 points between first and second place. First place AFC team was from Oak Grove, Pee Dee District. Team members were Margie Bryan; and Gary Bryan; Wendy Edwards; and Marty Davis. The winning team received a plaque for their church plus a certificate and \$10 per team member.

Elm Grove, Central District, came in second place. They received a plaque and certificates. They were Angie and Melissa Bryan, Lisa Jones and Sarah Jones.

YFA first place went to Beaverdam, Pee Dee District. Team members were Andrea Gore, Katrina Cartrette, Jamie McPherson and Ann Hinson. This team received a plaque for their church plus a certificate and a \$50 bond per team member. All three teams were excellent and the youth did a great job.

### Fifth Union of Eastern Conference to Meet

The Fifth Union of the Eastern Conference will meet August 28 at Camp Vandemere. The meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the special music, the food, the fellowship, and the morning message which will be delivered by the Rev. Bob Yates.

### Hickory Grove Has New Fellowship Building

Hickory Grove Church near Bethel has a new fellowship building. It was dedicated to God on June 27, and is being used for Christian fun and fellowship this summer. It has truly blessed the church, and they praise God for this new accomplishment.

### NOTICE

The Layman's League of the Albemarle Conference will sponsor a Youth Singspiration Sunday, August 29, starting at 3 p.m. It will be held at Union Chapel Church located six miles south of Plymouth on Highway 32.

Any youth wishing to participate are encouraged to come prepared to sing. For more information, contact Chuck Whitford, Route 1, Jamesville, North Carolina 27846; phone, 793-2900.

Chuck Whitford  
*Albemarle Layman's League President*

### CHURCHES PARTICIPATING IN THE WIDOW'S FUND

Please note that a minister has died since our last announcement: The Rev. J. Walter Stanley. Gifts of \$50 are now due from those participating in the program. Please respond accordingly.

Churches will be notified through *The Free Will Baptist* when a minister dies.

Walter Reynolds

### COMING EVENTS

August—Entire Month  
Designated by the State Convention as State Convention Promotional Month

August 16-21—Week of Camp, Sunday School Convention, Camp Vandemere

August 18—Children's Home Board Meeting, Children's Home

August 24—Mount Olive Quarterly Meeting, Mount Olive College

August 29—Mount Olive Fall Quarter Begins, Dorms Open

August 29—Groundbreaking for College Hall, 4 p.m., Mount Olive College

August 29—Central Conference District Sunday School Convention and Union Meeting

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

### FRESH DRINKING WATER

Pure drinking water is a basic essential to human life as we know it on the earth. Many people especially children lose their lives by drinking from contaminated water sources. People often do not know the value of potable water.

On a survey trip last year on the northwest coast of Palawan, we visited a tribe of people in a very remote area. There are only about fifty families in this tribe. One of our pastors had visited this tribe in the late 70's. We discovered upon arriving that there was much sickness among these people. Upon inquiring, we learned that they were taking their drinking water from the river. Of course the river water is not a safe source of drinking water. We began to pray that God would provide a pump and a well for these people.

God has answered that prayer. The second week in June 1982 Fred and Stevie Baker returned to the tribe and helped with the drilling and installation of the pump. Pastor Andrino Segay also helped with the project. It was a real joy to see the new jet-matic hand pump bring forth its first cupful of clean clear water.

Praise God for the great things He is doing through His people. While the project was going on, Pastor Andrino Segay used the night hours to conduct Bible studies with the people. Maybe one day God will allow us to plant a church among this tribe. More than drinking water, these people need the Lord Jesus Christ—the Living Water of Life. We request your continual prayers for wisdom and guidance as we serve the Lord here.

Fred Baker

### CLASSES BEGIN AT PALAWAN BIBLE INSTITUTE



*Students and staff pose during registration day, June 10, 1982.*

Palawan Bible Institute, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, began its fourth year of operation on June 10, 1982. On this date students began registration for the first trimester of the 1982-83 academic year. A record enrollment of 31 students was completed.



*Orientation Day*

Orientation was held on June 11, 1982. All students were introduced to the faculty and staff. They were then briefed on the rules and regulations of P.B.I. Acting-President Ludgerio E. Malinao and Dean Charles I. Barnard presented

the orientation program. A short tour of the campus and facilities was enjoyed by all.

Classes officially began on June 14, 1982. The subjects taught are as follows:

#### *First Year*

Introduction to Bible Study  
Biblical Way of Salvation  
Christian Ethics  
Life of Christ  
Pilipino I  
English I  
Music I  
Physical Education

#### *Second Year*

Principles of Teaching  
Cults  
Church Planting  
New Testament Survey I  
Work of a Pastor  
Pilipino IV  
English IV  
Physical Education

We at Palawan Bible Institute realize that all this would not be possible without the prayer and financial support of those faithfully committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. For this we are forever thankful.

Charles I. Barnard



## MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, 1982



*Pictured above are those who attended the 1982 Ministers' Conference.*

The annual Ministers' Conference at Cragmont Assembly, July 19-22, was a great success! There was an all-pervasive spirit of unity, fellowship and love evidenced in the services during the week. The Rev. Bruce Barrow was in charge of the Monday evening Communion service and the Washing of the Saints' Feet. His message was a real blessing to all. The service was concluded by an altar prayer with all the ministers joining hands around the chapel.

The Tuesday seminar was led by the Rev. Bill Futch on "Planning a Year's Preaching." This session was very informative as to using the lectionary and following the seasons of the church year as an aid to teaching, preaching and more meaningful worship in the church. This presentation was very well done. The Rev.

Bob Harber spoke, in the morning worship service, on "Proclaiming Christ." This service was an inspiration to all who participated. The message challenged us to proclaim with love the message Christ gives us. Tuesday evening the Rev. Graham Lane led our memorial service which was followed by our annual business session.

The Wednesday morning seminar was led by the Rev. Bill Dale on "Practicing What You Preach." The necessity of our actions coinciding with our proclaimed message was stressed by the speaker. We were challenged as ministers to let our people see our faith as well as hear about it. The morning worship service featured the Rev. Charles Crisp as the speaker; he spoke on "Prophetic Preaching" as preaching which is not so much

futuristic, but confronts the present situation with the Word of God. The evening worship speaker was the Rev. Walter Sutton, who spoke on "Personal Renewal." This message stressed the necessity of personal renewal for the minister in order to be effective in ministry.

Our Thursday morning Prayer Breakfast, led by the Rev. Calvin Heath, officially concluded the Ministers' Conference.

The Rev. C. H. Overman, outgoing president, very ably presided at the entire session. The Rev. Ray Wells, outgoing secretary, handled the pre-registration and room assignments which worked out very well.

New officers elected for the next two years were as follows: the Rev. De W. Eakes, President; the Rev. Graham Lane, Vice President; the Rev. Doug Skinner, Secretary; the Rev. Ralph Summer, Treasurer; and the Rev. Lynwood Renfrow, member-at-large.

Any ministers who have not paid their 1982 membership dues (\$5) or their Cragmont Pledge (\$20) should do so immediately! Send them to the Rev. Doug Skinner, P.O. Box 117, Arapahoe, NC 28510. Also indicate your preference as regards the Christian Flag Service at your funeral. Thank you for your cooperation.

Total participation in the 1982 Ministers' Conference was as follows: 83 ministers, 4 visitors, and 16 wives. We look forward to our 1983 program and hope that more of our ministers will make plans to attend!

De W. Eakes, President  
North Carolina Ministers' Association

## PREREQUISITES OF PRAYER



Prayer should be humble (*Psalm 10:17; Luke 18:13, 14*).

Prayer should be bold (*1 John 5:13-15*).

Prayer should be in faith (*Hebrews 11:6*).

Prayer should be sincere (*Psalm 145:18*).

Prayer should be simple (*Matthew 6:7*).

Prayer should be persistent (*Luke 18:7; Colossians 4:2*).

Prayer should be definite (*Psalm 27:4; Acts 12:5*).

Prayer should be in accord with Scripture (*1 John 5:14*).

It is God's will and pleasure to answer your prayers as is evidenced in *Psalm 37:4, Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart*. Don't just say a prayer but strive to learn how to pray. Seek God's guidance. Unlock His treasure chest of riches and let those riches rain down upon you as He has promised.

As you pray daily, please do not forget the children at your Children's Home and the financial needs of the Children's Home.

## A Christian Will Is Different

Most Christians agree that they have a responsibility to God, to their loved ones and to their conscience to make a will. Yet only about one third will ever take the time to complete this essential task. Knowing the pitfalls of intestacy, (the absence of a last will and testament at death) one has to wonder why anyone would procrastinate. But most people put it off until it is too late. Essentially, there are two reasons:

First, we all have been exposed from childhood on to the term "Last Will and Testament." As a result, many individuals have developed the idea—sub-consciously—that making a will is the *last* thing they need to do.

And second, since a will does not become operative until the death of its maker, there is a natural tendency to look upon it as an instrument of death . . . therefore avoiding it as long as possible.

Unfortunately, such fallacies inhibit action and tend to ignore the many positive aspects of estate planning. They also fail to differentiate between a Christian will and its secular counterpart. A Christian will is different because it . . .

### 1. Testifies to the maker's faith in Jesus Christ.

A Christian will is activated when the one who made it passes from this world into *life* eternal.

Thus, a Christian will is an instrument of life . . . a radiant document bearing witness to the maker's acceptance of the One who died upon the Cross to make provision for this great, unmerited gift.

The importance of putting one's faith on record gains even greater significance when we remember that, more often than not, a will is read in the presence of unbelievers.

### 2. Recognizes divine ownership and responds accordingly.

Nothing we are or can ever possess is really our own. It all belongs to God (*Psalm 24:1*). We are simply the stewards or managers of what He has entrusted into our care.

A Christian will acknowledges God's ownership and our trusteeship by designating a proportionate share of the residue of the estate for Christian causes. Contributions of this nature provide an opportunity for many to give far more substantially than that which is possible during life.

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## North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

### Treasurer's Report, End of First Quarter, July 31, 1982

Balance in Bank, April 30, 1982 \$ 5,454.28

#### Receipts

General Fund:		
Contributions	\$ 25.00	
Life Award Fees	30.00	
Promotional Fund		
(CSF)	127.32	
Registration Fees	350.00	
Per Capita Dues	<u>3.00</u>	\$ 535.32
Denominational Enter- prises		<u>7,690.31</u>
Total Receipts		<u>8,225.63</u>
Total for Which to Account		\$13,679.91

#### Disbursements

Convention Expenses and Allocations	\$1,845.18	
Denominational Enter- prises	<u>7,690.31</u>	
Total Disbursed		<u>9,535.49</u>
Balance in Bank, July 31, 1982		<u>\$ 4,144.42</u>

#### Banks

Branch Banking and Trust Company (checking)	\$ 1,144.42
Church Finance Association	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,144.42</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 Enterprises Report

	Itemize	Received	Disbursed
Home Missions (State Project)		\$1,610.97	\$1,610.97
Foreign Missions:			
General Fund	\$452.23		
Mexico	300.00		
Linda Baker (clothes)	10.00		
State Project (Missionary wives)	676.26	1,438.49	1,438.49

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#### NOTICE

The Rev. Robert Rollins has been serving as interim pastor for the First Church in LaGrange since February 17, 1982. He had been recovering from a heart attack. Since making a decision to serve the LaGrange Church, he has fulfilled all the duties normally associated with pastoring a church, three services each week, visiting the sick, funeral services, and attending the meetings of the church. He has had no health problems during this time and with the approval of his doctor is now ready to assume the pastorate of a church full-time. He will complete his duties at the LaGrange Church August 25, 1982. Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Deacons of the LaGrange Church recommend the Rev. Robert Rollins for the pastorate.

Glenn Cherry  
Chairman of Board of Deacons

#### RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

On March 17, 1982, God in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy saw fit to call to her reward our sister in Christ, Irene Fulford Joyner, age 69. Irene came to Piney Grove (Pitt County) from King's Cross Roads several years ago, and was an active member until her death.

Her funeral was held at Wilkerson's Funeral Home by her pastor, Allen Sterbin, and interment was in Farmville Cemetery.

Therefore be it resolved,

First, that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

Second, that we express our deepest appreciation for her devotion to the church for this long period of time.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and a copy be retained for the minutes of the church.

Charlotte Crawford  
Ruby Joyner

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

# . . . Mount Olive College

## PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

**August 9, 1982**

\$1,500,000	Goal in gifts and pledges set by Board of Trustees for beginning construction.
<u>1,445,000</u>	Gifts (\$629,000) and Pledge Balances (\$816,000).
\$ 55,000	Amount required in gifts and pledges to begin construction.

Our goal is to raise the additional \$55,000 in gifts and pledges by the end of August. Since May 24, 1982, gifts and new pledges have totaled \$287,460.

**College Hall: "If Not Now, When?"**

## GROUNDBREAKING FOR COLLEGE HALL SET!

Sunday, August 29, 1982  
4 P.M.  
New Campus  
Mount Olive College

All Free Will Baptist Churches and friends of Mount Olive College are invited and encouraged to attend this significant and long-awaited event.

Our plans are to take bids in August and to begin construction in September. The construction schedule is based on the faith and commitment that pledges and gifts will reach \$1,500,000 by the end of August.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IS MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DAY

*by W. Burkette Raper, President*

Fifth Sunday, August 29, is Mount Olive College Day in Free Will Baptist Churches throughout North Carolina. We invite you to observe this day in your church and then attend our groundbreaking ceremony for College Hall to be held at 4 p.m. that Sunday.

As of August 9, gifts and pledges to College Hall have reached \$1,445,000 with more than 1,000 individuals and 61 churches participating.

Since our loan through bonds will be for a seven-year period (1982-89), we are asking that donors establish their plan of support for this same period of time. August 29 is a good day for those Sunday schools and churches which have not made pledges to do so.

Following is a pledge form and a chart showing how much your gifts count.

## GIFT SUPPORT SCHEDULES FOR BUILDING COLLEGE HALL

Quarterly	Semiannual	Annual	Seven-Year Total
\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$28,000
500	1,000	2,000	14,000
300	600	1,200	8,400
250	500	1,000	7,000
150	300	600	4,200
125	250	500	3,500
100	200	400	2,800
75	150	300	2,100
50	100	200	1,400

## PLAN OF SUPPORT TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE FOR COLLEGE HALL

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I/We pledge a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My/Our plan of payment will be (Indicate which):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually, first payment to be (date) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly, first payment to be (date) \_\_\_\_\_

or as follows \_\_\_\_\_

If Church pledge, name and address of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

If individual, name of your church: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: President W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365

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## Family Devotions . . .

### SUNDAY, 22 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—2 Chronicles 7:12-22

#### MAKE IT PLAIN, FATHER!

After the Battle of Gettysburg, a young man lay seriously wounded in a hospital. His father was sent for. The doctor said to him, "Your son cannot last long." With heavy heart the father said to his son, "You may go at any time!" "But," pleaded the son, "I cannot die; I must not die. I am not ready to die. Father, make it plain to me now how I can die right with God, and have all my sins forgiven," implored the son.

At once, an incident in the school life of the son came to the grief-stricken father. "Son, do you remember when you were expelled from school, how I rebuked you for the wrong you had done, and how you abused me with harsh words? Do you recall how, later, you came in great sorrow and begged my forgiveness? Do you recall how freely I forgave you?" "Yes," replied the son. "Son, did you doubt that I would freely and fully forgive you?" "No, Father, I knew that you forgave me from your great heart of love!" Then the father said, "My son, just as freely and as fully as I forgave you so also will God forgive you your sins, blotting them out, never to remember them against you!"

Later, the son said, "Father, Jesus has forgiven me! I know He has. I have asked Him to blot out my sinful past. I believed that He would do it, just as I believed, in the long ago, that you would forgive the wrong I had done against you, and the sorrow I had brought to you."

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*He who does not forgive others burns before him the bridge to God's forgiveness.*

### MONDAY, 23 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Psalm 25

#### BECOME A WORM AND BE SQUASHED!

In a church in the south I spoke on "The Life of Selfless Love." I emphasized the fact that the Lord could not use a Christian who had ill will in his heart against anyone. "I must have a heart-to-heart talk with you," said the pastor's wife. "I would do anything if we could be united in this

church!" We knelt and prayed. After tearful prayer, she confessed that she had resentment in her heart against a prominent lady of the church. I said to her, "Are you willing to become a worm and be squashed? Go to her immediately. Don't try to justify or excuse yourself. Tell her that you have had unkind thoughts about her. Be humble and ask her forgiveness!" At first she said, "I can't" After a moment of tense silence, she submissively said, "I am willing to be a crushed worm for Jesus' sake!"

The next morning she went to the lady and confessed her un-Christian attitude toward her and asked her forgiveness. The one whose forgiveness she sought burst into tears. She said, "You came to confess sin against me. I should be confessing the wrong attitude I've had against you and asking your forgiveness!"

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*The reconciliation of those two women became the talk of the church. Others got right with each other and with God. God began to work mightily in that church because one of God's children was willing to be a crushed worm for Christ's sake!*

### TUESDAY, 24 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Psalm 86

#### I USED TO BE SO HAPPY!

A man came to me and said, "I cannot understand it, Sir, but it seems as if God is blotting out of my life. I used to be so happy."

I asked, "How is it?"

Said he, "I think it has to do with my treatment of my brother. He served me cruelly over my father's will, and I said I would never forgive him. I am sorry I said it, but he has been going from bad to worse. He has lost his wife and child, and is now on his deathbed, and I cannot go to him because I said I never would."

I said, "My friend, it is better to break a bad vow than keep it. Go."

He went, and the smile of God met him just there.

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*Never let me put up a fence against anyone, God, and keep me from putting a fence around myself.*

## WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:1-15

### LOVE THAT RIGHTS THE WRONG

One of God's servants had preached a searching sermon of forgiveness. He urged God's children to get right with God and with one another. He emphasized the fact that God's children cannot be right with God, and at the same time wrong with one another, if it is within their power to right the wrong. He quoted the verse, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:18). "Oh, that more of us had the 'love which rights the wrong!' Then more hearts would be 'filled with cheer and song!'"

At the close of the service, a lady, who had harbored hatred in her heart for the pastor, openly confessed to him the wretchedness of her heart, saying, "Your reference to the 'love that rights the wrong' went like an arrow to my heart. Do forgive me for the wrong I have done you, as I feel that God has forgiven me!"

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*There is no faculty of the human soul so persistent as that of hatred. There are hatreds of race, sect and social and personal hatreds. If thoughts of hatred were thunder and lightning, there would be a storm over the whole earth all the year round.*

## THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Luke 6

### I'M GOING TO LOVE EVERY ONE!

Little Jackie was enjoying playing "elevator boy" while his grandfather made some purchases in the large department store. Jackie would say to those entering the elevator, "Up or down?" The operator of the elevator beamed with joy because Jackie was having such a fine time. A sour-faced woman approached the elevator. Little Jackie called out to her, "Up or down?" "Neither one," barked out the woman to Jackie, adding, "Get out of here, you little pest!" Jackie was sorely wounded. With heavy heart and dragging feet, and with tears trickling down his little face, he went and fell into the waiting arms of his grandfather, who saw and heard what occurred. "Why did she call me a pest, Grandpa?" asked little Jackie. Grandpa tried to explain to Jackie that sometime in the past the rough-speaking woman must have been hurt, and the hurt had left scars on her soul. "She feels that, by hurting others, the scars on her soul will

heal, but that isn't true, Jackie, for when she hurts others, her scars become worse," said Grandpa.

When little Jackie prayed that night he asked God's blessings upon many whom he mentioned by name. "But dear Lord," he prayed, "don't bless that woman with scars on her soul, because she has put scars on my soul!" Grandpa heard what little Jackie prayed, and he said, "Jackie, if we want to be truly loved by Jesus, and forgiven by Jesus, we must love and forgive others!"

Some weeks passed. Grandpa thought little Jackie had forgotten all about the unpleasant experience. But it was not so. One day he came and said, "Grandpa, I am going to love everyone that has scars on his soul. And I am going to love everyone who has put scars on my soul!"

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*Mercy, like the regions of space, has no limit, and as these stretch away before the traveler who looks out from the farthest star, so the loftiest intellect and the largest heart can discover no bounds to mercy. Like our Father in Heaven, we are to forgive without stint, forgiving as we expect to be forgiven.*

## FRIDAY, 27 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 13

### GLADSTONE'S FORGIVENESS

When William E. Gladstone was Chancellor of the Exchequer, one of his statisticians made a serious mistake. The House of Commons was stirred with excitement. Newspapers picked up the stories and revealed the glaring inaccuracies. Gladstone went to his office, sent for the statistician, and said to him: "I know how much you must be disturbed by what has happened, and I have sent for you to put you at your ease. For a long time you have been engaged in handling the intricacies of the national accounts and this is the first mistake you have made. I want to congratulate you and to express my appreciation." The quality of forgiveness is lacking in many of our human relationships. And yet Jesus said we must forgive one another if we hope to receive divine pardon.

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*This constructive quality of forgiveness will serve to make us both humble and loving, and will ease the tension in many situations.*

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# The Sunday School Lesson . . .

## TIMOTHY: PAUL'S TROUBLESHOOTER

**Lesson Text:** Acts 16:1-3;  
1 Corinthians 4:14-17;  
1 Thessalonians 3:1-8

**Memory Verse:** 1 Thessalonians 3:2

### I. INTRODUCTION

Many people were associated with Paul's Christian life and work. Some were older in the faith than he was—men such as Barnabas who were very helpful in saving Paul and in initially giving direction to his work. Others were companions and co-workers, such as Silas and Luke. The original apostles were also men admired by and sometimes consulted by Paul. But no one else seems to have had quite the same relationship with him as Timothy. He was younger than Paul, but so were several others.

However, Paul became very closely attached to Timothy, and refers to him several times in his two letters to him as his son. He is "my own son in the faith" (1 Timothy 1:2); "son Timothy" (1 Timothy 1:18); "my dearly beloved son" (2 Timothy 1:2); and again simply "my son" (2 Timothy 2:1). In his first letter to the Corinthians Paul calls him "my beloved son" (4:17).

While Paul addressed Timothy familiarly in his personal letters to him and sometimes spoke of his youth, he always presented him as a fellow worker in the gospel ministry when he spoke of him to the churches. He trusted Timothy with important missions and realized he was going to leave the future of the Christian movement in young hands such as his after his "departure."

It is touchingly evident as Paul comes to the close of the last letter we have from him—the second letter to Timothy—that he longs for the actual comfort and encouragement of Timothy's presence with him. He urges, "Do your best to come to me quickly." Among his very last words is the plea, "Do your best to get here before winter" (2 Timothy 4:9, 21, *New International Version*).—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. How does the opinion of others help direct our lives? Timothy was *well reported of by the brethren*. Each one of us wants a good reputation. It is a rare individual who does not feel the importance of having a good name. There is one thing that we need to remember: A good name is built over a long period of time, but it may be lost in a moment by one single act. Today we study about a young man who had a good reputation and he lived the same way to keep his reputation that he had lived in order to get that reputation. This man's name is Timothy.

B. Can you imagine the problems that Timothy must have faced in the church at Corinth? There were divisions in the church, many of the members were inclined to accept human wisdom rather than the revelation of God, and many of them were carnal. This church would be a test for any minister, but for a young man to be sent into this kind of situation was a real test. No wonder some have called him a "troubleshooter."

C. If the church at Corinth was a trial for Timothy, the church at Thessalonica must

have been a real delight. For the most part, the people were faithful, and if there was any division among the people it is not mentioned in the Bible. They were willing to follow Timothy's leadership. Who could doubt that this experience at Thessalonica helped to make this young preacher a better man? By the way, do you think your church would help a young preacher to become a better pastor, or would it be a hindrance?

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

The kind of friend you have  
been to me,  
Is the type of friend I would be  
to thee;  
Your faithful spirit, your radiant face  
Has added just a touch of  
grace;  
When trouble came and things  
looked drear,  
'Twas then your helpfulness  
would cheer;  
Never a murmur, always a  
smile,  
Friends like that are sure worth  
while;  
So gladly a friend I would be to  
thee,  
Yes, the kind of friend you have  
been to me.

—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

The phone rang in the office of the church where President Franklin D. Roosevelt usually attended. "Are you expecting the President in church Sunday?" "That I cannot promise," replied the rector, "but we expect God to be there, and that should be incentive enough for you to be there!"

## CHILDREN'S HOME

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### 3. Seeks to perpetuate the influence of its maker.

Every day we see the evidence of our influence. It finds expression in the lives of our children, in the ministry of the congregation we help to support and in scores of other ways.

Most of us are pleased with the results of our endeavors and want to know that the things which are closest to our hearts will continue to bear fruit even after we are gone.

A Christian will makes it possible for us to extend our lives and influence by establishing charitable bequests or trusts for the interests we consider for the good of humanity.

Remembering God in this manner is an appropriate climax to a life of Christian stewardship and allows our witness to live long after we have gone to our eternal reward.

(Adapted from *You and Your Will . . . a Guide to Christian Estate Planning*, Carl E. Keefer and Gerald J. Brinser.)

For additional information and/or assistance in preparing your Christian will, please contact Charles V. Watt, director of Development, P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557.

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Mount Olive College:			
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Alice Lupton			
Scholarship	43.50		
Anna Phillips			
Student Aid Fund	18.00		
Books	20.00		
State Project			
(Dishwasher)	<u>241.00</u>	384.97	384.97
Free Will Baptist			
Children's Home			
General Fund	778.74		
Clothing	175.00		
Child Support	540.00		
Music Lessons	45.00		
State Project			
(Media Center)	<u>588.02</u>	2,126.76	2,126.76
Superannuation		172.00	172.00
Retirement Homes		120.29	120.29
Cragmont Assembly		581.03	581.03
Life Membership Fees			
(Mount Olive College)		75.00	75.00
Central Conference Mis-			
sions		35.00	35.00
*Christian Service			
Fund:			
Mount Olive College	254.62		
Missions	254.62		
Children's Home	190.97		
Cragmont	190.97		
Superannuation	127.31		
Retirement Homes	<u>127.31</u>	<u>1,145.80</u>	<u>1,145.80</u>
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## FAMILY DEVOTIONS

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SATURDAY, 28  
AUGUST

Scripture Reading—1 John 3

### WHEN GOD FORGIVES, HE FORGETS!

A man was deeply convicted of sin and of his need of the Saviour. Restlessly he wandered one night along a country road, seeking relief for his misery. Wearily he sat down beside a hedge. After sitting there for a while, he heard two girls talking on the other side of the hedge. They were discussing a sermon one of them had heard. "I will never forget the thing the minister said in the sermon. It gave me hope and encouragement," one girl said. "What was it?" eagerly inquired the other girl. "The world always says that you make your own bed, and you must lie in it, but One greater than the world has said, 'Take up thy bed, and walk. Thy sins be forgiven!' "

*When the distressed man heard those wondrous words, he called upon the sinner's Friend, Jesus, and felt his burden taken away.*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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### PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Bethlehem Church, Duplin County, on Sunday, August 22, at 11 a.m.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Bethlehem Church is the Rev. William E. Futch.



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## Fire and Rain

What we need today are men who are willing to stand up for the cause of Christ; we need men like the Prophet Elijah. Now Elijah was no superman—he was subject to like passions as we are. But he prayed earnestly—and in that way he leaves us far behind. You see, the prophet could pray down fire from Heaven; his prayers yielded water when it was needed. And if there's ever been a time when we needed both fire and rain, it's today, for we need to be on fire and we surely do stand in need of showers of blessings! (However, when they come we should recognize them for what they are.)

We are so busy hurrying about, many times paying attention to things that aren't our business anyway, that we don't have time to take care of the things that really do matter. It is time that we stop running around, relying on this little club, that campaign, boosting this project, and backing that program—our real problems cannot be overlooked or ignored. We cannot expect to stir up fire that must fall from above. (Someone has suggested that we need to gather on Mount Carmel. But if God has to prove Himself by a test of fire, that does not say much for our faith!)

It is time that we stop becoming entangled with the affairs of the world and become burdened with the sins of people. "The fact is that many would like to unite church and stage, cards and prayers, dancing and sacraments. If we are powerless to stem this torrent, we can at least warn men of its existence and entreat them to keep out of it. When the old faith is gone, and enthusiasm for the gospel is extinct, it is no wonder that people seek something else in the way of delight. Lacking bread, they feed on ashes; rejecting the way of the Lord, they run greedily in the path of folly" (Spurgeon).

Our spiritual famine finds us dwelling with "spiritual half truths, ethical fogs, and moral twilights"; and there can be no revival, no growth, no unity until we let God be God. If this is to happen, if God is to be recognized as divine once more, we need to repair our altars. We need to fix our altars of consecration. You remember them, don't you? They were where we gave ourselves to God; promised to do His will alone; offered Him our time, talents, and possessions. But we have kept back part of the price and lied to God. Our family altars—where once we gathered together to read the Bible, commit our way to the Lord, and pray—need to be fixed. They are in a state of great disrepair, for we have abandoned them, giving the silly excuse that times have changed and such a custom is no longer practical. We must not forget to repair the altars of praise and testimony either. They were where the redeemed of the Lord once so stated. Now sin and worldliness have closed our lips, stolen our songs, and robbed us of joy.

God is calling us to action. We can no longer halt between two opinions. The fact remains: we are either on the Lord's side or we are not! "If the LORD be God, follow him . . ." (1 Kings 18:21); ". . . As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). How about you?

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# Baring One Another's Burdens

Forgive me for altering the spelling, but it seems to fit present practice. Actually, the biblical admonition is "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). That's *bear*, not *bare*.

You don't hear a lot about bearing other people's burdens these days, or about the Law of Christ, for that matter. Rather than obey, which is hard, we have distorted the command, which is easy.

If you are the one who should be helping, the distortion may be only a discourtesy. If you're the agonized bearer, however, the experience can be devastating. Have you discovered that fellow Christians often find it less demanding to gape and cluck than to love and trust?

Baring is definitely easier than bearing.

There is something in the human heart that revels in scandal. But Christians manage to cloak their carnal curiosity and voyeurism with an avowed righteous motivation ("How shameful are the sins I have not committed").

Next we want to dig into the whole story, find out who is guilty" of what, suggest a repair formula, get a quick prayer fix, so that all will be put back as it was. And if it isn't, we think, judgment will certainly come swiftly. A couple of things seem not to occur even to those who genuinely wish to be helpful.

First, "as it was" may not represent a new success but the old failure—not a healing, but a Band-Aid job on whatever caused the burden in the first

place. Second, we tend to see burdens in terms of problems to be solved rather than in terms of people to be loved. We think we have failed unless we eliminate the burden. But it doesn't say, "Remove one another's burdens." It says bear them.

Bearing is not something you can do for a few minutes and have it over with. Bearing suggests a commitment to long-term caring—and that not without pain.

Once, at a crisis point in my own life, I could easily have imagined I was living in the land of Uz, for Job's comforters promptly volunteered their help. They were well-meaning for the most part, but I think some were misguided. One telephoned from across the country asking to be told "all about it" so he could "pray." Some criticized, prompting one of my colleagues to remark, "Christians are the only people I know who shoot their wounded." I received a lot of how-to-fix-it books. A few—thank God for the few—said, "I love you. I trust you. I am praying for you."

That experience taught me that burden-bearers tend to focus on the problem, whereas the first concern of burden-bearers is the person. Thinking about this led me to examine carefully the context of the verse about burden-bearing.

This statement leaped out at me: "If a man should do something wrong, my brothers, you who are endowed with the Spirit must set him right again very gently" (NEB). The King James translation, which says "in the spirit of meekness,"

had never hit me like "very gently." A meek bull in a china shop is still a bull. If there is no gentleness, I wondered, is there any Spirit-endowment? Also, is not one who thinks and talks and acts with gentleness likely to have a quite different idea about what it means to "set right"? And about "baring"? And, for that matter, about "wrong"?

Those who want to know "all about it" so they "can pray" should reconsider. Just a simple awareness of a need, no matter how many details are missing, is knowledge enough to pray lovingly and effectively. God, after all, does know. After an automobile accident, the paramedics don't need to know how it happened or who was at fault. Their concern is survival and healing. The attendant doesn't lean over the litter en route as the siren wails and red lights flash and say, "Tell me all about it." When the wounds are of the spirit and emotions, the retelling itself can tear open lesions that were perhaps just beginning to mend.

Christian counseling—which is another name for Christian caring—is not fast talking. It is loving listening. Since we are creatures of oral communication, we mistakenly think we have made no useful response unless we speak. Sometimes a pressure of the hand, an arm upon the shoulder, a silence shared—with no compulsion to come up with a solution—is the most eloquent encouragement.

I have a friend with a drinking problem. He used to call me long-distance day or night, but

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### Western District Youth To Meet

The Western District Youth Rally will be held on August 28, at Kenly Church, Kenly. The time of the meeting is 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

### First Union of Western Conference to Meet

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet on Saturday, August 28, 1982, with Micro Church, Johnston County. The host pastor, the Rev. Clyde Cox, and the Union extend a cordial welcome to everyone. The Rev. Donald Coats will preach the Union message. Ken Forehand is clerk.

### Albemarle Meetings Scheduled

Shiloh Church, Pinetown, will host the Albemarle Union Meeting on August 28, 1982. Mount Zion Church, Roper, will host the Albemarle League Convention on August 28, 1982. The scheduled programs are as follows:

#### UNION MEETING

##### OPENING SESSION

Pianist, Mrs. Mary Lucille Jones

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Dewitt Cleve

10:10—Welcome, Mr. E. G. Foreman

—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

—Announcements

—Prayer Time

### BUSINESS SESSION

10:40—Report of Children's Home, via literature

—Report of Mount Olive College, via literature

—Report of Press, via literature

—Report of Missions, 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

11:00—Hymn 8, "Amazing Grace"

11:20—Special Music, Ladies Quartet Host Church

11:25—Message, the Rev. Royce Reynolds

—Adjournment and Lunch

### LEAGUE CONVENTION

7:30—Devotion, Mr. Mikel Oliver

7:40—President's Message, Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr.

—Appointment of Digest Committee

—Offering

—Roll Call of Leagues

—Sword Drill

—Hymn

—Recognition of Ministers

—Announcements

—Special Music

—League Program

—Minutes of Last Convention

—Business of Digest Committee

—Report of Digest Committee

—Awarding of Banners and Picture

—Treasurer's Report

—Minutes Read and Approved

—Adjournment

Pianist, Mrs. Mary Lucille Jones

### Souder Is Licensed

Mr. Robert Anthony (Tony) Souder was issued a certificate as a licensed minister of the Trent Church, after being approved by the examining board of the Eastern Conference on July 12, 1982. The pastor, the Rev. Timothy Webber, presented the certificate to Mr. Souder on Wednesday, August 4, 1982. Mr. Souder is a graduate of Mount Olive College, attended Campbell in 1981-1982, and is now enrolled in Columbia Bible College where he will receive his B. S. in Bible.

Mr. Souder has done supply work for several churches and is still available until September 3, 1982, when he starts back to college. His phone number is 249-0434. His address is Arapahoe, NC 28510.

### Westside Church To Show Film

Westside Church, 1205 Lynn Drive, Kinston, will show the film entitled "The Rapture" on August 29, at 7 p.m.

"The Rapture" is an imaginative portrayal of how a television network might possibly handle the spectacular catching away of millions of Christians with the chaos that would be the result. While recognizing that there are diverse opinions as to the return of Christ, the film is a fairly accurate picture of how the people of science, the liberal clergy, and the news media would react to the

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"... Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

## IS GOD DEAF?



No, but He said, "*I would be inquired of by my people.*" God wants to know that you're sincere . . . that you really mean it . . . that it is indeed from your heart. We should be like Goerge Muller, a great man of prayer in England. He prayed for 54 years for the salvation of a lost loved one and that loved one was saved at Mr. Muller's own funeral service in answer to his prayers. By Mr. Muller's own diary, the story of his 54 years of praying, and by history we know that the man was converted at Mr. Muller's funeral service. If we could have that kind of prayer that holds on to God and never ceases, we'd be on the way to getting our prayers answered.

Do you want to get your prayers answered? Do you have a great need? Then start praying more about it . . . and talking less about it . . . and worrying none about it! Prayer will change things, worry never does. Conversation seldom does. But prayer definitely will

always change things—and it will change you while you're praying.

We must be particular and specific in our prayers. Do you pray for specific things and specific persons by name? Do you call out situations to God that are so particular that only that situation alone is really the burden of your heart?

God wants us to be specific with Him, "God watch over Your children at the Children's Home, guard them, guide and direct them, and keep them safe from all harm. Give guidance and direction to those who minister to them, and help these children to grow straight and tall in Your sight and service."

## SENIOR CITIZEN ATTENDS AFFAIR



Mrs. Maggie Langston

When the alumni of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home gathered for a time of reminiscing recently, they were joined by Mrs. Maggie Langston. Mrs. Langston, who is 97 years old, is the grandmother of Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College. Dr. Raper is an alumnus of the Home.

## TEEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.
2. Choose your companions with care; you become what they are.
3. Be master of your habits or they will master you.
4. Treasure your time; don't spend it; invest it.
5. Stand for something or you'll fall for anything.
6. Select only a date who would make a good mate.
7. See what you can do for others; not what they can do for you.
8. Guard your thoughts; what you think, you are.
9. Don't fill up on this world's crumbs; feed your soul on the Living Bread.
10. Give your all to Christ; He gave His all for you.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We will be featuring the birthdays for the upcoming month. We encourage you to send a birthday card; the children look forward to receiving mail and this would be one way you could brighten their day.

Ann Worley, September 2, 1970  
Dorothy Rhodes, September 5, 1968  
Rhonda Shivar, September 8, 1966  
Angie Willis, September 16, 1970  
Brandy Bridgers, September 20, 1979



## PBI UPDATE



*The Rev. Fred Baker, the Rev. Roger Malinao, and Pastor Jaapal Ortong giving P.B.I. application forms to high school principal.*

Palawan Bible Institute opened its doors for the beginning of its 4th year of operation during the month of June 1982. Prior to the opening, Missionaries Fred Baker and Charles Barnard, the Rev. Ludgerio Malinao and their families made a promotional trip to the southern portion of Palawan. They were accompanied by several students from the institute. Services

were held nightly in the places they visited. Application forms and promotional literature were distributed to those interested. Prospective students were interviewed and returning students confirmed their intentions of completing their courses.

Visits were also made to several townships along the north road out of Puerto Princesa City and to far remote

cities on the northwest coast of Palawan. This is the area where we hope to begin an outstation program to enable P.B.I. to offer a four-year diploma.

Due to these promotion efforts, P.B.I. is experiencing a great year. Thank you for your prayer and financial support that make this needed ministry possible.

Charles Barnard

## THE MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:1, 2).*

This salutation, along with the countless others, is proof positive of Paul's missionary experiences. Only one who has experienced the prolonged separation from family, loved ones, and the familiar surroundings of his hometown can fully appreciate the significance of Paul's letter writing.

Having spent many months and years away from home during my years of military service should qualify me as an authority on the value of written personal communication. But even the years during the Viet Nam War did not prepare me for the loneliness one feels when engaged in the spiritual battle against Satanic forces. I am just now beginning to appreciate what Paul meant when he said in his benediction to the church at Ephesus, "But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother . . . shall make known to you all things . . . that



*Evening service held at Quezon, Palawan on May 3, 1982.*

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## CRAGMONT SUPERBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Cragmont Superball Golf Tournament is almost upon us again. The tournament will be played on Friday, September 10, at Happy Valley Country Club near Wilson, North Carolina. The four-person-team concept is very appealing and promises to be very exciting again this year.



Women are encouraged to participate. However, because of the limited number of women who usually play there will be only one woman per team.

Also this year there will be a \$2 charge for the meal. Bring your family as they will enjoy the pig-picking to be catered by Bill's of Wilson.

A \$25 registration fee per player covers greens fee and

golf cart. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to winners.



Come on and enjoy the fellowship and fun that all of last year's participants are still talking about. Send your registration form and \$25 registration fee to: Rick Watson, Route 2, Box 607, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; phone (919) 237-8472.

### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

My average score: (circle one)

over 100	95-99	90-94
85-89	80-84	75-79
74 or less	I am a nonplayer	

PARTNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

My average score: (circle one)

over 100	95-99	90-94
85-89	80-84	75-79
74 or less	I am a nonplayer	

Please send a \$25 registration fee along with this form to register yourself for the Cragmont tournament.



## PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

W. Burkette Raper, President

August 16, 1982

\$1,500,000	Goal in gifts and pledges set by Board of Trustees for beginning construction.
1,466,000	Gifts (\$633,000) and Pledge Balance (\$833,000).
\$ 34,000	Amount required in gifts and pledges to begin construction.

Our goal is to raise the additional \$34,000 in gifts and pledges by the end of August. Since May 24, 1982, gifts and new pledges have totaled \$309,130.

This progress represents more than \$25,000 each week since we made a definite commitment to begin construction this fall. If we continue with our present momentum, by August 31 we will exceed the \$1,500,000 set by the Board of Trustees for beginning construction.

We invite all churches and friends of the College to share with us in the groundbreaking ceremony for College Hall scheduled for August 29, at 4 p.m. on the New Campus. Bring a shovel and take part in this significant and long-awaited event!

## FIRST FOUR-YEAR CLASS TO ENTER MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

When freshmen arrive at Mount Olive College on Sunday, August 29, many of them will be members of the first four-year graduating class of 1986. According to its schedule for development into a senior college, Mount Olive will add the junior year in 1984 and the senior year in 1985.

This year's entering class will also be on hand for another historic event—the breaking of ground for College Hall, the long-awaited physical education-athletic-convention center. The dormitories will open at 2 p.m. and the groundbreaking service will be at 4 p.m.

Another distinction for those enrolling at Mount Olive this year is that they represent the beginning of a new decade of educational services by Mount Olive. The first students enrolled in 1952 when the College opened at Cragmont Assembly under the leadership of the late Rev. Lloyd Vernon. Since that time the enrollment has grown from a student body of six to more than 400.

## Still Time to Enroll

Although it is expected that all dormitory space will be filled, there is still time for students to make application. Any number of commuting students can be accepted. At the time of this writing, there are six dormitory beds open for men, and resident women are being accepted on a stand-by basis.

For more information, interested students are encouraged to visit or call the Admissions Office (919/658-2502).

## PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Indian Springs Church, Wayne County, on Sunday, August 29, at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Indian Springs Church is the Rev. Grady Davis.

## NIGHT CLASSES OFFERED AT MOC

One of the primary commitments of Mount Olive College is to provide educational opportunities for ministers and laymen that will enable them to more effectively fulfill their Christian calling.

This fall evening courses for ministers or other individuals who cannot enroll in a regular college curriculum are being offered on campus at Mount Olive College on Monday and Thursday nights, beginning Monday, September 6. Students can meet degree requirements for graduation from Mount

*The Board of Trustees of  
Mount Olive College  
cordially invites you to the  
Groundbreaking for College Hall  
An Athletic—Physical Education—Convention Center  
Sunday, August twenty-nine  
Nineteen hundred and eighty-two  
Four o'clock in the afternoon  
New Campus, Henderson Drive  
Mount Olive College  
Mount Olive, North Carolina*

*(In case of inclement weather an appropriate  
service will be held in Rogers Chapel)*

Olive College by attending night classes.

Evening courses will meet once a week for the fall semester at 7 p.m. English Composition, Philosophy, North Carolina History, and Pastoral Ministry will be taught on Monday night. Mathematics, Data Processing, Old Testament, and Psychology will be offered on Thursday evening.

Registration for evening courses can be completed at the first class meeting. For more information, contact Dr. Opey Jeanes, vice president and dean, at (919) 658-2502.

### **\$160,000 SET AS GOAL FOR MOC DINNERS**

The goal will be \$160,000 for the 17 annual Mount Olive College Dinners to be held this fall throughout Eastern North Carolina. This goal represents a challenge of approximately \$10,000 over gift support to Mount Olive College through the 1981 dinners.

The 1982 dinners will provide Free Will Baptists with an opportunity to support our college by making gifts for the annual budget—gifts which will help provide the solid financial foundation necessary for the transition to four-year status. The dinners will also provide a means for the College to share information on its services, and for high school students to meet with a representative from the admissions office.

Planning sessions for the dinners are underway. Jean Ackiss, associate director of development and coordinator for the dinners, requests each church to appoint a college committee to attend the appropriate meeting. Those who attend the planning session will receive an updated report on plans for the development of Mount Olive into a four-year college.

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Information on the planning sessions is listed below:

- Craven County*, Thursday, August 26, 8 p.m., Saint Mary's Church, New Bern
- Carteret County*, Friday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., Crab Point Church, Morehead City
- Wayne County*, Monday, August 30, 8 p.m., First Church, Goldsboro
- Wilson County*, Thursday, September 2, 8 p.m., Daniels Chapel Church near Wilson
- Onslow, New Hanover, Brunswick Counties*, Friday, September 3, 7:30 p.m., Folkstone Church near Holly Ridge
- Pamlico County*, Sunday, September 5, 2 p.m., Mount Zion Church, Vandemere
- Johnston-Wake Counties*, Tuesday, September 7, 8 p.m., First Church in Smithfield
- Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, Pasquotank, and Chowan Counties*, Thursday, September 9, 7:30 p.m., Mount Tabor Church near Creswell
- Pitt County*, Monday, September 13, 8 p.m., Reedy Branch Church near Winterville
- Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties*, Tuesday, September 21, 8 p.m., Oak Grove Church near Newton Grove

### **OPENING IN ADMISSIONS OFFICE**

Mount Olive College announces an immediate opening in the admissions office. Responsibilities include representing the College in high schools, Free Will Baptist churches, and in home visits.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and outstanding communication skills. Must be willing to travel.

Send resume to Nancy Sampsell, Director of Admissions, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. An equal opportunity employer.

### **POSITION OPEN AT MOC**

*Director of Food Services, Mount Olive College.* Duties include planning, scheduling, purchasing, inventory control, supervising in meal preparation for approximately 300 students. Minimum of 5 years experience as dietician and institutional food service required. Degree or certificate

preferred. Send resume to James Coats, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365. Position open September 1. Equal Opportunity Employer.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESSES**

The Rev. Bobby Brown has a change of address. It is Route 1, Box 194, Cove City, NC 28523; phone, 633-3367.

The Rev. Fred Baker now has a change of address. It is 505 Quail Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27530.

### **COMING EVENTS**

*August*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as State Convention Promotional Month

*August 29*—Dorms Open at Mount Olive College

*August 29*—Groundbreaking for College Hall, Mount Olive College

*August 29*—Mount Olive College Sunday in Local Churches

*September*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Home Missions and Church Extension Month

*September 1*—Classes begin at Mount Olive College, Fall Semester

*September 6*—Labor Day

*September 6*—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and all Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

*September 14*—Statewide Evangelism Conference, 7:30 p.m., Lenoir Community College, Kinston

*September 15, 16*—North Carolina State Convention of Churches, Lenoir Community College, Kinston

*September 23*—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention



## SUNDAY, 29 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—2 Chronicles 29:1-19

### I GIVE MYSELF IN THE OFFERING!

There was a missionary meeting in a church in Scotland. The people were greatly moved. They gave generously to send missionaries into God's worldwide vineyard. Little Alexander Duff, just ten years old, sat in a pew. His heart was strangely moved. But he had nothing to give. After the offering was taken, the ushers returned to the rear of the church. Little Alexander followed them. Looking into the face of one of the collectors, the lad said, "Please, Sir, put the basket low!" The usher, catering to what he thought was a childish whim, put the basket on the floor. "There you are, my boy," he said, smiling. How surprised all were when the boy stepped into the basket and said, "O God, I have no money to give, but I give myself in the offering!"

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*What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.*

## MONDAY, 30 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Psalm 95

### EARNING MORE FOR CHRIST

Some of God's children are divinely enabled to make money and use it for God's work. The Bible says: "It is he (God) that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18).

A Christian layman had an extensive business. The death of relatives brought great riches to him. "Shall I retire from business?" was the question he pondered seriously. He decided to continue in business, not for himself but for Christ, saying, "I will trust Him to give me strength to earn money for Him." Later he testified, "I never knew before what real joy was. Formerly I worked to earn a living for myself. Now I am carrying on the same business as diligently as if for myself, even more so. It is now for Christ and all profits of the business go into the treasury of the Lord!"

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*If we give willingly and cheerfully to God, we are insured for time and eternity. The greatest earthly bank is a weak institution compared with the bank of Heaven upon which the God-honoring Christian may draw!*

## TUESDAY, 31 AUGUST

Scripture Reading—Psalm 18

### HERE'S A NICKEL!

Bishop McCabe, who was trying to raise a million dollars for missions, received in his mail one day many discouraging letters, excepting one from a little boy. When the bishop opened it, out tumbled a badly battered nickel. In the letter the boy had written: "I'm so glad you are going to get a million dollars for missions. I'm going to help you get it, too. Here's a nickel towards it! It's all I've got now, but when you want any more, call on me!"

When God is in it, little is much!

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*If you want to be rich, give;  
If you want to be poor, grasp;  
If you want abundance, scatter;  
If you want to be needy, hoard.*

## WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 100

### ONE OF THE LEAST

A poor Christian woman was told about another poor woman who greatly needed a warm housecoat. "I can give her mine. She possibly needs it worse than I do. I can do without it. But I want to wash and mend it as neatly as I can. I'll have it ready for her tomorrow." It was prepared with loving care. A handkerchief was tucked in one of the pockets. In the other, a fifty-cent piece and a little booklet of promises from God's Word. As she gave the coat to a friend to deliver, she said, "As it's for one of His 'least of these,' I wanted it to be as nice as I could afford to make it!"

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*Some folks give their mite,  
Others give with their might,  
And some don't give who might.*

## THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 49

### THE ART OF GIVING SELF

One of my favorite stories is about a missionary teaching in Africa. Before Christmas he

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had been telling his native students how Christians, as an expression of their joy, gave each other presents on Christ's birthday.

On Christmas morning one of the natives brought the missionary a seashell of lustrous beauty. When asked where he had discovered such an extraordinary shell, the native said he had walked many miles to a certain bay, the only spot where such shells could be found.

"I think it was wonderful of you to travel so far to get this lovely gift for me," the teacher exclaimed.

His eyes brightening, the native answered, "Long walk, part of gift."

*Not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare!*

## FRIDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 4

### HOW MUCH I OWE HIM!

A man of means gave weekly a sizable sum of money to his church. A poor widow was a member of the same church. She worked hard to support herself and her six children. Her income was small. She also gave regularly out of her scant earnings. One day the man said to the pastor: "The poor widow ought not to give anything to the church. What she gives represents great sacrifice. I will increase my weekly contributions, adding the amount the widow has been giving on every Lord's day." The minister told the widow what the wealthy member had said he would do. Tears came to her eyes. She said, "Does he want to take from me the comfort I experience in giving to the Lord's work? Think how much I owe Him! My health is good. My children keep well. I receive so many blessings that I feel I couldn't live if I did not give my offering to Jesus each week!"

*Give as you would to the Master  
If you met His loving look;  
Give as you would of your substance  
If His hand the offering took.*

## SATURDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 12

### COVETOUSNESS AND ITS CURE

A neighbor of a converted miser sustained a great loss. He and his family were in need of the necessities of life. "I'll go to the smokehouse and get a ham for my needy neighbor," the former miser said. As he walked toward the

smokehouse, the tempter, Satan, seemed to say to him, "Give him half a ham!" The struggle was terrific, for covetousness is a foul sin whose shackling hold upon its victims is not easily broken. However, the new convert resolved, by God's help, to get the victory over the sin of avarice. As Satan persisted in his suggestions for half a ham, the man said, "If you don't pipe down, Satan, I'll give him every ham in the smokehouse!"

*One of greed's victims read the verse: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." How revealing of his sordid, shriveled soul was his comment: "Well, perhaps so, but receiving is good enough for me." Is receiving good enough for you? Would you rather be a beggar than a benefactor? a panhandler than a philanthropist? a blight than a blessing? a parasite than a producer? a getter than a giver?*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.



### COME BE A PART OF THE BIG CHOIR!

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists would like to invite singers from your church to be a part of the choir which will sing during the Night of Evangelism service, a part of this year's State Convention activities. The Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of Micro Free Will Baptist Church, will direct the choir.

A practice session will be held at Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, near Goldsboro, at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 30. Those attending should bring along a *Free Will Baptist Hymnal* if they have one; hymnals will be provided for those who do not have one. All other music to be used at the service will be given out that evening. Attendance at this session would be appreciated.

If you would like more information, contact the Rev. Clyde Cox by phoning (919) 237-2589, or the Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the Convention, at (919) 746-6128.

Let's make this the biggest choir ever to perform at our Convention!



For August 29

## SILAS AND TITUS: WORKERS WITH PAUL

**Lesson Text:** Acts 15:22, 30-34;  
2 Corinthians 8:16-24

**Memory Verses:** Titus 2:7, 8

### I. INTRODUCTION

No one can "go it alone" in this world. We are born in a helpless, utterly dependent condition. A baby will soon die unless he is fed, protected from the elements, and cared for. Human beings continue in a dependent state much longer than many animals that tend to be able to walk and, to some degree, keep up with a herd very shortly after birth.

The more advanced our social life becomes the more interrelated we tend to be. Today we are accustomed to the complex web of interlocking skills and techniques essential to the well-being of society as a whole. Some are plumbers, some electricians, some auto mechanics, some physicians, some printers, some engineers, etc. Each depends in some measure on the special skills and expertise of others, which are mostly unknown to oneself.

Paul speaks of the same interdependence of Christians when he refers to the church as a body and the individuals as the members that make it up. By malfunctioning, each part can harm the entire body. He also speaks of the church as a temple in which individual stones need to be properly fitted in order that the whole edifice may be built up in a beautiful, useful, and harmonious way.

These different people who worked, prayed, taught, traveled, suffered, and worshiped with Paul were vital links in the

chain that joined men to Christ's saving power in his day. In our time, few significant tasks of any kind in God's kingdom can be done apart from the caring and sharing relationship that knits our lives together in faithfulness to Him, to one another, and to whatever our function may be.

*Silas.* An outstanding member of the church at Jerusalem, Silas was chosen to accompany Paul and Barnabas back to Antioch after the Jerusalem conference on the question of the relation of Christian believers to Judaism. He remained as a leader and prophet in Antioch, a Gentile church. He was chosen by Paul to accompany him on his second missionary journey. While on that journey he was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi and was released with him after the earthquake and the conversion of the jailer. Leaving Philippi, he went with the apostle to Thessalonica and then to Berea. He stayed at Berea while Paul went on to Athens, and later joined Paul at Corinth.

Silas also was called "Silvanus," which may have been the Gentile name he was given, as Saul of Tarsus came to be called "Paul." In 2 Corinthians 1:19, Paul indicates he preached "the Son of God" to the Corinthians, along with Salvanus and Timothy. A remark of Paul in Acts 16:37 seems to indicate that Silas, as well as he, himself, was a Roman citizen.

*Titus.* It is interesting that Titus is not referred to in Acts. Yet he was closely associated with several episodes in Paul's life, and we possess a letter of Paul addressed to him. In Galatians, Paul tells us he took Titus to Jerusalem with him to the

conference on circumcision. Since Paul went from Antioch, it seems likely that Titus was a convert of Paul's during his early work in that city. Paul calls Titus "my true son in our common faith" (Titus 1:4, Phillips' translation). He tells us that Titus was a Greek and was not circumcised, as he declared during the Jerusalem conference (see Galatians 2:1-5). We know Titus was concerned about the Christians in Corinth and, it would seem, was well known to them. In his letter to Titus, Paul mentions that he left him in Crete with the express mission of helping to "set things in order" and to assist in the installation of elders in the churches in "every city" (Titus 1:5). —*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. The two men that we study today, Silas and Titus, were not apostles, but were proven leaders of ability and trustworthiness in the Early Church. Silas was a missionary and helper who went on one of the missionary journeys with Paul. Titus was a pastor who had great ability and perseverance. He knew how to stick with a task until it was finished.

B. If it had not been for the Jerusalem conference which is recorded in Acts 15, Christians might have been just another sect of the Jews. Many of the Jews were already saying that for one to be a Christian he had first to become a Jew by keeping the Mosaic Law. Paul and Barnabas did not believe that, and the Jerusalem conference decided that men are saved by Jesus Christ alone, and do not have to keep the Old Testament Law.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

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# The Sunday School Notebook

## Part Two: The Role of the Teacher

### The Primary Teacher

Jeremy opened the classroom door and enthusiastically bounced in. "Mrs. Cox, I now have a baby sister. She was born this morning." His teacher listened with genuine interest as he happily shared his news.

Little Rhonda trudged in. The smile that was usually on her face had been replaced with a somber look. "Mrs. Cox," she began, "my grandmother is in the hospital. She is very sick." Together they prayed for Rhonda's grandmother.

Jeremy and Rhonda have a special teacher; she seems to care a lot about them. All children have not been so blessed. For example, a thirty-year-old woman was recently seen sitting alone. When her father asked why she was so quiet, she related that she was busy forgiving people.

"Forgiving people?" the father asked.

"Yes, forgiving people. I've just forgiven a Sunday school teacher I had as a child. She forced a stupid curriculum on me and never once said she cared."

If you teach primary-aged children, you are a very important person. You are a vital link in the church's ministry to those children. You have the privilege and opportunity to let your students know that you really care about them. Children need attention; they need that kind of attention that says, "I love you. I don't teach you because I have to. I teach you because I care about you."

#### The Primary Child

The primary child is a real flesh and blood person, one with whom you share a common humanity. He deserves your respect, for Jesus said, "Of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

A primary child lives with adults but he lives in a child's world within the adult world. As a teacher you must remember to view the world from his standpoint. This is very important because a primary child has not begun to understand many of the principles your world is built on. He knows nothing of the joys and sorrows, victories and defeat, or problems that you face every day. He doesn't even know that many of these things exist.



#### Characteristics of the Primary Child

Physically, a primary child is growing. He likes games which involve jumping, crawling, climbing, hanging, and galloping. He has a good appetite, but his eyes are often larger than his stomach.

Mentally, a primary child can follow simple instructions. His attention span is about twenty minutes and he does one thing at a time. (Because of this, you should talk about one thing completely before you move on to another topic.) He has a good imagination and often imagines things until they become real to him.

Socially, a primary child is learning to play with others more quietly. He is learning to share and is developing leadership abilities. He adamantly dislikes feeling that someone is talking about him.

Spiritually, a primary child does not understand abstract terms like "Jesus, the Door." If such terms appear, try to explain them very simply. He understands that Jesus is his friend and is concerned about God, His whereabouts, and His work. Because he is so easily swayed, you should keep a watchful eye on him. Do not play on his emotions.

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## **The Role of a Primary Teacher**

Teaching is a demanding job. A primary teacher is not trying to teach someone how to read or write. If she was, her job would be much easier. (Since most primary teachers are female, the pronoun she is being used, but don't feel that this area is restricted to females. It is not. In fact, some of the best teachers I have ever seen in a children's department have been male.) She is teaching young people how to become God's children; she is teaching them how to live for Him.

### **Guidelines for Teaching**

A primary teacher is charged with the task of teaching spiritual truths. She guides her students to a personal, life-changing knowledge of the Father. Her main message is the love of God as was demonstrated in the life, death, and Resurrection of His Son, Jesus. She does not have to have a great biblical knowledge or be without problems. But she should study God's Word in order to sharpen her biblical and teaching skills.

A good teacher serves as a model for her students. She is an example "in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). When she teaches about loving others, her students know that she will be their example. When she teaches about being truthful, her students know that they can find an example of genuine honesty in her. Her students will never think, "Stop talking! What you're doing is speaking so loudly I can't hear a word you're saying."

A good teacher also loves and prays for the children with whom she has contact. She knows her effectiveness will not come overnight, nor by accident, so she plans carefully. She feels that she has been called by God to work with children. Although she sometimes feels inadequate, she knows that God will help her do the best job possible.

## **The Goals of a Primary Teacher**

As a primary teacher, you have several goals you are striving to reach. You want to lead your students to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Along the way, they will gain biblical knowledge. Christian attitudes will be learned and they should come to see how Christian principles can be applied to their everyday lives.

### **Leading a Child to Christ**

Can a young child understand what it means to be saved? Yes, if adults take the time

to carefully tell him what it means. There is a good possibility that none of your students will ask you how to be saved, but the gospel message should be woven into as many lesson presentations as possible.

In order to explain salvation to a young child, remember these important things:

1. God loves him.
2. He has done things that are wrong.
3. He cannot make the wrong things he has done right.
4. Jesus is the only one who can pay for his sins. He did so when He died on the Cross.
5. He must ask Jesus to come into his heart and forgive him of his sins. He will help him live a Christian life.
6. He must ask Jesus to help him live a good life.
7. He can know he is a Christian.

Whenever you talk with young children about salvation there are several things you should not do. You should never:

1. Use confusing symbolism. Children do not understand it.
2. Reward Christian conversion with a gift.
3. Use fear as a motive. Stress God's love, not the reality of Hell.
4. Expect a sudden change in his behavior.

### **Looking in a Mirror**

A good teacher is a friendly Christian who has a love for the children she teaches. Do you meet the requirements so far? Well, let's see how you do with the checklist below. Answer each question with "yes, I do," "no, I don't," or "I will."

- \_\_\_\_\_ I visit in the homes of my students.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I love my students, even that little fellow who has an endless supply of rubber bands and spitballs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I ask God to help me understand their needs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I arrive at Sunday school early enough to greet every child.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I feel I have been called to teach.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I keep my classroom attractive.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I use a variety of teaching methods.

"I saw tomorrow look at me  
From little children's eyes,  
And thought how carefully we'd teach  
If only we were wise."

—Anonymous

### **You ARE Important!**

Yes, you ARE important! You do make a difference in the lives of your students. Whether you make a good impression or a bad impression is primarily up to you. Meditate on these things and ask God to help you be the best teacher you can be.

May God bless you!

## FEATURE

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only when he was on a binge. He wouldn't take my advice. Finally, I quit taking his calls or returning them. I told him I'd done all I could. He stopped calling.

Nothing had "worked." It may have been because "doing" was not the point. I think now that caring could have been. Even as I write this, I have decided to call him.

Christians are embarrassed when others' failures contradict the image of piety and saintliness we have projected for ourselves and them. Our embarrassment produces a judgmental attitude. And that attitude, I'm convinced, drives burden-crushed ones back into lonely isolation and dishonest living.

I noticed something else in those Galatian verses. In the Living Bible it comes out as a caution signal to burden-bearers: "Next time it might be one of you."

If so, you will then treasure, as I have, a few burden-bearers. And you, too, will take heart as they begin singing grand new words to a grand old hymn:

*Rise up, O church of God!  
This man for you doth wait,  
His strength unequal to his task,  
Rise up and make him great!*

Stan Mooneyham

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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he might comfort your hearts" (Ephesians 6:21, 22).

The many letters we have received since our arrival on Palawan have brought comfort to our hearts and waves of joy to our sometimes homesick souls. A letter from you can bring a smile to our faces instantly. The daily trips to the Post Office are filled with expectation. Maybe, just maybe,

we will hear from you today! "Look, Honey! There is something in our box!" Oh, Praise the Lord!

Has God called you to the Mission Field? If not, has He called you to the Ministry of Encouragement? I believe this is a calling common to all professing Christians. Won't you take the time today to write to your missionaries? This comforting ministry may not put your name in lights, but it will surely earn you the abiding love and prayers of those concerned.

Charles I. Barnard

## NEWS AND NOTES

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sudden and unexplained disappearance of millions of people whenever it occurs in God's chronology of events. The film reveals the folly of not being prepared to meet the Lord.

Everyone is invited to attend.

### Fourth Central Union To be Held

The Fourth Central Union Meeting will be held at Edgewood Church near Crisp on August 29, 1982. The scheduled program is as follows:

#### MORNING SESSION

10:00—Sunday School

11:00—Hymn "When We All Get to Heaven"

—Welcome, Mrs. J. T. Trevathan

—Response, Sudie Wiggins

11:15—President's Remarks

—Greetings from the Children's Home

—Mount Olive College Report

—Missions Report

11:30—Special Music, Peace Church

—Sermon, the Rev. Robert Strickland

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15—Hymn "Amazing Grace"

—Devotion, Doug Gayhardt

—Committee Reports

—Program, Local Church

2:15—Adjournment of Today's Business

### Micro Youth Meet

The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Micro Church met recently in the fellowship hall of the church. There were ten members present. Lori Sharpe was the host for the meeting. Mrs. Carolyn Hinnant led in prayer. The guest speaker was Mr. Danny Hinnant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hinnant.

Mr. Richard Hinnant has been a deacon for over 15 years at Micro Church and Danny has just returned from a mission in the West Indies. He visited the island of Montserrat, a British colony which is a part of the Lesser Antilles.

### Calvary Church to Have Special Program

The Gospel Chargers of Winterville will have charge of the program at Calvary Church in Wilson on Sunday, August 29, at 7 p.m.

The pastor, the Rev. John Boykin, and the congregation invite everyone to attend. The church is located at the corner of Woodard and Deans Streets.

## NOTICE

The Central District Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention will be held on Sunday, September 5, 1982, at 3 p.m., at Ormondsville Church. The date has been changed so the people may attend the groundbreaking service at Mount Olive College for College Hall.

Ron Braxton, *President*  
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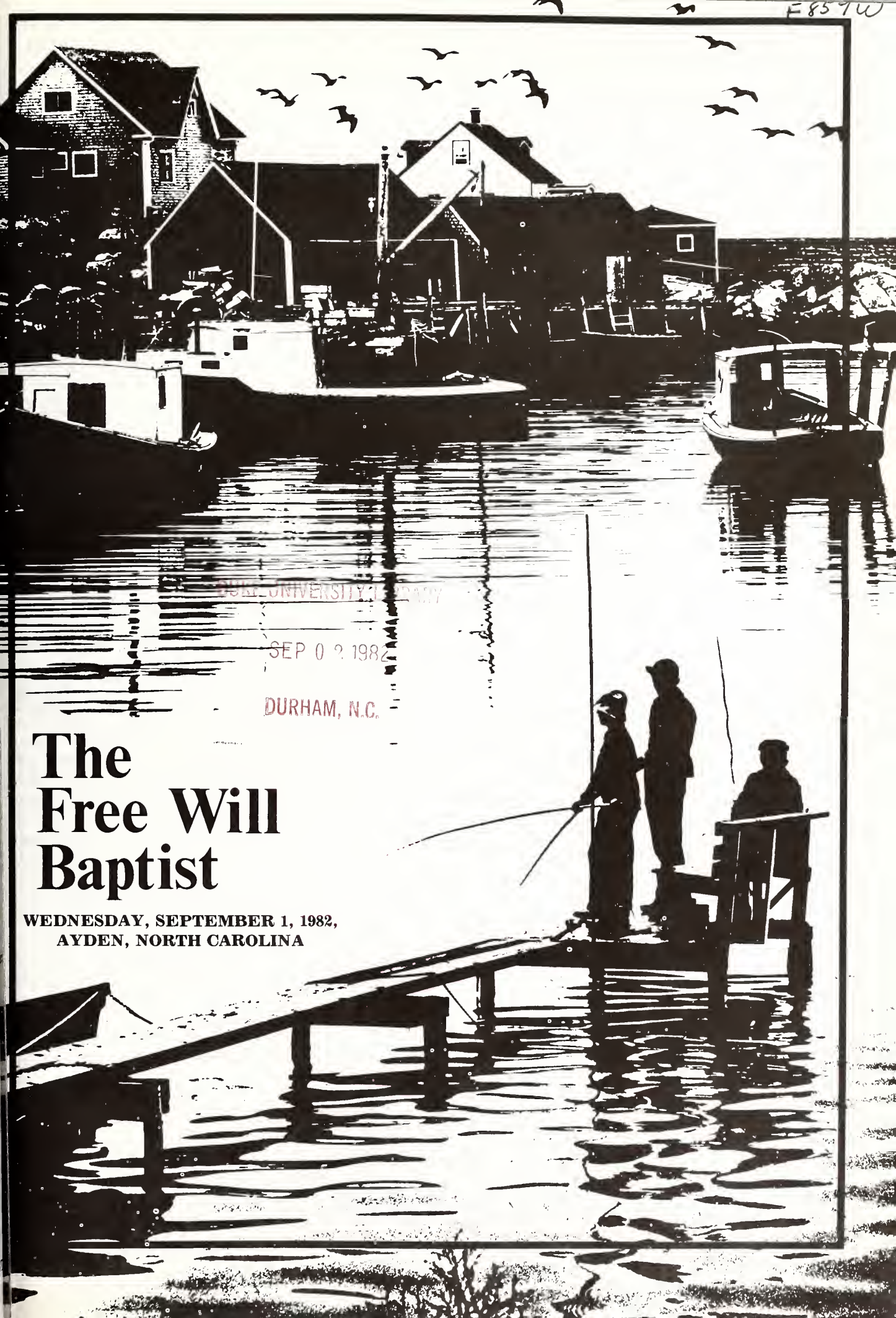
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## Washed Up, but Not Wet?

The world in which we live affords us the greatest opportunities ever to preach and live the gospel. The "fields are white unto harvest," and since they are, we should be living right and moving forward. Instead, there has never been a time when we as Christians have handled our privileges and opportunities more awkwardly. We are living in a land that has been graciously blessed, but one that is sinking into paganism and humanism. On the other hand, Christians all over the world are praying for revival. Cries rise daily: "Lord, wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

But there is no revival. There are only localized, sporadic stirrings within the body of Christ, just as there have always been. Apathy and a lack of commitment are the order of the day. Still, Sunday after Sunday we continue to sing:

*There shall be showers of blessings;  
This is the promise of love;  
There shall be seasons refreshing  
Sent from the Saviour above;  
There shall be showers of blessings  
Precious reviving again;  
Over the hills and the valleys  
Sound of abundance of rain.*

I have to ask when the revival of which we sing is going to begin. Then I realize that perhaps we do not really expect or want one. Some of our number have given up the cause; others have surrendered to pious defeatism. Many Christians attend evangelistic rallies, meetings, and conferences (equipped with their Bibles), only to go out and do nothing. We are not here to hold the fort; we should take the fort and storm the ramparts of the enemy. But how can we if we have lost our strength and are at times powerless?

Then again, we seem to think that revival just happens; perhaps, we think, it falls out of the sky, that we have little to do with antecedent conditions. This belief is certainly not true. Revival is wrapped in the sovereignty of God; and He has offered to pour out His blessings if we meet certain conditions. The confession of sin, for instance, is necessary. But we do not like to "bite the dust" and own up to God. Before we plead, "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation," we must repent: "Against thee, and thee only, Lord, have I sinned." Although this is true, we refuse to be ashamed; our wills are stubborn, our hearts hardened. Sometimes we pretend to repent, but real repentance gets under the surface of our shallow and superficial piety; it cracks our church "masks" and smashes our obstinate rebellion. Why should God waste His blessings on ground that has not been prepared, disturbed, and broken up? God has not changed the price of revival, neither has He put any of His blessings on bargain counters at reduced rates.

The sending of rain has often been a symbol of God's blessings upon His people. A sign of His favor, rain has sometimes been withheld because of man's disobedience, sin. With this in mind, may we prayerfully consider why the showers of revival have not come.

*... Showers of blessings we need;  
Mercy drops 'round us are falling  
But for the showers we plead.*

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# WOMEN TRAVEL TO CRAGMONT FOR CONFERENCES

by Ruth Warrick

There were 125 campers registered for the first Woman's Conference at Cragmont August 2-7. We traveled on three buses and enjoyed the fellowship of old friends and first-time campers enroute. We all joined the first time Monday at noon for lunch at the K and W Cafeteria in Winston-Salem.

Our arrival at Cragmont was greeted by the sweet smell of barbecued chicken on the grill. Our hosts, the Rev. and Mrs. John Williams and their staff, had the Assembly buildings shining for us, and all week long we were served delicious meals.

The Monday night service, as usual brought us together for the reading by Mrs. Alice Barrow, registrar of the Conference, of Psalm 121, followed by a short Prayer and Praise time. Miss Becky Jo Sumner welcomed us to Cragmont.

Mrs. Dola Dudley, Conference director, recognized State Woman's Auxiliary officers in attendance. They were: Mrs. Alice Barrow, editor of *Devotions*; Miss Leah McGlohon, assistant editor of *Devotions*; Miss Sara Willoughby, vice president; Mrs. Ruth Warrick, corresponding secretary; Miss Caroline Castelloe, missions chairman; Mrs. Virginia Joyner, program-prayer chairman; Miss Becky Jo Sumner, youth chairman; Mrs. Happy Taylor, president, and Mrs. Dola Dudley, literature chairman.

Mrs. Nadine Crocker, assistant treasurer joined the Conference later in the week.

The theme for the Conference was "Lift High the Banner."

The following speakers brought morning devotions: Mrs. Ruth Warrick on Tuesday, "The Banner of Love"; Mrs. Mitzi Hobgood on Wednesday, "The Banner of Praise"; Mrs. Ruby Narron on Thursday, "The Banner of Cooperation"; and Mrs. Sandra Jones on Friday, "The Banner of Mercy."

Each day at 9:45 the song and praise time was directed by Mrs. Alma Dale, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Geraldine Summerlin and at the organ by Mrs. Alma Buck. We learned new songs which along with the

old ones thrilled our hearts. Many people rendered special music. Among those were Mrs. Alma Dale, Mrs. Annie Belle Hines, Miss Leah McGlohon, Mrs. Frances Phillips, Mrs. Ruth Warrick, Mrs. Mitzi Hobgood, Miss Johnna Mizzell, Mrs. Mary Ann Robertson, Mrs. Page Clary, Mrs. Geraldine Summerlin, and the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones.

Mrs. Lizzie Dawson was truly a blessing every morning at 11 and in the evening with her Bible study on 2 Timothy and Friday morning from 2 Kings 7:1-20.

The Rev. Harold Jones, director of foreign missions, brought the message on Friday

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evening from Exodus 17 and Deuteronomy 25. We were blessed and challenged to reach the lost.

During the week, the Rev. John Williams, Cragmont manager, spoke briefly of plans for retiring the debt on the Main Building. The Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the State Convention, brought greetings Friday afternoon.

Recreational activities for the week included a trip to Asheville; one group went to the World's Fair at Knoxville on Wednesday; and some campers went to Gatlinburg to the Christus Gardens on Thursday. Friday afternoon was fun time, when each building's occupants presented their most talented actresses for the entertainment of all. Mrs. Dudley stated that we probably could raise money for Cragmont if we took "that show" on the road.

This was a week of Christian fellowship and sharing—sharing of love and resources. The Cragmont offering was \$3,797.50, and the Missions offering was \$1,677.

The second week of the Cragmont Woman's Conference was held August 9-14. There were 124 registered. The theme for

the week was "Lift High the Banner." The director of the Conference, Mrs. Dola Dudley, called the Monday evening service to order by asking Mrs. Alice Barrow, Conference registrar, to read Psalm 121. Mrs. Barrow asked the group to read in unison with her. Becky Jo Sumner, who has been in attendance at most all of the conferences this summer, welcomed us to Cragmont. Becky Jo was also recognized as state youth chairman. Other state officers recognized were: Mrs. Dola Dudley, literature chairman, Mrs. Alice Barrow, *Devotions* editor and Mrs. Ruth Warrick, corresponding secretary.

The following speakers brought morning devotions: "The Banner of Love" by Mrs. Minnie Chandler on Tuesday; "The Banner of Praise" by Mrs. Peggy Clifton on Wednesday; "The Banner of Cooperation" by Mrs. Rena Kirk on Thursday; and "The Banner of Mercy" by Mrs. Verena Paul on Friday.

A song and praise time began each morning at 9:45. The musicians for the week were: Mrs. Alma Dale, director; Mrs. Alma Buck, organist, and Mrs. Geraldine Summerlin, pianist.

These women did an outstanding job both weeks for all of the services. Many new songs were learned and many old songs were sung. During this period on Thursday morning "Happy Birthday" was sung to Mrs. Sarah Johnson of Smithfield, who was 86. About 15 women who were over 75 joined Mrs. Johnson at the altar where they sang "Amazing Grace" and "Blessed Assurance." Mrs. Charlotte Gray was recognized as the oldest camper present. She was 87.

Many blessed our hearts with special music throughout the week. Among those were: Mary Boswell, Alma Dale, Geraldine Summerlin, JoAnn Parrish, Frances Phillips, Ruth Warrick, the Rev. John Williams, Monty Wiggs, Jamie Lodner, the Rev. Allen Cantrell, Carolyn Bennett and Patsy Taylor.

Rudene Kennedy taught the Book of 2 Timothy, morning and evening, through Friday morning. She opened up the book and the relationship of the Apostle Paul and his spiritual son Timothy in a very understandable manner.

The Rev. Fred Baker, missionary to the Philippines, home on furlough, brought a challenging message Friday night. He was accompanied by the Rev. Harold Jones, director of foreign missions. They and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Baker and children Kim and Steve, sang two songs in Tagalog, a language of the Philippines.

The Rev. John Williams, manager at Cragmont, spoke briefly on the Cragmont Club on Tuesday morning.

Various activities took place in the afternoons. On Tuesday, we went to Asheville to a shopping center and the Farmer's Market. On Wednesday, a group went to the World's Fair. On Thursday, some went to Gatlinburg to the Christus Gardens. As usual, there was a fun time on Friday afternoon.

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## ITEMS OF DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

### **The Rev. C. F. Bowen Recuperating**

The Rev. C. F. Bowen is home and improving. His activities are still restricted, but he hopes to assume part of his pastoral duties at Pleasant Hill Church again in September. His address is 503 Juanita Street, Ayden, NC 28513.

### **Four Clefs to Be At Pleasant Hill Church**

The Four Clefs, a quartet of male gospel singers from Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, will present a program of gospel songs Sunday night, September 12, at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Church in Pitt County.

The church is located about 15 miles south of Greenville near the junction of U.S. 43 and state road 102. Coming from Greenville, the church will be on the left, just before reaching Calico. The pastor of the church is the Rev. C. F. Bowen. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Physician and Minister: A Team for Healing**

The East Carolina University School of Medicine is sponsoring a symposium designed to advance the development of the team concept of healing for physicians and ministers. This Continuing Medical Education program, produced in association with the Eastern Area Health Education Center, Inc., will be held on Friday, October 1, 1982, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Brody Medical Sciences Building Auditorium, Greenville, North Carolina, next to Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Objectives of the symposium are to assist physicians and ministers to better understand the unique role of each professional and how to utilize both in

the healing process of the people they serve. Principal speaker will be Dan G. Blazer, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Director, Division of Social and Community, Psychiatry, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Blazer, also an ordained deacon in the Church of Christ, is the author of numerous articles in church publications.

The registration fee is \$10, which includes all materials, breaks, and credits (but not luncheon). Registration will be limited to the first 125 registrants. Application and checks should be sent before September 27, 1982, to: Eastern AHEC, P.O. Box 7224, Greenville, NC 27834, Atten: Registration. For further information, call Joan Logsdon, phone (919) 758-5200.

### **Hickory Grove Has Back-to-School Fall Picnic**

Fellowshipping, eating, and grinning good times were had by all at Hickory Grove Church, August 22. The annual get together was planned to celebrate the fall season and back to school for teachers and kids.

After eating, everyone joined together with Scripture reading and special singing by the choir. Everyone enjoyed a good sendoff in His fellowship and love.

### **Westside Church to Have Revival Services**

The fall revival at Westside Church, 1205 Lynn Drive, Kinston, North Carolina, will begin Monday, September 6 (Labor Day), and will go through Friday, September 10. The little children will begin singing at 7:30 p.m. directed by

Mrs. Deborah King. The Rev. Eddie Edwards, pastor of East Rockingham Church in Rockingham, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special music each evening. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### **Revival Services to Be Held at Spring Branch**

Revival services will be held on September 5 through September 9 at 7:30 p.m., at Spring Branch Church near Walstonburg. The Rev. F. B. Cherry of Pine Level, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. There will be special singing by the members of the church each night. The Rev. Dale Albertson, pastor, and members invite everyone to attend these services.

### **Heritage Mission Has Special Day**



*Peggy and Clayton Everett*

Members of Heritage Mission in Charlotte enjoyed a day of fellowship and recreation on Saturday, August 14, at the home of the pastor, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Poston, at Lake Norman.

During the afternoon the group participated in swimming, horseshoes, jocari, skittles, lawn darts, and other outdoor games. This was followed

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by a spaghetti and salad supper; and later in the evening homemade ice cream and cake were served.



*Roxie Creech, Paula Carver, Calvin Griffin*

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Everett; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Griffin; Miss Helen Griffin; Miss Paula Carver; Mrs. Roxie Creech; Mr. and Mrs. Don Taylor, Don Jr., Buddy, Kacie and Deanna; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carver, Melissa and Joey; Scott Fitzgerald; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Morrow; Mrs. Smith; and Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Poston.

This is part of a program the Heritage Mission has launched toward becoming an organized church. The program has a strong emphasis on prayer, Bible study, and fellowship.

#### **Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary to Meet**

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary will meet Thursday, September 23, 1982, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wintergreen Church will host the convention. Don't forget to mark the calendar for the fall convention and be sure to attend.

#### **Eastern District Youth to Meet**

The 1982 Fall Eastern District Youth Convention will meet on Saturday, September 18, at Holly Springs Church, Newport, North Carolina. The convention will convene at 9:30 a.m. There will be a \$5 registration fee per church. Youth

leaders and young people—this is the day! A great day in the Lord and fellowship with each other is planned. The scheduled program is as follows:

9:30—Singing with Dianne and Penny

9:45—Welcome, Carteret Union

—Response, Fifth Union

—Special Singing, Third Union

10:00—Devotion, Third Union

—Special Singing, Fifth Union

—“Meet Your Officers,” Skit

10:30—“But There's Nothing to Do!” What Your Youth Group Can Do

—Business Session, President

—Offering

—Minutes

—Other Business

—Treasurer's Report

11:00—Workshop Session

—Youth Leaders, Aileen Hawley

—YFA, Fred Baker

—AFC, Linda, Kim, and Steve Baker

1:40—Film, “Kevin Can Wait”

—Closing Song and Prayer

Lunch—Cookout given by the churches of Carteret Union

The next meeting will be held at Christian Chapel Church, Pink Hill, North Carolina, March, 1983.

#### **Cemetery Information Needed**

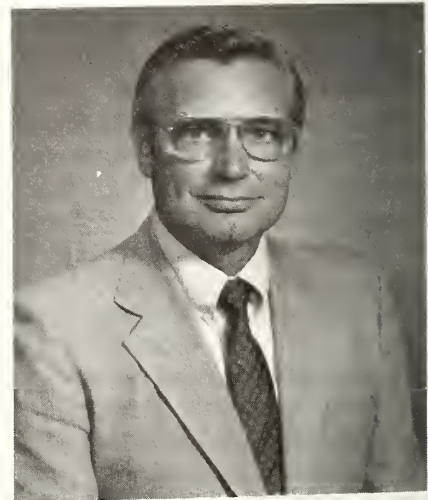
The buildings and grounds committee of Indian Springs Church near Mount Olive is attempting to identify all unmarked graves in the church cemetery. If anyone knows of any person buried in this cemetery that does not have a tombstone on the grave, please call W. E. Garner, 734-7070 or Paul Smith, 658-3265.

#### **May's Chapel to Have Speaker**

The Rev. Fred Baker, missionary to the Philippines, will be the guest speaker at May's Chapel Church, Route 3,

Dudley, North Carolina, on Sunday night, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Andrew Hill, pastor of May's Chapel, and the congregation cordially invite the public to attend this service. Refreshments will be served following the worship hour. May's Chapel Church is located midway between Goldsboro and Mount Olive on Highway 117 South.

#### **Watery Branch Church Welcomes Pastor**



*The Rev. David DeHart*

The Rev. and Mrs. David DeHart were formally welcomed to Watery Branch Church near Stantonburg at a reception given in the fellowship hall August 15, 1982, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary.

The deacons welcomed and introduced the families to Mr. and Mrs. DeHart.

The youth choir presented a program of music, and a poem. Approximately 65 guests attended. The people of the church believe that God has answered their prayers by sending this man of God and his family to the church.

#### **Corinth Church to Have Revival Services**

Revival services will be held at Corinth Church, near Jamesville, September 6-11. The Rev. Joe Griffith will be the guest evangelist. The time

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## HEARING IMPAIRED CAMP HELD



Camp Eagles Nest for the Hearing Impaired was held July 5-9, 1982. The program was greatly enhanced by the presence of an evangelist, the Rev. Daniel Johnson from Boiling Springs, North Carolina. Mr. Johnson, a recent graduate of Gardner-Webb College, lost his hearing at age 9, so he was able to communicate with the campers through the "power of the spirit" and personal understanding. All present were thankful for this God-called young man.

The week's Bible study and worship services produced many beautiful testimonies and four precious souls came to Christ.

On Thursday night a baptismal service was held at the lake. The Rev. Dana Daniel brought the message and served as interpreter as the Rev. Dale Albertson baptized the new converts. Approximately 70 visitors were present bringing encouragement to everyone.

The entire staff of Camp Eagles Nest for the Hearing Impaired joins together with the Home Missions Department to thank the following churches

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and individuals for their donation of food and supplies. May God bless each of you!

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**RELIGIOUS  
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### CAPE FEAR

Johnston Union	\$450.00
Total	\$450.00

### CENTRAL

Bethany	\$ 25.00
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Rocky Mount, First	25.00
Total	\$ 50.00

### EASTERN

Holly Springs	\$175.00
Sound View	100.00
Welcome Home	50.00
Total	\$325.00

### PEE DEE

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Total	\$ 44.62

### PIEDMONT

Advance Mission	\$ 6.50
Total	\$ 6.50

### WESTERN

Sherron Acres	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 25.00

## COMING EVENTS

*September*—Entire Month  
Designated by the State  
Convention as Home  
Missions and Church  
Extension Month

*September 1*—Classes begin at  
Mount Olive College, Fall  
Semester

*September 6*—Labor Day

*September 6*—Free Will Baptist  
Press Foundation, Inc. and  
all Bible Bookstores  
Closed—Ayden, New Bern,  
Smithfield, Wilson, and  
Kinston

*September 14*—Statewide  
Evangelism Conference,  
7:30 p.m., Lenoir  
Community College,  
Kinston

*September 15, 16*—North  
Carolina State Convention  
of Churches, Lenoir  
Community College,  
Kinston

*September 23*—Eastern Dis-  
trict Woman's Auxiliary  
Fall Convention

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*Deans Cottage being closed.*

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State Cottage is closed and Deans Cottage is being closed. The decision of the Board of Directors of the Children's Home is to cut back, close down, and only the children the daily support provides will receive care.

My Lord, the Bible says, owns the cattle on a thousand hills, provides for all our needs if we look to Him in faith. In Mark 9:36, 37 hear what Jesus says about *your* Free Will Baptist Children's Home. "And he [Jesus] took a child, and set him in the midst of them; and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me."



# PEOPLE PERISH'' (Proverbs 29:18).



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*What happens to me?*

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*The cottage is empty,  
The laughter is still,  
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No child lives here.*

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# FOREIGN MISSIONS RALLY

In Connection with the State Convention

September 15, 1982

Lenoir Community College, Kinston, NC

7:30 P.M.

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## Featured Speaker



**The Rev. Fred Baker**

*Missionary to the Philippines  
(on furlough)*

**Mrs. Linda Baker**

*Missionary to the Philippines (on furlough),  
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## 1982 MINISTER'S INSTITUTE



Persons attending the 1982 Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College are as follows (from left to right): (First row) Tony Souder, Grady Tucker, Doug Skinner, Graham Lane, Eugene Sumner, Bill Dale, Sandy Starnes, Steve Starnes, Cecil Blackmon, C. L. Patrick, Clara Patrick, Chester Pelt. (Second row) Dr. W. Burkette Raper, Dwight Hawley, Ray Williamson, Clifford Ball, T. C. Farmer, Adrian Grubbs, Mrs. Cecil Blackmon, Leon Grubbs, Mark Hobbs. (Third row) Frank Harrison, Ray Wells, Marvin Waters, Bob Harber, Gary Bailey, Harold Jones, Walter Reynolds, Chris Singleton, Calvin Heath, Philip Wood, Jerry Allen, James Evans, Eddie Edwards, Bruce Barrow, Frank Grubbs. (Fourth row) Billy Toler, Bryant Hines, Frank Thigpen, Charles Lackner, J. C. Yates, Lester Duncan, Calvin Mercer, Linwood Jones, Walter Sutton, Bruce Dudley, Michael Pelt, Joey Crumpler.

Those not pictured who attended the conference were George Campbell, Howard Cayton, Donald Coates, DeWayne Eakes, Ed Gonzalez, James Hardee, Lieutenant Colonel John B. Narron, Charles Renfrow, Danny Smith, Preston Smith, Luther Swinson, Greg Thornton, Chuck Watt, and Willis Wilson.

### CLASSES AT MOC TO BEGIN

Classes for the fall semester at Mount Olive College will begin Wednesday, September 1. Registration for day classes will remain open through Monday, September 29. Registration for evening courses will remain open through Thursday, September 9.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact the admissions office immediately at 658-2502.

### PAUL PALMER COURSES TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Courses offered through the Paul Palmer Institute at Mount Olive College will begin in September and include Old Testament and Old Testament Prophets.

*Introduction to the Old Testament 101* will be taught on Thursdays, beginning September 2, from 7 - 9:45 p.m. in room 115, the Henderson Building, Mount Olive College. The course will end December 16.

Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the religion department, will be the instructor. Tuition for the course is \$20 for institute credit and \$10 for non-credit.

*Old Testament Prophets* will be taught on Tuesdays, beginning September 7, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at Verona Church. The course will end October 26.

Miss Rudene Kennedy will be the instructor. Tuition for the course is \$20.

Both courses carry 3 Paul Palmer credits. Textbooks can

be purchased at the first class meetings.

Paul Palmer courses will be announced each week in *The Free Will Baptist* prior to the first class. For more information, contact the Rev. Frank Harrison, director of church relations, at 658-2502.

### RECORD NUMBER ATTEND INSTITUTE



The Rev. Frank Harrison (left), chaplain, welcomes the Rev. Graham Lane (middle), pastor of New Bethlehem Church, and the Rev. Grady Tucker, pastor of White Hill Church, to the 1982 Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College.

The Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain, reported that a record number of 60 people attended the 1982 Ministers' Institute held earlier this month at Mount Olive College.

Following the institute, the ministers were asked to complete an evaluation form concerning the effectiveness of the program. The two-day program covered "The Minister and Crisis Ministry" and "The Minister and His Financial Planning" presented by Free Will Baptist ministers, faculty members, and community leaders.

The consensus of the group was that this year's institute was most successful both in the number who attended and in the selection of topics. More information was requested by the ministers on financial planning and income tax preparation.

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## SUNDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 1

### GOD'S LIFE PLANT FOR THE WORLD

There is a plant in Jamaica called the "life plant." It is almost impossible to kill or destroy any part of it. If you detach a leaf from the plant and suspend it by a string to a wire, it does not wilt and die. It sends out threadlike rootlets which imbibe sustenance from the moisture of the air. New leaves begin to grow.

The gospel of the grace of God is the life plant of the moral and spiritual world.

*Wherever the gospel goes, it takes root in the lives and affections of the people. No climate, howsoever surcharged it may be with sin, superstition and entrenched wrong, can kill the everlasting gospel.*

## MONDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 2

### JESUS WAS TALKING WITH US!

Years ago, a missionary employed two Chinese scholars to translate the Gospels into the Chinese language. In time the work was complete. When they gave the translation to the missionary they said, "We are converts to Christianity! The more we studied the sacred writings of the Chinese the more obscure they became. The longer we read the Gospels the more simple and intelligible they became until at last it seemed as if Jesus was talking with us!" Wasn't He? Surely!

*O grant, Lord Jesus, mine may be  
A life surrendered unto Thee;  
A vessel need not be of gold,  
Need not be strong, or wise or bold,  
It must be clean, for Thee to use,  
So fill my heart, till all shall see,  
A living, reigning Christ in me!*

## TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 3

### UNUSED RICHES

A circuit rider visited the home of a poor couple who lived in the backwoods. There he saw a

framed \$500 bill hanging on the wall. "Where did you get that?" he asked in surprise. "A sick man stopped at our home years ago. We tenderly cared for him. We nursed him back to health. When he left, he gave us that little picture. It is a pretty souvenir. We keep it in remembrance of that stranger whom we became greatly attached to." How surprised the aged couple were when the minister told them of its worth! They had something of great value, but they never used it.

All who reject the gospel, with its wonderful promises of salvation, protection and comfort, are like that poor couple. They fail to cash its invaluable promises at the repository of God's limitless source of supply.

*Someone asked William Gladstone, "What is the sure remedy for the deeper sorrow of the human heart?" Gladstone replied, "I must point to something which is called in a well-known hymn 'the old, old story,' told in an old, old Book—the gospel! This is the greatest and best gift ever given to mankind!"*

## WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 4

### HOW GREAT A DEBTOR

How much womankind owes to the liberating, elevating gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ! I had rather be a cur in some parts of the east than be a woman there. In some parts of India, when a husband dies, his body is cremated on a funeral pyre. When the fire is hottest, the widow runs and leaps into the center of the glowing flames. She dies horribly! If she fails to submit to this cruel ritual, called *suttee*, she is put under a curse, ekes out a wretched existence as she slinks about like a frightened animal, seeking for food, even in garbage pails!

*Our every gift, O God, is Thine  
To help achieve Thy great design.  
Our earthly treasures, time and skill  
We dedicate to do Thy will.*

## THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 5

### A DILUTED GOSPEL

The vigorous old gospel has become diluted with a curious blend of humanitarianism,

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socialism, and every other nicey-nicey-ism to the end that it has lost its appeal to the people.

Leadership got the notion that the function of ministers is to make a perfect world, with everything sweetness and light, everything happy, everybody getting fine wages—everything just beautiful.

The idea was to be all things to all men, nobody against anybody's ideas, everybody harmonious, with the result that Protestantism has become weak. It isn't narrow enough. It has become so broad that it is shallow.

The only true Protestants left in the United States are those who believe in the Bible and Jesus Christ the Saviour and in salvation from sin. They may not have much of a social gospel, but they have a gospel.

*It is dangerous to become familiar with that which is base and sordid. It is more subtly dangerous to become flippantly and unresponsively familiar with the good and the true. We can be so familiar with the gospel that we become gospel hardened, the victims of that fed-up feeling that says, "So what?"*

**FRIDAY, 10  
SEPTEMBER**

Scripture Reading—John 6

**HEIRS AND JOINT HEIRS**

A dying judge asked a minister, "Do you know enough about law to understand what is meant by joint heirship?" "No," said the minister; "I know a little about grace, and that satisfies me." Then the judge said, "Let me explain. If you and I were joint heirs on a farm, I couldn't say to you, 'That is your field of corn, and this is mine; that is your blade of grass, and this is mine.' We would share and share alike in everything on the place. I have been thinking with deep joy that Jesus Christ has nothing apart from me, that everything He has is mine, and we will share alike throughout eternity!"

*"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17).*

**SATURDAY, 11  
SEPTEMBER**

Scripture Reading—John 7

**HARDENED**

The superintendent of a city cemetery lived in a small cottage just inside the cemetery gate through which entered several funeral processions daily. "Does not this daily scene of sadness get on your nerves and interfere with your sleep?" someone asked the superintendent. "Oh,

no," he said. "When I first began to work here, I often could not sleep, and when I did drop off to sleep, it was a fitful, restless sleep. I seemed to see the endless processions, and the caskets of all lengths. Now I have become so hardened to these things that I could lie down and sleep soundly in the midst of the tombstones!"

Was there a time in your experience when the preaching of the simple gospel of the grace of God set aglow God's love in your heart, and made you dissatisfied with the smallness of your sacrifice and service for Christ? Have "the spirit of the times" and "the cares of this life" blunted the keen sensitive edge you formerly had for the things of God?

*Hast thou a name that thou livest and art dead?*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

**ACTIVITIES AT ROBERT'S GROVE**

It is a busy season of the year, but the people at Robert's Grove Church, Route 1, Dunn, are enjoying some wonderful meetings. On Tuesday night, August 10, the Ladies Auxiliary met in the fellowship hall with 25 members present. The meeting was opened by the group singing "Break Thou the Bread of Life." The president, Mrs. Thelma Jackson, welcomed the group and inquired about the sick. Mary Lynn Honeycutt led the group in prayer, remembering the sick and shut-ins, and the missionaries.

After the business session, Mrs. Ruth Allen presented the lesson entitled, "I Am the Bread of Life." It was a very inspiring lesson, and she did a splendid job with it. Sulie Spell gave the benediction.

On Wednesday night, August 11, approximately 60 people met at the church for Bible study, which is being taught by the pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen. At the close of the Bible study, everyone gathered around the altar for the closing prayer.

We believe that God smiles as He looks down upon the number that gathers around the altar here at Robert's Grove after Bible study.

During the worship service on Sunday morning, August 15, Gary and Susan Faircloth dedicated their baby, Jonathan Willard, to the Lord. The pastor read Gary and Susan's testimony. Susan sang the song titled, "You're Something Special." She was accompanied by the Honeycutt trio. In his charge to the parents, the pastor read Deuteronomy 6:6, 7. Then placing his hand on the baby, he prayed the prayer of dedication.

Mrs. James H. Spell, Publicity Chairman



## GOD CREATES PERSONS

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 2:4-9, 18-25

**Memory Verse:** Genesis 2:7

### I. INTRODUCTION

In a science class where it was fashionable to scoff at religion and the Bible, one student steadfastly clung to his faith. "What makes you think there is a God?" someone challenged him. "Show us some evidence." The student simply held out his hand.

Look at your own hand. Twenty-seven bones are precisely shaped and joined together. Fifteen large muscles in the forearm close the hand with a powerful grip. Twenty more muscles in the hand itself enable palm and fingers to move individually. Each finger has a nail to give firmness to the tip that extends beyond the central bone. Ligaments and tendons tie the whole together to form an instrument wonderfully adapted to purposes that range from holding a shovel to threading a needle, from wrestling a steer to playing a violin. Can you believe your hand was not designed by someone with intelligence?

Read from the beginning of Genesis. The first chapter is background for the second.

In that grand opening chapter we read that primeval night gave way to dawn—the first day in the history of the world. The dense cloud began to dissipate, leaving a wide expanse of sky with no one on earth to see it. At God's command the sea was collected in the lower places of the earth, and the dry land appeared. Grass and herbs and trees sprang up on the land uncovered by the water. The high-

flying clouds continued to disappear until sun, moon, and stars were plain in the sky. Then the world was ready for animal life—first fish, then birds, then beasts to roam the land. Finally came the crowning creation of them all, man designed to have dominion over the rest.

In Chapter 1 it seems that the record is chronological, for the days are counted off one by one. Chapter 2 is so different that some have imagined it is a contradictory story from another source. Not so. Chapter 2 does not deny anything recorded in Chapter 1. It simply gives some added information.

Over and over in the first chapter of Genesis we read, "And God said." Whatever He said was done, and promptly. His word was enough to accomplish His will.

This takes on added meaning when we recall that John calls Jesus "the Word" and adds, "All things were made by him" (John 1:1-3). Recognizing Jesus along with His Father as the great Creator, we are sure He can both make us new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17) and provide for us "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). But now we are thinking of the present earth.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. There are three classes of views of how the universe and all that it contains came into existence. The atheistic view supposed that all matter came into being through entirely natural causes which enabled primitive life forms to come into existence. All forms of life are said to have evolved over vast periods of time from these. The theistic view argues that

God is indeed the Creator but that He used evolution to bring the universe and all that is in it into being. The Christian who trusts the Bible as the Word of God rejects both of these beliefs and accepts the direct creation by God as described in the Book of Genesis.

B. Some claim that there are two conflicting accounts of the creation in Genesis 1 and in Genesis 2. However, the second chapter summarizes the first and adds further details about creation.

C. After God created Adam and saw that there was no helpmeet for him, He then took a rib from the side of Adam and made a woman. It has been pointed out that the rib from Adam's side indicates that woman is not above man to rule over him, nor is she beneath man to be ruled over, but she is taken from his side to be treated as an equal.

D. Can a person be an evolutionist and a Christian? Some say, "Yes." But we seriously doubt that. How can one be a Christian if he doubts the Word of God and is not willing to take it at face value?

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

The theory of evolution has never been an observable fact; therefore it cannot be truly scientific. It cannot be proved by demonstration. By its own nature it can never be a fact but must always remain a theory, in fact, merely a hypothesis which is less than a theory. It requires at least as much faith to believe the evolutionary hypothesis as it does to believe the Book of Genesis. As a child of God, which do you find easier to believe?—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

## FEATURE

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Another week of Christian fellowship and love came to a close. The Cragmont offering this week was \$2,255.90, making a total for both weeks \$6,053.40. The offering for Missions was \$814.60, making a total for both weeks of \$2,491.60.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the Cragmont workers, Mrs. Dola Dudley, Mrs. Alice Barrow, and the staff for their contribution in making these sharing times in God's name unforgettable.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. James Owens is pastor of the church. There will be special music each night. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### Homecoming at Sweet Gum Grove Church

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, September 5, 1982, at Sweet Gum Grove Church, Route 1, Stokes. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. David Hill, will bring the morning message. There will be a memorial service for the deceased members just before the message. Lunch will be served on the grounds at noon.

A singspiration featuring "The Anchors" will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and fellowship with the people at Sweet Gum Grove.

## NOTICE

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and all its area Bible and Bookstores—Ayden, Wilson, New Bern, Smithfield, and Kinston, will be closed on September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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Mr. Harrison noted that another program dealing with financial and tax information for ministers would be provided in December through Mount Olive College.

### DIANNE RILEY ON ACADEMIC LEAVE



*Mrs. Dianne Riley*

Mrs. Dianne Riley, associate director of admissions at Mount Olive College, will be on academic leave for the 1982-83 academic year. She will be enrolled full time at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest to pursue a Master's degree in religious education.

Of her "year off," Mrs. Riley said that she wanted to be a more effective teacher of young people in the Free Will Baptist Church.

"I'll miss my work with the church and with the young people," she commented, "but I felt I needed to learn more to be able to help them more!"

Mrs. Riley has served as an advisor for the Free Will Baptist Fellowship at Mount Olive College, and she has taught numerous Sunday school workshops.

Mrs. Riley is a 1967 graduate of Mount Olive College, and she holds a Bachelor's degree from Atlantic Christian College. She

has served in the admissions office at MOC since 1973.

Of her work, President W. Burkette Raper commented, "Dianne has been an enthusiastic and articulate spokesman for Mount Olive College and for the Free Will Baptist Church. We at Mount Olive appreciate her work and wish her well as she pursues an advanced degree."

### PAUL PALMER INSTITUTE TO ACCEPT PAMLICO TECHNICAL COURSES

In order to accommodate those ministers and laymen who live in the Pamlico County area, Mount Olive College will accept credit in the Paul Palmer Institute of Christian Studies from Pamlico Technical College.

Courses accepted for transfer credit must be comparable in length and content to courses now taught in the institute. Courses will be evaluated on an individual basis at the request of the student.

More information concerning transfer credit and course offerings can be obtained by contacting Frank Harrison, director of church relations, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365; or Brenda Leggett, director of continuing education, Pamlico Technical College, P.O. Box 185, Grantsboro, NC 28528.

The Paul Palmer Institute was established by Mount Olive College in 1955 for the purpose of equipping both ministers and laymen for more effective service in the Free Will Baptist Church.

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## **NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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# Vanity and Vexation of Spirit

The young medical student—worried about his final exams, troubled about what to do with his life, where to set up his future practice—picked up a book and read twenty-one words which changed his life. What were those life-altering words?

*Our main business is not to see  
What lies dimly at a distance, but  
To do what lies clearly at hand.*

—Thomas Carlyle

This truth was taught by our Lord when He prayed, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). Of particular importance here are the words *this day*, for you see, the petition of this prayer is for this day's bread only. No complaints are given about yesterday's bread; no mention is made of that which will be needed next week, next month, or next year. The request focuses on this day and this day alone. Today's bread is all we can eat—and all about which we should really be concerned! "Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." We should live one day at a time; and if we do so, if we live each day for God and to His glory, we will automatically be prepared for tomorrow and the day afterwards.

What is it that cripples and makes us unable to do so? The five-letter word *worry*. This term comes from the Greek word *merimnao*, which is the combination of two words: *merizo*, which means "to divide," and *nous*, which means "mind." Therefore, this term means "to divide the mind"—and that's just what worry does!

James 1:8 says, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways"; a worried person usually becomes so frustrated he cannot make the smallest decision. When a Christian worries he accuses God of a falsehood, for Romans 8:28 reads thus: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God . . . ." On the other hand, Worry says, "That's untrue! That just can't be; it all sounds too simple!" The Scriptures relate, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Worry says, "How foolish!"

Not only does worry separate us from God, it causes harm to God's temple, the human body. In his memoirs, General Ulysses S. Grant wrote that he was dizzy and unable to see well because of violent headaches one day; his entire body ached. The next morning a horseman galloped up to him with a note of surrender from Robert E. Lee. General Grant said, "I was instantly cured when I saw the contents of the note. Every pain left me; even my headache." General Grant was sick due to worrying.

Yes, there is a cure for this common "disease." It begins with *prayer* (see Luke 18:1). Then add *rejoicing* (read Philip-  
pians 4:4); I know there are many times when we just don't feel like rejoicing—but we cannot let our circumstances control us. (Note that Paul does not say, "If you feel so inclined,

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# **“What’s Ahead for Free Will Baptists?” — The Theme of the 1982 Convention**

**T**HE Seventieth Annual Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, along with the Night of Evangelism and the Mission Rally, will be held in the Lenoir Community College gymnasium, in Kinston, North Carolina. The theme of the 1982 session is “What’s Ahead for Free Will Baptists?”, a question which causes one to both dream and humbly face reality; and the September 14, 15, and 16 meeting should be the largest gathering of Original Free Will Baptists in history, as many churches, delegates, and pastors are even now getting ready for the Convention.

Before those attending the Convention ever assemble to consider business matters, the Night of Evangelism service will be conducted. This evening of evangelism will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14. The Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of Micro Church, will be leading the largest choir ever assembled for a Convention happening. This choir will be composed of Free Will Baptists from across the state of North Carolina. The singing which will be featured that night will help to prepare those present for the sermons to be delivered by the Revs. William Jackie Godwin and Walter Sutton. Mr. Godwin is pastor of Beaverdam Church, Chadbourn, North Carolina; Mr. Sutton serves as pastor of Macedonia Church, Ernul, North Carolina.

Registration for the Convention will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning and the session will begin at 9:30. (The schedule for the Convention can be found on Page 4 of this issue.)

During the course of the session, messages will be delivered by the Rev. Robert May, pastor of Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina; and Bishop L. N. Forbes, founder and pastor of Faith Temple Number One, East Orange, New Jersey.

The 1982 Mission Rally will begin at 7:30 Wednesday evening, with the Foreign Missions Department of the State Convention in charge. The Rev. Fred Baker, missionary to the Philippines (on furlough), will be the featured speaker. Mrs. Linda Baker, also a missionary to the Philippines (on furlough), will share her testimony during the evening. Special music will be presented that night by Mrs. Deborah King, former missionary to the Philippines; the Youth Choir from Marlboro Church, Farmville; and a special group of singers you will not want to miss

hearing! A special offering will be taken during the rally for the mission work of the State Convention. Funds not earmarked for either the foreign missions or home missions work will be divided between the two departments.

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; and information needed to make wise decisions on Thursday is often given on Wednesday.

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 speakers are saying instead of trying to hear over those passing out materials.

An information desk will be located outside the gymnasium to assist anyone with any questions on locations as well as Convention facilities. Should anyone be expecting a call, he will be able to leave this information at the desk. He will be informed immediately upon receipt of such.

To miss this Convention is to miss one of the best opportunities to help your Church advance for Christ; to miss this Convention is one way you answer, “What’s ahead for Free Will Baptists?”





# PROGRAM FOR THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

**Lenoir Community College Gymtorium  
Kinston, North Carolina**

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1982**

## **MORNING SESSION**

- 8:30—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
- 9:30—Convention Called to Order, the Rev. Gary M. Bailey
- 9:35—Congregational Singing, Music Director
  - Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Allan Sterbin
- 9:45—Welcome, the Rev. Donald Fader
  - Response, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough
  - Partial Report of the Credentials Committee, the Rev. Bobby Taylor
- 9:55—President's Remarks, the Rev. David C. Hansley
  - Appointment of Committees
  - Executive Committee Report
  - Miscellaneous Business
  - Reports
- 10:05—Foreign Missions, the Rev. Harold Jones
- 10:20—Home Missions, the Rev. Charles Crisp
- 10:35—Superannuation, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 10:45—Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
- 11:00—Congregational Singing
  - Offering for the Convention

- Introductory Message, the Rev. Robert May
- 11:45—Recess for Lunch
  - (Lunch at the restaurant of your choice)

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:30—Congregational Singing
- 1:35—Layman's League Board
- 1:40—Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. John Williams
- 1:45—Retirement Homes, the Rev. Walter Sutton
- 1:55—Recognition of Fraternal Delegates
- 2:00—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:05—Free Will Baptist Press, the Rev. David C. Hansley
- 2:15—Children's Home, Mr. E. Howard Cayton
- 2:35—Adjourn for the day

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

- 7:30—Mission Rally

## **THURSDAY,**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 1982**

## **MORNING SESSION**

- 9:30—Congregational Singing
  - Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Reb Lancaster
- 9:40—Church Finance, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 9:45—North Carolina Ministerial Association, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes
- 9:50—General Conference, the Rev. John Owens

- 10:00—State League Convention, the Rev. Bobby Taylor
- 10:05—State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Happy Taylor
- 10:10—Chaplain's Commission, the Rev. Phillip Wood
- 10:20—Camp Vandemere, the Rev. Ralph Sumner
- 10:25—Commission on Scouting, the Rev. Scott Sowers
- 10:30—Historical Commission
- 10:35—Final Report of Credentials Committee, the Rev. Bobby Taylor
- 10:40—Obituary Committee
- 10:50—Miscellaneous Business
- 11:00—Congregational Singing
  - Offering for the Convention
  - Message, Bishop L. N. Forbes
- 11:45—Recess for Lunch
  - (Lunch at the restaurant of your choice)

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:30—Congregation Singing and Prayer
- 1:35—Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Frank L. Walston
  - Report of the Resolutions Committee
  - Report of the Nominating Committee
  - Adjournment and Benediction

## CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

### Convention President



The Rev. David Charles Hansley is President of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

### Night of Evangelism Speakers



The Rev. William Jackie Godwin is pastor of Beaverdam Church, Pee Dee Association.

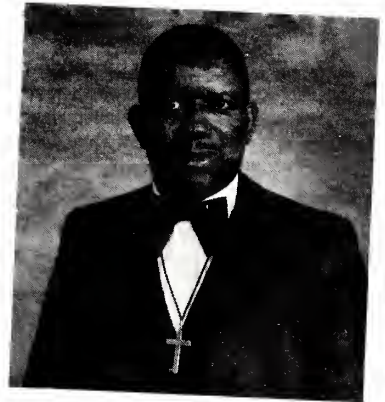


The Rev. Walter Sutton serves as pastor of Macedonia Church, Eastern Conference.

### 1982 Convention Speakers



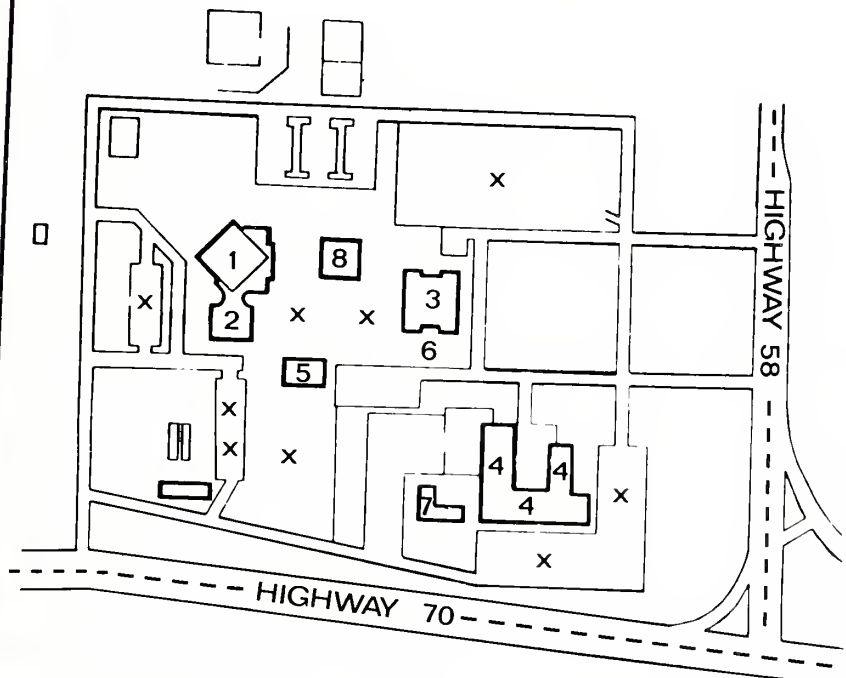
The Rev. Robert May will speak on Wednesday morning; Mr. May pastors Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina.



Bishop L. N. Forbes, pastor and founder of Faith Temple Number One, East Orange, New Jersey, will speak Thursday morning.

### LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAP

The 1982 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Lenoir Community College, Kinston, North Carolina. The Convention will make use of the gymtorium (see No. 1 on the map).



- 1—Gymtorium
- 2—College Union
- 3—Main Building
- 4—Bullock Building
- 5—Commercial Building

- 6—Faculty Parking Lot
- 7—Continuing Education Building
- 8—Learning Resources Center
- X—Parking



## AFC CONFERENCE VERY ENJOYABLE



*YOUTH FRONTIER CONFERENCE ~ JULY 5-10, 1982 ~ THEME: "JESUS IS LORD!"*

July 5-10 was an exciting time for the AFC Conference at Cragmont Assembly as they participated in a week of learning and sharing. The theme for the week, "Jesus Is Lord," was made evident through singing, teaching, playing, and being artistic. Of the 128 campers and 18 counselors present, a great number made commitments to make Jesus the Lord of their lives and all enjoyed the fellowship of each other through Jesus Christ as Lord.

Special thanks go to the counselor staff for the week: Caroline van der Plas, Tammy Whitley, Becky Jo Sumner, Rosalie Edwards, Penny Murray, Sherry Jones, Sheryll and Phil Wood, Libby and Wayne Taylor, Aileen and Dwight Hawley, Calvin Heath, Joe Ratcliff, Randy Beamon, Hulon Whitehead, and Doug and Virginia Skinners as directors.

### Upcoming Events at Pleasant Hill Church

Pleasant Hill Church, U.S. Highway 43, one mile north of Calico, and about 15 miles south of Greenville, will have its revival September 20-24, beginning each evening at 7.

The Rev. Earl Glenn, pastor of Daniels Chapel Church near Wilson, will be the evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, promises three blessings in this revival (with God's help): (1) Some of the best

preaching one has ever heard, (2) inspirational singing, and (3) beautiful Christian fellowship.

The revival will be followed by the church's annual homecoming on Sunday, September 26. The usual things one has at homecoming will be enjoyed, but will be especially blessed by the singing of the Prescott Family from Rock of Zion Church at Grantsboro. Hear them in both morning and evening service. All former

members and pastors are especially invited to attend, both the revival and the homecoming.

### Central Conference Layman's League to Meet

The Central Conference Layman's League will meet on September 13, at 8 p.m., at Ayden Church, Ayden. All laymen of the Central Conference please note.

### Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention To Be Held

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held at Wintergreen Church, Cove City, on September 23, 1982. The theme will be "His Sheep Am I." The Scripture will be taken from Psalm 23:2: "... he leadeth me beside the still waters." The scheduled program is as follows:

#### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn 294, "He Leadeth Me"
  - Welcome, Mrs. Hazel Avery
  - Response, Mrs. Hazel Tyndall
  - Special Music, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," Mrs. Carol Prescott
  - Devotions and Prayer, Mrs. Faye Evans
- 10:25—President's Remarks, Mrs. Rena Kirk
  - Business Session
- 11:05—Hymn 189, "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
  - Offering and Prayer
  - Pin Award, Mrs. Willie Marie Padgett
- 11:25—Convention Message the Rev. Fred Baker (This to include his

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children and Foreign  
Missions report)

12:00—Lunch

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Chorus Time

—Prayer

—Memorial Service

1:30—Reports

—Children's Home and Retirement Homes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watt

—Home Missions, the Rev. Charles Crisp

—Eastern Conference Missions, the Rev. Walter Sutton

—Superannuation, the Rev. Graham Lane

—Cragmont, Ruby Hancock

—MOC

—Treasurer, Velma Morris

—Youth, Deborah King

—Camp Vandemere, Nina Grace Register

—Free Will Baptist Press, the Rev. David Charles Hansley

Ushers—Mary McCoy and Marsha Demorett

Pianist—Vickie Sevenski

#### Central District

##### Youth to Meet

Central District Youth Meeting will be held on September 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Elm Grove Church, Ayden.

#### Notes from

##### Little Rock Church

Little Rock Church, Lucama, announces its 111th homecoming celebration September 19. The day will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the Sunday school hour. The morning worship service will begin promptly at 11 a.m. The service will feature the celebration of the Lord's Supper, special music by the Chancel Choir, with the worship message being delivered by the Rev. James A. Evans, a son of Little Rock Church. Lunch will be served (picnic style) at 12:15 in Heritage Hall. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a

special memorial service in the sanctuary. All former members, pastors, and friends who can, are invited to come and share this special day in the life of the church.

Fall revival services will begin Sunday evening, September 19, with the prayer group meeting at 7:15 p.m. under the leadership of the deacon board. Mr. Emmitt Johnson is chairman. The speaker for the week is the Rev. Donald Coates, pastor of Pine Level Church. He is married to the former Suzanne Carr of Donalsonville, Georgia. He has one son, Matthew, aged 18 months. Donald was graduated from Mount Olive College in May of 1977, attended Atlantic Christian College 1977-78, Troy State University (Dothan, Alabama) 1979-80, and is presently attending Atlantic Christian College with plans to graduate in May, 1983, with the A. B. degree in Religion and Philosophy. Music for the week will be under the direction of Mr. Randy Barham, director of music. A nursery will be provided each evening for the services. A fellowship hour will follow the conclusion of the final service on Thursday. All are invited to share with the people at Little Rock in these worship services September 19-23.

#### Lamms Are Honored

On August 22, 1982, a reception was given honoring K. Alan and Laura Lamm. Alan is a newly licensed minister from Little Rock Church in Lucama. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Lamm. Alan and Laura reside in Fayetteville. He is in the military stationed at Fort Bragg. He is enrolled in Duke Divinity School on a part-time basis, and upon completion of his military service will become a full-time student there. Alan feels God has called him into the military chaplaincy and plans to pursue this calling.



Alan Lamm; Laura Lamm; Miss Immettie Raper, church treasurer; and Mr. Ralph Barnes.

In honoring Alan and Laura and by way of showing support for them, the church presented Alan with a complete set of *The Interpreter's Bible Commentary*. The church is proud of Alan and Laura and wish for them God's richest blessings and guidance in the fulfillment of God's calling for their lives.

#### Upcoming Events

##### At Core Point Chapel Church

The Rev. Gary Langston, pastor of Core Point Chapel Church, announces a homecoming to be held September 26, followed by revival services (September 27 through October 1). The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Bob Cayton. There will be special music each night. The public is welcome to attend.

#### Faith Mission Has Bible School

Faith Mission of Leland held its vacation Bible school July 26-30, 1982. The offering in amount of \$57.05 was sent by the children to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

#### Remember the State Convention with . . .

- (1) Your prayers,
- (2) Your attendance,
- (3) Your financial support.



# Cragmont Assembly

## CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY JULY, 1982

### RECEIPTS

#### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Free Union, Pinetown	\$ 40.00
Mount Tabor	93.07
Mount Zion	33.74
Plymouth, First	50.00
Sidney	16.99
Sound Side	25.00
St. Paul	25.00
Total	\$ 283.80

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	\$ 89.24
Black Jack	377.00
Daniels Chapel	250.00
Fidelis Memorial	90.00
Free Union, Walstonburg	445.00
Friendship, Walstonburg	25.00
Hickory Grove	40.00
Hugo	125.00
King's Cross Roads	500.00
Ormondsville	124.00
Otter's Creek	75.25
Rose of Sharon	185.45
Total	\$2,325.94

#### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Haymount Mission	\$ 65.95
Johnston Union	100.00
Palmer Memorial	94.52
Total	\$ 260.47

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

British Chapel	\$ 200.00
Jackson Heights	35.63
Juniper Chapel	1,351.92
Oriental	10.00
Pilgrims Rest	10.00
Rock of Zion	200.00
Rooty Branch	75.00
Smith's New Home	20.00
Saint Mary's	230.81
Welcome Home	20.00
Whaley's Chapel	75.00
Total	\$2,228.36

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Friendship, Middlesex	\$ 150.00
Holly Springs	500.00
Little Rock	165.00
Milbournie	37.50
Mount Zion	75.00
Piney Grove	56.25
Sherron Acres	175.00
Stancil's Chapel	200.00
Unity	200.00
Total	\$1,558.75

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Friendship, Middlesex	\$ 40.00
Greenville Service	
Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Leland Ladies Auxiliary	2.20

Union Grove Woman's Auxiliary	20.00
Total	72.20

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Advance Mission	\$ 6.50
North Carolina Original	
Free Will Baptist	
Ministers Association	20.00
Memorials	15.00
Miscellaneous	312.30
Gifts	165.00
Total	\$ 518.80

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### EXPENDITURES FOR JULY

Purchase 90-day certificate	\$10,000.00
Repay YFA for working canteen	100.00
Treatment in emergency room	48.00
Purchase microphone	
for PA system	191.36
Repay petty cash	200.00
Emergency room service	56.00
Emergency room service	28.00
Emergency room service	140.00
Construction of pad for dumpster	987.00
Funds for golf	
and softball tournament	400.00
Repay meals for Young People's	
Bible Conference	112.00
Emergency room treatment	45.02
Emergency room treatment	60.00
X-ray for camper	11.00
Emergency room treatment	28.00
Total	\$12,406.38

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# Mount Olive College

## FORMER STUDENT JOINS ADMISSIONS STAFF



*Penny Edwards Gates*

Penny Edwards Gates of Pikeville has been appointed assistant director of admissions at Mount Olive College. Her primary responsibilities will be to represent the College in high schools and recruitment within Free Will Baptist Churches. She will also be available for home visits to discuss Mount Olive College with interested students and their parents.

A 1972 graduate of Mount Olive, she stated, "I enjoyed my years as a student at Mount Olive College and I look forward to sharing my love of the College with prospective students."

Mrs. Gates holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from East Carolina University. She has taught in Pitt and Wayne County schools.

Mrs. Gates was voted an outstanding alumna of the year in 1982. She is currently serving as president of the Mount Olive College Alumni Association.

Mrs. Gates is married to Richard Gates, a chemist at Southeastern Laboratories in Goldsboro. They live in Western Wayne Estates and attend Spring Hill Church near Goldsboro.

## SEPTEMBER PLANNING SESSIONS FOR MOC DINNERS

*Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, Pasquotank, and Chowan Counties, Thursday, September 9, 7:30 p.m., Mount Tabor Church near Creswell*

*Pitt County, Monday, September 13, 8 p.m., Reedy Branch Church near Winterville*

*Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Tuesday, September 21, 8 p.m., Oak Grove Church near Newton Grove*

## NOTICE

The State Sunday School Convention's Annual Pastor-Superintendent's Banquet will not be held on Friday night, September 10, as previously planned (Friday night after Labor Day) due to the "Cragmont Open" scheduled for that same date. The banquet will be held the following Friday night, September 17 (after the State Convention), at King's Restaurant, Kinston, North Carolina, at 7 p.m. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of *The Free Will Baptist* and in the news media.

Joe Crumpler

September is Home Missions and Church Extension Month.



"... Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

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## Crisis

*This Chinese character combines the two Chinese characters for "danger" and "opportunity."*

The Chinese character (symbol) which represents our word **CRISIS** is composed of two Chinese characters which individually represent the words "danger" and "opportunity."

Let's take a closer look at the Chinese character for **CRISIS**—what do you see standing between "danger" and "opportunity?" A cross? If one takes a closer look there is a two-edged sword on the left side facing toward "danger"; and on the right side an arm beckoning us towards the **opportunities** Christ desires us to follow. Notice also that the number of individual lines (smaller characters) are far greater on the right side (**our opportunities**) than on the left side (dangers).

Graphically one might see it thus:

### DANGER

Exposure or vulnerability to Evil, Risk, Hazard.

Matthew 5:22 speaks of:

"... danger of the judgment . . ."  
"... danger of the council . . ."  
"... danger of hell fire"

Mark 3:29 speaks of:

"... danger of eternal damnation"

Acts 19:27 speaks of:

"... danger to be set at nought . . ."

Acts 19:40 speaks of:

"... danger to be called in question for this day's uproar . . ."

### CHRIST

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

"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."

Matthew 7:7, 8

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

### OPPORTUNITY

A favorable or advantageous combination of circumstances.

God makes opportunities but He expects us to take advantage of them.

The gates of opportunity swing on four hinges.

1. Initiative
2. Insight
3. Industry
4. Integrity

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Galatians 6:10.

We here at the Children's Home are in the middle of that **CRISIS** situation financially right now! Currently we have 35 children in care. We had 27 on campus as of August 13th. We are having to re-evaluate cottage space compared with income. It has been determined that we will not be able to continue occupancy of three (3) cottages due to the lack of funds. Reduction to two (2) cottages is our only alternative. Plans are being made to limit child care offered to a level to which the Free Will Baptist Churches and people are giving to support the Home.

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# MISSIONS RALLY

In Connection with the State Convention

September 15, 1982

Lenoir Community College, Kinston, NC

7:30 P.M.

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## SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 8

### MOKUSATSU!

During the closing weeks of World World II, the Allies issued the Potsdam ultimatum to Japan. The emperor of Japan wished to end the war in July, 1945. The proud war lords and governing body delayed. They announced a policy of "mokusatsu," which means to ignore, or to refrain from comment. The latter definition implied that there would be no comment until there was time to weigh fully the terms of the ultimatum. Unfortunately, a press dispatch translated the word "mokusatsu" to mean that the cabinet would ignore the ultimatum! The erroneous interpretation was allowed to stand! The war was prolonged. The Russians entered the war when Japan was moribund. American atomic bombs fell on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Thousands perished. Others were horribly maimed for life—all because one word was misinterpreted!

There is an infinitely greater and more consequential word for mankind than "mokusatsu." That word is *grace*! We are in the dispensation of God's grace. This is "the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:19). "The day of vengeance of our God" will surely come. It is later, dispensationally, than we think.

*The world is ripe for judgment. Ere long, the command will go forth, "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap . . . for the harvest of the earth is ripe." All who refuse God's grace will not escape His judgment "when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven . . . taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8).*

## MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 9

### WHY ASK FOR THAT WHICH IS?

A minister lost his little child. He sorrowed greatly. As he sat in his study he read through tear-filled eyes a motto on his desk: "My grace is sufficient for thee." The word *is* was emphasized more prominently than the other words. While he

prayed, "Lord, let Thy grace be sufficient for me!" the Lord seemed to say to him, "Why ask for that which *is*? I cannot make My grace more sufficient than I have already made it."

*Believe it, and you will find it sufficient!*

## TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 10

### A STRANGE GIFT

Strange gift indeed—a thorn to prick,  
To pierce into the very quick,  
To cause perpetual sense of pain;  
Strange gift—and yet, 'twas given for gain.  
Unwelcome, yet it came to stay,  
Nor could it e'en be prayed away.  
It came to fill its God-planned place.  
A life-enriching means of grace.

God's grace-thorns—oh, what forms they take;  
What piercing, smarting pain they make!  
And yet, each one in love is sent,  
And always just for blessing meant.  
And so, whate'er thy thorn may be  
From God, accept it willingly;  
But reckon Christ, His Life, His power  
To keep in thy most trying hour.

*And sure, thy life will richer grow,  
He grace sufficient will bestow,  
And in Heav'n's morn thy joy 'twill be  
That by His thorn He strengthened thee!*

## WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 11

### ARE YOU AT WITS' END CORNER?

One of God's children was passing through trial and tribulation. She said to her pastor, "I don't know what to do." "Thank God!" exclaimed the pastor. "When you don't know what to do, do nothing! Wait until the Lord gives the all-clear. You have exhausted all human expedients. You have come to the end of yourself, and you are now on the threshold of a new and deeper experience of God's grace."

*Are you at wits' end corner? Wait until God gives the directive: "This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isaiah 30:21).*

## THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 12

### STEP BY STEP

He does not lead me year by year  
Nor even day by day,  
But step by step my path unfolds;  
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,  
I only know this minute;  
But He will say, "This is the way,  
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so,  
Today's enough to bear;  
And when tomorrow comes, His grace  
Shall far exceed its care.

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*What need to worry then or fret?  
The God who gave His Son  
Holds all my moments in His hand  
And gives them, one by one.*

## FRIDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 13

### THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND

A blind man with a white cane waited at an intersection for someone to help him across the busy street. Presently another man with a white cane stopped alongside him. They began to talk. Then one took the other by the arm and both men began tapping their way across the street. Neither knew that the other was blind. Only the alertness of the drivers prevented the possible death of both blind men. The pedestrians watched with bated breath until the blind men reached the opposite side of the street.

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*There are many blind religious guides who have a distorted sense of spiritual values—"ungodly men . . . denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 1:4). Jesus said of them: "And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:14); "Woe unto you, ye blind guides" (23:16).*

## SATURDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 14

### MY GUIDE

There is no path in this desert waste,  
For the winds have swept the shifting sands;  
The trail is blind where the storms have raced,  
And a stranger, I, in these fearsome lands.  
But I journey on with a lightsome tread,

I do not falter nor turn aside,  
For I see His figure, just ahead—  
He knows the way I take—my Guide!

There is no path in this trackless sea,  
No map is limned on the restless waves;  
The ocean snares are strange to me  
Where the unseen wind in its fury raves;  
But it matters naught; my sails are set,  
And my swift prow tosses the seas aside;  
For the changeless stars are steadfast yet,  
And I sail by His star-blazed trail—my Guide!

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*There is no way in this starless night;  
There is naught but cloud in the inky skies;  
The black night smothers me, left and right;  
I stare with a blind man's straining eyes;  
But my steps are firm, for I cannot stray;  
The path to my feet seems light and wide;  
For I hear His voice—"I am the way!"  
And I sing as I follow Him on—my Guide!*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

### ATTENTION

Dear Auxiliary Women of the  
Central District:

Fall is just around the corner and time for another district convention. "Ready, Set, Go" (2 Timothy 4:6) will be the theme for our convention which will meet Saturday, September 25, 1982, at LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church, on South Caswell Street in LaGrange.

Thank you for your wonderful response to all the projects. Please **mail in advance** all contributions, **except the two special offerings** we ask you to bring to the convention, to Mrs. Martha Pittman, Route 1, Box 24, Stantonburg, North Carolina 27883.

1. MISSIONS: Each Auxiliary is requested to bring \$25 to the convention. We need to pray for our workers in our Foreign Mission fields, also to pray that God will lead others to work in the foreign field. We need to join the 2-minute Prayer Club. Mr. Harold Jones and Dwight Hawley will be going to India, they will need our prayers. We need to start planning now to attend the Mission Rally at the State Convention on September 15 at Lenoir Community College at Kinston, North Carolina.

We have a new Director of Home Missions, Mr. Charles Crisp. We urge each of you to support Home Missions, and to pray for Mr. Crisp as he strives to do God's will.

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For September 12

## **GOD MAKES A COVENANT**

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 15:1-6,  
12-18

**Memory Verse:** Genesis 15:18

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

"Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Thus John 3:19 explains why the Son of God was despised and rejected. God has always wanted to keep in touch with mankind, to fill the world with the light of truth and goodness. He set above us the heavens that ceaselessly declare His glory (Psalm 19). He gave His messages in human language to the prophets, and many of them are recorded for us to read. He sent His Son to show and tell His way. If people do not know God, it is because they do not want to know Him (Romans 1:28). They love darkness rather than light.

Adam and Eve started the flight from the light. They knew exactly what God wanted, but they chose their own way of disobedience instead. Then for the first time they felt the need to hide themselves, first with clumsy clothing made of leaves, and then by skulking in the woods (Genesis 3:1-8).

Instead of turning back to the light of God, the following generations plunged deeper into darkness. Cain was a killer (Genesis 4:1-8), and so was Lamech (Genesis 4:23, 24). Still these hints of evil hardly prepare us for the depth of darkness that descended. The time came when "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" (Genesis 6:5).

Then came the flood. Mankind was too far gone to be reclaimed. The love of darkness was overwhelming.

Even that dark time was not without a gleam of light, however. Nearly a thousand years before the flood, Enoch was walking with God so closely that he bypassed death and went on to glory (Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5). His son Methuselah lived 969 years, and his life ended approximately at the time of the flood. His son Lamech died only a few years earlier, and Lamech's son Noah was the "just man" who survived the flood with his family. Peter says Noah was "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5), so we know God was not without a witness on earth even then.

After the rest of mankind died in the flood, did Noah's descendants take care to walk with God and glorify Him forever? No. All too soon after the flood they set out to build a skyscraper for their own glory, not God's (Genesis 11:4). After that the scattered tribes began to exchange God's glory for man-made idols (Romans 1:22, 23).

This time God did not wipe out all the sinners with a flood. He had another plan. He chose one man to be the father of a special nation that would receive His special care and special revelation, a nation that would live in His light and show the rest of the world the benefits of such living. That man was Abram (Abraham).

Abram was born about 350 years after the flood. He grew up in Ur, a great city on the lower Euphrates River. The chief god of that city was the moon, but numerous other gods also were worshiped. Abram's own father was involved in the

worship of false gods (Joshua 24:2). In that idolatrous city Abram heard God's call to separate himself (Acts 7:2, 3). He first moved about five hundred miles up the river to Haran. With him went his wife, his father, and his orphaned nephew.

After Terah, the father, died, the rest of that group moved on to the Land of Canaan at the east end of the Mediterranean Sea. Numerous servants and large numbers of cattle and sheep went with them. Abram at that time was seventy-five years old. For a brief account of the adventures of the next few years, read Genesis 11:27-14:24.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. POINTS TO PONDER**

A. The story of Abram (Abraham) is one of the greatest in all the Bible. It tells how God dealt with mankind as a whole until He chose Abram and made a covenant with him to make of his seed a great nation. From then on through the Old Testament, God is dealing with this chosen nation.

B. The two main promises that God made to Abram were that He would give him land and a son, and that through this son all of the nations of the earth would be blessed.

C. The faith of Abram and his wife Sarai (Sarah) weakened when she was long past the time of childbirth and the son had not been born. Like many of us, they set limits on when God would keep His promise. But God did keep His promise and Isaac was born.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

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## EDITORIAL

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let me suggest that you rejoice!" Then try *trusting*. (Read Psalm 37.) If God cares for the fowls of the air and the flowers of the field, will He not care for His own? In fact, worry is a form of denying God's power and Christ's work. And don't forget to *work*—it is one of the best cures for worry. "It is not work that kills man; it is worry. Work is healthy" (Henry Ward Beecher). Then remember to *count your blessings*. One writer poignantly wrote of this, "I had the blues because I had no shoes, till upon the street I met a man who had no feet." How often we forget the plight of others; but then it's hard to see their problems when we don't take our eyes off of ourselves!

(Oh yes, if you were wondering, the young medical student mentioned at the beginning of this comment was none other than William Osler, one of the founders of John Hopkins School of Medicine.)

## CHILDREN'S HOME

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God is showing us that we have been given an **opportunity** to share His Son with children who would not have known Him. John called one of our houseparents the other day and asked if he could talk with her. She said of course, and when he came over she realized he was very serious (unusual for John). After finding a private place to talk John asked her, "How do I ask Christ into my heart and life?" Christ gave us the **opportunity**, to invest in John's eternity. Will you help us to extend this opportunity to others?

We urgently need your financial assistance as generously as you can—and then some more. Now today, please send your check to my personal attention so that I may know you care.

Charles V. Watt  
Free Will Baptist Children's Home  
P.O. Box 249-C  
Middlesex, NC 27557

I would like to send you a packet of note cards with a picture of Memorial Chapel steeple as a thank-you for your contribution.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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2. CRAGMONT: Bring your talents (money for building fund) to the convention. These offerings, along with your mission offerings will be brought to the altar as we have the roll call of Auxiliaries. Please be sure to have your checks earmarked.
3. YOUTH WORK: The next district meeting for our youth will be on Saturday, September 18, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, located approximately 2 miles from Ayden on Rural road 1900—1 mile from Ayden-Grifton High School. The November meeting will be on the 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethany Church, 5 miles south of Winterville on Highway 903. They need hosts for the January and March meetings.
4. CHILDREN'S HOME: The project is \$20 to help fill the Media Center. Let's encourage our churches to go for a Sunday afternoon.
5. MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE: The new project is \$20 for a dishwasher.
6. RETIREMENT HOMES: Each Auxiliary is requested

to send \$20.

7. MEMORIAL SERVICE: Write the names of your deceased members of the past year on the report to Mrs. Lois Strickland, Route 2, Box 442, Walstonburg, North Carolina 27888.
8. ANNA PHILLIPS STUDENT AID FUND: Please support this fund; it helps our youth attend the college of their choice.

Registration fee for the convention is \$10.

Be prepared to vote on keeping our meetings on Saturday or to change back to Wednesday; keep in mind those who work away from the home.

Wallie Hargrove, Missions Chairman

## STATE CONVENTION MISSION RALLY

The State Convention Mission Rally will be held September 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Lenoir Community College Auditorium, Kinston, North Carolina. This year the Foreign Missions Board is in charge of the program. An exciting program is planned that you will not want to miss.

I encourage you to attend and bring a special offering for Home and Foreign Missions. If you desire to designate your gifts, use the tan envelope for Foreign Missions and the white envelope for Home Missions. All loose money will be divided equally between the two boards.

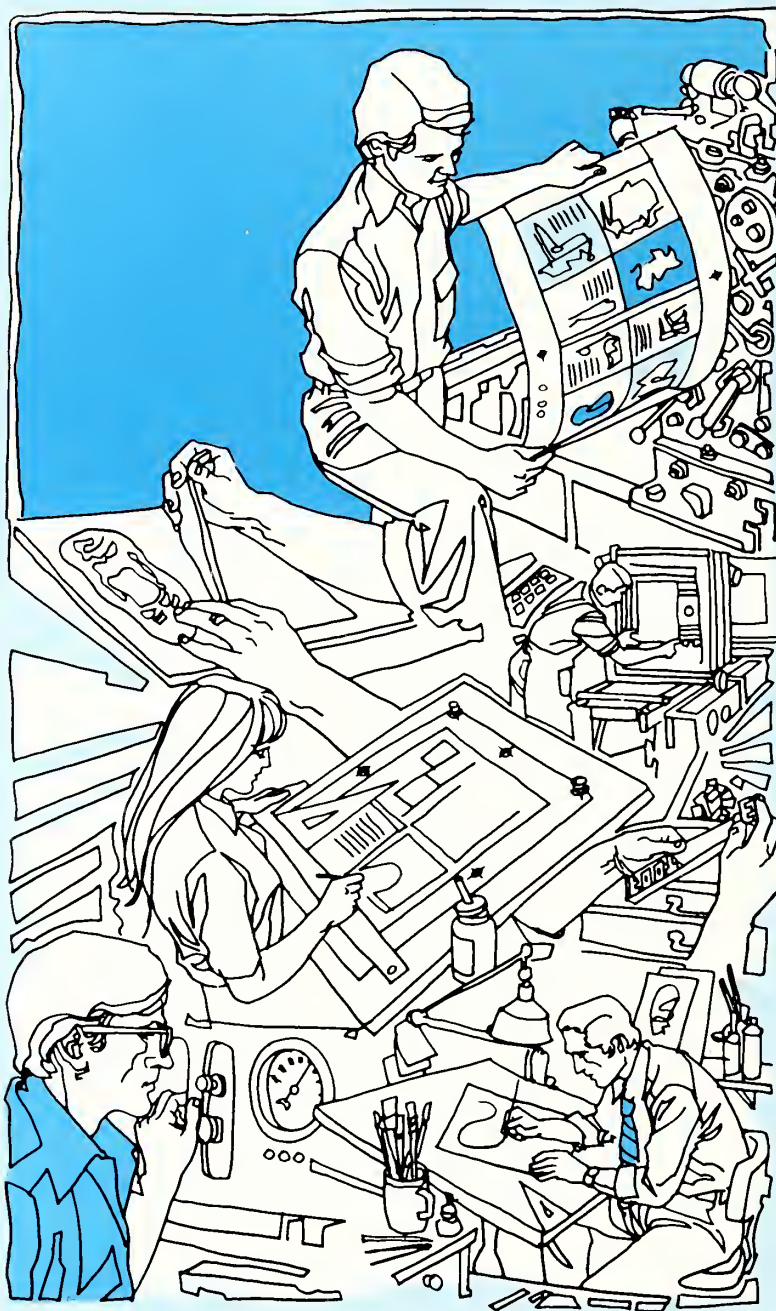
Harold Jones

## SINGERS, PLEASE NOTE!

If you would like to sing in the Night of Evangelism Choir, be at Lenoir Community College, September 14, at 6 p.m. Bring along a *Free Will Baptist Hymnal*. Come and sing—even if you could not attend the practice session.



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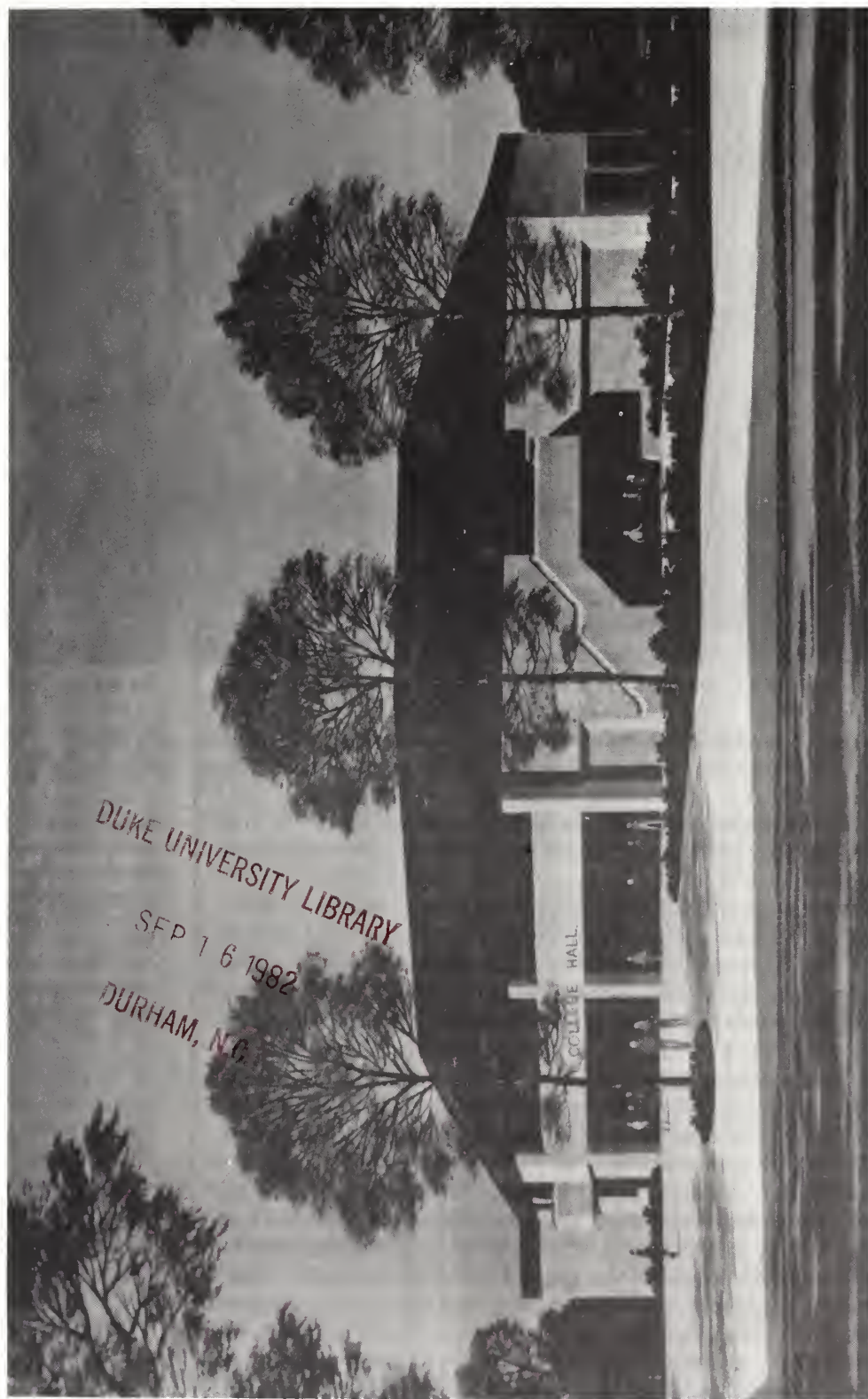
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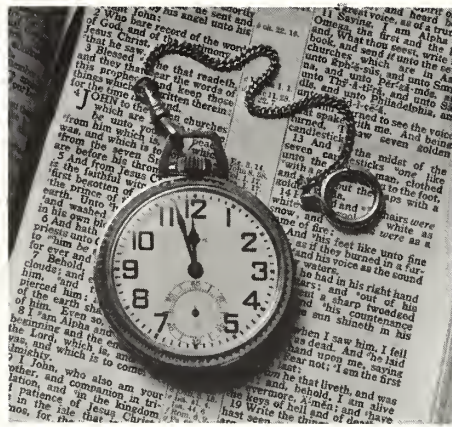


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# There's a Time for Everything—And Playtime Is Over!



For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18). This is expected to be the case. The Calvary message brings salvation: it is about being redeemed through One who died, being justified by One who was condemned, being blessed by One made a curse, being saved by One who did not choose to save Himself. The message of these truths is not exciting nor acceptable to the natural man. But it is no longer seen as being acceptable to the church; and not only is preaching the Cross seen as being foolish, living a Christian life, putting into practice what we have heard (and supposedly put our trust in) is even more so. God forbid!

Many professing Christians expect to reach Heaven on their own merit; if such were possible, our Lord died needlessly. We sing of the Cross, pay tribute to God with our lips, but so far as the hope of salvation is concerned, what we do, say, and profess to be is surely foolishness and contradictory to those who are outside of the church. How can it be anything else? We mock the Lord by pretending to be something we are not. When we say we are Christians but have not "died" to the ways of the world, we laugh in His face. (And ours is not the last laugh!)

One of the most tragic ramifications of our lack of sincerity relates to those outside of Christ. If we believed that God is a God of love and justice, we would live differently. First, we would share His love; second, we would want those outside of Christ to know that love and to find salvation. Instead, we live just like we want to while the rest of the world—our brothers and sisters, parents, neighbors, acquaintances, and many strangers, too—march by droves into an eternal lake of fire. We cannot believe that God is a God of love and justice and then sit back and do nothing!

Thomas demanded to see the marks of the Cross before he would believe that Jesus had arisen. Today, an unbelieving world is looking for marks in those who claim to have died to sin with their Saviour—but the marks just are not there. Alas, we strive to impress people in almost every other way. People hear our beautiful orations, they see us perform our clever and efficiently planned presentations, but the Lord himself is never seen. We parade around under the guise of the gospel while preaching becomes another profession and church work struggles to find time, as it must compete with club and community activities for our attention.

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# COLLEGE HALL TO BECOME A REALITY



*Representatives from the Free Will Baptist Church, community, and College were inside the roped off area representing College Hall, for the groundbreaking ceremony. In the foreground of the picture (from left to right) are Ray Williamson, pastor of Gum Swamp Church; Mrs. Edna Scarborough of Mount Olive; Mrs. Lorelle Martin, science professor at Mount Olive College; and David W. Hansley, first chairman of the Board of Trustees.*

The Free Will Baptist Church assembled by conference Sunday, August 29, to begin the most ambitious construction project in the history of Mount Olive College. A groundbreaking ceremony for College Hall including an estimated 1,000 persons was held following an announcement by President W. Burkette Raper that the goal of 1.5 million in gifts and pledges had been reached.

College Hall is an athletic, physical education, and convention center scheduled for construction on the new campus beginning in late September or early October.

Representatives of churches from the seven conferences ringed the roped-off area representing the construction site and dug around the perimeter of the building. Inside the area and facing the audience, persons representing

the church, college, and community led the group by turning the first shovelfuls.

Representing the Free Will Baptist Church were David Charles Hansley, president of the State Convention; David W. Hansley, former board chairman; and Jerry Rowe, pastor of Holly Springs Church in Newport.

A program on what the building will mean to the future of the College, its students, and the Free Will Baptist Church included James B. Hunt Sr., chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Hunt said that building College Hall would show that Mount Olive College is a "fine school" where students receive "quality education in a Christian atmosphere. The building is necessary," he emphasized, "for Mount Olive as a two-year institution, but College Hall will

improve the education we can offer as a four-year school."

Of the project, David Charles Hansley observed that the building would serve as a convention center for Original Free Will Baptists.

"We can be assured as long as we are yoked with Christ," he said, "that we can march forward."

College Hall will be financed by a 1.5 million bond issue dated October 1.

Students who moved on campus Sunday will be in the first four-year graduating class at Mount Olive as well as the first class to use the College Hall facility. President Raper called College Hall the "flagship" for the baccalaureate program.

According to President Raper, completion of the project will coincide with the addition of the junior year in 1984 at Mount Olive College.



## Revival Services to Be Held at Macedonia Church



*The Rev. Eddie Edwards*

Revival services will be held at Macedonia Church, Ernul, September 20-25. The Rev. Eddie Edwards is the evangelist. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Walter Sutton is pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend.

## The Rev. O. B. Jones to Be Evangelist

The Rev. O. B. Jones of Tarboro, will be the evangelist at revival services to be held at Mount Zion Church, Roper, September 20-25. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing from various churches each night. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Overton, and members invite everyone to attend these services.

## Revival Services to Be Held At Sneads Ferry Church

Revival services will be held at Sneads Ferry Church, Sneads Ferry, September 20-24. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Ronnie Parker, pastor of

Folkstone Church, Holly Ridge. The public is invited to attend.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. O. B. Taylor.

## Homecoming and Revival to Be At Smith's New Home Church

Smith's New Home Church, located 11 miles south of Kinston on Highway 258, will hold its annual homecoming on September 26. A full day of activities is planned. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. The homecoming sermon will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan. The annual harvest offering will be given in connection with homecoming. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at the noon hour.

The Gray Branch Quartet will be featured in a gospel concert in the afternoon service. A memorial service for recently deceased church members will be held in the afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Happy Taylor. A time of greetings will be featured giving visitors and friends an opportunity to express themselves in appreciation for what the church and people have meant to them.

Revival services will begin on Monday, September 27, with the Rev. Jack Mayo as the visiting minister. Special music will be featured throughout the week. The revival services will continue through Friday, October 1. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The pastor will assist in the services. All former members, pastors, and friends are invited to attend.

## Upcoming Events for Tee's Chapel Church

The Gold City Quartet of Georgia will be singing at Tee's Chapel Church near Smithfield, on Saturday, September 18. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There will be a freewill offering taken.

Revival services will begin at the church on Sunday, September 26, and will continue through Thursday, September 30. The services will begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening and at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Rev. Everette Harper, pastor of Rosebud Church of Wilson, will be the guest speaker.

Homecoming will be October 3. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m., and worship service will follow at 11 a.m. The Rev. Gideon Stevens will be bringing the morning message. Lunch will be served, followed by an afternoon song service. The pastor of the church is the Rev. T. C. Farmer. Everyone is invited to attend all of the upcoming services.

## Community Church Announces Services

Revival services will be held September 20-24 at Community Church, 1506 Washington Avenue, Weldon. The Rev. Gary M. Bailey, pastor of Stoney Creek Church, Goldsboro, will be the guest speaker.

Homecoming will be September 26. At 11 a.m. the Rev. Clarence Harris, pastor of Oak Grove Church, Elm City, will bring the message. In the afternoon there will be a singspiration. Everyone is invited to attend. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan.

## MOC Day at Bethany

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will be the guest speaker at Bethany Church near Winterville, September 19, at 11 a.m. He will also teach a combined session of youth and adult Sunday school classes at 9:45 a.m.

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## **Eastern District Fall Youth Convention to Meet**

The Eastern District Fall Youth Convention will be held at Holly Springs Church, near Kenly, on Saturday, September 18, 1982. The theme Scripture will be taken from James 1:22: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." The AFC motto is "In love, grow up in Him." The YFA motto is "To know Him, to love Him, to serve Him." The scheduled program is as follows:

### **OPENING SESSION**

- 9:30—Singing with Diane and Penny
- 9:45—Welcome, Carteret Union
  - Response, Fifth Union
  - Special Singing, Third Union
- 10:00—Devotion, Third Union
  - Special Singing, Fifth Union
  - "What Can We Do?" Joyce, Rusty, Leon
  - Special Singing, Carteret Union
  - "The Free Will Baptist Smurfs," District Officers
- 10:45—Business Session, President
  - Offering
  - Minutes
  - Other Business
  - (The next convention will be March 19, 1982, at Christian Chapel Church, Pink Hill, North Carolina.)
  - Treasurer's Report
- 11:15—Workshops
  - Youth Leaders, Aileen Hawley
  - YFA, Fred Baker
  - AFC, Linda, Kim, Steve Baker, Pam Kennedy, Karen Bowen
- 11:45—Film, "Kevin Can Wait"
  - Closing Prayer, Ad-journment
  - Lunch, Cookout, given by the churches of Carteret Union

Pianist, Marla Ard

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The following are the officers of the Eastern District Youth Convention: President, Leon Turnage, Carteret Union; vice president, Rusty Smith, Third Union; secretary, Sherry Jones, Fifth Union; treasurer, Caren Gibson, Carteret Union; program chairman, Doronda Stroud, Third Union; historian, Joyce Ryall; youth chairman, Deborah King.

### **Pastors'-Superintendents' Banquet to Be Held**

There will be a pastors'-superintendents' banquet, sponsored by the State Sunday School Convention, on Friday, September 17, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Burkette Raper. The meeting will be held at King's Restaurant in Kinston, located on Highway 70 East.

### **Upcoming Events at Hickory Grove Church**

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, September 19, at Hickory Grove Church, Route 1, Bethel. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served on the grounds at noon.

A singspiration featuring "The King's Messengers" will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Revival services will be held September 20-24, at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Robert May of Hickory Chapel of Ahoskie will be the evangelist. There will be special singing each night. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### **Services at Ayden Church**

Ayden Church will be having revival services September 20-24, with special singing each night. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. George Greene, pastor of Northside Church, Asheboro.

Homecoming services will be held Sunday, September 26, followed by lunch in the church fellowship hall. At 1:30 p.m. a gospel sing will be held in the church.

The pastor, the Rev. David T. Ricks, and the congregation cordially invite everyone to attend.

### **Upcoming Events at Pilgrim's Home Church**

Pilgrim's Home Church near Kinston will observe homecoming on September 19.

Revival services will be held at the church September 20-24. The evangelist will be the Rev. Wayne King. The Rev. Eldon Brock is pastor. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend those services.

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### **To Churches and Pastors of the Eastern Conference From the Eastern Conference Board of Missions**

During the 1981 session of the Eastern Conference, the following resolution was presented by the Resolutions Committee: In view of the need of increased enthusiasm and information as to what is happening, or should happen, in the areas of missions and evangelism both on the church level and in our Conference programs and youth activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Conference annual setting include an Evangelism and Mission rally combined, and that this rally be held on Wednesday night during the annual setting of the Conference;

That the rally be planned to include pertinent and proper information as to happenings in the Conference missions program and the youth work as it

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## HOME RECEIVES MEMORIALS

An ever-increasing number of thoughtful people, desiring to honor the memory of a departed friend or loved one, is sending memorials in the form of contributions to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Families of those whose memories are so honored will be notified of the contribution by an appropriate card the same day the memorial is received and the names are listed in *The Free Will Baptist*.

### JUNE 1982 MEMORIALS

#### Donor:

Selma Ray Briley  
Mrs. G. S. Tucker Jr.  
Ellen Casey Bryan  
Winston Wooten  
Dublin Grove  
Mrs. Parthenia Goulding  
Kenly Auxilliary  
Christine Innmar  
Samuel A. Pittman  
Margaret S. Briley

#### In Memory of:

Clarence and Martha Briley  
W. T. Clark Jr.  
Emma E. Casey  
J. H. Wooten  
H. W. Hudnell  
I. G. Weatherly  
Jessie Woodard  
James Atlas Pittman  
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Walter and Catherine Briley

### JULY 1982 MEMORIALS

Mrs. Willie S. Johnson  
Kenly Church Auxilliary  
Mrs. Beverly A Batchelor

Blanche Snell  
Jesse Woodard  
Robert Earl Phillips

### AUGUST 1982 MEMORIALS

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lucas  
Mrs. Parthenia Goulding  
Winston D. Wooten  
Kenly Church Auxilliary  
Mrs. Eunice Pierce

Horace E. Mixon  
Hattie Bragg  
J. H. Sutton  
Jesse Woodard  
Blanche Snell

#### In Memory of Robert Earl Phillips:

Joseph L. Lewis, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stallings

Gladys O'Geary  
Mrs. Ruby Bundy

## HOME RECEIVES DONATION



WILSON STREET MACHINES LTD., INC. Auto Club of Wilson, North Carolina, hands to Mr. E. Howard Cayton, Executive Director of the Children's Home, a substantial donation. Left to Right: Jan Chamblee, Member; Rusty Flora, Treasurer; E. Howard Cayton, Executive Director of Home; Martin Cobb, President; James Brantley, Member.

WILSON STREET MACHINES LTD., is an organization designed to promote interest in the sport of street machines and preservation of these special interest cars and trucks. Street machines are cars or trucks produced after the 1948 model year and have been modified by the owner to suit his/her personal wishes, tastes and desires. Each vehicle must be street legal in all respects and registered. It must be safe and meet all state safety standards.

The club was formed to give street machiners in the Wilson, North Carolina, area a chance to meet other people that share the same interests and to improve the public image of this motor sport. One must see one of their "creations" to appreciate the spotless condition and appearance of these cars—two of which appear in the picture.

This donation was the Club's award won in a recent competition. Words cannot express the gratitude of the Children's Home to these young people for their interest in assisting the children of the Home.

## NOTICE

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference will meet at 10 a.m., September 20 in the Conference Room at the Kinston Bible and Bookstore. Anyone having business with the board is asked to come at this time.

Francis Garner

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Curtis Jones announces that he now has a new address. It is 303 Robin Lane, Clayton, North Carolina 27520; phone, 553-5338.

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### **TWO-MINUTE PRAYER CLUB NEWS**

The "Two-Minute Prayer Club" has almost reached a membership of 2,000. It is encouraging to see this response. I believe a strong prayer base will result in a strong mission outreach. God is going to bless our efforts because we see the need of prayer. If you have not yet become a member, **join today!**

I have made a change in the new promise card. The old prayer promise card read, "I promise to faithfully pray two minutes every day for World Missions." The new prayer promise card reads, "I promise to faithfully pray every day for World Missions." The reason for this change is because there were some who expressed a concern for being bound by time. I am, however, retaining the name "Two-Minute Prayer Club," since it is already established.

#### **Prayer Items:**

1. Pray for laborers for Mexico, India and the Philippines.
2. Pray daily for our missionaries and workers in each country.
3. Pray for a new missions consciousness in our churches.
4. Pray for the Director and Foreign Missions Board.
5. Pray for Director's trip to India—September 20—October 14, and for a great annual convention in India.

#### **"HE DID—HE CAN—HE WILL!"**

The God that stopped the sun on high,  
And sent the manna from the sky,  
Laid flat the walls of Jericho,  
And put to flight old Israel's foe.  
Why can't He answer prayer today,  
And drive each stormy cloud away?  
Who turned the water into wine,  
And healed a helpless cripple's spine—  
Commanded tempests, "Peace be still."  
And hungry multitudes did fill,  
His power is just the same today.  
So why not labor, watch and pray?  
He conquered in the lion's den,  
Brought Lazarus back to life again.  
He heard Elijah's cry for rain,  
And freed the sufferers from pain.  
If He could do those wonders then,  
Let's prove our mighty God again.  
Why can't the God Who raised the dead,  
Gave little David Goliath's head—  
Cast out the demons with a word,  
Yet sees the fall of one wee bird—  
Do signs and miracles today,  
In that same good old-fashioned way?  
**HE CAN.** He's just the same today.

—Martin Luther

### **LOSTNESS**

When I was five years old, I began to come to an understanding of lostness. It was during World War II. My dad worked as a welder in the Newport News shipyard. A large battleship had just been completed and the company opened it to the public for one day. There was a large crowd of people that turned out to see that great mass of steel. I remember a few things about the ship, but the thing that has remained most vivid in my mind all these years has been that of a boy about my age standing with a guard at the exit gate when we were leaving. He was crying and anxiously looking at every adult who passed by. He had been separated from his parents in the crowd. He was lost! I remember gripping my dad's large, strong hand just a little tighter when I saw that boy. I felt so sad for him; he was lost, I was safe.

Friends, there are millions of people who are lost today, not from their earthly parents, but they are separated from the Heavenly Father by sin and ignorance of the gospel. They look anxiously to idols, superstitions and false religions for hope, but are always disappointed. "... for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Jesus Christ is the only hope for lost mankind; all else is disappointment.

**THE SUPREME TASK OF THE CHURCH IS THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD.** People outside of Christ must hear the gospel. "... for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that

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## MOC ALUMNUS TO GIVE RECITAL



W. Burkette (Burke) Raper Jr., minister of music and organist at Grace Baptist Church in Durham, will give an organ recital at the First Baptist Church, Mount Olive, on September 21, at 7:30 p.m. The recital is a part of the Mount Olive College Concert and Lecture Series.

Raper is a 1976 graduate of Mount Olive College where he was the recipient of the Cora Lee Spivey award for musical excellence.

He received a Bachelor of Music Degree in Church Music and Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College in 1980. He has done further study in organ under Fenner Douglass at Duke University.

Raper is the son of President and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## CAMPUS YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS TO SPONSOR SING

Two Mount Olive College youth organizations will sponsor a gospel sing featuring the Celestials of Wallace on Tuesday, September 21, at 7 p.m., in the downtown campus auditorium. The Free Will Baptist

Fellowship and the Baptist Student Union are hosting the event.

Two Mount Olive College students are members of the Celestials and will be performing with the group.

Greg Ottaway, pianist and second tenor, is a freshman at Mount Olive College and a member of Verona Free Will Baptist Church. He is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Ottaway of Jacksonville.

Tim Phelps, who plays lead guitar and banjo, is also a freshman and a member of Warsaw Free Will Baptist Church. He is the grandson of Paul and Catherine Lee of Kenansville and the son of Paula Phelps.

The public is invited to attend.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE GETS \$150,000 BEQUEST



*The children of the late John Thomas Boykin of Wilson County are thanked by President W. Burkette Raper (left). From left to right are Dr. Thomas C. Boykin; his sister, Mrs. Sylvia Andracchio; his brother, Bexley Boykin; and James B. Hunt Sr., chairman of the Board of Trustees.*

*(Photo by Steve Herring, Mount Olive Tribune)*

An unrestricted bequest of \$150,000 from the late John Thomas Boykin of Sims, North Carolina, to Mount Olive College has been announced by his family.

Boykin was a student from 1918-1919 at Ayden Seminary, the educational institution which was a forerunner of Mount Olive College. The Wilson County merchant and farmer died last March.

Explaining that his father had had a "rewarding and pleasant association" with Ayden Seminary, Dr. Thomas Boykin of Goldsboro said that

the money is to be used "as the College desires."

James B. Hunt Sr., Chairman, expressed appreciation to the Boykin family on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Stating that he had known John Thomas Boykin for years, Hunt explained that Mount Olive College meant a great deal to Boykin.

President W. Burkette Raper said that the gift will play a very "significant and meaningful part in helping Mount Olive College attain four-year status."

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# **MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES**

**\$1,500,000**

## **First Mortgage Interest Bearing Bonds**

**For the Construction of**

# **COLLEGE HALL**

**A Convention Center for  
Original Free Will Baptists  
and**

**A Physical Education-Athletic Center  
For the College**

**Interest Paid Semi-Annually**

**12% Interest on Bonds Maturing 1½ – 3 Years**

Amount Invested	\$10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Semi-annual Return	\$ 600	\$ 300	\$ 60	\$ 30

### **Compound Interest Chart**

(Interest compounded—paid at maturity)

	Year	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500
<b>12½%</b> (12.89% annual yield)	3½	\$15,286.30	\$ 7,643.15	\$ 1,528.63	\$ 764.32
	4	16,241.70	8,120.85	1,624.17	812.09
	4½	17,256.80	8,628.40	1,725.68	862.84
	5	18,355.40	9,167.70	1,833.54	916.77
<b>13%</b> (13.42% annual yield)	5½	19,991.50	9,995.75	1,999.15	999.58
	6	21,291.00	10,645.50	2,129.10	1,064.55
	6½	22,674.90	11,337.45	2,267.49	1,133.74
	7	24,148.70	12,074.35	2,414.87	1,207.44

### **What a Mount Olive College Bond Can Mean to You**

1. Current Income—Rates are guaranteed.
2. Investments for the education of children or grandchildren at the college of their choice.
3. Retirement.
4. Self-disciplined savings.
5. Special purpose (for example, a trip abroad or home improvement).
6. Christmas presents.
7. Gift(s) to someone you love.

**For More Information and a Copy of the Offering Circular  
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Office of the President  
Mount Olive College  
Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365  
Telephone (919) 658-5250



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1981 - JUNE 30, 1982

### RECEIPTS

#### ALBEMARLE

Albemarle District Auxiliary	\$ 280.60
Albemarle Union Meeting	19.00
Cape Colony	20.00
Corinth	125.00
Free Union	86.40
Hickory Chapel	794.07
Malachi's Chapel	278.55
Mount Tabor	259.89
Mount Zion (Roper)	297.40
Piney Grove (Roper)	84.00
Plymouth, First	50.00
Saint Paul	338.52
Shiloh	281.63
Sidney	897.31
Sound Side	10.00
Union Chapel	666.70
Total	\$ 4,489.07

#### CAPE FEAR

Bethel (Johnston County)	\$ 150.00
Cape Fear Conference	243.46
Casey's Chapel	100.00
Catalpa	76.13
Daly's Chapel	175.00
Eastover Mission	375.00
Goldsboro, First	1,097.50
Haymount Mission	990.76
Hopewell	98.52
Johnston Union	336.00
Lee's Chapel	751.07
Mount Olive	10.00
Oak Grove (Newton Grove)	75.00
Palmer Memorial	452.49
Pleasant Grove	200.00
Powhatan	562.79
Riverside	620.00
Robert's Grove	296.00
Saint Mary's Grove	123.40
Saint Paul	75.00
Shady Grove	1,287.65
Smithfield, First	245.00
Tee's Chapel	475.00
Victory	100.89
Wooten's Chapel	186.11
Yelverton Grove	120.00
Total	\$ 9,222.77

#### CENTRAL

Aspen Grove	\$ 150.73
Ayden	490.00
Bethany	296.29
Black Jack	466.26
Central District	
Auxiliary Convention	70.73
Central Conference	
Missions Board	850.00
Community	32.50
Daniels Chapel	1,573.30
Dilda's Grove	40.00

Edgewood	169.01
Elm Grove	774.39
Free Union (Greene County)	550.50
Friendship (Greene County)	1,570.92
Greenville, First	620.00
Grimsley	282.50
Gum Swamp	256.00
Harrell's Chapel	860.00
Hickory Grove	111.31
Howell Swamp	72.00
Hugo	833.90
Hull Road	732.00
King's Cross Roads	498.47
LaGrange	532.82
Little Creek	225.50
Marlboro	230.33
Ormondsville	270.00
Otter's Creek	380.55
Owens Chapel	360.00
Peace	71.50
Piney Grove (Beaufort County)	85.00
Piney Grove (Pitt County)	202.50
Pleasant Hill (Pitt County)	32.50
Reedy Branch	275.35
Roanoke Rapids, First	25.75
Rocky Mount, First	510.00
Rocky Mount Mission	1,069.86
Rose Hill	810.00
Rose of Sharon	112.50
Saratoga	445.00
Second Union Meeting	47.08
Spring Branch	750.50
Sweet Gum Grove	80.00
Tarboro, First	1,540.00
Walnut Creek	200.00
Watery Branch	30.00
Williamston, First	536.31
Winterville	1,668.44
Total	\$21,792.30

#### EASTERN

Arapahoe	\$ 300.28
Antioch	300.00
Beaufort	265.00
Bethlehem	275.00
Bethel	120.00
Beulaville	132.00
British Chapel	300.00
Bridgeton	193.00
Cabin	62.50
Christian Chapel	314.00
Core Creek	282.40
Crab Point	185.32
Croatan	105.00
Davis	432.71
Deep Run	80.00
Dublin Grove	50.00
Edwards Chapel	20.00
Faith (Morehead)	100.00
Faith Mission	15.00
Fifth Sunday School	
Convention	50.00
Fifth Union Meeting	80.00
Folkstone	540.00
Free Union	25.00

Friendship (Jones)	60.00
Gethsemane	439.01
Gospel Outreach	10.00
Grants Chapel	58.81
Gray Branch	1,220.00
Hillsberry	1.50
Holly Springs	712.03
Indian Springs	40.00
Jackson Heights	211.80
Juniper Chapel	505.68
Kinston, First	240.00
Lanier's Chapel	45.00
Macedonia	251.50
May's Chapel	235.00
Moseley's Creek	360.00
Mount Zion	155.00
Mount Zion (Onslow)	125.00
New Haven (Ernul)	304.00
Northeast	344.41
Oak Grove (Vanceboro)	31.50
Oriental	40.00
Otway	25.00
Pearsall Chapel	320.00
Pilgrim's Home	150.00
Pilgrims Rest	190.00
Piney Grove	50.00
Rock of Zion	632.00
Rooty Branch	90.00
Russell's Creek	5.00
Sandy Plain	1,324.79
St. Mary's (New Bern)	1,183.12
Saints Delight	551.00
Smith's New Home	295.00
Smyrna	50.00
Sneads Ferry	50.00
Snow Hill	575.00
Sound View	609.49
Spring Hope	142.00
Third Union District	79.16
Verona	220.00
Wardens Grove	377.00
Warsaw	117.21
Welcome Home	125.00
Westside	361.00
Whaley's Chapel	207.00
White Oak Grove	147.00
Wintergreen	129.00
Total	\$17,622.22

#### INDIVIDUALS

Aycock, Ralph	\$ 100.00
Baker, Fred	180.00
Benson, Robert	1.00
Bishop, R. A.	5.00
Blackwell, Frank	10.00
Boltery, Frankie	1.00
Boykin, Fred T.	20.00
Bullon, Louise	1.00
Carroway, Ernest	5.00
Coats, Donald	20.00
Daughtry, Elma L.	5.00
Daw, Lula	1.00
Davis, Debbie	.50
Dew, Albestee	1.00
Duffy, Michael	1.00
Ellis, Lloyd and Betty	2.00

Elzar, Anna	1.00	Freedom Mission	458.25	Western District Youth	50.00
Forbes, Bishop	5.00	Mission Valley	22.76	Wilson, First	945.50
Forehand, Ken	5.00	Mount Calvary	37.50	Total	\$20,642.42
Fowler, Edna	10.00	Oak Grove	1,342.62		
Grimsley, John W.	150.00	Pee Dee District			
Gwinn, Corine	2.00	Auxiliary Convention	87.50		
Hall, Kenneth	1.00	Total	\$ 3,330.50	<b>OTHERS</b>	
Harris, Dennis I.	100.00			Fishers of Men	\$ 50.00
Hansley, David W.	113.20			Cash Offerings	
Harrison, Ray Jr.	10.00	<b>PIEDMONT</b>		(Mission Rally)	414.09
Heath, Roger	2.00	Advance Mission	\$ 64.33	Camp Vandemere	
Hill, David	50.00	Cathedral	20.00	Woman's Conference	83.50
Hobgood, Estelle	5.00	East Rockingham	1,466.58	Durham Area Watch	
Houston, Billy	5.00	Heritage Mission	254.81	Night Service	35.00
Hunt, James B.	100.00	High Point	149.43	North Carolina	
Jenkins, Stanley	2.00	Highland Pines	512.75	State Convention	50.00
Johnson, Sam	20.00	Hopewell (Hamlet)	154.00	North Carolina State	
Jones, Harold	50.00	Love Gospel	50.00	Woman's Auxiliary	19.24
Kennedy, Arthur	110.00	Sweet Haven	40.00	North Carolina State	
Kennedy, Percy	150.00	Total	\$2,711.90	Auxiliary Christian Service	236.12
Latham, Amada	1.00			In Memory of the Rev.	
Little, Lizzie	1.00	<b>WESTERN</b>		and Mrs. J. C. Griffin by	
Littleton, William	50.00	Agape Mission	\$ 250.00	Jesse and Dorothy Griffin	150.00
Love, Frank	5.00	Barnes Hill	200.00	In Memory of Randolph Harris	
Lucas, James C.	5.00	Branch Chapel	500.00	by Second Union Convention	50.00
MacAllen, Ethel	20.00	Calvary	120.00	Total	\$ 1,087.95
Manning, Elza	20.00	Durham, First	100.00	<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	\$83,058.33
May, Robert M.	2.00	Elwood Lane	16.88	<b>OTHER INCOME:</b>	
Mortez, Anna H.	5.00	Everett Chapel	3,450.58	Refunds	\$ 132.04
Morris, Deanye	6.00	Fellowship	39.50	Church Growth Seminar	482.00
Norris, Evelyn	1.00	First District		Earmarked Foreign Missions	
Nowell, Billy	20.00	Sunday School Convention	65.00	Expense	10.00
Owens, Blanche	1.00	First Union Meeting	330.00	Redeposited Checks	179.70
Page, DeWitt	100.00	Flood's Chapel	48.00	Withdrawn Savings	2,027.63
Patrick, C. L.	50.00	Free Union (Nash)	27.20	Total Other Income	\$ 2,831.37
Pait, Frank L.	1.00	Free Spirit	15.00	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	\$85,889.70
Phipps, Dot	2.00	Fremont	669.95		
Pierce, Mae	1.00	Friendship	511.00	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Pipkin, Kathleen P.	10.00	Holly Springs	290.00	Missions (All Missionaries' Sal-	
Price, T. P.	1.00	Kenly	292.77	aries, Expenses, Director)	
Price, Mozelle	10.00	Little Rock	501.75	All Missions Travel Expenses	6,303.51
Ransom, Bill	30.00	Living Waters	480.00	Deaf Camp	800.00
Rhodes, Walter	25.00	Marsh Swamp	577.73	Payments on Loans	10,707.50
Riley, Dianne	25.00	Micro	28.63	Christian Communications	396.58
Sasser, R. T.	25.00	Milbournie	278.10	Refunds	200.00
Sasser, Ada B.	25.00	Mount Zion (Nash)	249.17	Church Seminar Speakers	475.00
Sellers, Robert L.	15.00	Mount Zion (Wilson)	34.00	Office Supplies and Equipment	2,041.25
Smith, S. A.	100.00	New Sandy Hill	100.00	Office Rent	1,200.00
Sprouse, Lewis	50.00	Northern	1,589.00	Telephone	825.21
Strickland, Elton	1.00	Oak Grove (Elm City)	438.10	Bookkeeping, Auditing,	
Sumner, Faye	1.00	People's Chapel	226.03	Printing, Postage and	
Sumner, Ralph	10.00	Piney Grove	353.00	General Office Expenses	7,571.69
Sumner, Wilbert	25.00	Pine Level	361.50	Earmarked Taylor Hill	
Taylor, Wayne	2.00	Pleasant Grove	521.50	Medical Expense	2,010.00
Thornton, Edward	5.00	Pleasant Hill	300.00	Earmarked Foreign Missions	10.00
Tripp, Peggy	5.00	Pleasant Plain	155.00	<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	\$103,905.91
Turnage, Mrs. R. G.	8.00	Rains Cross Roads	89.50	<b>CASH IN BANK:</b>	
Uobtmann, Gunwas	1.00	Rock Springs	22.40	Balance July 1, 1981	\$ 23,478.85
Vard, Chester	142.50	Second Union Meeting	50.00	Total Receipts	85,889.70
Vatson, Glenn	5.00	Selma	105.00		109,365.55
Walston, Margaret	1.00	St. Mary's	930.00	Less Disbursements:	103,905.91
Webb, Robert	1.00	Sherron Acres	650.00	Balance June 30, 1982	\$ 5,462.64
Williams, Evelyn	5.00	Spring Hill	1,122.35	<b>CASH IN SAVINGS:</b>	
Williams, Frank	75.00	Stancil's Chapel	273.35	Balance July 1, 1981	20,819.53
Wright, Peggy	15.00	Stoney Creek	1,655.00	Interest earned during year	1,849.36
Wood, Cynthia	5.00	Stony Hill	159.60		22,668.89
Total	\$ 2,160.20	Trinity	520.00	Withdrawn from Savings	2,027.63
		Unity (Wilson)	200.00	Balance June 30, 1982	\$20,641.26
<b>PEE DEE</b>		Unity (Durham)	65.00		
Beverdam	\$ 919.75	Union Grove	616.35	Respectfully submitted,	
Cypress Creek	262.12	Watson's Grove	50.00	Charles W. Crisp	
Emerson	200.00	Western District Auxiliary	18.98	Executive Director/Treasurer	



## SUNDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 15:1-13

### STEP BY STEP

I got an early-morning emergency call to go to a distant hospital. During the night a heavy fog had blanketed Chicago. As I went to the garage for my car, I became alarmed as I thought upon the shadowy, half-hidden dangers I would encounter on the drive to the hospital. With great apprehension I backed my car into the murky street. As I drove cautiously along I soon observed that the ghostly, indistinct, distant objects became clearly visible when I reached them. My fears subsided.

"How like the will of God," I said to myself.

*As we move forward the surrounding guideposts are clearly visible. The indistinct, unknown ones scintillate with light when we approach them. The song of our submissive hearts becomes:*

*Step by step to the glory land,  
My Saviour guides with a loving hand;  
I go to dwell with the blood-washed band,  
And step by step He will lead me!*

## MONDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 15:14-27

### A TRUSTWORTHY GUIDE

While crossing a dangerous swamp in Africa some years ago a native guide preceded me, and stepping from one clump of grass to another we painfully made our way across. Every clump looked alike to me, but repeatedly he warned me not to step on certain clumps of grass which seemed to me to be just as secure as those we were standing on. Through long experience he had learned which were safe and rooted to solid ground, and which were merely floating clumps that would have sunk beneath my feet and permitted me to fall into this deadly quicksand. So, as the believer goes through life it is the Holy Spirit who guides him and tells him where to place each foot on the stable foundation of truth, and how to avoid the deceitful floating clumps of falsehood and temptation.

*The Christian sails on the sea of life with an invisible Captain on board. Our Captain knows*

*our sealed orders from the moment we embark, and He will pilot us over life's tempestuous sea.*

*Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.*

## TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 16:1-14

### CHURCHILL'S DELIVERANCE

At a meeting in London, Winston Churchill gave the story of his escape from a South African military prison in Pretoria. Churchill told how, after wandering in the region round Pretoria for two or three days, and feeling at the end of his tether, he made up his mind to present himself at the door of one of the houses whose lights were twinkling in the valley below. Although a price had been set upon his head, he thought there was a chance of some friendly soul in the heart of that enemy country, and he prayed earnestly that he might be guided to the right house. Then he went up to the door of one of the houses and knocked. A man opened the door and asked him what he wanted. "I am Winston Churchill," he replied. "Come in," said a friendly voice. "This is the only house for miles in which you would be safe."

*I know not where my Lord may lead,  
O'er barren plain or grassy mead,  
Through valley, or on mountain crest,  
But where He leads, I know 'tis best.*

## WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 16:15-33

### AT THE CROSSROADS

He stood at the crossroads all alone,  
With the sunrise in his face;  
He had no thought for the world unknown,  
He was set for a manly race.  
But the road stretched east and the road stretched west,  
And the boy did not know which road was the best.  
So he took the wrong road, and his life went down,  
And he lost the race and the victor's crown;  
He was caught at last in a sinful snare,  
*Because no one stood at the crossroads there,  
To show him the better road.*

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Another day at the selfsame place,  
 A boy with high hopes stood;  
 He, too, was set for a manly race,  
 He was seeking the things that were good.  
 But one was there who the roads did know,  
 And that one showed him which way to go;  
 So he turned away from the road that went down,  
 And he won the race and the victor's crown.  
 He walks today on the Highway fair,  
*Because one stood at the crossroads there,  
 To show him the better road.*

*Life is no straight and easy corridor along  
 which we travel free and unhampered, but a  
 maze of passages, through which we must seek  
 our way—now lost and confused, now checked in  
 a blind alley. But always God will open a door for  
 us, not perhaps one that we ourselves would ever  
 have thought of, but one that will ultimately  
 prove good for us.*

## THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 17:1-12

### A TELEGRAM FROM HEAVEN

Paul Rader had many a talk with a banker in New York, who would reply that he was too busy for religion. But the banker overworked and was sent to a sanatorium for a complete rest. One day God spoke to Paul Rader. The message was quite clear, "Go and speak to S....." Rader caught a train and went with all speed to the sanatorium.

As he drew near he saw the banker standing in the doorway. "Oh, Rader," he said, "I am so glad to see you." "I received your telegram," said Rader.

"No," he said, "that is impossible. I wrote a telegram begging you to come, but I tore it up. I did not send it." "That may be so," said Mr. Rader, "but your message came by way of Heaven."

He found his friend was under deep conviction of sin; and he pointed him to Christ as a perfect Saviour. The banker accepted Christ as his Saviour, and his heart was filled with joy.

"Rader," he said, "did you ever see the sky so blue or the grass so green?" "Ah," said Rader, "we sometimes sing:

Heaven above is softer blue,  
 Earth around is sweeter green;  
 Something lives in every hue  
 Christless eyes have never seen."

Suddenly the banker leaned against Mr. Rader and fell into his arms—dead.

*What if today we wistful stand,  
 And on the future gaze,*

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*We see not far, nor understand,  
 The road is wrapped in haze,  
 God still will lead, by His good hand,  
 In unexpected ways!*

## FRIDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 17:13-26

### THE ROAD OF NO RETURN

It was dark and the colonel and his driver were hurrying along in a jeep, anxious to return to their own lines. Coming to a fork in the road they spied a lone MP stationed there to guide traffic. Getting the necessary directions, they were on their way. After a few miles, the driver sensed something wrong and got out to investigate. He walked ahead about thirty feet in the gloom. And there, where a bridge should have been, was a yawning drop of several hundred feet. Enraged, the colonel drove back to the MP and demanded an explanation. Weary, the MP sighed: "I can't understand, Sir. I've been sending traffic that way all night and you're the first to complain."

*How careful we should be to guide and direct  
 others to the right way.*

## SATURDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—John 21

### HE LEADETH ME

In pastures green? Not always; sometimes He  
 Who knoweth best in kindness leadeth me  
 In weary ways, where heavy shadows be,  
 Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright,  
 Out of the sunshine into darkest night;  
 I oft would faint with sorrow and affright  
 Only for this—I know He holds my hand,  
 So whether in a green or desert land  
 I trust, although I may not understand.

And by still waters? No, not always so;  
 Ofttimes the heavy tempests round me blow,  
 And o'er my soul the waves and billows go,  
 But when the storm beats loudest, and I cry  
 Aloud for help, the Master standeth by  
 And whispers to my soul: "Lo! it is I."  
 Above the tempest wild I hear Him say:  
 "Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day;  
 In every path of thine I lead the way."

So whether on the hilltop high and fair  
 I dwell, or in the sunless valley where  
 The shadows lie—what matters? He is there.  
 And more than this; where'er the pathway lead,

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## **GOD GIVES JACOB A NEW NAME**

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 32:9-12,  
22-30

**Memory Verse:** Genesis 32:28

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Last week we read of Abram, who believed God and became a pioneer in a new country. His name meant "exalted father." Why would parents give such a name to a newborn baby? Possibly the name tells what his parents hoped he would become, or perhaps it was Abram's father who was exalted at the baby's birth. Wouldn't any man at the age of 130 be on cloud nine if a son were born to him?

Abram was promised descendants as numerous as the stars of the sky. In token of that promise God gave Abram a name, *Abraham*, father of a multitude (Genesis 17:5).

For a time the multitude seemed to be very slow in coming. Abraham was a hundred years old when at last the child of promise was born. That child, Isaac, was a bachelor till he was forty, and then he was childless for twenty more years. At sixty he became the father of twins. One of the twins, Jacob, was the man who really started the family on its way to becoming a multitude. He had four wives, twelve sons, and a daughter. Before he died there were seventy in the family, not counting in-laws. And he also received a new name.

Jacob was younger than his brother, but not much. His birth followed so swiftly that his baby hand was grasping his brother's heel. That was the reason for his name: *Jacob*, heel-grabber. Among older children or adults, one may catch another's heel to trip

him, cause him to fall, and take his place. So the name *Jacob* means also a usurper or supplanter.

The name proved to be prophetic. Jacob twice supplanted his brother Esau. By immemorial custom, the elder brother was entitled to receive a larger share of the estate and to be the head of the family when the father died. But Jacob cleverly bought his reckless brother's birthright. With even more cleverness and less honesty, he later managed to steal the blessing his father intended to give Esau. To the older brother that was the last straw. He proposed to recoup his losses by killing Jacob.

Jacob quickly left the country and went to Haran. That was his mother's childhood home, and her brother still lived there with his family. Jacob had two purposes for this trip: to save his life and to find a wife. He did save his life, and in finding a wife he succeeded beyond his fondest dreams. When he came back after twenty years he had four wives, twelve sons, and a daughter. He also had numerous servants and huge flocks of livestock.

With all this wealth, however, Jacob had a problem. Was Esau still angry enough to kill him? He sent some of his servants ahead to announce his coming. They came back to report that Esau was coming to meet him, and bringing a force of four hundred men. Such a number would not be needed just to welcome a long-lost brother in peace. Jacob was terrified, but at least he knew where to look for help.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. HINTS THAT HELP**

A. Each of the patriarchs was important in his own way.

But if we were called upon to pick out the three greatest we would pick out Abraham, who has been called the father of the Jewish race of people. Then we would pick out Jacob who has been called the progenitor of the race. He was the father of the twelve tribes of Israel. Finally, we would pick Joseph because through him God provided for the nation in a time of famine.

B. It is easy to see that in Jacob we have a picture of sinful humanity and what the grace of God does for us in salvation. In his earlier days he was a schemer, always deceitful to get what he wanted; however, after he met God at Peniel he was completely changed. What a difference God makes in a person's life!

C. There are some things about the story of Jacob that are simply past our understanding. All we can do is back away from them and say that they are in the sovereignty of God. Why did God choose Jacob over Esau? Why did God still use Jacob after he had deceived his father and his brother? Why did Jacob succeed with God after being so forgetful of God in his earlier life? We do not know the answers to these questions any more than we know the answers to some of the things in our own lives.

D. Jacob's prayer is a model. He pled the fact that he was in the will of God. He asked for God's protection upon himself and his family, and he pled the promises of God. He even pled the providence of God. A careful study of this prayer will be a blessing.

—*The Bible Teacher* (F. W. B.)

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## EDITORIAL

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Christ is not seen in our services; He is not seen in our sermons, in our lives. Instead, men see us and they turn from God and the church because they are sick and disgusted. Our abilities, our enthusiasm, our actions, and statistics may be evident; but our uncrucified flesh spoils everything! No matter how well we know the gospel message in theory, we seem to have forgotten that the way of the Cross cuts across every plan and purpose and principle of man's will and wisdom.

Men are not looking for flowery words, our thoughts, and indications of our cleverness; they are looking for signs of the Christ and for direction to Him. We are His witnesses before a world of unbelievers. What kind of witnesses are we?

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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believeth . . ." (Romans 1:16). Unless they are introduced to Christ and trust Him as their Lord and Saviour they will be lost for eternity.

My prayer is that the Lord will open our spiritual eyes and understanding to the meaning of being **lost for eternity**. Then I believe we will maximize our efforts in world outreach.

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

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relates to summer camp activities in evangelistic and stewardship programs carried on in the Conference area.

That this responsibility be designated to the Missions Board of the Conference and that they be charged with the responsibility of preparing and advertising such a meeting and that they solicit full cooperation of all the churches in the Conference.

After discussion, it was referred by motion to the Executive Committee and the Missions Board for further study as to its implementation and so as to include Camp Vandemere.

In compliance with the resolution and after study by the Executive Committee, the Missions and Camp Vandemere Boards are planning a service to be held at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, October 20th.

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A hotdog/hamburger supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. which will be provided by the churches of Carteret County. The worship service will begin at 7:30 and will feature a number of personalities and information about Conference mission work and our camping program for 1983.

We are encouraging each church to cancel its Wednesday evening service and to come and be with us at Holly Springs. We are especially inviting the YFA, AFC, and Cherubs Youth Directors to attend with their groups.

Watch *The Free Will Baptist* for more information.

Walter J. Sutton

## FAMILY DEVOTIONS

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He gives to me no helpless,  
broken reed,  
But his own hand sufficient for  
my need.  
So where He leadeth I can  
safely go;  
And in the blest hereafter I  
shall know  
Why, in His wisdom, He hath  
led me so.

*Without Christ as our Pilot  
and without the Bible as our  
guide, we are like an ocean  
vessel without chart, compass  
and captain; drifting from no  
port to no port, "tossed to and  
fro, and carried about with  
every wind of doctrine."*

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Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B.  
Knight.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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## DOLA DUDLEY APPOINTED TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE POSITION



Mrs. Dola Dudley

Mrs. Dola Dudley of Smithfield has been appointed bonds record secretary at Mount Olive College. Her responsibility will be the record keeping for the College Hall bond issue.

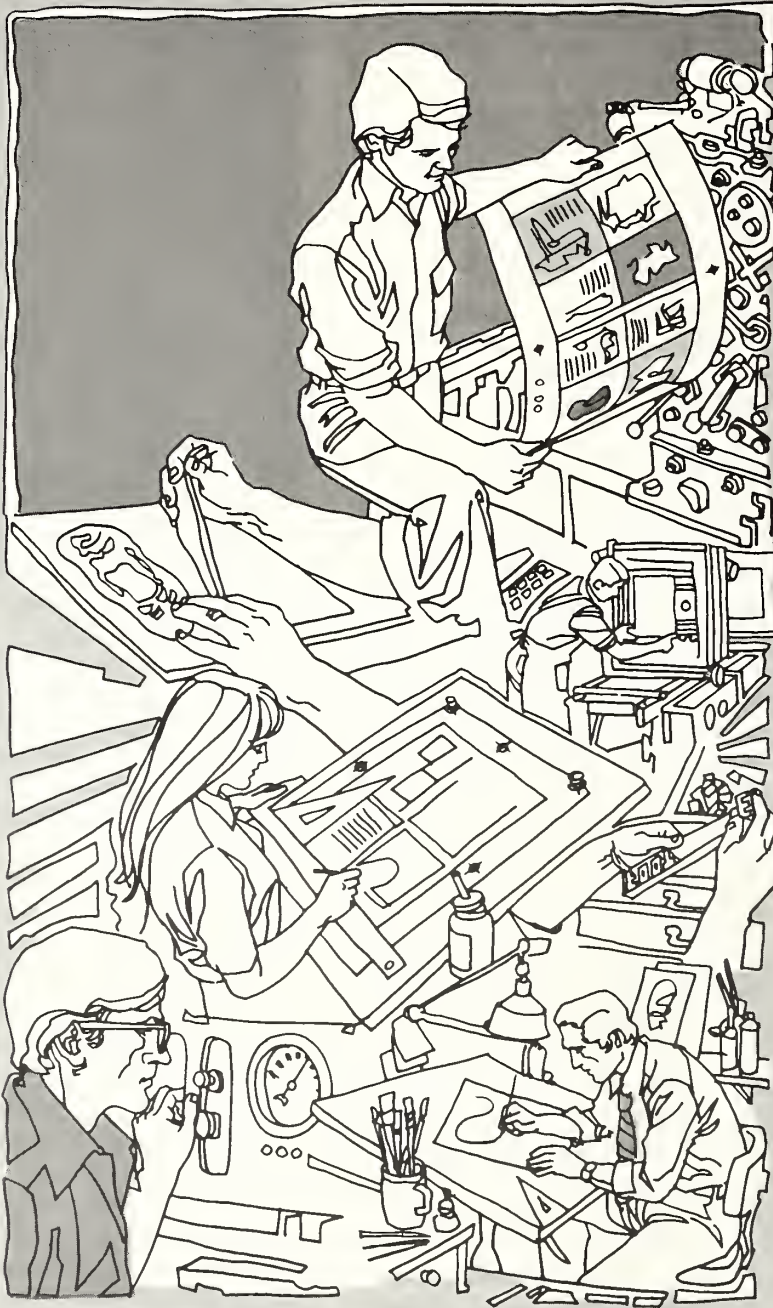
She is a member of Palmer Memorial Church where she serves as church clerk and adult Sunday school teacher. Mrs. Dudley is also program-prayer chairman for the State Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Dudley stated that because of her interest in the Free Will Baptist Church and Christian education, she wanted to have a part in helping Mount Olive College be the best institution possible.

She has attended both King's Business College and Hard-barger's Business College as well as the National School of Commerce.

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# THE HISTORY OF CATALPA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

by the Rev. Alton Howard

As I write to each of you about the history of Catalpa Free Will Baptist Church, my heart is overflowing with love and gratitude. Many things have taken place in the last few years for this joyous event to come about and it becomes extremely difficult to write such feelings on paper. God has truly blessed this work, and we all are very thankful for His grace and love.

When God called me into the ministry, I was a member of Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina. My family and I really loved our church and we had many Christian friends whom we hated to leave. But the Lord was calling me to a greater work for Him and I was licensed to preach through Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church. My pastor, the Rev. Taylor Hill, director of the Home Missions Department at the time, went to Mount Olive College with me in April, 1974. We met in the library on campus. Our mission endeavor was approved and supported by the Home Missions Department.

My home church then commissioned me to go out into Fayetteville to begin a work for God. We were very fortunate to find the location that we are in at the present time. When we first saw the house, another group was having church there. When they left, Hubbard Realty put the house up for rent and we rented it. This was the beginning of what was to be a most

fruitful and blessed time of sharing and sacrificing. We had no money when we began this work, but we stepped out on faith and trust that Jesus would be with us throughout our endeavor. We found an old piano which looked extremely beautiful to us, and it is still very much a part of the church today. It is used in our fellowship hall and often reminds us of our early years of struggling to become a church. Several of our Christian friends made donations to us. Goldsboro First Free Will Baptist Church gave us some old pews. Our hymnals were donated by Winterville Free Will Baptist Church. The house was not equipped with an air-conditioning unit, and Mr. Arthur Kennedy donated a unit to us. It took a lot of team work to prepare the house for our first service, but we all labored through our love for Jesus Christ and our love for each other.

We had our first service on May 5, 1974. It was a day which none of us will ever forget. We were in great anticipation concerning this service and had spent many hours praying for laborers. After all the toiling to prepare a place to worship, it really hadn't dawned on us that once the building was prepared, we would be equipped for visitors. But reality hit us in the face when the first car drove into the parking area. My family and one other family which began the mission

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with us started running around and wondering what we were going to do; we actually had a visitor. I told them that we were going to have church! And praise God, we did! There were 9 people for Sunday school and 13 people for church.

The Lord began to send people our way and souls were being saved. We had no place to baptize our new members and I was still a licensed minister, so the Rev. Taylor Hill baptized them at his church the last Sunday in May. We also had dinner on the grounds and a singing and testimony service afterwards. We had visitors from our home church and Victory Free Will Baptist Mission. We decided that the last Sunday in May would be our annual Homecoming service. The mission was named Eastwood Free Will Baptist Mission.

It seemed that everything was going well. But Satan did not like it and soon the family that helped us start the mission became dissatisfied and went back to the mother church. Many times it seemed dark and lonely. At one Wednesday night service, we had only four people. At this point, I spoke with Brother Taylor Hill and told him about my concerns and desires to just go back to the home church and to be a better church member than ever before. But God was calling me to a greater work. Brother Hill and his wife, Lois, were such an inspiration to me and to my family. They will never know how much they have meant to me and how much they helped this mission to become the church it is today. Brother Dean Kennedy and his wife, Treva, worked very closely with us, also, and words cannot express our love and appreciation to them. Our Free Will Baptist friends really supported us with their prayers and through the Home Missions Department. From the beginning, our mission supported all

of the denominational enterprises of the Original Free Will Baptists. We attended the Youth Rallies and we received the banner for highest attendance. We were received into the fellowship of the Cape Fear Union Meeting and the Cape Fear Conference. There was a definite need for a bus ministry. The Lord helped us to get a bus. We used the bus to bring people to Sunday school and to church. We also took the bus on field trips and spiritual retreats. We began to really reach out into the community and to bring the lost ones in.

At this time, we changed our name to Catalpa Free Will Baptist Mission, after the street which the mission was located on, believing on faith that we could eventually buy the house and lot that the mission was located on. We assumed a VA loan and the owner assisted us with a second mortgage in November, 1975. Souls were still being saved and the work was progressing along beautifully. One of the most beautiful memories was on the bank of a lake in Hope Hills, North Carolina. Three of the Fayetteville missions baptized 36 precious souls. One couple renewed their wedding vows and we dedicated a baby to the Lord. This was a joyous time for everyone. We praise God for all the blessings, for without Him, we could do nothing.

Still looking to Jesus for help, we began looking for ways to start building our sanctuary. A man in Fayetteville gave us an old house to tear apart and to use as we saw fit. We worked in the sleet, snow, and rain to preserve the lumber and to store it until such time as we would need it to build the sanctuary. Again, having no funds, we found a man who moved the house back on the lot to make room for the sanctuary to be built. It was as if God had opened the windows of Heaven. We started to work diligently at preparing the house of the

Lord. We continued to hold services in the little house. I signed a note with Bass Heating and Air-Conditioning to put a central unit in the church, which was to be repaid in 30 days. Church Finance, through Brother Hubert Burress, helped us so much in obtaining a loan. I will never forget him, for truly he was a man of God.

As we toiled to build the sanctuary, we would contemplate the thought that if one soul was saved, it was worth the effort. Believing that our church should be built on the Word of God, we buried a Bible in two feet of cement, directly under the pulpit area, so that our preacher would always be standing on the Word of God.

Our first service in the new sanctuary was held on our annual Homecoming Day. A young lady named Martie Wright responded to the invitation to accept Christ as her Saviour, and it was as if God was putting His approval upon the work. Living by faith that all would be well, we accepted to host the Youth Rally that year. Thanks to God and all our many friends, the inside of the sanctuary was completed by that time. Later, we completed bricking the outside and added a front porch.

As I write this letter to you, our building is completed and to us, it is a work of beauty. We are planning to remodel our Sunday school rooms and our fellowship hall. We have paved our parking lot and just recently had a new sign made with the church name on it. Our services consist of Sunday school, Sunday morning worship service, Sunday evening worship service, and Wednesday night prayer meeting. We host a vacation Bible school every summer. Our ladies have formed a Woman's Auxiliary and they have worked diligently to become an A-1 auxiliary. The Men's Fellowship has

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## GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AT OAK GROVE CHURCH



The congregation of Oak Grove Church of Bladenboro, held its groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, July 4, for a new fellowship hall. Even though the temperature was soaring the people came together to give thanks to the Lord for this day.



The ceremony began with a prayer given by Mr. Elwood Bryan, deacon of the church. The Rev. James B. Hardee of Elizabethtown, pastor of Oak

Grove, read Scriptures taken from Genesis, Chronicles, and Psalm 24. Members of the deacon board who broke the ground were Mr. Miles Edwards, Mr. Fred L. Pait, Mr. Paxton Price, Mr. Elwood Bryan and Mr. David L. Pait.

The building will be 85 feet in length and 36 feet in width. It will be used for the youth, the auxiliary, and convention dinners.

Oak Grove has been blessed through the years with growth and prosperity. Although it was destroyed by fire, the people trusted God and held firm to keep the congregation together. It was rebuilt, and in 1961 growth was seen when Sunday school rooms were added to the white wood-framed church that had finally begun to take root. The Lord continued to bless the people of Oak Grove, but their hearts were sad when in 1967 they watched as the church they had grown to love was torn down to be replaced by a larger, more beautiful sanctuary. Even though thanks were given for the growth of the

church, memories would linger in the hearts of the people whose lives had been filled with the Spirit of the Lord in that old wood-framed church. But new memories were to be made as the church began to experience further growth. Young people began to fill the pews, along with the older members whose faith and prayers were to make Oak Grove what it was to become, thus calling for additional classrooms in 1974.

During all the building programs that Oak Grove has undertaken, God has always lifted the financial burden much sooner than the people could have hoped. Keeping this in mind the people have now taken on this new responsibility in faith that the Lord will meet their needs. The men of the church are coming together to give of their time and effort to undertake building the fellowship hall. Anytime work for the Lord is taking place the devil does his best to destroy it. We ask for prayers that God will place His hands upon the men of the church as the first nail is driven until the time of completion, but above all that His will be done in this task.

### Heaven Bound to Present Program

Heaven Bound from Kinstor will present a program of gospel music on Thursday September 23, at White Oak Church, Highway 21 (Business) in Bladenboro. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the pastor, the Rev. Jack Lassiter, invites the public to attend.

### Shady Grove Sunday School Has Charge of Services

Under the leadership of Nelson Stewart, superintendent, the Sunday school of

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Shady Grove Church near Newton Grove had complete charge of the Sunday night service on August 22, 1982. The devotional was given by John Charles McLamb, a member of the Fidelis Class. Franklin Butler, also a member of Fidelis, led the prayer.

Pupils from each of the eleven classes gave a most interesting program, under the supervision of their teacher. Mrs. Lizzie Dawson, leader of the Sunday school's outreach program for shut-ins, played a tape of comments and thanks from each shut-in.

Certificates of promotion were presented by the teacher upon completion of their part on the program.

Certificates of recognition were presented to all present and past teachers. Their teaching years covered from fifteen to forty-three years.

It was most satisfying and heartwarming to see and hear what the teachers had accomplished with their pupils from the nursery up, in leading them to know and love the Lord.

Paul Surles, an intermediate pupil, prayed the benediction.

After adjournment, the large crowd present was invited to the fellowship building for a period of Christian fellowship and refreshments.

#### **Watchmen Quartet at Pleasant Plain Church**

The Watchmen Quartet will be at Pleasant Plain Church on Sunday, September 26, at 7 p.m. The church is located on Route 2, Selma. The pastor, the Rev. Ernie Price, invites everyone to attend.

#### **Moseley's Creek to Have Revival**

Moseley's Creek Church near Dover announces its fall revival, October 4-8 at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist for the week is the Rev. Frank Crary. He has been a hospital chaplain for the last 15 years, chaplain for

Caswell District of Boy Scouts for 12 years, and honorary chaplain of the 696th Heavy Maintenance Unit (National Guard) since 1966.

Mr. Crary serves on the State Convention Committee on Scouting. In connection with this activity, he has received a high honor of the Good Shepherd Award, a national honor presented to him during the 1979 State Convention. He also is a member of the Lenoir County Ministerial Association.

Special music will be presented. Moseley's Creek invites all to attend the services.

#### **Upcoming Events at First Church of Tarboro**

The First Church of Tarboro, will observe its 29th annual homecoming services, Sunday, September 26, with the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser as guest speaker. Lunch will be served at noon and the pastor, Dr. O. B. Jones, and members cordially invite the public to attend.

The fall revival services begin on Monday, September 27, and will continue through October 1, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Danny Braswell, from Pinetops, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special music each night and a nursery will be provided. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

#### **Revival Services to Be At Spring Hill Church**

The fall revival at Spring Hill Church, 4556 Highway 70 West, Goldsboro, will begin on Monday, September 27, and will continue through Friday, October 1. Prayer room opens at 7:15 p.m., and services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. James V. Joyner, pastor of First Church, Kenly, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing each night.

#### **Revival Services to Be At White Oak Church**

White Oak Church of Maysville in Jones County will

have revival services beginning September 27 and continuing through October 1. The speaker is the Rev. Grady Davis of Indian Springs Church. The pastor, the Rev. Frank Williams Jr., and the congregation extend an invitation to come and worship.

#### **Annual Harvest Sale To Be Held**

The Christian Fellowship Class of Winterville Church, Winterville, will sponsor their annual harvest sale on Saturday, October 2, at the Winterville Fire Station.

Various crafts and produce will be on sale at 9 a.m. including cheese biscuits, hot dogs at lunch and soup until 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the all-day event which will climax with a gospel sing at 6 p.m. and an auction at 7 p.m. All proceeds will go towards the new church, now under construction. The Rev. E. C. Taylor is pastor.

#### **First Church of Durham To Observe Homecoming**

First Church of Durham will observe homecoming services on September 26. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship at 11 a.m. The message will be brought by the pastor, the Rev. Fred Johnson. Immediately following the morning worship dinner will be served on the grounds, followed by a singspiration by the White Family of Creedmoor. The day's services will conclude with the afternoon sing. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

#### **White Oak Grove Plans Special Events**

The annual harvest day event will be held on September 25 with the members providing custom-made merchandise for the auction at White Oak Grove Church in Lenoir County.

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fall revival services will be held with the Rev. Ed Miles from Goldsboro as the evangelist.

A special homecoming service has been scheduled for October 3. During this service a dedication will be held to dedicate the fellowship hall as the Sutton Fellowship Hall in appreciation for the donation of land to the church in 1924 by Miss Bettie A. Sutton, and Mr. Albert Sutton in 1967. All relatives of the Sutton family have been invited to participate in the dedication; and a special invitation was extended to the Bucklesberry Community; to include, the nearby Hickory Grove United Methodist Church. All invitations have been accepted and a covered dish luncheon will be shared following the service.

#### **Gospel Chargers to Present Program**

The Gospel Chargers of Winterville, will present a gospel music program on Sunday, September 26, at 7 p.m., at Hugo Church, located one mile east of Hugo. A special invitation is extended to everyone. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Tom Miller.

#### **Homecoming Day at Rose Hill Church**

Homecoming at Rose Hill Church near Winterville, will be observed on Sunday, October 3. The services for the day will include Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m., with the pastor, the Rev. Leon Harris, bringing the homecoming message. Following these services lunch will be served in the fellowship building. There will be a singspiration in the afternoon. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

#### **Central Conference Women to Meet**

The Central District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held at LaGrange

Church, LaGrange, on September 25, 1982. The theme will be "Ready! Set! Go!" The Scripture will be taken from 2 Timothy 4:6, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." The program is as follows:

##### **MORNING SESSION**

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "In the Service of the King"
  - Devotion, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
  - Welcome, Mrs. Frankie Jones
  - Response, Mrs. Alma Buck
- 10:15—Greetings, President
  - Recognition Time
  - Business Period
- 10:30—Missions Report, Mrs. Wallie Hargrove
  - Roll Call of Auxiliaries
  - (Mission money and talents for Cragmont)
  - Chorus Time
- 10:50—Children's Home, Mrs. Judy Moore
  - Retirement Homes
  - Love Offering
  - Free Will Baptist Press
  - Hymn, "Ready"
- 11:20—Special Music, Creech Circle Quartet
- 11:30—Morning Message, Mrs. Ruth Warrick
- 12:00—Benediction
  - Lunch

##### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:15—Memorial Service, Miss Leah McGlohon
  - Prayer
  - Youth, Mrs. Joan Little, Mrs. Mitzi Hobgood
  - Study Course, Mrs. Janie Sowers
  - Cragmont, Mrs. Minnie Mae Chandler
  - Mount Olive College
  - Anna Phillips Loan Fund, Mrs. Cleo Hinson
- 2:00—Chorus Time
  - Business Period
- 2:30—Hymn, "When We All Get to Heaven"
  - Announcement of Next Convention
  - Adjournment

#### **Upcoming Events at May's Chapel Church**

May's Chapel Church will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 26. The Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will bring the message. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. There will be no afternoon service.

Revival services will begin on Monday, September 27, and will continue through Friday, October 1. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Bryant Hines, pastor of Casey's Chapel Church, Goldsboro, will be the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Andrew Hill, and the congregation cordially invite the public to attend these services. The church is located on Highway 117 South, midway between Goldsboro and Mount Olive.

#### **Upcoming Events at Rose of Sharon Church**

Rose of Sharon Church, Bear Grass, announces its revival and homecoming.

Revival services will begin October 4 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Robert May will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing each night.

Homecoming services will be held on Sunday, October 10. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. with the morning worship at 11 a.m. Following the worship there will be dinner on the grounds. An afternoon of singing is planned featuring the Singing Taylor Family of Kinston. The pastor, the Rev. Reb Lancaster, and the congregation extend a cordial welcome to everyone.

#### **Snow Hill Church Announces Revival Services**

Revival services will be held at Snow Hill Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, September 27—October 1, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Carl Lynn, pastor of Cabin Church of Beulaville, will be the evangelist. There will be

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## TRANSITION: THE CHALLENGE FOR THE COLLEGE AND THE INDIVIDUAL

by Pepper Worthington



Pictured (from left to right) are Brenda Cates, professor of mathematics; Dr. Tom Johnson, vice-president for student affairs; Dr. Jane Johnson, chairman of the Division of Communications and Social Sciences; and Nate Reynolds, assistant vice president for finance.

"Mount Olive College is in a time of transition just as you are in your life," said Dr. W. Burkette Raper to the gathered student body at Mount Olive College's Fall Convocation, Wednesday, September 1. "In the life of our College the next two to four years will be a time of challenge. Significant changes will occur as we move from a two-year college to a four-year college. And significant changes will come in your life. Combined, we all in the College family will witness more changes than we have ever seen before."

A hush swept over Rodgers Chapel as faculty, students, and friends of the College felt the import of the challenge in transition.

Quoting 1 Corinthians 13:11, Dr. Raper emphasized the time for a man to put away childish things and strive for love, for that state of mind when joy comes not in what others do for

us but in what we can do for others. Looking into the faces of the student body, Dr. Raper declared, "We measure our lives not by what we have done for ourselves but by what we have done for others."

To emphasize the challenge of transition, Dr. Raper analyzed three stages in a man's life. The first stage is that of a child, the stage where the person is helpless, his needs are met by others, his life is directed by what others do for him.

The second stage is that time when a child moves into the "twilight zone" between dependence and independence. Still the focus is upon the "self" and what the world gives to that "self."

"But there is a third stage," Dr. Raper said. He smiled. "It is the stage when you look at other people in terms of what you can do for them." Noting the buildings on the Mount

Olive College campus, Dr. Raper unfolded names of people who have believed in the College and have supported the College—Sarah Rodgers, Dr. Henderson, Mrs. Moye, Betty Kemp. These were people who had reached the third stage of awareness.

"The stage of life you are in is not a matter of how old you are," he added. "It is a matter of how much you put into life. The ugliest thing you can see is a child's mentality in an adult life. And the most beautiful thing you can see is a life characterized by generosity, love, and kindness."

Such generosity flows into the College with gift support, making the transition to a four-year institution a reality born from a vision shared by people who have measured their lives not by what the world gives to them but by what they can give to the world.

"This is a great time. We are in a great country. And this is our time, our opportunity." Emphatically Dr. Raper said to the students, "Grow up. Grow up. Be somebody who can do some good in life."

As the students left Rodgers Chapel, several were asking themselves what stage they were in. One student turned to another and said, "I want to be somebody who can do something worthwhile." His friend smiled and said, "Me too."

### ONE PLANNING SESSION REMAINING IN SEPTEMBER

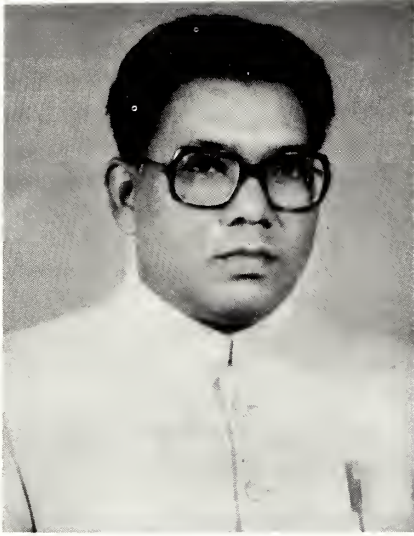
Sampson, Harnett and Cumberland Counties, Tuesday, September 21, 8 p.m., Oak Grove Church near Newton Grove.

The Mount Olive College Dinners begin Saturday, October 2. A complete list of the Dinner Schedule will be published in

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## OUR EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN 1982



*Dr. Emmanuel Lal*

The Free Will Baptists launched an evangelistic campaign in North India from June 3 to 29, 1982, as a part of our yearly activity. We owe our gratitude to God and to the Board of Foreign Missions for affording us an opportunity for this venture. It is worth mentioning that no hurdle comes in the way of setting this program every year. Evangelism is the life and breath of our church organization. We believe that a witnessing church is a living church.

In view of the past experience, the style of organizing the campaign was changed this year in the interest of reaching the Word four times further than the past years. We are happy to say that our efforts this year were far more effective, covering many more areas. We sent four groups of five men each in different directions assigning specific areas for coverage and return to the headquarters on June 29 for the exchange of views and furnishing information of value. This arrangement facilitated their boarding and lodging with the people of the

places visited. Our preaching groups never intended to cause any burden to these people, whose resources are meagre, but according to the ancient tradition of Indian society, hospitality to visitors is a must irrespective of whether the people visited are rich or poor!

The four groups were led by the Rev. Isa Charan, the Rev. Nanhe Lal, Dr. Pratap Masih and Dr. Ram Charan. They toured the areas of Seondara, Perveznagar, Gotha, Wazirgunj, Bankota, Aeroya Nizampura, Manwe, Ratanpur, Chabra, Beniratanpur, Ajnawar, Bisauli, Fathepur, Jahanabad, Patti, Mundalya, Amarya, Faridpur, Puranpur, Mailani, Saubojh, Khatima, Pilibhit, Bhikripur, Behari, Alinagar, Kakroua, Rampur, Razoo, Dhimni, Khuza, Zamiya, Khota, Shergarh, Bibiyapur, Zaneet, and Sahal, etc. The Rev. Nanhe Lal was credited with visiting 46 places other than those mentioned above. Mr. Pramod March and I went to many of these places providing tracts, Gospels, handbills and Bibles at the places of need, besides facing some groups who had gathered at various places to disrupt our efforts. The discussions comparing their religion in relation to Christianity based on the Word of God pacified them to the extent that they lost interest in hampering our work. In the wake of disturbances arising out of our preaching the gospel much care was undertaken for the welfare of the groups in the field which were completely isolated from police stations or main roads.

As we set out for this mission according to schedule it was raining so heavily in most of our destinations that it was dif-

ficult to travel. However, the rains stopped in a few days and the weather turned extremely hot. This year the period of heavy rainfall from June 15 to September 15 turned out to be completely dry with extreme heat never faced in the past few decades. The high temperature made it extremely difficult to walk in the sun. Our people thus preferred to walk either in the early hours of the day even before daylight, both for their own comfort and to give them more time with the people in the villages.

We are happy to report that these adverse situations were not able to defeat us from our goal. We feel sorry to mention that two of our men, the Rev. Sohan Lal and Dr. Anokhe Lal had to be sent back from the teams because the former developed a heart condition and the latter was summoned home due to illness in his family. However, available substitutes were dispatched to take their places. The Rev. Isa Charan and his group carried musical instruments and gathered people with fine music before preaching the Word of God.

Each of these groups covered a distance of 275 miles in the total period of their campaign, all on foot, and visited 84 towns and villages. The number of people challenged was 25,200. There were 192 souls saved for the Lord who willingly accepted Christ Jesus as their Saviour. Evidently the heart of several thousand was touched but due to their family strings they were left to draw their decision at their convenience. There were 6,000 New Testaments, over 10,000 other gospel tracts and 1,000 complete Bibles in Hindi language

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in the easy latest translation were distributed to the searching souls. Even though the target of expected conversions could not be met owing to various factors it is no secret that the fire started burning in the heart of several thousand people who may accept the Lord as their personal Saviour at some appropriate time to come.

It was felt this time that there is more anxiety among the literate younger generation who really felt interested to learn what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for mankind and that He is the only source of their salvation.

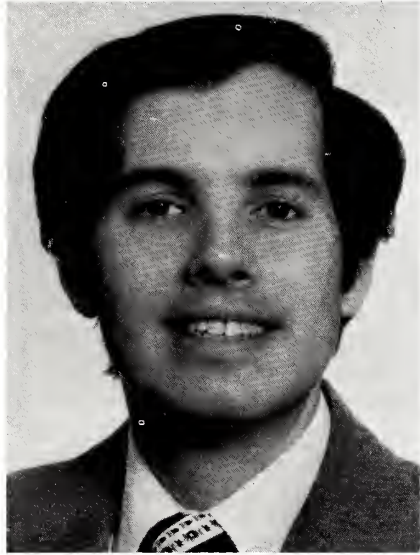
Not much encouragement was received from the older people for they are more rigid in their faith. It was also experienced that Satan has not slowed down in his efforts to halt God's work. It has been estimated that if all the church denominations in India together started evangelization in the country it would take 30 years to get the Word to all places.

The Free Will Baptist Church in India, ever since its inception, has pioneered the cause of evangelism in the rural part of Northern India which so desperately needs preaching of the Gospel. As previously noted, evangelism in our country is far from satisfactory because of various problems. We are so grateful to the Board of Foreign Missions for helping us and enabling us to conduct this activity which was of abundant joy, accomplishing great work of the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We remain in sincere prayers that our countrymen may be saved for eternal life. We shall continue in unceasing efforts in this behalf and are sure that the Board of Foreign Missions in North Carolina will also continue to share this great task with us.

**MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**  
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**GIBSON TO  
PRESENT CONCERT**



Mike Gibson

Mike Gibson will present a program of Christian music in

Rodgers Chapel at Mount Olive College on Wednesday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Gibson is currently a student at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest. He has also attended Virginia Commonwealth University and Chowan College.

His repertoire includes contemporary Christian music and favorite gospel selections. He has made numerous appearances in schools and churches and has also recorded an album entitled "Has Anyone Told You, God Loves You?"

**CHAPLAIN TO SPEAK**

Mount Olive College Chaplain Frank Harrison will be the guest speaker for the College Day Service at Stoney Creek Church on Sunday, September 26, at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Gary Bailey is pastor of Stoney Creek.

**NEW CREATIONS TO BEGIN FALL PERFORMANCES**

The New Creations, a Christian witnessing team from Mount Olive College, will present programs at the following locations. A complete schedule of the New Creations' performances will be printed in a later issue of *The Free Will Baptist*.

Date	Time	Place	Purpose
9/26/82	1 p.m.	Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church (Pikeville)	Homecoming
9/28/82	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church (Mount Olive)	Fellowship Supper
10/3/82	11 a.m.	Hillsberry Free Will Baptist Church (Clinton)	A.M. Worship
10/3/82	7 p.m.	Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church (Goldsboro)	P.M. Worship
10/5/82	7 p.m.	Middlesex Elementary School	Nash County Dinner

**ATTENTION  
EASTERN DISTRICT  
WOMEN**

Attention Woman's Auxiliary members of the Eastern District! Let's all get ready to go to our fall convention at Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church near Cove City, September 23, 1982.

We are always happy to have our ministers and layman to come be with us for the day. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Those coming from Kinston-New Bern on 70 Bypass turn off at the Cove City exit, go to Cove City and cross over old 70 at the blinking light. The church is about 4 miles on the left.

Those coming East on Highway 55, go 4 miles east of Fort Barnwell, then turn right on state road 1251. Those coming west on 55 turn left on state road 1251 then go 3 miles to Wintergreen Church. We'll see you there!

Versie Baldree  
Vice President



## MEET JOHN WAYNE GRIFFIN



Meet John Wayne Griffin, who was 13 years old June 27. He was preschool age when he and his older sister, Ramona, became a part of the family here at the Children's Home in 1974. In the years that have passed he has grown from the little boy who loved watermelon to a handsome young teenager who still loves watermelon. Football is his game; he played on his school team. Mr. Batchelor (a staff member) finds John a big help in the grass-cutting season. He gives him a job and knows John can be depended on to do his best.



When asked his thoughts about living here, John stopped a minute, "This is my home. I'm happy here." I would like to share with you the rest of what John shared with me as we talked.

"I asked Jesus to come into my heart and life."

"John, would you like to share this with us?"

"Well, I lived in Central Cottage with Mr. and Mrs. Rinner and they loved the Lord. I watched Mr. Owens and Mr. Brown and they knew the Lord. When we started to have Sunday night services in the church here in the summer, and no visiting church was here for the service, well, I heard Mr. Owens tell us how he loved the Lord. Mr. Owens said Jesus made a difference in his life and I could tell he loved the Lord. I began to think about it and then I wanted to have Jesus in my life. After a few days I went to Mrs. Owens and asked her if she'd show me how to ask Jesus into my heart. She talked with me and prayed with me and I asked Jesus into my heart. I know some day I'll see Him in Heaven. I read my Bible every night and since the cottages have changed, Mr. and Mrs. Owens are my houseparents now. I still love Mr. and Mrs. Rinner so I have two sets of houseparents in my heart. In our cottage devotions I ask questions now and am learning more about the Lord."



You met John and he has shared how important the houseparents, staff and Home is to him. Please pray for our houseparents and staff daily.

George and Louise Rinner—Relief parents  
Clyde and Hazel Brown—Smith Cottage  
Chuck and Lillian Owens—Central Cottage

## GOD PRESERVES HIS PEOPLE

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 50:15-26  
**Memory Verse:** Genesis 50:20

Last week we read that Jacob struggled desperately for God's blessing and finally received it. It is not surprising, then, to read that his brother Esau gave him a cordial welcome instead of killing him (Genesis 33:4). Two reasons for God's blessing and protection are easily seen. First, Jacob's fear had been punishment enough for his earlier trickery. Second, God preserved Jacob and his family to continue the line through which the Saviour would come to bless all the families of the world (Genesis 22:18).

Although the brothers now were on the best of terms, Jacob decided not to join Esau in the land of Edom. Neither did he immediately join their father in the area of Beersheba and Hebron. He took his cattle and sheep to pastures farther north, near Shechem. Gradually he moved southward to Bethel, to Ephrath (Bethlehem), and finally to his father Isaac at Hebron (Genesis 33:18; 35:6, 16, 27). God gave the whole land of Canaan to Jacob and his descendants (Genesis 35:12). There Jacob continued to live after Isaac died (Genesis 37:1). His livestock ranged over the territory from Hebron to Dothan (Genesis 37:12-17), and probably farther north and south.

Jacob came back from Haran with four wives and twelve children, but Rachel was the wife he loved best. Probably that was why her one son, Joseph, was Jacob's favorite. Later Rachel bore another son, but apparently that did not change Jacob's regard for

Joseph. Naturally the other sons were jealous, and they became more so when Joseph told of dreams indicating that he would rule over the whole family. When the opportunity came, the brothers sold Joseph to traveling merchants who took him to Egypt and sold him to a wealthy official.

Obviously, Joseph was gifted with administrative ability. Soon he was general manager of his master's household. That ended when a lying woman had him jailed, but then he became manager of the jail.

In the prison God revealed to Joseph the meaning of his fellow prisoners' dreams. That was remembered, and later Joseph was called to interpret the king's dream that foretold seven years of abundant harvests followed by seven years of famine. The king then made Joseph ruler of all Egypt. His special duty was to lay up huge stores of grain in the years of plenty, and then to supervise the distribution in the years of famine.

The famine was not limited to Egypt. Crops failed in Canaan too. Grass was short, and the cattle and sheep were thin and gaunt. Jacob's family could eat lean beef and mutton, but they had no bread. There was no newspaper or TV, but news still could get around. There was plenty of grain in Egypt, the travelers said. So Jacob's sons filled their pockets with silver and went to Egypt. Only one remained behind. Benjamin, Rachel's second son, had replaced Joseph as the father's favorite.

Coming before the number two ruler of Egypt, the brothers had no idea that he was their brother; but he recognized them. Read the fascinating

story in Genesis 42-44. Cleverly Joseph probed to see if his brothers were as meanly jealous as they had been when they had made him a slave. Hearing them talk among themselves in their own language, he learned that they were still troubled by conscience. And when one of them volunteered to become a slave to save Benjamin, he knew they indeed were changed. Joyfully he told them who he was, and urged them to bring Jacob and his whole family to live in Egypt through the rest of the famine.

So the whole family of Jacob, seventy persons, moved to Egypt. Favored by the number two ruler and the number one ruler as well, they settled in the best part of the country. Even in those terrible years there was grass for their cattle and sheep. Life was so pleasant that they stayed on after the famine was over.

Jacob was 130 years old when he went to Egypt, and there he lived happily for seventeen years. Still he urgently asked his sons not to bury him there, but in the Land of Promise where his father and grandfather had been buried. So when he died and was embalmed, and when the seventy days of Egyptian ceremonial mourning were over, his sons took his body to Canaan. With continued mourning they laid it to rest, and then returned to Egypt.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

Use another source to study next week's Sunday school lesson, as there will not be an issue of *The Free Will Baptist* on September 29. The October 3 lesson is based on Exodus 5:22, 23; 6:1-9, 13; the Memory Verses are Exodus 6:6, 7.



## SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 1

### THE WRONG MEDICINE

A nurse on night duty in a great hospital in Chicago mistakenly gave a lethal dose of wrong medicine to a little boy. Her error was not detected until it was too late to save his life.

Was she not sincere in what she did? Certainly! Was she not conscientiously performing her duties? Certainly! She was sincerely—wrong! She was conscientiously—wrong!

Many sincerely say, "All religions are good. They all lead to Heaven." Many say, "Let your conscience be your guide. If your conscience tells you a thing is all right, it is O.K." But they all are wrong!

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*All religions are not good. All religions do not lead to Heaven. There is only one way to Heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).*

## MONDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2

### THEY ARE NOT FAR!

Said one of God's aged saints, "Husband, child and brother have been taken away from me. Yet it does not seem as if they have gone far from me. When I was a child, my older sister, whom I loved dearly, married. She went to live in a house about a mile from our home. At first I cried very hard. Then one day Mother said, 'Why, Eunice, don't you see that Sarah hasn't left us. She has only gone down the road to make another home where we can go—a house as full of love and welcome as this house. Now you have two homes instead of one. Come, put on your bonnet and run down to the other home!' When I saw it that way, no more tears were shed. In this way I think of my dear loved ones who have left this earthly house. Before long, I am going to 'put on my bonnet' just as I did when I was a little girl, and go to see my loved ones at the heavenly home!"

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*The dear ones left behind,  
O, foolish ones and blind,  
A day and you will meet,  
A night and you will greet!*

## TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 3

### MY FATHER'S HOUSE IS FINER!

Some years ago, Tamabana, a New Zealand chief, visited England. He was shown many places of interest, including a beautiful mansion near London. To the surprise of his guide the chief expressed no admiration for the mansion, which was replete with the costliest of furniture from all parts of the world. Before he left the mansion Tamabana said, "Ah, my Father's house is finer than this!" In astonishment the guide exclaimed, "Your father's house is finer than this mansion?" The guide understood what the chief meant when the chief began to speak of his Heavenly Father, and of the "many mansions" in glory which await the children of God at journey's end.

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*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (2 Corinthians 5:1).*

## WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 4

### LET ME HOLD LIGHTLY

Let me hold lightly  
Things of this earth;  
Transient treasures,  
What are they worth?  
Moths can corrupt them,  
Rust can decay;  
All their bright beauty  
Fades in a day.  
Let me hold lightly  
Temporal things—  
I, who am deathless,  
I, who wear wings!

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*Let me hold fast, Lord,  
Things of the skies;  
Quicken my vision,  
Open my eyes!  
Show me Thy riches,  
Glory, and grace,  
Boundless as time is,  
Endless as space . . .  
Let me hold lightly  
Things that were mine—*

Lord, Thou dost give me  
All that is Thine!

## THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 5

### IS THIS THE RIGHT ROAD HOME?

Is *this* the right road home, O Lord?  
The clouds are dark and still,  
The stony path is sharp and hard,  
Each step brings some fresh hill;  
I thought the way would brighter grow  
And that the sun with warmth would glow  
And joyous songs from free hearts flow.  
Is *this* the right road home?

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*Yes, child! this very path I trod,  
The clouds were dark for Me.  
The stony path was hard to tread,  
Not sight but faith can see  
That at the end the sun shines bright,  
Forever where there is no night,  
And glad hearts rest from earth's fierce fight,  
It is the right road home!*

## FRIDAY, 1 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 6

### THE ONLY WAY THERE!

There was a moral, debt-paying, neighbor-loving man who sincerely believed that the performance of good works was a passport to Heaven. One night he had a dream which led to his conversion. In his dream he saw himself on a ladder. Everytime he did a good deed, the ladder came nearer Heaven. After the performance of many good deeds, the top of the ladder was so close to Heaven that he needed to take but one step and he would be there! As he took that step, however, he and the ladder crashed to earth. Then he heard a thunderous voice which said, "He that . . . climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1).

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*I believe in good morals. I believe that one deserves credit for paying his honest debts. I believe that one should love his neighbor as himself. I do not believe, however, that these things are a substitute for the miracle of regeneration by faith in Christ.*

## SATURDAY, 2 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 7

### GROWING OLD

Joyously and confidently David Livingstone exclaimed on his last birthday, "I am not old!

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You know I am not old! No man ever had a brighter hope, or a more inviting future!" This radiant, triumphant statement was called forth by the well-wishing remarks of a friend who said to Livingstone, "You are growing old!"

How exceedingly bright are the prospects of *all* of 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). On the other hand, how dismally dark is the future of all who reject Christ. Their souls are wreathed in darkness and oftentimes paralyzed with fear as they face the coming day of reckoning.

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*Said Thomas Hobbes, a blatant atheist, as his sinful soul passed into eternity, "About to take a leap into the dark!"*

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## SUNDAY, 3 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 8

### A SAFE GUIDE

Of all sailors the ancient Norsemen must have been the most daring. In their little boats they made distant voyages throughout the northern Atlantic. Centuries before the time of Columbus they are thought to have explored the route to America. When Columbus crossed the sea, he had the help of a compass. However, the Norsemen had no scientific instruments. They did have a guide that you will think strange. They carried with them on their voyages a cage containing several ravens. When they were uncertain where they were or which direction to follow, they would release one of the ravens. As the bird flew high into the air, the daring sailors would follow the same direction the bird took. They knew that the raven with its keener eyesight and higher vision would lead them to land.

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*When we are uncertain where we are or which way to follow, the Holy Spirit, if given a chance, will show the way to go.*

## MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 9

### YOU SEE WHAT HE DOES

"Daddy, how can I believe in the Holy Spirit when I have never seen Him?" asked Jim, a twelve-year-old boy. "I'll show you how," said his father who was an electrician. Later Jim went with his father to the power plant. There he

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was shown the generators. "This is where the power comes from to heat our stove and give us light. We cannot see the power, but it is in that machine and in the power lines," said the father. "I believe in electricity," said Jim. "Of course you do, but you don't believe in it because you see it. You believe in it *because you see what it can do!*"

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*Likewise you can believe in the Holy Spirit because you see what He does in people's lives when they are surrendered to Jesus Christ and possess His power!"*

## TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 10

### THE HEAVEN-SENT GYROSCOPE

Recently I went down to the lowest deck of a mighty ocean-going liner. Coming to an odd-looking mechanism, I asked the guide, "What is this?" "That's the ship's gyroscope," he answered. "When the sea is rough, the gyroscope helps to keep the vessel on an even keel. Though the waves may reach mountainous proportions, the gyroscope helps to stabilize the vessel and maintain a high degree of equilibrium.

I thought, "How like this gyroscope is the Holy Spirit! Let the storms of life break over our heads; let the enemy, Satan, come in like a flood; let the waves of sorrow, suffering, temptation and testing be unleashed upon us, our soul will be kept on an even keel and in perfect peace when the Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts."

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*Oh, that in me the sacred fire  
Might now begin to glow,  
Burn up the dross of base desire,  
And make the mountains flow!*

## WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 11

### YE DO ALWAYS RESIST

Dr. George W. Truett preached to a large audience on the text, "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost" (Acts 7:51). As he emphasized the danger of the unsaved turning an unhearing ear to the wooings of the Holy Spirit, and finally coming to the place where His voice is no longer heard, an aged man interrupted him, saying, "Dr. Truett, you are describing my case!" "Not knowingly, my brother," said Dr. Truett. "But you are," said the old man. "In my youthful years, the Holy Spirit frequently convicted me of sin and of my need of the Saviour. Each time I refused to obey the Spirit's call and continued in

my sinful ways. The time came when I no longer heard His pleadings. From that time I have never had the slightest desire to turn from sin to God. I would give anything I possess if I could feel tonight as I felt years ago when the Spirit strived with me!"

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*If God called His Holy Spirit out of the world, about ninety-five percent of what we are doing would go on and we would brag about it.*

## THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 12

### OUR CAPACITY, NOT GOD'S ABILITY, IS THE MEASURE

Standing on the deck of a ship in mid-ocean, you can see the sun reflected from its depths. From a little boat on a mountain lake you can see the sun reflected from its shallow waters. Looking into the mountain spring not more than six inches in diameter, you see the same great sun. Look into the dewdrop of the morning, and there it is again. The sun has a way of adapting itself to its reflections. The ocean is not too large to hold it, nor the dewdrop too small. So God can fill any man, whether his capacity be like the ocean, like the mountain lake, like the spring, or like the dewdrop.

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*Whatever, therefore, be the capacity, there is opened up the possibility of being filled with the fullness of God.*

## FRIDAY, 8 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:1-28

### ALL OF US

"Moody speaks as if he had a monopoly on the Holy Spirit," said a critic of him. "Moody has no monopoly on the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit has a monopoly on Moody," answered an admirer of Moody.

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*When we are filled with the Spirit, we do not have more of the Spirit, but the Spirit has all of us.*

## SATURDAY, 9 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:29-58

### VISIT THAT MAN

A minister was inwardly urged to visit a dangerous, notorious sinner. He delayed. The

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proven to be a blessing for the men of our church.

Since opening the mission, we have had one minister to answer the call into the ministry. The Rev. Roger Heath, now the director of the Leland Mission, has been a wonderful worker for Christ. During this time, we have had some people to leave the mission for various reasons, but the Lord has always been gracious unto us. My heart has been broken many times because of unrest among members who wanted to believe in doctrines other than those professed by the Original Free Will Baptists. God has sent some wonderful workers to the mission over the past few years. I personally want to thank all of those who have stayed with us and who have prayed for the work here.

The night that we became a church, all of these precious souls became charter members. On July 12, 1982, the Executive Board of the Cape Fear Conference met to examine us to become a church. The moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, told me that we had no problems in becoming a church. That night we became Catalpa Free Will Baptist Church. The service was beautiful and one that we will always remember. After spending 8 years as director of the mission, the church voted 100% for me to become their pastor. To each of you, I say thanks and may God bless all of you. Please hold to Jesus, for He is the only way. Also, support all of our denominational enterprises, for we all have a work to do.

As I look at the church today, I can honestly say that God moves mountains. We praise Him, for without Him, none of this would have been possible. We love each of you and ask

that you continue to pray for our work here, as we pray for you.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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special singing each night. The pastor, the Rev. John A. Owens, and the church membership extend a cordial welcome to everyone to attend these services.

### Revival Services to Be At St. Mary's Church

Revival services will be held at St. Mary's Church near Kenly, September 27—October 1, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Joe Ingram, pastor of Unity Church in Wilson, will be the evangelist. The church and the pastor, the Rev. Graham Faucette invites everyone to come. There will be a nursery provided. Prayer rooms will be open each night at 7:15.

### Revival Services to Be At White Oak Church

White Oak Church of Maysville, will have revival services, September 27—October 1. The speaker is the Rev. Grady Davis of Indian Springs Church. The pastor, the Rev. Frank Williams Jr., and the congregation extend an invitation to everyone to attend these services.

### Upcoming Events at Gum Swamp Church

Homecoming will be held at Gum Swamp Church, near

Greenville, on September 26.

Revival services will be held September 27—October 1. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Eddie Edwards will be the evangelist. The Rev. Ray Williamson is pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### Revival Services to Be At First Church of Kinston

Revival services will be held at First Church of Kinston, September 27—October 1. The Rev. Marvin Waters will be the evangelist. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing each night. The pastor is the Rev. C. H. Overman.

### Homecoming at Otway Church

The Otway Church near Beaufort will celebrate its 28th anniversary and homecoming services, Sunday, September 26. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and the morning worship service at 11 a.m. During the morning worship special music will be provided by the Chapel Choir and the Baptist Singers. Lunch will be served on the grounds at 12:30 p.m.

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## FAMILY DEVOTIONS

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Holy Spirit, however, seemed to say: "Visit that man." Finally he went with fear and trembling. The man greeted him cordially. "I am glad you have come. I have been trying for weeks to get up courage enough to send for you. In recent weeks I have been most wretched. I cannot go on like this any longer. Pray for me!"

*"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God" by failure to obey His behests.*

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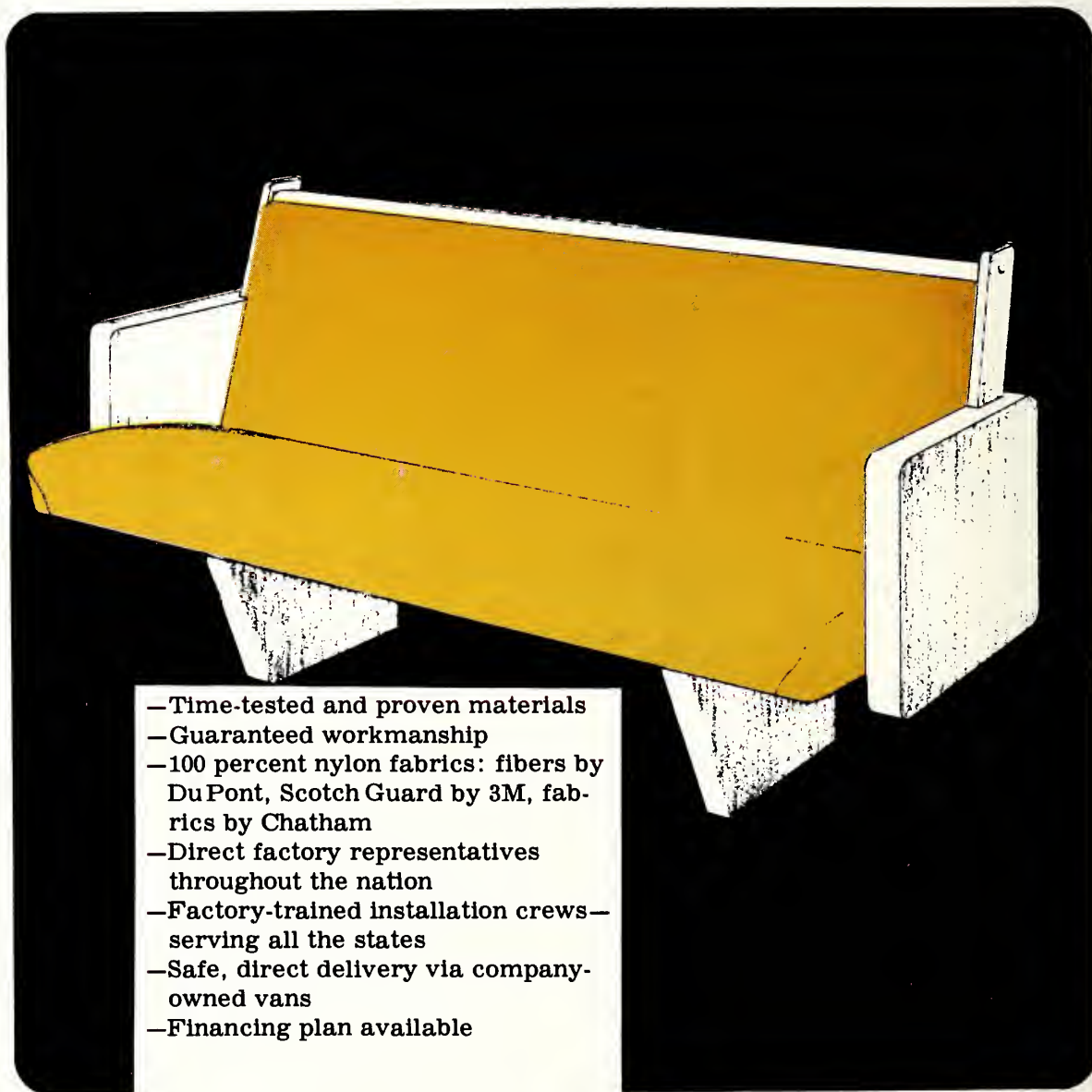


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## Winterville Free Will Baptist Church

The construction of Phase One of the above facility (on Cooper Street in Winterville) has been completed. At present, the congregation is still worshipping at their old church on the corner of Depot and Chapman Streets, Winterville.

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Church of the Month

# WINTERVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

by Leah McGlohon

When the town of Winterville began to form around the railroad in the late 1800's, some members from Reedy Branch, Bethany, and Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Churches settled there to work. Transportation was mostly by foot. In 1905 Elder T. N. Manning, then an elderly man, was living in Winterville. He became concerned about having a Free Will Baptist church in the town so that the people would not have so far to walk to church and also to have a church of their faith to attend. He was able to interest many of these people in organizing a church.

On November 7, 1905, a group of men and women met in the Antioch School to organize. The Rev. D. A. Windham, who was young in the ministry—only 18 years old at the time—preached the sermon and presented a Bible to the church. Forty-two charter members—22 men and 20 women—were enrolled.

J. R. Smith was elected as the first clerk, and T. N. Manning as the pastor. At the next quarterly meeting in February, 1906, Bryant Tripp and Will S. Nobles were elected as deacons; and B. F. Manning

and A. W. Stox were elected trustees. Also, a building committee composed of Bryant Tripp, David McGlohon, W. S. Nobles, J. H. Manning, and J. R. Smith was elected.

A. G. Cox of the Missionary Baptist Church gave the land for the building, and Bryant Tripp gave timber from his woods. The men of the church cut the timber and did the building under the leadership of John Manning and Will Nobles head carpenters. They built as time and funds permitted. The new building was completed to the extent that the congregation was able to move in for the first service on the second Sunday in October, 1906.

Originally the building consisted of only the sanctuary, with a front door and a side door on the east. About 1921 two Sunday school classrooms were added at the back of the church. During the 40's two more classrooms were added inside the front part of the sanctuary. These included sliding fronts that could be lifted for expansion for worship services. Also a porch was added on the front.

In the beginning, the church had a chimney on top of the

building, approximately in the center. There was a stove on each side with flues that joined and ran up through the center of the ceiling. In 1942 chimneys were run on the outside of the church. To make the church easier to paint, the upper part of the steeple was removed.

In the early 50's the original church sanctuary was completely renovated with a new roof and a new front entrance. Also, an educational building was constructed on the back, which included classrooms, a nursery, inside restrooms, and storage rooms. The baptistry was added in 1958.

For a long time, the church elected its pastor every year and had preaching services once a month. In the late 40's the worship services were increased to twice a month; and in September, 1957, full-time services were begun, with the Rev. Dean Dobbs as pastor. A parsonage was completed in 1958.

Additional improvements were made to the church plant in the 60's. Early in 1963 a central heating system was installed in the sanctuary, but gas heaters continued to be used in the Sunday school classrooms for a while longer. In 1964 the front interior was changed, carpeting installed, and new pews added to the sanctuary. Air-conditioning was also installed.

Through the years many committees were appointed to fix the leak in the ceiling of the sanctuary, but no permanent method prevailed. Instead, a bucket had to be kept in the attic to catch the water when it rained. The rain beat in through the bell tower. Finally in 1974 it was removed.

At the beginning of the 70's the church began thinking about brick-veneering the church. In every remodeling effort before, some previous work had to be torn out to accomplish the new work. Also, because of tornadoes that came

through on two different occasions the walls were not straight; therefore, in 1972 the church voted to build a new church. Having taken an option on a 3½-acre tract of land on Cooper Street across from the parsonage, the church purchased the land in April, 1973, and soon paid off the \$17,500 debt.

On Sunday, October 11, 1981, a groundbreaking ceremony was held; and construction began. At this time much of the work has been completed on the exterior of the building. With God's help and much prayerful support, the members are looking forward to the day when the church will be ready for worship.

Through the years the Sunday school, Leagues, woman's auxiliaries, and youth auxiliaries have been active in the work of the church. As early as January, 1908, the Ladies' Aid Society is mentioned in the church minutes. Many projects—such as purchasing pews in 1931, fixing windows, sponsoring a child at the orphanage, setting out trees and flowers, painting church pews, putting inner doors in the church, putting a new carpet on the floor, building steps and toilets, purchasing brick for underpinning the church, and many others—were carried out by the women. To pay for these projects, the women did a variety of things; such as, making quilts and selling candy, cornshuck mats, etc., which they made. This organization is now known as the Woman's Auxiliary.

Sunday school was held at 2:30 in the afternoon in the early days of the church. The first superintendent is unknown, but McCoy Tripp was superintendent in 1922 and probably served continuously until 1949. George L. Rouse served as secretary-treasurer for over fifty years, resigning in 1965.

Gospel music has always been a very important part of

worship at Winterville Free Will Baptist Church. The Lord has blessed the church with a lot of musical talent. The first musical instrument used was a pump organ; it was played by Eva Stocks Nobles. Many soloists, quartets, youth choirs, and other groups have used their musical talents. Three quartets in recent years have been known by the names Hines Cousins, Messengers, and Gospel Chargers.

Pastors who have served the church are the Revs. T. N. Manning (1905), R. F. Pittman (assistant in 1906, 1931), R. C. Jackson (1907), R. I. Corbitt (1908), E. T. Phillips (1909, 1918), W. V. Denton (1910), G. C. Vause (1911), M. C. Prescott (1912, 1938), John E. Sawyer (1913, 1922), J. C. Moyer (1916), A. R. Flowers (November 1918), W. F. Walters (1920), B. J. Cash (1921), C. M. Johnson (1923), M. A. Woodard (1925), D. A. Windham (1926), L. R. Ennis (1928), A. L. Davidson (1932), R. B. Spencer (1937), L. E. Ballard (1941), D. W. Alexander (1943), Ralph Osborn (1948), N. D. Beaman (1950), Walter Reynolds (1956), Dean Dobbs, (1957), Adam Scott (1959), Kenneth Grubbs (1962), Cedric D. Pierce Jr. (1963), Harold Jones (1965), James Lupton (1968), Jack Mayo (1973), Bobby L. Futrell (1976), and Edward C. Taylor (1980). The dates are the years they were elected.

Several members of the church have entered the ministry and have been licensed by the church. They are W. B. Nobles (1915), Leroy Forlines (1948), David Hines (1978), Ronald E. Braxton (1981), and Don Ribeiro (1981).

The church is affiliated with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

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(Sources: Church minutes, minutes of Ladies' Aid Society, and memories of Leta Manning Forlines, Bessie Nobles, and Leo Tripp.)



## TRINITY SINGERS FORM GROUP



A group of singers from Trinity Church, Clayton, North Carolina, has formed a singing group named "The Damascus Way." The group sings Southern gospel. Speaking about the group, member Terry Ellis said, "The group makes no charge for any concert that we hold nor do we ask for an offering. All we desire is an opportunity to witness and minister through song." Persons wishing to contact the group should phone Greg Wall at (919) 553-7251.

### Events at Hugo Church

The Rev. Ray Williamson is the evangelist for revival services being held at Hugo Church on Route 2, Grifton, 1 mile east of Hugo Cross Roads. Services will continue through October 8, at 7:30 each evening. There will be special music provided each evening.

Homecoming services will be held on Sunday, October 10, with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. Tom Miller, will bring the message. Lunch will be served in the church fellowship building immediately following the morning worship. All former pastors, members and friends

are invited to attend these services.

### Upcoming Events at Palmer Memorial Church

Palmer Memorial Church, Garner, is having cottage prayer meetings, through October 9, at different homes to prepare for the explosive revival week ahead.

On Sunday, October 10, there will be shown a film entitled "Years of the Beast" about the Second Coming. The time of the services is 7 p.m.

Revival services will be held October 11-15. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be the pastor, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, with the

topics coming from the Book of Revelation.

### Albemarle Women to Meet

Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held at Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, on Thursday, October 14. The theme will be "Unlimited Blessings." The Scripture will be taken from Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

#### MORNING SESSION

- 9:45—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Trust, Try and Prove Me"
- Devotion, Mrs. Lula Daw
- 10:15—Welcome, Miss Sara Willoughby
- Response, Mrs. Colia Miller
- President's Greetings, Miss Becky Jo Sumner
- Recognition of Ministers and Visitors
- Appointment of Committees
- 10:30—Reading of Minutes
- Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- 10:45—Mission News, Home and Foreign
- Offering for Missions
- Hymn, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"
- 11:05—Children's Home and Retirement Homes Report
- Offering for Children's Home
- 11:20—Special Music, Host Auxiliary
- 11:30—Message, the Rev. Robert May
- 12:00—Lunch

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn, "Count Your Blessings"
- 1:05—Memorial Service, Mrs. Margaret Woodard
- 1:15—Mount Olive College News
- 1:30—Cragmont News
- 1:45—News from the Press
- 2:00—Youth Report
- Committee Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- Installation of New Officers, Mrs. Eleanor Moore
- Announcement of Next Convention
- Benediction and Adjournment

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## **People at First Church, Rocky Mount, Have Special Day**



Sunday, September 5, was a great day for the people at the First Church of Rocky Mount. It was a day of dedication and praise to God. A steeple dedication service was the culminating activity following the recent erection of the steeple atop the church. Many friends from the nearby community shared in the joy of the day. The Woman's Auxiliary had taken the idea of getting a steeple as one of their projects for the year.

The Rev. Mark S. Hobbs, pastor, thanks everyone that helped to make this dream become a reality.

### **Upcoming Events at Spring Hope Church**

Homecoming will be observed at Spring Hope Church, Route 5, New Bern, on October 10.

Revival services will begin on October 11 and will continue through October 15. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Richardson, will be the evangelist. There will be special singing each night. Everyone is invited to attend these services. Prayer rooms will be open each night at 7:15.

### **Revival in Progress at Black Jack Grove Church**

Revival services are in progress through October 9 at Black

Jack Grove Church, Route 6, Goldsboro. The evangelist is the Rev. Braxton Creech, pastor of New Jerusalem Church, Kenly. There will be special singing each evening. Everyone is invited to attend these services. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Dennis Pollock.

### **Revival Services at Union Chapel Church**

Revival services will be held on October 18-22 at 7:30 p.m., at Union Chapel Church near Plymouth. The Rev. Robert May, pastor of Hickory Chapel Church near Ahoskie, will be the evangelist. There will be special singing each evening. The Rev. O. Swade Benson of Clayton is the pastor. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### **Happenings at Unity Church**

Revival services are in progress through October 8, at Unity Church, 2200 Downing Street, Wilson, with the Rev. Lloyd Hargis as the visiting evangelist. Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming services will be held on October 24, followed by lunch at 1:30 p.m. The New Life Singers from Daniels Chapel will be featured in a gospel concert. The pastor, the Rev. Joe Ingram, and the congregation invite everyone to attend these services.

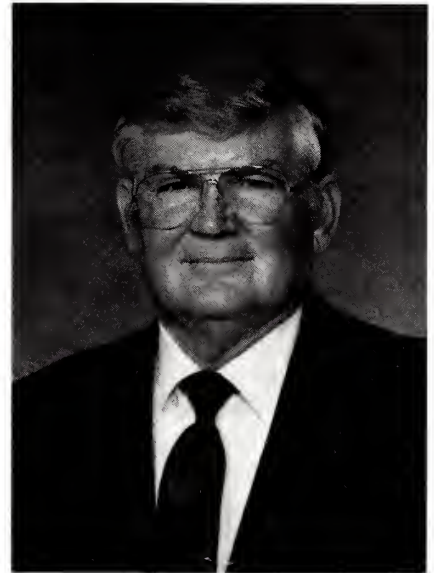
### **Mount Tabor Church To Have Homecoming**

Mount Tabor Church near Creswell announces its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 10. The Rev. Larry Barbour of Wilson, a former pastor, will be bringing the homecoming message. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

A singspiration featuring Danny and the Singing Ambassadors of New Bern will be held in the afternoon. The Rev. Dewitt Cleve and the church

membership invite all former pastors and members to attend.

### **Revival and Homecoming to Be Held at First Church, Rocky Mount**



*The Rev. T. C. Farmer*

The Rev. T. C. Farmer, pastor of Tee's Chapel Church, will be the evangelist for revival services at First Church of Rocky Mount, October 11-15. The services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Special music will be provided.

On Sunday, October 17, homecoming day will be observed. Following the meal, the Oak Grove Boys will sing. A special memorial service will also be observed.

The Rev. Mark S. Hobbs, pastor, welcomes everyone who is interested to come join in the events of the week.

### **Revival in Progress at Free Union Church**

Revival services are in progress this week at Free Union Church, Beaufort County. The pastor, the Rev. David Thick, is doing the speaking. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There is being special singing provided each night. All former members, pastors and friends are invited to attend these services.

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### **Cape Fear Women to Meet**

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet at Catalpa Church near Fayetteville, on October 13. The theme will be "Today—God's Day." The Scripture will be taken from Psalm 118:24, "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." The scheduled program is as follows:

#### **MORNING SESSION**

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Opening Hymn, "Glory to His Name"
  - Devotion, Margaret Reep
  - Welcome, Wilma Hall
  - Response, Phyllis McLamb
  - President's Remarks, Mrs. Grace Barbour
  - Reading of Minutes
  - Roll Call
  - Appointment of Committees
- 10:45—Hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing"
  - Children's Home Report
  - Foreign Missions
- 11:15—Special Music, Host Church
  - Worship Offering
  - Convention Message, the Rev. Fred Baker

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:00—Opening Hymn, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
  - Life Membership Award
  - Special Music
- 1:20—Reports
  - Youth
  - Mount Olive College
  - Home Missions
  - Free Will Baptist Press
  - Cragmont
  - Superannuation, Retirement Homes
- 2:00—Business Session
  - Closing Hymn, "Sweeter than the Day Before"
  - Adjournment
  - Benediction

Pianist, Margaret Reep

Music Director, Betty Strickland

### **Revival in Progress at Grimsley Church**

Revival services are in progress through October 8 at Grimsley Church near Maury, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Scott Sowers is the evangelist. The Rev. Don Fader is pastor of the church.

Homecoming will be October 10. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### **Youth Auxiliary of Micro Church Meets**

The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Micro Church, Micro, met recently in the fellowship hall. Miss Pam Wall was the hostess for the meeting. Miss Mel Warren had the lesson, entitled, "An Exercise in Averages." Mrs. Carolyn Hales opened in prayer. There were 6 members present at the meeting. The group discussed selling calendars to raise money. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

### **Revival in Progress at Shiloh Church**

Revival services are in progress through October 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Shiloh Church, near Pinetown. The Rev. D. C. Hansley, executive director of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, is the evangelist. The Rev. Royce Reynolds is

pastor of the church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the remaining services.

### **Upcoming Events at Folkstone Church**

Folkstone Church, Holly Ridge, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 10. Immediately following the 11 a.m. service, lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. A singspiration is scheduled in the afternoon with choirs from visiting churches.

Revival services will begin on Monday, October 11, and will continue through October 15, at 7:30 p.m. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Wayne King. There will be special singing each evening. A nursery will be provided.

The pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Parker, and the congregation invite everyone to attend these services.

### **EAST ROCKINGHAM CHURCH HAS BIBLE SCHOOL**



Vacation Bible School was held at East Rockingham Church with an average attendance for the week of 115 each day.

Betty Lou Idol was the director and did a wonderful job. Roxanne Beck and Jackie Jackson were in charge of the music. There were 8 classes ranging from the nursery to the teenage class.

Each class had Bible study and a time for crafts and refreshments. A good time was enjoyed by all, and everyone received a blessing by attending. Doug Gardner drove the church bus and was on the job every day. The pastor, the Rev. Eddie Edwards, and his wife were present every day and worked hard to help make the school a success.

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## Albemarle Conference To Meet

The 38th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will meet at Saint Paul Church, Elizabeth City, on October 6. The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Devotions, Mrs. Christine Waters
- 9:40—Welcome, Mrs. H. I. Fowler
  - Response, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose
- 9:45—Conference Called to Order, Mr. Oscar Webster
  - Adoption of Program as Order of Business
  - Enrollment of Churches
  - Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates
  - Delegates from Other Church Bodies
  - Visiting Ministers
- 10:15—Moderator's Address
  - Appointment of Temporary Committees:
  - Resolutions
  - Temperance
  - Nominating
  - Morning Offering
  - Report of Standing Boards
  - Executive Board
  - Board of Trustees
  - Board of Education
  - Board of Missions
  - Board of Ordination
- 11:20—Announcements
- 11:25—Special Music
  - Message, the Rev. Joe Griffith
- 12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, the Rev. David Thick
- 1:10—Memorial Service, the Rev. Charlie Overton
- 1:20—Report of State Convention
  - Report of Mount Olive College
  - Report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.
  - Report of the Children's Home
  - Report of Retirement Homes
  - Report of the Board of Superannuation
  - Report of Cragmont
  - Report of Church Finance Association
  - Report of Home Missions and Church Extension
  - Report of Foreign Missions
- 2:10—Business Period
  - Report of Temporary Committees
  - Report of Treasurer
  - Appointment of Delegates to Church Bodies
  - Announcement of Next Conference
  - Reading of Minutes
  - Adjournment and Benediction

## Western District Women to Meet

The Western District Auxiliary Convention will meet at Piney Grove Church, Johnston County, on October 6. The theme will be "Praying Saints." The Scripture will be taken from Matthew 6:9, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:15—Registration
- 9:45—Hymn, "Did You Think to Pray?"
  - Devotion, Mina Watson, Piney Grove
  - Welcome, Jean Sasser, Host Auxiliary
  - President's Remarks, Rosalene Bass, Mount Zion, Nash County
- 10:15—Hymn, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
  - Praying Saints Through Missions, Florence Taylor, Calvary
  - Praying Saints Through Benevolence, Esther Barnes, Little Rock
  - Praying Saints Through the Youth, Suzanne Coates, Pine Level
- 11:00—Hymn, "I Am Praying for You"
  - Offering and Prayer
  - Special Music, Gloria Harrell and Florence Taylor, Calvary; Kay Barnes, pianist, Calvary
  - Convention Message, Geneva Wilder, Friendship
- 12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn, "Send the Light"
  - Devotions, Valeria Beddingfield, First Church, Wilson
  - Business Session
  - Closing Hymn, "God Be with You"
  - Benediction

## Western Conference To Meet

The 96th Annual Session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will meet at Marsh Swamp Church, Rock Ridge, on October 14. The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Hymn
- 9:35—Devotions, the Rev. Jimmie Barfield

- 9:50—Welcome, the Rev. Ray Wells
  - Response, the Rev. Bob Harber
  - Roll Call of Ministers, the Clerk
  - Roll Call of Churches, the Clerk
  - Recognition of Visitors, the Moderator
  - Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. Clyde Cox
  - Partial Report of Credentials Committee
  - Business Session

- 10:45—Report of Carolina Bible Institute
  - Report of Free Will Baptist Press
- 11:00—The Hour of Worship
  - The Offering
  - Special Music, the Host Church
  - Conference Message, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
- 12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, the Rev. Barry Gardner
- 1:10—Report of Home Missions
  - Report of Foreign Missions
  - Report of Cragmont Assembly
  - Report of Superannuation
  - Report of Mount Olive College
  - Report of Board of Ordination
  - Report of State Convention
  - Report of Church Finance Association
  - Report of the Children's Home
  - Report of Retirement Homes
  - Report of Temporary Committees
  - Report of Credentials Committee
  - Report of Treasurer
  - Final Business Session
  - Closing Devotions, the Rev. John Boykin
  - Adjournment

Conference Song Leader, the Rev. Royster Martin  
Conference Pianist from the Host Church

Visitors are always welcome at the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists. They are glad to have you worship with them and observe the business sessions. They hope your being with them will bless you as much as it does them.

## Revival in Progress at Elm Grove Church

Revival services are in progress through October 8, at Elm Grove church near Ayden, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Walter Sutton is the evangelist.

Homecoming will be observed on October 10. The Rev. Steve Hargrove, pastor, will

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## THANK YOU



*The Fred Baker family*

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4). The Baker family has again experienced the reality of these verses of Scripture. We enjoyed so much our stay in the Republic of the Philippines. Yet, it is furlough time for us. It is always hard to say "good-bye" to friends and family; yet a tremendous joy to be reunited and say "hello" to friends and family. These seem to be two factors in the life of a missionary but one in which God's strength and grace prepare you.

The journey from Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, and our arrival in North Carolina have been filled with unexpected blessings. In all the traveling we have ever done, this trip was absolutely the greatest. Only through your prayers and God's grace could

things be like this. We stand in amazement before the Lord. He is so wonderful and worthy to be praised.

The reunion with our families and friends at the Raleigh-Durham Airport was simply wonderful. We thank you and praise the Lord for each one of you that met us there.

We have enjoyed many blessings the short while we have been back in North Carolina. The First Church of Goldsboro, where we live, had our house clean and the refrigerator stocked. The Woman's Auxiliary of Pleasant Hill Church (Wayne County) gave us a nice welcome home reception and showered us with many needed household items and gifts. The Woman's Auxiliary State Convention gave Linda a nice gift to help with her clothes. Other churches and auxiliaries have expressed their love for Christ and the Baker Family with gifts also.

We are delighted to be home for one year and hope to get a chance to see each of you. There certainly is a season and a time for everything. May God bless you.

*The Baker Family*

## BAKER FAMILY BEGINS DEPUTATION

After a few weeks to visit family and friends, take a vacation and readjust to the Western way of life, the Baker family has begun its time of deputation. What is deputation? Deputation is a time that missionaries go back to their homeland and churches to visit all of those that have prayed for and supported them. The missionary reports what God is doing through his ministry, shares the need to continue and seeks to encourage new laborers for the Lord's vineyard.

We have already visited several churches. The spirit of interest in winning the lost to Jesus Christ seems to be growing. Praise the Lord for that.

Time for the Baker family here in the states is limited because of our desire and need to return to the Philippines in the middle of 1983. We would like to visit you and your church on the day or night of your choice. Our schedule is filling up fast. The Sundays are already booked up until May 1983. Only a few more Sundays are left open. There are still many Wednesday nights available. Don't delay another moment! Why not call us today at (919) 735-2694 or write us a letter at 505 Quail Drive, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, to arrange a meeting and sharing time with your church?

It is our prayer to visit every Original Free Will Baptist Church in the State Convention. Let us hear from you soon.

*The Baker Family*

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## MISSIONS RALLY NEWS

Thank you for a great State Convention Missions Rally. The attendance was around 750. All of us from the Home and Foreign Missions Department thank you for the generous offerings given to both departments. The amount given for Home Missions was \$12,147.52 and \$12,800.48 for Foreign Missions, for a total of \$24,948. God bless you as you continue to support these programs of outreach.

Charles Crisp, *Director,*  
*Home Missions*  
Harold Jones, *Director*  
*Foreign Missions*

## NOTICE FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

For those churches or individuals who are planning to send Christmas packages to our missionaries, you need to mail them immediately in order for the packages to arrive by Christmas.

Some people still send mail to our missionaries in the Philippines at the old address. Please do not send mail there any more. Send correspondence to:

P.O. Box 98  
Puerto Princesa City  
Philippines 2901

we studied "Heroes of the Faith." The children were delighted as they moved from one great Biblical personality to another. They really got into the lessons and learned a lot about each of the characters we studied.

The school was well staffed with the following persons: Director, the Rev. W. S. Burns; Beginners, Janice Smith; Primaries, Sandra Hayes; Juniors, Leslee Black; Teens, Donna Blalock.

It was a joy to work with these people at Eastwood during their Bible school. This work had almost ceased to exist until it was placed under the Home Missions Board. In May of this year, the Rev. W. S. Burns came to work with the church. We have grown from an attendance of 8 to an attendance of 31 in that time. God is blessing the work with input from several new people who have come to help us. We solicit the prayers of all Free Will Baptists that God will continue to lead us, and that we may continue our growth in this community.

Committee on Christian Education  
Eastwood Church

## Home Missions

### EASTWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL BIBLE SCHOOL



The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church located at 126 Eastwood Avenue, Fayetteville, conducted its vacation Bible school, August 9-13. Sessions were held from 9-12 a.m. each day.

We had a total of 16 students enrolled with 15 students having a perfect attendance for the entire week. Commencement was held on Sunday evening with a total of 31 in attendance.

Using the Free Will Baptist literature from the Press at Ayden,

## NOTICE

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference will meet on Monday, October 11, 1982, at 10 a.m., at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. Anyone having business with the council please contact Harry Grubbs, secretary, at 756-8585 or 756-6600.

Harry Grubbs

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Al Markuson has a change of address. It is now 910 East Joyner Street, Clayton, North Carolina 27520; phone, 553-4594. He has returned to Eastern North Carolina after seven years of evangelistic meetings and missionary work. He is available for supply and other meetings.



## STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

MONTH ENDED  
JULY 30, 1982

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>REVENUE:</b>			
Revenue from Churches	\$16,925	\$26,083	\$(9,157)
Religious—Other		3,083	(3,083)
Duke Endowment		1,444	(1,444)
Legacies and Bequests		417	(417)
Social Security	1,498	2,000	(501)
Parents and Relatives	220	83	137
Friends	1,883	4,631	(2,748)
Dividends	2	50	(47)
Interest	65	1,000	(934)
Farm Income	(108)	619	(727)
Interest Income—Gay Account	276	436	(159)
Interest Income—Farm Account	503	437	66
Interest Income Endowment		210	(210)
Miscellaneous	46	1,000	(954)
	25		25
Total Revenue	21,338	41,493	(20,154)
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Administration	12,125	8,997	3,128
Family Services	3,404	3,511	(106)
Household	7,914	12,864	(4,949)
Plant	4,936	5,678	(741)
Education	974	2,082	(1,107)
Health Services	1,713	1,120	593
Recreation	111	329	(217)
Religious		75	(75)
Motor Service	2,700	1,400	1,300
Public Relations	2,065	5,437	(3,371)
Total Expenditures	35,947	41,493	(5,545)
Excess of Revenue (Expenditures)	(14,608)		(14,608)

See Accountants' Compilation Report  
Pierce, Strange and Company

017-117  
July 30, 1982

### REPORT OF HOME

There seem to be some misunderstandings about conditions at the Children's Home, as were expressed at the State Convention. What was said in the Convention report and what was heard might have been two different things. The Children's Home has endured 60 years of ups and downs and it will continue to serve. The Free Will Baptist denomination does have a golden opportunity and the resources to serve well in the ministry of child care. Nothing that was said during

the report was intended to belittle the Children's Home or any person.

Today's child is much different from those of yesteryear. The Lord has made provisions through various means that we might be able to serve Him, because He said in Mark 10:14b, "... Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God." I feel that upon this basis we built our ministry. Our major concern in child care is to reunite families and loved ones through our

various programs, and these programs are expensive. The Home has served some 55 children during the last year. We are taking all measures to cut down on expenses. For example, on the left you will find a listing of income and expenditures for July 1982. These figures indicate the reason that we have been sending out extra mailers during the last two months.

E. Howard Cayton  
Executive Director

## Retirement Homes

### RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS AUGUST, 1982 Total \$781.00

#### CENTRAL

King's Cross Roads	\$ 40.28
Total	\$ 40.28

#### EASTERN

Bridgeton	\$ 33.00
White Hill	20.00
Total	\$ 53.00

#### PIEDMONT

Cathedral	\$ 20.00
East Rockingham	20.00
Highland Pines	111.00
High Point	83.40
Total	\$234.40

#### WESTERN

Flood's Chapel	\$ 6.00
People's Chapel	25.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00
Sherron Acres	25.00
Wilson, First	170.00
Total	\$326.00

#### STATEWIDE

Christian Service Fund	\$127.31
Total	\$127.31

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Subscription Department

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## CONVENTION BUYS \$10,000 COLLEGE HALL BOND TO SUPPORT MOC

In separate but related motions, the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists voted unanimously to buy a \$10,000 College Hall Bond and to amend the charter of Mount Olive College in preparation for the transition to four-year status.

The Mount Olive College report was presented by Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College.

The convention not only approved the resolution to issue the College Hall Bonds but also moved to reserve a \$10,000 bond which will mature in 5½ years to \$19,991.50.

## Bond Issue Approved By Convention

As affirmed by the convention, Mount Olive College will issue \$1.5 million in bonds through January 30, in order to finance the College Hall project. The bonds will have maturity dates from 1½ to 7 years and interest rates from 12% to 13%.

College Hall is a physical education and convention center scheduled for completion in 1984.

A total of 100 Free Will Baptists from the Convention attended a luncheon at which LeRoy Roberts, president of American Funding, Inc., explained the bond issue and answered questions concerning reservations. American Funding, Inc. is serving Mount Olive College in an advisory capacity on the bond issue.

## MOC Charter Amended

Following the luncheon, the convention voted to amend the charter of Mount Olive College

in preparation for the transition to four-year status.

The articles of amendment to the charter now read that the purpose of Mount Olive College is "To establish, maintain and operate a four-year co-educational college for the Christian education of men and women" and "to maintain an emphasis upon scholarship and Christian living."

The amendment makes official the plan to change the status of Mount Olive College from a two-year junior college to a four-year senior college.

## Endowment to Be Increased

Of the four-year program, President Raper said, "In the next two years we must accomplish as much as we have in the last thirty." He outlined three goals which would need to be met for baccalaureate status—develop a physical plant to support this program, and build a larger endowment.

President Raper explained that an endowment is money that is never spent but is invested for the institution's continued financial stability. He projected that Mount Olive College's present endowment of \$1.1 million should be increased to at least \$2.5 million in 1984 and \$5 million by 1986.

## Enrollment and Denominational Services

In reporting on enrollment and denominational services, President Raper noted that during the 1981-82 academic year, a total of 1,488 persons enrolled in Mount Olive College educational programs. These included persons enrolled in regular college classes on campus, through the extension program at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, and in continuing education programs.

## PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be guest speaker at Free Union Church, Greene County, on Sunday, October 10, at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit President Raper will discuss the transition of Mount Olive College to baccalaureate status.

The pastor of Free Union Church is the Rev. Calvin Heath.

## 1982 DINNERS FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

*Beaufort County*, Saturday, October 9, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School, Billy Gurkin, Chairman. Goal \$7,275

*Greene County*, Saturday, October 16, 7 p.m., West Greene School, Snow Hill, George Harrison, Chairman. Goal \$9,625

*Jones County*, Monday, October 18, 7 p.m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston, Mrs. Mildred Jenkins, Chairman. Goal \$2,425

*Edgecombe-Halifax Counties*, Tuesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, Rufus Harrell, Chairman. Goal \$5,125

*Wayne County*, Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Miss Louise Edgerton, Chairman. Goal \$17,950

*Onslow, New Hanover, Brunswick Counties*, Tuesday, October 28, 7 p.m., Folkstone Church, O. B. Taylor, Chairman. Goal \$1,525

*Duplin County*, Saturday, October 30, 6 p.m., East Duplin High School near Beulaville, William D. Thigpen, Chairman. Goal \$9,800

*Johnston-Wake Counties*, Monday, November 1, 7 p.m., Everett Chapel Church (Spiritual Life Building), Donald Coates and Philip Wood, Co-Chairmen. Goal \$24,350

## NEW CREATIONS' SCHEDULE

October 9, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School, Beaufort County Dinner

October 10, 11 a.m., Pleasant Grove Church, Worship Service (Pikeville)

October 10, 7:30 p.m., Smith's New Home Church, Worship Service



## SUNDAY, 10 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 1

### EFFICIENCY OF A CAPE CANAVERAL COUNTDOWN

I asked Billy Graham, "What do you consider the most important thing in life?"

"Integrity," he flashed.

"Suppose," I said, "you could choose between a billion-dollar gift to spend for Christian causes; Khrushchev's conversion to Jesus Christ; or an open door to evangelize the Communist world—which would you take?"

"Still integrity!" he insisted.

I believe the gospel allows no other answer. It salutes integrity with the efficiency of a Cape Canaveral countdown. That is why men who really know the power of the gospel are devotees of moral soundness.

*This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.*

## MONDAY, 11 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2

### A PRACTICAL SERMON PREACHED

Before leaving Japan for a much needed furlough, some missionaries stopped at a gift shop to buy some presents for friends and relatives at home. The shopkeeper, a Japanese, spoke good English. He asked, "Shall I make a true bill for you to pay me, and another one for half the value for you to show the customs officer when you reach San Francisco?" The missionaries said, "We are Christian missionaries!" "I humbly beg your pardon," said the shopkeeper. "I know that Christians are truthful, but American tourists often ask me to do this. I thought you were tourists!"

*What a mighty and practical sermon those missionaries preached!*

## TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 3

### NON-DEBT-PAYING CHURCHMEN

'Twas the young minister's first pastorate. He was filled with zeal for the unsaved ones.

Among those about whom he was deeply burdened was the druggist of the little town. Going to the drugstore one day, the minister, after the usual exchange of greetings, began to talk to the druggist about his soul and his need of the Saviour. The man listened respectfully, in silence. Then he took the pastor to his office in the rear of the store. There he began to shift the leaves of his ledger. Coming to a certain account, the druggist asked the minister, "Do you know that man?" "Why, yes," replied the minister. "Do you see how long this account has been unpaid?" "I do," said the pastor. Then he continued, "Is that man able to pay this account?" "Why, yes, that man is a prosperous member of my church. I can't understand," said the pastor hesitantly. Coming to another account, the same conversation ensued between pastor and druggist. Two professing Christians, both non-debt-paying, were blocking the road to Heaven for the unsaved druggist. The young minister stood speechless for a moment; then he walked dejectedly from the store.

*One thing which we can and ought to keep after giving it is our word.*

## WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:1-9

### WHY HE WAS SO PARTICULAR

An aged Christian man who mended umbrellas knocked at my back door. "Have you any umbrellas which need fixing?" he asked. "Yes," I replied, as I went for my umbrella whose cover was torn and whose ribs were broken. The old man sat on the steps and carefully removed the torn cloth. With equal care he measured the new cloth and repaired the broken ribs. I was fascinated in observing how he put his best effort into the task, and commented, "You seem most careful in your work." "Yes," he said as a smile came to his wrinkled face. "I try to do the best possible work." "But your customers would not know the difference until you were gone. Perhaps you expect to come back this way again someday," I suggested. "No," said the old man. "I will probably never come this way again." Sensing greatness of character in the old man and wanting him to disclose it, I asked, "Then why are you so particular to do the best work?" Said he, "So it will be easier for the man who follows me! If I do shoddy, bad work, my

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customers will soon find it out, and the next mender of umbrellas who comes along will get the cold shoulder!"

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*May others see honor, truth, and humility in all that we do.*

## THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Titus 1

### CHARACTER CANNOT BE BOUGHT

King Edward VII of England wanted a governess for his children. A Scottish lady of integrity and character was recommended to him. The king offered her the position. She modestly declined his offer. "Royal children need a much more learned person than I am," she said. The king, however, refused her declination, saying, "Madam, I wish you to accept the position because you are an honest, good woman. I can employ others who are possibly better prepared scholastically than you, but I cannot buy integrity and honesty."

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*One's character is as good as the number of persons whose lives are enriched by one's action; the length of time the good influence of one's actions continues; the importance for human welfare of the issues or problems in which one is actively interested; the proportion of one's life—time, energy, thought, work—which one gives to the struggle to find a solution to these problems; the eagerness with which one seeks to gain sound judgment from the experiences of others throughout history; and the extent to which one seeks to gain strength by allying himself with the great forces of God.*

## FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Titus 2

### HALF-TRUTHS MAY WORK HAVOC

An overstatement or an understatement may create a false inference. A half-truth, with essential facts left out, may work more havoc than a whole lie.

A mate on a sailing vessel got drunk. The captain entered in the log: "Mate drunk today." The mate pleaded with the captain, "This is my first offense. Unless you put the whole truth, telling of my usual sobriety, it will cost me my post." The captain was obdurate and would not change the entry. Some days later, the mate was keeping the log. Among other entries, he made this one: "Captain sober today." The captain fumed when he read the entry. "That entry," he protested, "will create a false impression in the

minds of the owners of the vessel. They'll conclude that it is an unusual thing for me to be sober!" This time the mate was obdurate and said, "It is a true fact, and it stays in the log!"

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*Though a statement may be accurate, if it misrepresents the circumstances it is, in essence, lying.*

## SATURDAY, 16 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Titus 3

### NOBLE MEN

Men are noble when they're godly,  
When they're patient, kind and true;  
Noble when they bless their fellows  
From the pulpit and the pew;  
Noble when they walk uprightly  
As they journey on life's way;  
Noble in their homes and nation  
When they worship God and pray.

Men are noble when they're honest,  
Never stooping to the wrong;  
Noble when they're clean in spirit,  
And in manhood great and strong;  
Noble when they're full of mercy  
Toward the downcast and the weak;  
When they're filled with Christian graces,  
Tenderhearted, gentle, meek.

Men are noble when they're spotless  
In their character and name;  
Noble when they love their fellows  
More than riches, honor, fame;  
Noble when their deep affections  
Are upon the things above;  
When they're looking up to Heaven,  
Filled with God's eternal love.

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*It is not what you say that counts,  
Nor merely what you do;  
Your words may all seem genuine,  
Your works be not a few;  
Yet, after all, God looks within,  
And sees the inner "you."  
Your doctrine may be error free,  
Your creed be all so true;  
Yet God looks past all these to see  
If you, yourself, are true.*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

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**October is  
Superannuation Month.**

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For October 10

## GOD ESTABLISHES THE PASSOVER

**Lesson Text:** Exodus 12:11-17,  
24-27

**Memory Verse:** Exodus 12:14

### I. INTRODUCTION

God understands holidays and vacations better than most of us do because He understands our needs better than we do. Each vacation He established for His people in Old Testament times provided three much-needed things: a break in ordinary routine, an abundance of fun and fellowship, and opportunities for worship and religious instruction. This week we consider how the first of those festivals began.

No vacations were allowed when the people of Israel were enslaved in Egypt. The Egyptians did not want them to be refreshed; they wanted them to be worn out, even worked to death. When God said the time had come to end that slavery, the Egyptians naturally disagreed. They had an abundance of cheap labor, and they had no intention of giving it up. It would take some vigorous coercion to make them let God's people go.

The coercion God used was in the form of the famous ten plagues.

1. The water in Egypt turned to blood.
2. Frogs from the Nile covered the land.
3. People and animals were plagued by lice.
4. Swarms of flies filled the country.
5. An epidemic killed many cattle.
6. Boils tormented people and animals.
7. A terrible hailstorm devastated Egypt.
8. Locusts devoured the plants that remained.

9. Darkness covered the land for three days.

10. The firstborn of each family died.

Why did God use this long process of persuasion? He could have put the Egyptians to sleep, as he put Adam to sleep while He extracted a rib (Genesis 2:21, 22). He could have paralyzed them and let them watch helplessly as the people of Israel marched away. He could have guarded the departing people with a curtain of cloud and fire, as He later did through one night (Exodus 14:19, 20). Why did God use a long series of plagues rather than some quicker method?

The reason is not explained; but evidently God chose not to overpower the Egyptians by force, but to educate them—and Israel. Step by step the conviction grew that the so-called gods of Egypt simply could not compete with the God of Israel. Before the eighth plague, and perhaps even earlier, advisers of Pharaoh were urging him to give up (Exodus 10:7); but Pharaoh remained obdurate. It is hard for a ruler to confess that he is unable to rule. But the process of education continued till Pharaoh and all his people were not only willing but eager for the Israelites to get out of the country and to take with them treasures of gold and silver (12:33-36).

Nine of the plagues were past, and God knew the tenth would be enough to accomplish His purpose: "Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterward he will let you go hence" (Exodus 11:1). Briefly He described the horror of that coming plague: "About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt: and all the firstborn in the land of

Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maid-servant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts" (11:4, 5). Carefully God instructed the people of Israel to prepare not only for departure, but also for a memorial to be observed forever.

Even the calendar was to be changed in remembrance. The springtime month of departure was to be the first month of the year (Exodus 12:2). Before that time, it seems, the year had begun in the fall when the last fruit of the old year was gathered, and plowing and planting began for another year's harvest. That old system was not forgotten, and even now the "Jewish New Year" comes in the fall; but in the Bible the months are counted from that spring month when the people left Egypt.

On the tenth day of that month each family was to select a lamb—or two small families might join together. On the fourteenth day of the month the lamb was to be butchered, and its blood was to be used to mark the doorway of the family home. The meat was to be roasted and eaten, all of it that very night (vv. 3-10). —*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. LET US PONDER

The paschal lamb that was slain at the Passover is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Lamb of God. It was a young male lamb without spot or blemish, and its blood caused the death angel to spare the firstborn of each household of Israel. This is one of the greatest types in all the Bible of the death of Christ himself.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

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bring the morning message. There will be a singspiration in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### Upcoming Events at Pine Level Church

Homecoming will be celebrated on Sunday, October 10, at Pine Level Church in Pine Level. A memorial service will be held during the morning worship service under the direction of Mrs. Jackie Woodard. The pastor, the Rev. Donald Coates, will bring the homecoming message. Lunch will be served afterwards on the church grounds. All members, former members, former pastors, and friends of the church are invited to attend.

The church will hold revival services, October 11-14 at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. David Charles Hansley, executive director of the Free Will Baptist Press. Special music will be presented each evening and the pastor will have a special children's sermon during each service. Thursday evening's service will be designated as "youth night." The membership of the church and its pastor invite everyone to attend this series of services.

### Homecoming and Revival at Owens Chapel Church

Owens Chapel Church of Route 3, Elm City, will observe homecoming services on October 10. The pastor, the Rev. Melvin Moore, will bring the morning message. Lunch will be served.

Revival services will begin October 11 and will continue through October 16. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Swade Benson will be the guest evangelist. The pastor and the congregation cordially invite the public to attend these services. There will be special singing each night.

### Upcoming Revival at Holly Springs Church

Revival services will begin at Holly Springs Church, Route 2, Kenly, October 17 and will continue through October 21. The prayer room will open at 7:15 and services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of Micro Church, will be the guest speaker. There will be special singing each night. The pastor, the Rev. W. Royster Martin, and the church membership extend a cordial welcome to everyone to attend these services.

### Revival in Progress At Kenly Church

Revival services are in progress through October 8 at Kenly Church, Kenly, with the Rev. Arnold Price, pastor of Northern Church near Durham, as the evangelist. Services begin each evening at 7:30. Special singing is being featured each evening. The pastor, the Rev. James V. Joyner, and the congregation invite all former members, pastors, and friends to attend the remaining services.

### Upcoming Events at Trent Church

On October 10, there will be a guest speaker showing slides and speaking on Foreign Missions at Trent Church, Merritt. The service will start at 7:30 p.m.

Revival services will be held at the church, October 18-22, with special singing each night. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Rudy Owens, pastor of Fishers of Men Church, Wilson. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

### ATTENTION CENTRAL CONFERENCE CHURCH CLERKS

It is the policy of the Central Conference for all pastors in the Conference to appear before the Ordaining Council to

be cleared for pastoral work within the Conference before they begin work in the Conference.

All clerks are hereby notified or reminded to (1) contact the secretary of the Ordaining Council when your church calls a minister who is not a member of the Conference and (2) to advise said minister to contact the secretary of the Council.

Your cooperation will enhance the work of the Ordaining Council and save possible embarrassment for the Council and your pastor.

Harry Grubbs

### NOTICE

During the 1981 annual session of the Eastern Conference, a resolution was presented by the Resolutions Committee relative to the need of increased enthusiasm and information as to what is happening, or should happen, in the areas of missions and evangelism both on the church level and in our Conference programs and youth activities.

After a discussion, it was referred by motion to the Executive Committee and the Missions Board for further study as to its implementation and so as to include Camp Vandemere.

In compliance with the resolution and after study by the Executive Committee, the Missions and Camp Vandemere Boards are planning a service to be held at Holly Springs Church on Wednesday evening, October 20th.

A Hotdog, Hamburger Supper will be given at 6:30 which will be provided by the churches of Carteret County. The worship service will begin at 7:30 and will feature a number of personalities and information about Conference missions work and our camping program for 1983.

We are encouraging each church to cancel its Wednesday evening service and to come and be with us at Holly Springs. We are especially inviting the YFA, AFC, and Cherubs Youth Directors to attend with their groups.

Watch *The Free Will Baptist* for more information.

Walter J. Sutton



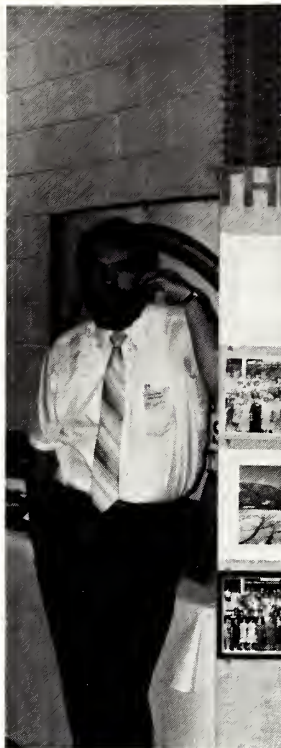


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(Top left) part of the choir that sang during the Night of Evangelism service; (top right) the Rev. John Williams, manager of Cragmont Assembly; (middle left) the Rev. David Charles Hansley turns the Thursday morning service over to Bishop Forbes; (middle right) members of Bishop Forbes's choir; (bottom left) the Rev. Harold Jones, (standing), talks to Dr. Lester Duncan and Wayne Foust, while the Rev. Walter Sutton speaks with Deborah King, her daughter Kelly is in the foreground.

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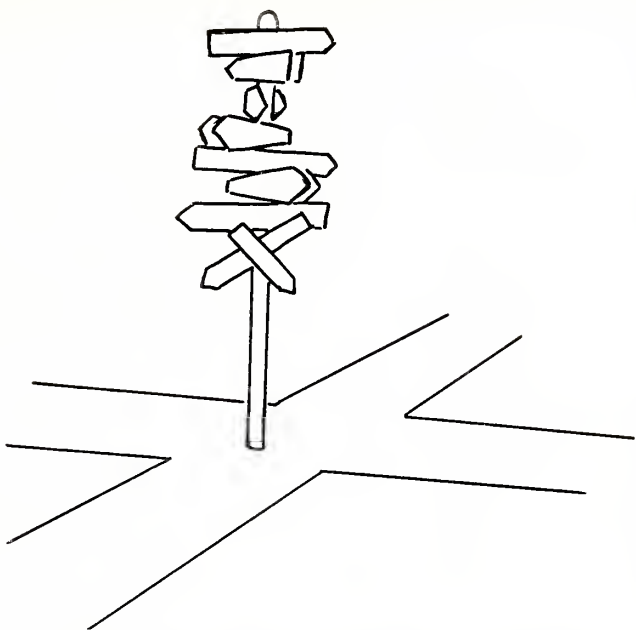
The Choice Is Ours!

To be perfectly honest with you, I don't know if I really want to do one job that I will be faced with in the near future. Now, it's not my nature to be insubordinate—in fact, I usually do as I am asked without so much as a whimper. But I know that I will soon be charged with the task of examining what we as a church have done over the last year—and the last two times we have done this have been rather distressing.

Below you will find a table comparing membership figures for organizations in the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists for 1980 and 1981. These figures were compiled from the 1981 and 1982 editions of the *Yearbook for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, so they reflect totals for July 1, 1979—June 30, 1980, from the 1981 edition; and July 1, 1980—June 30, 1981, from the 1982 volume. Ninety percent of the churches in the State Convention reported in the 1982 edition, while eighty-eight percent did so in the 1981 volume. (Next week we will show the losses sustained since 1979.)

What can we do? That's the question that must be on your mind—I know it is on mine. The local church is where these statistics originate and that may be where our efforts must be concentrated if there is to be a turnaround.

It may be that some churches are doing a better job of "cleaning up" their rolls than ever before. Everyone knows that most churches have too many "inactive" members padding their rolls. This is a delicate situation; but before we assume that churches have removed such members from their rosters, let's



remember that we have no way of documenting whether or not this trimming down process was greater last year than in previous years.

We must face up to this problem, and I pray that these figures will help us see the real challenge that is ahead. Since over one-half of the population of North Carolina is not affiliated with any church, there is no doubt but that the potential is there. Every Christian should be burdened to consider the growing percentage of people in just this state who know nothing about the ministry of a good church—not to mention the grace of Jesus Christ! Those of us who love God and the church must share with others. It goes without saying that we are failing; but apparently, we do not care!

Maybe my real question should be changed; maybe the real question is not what can be done, but what will we do? That, my brother and sister, I'm afraid, is up to me and you!

MEMBERSHIP														
Conference	Church Sunday School League						YFA		AFC		WA		LL	
	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980
Albemarle	1997	1701	1169	986	140	101	87	52	85	59	201	177	52	35
Cape Fear	4443	4692	2965	3123	55	25	227	235	154	213	566	554	69	64
Central	7669	7656	4740	4791	199	241	272	218	236	198	1058	944	342	219
Eastern	10461	10232	6762	6588	166	229	355	368	273	357	1380	1298	200	86
Pee Dee	1800	1733	1478	1579	284	320	220	181	65	57	137	132	27	32
Piedmont	1152	1152	532	1042	0	34	90	48	38	21	114	187	17	11
Western	8494	8934	5738	6304	89	128	495	516	356	348	1145	1179	180	210
Total	36016	36100	23384	24413	933	1078	1746	1618	1207	1253	4601	4471	887	657
NET GAIN or LOSS	-84		-1029		-145		128		-46		130		230	





*(Top) part of those in attendance at one of the Convention's worship services; (bottom left) members of the Tagalog Choir; (bottom right) the Marlboro Church Youth Choir.*

## What's Ahead for Free Will Baptists? It's Up to Me and You!

The Seventieth Annual Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists began on Wednesday morning, September 15. Attendance was good and a spirit of harmony seemed to predominate. The Rev.

David Charles Hansley, president of the Convention, presided in a very able manner and it was obvious that Wednesday's session would be one of the smoothest ever.

But before the Convention ever assembled for business, many Free Will Baptists had traveled to Kinston to attend the First Annual Night of Evangelism. The evangelism service was held on Tuesday evening. The Rev. William Jackie Godwin, pastor of Beaverdam Church, Chadbourn, North Carolina, and the Rev. Walter Sutton, pastor of Macedonia Church, Ernul, North Carolina, addressed those in attendance. Mr. Godwin pastors the largest Free Will Baptist church in the State Convention; Mr. Sutton has pastored Macedonia Church for some time, and they have experienced continuing growth. Both men expressed the belief that evangelism is as old as God and is as contemporary and relevant as today. A mass choir composed of singers from churches across the state sang beautifully for the occasion under the direction of the Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of Micro Church.

Annual reports from denominational enterprises, institutions, and bodies were given on both days of the Convention. The Rev. Robert May, pastor of Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, delivered the message during the first day's session. Bishop L. N. Forbes, pastor and founder of Faith Temple Number One, East Orange, New Jersey, spoke on Thursday morning; Bishop Forbes was accompanied by his choir.

As is the custom, the Mission Rally was held on Wednesday evening. The Board of Foreign Missions was in charge of the service this year. Special music for the rally was sung by a Tagalog Choir composed of the Harold Jones, Fred Baker, and Wayne King families (this group was accompanied on the guitar by Doug Seymour); the Youth Choir from Marlboro Church, Farmville; and Mrs. Deborah King, former missionary to the Philippines. The Rev. Fred Baker, who is home from the Philippines on furlough, delivered a challenging message during the service.

The offering taken during the Convention for our home and foreign missions programs totaled \$24,948. Of this amount, \$12,147.52 was given for home missions; the remaining \$12,800.48 was for foreign missions. (A total of \$25,381.85 was given during the rally last year.)

#### **A SUMMARY OF VARIOUS REPORTS**

**Executive Committee Report:** The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists recommended that the Convention purchase a \$10,000 College Hall bond; such a bond would have a maturity value of \$19,991. Upon proper motion, this recommendation passed.

**Foreign Missions Report:** This past year was an eventful one for foreign missions. The Rev. Joe Ingram resigned as Foreign Missions Director in September, 1981; and the Rev. Harold Jones assumed the post on December 15. The Rev. J. E. Timmons, our senior missionary to Mexico, went to be with the Lord on December 16. The Board of Foreign Missions voted on December 29 to establish the "J. E. Timmons Memorial Fund"; contributions can be made to this fund during the annual holiday drive. Mr. Jones opened his office in the Headquarters and settled in before the Charles Barnard family left for the Philippines (March, 1982). On June 11, 1982, the Board accepted the resignation of the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link, missionaries to Mexico; their resignation was effective July 7.

The Convention approved a budget of \$240,000 for foreign missions for the coming year. Approval was also granted for the months of December and March to continue to be designated as "Foreign Missions Month." It was asked that the Convention encourage each member to pray daily for world missions; the challenge is for everyone to pray at least two minutes a day for this cause.

**Home Missions and Church Extension Department Report:** During the past Convention year, the Rev. Charles Crisp became the Executive Director of the Department, and an office was set up in the Headquarters in Ayden. At present, four mission pastors are being supported on a full-time basis; and two mission points, Rocky Mount and Advance, have been closed. Three missions were organized into churches during the year: Victory, Hope Mills; Catalpa, Fayetteville; and Cape Colony, Edenton. The Department asked the Convention for \$135,000 for the new year.

**Superannuation Report:** Regrettably, three ministers who participated in the Superannuation program died during the year. They were the Revs. J. E. Timmons, Herman Wooten, and Wiley Ferrell.

It was announced at the Convention that the consultant firm of Hutchinson and Associates, Inc., of Raleigh, North Carolina, has been secured to study our retirement program and to make recommendations for improvements. It was also announced that the Board has recently upgraded the life insurance program for use by the ministers of the denomination. The upgraded program will provide \$20,000 worth of life insurance protection for those up to age 50, and from ages 50 to 60, the amount will be \$10,000; the Board will participate in 50% of the basic premium for twenty years or until the minister reaches the age of 65.

Information related about the Mutual Benevolent Fund reiterated the fact that Blue





The Rev. Gary Bailey is shown above passing out copies of *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)* to some of the members of the committee who labored so long on the document.

Cross/Blue Shield began administering claims on July 1, 1982. (More information about this can be obtained through the Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasurer of the Board of Superannuation.)

**Mount Olive College Report:** Five years ago, the North Carolina State Convention asked the Board of Trustees of the College to work aggressively toward making it a four-year institution; and the Board has labored to that end. The members of the first graduating class are now on campus and they should receive their baccalaureate degrees in 1986. The Board of Trustees, administration and faculty of the College have made the following commitments: to develop a four-year educational program; to develop a physical plant adequate to support this program; and to build an endowment that will strengthen the fiscal foundation of the College.

The College asked that Free Will Baptists contribute \$20 per member annually; and that strong encouragement be given to all churches to make special gifts and/or pledges to assure the completion of College Hall.

**Cragmont Assembly Report:** Cragmont is a non-profit corporation; therefore, it depends greatly upon the churches of the denomination for financial support. One means by which individuals can contribute is through the Cragmont Club. At present, the Club has about 100 members. If it had 500 members (each of whom paid \$10 a month) Cragmont could pay off the debt on the new building in three years. If there were 1,000 participants in the Club, the note could be paid off in two years.

It was strongly urged that churches put Cragmont in their annual budgets. The largest contributors to the camp are those who have placed this cause in their budgets.

**Retirement Homes Report:** The Board of the Retirement Homes made three very important decisions during the past year: the Rev. Walter Sutton was elected/hired to serve as director of this work; a master plan for the future physical growth of the facility was adopted in February; and the campus auxiliary was asked to accept the project of caring for the retirees whenever they have special needs due to sickness or poor health.

Upon proper motion and after due procedure, the following constitutional change was made regarding the Retirement Homes Board:

**Retirement Homes Board**—The Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes shall be composed of ten members elected by the Convention for a term of five years, with the term of two members expiring each year. Each Conference shall be represented on this Board with one member per 50 churches or fraction thereof (Article 2, Section 23).

**Free Will Baptist Foundation Report:** The Press experienced an unusual circumstance this year, having operated at a loss for the second consecutive year. Even though sales have increased, they did not compensate for inflation, and continued price increases have plagued the institution. To arrest the situation, the Rev. David Charles Hansley, executive director; Mr. Vance Taylor, auditor; and the Board of Directors are working together diligently, setting up a working profit budget which reflects changes and cutbacks.

**Free Will Baptist Children's Home Report:** The Children's Home has continued to serve children and their families during the past year through its campus program, foster care and specialized care with the cooperation of other agencies. Major accomplishments achieved during the past year are as follows: Central Cottage was reopened and filled with children; a new tractor and car were purchased; the storehouse was closed in an effort to save money and to help the children learn how to plan meals; the education center is being moved to Albemarle Cottage; a fund raising program was developed; and Convention churches have been holding services at the Home on Sunday evenings, giving them an opportunity to see the Home and the children firsthand.

The Home requested that member churches give support by placing the amount of \$15.65 per member in their church budget, and that each church give as liberally as possible when special projects arise.

**Church Finance Report:** The Association is a non-profit membership corporation owned by churches, institutions, conferences, and individual Free Will Baptists who purchase memberships. For the year ending 12-31-81, the total memberships were \$51,798.58; retained earnings were \$260,027.84. The total loans totaled \$1,200,664.45; interest paid on deposits for 1981 amounted to \$101,529.75.

**The Obituary Committee Report:** The Committee memorialized four ministers who had passed away since the last Convention. They were the Rev. J. E. Timmons, "a man who served on many mission fields"; the Rev. Herman Wooten, "a faithful pastor"; the Rev. Wiley Ferrell, "a sincere man who preached with boldness"; and the Rev. Jasper Edwards, "a man full of faith and good works." The Rev. Walter Stanley also passed away during the year (but the Committee was not aware of it at the time the report was given).

**The Temperance Committee Report:** The Committee urged everyone to minister to those who had fallen intemperate, and to work toward the prevention of others falling, since temperance is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. It was stressed that ministers need to preach faithfully, always being aware of the evils of the day. Since the body is the temple of God, it was also stressed that better care should be taken of these "physical" plants.

**The Resolutions Committee Report:** The following resolutions were adopted by the Convention.

1. BE IT RESOLVED: that the 1982 session of the State Convention instruct the Executive

Committee to act immediately on Resolution #8 of the 1981 session of the State Convention, said resolution dealing with the development of a new hymnal for our Free Will Baptist denomination. (This resolution has been printed below.)

[BE IT RESOLVED: that a study be done to determine the feasibility of a new hymn book for our denomination with the following guides.

1. The committee should investigate the needs of the denomination as pertaining to a hymn book for worship.

2. The hymnal should be planned for formal and informal worship services, Sunday schools, evangelistic services, and youth meetings.

3. The hymnal should include hymns from all periods of history as well as new hymns and songs by today's gifted writers. The hymns should reflect the theological thought of our denomination.

4. The hymns should be printed in connection with the tunes that are associated with worship in the denomination churches.

5. There should be a grouping of the hymns to help a person that is selecting hymns for a certain service, occasion or season. There should be a guide for the use of hymns. Hymns should also be arranged topically and alphabetically.

6. The hymn book should include outline services for: Baptism, Communion, Washing the Saint's Feet, Ordination of a Minister, Ordination of a Deacon, Dedication of Children or a Child, a Wedding, and a Funeral. These outlines would aid the minister in preparing for worship.

7. The hymn book should include a section for Responsive Readings. Much thought should be given to the Responsive Readings so that a suitable selection can be found to aid in the development of any theme, occasion, or season.

8. It should be noted that the Responsive Readings should be arranged for Unison Readings.

9. There should also be a section set aside as a Lectionary.

10. The committee for this new hymn book should be appointed by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. The members of this committee should consist of a minister from each Conference and four other individuals at large. All members of the committee should have a knowledge and an understanding of worship and hymnology.]

2. WHEREAS, at the last Annual Session of the State Convention a motion was passed that all denominational enterprises and institutions submit a financial statement with their yearly Convention report, and

WHEREAS, some of the enterprises and institutions did not submit financial reports to this session of the Convention,

BE IT RESOLVED: that all institutions and enterprises submitting reports to the 1983 Convention include in that report a financial statement.

3. WHEREAS, there is a continuing interest expressed by many in the growth and development of our denomination,

BE IT RESOLVED, that figures be printed in our yearbook which represent by conferences the numerical growth or decline of our denomination.

(Turn the Page)



4. WHEREAS, abortion on demand is a great controversy within our nation and within many major denominations and religious groups, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists is obligated to God, our members, and our nation to take a stand against this evil,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists be instructed to issue news releases to major television and radio stations and newspapers stating our stand against abortion on demand.

5. WHEREAS, many laymen and laywomen feel that they should have more representation on various boards of the Original Free Will Baptist enterprises,

BE IT RESOLVED: that in the selecting of future board members more laymen and laywomen be considered.

6. WHEREAS, the Carolina Bible Institute has played an important role in the education of Free Will Baptist pastors and other workers, and

WHEREAS, time is given at the State Convention to others not under the direct control of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists,

BE IT RESOLVED: that time be given each year at the Annual Session of the State Convention for a report on the progress and work of the Carolina Bible Institute.

7. WHEREAS, the evil of pornography has increased its effect upon all areas of our society, and

WHEREAS, we are instructed in God's Word to fight evil on every hand, and

WHEREAS, the Christian Action League is presently working to deal with the evil of pornography,

BE IT RESOLVED: that this Convention go on record as supporting the work of the Christian Action League in its fight against pornography, and that the treasurer of this Convention be instructed to send \$100 to the Christian Action League to be used toward this cause.

8. WHEREAS, the majority of conferences of our Convention have adopted *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*,

BE IT RESOLVED: that we, the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, urge the ordaining councils of all member conferences to adhere to the guidelines set forth in the new revision of our discipline, *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists*.

9. WHEREAS, many major denominations have been divided over the issue of biblical inerrancy—or the doctrine of the complete trustworthiness of the entire Bible, and

WHEREAS, our new *Statement of Faith and Discipline* leaves room for some to believe in the possibility that the Bible contains errors in matters of science or history, and yet be infallible in matters of salvation, Christian worship and service, and

WHEREAS, the Free Will Baptist denomination has historically believed in the complete and

full inspiration of the Bible and the absolute trustworthiness of the Scriptures in all matters in which they speak, and that they contain no errors in the original manuscripts,

BE IT RESOLVED: that we as a denomination reaffirm and assert that we believe the Scriptures in the original manuscripts to be fully and verbally (or completely and word-for-word) inspired by the Holy Spirit and completely accurate, infallible, and without error in every matter of which the Scriptures speak.

10. WHEREAS, the administration, faculty and staff of Lenoir Community College have once again shown to us every courtesy and kindness possible during the meeting of this 70th Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists,

BE IT RESOLVED: that we give to Lenoir Community College a rising vote of thanks.

11. WHEREAS, our denomination has been served faithfully and efficiently by those who have occupied positions of leadership in this Convention,

BE IT RESOLVED: that this Convention give a rising vote of thanks to our outgoing officers and board members.

### **The Nominating Committee Report: The following were elected at the Convention:**

*President:* Gary Bailey.

*Vice President:* William Jackie Godwin.

*Recording Secretary:* William Scott Sowers.

*Assistant Recording Secretary:* Steve Hargrove.

*Treasurer:* George Demmitt.

*Members-at-Large:* Roy Clifton, Dola Dudley.

*Children's Home Board:* Dr. Eugene Poston, Rebecca Davenport, Charles Harrell, Eddie Edwards.

*Retirement Homes Board:* Lloyd Jones, Walter Sutton, Happy Taylor, J. C. Yates, Everette Harper, Harry Jones, O. B. Jones, James B. Hardee, Hazel Brown, Mrs. Payton Lee.

*Mount Olive College Board of Trustees:* Mrs. N. B. Barrow, James B. Hunt Sr., S. Woodrow McCoy, William "Bill" Thigpen, Annie Mae Sutton, Edna M. Scarborough (unexpired term of Ray W. Scarborough).

*Foreign Missions Board:* C. F. Bowen (member for life), Wayne King.

*Home Missions Board:* D. W. Hansley.

*Board of Superannuation:* William L. Dale.

*Scouting Commission:* J. Harold Swinson, Jerry Allen (unexpired term of Mrs. Rose Raper).

*Commission on Free Will Baptist Student Fellowships:* Craig Simmons.

*Historical Commission:* Leah McGlohon.

*Chaplain's Commission:* Dr. Michael Pelt.

*Cragmont Membership Representative:* De Wayne Eakes.

*Church Finance Membership Representative:* Dewey Boling.

*Free Will Baptist Press Membership Representative:* Doug Skinner.

*Layman's League Board:* Mike Futrell, J. T. Wilson, Paul Beaman, Wayne Britt, and Fred Boykin.

## A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO CORINE GUINN



Mrs. Corine Guinn

On July 27, 1982, God called our beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Corine Guinn, to her eternal reward. She was busy in the Lord's work until the very end.

She was born on March 27, 1918, the daughter of the Rev. C. B. and Ida Woodard Hopkins. Her funeral was at the East Rockingham Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, where she has been a member for many years and loved so dearly. The Rev. Eddie Edwards and the Rev. Austin Carter conducted the services. She was laid to rest at Richmond Memorial Park, in Rockingham, North Carolina. Corine was survived by her husband, Eli Guinn, one daughter, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Corine was respected and loved by all who knew her. There are many people in our church who were touched by her Christian influence. The vacancy she left in our church has been one of sorrow, but we know that she has gone to a place of joy and happiness. She served so faithfully and so well

for her Lord. She loved visiting the sick or needy and helped in any way possible. She taught the young people's class for years and was presently teaching the adult ladies.

This Woman of the Year Award winner (1967) was quite active in her local Woman's Auxiliary. She has served her Auxiliary as president, vice-president, treasurer, circle chairman. On the District Level, she has served as president of the Piedmont District, District vice president, secretary and field worker.

Under her leadership as president in 1981 we met the standards of achievement for an A-1 auxiliary.

This is a small tribute to pay someone who served so long and faithfully in the service of God, but it is written with great love, respect and admiration for one who will be remembered for many years to come. We have felt a great loss, but Heaven has gained a true sister in Christ.

Frankie Battley

## THANK YOU

In mid-March, 1982, the church at Sidney was in search of a man of God who would lead the flock of this small Free Will Baptist Church. Like so many other times in the past, prayers were lifted up to God that He might send the "right one" to accept the need at Sidney. Happy are we to say that those prayers were answered, because Mr. Robert F. Burke along with his precious wife and daughter heeded God's call and came to us and to what we believe, fulfilling God's will.

Mr. Burke bravely took on the challenge of serving our church-family as "supply minister" as he began his quest



Mr. Robert F. Burke

in obtaining his license and to become a fully ordained pastor in our conference. Mr. Burke and his wife, Georgia, gave of themselves unselfishly to their fullest capacity while both held down full-time jobs as well as performing all other church-related work. We at Sidney are grateful that while with us, we were able to unite with Free Union Church in helping Mr. Burke receive his license for a one-year probationary period. In regard to the probationary time allotted to Mr. Burke, the church felt that due to the urgency of the need, we should try and secure a pastor that could serve in all capacities and live in our church parsonage. In a called business meeting in September, we voted on keeping alive the search to find an ordained minister who was led by the Spirit of God.

We at Sidney Church would at this point like to say "Thank You" to the Robert F. Burkes for their toils, prayers, visits, relentless efforts to our community, and most of all for their utmost faith in God, which made all of this possible. From

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## GUM SWAMP CHURCH HAS ROUND-UP SUNDAY



Gum Swamp Church, near Greenville, held the first of what will be its annual round-up Sunday on September 12 with 138 present in Sunday school. The purpose of the special day was to start the new Sunday school year off in a different way with emphasis on rounding up all the members. The Primary Class (grades 1, 2), taught by Mrs. Bobby Forbes and Mrs. Jimmy Peaden, was named the "Champion Class." The superintendent is Mr. Gary Brown, and the pastor of the church is the Rev. Ray Williamson.

### Dave Kirk to Have Organ Concert

Dave Kirk will be featured in a special organ concert at the Core Creek Church in Cove City, on Sunday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Kirk is a renowned concert artist and will play music of praise from many varied styles both classical and contemporary, folk and gospel. Allen Organ Company of Rocky Mount sponsors Mr. Kirk's visit. All area friends are invited to attend.

### The Rev. Donald Fader To Be Evangelist

The Rev. Donald E. Fader, pastor of Grimsley Church, will be the evangelist at revival services to be held at British Chapel Church near Kinston, October 18-22. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m.

There will be special singing each night. The pastor, the Rev. Robert Fader, and

members invite everyone to attend these services.

Homecoming will be observed on October 24. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend and fellowship with them.

### Homecoming and Revival At Bethany Church

Bethany Church, near Winterville, will observe its annual homecoming service, October 17, 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 departed to be with the Lord during the past year. The Rev. C. L. Patrick will deliver the homecoming message. Former pastors, members, and friends are urged to attend this special 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

Christian fellowship and gospel singing.

On Monday, October 18, and continuing through October 22, the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry of Pine Level will be the evangelist for the fall revival. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

### Revival Services at Cabin Church

Revival services will be held at Cabin Church near Beulaville, October 13-15. There will be a different speaker each night: October 13, Wednesday, the Rev. John Owens; October 14, Thursday, the Rev. Joe Ingram; and October 15, Friday, the Rev. Tim Heath. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend these services.

### Revival Services at Watery Branch Church

Revival services will be held at Watery Branch Church, Stantonsburg, October 17-22. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The Rev. T. C. Farmer is the evangelist. There will be special music. The Rev. David DeHart is pastor of the church. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

### Moseley's Creek Church To Have Homecoming

Moseley's Creek Church near Dover announces its homecoming observance for Sunday, October 17. The congregation extends an invitation to everyone to be with them for Sunday school at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., followed by dinner.

The church is honored to have for its guest speaker for the morning worship service Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College.



### **Harvest Day at Westside Church**

Sunday, October 17, is harvest day at Westside Church, 1205 Lynn Drive, Kinston. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m. There will be a combined class for all ages, featuring music and skits. The morning worship hour will be at 11 a.m. There will be special music, the harvest day message by Pastor Wayne King, and a special offering for the building fund (goal, \$2,500). Dinner will be served on the grounds at 12:30 p.m. An evening service will begin at 7 p.m. A beautiful Christian film will be shown entitled "Kevin Can Wait." Everyone is invited to attend this day of services.

### **Fall Festival at Sweet Gum Grove Church**

The Sunday school of Sweet Gum Grove Church near Stokes will be sponsoring a fall festival on Saturday, October 16, at the community building near the church. Crafts and other articles will be on sale and supper consisting of barbecued chicken, potatoes, slaw, rolls and tea will be served from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Hot dogs will be served for children. An auction sale will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be games for the children. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Youth Fellowship to Meet**

The Third Union Youth Fellowship of the Eastern Conference will meet on Saturday, October 16, at 8 p.m., at Faith Mission, Leland, located on Highway 74-76 South. Everyone is invited to attend the fellowship.

### **Harvest Day at Sandy Plain Church**

Harvest day will be observed on Sunday, October 17, at Sandy Plain Church near Pink Hill. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m. The morning worship hour will begin at 11 a.m.

with the Rev. Robert Rollins bringing the morning message. Dinner will be served in the educational building. All former members and former pastors are invited to come and enjoy the day with them. Singing will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the Limestone Singers. The pastor, the Rev. Ransom McAbee, and the church membership invite everyone to be with them on this day.

### **Homecoming and Revival at Edgewood Church**

Homecoming will be observed at Edgewood Church near Crisp, Sunday, October 17. Former members, pastors and friends are invited. Following lunch there will be a musical service in the afternoon. Revival services for three evenings will begin on Wednesday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Danny Braswell. There will be special music each night.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

### **Revival Services to Be Held At Saints Delight Church**

Revival services will be held at Saints Delight Church near Ayden, October 18-22, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Bob Futrell, from Jackson Heights Church, Kinston, will be the evangelist. There will be special singing each night. The pastor, the Rev. James Warren, and the congregation extend an invitation to everyone to attend these services.

### **Revival at First Church, Wilson**

The First Church of Wilson will have its fall revival October 18-22. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. C. F. Bowen of Ayden. There will be good preaching and special music each night. The services will begin at 7:30 p.m.; everyone is invited to attend.

### **MARLBORO CHURCH TRAVELS TO CRAGMONT FOR A RETREAT**



One hundred and forty people spent Labor Day weekend at Cragmont Assembly attending a family life retreat sponsored by Marlboro Church, Farmville, North Carolina. The weekend afforded those attending an opportunity to relax and spend time with fellow church members and friends. Many took side trips to Gatlinburg and Knoxville, and everyone participated in recreation and vesper services. The retreat was climaxed by a singspiration and a call to commitment. The Rev. Scott Sowers is pastor.

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## Special Services Scheduled At Marlboro Church



*The Rev. Jack Mayo*

A series of revival services is scheduled to begin at Marlboro Church, Farmville, Sunday, October 17, and to continue through Wednesday, October 20. The Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of Ormondsville Church, will be the guest evangelist. Special music is planned for each evening and it is felt that all who attend will be blessed. The services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming services will be held on Sunday, October 24. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., with the morning worship service at 11 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. William Scott Sowers, will deliver the morning message, after which a picnic lunch will be served. A memorial service and a singspiration are planned for the afternoon.

The congregation and pastor cordially invite everyone to join them in these services.

### People's Chapel Church To Host Meeting

The Second Union of the Western Conference and Sunday School Convention will meet with People's Chapel Church, Wilson County, Saturday, October 30, at 7 p.m. The moderator, the Rev. Robert Langley, and the host church

## FALL REVIVAL, HOMECOMING, SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT BLACK JACK CHURCH



*Pastors' portraits*

Black Jack Church near Greenville, is having its fall revival through October 15, with guest speakers, the Rev. C. F. Bowen and Dr. James G. Knox III. Mr. Bowen is pastor of Pleasant Hill Church and lives in Ayden. Dr. Knox is with the State Department of Public Instruction and lives in Raleigh.

Mr. Bowen spoke Sunday through Tuesday. Dr. Knox will speak Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing each night and a nursery will be provided.

On Sunday, October 17, Black Jack will have its annual homecoming with lunch served. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m. and the morning worship at 11. During the morning worship service there will be a special presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Elks, church historians, of Pastors' Portraits. Through much effort and help from others they have been able to secure fourteen portraits. Families and friends of these pastors are especially welcomed at this special time.

Following the lunch, there will be special singing and a short devotion.

cordially invite everyone to attend. The pastor and the host church will be in charge of the program.

### Folkstone Church Has Senior Citizens Day

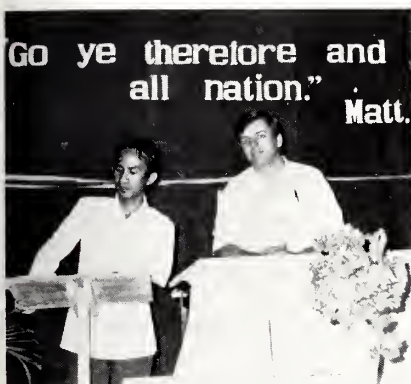


Folkstone Church, Holly Ridge, has started a new tradition on the second Sunday of

September. This Sunday has been set aside to honor their senior citizens. This year approximately 46 were in attendance. Corsages or boutonnieres were pinned to each one as they arrived and were ushered to their reserved seats. The special songs were sung and the message was brought by the Rev. Ronnie Parker, all being tributes to these special people. After the worship service, lunch was prepared for them in the fellowship hall. The day came to a conclusion that evening with a song service presented by the Victory Quartet.

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## WHAT IS RELIEF?



*Evangelistic service at Puerto Princesa City Church with Roger Malinao interpreting.*

"They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:31, 32).

On the first Sunday of August Pastor Malinao of the Puerto Princesa City Free Will Baptist Church approached me with a problem. The wife of one of our deacons had asked if the church could provide assistance in the purchasing of needed medicines for her cousin's two-month old baby girl. Having aided others in several situations of similar nature, we said "Yes."

That evening the Pastor and I called on our member to further inquire of the child's welfare. As we sat in the hut, built over the water's edge, we heard the complete story behind her plea for help. I tremble as I recall that beautiful child lying before us that evening.

The mother of the child had been unable to breast-feed the little one. As a result, the child was severely dehydrated. The mother had called for the "abularyo" (witchdoctor) to exorcise the evil spirit from the child's body. Although a Catholic, she had held on to the underlying religious beliefs of this country. At heart she is an animist. Upon hearing of her

cousin's decision, our member asked the mother to allow the Lord Jesus Christ opportunity to provide for the child's needs. The mother reluctantly agreed.

The child was taken to the Provincial Hospital here in Puerto Princesa. All medical services are provided free of charge. The patient is responsible only for medicines and food. It was here that the problem was diagnosed. The doctor ordered intravenous (dextrose) feeding and liquid vitamins. The cost of those items was covered by our relief funds. Once the fluid was attached, the baby was moved to our member's home.

This brings us back to our visit that Sunday evening. We knelt by the child's bedside and offered our prayers to God in her behalf and that of her parents. We praised God for the witness of our dear sister and the opportunity to help those in need.

Two days later we received word that the child had been moved. We went to see if all was well. Apparently the witchdoctor had put pressure on the mother to allow him to treat the girl. On Monday the child was moved. That afternoon the fluids were disconnected. The following morning the child was dead. Waves of dark depression flooded my soul.

In the past few weeks I have tried to analyze why such a terrible event would ever have to take place. Why? How could God allow it? What had we done wrong? Could this and the countless thousands of similar deaths each year have been avoided? How? The answers have not come easily. I still do not have all the answers, but I believe I have some that will prove valuable in the future.

First, what physical needs were lacking? NONE! Diagnosis, treatment, and comfort were available. Relief funds and government facilities met those needs.

Second, was this the will of God? NO! At least not in accordance to His will as stated in the creation account. Disease and death were choices made by man, not God. I do believe, however, that the child is in perfect health now in the loving arms of a living God.

Third, could it have been avoided? YES! The words of Christ in the above verses tell us of the mission of the Great Physician. Only the Word of God preached in its fulness and the blood of Christ applied to the sin-sick soul can heal wounds as deep as those imbedded into the very fiber of Filipino existence. Why had this mother not been told before?

I mentioned earlier the religious belief called animism. Actually, there is a mixture of animism and spiritualism at the base of the Filipino culture. Long before Magellan brought Catholicism to the area the tribes people had their own worship rites.

Animism, briefly stated, is the belief in the existence of evil spirits. There are four basic characteristics of animistic worshipers: (1) the prevalence of fear, (2) the absence of anything resembling love, kindness, mercy, or humanity, (3) no differentiation between good and evil, and (4) a fatalistic outlook on life.

Spiritualism, on the other hand, seeks to communicate with the spirits of the dead. The followers of this tragic belief claim to be able to perform miraculous cures through psychic surgery.

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The characteristics of these two false beliefs answer my fourth question. How could a mother remove the only chance her child had for survival? Only one devoid of love and hope could do such a thing, only one who is without the love of God.

Friends, our relief program is a move in the right direction. But it is not the final answer. Yes, God has said in Proverbs 21:12 that "Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard." Yes, we have a moral responsibility to meet the physical needs of the less fortunate. However, this only treats the symptoms. Only proper spiritual application of the truths of the gospel message will effect a complete cure for the ills of those trapped in the error of animism.

My last question is this. What can we do? We can begin by stepping up our efforts of intercessory prayer. Then we can ask God to show His mighty hand and step out in faith by dramatically increasing our support for foreign missions. Without your prayers and support this horrible human carnage will continue virtually untouched.

I feel like the man who appeared to Paul in a vision. "Come over into the *Philippines* and help us."

May God use you to help bring true relief to the millions of lost souls around the world. It can be done!

Charles Barnard

#### PRAY ON

To talk with God, no breath is lost;  
Talk on! talk on!  
To walk with God, no strength is lost;  
Walk on! walk on!  
To wait on God, no time is lost;  
Wait on! wait on!  
To grind the ax, no work is lost,  
Grind on! grind on!  
The work is quicker, better done;  
Not needing half the strength laid on;  
Grind on! grind on!

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TO: Co-Workers in Original Free Will Baptist Churches

SUBJECT: "SUPERANNUATION MONTH"

Dear Co-Workers:

The past year has been a good year for the work of Superannuation in our church. One of the important achievements is the establishing of an office at our State Headquarters. The contributions for this work increased over last year and for this we want to express to you our appreciation.

With the increased obligations we trust that you will give even more in the coming year, so we will be able to meet our budget. We have had a study made of our retirement program that will greatly benefit our ministers. The life insurance program for our ministers has also been upgraded to a more realistic amount.

The annual State Convention approved a budget for the coming year based upon \$2 per member of the churches.

We would urge our churches to support their pastor and provide for him the benefits offered in the Superannuation Program. If you need additional information please let us know.

Prayer is requested for the work of Superannuation and for the members of the Board.

Remember that OCTOBER IS SUPERANNUATION MONTH and send your contributions for this cause.

For further information write North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P.O. Box 38, Ayden, North Carolina 28513-0038.

Respectfully,

*Walter Reynolds*

Walter Reynolds

## ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE?

We recently received a test prepared by Mr. John G. Watts to determine how well the participants had planned to provide for their loved ones in the event of their death. Take this short test and see how well you do. It may help you consider the essential factors to be sure your family is cared for as you desire.

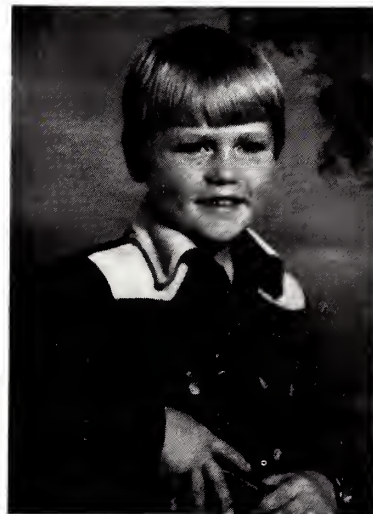
Test	Yes	No
1. Do I have a will?	_____	_____
2. Do my immediate survivors know where to find my will?	_____	_____
3. Are my personal representative (executor) and alternate personal representative still capable and qualified to serve?	_____	_____
4. Are guardian and alternate guardian still capable and qualified to serve?	_____	_____
5. Does my personal representative (executor) know all the essential details or how to find the necessary information to settle my estate?	_____	_____
6. Has my attorney offered to review my will to ensure its compliance with the Economic Recovery Act of 1981?	_____	_____
7. My survivors' financial needs have been reviewed and appropriate steps taken to meet them.	_____	_____
8. Will my minor children's financial benefits be provided for in a trust?	_____	_____
9. Have my survivors been briefed regarding key people they could consult with in decision-making situations?	_____	_____
10. After family needs have been met, have I considered sharing my estate with my church or charity?	_____	_____

Please keep this test—for we will review the specifics of each question in the next issue of *The Free Will Baptist*.

We would be very pleased to assist anyone in making provisions for their loved ones in a general nature, however it should not be interpreted as legal advice. To obtain specific counsel consult your attorney.

## BIRTHDAY CHILDREN OF THE MONTH

Meet Ronnie Willis



November 13, 1972

Meet Crystal Willis



November 19, 1973

Thank you for the birthday cards you send. The children look forward to receiving mail and this brightens their day.

God's work, done in God's ways will not lack God's support.

—Hudson Taylor



## SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



The first annual Cragmont Defender Softball Tournament was held August 7, 1982, at Stantonsburg and Eureka with eight teams participating.

First round action of the double elimination affair saw Wilson, First, get by New Sandy Hill 4-1; Little Rock over Casey's Chapel 7-2; Stoney Creek lost to Black Jack 13-5 and Greenville, First, was defeated by Union Grove.

The losers' bracket then saw Casey's Chapel eliminated by New Sandy Hill at the Eureka field while Stoney Creek advanced over Greenville, First, at the Stantonsburg site.

Wilson, First, then placed Little Rock into the losers' bracket while Black Jack lost to Union Grove. Little Rock, not ready to give up, came back in the next game to finish off New Sandy Hill with a 9-3 victory, while "never say die" Black Jack eliminated Stoney Creek by a 10-4 margin.

At this time all play was moved to the Stantonsburg field where Black Jack erupted for 16 runs to end Little Rock's hopes as they could only manage 5 runs. After a rain delay of about thirty minutes, Union Grove and Wilson, First, the tourney's undefeated teams at this point, squared off. Both teams went 3 up-3 down in the first. But, in the second, Union Grove batted around scoring five runs and held Wilson to

another 3 up-3 down stanza. Union Grove scored again in the fourth and twice in the fifth while holding Wilson, First, scoreless. In five innings Wilson, First, had had only two baserunners. Then, in the sixth their bats came alive to push across six runs to bring them within two. This, however, proved to be too little too late as Union Grove added an insurance run in the seventh and held Wilson scoreless in the bottom of the seventh to advance to the finals with a 9-6 triumph.



The next game featured two veteran teams with years of winning tradition. One would advance to the finals and the other could try again next year. For the first five innings Black Jack and Wilson, First, held each other in check. Then, in the top of the sixth, Wilson pushed across three runs on four hits and one Black Jack error. Wilson held Black Jack in the bottom of the sixth and was unable to score in the top of the seventh. The pace of the game and the inability of the Black Jack bats to produce seemed to assure Wilson, First, a spot in the finals. However, Black Jack dramatically scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh and the game was forced into extra innings, tied 3-3. The next 2½ innings

were carbon copies of the first five. Then in the bottom of the tenth, Black Jack's Reggie Spain and Steve Peele hit back-to-back singles and Robby Hudson was walked. With the bases loaded and no outs, Bill Kittrell delivered a ground ball single between the third baseman and shortstop scoring the game winning run.

Now the stage was set. Union Grove and Black Jack playing for the championship. In this game Union Grove's Larry Sasser provided what proved to be all that was necessary with a first inning, two outs, bases empty home run. Union Grove scored again in the fifth when Randy Pittman led off with a single, was sacrificed to second and then scored on Billy Anderson's single. Black Jack collected six hits in the contest but was unable to get on the scoreboard.

Union Grove won the first annual Cragmont Defender Softball Tournament.

Union Grove selected their coach, Franklin Lane, as the recipient of the MVP award.

The spectators appeared to enjoy the fellowship as much as the players. Many old acquaintances were reunited and many new friendships were established. Fourteen softball games were played without argument or abusive language. The tournament provided much clean, Christian, family fun. We intend to try it again next year on a larger scale. Hope your team and your church family will be able to enjoy the Christian fellowship with us next year.

Rick Watson,  
*Tournament Director*

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**Have you joined the  
Cragmont Club?**

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# PICTURE THIS . . .

Yes, it is quite possible (and very reasonable) that we can pay off the debt on our main building by the end of this year. Your support for our film coupon sales program can bring this about. Why not buy your film during the special fund raising period—October 15-31—and save on film while you help the work of the Lord at Cragmont? Remember, this picture can only be developed by you. Thank you for helping to make our picture complete.

For more details, contact the youth of your church.

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## SUNDAY, 17 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 1

**SIT DOWN, GENERAL WASHINGTON!**

After America had won its freedom from England under the brave leadership of George Washington, the Speaker of the House of Burgesses extolled Washington for his courage and sacrifice. Washington at the conclusion of the speaker's eulogy stood up to make some response. He was overcome with confusion and modesty. His face flushed a deep red and he could not say a word. Instead of being proud, he was humbled by the gracious words of the Speaker. Said the Speaker, "Sit down, General Washington! Your modesty and humility are equal to your valor, and that surpasses the power of language I possess."

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*Here is the path to the higher life: Down, lower down! This was what Jesus taught His disciples when they were thinking of being great in the kingdom. Do not seek or ask for exaltation—that is God's work. Let us take no place before God or man but that of a servant.*

## MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 2

**NOT FROM ME—FROM HEAVEN!**

In 1808 Haydn's *Creation* was rendered in Vienna when its composer was present. He was so feeble, however, that he had to be wheeled into the theater in an invalid's chair. His presence thrilled the great audience so that it could not suppress its enthusiasm when the chorus and orchestra came gloriously and in full power to the passage: "And there was light!" All eyes were upon Haydn. With great effort, he stood up and with all the strength he could muster he exclaimed: "No, No! Not from me, but from Heaven above comes all!" When he had ascribed all glory to God, he sank, exhausted, in his chair, and had to be carried out of the theater.

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*If ye will not . . . give glory unto my name . . . I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings (Malachi 2:2).*

## TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 3

**NO GENTLEMAN WOULD  
DO SUCH LOWLY WORK!**

Hsu Chu came from a wealthy Chinese family. He entered the China Inland Mission Hospital to be trained as a nurse. He dressed immaculately. One day he was asked to perform a menial service—clean and shine some shoes. He felt insulted and refused. "No gentleman or scholar would do such lowly work," he said. The superintendent of the hospital took the shoes and shined them. Hsu Chu looked on with mingled feelings. "Come with me to my office," said the superintendent. Then he asked Hsu Chu to read the thirteenth chapter of John. His eyes filled with tears as he read the verse: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). "May Jesus forgive me," he prayed. Thereafter no one scrubbed floors, washed dishes, shined shoes, or did other lowly tasks more joyfully than Hsu Chu.

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*Just as water seeks to fill the lowest places, so God fills you with His glory and power when He finds you empty and abased.*

## WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 4

**YOU BLACKED MY SHOES!**

"Do you remember me?" asked a prisoner of a minister who passed his cell. Before the minister could reply, the prisoner continued: "I remember you! You got me out of one of the 'dives' in New York City. You gave me a letter to a mission where I could find shelter. Before we parted, you got some clothes for me. I was shivering with delirium tremens, and couldn't dress myself. So you dressed me. And there was one thing more. After you dressed me, you said, 'You want to look nice from head to toe, so I'll shine your shoes!' This you did! I do not recall what you said about Christ. I did not want to be better. I did not go to the mission for lodging. I didn't want your religion, but to think that you cared enough for my soul to black my shoes—that has followed me ever since. I believe

God has caused our paths to cross again. I have come to the end of myself, and I am now ready to give my life to the One whose love caused you, an honored minister, to perform that humble service on the night I first saw you!"

Soon a "new name was written down in glory," and there was rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God because a sinner had repented, being led ultimately to godly sorrow because a minister was humble enough for God to use him!

**THURSDAY, 21  
OCTOBER**

Scripture Reading – Psalm 5

**STRAIGHT MOUTHS  
AND CROOKED HEARTS**

There are many words which cause Bible translators difficulty when translating them into the languages of tribes and nations. There is one word, however, which presents no difficulty to the translators, and that word is hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is a universal sin. The hypocrite is found everywhere. The Indian tribes in Latin America have various ways to denote the hypocrite. They designate him as "a man with two faces," "a man with two hearts," "a man with two kinds of talk," "a two-headed man," "a forked-tongue person," "a two-sided man," and "a man with a straight mouth and a crooked heart!"

*The people to fear are not those who disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know it.*

**FRIDAY, 22  
OCTOBER**

Scripture Reading – Psalm 6

**SINGING A LIE!**

Two young ladies sang beautifully in a well-attended meeting. The theme of their song was the preciousness of Jesus to them and their utter dedication to Him. A minister from England listened with admiration to their beautiful singing. But as he listened, somehow he felt that the young ladies were singing only with their lips and not from their hearts. So convinced was he that his impressions were from God that at the close of the service he engaged the young ladies in loving and earnest conversation. He spoke searchingly to the hearts of those young ladies until finally they broke down and confessed that they were singing for self-glory and the praise of man. Then and there they were delivered from

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the deadly sin of taking emptily, or vainly, things sacred upon their lips!

*May we be prevented from singing, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee," when we don't mean it!*

**SATURDAY, 23  
OCTOBER**

Scripture Reading – Psalm 7

**YOU CAN'T FOOL GOD**

You can fool the hapless public,  
You can be a subtle fraud,  
You can hide your little meanness,  
But you can't fool God!

You can advertise your virtues,  
You can self-achievement laud,  
You can load yourself with riches,  
But you can't fool God!

You can criticize the Bible,  
You can be a selfish clod,  
You can lie, swear, drink, and gamble,  
But you can't fool God!

*You can magnify your talent,  
You can hear the world applaud,  
You can boast yourself somebody,  
But you can't fool God!*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

**Young People, are you  
willing to give a day's work for  
the cause of Christ?**

The Home Missions Department of the State Convention has secured the old St. Jude's Catholic Church building in Grifton, North Carolina, for a new home missions work. The first service is scheduled for Sunday, October 24. Will you help clean the church yard on Saturday, October 23? Cleaning efforts will begin at 9 a.m., and a picnic lunch will be served.

See next week's issue for more details. In the meantime, make plans to help!



For October 17

## **GOD FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE**

**Lesson Text:** Exodus 32:9-14;  
35:5-9

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 103:8

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

God led Abraham from Ur to Canaan to begin the chosen nation. In the time of Jacob He led the family to Egypt to live in comfort through a famine. The family grew to be a nation, and in the time of Moses God led it out of Egypt to start its national life.

All the people could see God's hand in the plagues that afflicted Egypt, in the pathway opened through the sea, in their freedom and safety on the farther shore. But only three days later the people began to grumble. They had come to a water hole and found that the water was not fit to drink. But God was still with them. He showed them how to purify the bitter water, and then led them on to a delightful oasis (Exodus 15:22-27).

Did God's people thereafter trust Him fully? They did not. Only a month on their way they began to grumble about food. Actually they were never in danger of starvation. They had sheep and cattle that could be butchered (Exodus 12:32). But they wanted to keep the livestock to supply wool and milk, so they wailed, "Ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Graciously God provided quail and manna for their food (Exodus 16).

Not much later the grumbling rose again. A long stretch of desert had no water at all, not even bitter water. "Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" But God

was equal to the occasion. Dry rock poured out water for men and beasts (Exodus 17:1-7). As surely as it was God who gave the water, it was He who gave victory over a tribe of nomads that swept down on the camp to destroy it (Exodus 17:8-13). Still the camp was so full of bickering that Moses spent a full day settling the disputes that came to him (Exodus 18:13-26).

Less than three months after leaving Egypt, the people of Israel made their camp on the wide plain beside Mount Sinai. Not many days later God came down to the mountain with lightning and thunder, with cloud and fire and smoke, with the sound of a trumpet "exceeding loud." From the trembling mountain God himself spoke the Ten Commandments so that all the people could hear (Exodus 19, 20; Deuteronomy 5:22).

Afterward Moses went up into the mountain to meet God. There he received many other laws, along with instructions for building an elaborate tabernacle to be God's tent in the midst of the camp. In time Moses was to enter all these laws in a book (Exodus 24:4; 34:27; Deuteronomy 31:24-26), but God himself wrote the Ten Commandments on slabs of stone (Exodus 31:18).

It was forty days before Moses returned. Apparently the people decided he was not coming back at all. "We don't know what has become of him," they said. Repeatedly they had promised to obey God (Exodus 19:8; 24:7), but now they demanded exactly what God had forbidden: a graven image. Aaron gave in to their demand and shaped a calf from the gold of their earrings (Exodus 32:1-6).—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. POINTS TO PONDER**

A. What was the most terrible thing about the Children of Israel's sin in making the golden calf and worshiping it? It was the fact that this people that God had saved out of bondage and covenanted with so soon forgot Him and worshiped a god of their own making. The proneness of humanity toward idolatry is so great because it is easier to worship a god of our own making than it is to worship the one and only true God.

B. Moses had stayed on the mountain forty days and nights with God. It was there God gave him the Ten Commandments. The people became impatient because they wanted to put God within their own time frame. They wanted God to meet their standards rather than meeting God's standard. How prone human beings are to interpret God in the light of themselves rather than to think of Him as the eternal, Almighty One.

C. Moses' reaction to seeing the Israelites worshiping the golden calf was one of anger. He threw down the tablets of stone upon which God had inscribed the Ten Commandments and broke them.

D. Moses had great qualities as a leader. He prayed for the people and identified himself with them in prayer before God. There comes a time in the life of every leader when all that he can do is pray. Blessed is the man that when that time comes has the grace and faith to hold on to God for his people.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

**October is  
Superannuation  
Month.**





### **Boy! Am I Enthusiastic!**

Students returning to the Mount Olive College campus on August 29, their parents, visiting church members, pastors, and community people ringed the roped-off area representing the construction site for College Hall and broke ground around the perimeter of the building.

Each of the seven conferences in the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was represented by a number of pastors and church members.

On the left, James B. Hunt Sr., chairman of the college board of trustees (left), and the Rev. Jerry Rowe, pastor of Holly Springs Church, Newport, are seen discussing the attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony for College Hall. Approximately 1,000 people attended the event.



## OCTOBER DINNERS SET



*Jean Ackiss, associate director of development, is the coordinator for the annual Mount Olive College Dinners. Since their beginning in 1963, the dinners have provided more than \$1,480,000 in gift support for the College.*

The 1982 Mount Olive College Dinners began Saturday, October 2, in Lenoir County with a combined goal of \$160,000 set for the seventeen annual dinners.

"Through these dinners we want to provide friends, alumni and members of the Free Will Baptist Church an opportunity to invest in the work of Mount Olive College," declared President W. Burkette Raper. "These dinners will help provide the support we need as Mount Olive makes the transition to four-year status."

At each dinner, the College will present three \$100 scholarships: one to the church bringing in the largest contribution; one to the church giving the greatest amount of money per person; and one to the church with the largest number of high school students present. These scholarships may be applied on the tuition of students planning to attend Mount Olive College the following academic year.

Printed below is a schedule of the October dinners. Those planned for November will be included in another issue of *The Free Will Baptist*.

*Greene County*, Saturday, October 16, 7 p.m., West Greene School, Snow Hill, George Harrison, Chairman. Goal \$9,625

*Jones County*, Monday, October 18, 7 p.m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston, Mrs. Mildred Jenkins, Chairman. Goal \$2,425

*Edgecombe-Halifax Counties*, Tuesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., First Church, Tarboro, Rufus Harrell, Chairman. Goal \$5,125

*Wayne County*, Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m., MOC Auditorium, Miss Louise Edgerton, Chairman. Goal \$17,950

*Onslow, New Hanover, Brunswick Counties*, Thursday, October 28, 7 p.m., Folkstone Church, O. B. Taylor, Chairman. Goal \$1,525

*Duplin County*, Saturday, October 30, 6 p.m., East Duplin High School near Beulaville, William D. Thigpen, Chairman. Goal \$9,800

## MOC PROFESSOR TO CONDUCT WORKSHOP

A choir workshop will be held at St. Mary's Church in New Bern on October 26, 28, and November 2, at 7:30-9 p.m. The pastor of St. Mary's is the Rev. Marvin Waters.

The program will concentrate on the techniques of directing a choir and the selection of songs.

The workshop is open to the public free of charge. Choir directors and members are urged to attend.

The course will be conducted by Carolyn Knox, professor for the music department at Mount Olive College.

## LIBRARY GIFT COMMEMORATES 64TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On September 8, 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Hill of Ayden, North Carolina, celebrated their 64th wedding

anniversary. To honor Mr. Hill and to commemorate the occasion, Mrs. Hill (Anna Garriss Hill) and their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Hales, gave \$1,000 to sponsor a book stack in the Moyer Library at Mount Olive College. The gift continues a tradition by the Garriss and Hill families of supporting Christian education.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are alumni of Ayden Free Will Baptist Seminary, the educational forerunner of Mount Olive College. Mrs. Hill serves as treasurer of the Alumni Association of Ayden Seminary and Eureka College.

Mr. Hill died on September 23, 1982, at the age of 91. He was a native of the Hull Road community of Greene County and a member of Ayden Church. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. David Ricks; and Dr. William Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College. Burial was in the Ayden Cemetery.

## BOND SALES EXPRESS FAITH IN MOC

More than ¾ of the bonds to help finance College Hall have been sold or reserved in a matter of approximately five weeks. This overwhelming response to the College Hall project reflects the faith of the Free Will Baptist Church and the public in the destiny of Mount Olive College.

College Hall is a \$2.5 million athletic-physical education-convention center essential for the development of MOC into a four-year institution. The building is the most ambitious project ever undertaken at one time by the institution.

As of October 4, only \$344,000 in bonds were available for

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN THE NEWS

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March to September Mr. Burke's one aim has been to "do the will of the Master." During their stay, Mr. Burke has led a soul to Christ and left us at Sidney with a heart-felt love that has no boundary. We pray that the Lord's will has been done and pray that the Lord will lead Mr. Burke along with his fine family to a greater calling to do the will of the Master.

Thank you. We love you.

Sidney Church

## NEWS AND NOTES

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### Homecoming at Pleasant Hill Church

Homecoming will be observed at Pleasant Hill Church near Pikeville on October 17. The guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service will be missionary to the Philippines, the Rev. Fred Baker, also a former member of the church.

After lunch and a short devotional, a memorial service will be conducted by Zora Bunn, Susan Smith, and Joseph Rollins. Special singing will be by the Daniels family of Fremont, and the Falconettes and Falconaires of Charles B. Aycock High School.

The pastor, the Rev. Don Kivett, extends a special invitation to friends, former pastors and former members.

### Eastern Conference to Meet

The 87th Session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will meet at Holly Springs Church, near Kenly, on October 20, 21. The scheduled program is as follows:

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:00—Registration, Ministers, Delegates, Visitors
- 10:00—Scripture and Prayer, William Littleton
- 10:10—Conference Called to Order, Conference Clerk

- Welcome to Holly Springs, Jerry Rowe
- Response, Stanley Buck
- 10:20—Moderator's Address, Carol B. Hansley
- 10:30—Roll Call of Ministers, Receive Church Letters
- Partial Report of Credentials Committee
- Seating of Delegates
- Recognize and Welcome Visitors
- Appointment of Committees
- 10:55—Report of Camp Vandemere, Inc.
- Receive Camp Vandemere Offering
- 11:05—Report from Mount Olive College
- 11:15—Worship Service
- Introductory Sermon, Frank Crary
- 12:00—Lunch-Fellowship Time

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Scripture and Prayer, Donald Walston
- 1:40—Report of Executive Committee
- 1:45—Report of 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 from the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention
- 2:20—Report from the Church Finance Association
- 2:25—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:45—Recess

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 6:30—Supper
- 7:30—Mission Board-Camp Vandemere Rally

#### THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Registration (for those not yet registered)
- 10:00—Scripture and Prayer, Bobby Jones
- 10:10—Read and Approve Minutes of Previous Day
- Roll Call of Ministers Absent Wednesday
- 10:25—Report from the Retirement Homes
- 10:30—Report from Cragmont Assembly, Inc.
- 10:35—Report from the Eastern Conference Mission Board
- 10:40—Report from the North Carolina State Mission Board
- 10:45—Report from the North Carolina Church Extension Board
- 10:50—Report from the Children's Home

- 10:55—Report from the State Sunday School Convention
- 11:00—Report from the State League Convention
- 11:10—Worship Service
- Conference Offering
- Conference Sermon, Ralph Sumner
- 12:00—Lunch-Fellowship Time

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Memorial Service, Memorial Committee
  - 1:45—Final Report of Credentials Committee
  - Final Report of the Examining Board
  - 2:00—Committee Reports
  - Temperance
  - Digest
  - Finance Committee
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Resolutions Committee
  - Nominations
  - Elections
  - 3:00—Miscellaneous Business
  - Read and Approve Minutes
  - Installation of Officers and Committee Members
  - 3:15—Adjournment-Closing Hymn-Benediction
- Moderator, Carol B. Hansley  
Assistant Moderator, A. Graham Lane  
Clerk, Frank Grubbs  
Treasurer, S. Woodrow McCoy  
Member-at-Large, Stanley Buck

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

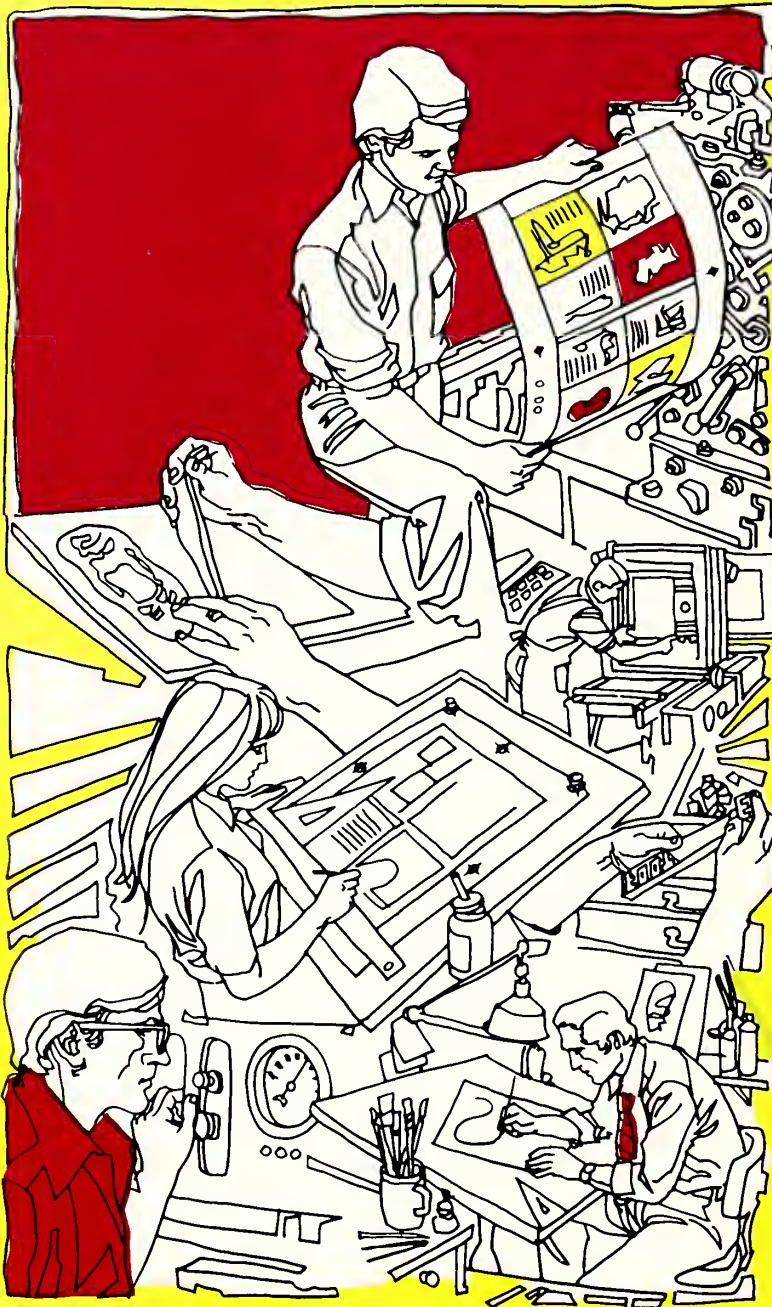
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reservation from the \$1.5 million bond issue. The remaining bonds in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 have maturity dates of 2½ and 3½-4½ years. Interest is 12% paid semiannually for bonds which mature in 2½ years. For bonds maturing in 3½ to 4½ years, compound interest will be paid at 12½%.

Additional financing for the project will be provided through \$1,000,000 in cash gifts of which \$700,000 has been received. The additional \$300,000 is pledged to the College through 1984 when College Hall is scheduled for completion.

President W. Burkette Raper estimated that the bond issue will provide a savings of \$250,000 in interest as compared with a conventional, seven-year loan for \$1.5 million.





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If Our Cause Was One . . .

It was a typical worship service: musicians played the prelude while those in the congregation prepared themselves for the message and blessings ahead. Right before the responsive reading, we all stood to sing "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

The introduction of the song being over, we raised our voices and sang.

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before;  
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle, see His banners go.  
  
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.  
  
Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;  
We are not divided, all one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Well, that's as far as I made it through the song. How could we sing, *We are not divided, all one body we?* For if we are anything, we are divided. This becomes evident whenever a group of Free Will Baptists gets together. Instead of talking about recent triumphs for the cause of Christ, we prefer to talk about any and every problem or concern we might have (or think we know about). (But then again, we might just accomplish something if we let the Lord work through us.)

Brothers and sisters, we must look at our commitment to the cause of Christ. We cannot continue as we are going; and if we try, we will just not be here to talk about it.

Our lack of unity is one of the factors that could lead to our demise.

Remember, the choice is ours!

MEMBERSHIP								
Conference	Church		Sunday School		League			
	1981	1979	1981	1979	1981	1979		
Albemarle	1997	2117	1169	1142	140	108		
Cape Fear	4443	4687	2965	3255	55	22		
Central	7669	7863	4740	5018	199	243		
Eastern	10461	10658	6762	6915	166	265		
Pee Dee	1800	1703	1478	1722	284	320		
Piedmont	1152	1102	532	980	0	60		
Western	8494	8626	5738	5951	89	90		
Total	36016	36756	23384	24983	933	1108		
NET GAIN or LOSS	-740		-1599		-175			

Conference	YFA		AFC		WA		LL	
	1981	1979	1981	1979	1981	1979	1981	1979
Albemarle	87	86	85	50	201	225	52	39
Cape Fear	227	241	154	203	566	550	69	56
Central	272	260	236	254	1058	1005	342	304
Eastern	355	403	273	366	1380	1414	200	127
Pee Dee	220	176	65	56	137	165	27	56
Piedmont	90	86	38	24	114	170	17	23
Western	495	490	356	306	1145	1119	180	187
Total	1746	1742	1207	1259	4601	4648	887	792
NET GAIN or LOSS	4		-52		-47		95	

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# RESOLUTIONS WHICH FAIL TO RESOLVE

*by Dr. Michael Pelt*

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On the second day of the 1982 session of the North Carolina State Convention at Kinston, North Carolina, one of the last items on the program was the report of the Resolutions Committee. This committee is one of several appointed by the President of the Convention on the morning of the first day. This committee either prepares its own resolutions for consideration by the body or it approves other resolutions which may be submitted to it by ministers or delegates at the Convention.

Usually the report of this committee deals with non-controversial subjects which express the will of the body or direct the attention of the ministers and delegates to a common concern or interest which merits their consideration. Occasionally the subject of a resolution is of more than passing interest and it sparks a debate, especially if it deals with an issue of doctrinal or moral significance. In its report this year the Resolutions Committee presented a total of eleven resolutions (more than enough to weary the body) and some of them were very controversial, as they acknowledged in the statements introducing these more controversial matters.

A look at our history as a denomination would suggest that issues which are known to be very controversial and apt to have a divisive effect should

not be presented by a standing committee of the Convention without their having been studied carefully with a view to recognizing their complexity and the possible effect which a yes or no vote will have on the Convention. Because of our experience of suffering repeated divisions and defections, those who love the Free Will Baptist Church will seek to use other means of presenting their views without insisting that the entire Convention go on record in favor of those views when there is not a clear consensus. Writing to a church that was divided on several issues, some of which were quite complex, Paul declared that "knowledge puffs up but love builds up" (See 1 Corinthians 8:1-3).

Free Will Baptists have several times been confronted with issues which left them weakened and divided because they were ill-prepared to deal with these issues in a mature and thoughtful manner. More often than not these issues were introduced by persons or influences from outside the denomination. Before long, factions supporting opposing views were formed, emotions would be aroused to a high level, and sharp words exchanged. The opposing factions would seek support from anyone who had not yet taken a stand and one or both sides would become locked in an absolutist position. Compromise or agreement would be im-

possible since it would be considered tantamount to a league with the Devil. In the end the denomination would suffer yet another division and people outside the church would take comfort in their belief that Christians cannot get along with each other any better than those who make no claim to be religious.

A case in point from our denomination's history is the issue whether a member of a Free Will Baptist Church could also be a member of a secret society such as the Masons. In the late 1840's the Original Free Will Baptist Conference was still reeling from the effects of a controversy concerning the propriety of having a "Discipline" containing Articles of Faith and Rules of Church Order. This issue had been injected into conference business by men who had been greatly influenced by the Campbellite movement. The final result was a takeover of the Bethel Conference by men of Disciples' convictions, making it necessary to form a new conference from the remnants of the Bethel and Shiloh Conferences. This new conference was formed in 1842.

Then in 1847 when the conference met at Hood Swamp Church, Wayne County, some ministers who felt that membership in the Freemasons was a great sin introduced a

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resolution at the annual meeting of the conference which declared the conference to be separate from all such societies. This prompted a spirited debate, evidently because some ministers and laymen were already members of the Masons; however, the resolution passed. Harrison and Barfield add this comment: "But, strange to say, some of those who were active in this resolution were the cause of the division that took place in after years" (p. 195).

It should be pointed out that the Free Will Baptists were not the only denomination which felt the impact of the Masonic movement during this period. There had been a storm of controversy over the issue of membership in the Masons, two decades earlier when a man's body was pulled out of a river in New York. He had reportedly made public the secrets of Freemasonry. Yet this controversy did not seem to affect the stability of other churches in North Carolina. There is no record that the Bethel Conference of the Disciples, a group in close proximity to Free Will Baptists, even brought up this matter in their conference. Some Free Will Baptist ministers who had joined the Masons simply left the denomination and joined other churches such as the Disciples.

When the Free Will Baptist Conference met at Wheat Swamp, Lenoir County, in 1850, another resolution was passed which declared that "each individual church belonging to the Free Will Baptist General Conference hold its own key within its own power, and transact its own business without the General Conference having any control over it further than that of an appeal. This power of appeal gave any individual the right to appeal any decision of his (local) conference to the General Con-

ference" (Harrison and Barfield, p. 197).

According to Harrison and Barfield this resolution opened the door to further controversy over the Masonic issue. Thus local churches could decide to exclude Masons from membership in the church while other churches could decide to welcome them into membership. Meanwhile, the leadership on both sides had hardened their positions as more ministers and laymen had joined the Masons and at least one leading minister, Elder James Moore, was determined to exclude them from his churches.

At the conference which met at Free Union, Greene County, in 1851, Elder Calvin Ruff moved to alter the resolution passed at the last annual conference to this effect: "that no member shall be excluded or any person debarred from becoming a member of any church belonging to this connexion for being or becoming a member of any of the following Orders, viz: Free Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, or Sons of Temperance." His motion was adopted by the Conference. Harrison and Barfield make this comment: "The result of these resolutions was that the next conference was represented by two churches in the same house." The conclusion may be drawn that because the conference had decided to involve itself in matters pertaining to the admission and retention of members in local churches, the result was confusion and lack of unity within the conference itself.

Unfortunately, only one brief paragraph is devoted to the actions of the conference the following year in Harrison and Barfield's account and no copy of the minutes for 1852 is available in the Free Will Baptist Collection at Mount Olive College. Evidently one item of business was the repealing of

the resolutions passed in 1851 "causing great dissatisfaction with the friends of them; thus the seeds of division were sown which bore fruit at the next conference" (Harrison and Barfield, p. 198).

The Conference met at Free Union, Martin County, in 1853. It was here that the bitter fruit of six or more years of controversy ripened to harvest. Elder H. G. Paul, who preached the introductory sermon, was chosen as moderator, and other officers and standing committees were either elected or appointed.

The first item of business was a resolution offered by Elder Alfred Moore which stated that "no church belonging to this Conference shall be at liberty to reject any person applying for membership, or excommunicate any member on the grounds that he belongs to the order of Free Masons or of Odd Fellows." A proposal to amend the resolution by adding "unless a majority of the members shall so decide" was refused by Elder Alfred Moore. Before his motion was voted on by the body, Elder James Moore introduced another resolution giving to each church its own key—the privilege of transacting its own business. According to Harrison and Barfield, the moderator refused to allow the second resolution to be placed before the house, whereupon Elder James Moore put it to a vote. The official minutes for that year simply state that both resolutions were put to vote. "Elder Alfred Moore's resolution, without the amendment, received thirty-six votes, and that of Elder James Moore received sixty votes." At this point there was confusion in the body and the Conference adjourned until the following day.

When the conference convened the next day, there was such a spirit of disunity that it seemed impossible to continue as one body. Elder James

Moore invited those who wished to continue the conference on the basis of its Articles of Faith and Rules of Discipline to retire and reorganize. This faction then withdrew, elected its officers, and proceeded to adopt still another preamble and resolution based on an article in the "Constitution of the Annual Conference" which states, "All matters shall be decided by a majority." As is clear from their proceedings in previous years, a majority vote of the conference had not resolved the issue of Freemasonry.

It is this James Moore faction which continued as the Original Free Will Baptist Conference. The other faction also met and organized a Free Will Baptist Conference. A few of their ministers later returned to the James Moore group while others made common cause with the Union Baptists. Lousan Swamp, Lenoir County, where the Original Conference had met to regroup in 1842, was one of the churches which was lost to Free Will Baptists in 1853. Only seventeen ministers and twenty-one churches are listed in the minutes for 1853 as compared to the figures for 1851, which show that thirty-six ministers and forty-five churches were enrolled that year.

Is there a lesson for us in these pages taken from our history around one hundred and thirty years ago? Many of us can remember another unfortunate period marked by controversy and division in our denomination less than a generation ago. Have we forgotten how it robbed us of joy in our annual meetings and demanded of us time, energy, and financial resources that could have been put to better use? Are we going to permit those who adopt absolutist positions on every conceivable issue to attempt to force their views on the entire denomination by bringing up resolutions

for a vote at the State Convention? Before these attempts go too far, it is time for Free Will Baptists to resolve that there are more important reasons for our being, more important demands on our time and energy than trying to get a majority vote on our views concerning what is true and right. Truth and righteousness do not depend on a majority vote, even in church bodies. In fact, there have been times when the majority have supported causes which proved to be false or contrary to righteousness. For example, the churches in the South were wrong when they took a stand in support of slavery before the Civil War. Again the churches in Germany were wrong when they gave their support to the National Socialist Party (Nazis) when Hitler came to power in 1933. Moral, theological, and social issues are not resolved by simply taking a vote in church assemblies. Christians must take a stand on important issues, but they ought to seek something of a consensus among themselves before trying to make public statements which purport to represent an entire denomination.

There are so many important issues on which our Convention has not chosen to take a stand. Why should we be asked to vote on an issue and make public the results without first examining that issue from every angle and trying to reach conclusions which represent a real consensus of the body? Since we have remained silent on scores of issues on which some other denominations have taken a stand, why should we call for immediate action on any issue which has not been given careful study by the entire body or by a group which represents the different views within the body? Such a consensus can be reached only when there is a willingness to examine the issues without haste, an openness to views other than our

own, a willingness to reason together, and a genuine search for divine guidance. If anyone is convinced from the start that he is already in possession of the whole truth, then he cannot hope to share in the consensus of a group. The ideal is described for us in the early chapters of Acts where we are told that the church was of one mind and spirit because it had received the Spirit of God. The One to whom the Spirit bears witness is the basis of our unity. Our doctrines and our stand on moral and social issues must be grounded in the love which He revealed. That love binds us together in Him and contrains us to love our fellow human beings. Where that love is not present in our words and deeds, we may well question whether He is there to sanction what we say and do. His "new commandment" to us is that we love one another. Any stand which we take that is not rooted in that love and that does not confirm that love can only rend apart his body, which is the temple of God's Spirit (See 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17).

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#### **CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO MEET**

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference is scheduled to meet on Monday, October 25, at 10 a.m., in the fellowship hall of First Church in Smithfield. A film on the work of the American Cancer Society will be viewed as the program.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer, president of the Conference, encourages all of our Cape Fear ministers to attend and invites other ministers to come and share in the fellowship.

Mike Scott

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#### **NOTICE**

Now is time to order Sunday school literature for December, January, and February from the Free Will Baptist Press.



## First Church of Durham Burns Note



*Left, Mr. Jack Emory, treasurer; center, the Rev. Fred Johnson, pastor; and on the right, Mr. Albert Walker, chairman of the Board of Deacons.*

In January, the First Church of Durham started a drive to pay off their parsonage debt by Easter. The drive was successful and during our homecoming services on September 26, there was a note-burning service.

## Revival to Be at Grants Chapel Church

Revival services will be held at Grants Chapel Church, Wayne County, October 25-29. The Rev. Wayne King, pastor of Westside Church in Kinston, will be the evangelist. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The pastor of the church is the Rev. W. H. Willis. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Ordination Service at St. Paul Church

St. Paul Church in Elizabeth City observed the ordination of James Rogerson on Sunday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m. during their evening worship program. Mr. Rogerson has successfully passed the Albemarle

ordination council's tests and evaluations and has been under licensure of the St. Paul Church for one year.

## Revival Services to Be At St. Paul Church

The Rev. David Thick of Free Union Church will be the guest evangelist during the fall revival at St. Paul Church in Elizabeth City, beginning November 8. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing each evening. The Rev. F. Joe Griffith is pastor of the church.

## Revival to Be Held At Sandy Plain Church

Revival services will be held at Sandy Plain Church, Route 2, Pink Hill, October 25-29. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing each evening. The Rev. Walter Sutton of Macedonia Church will be the visiting evangelist. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Ransom McAbee. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## Homecoming and Revival to Be At Holly Springs Church

The annual homecoming will be observed on October 24.

Revival services will begin on Sunday night, October 24, and will continue through Friday night, October 29. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. "Reaching Out with Love" is the motto and revival theme. The Rev. Bobby Brown will be the evangelist. He has a daily outreach program on "Christian Radio" WBIC.

During the week there will be blessings in special singing by the Heaven Seekers, Kings Trio, and the Son Light, plus other local and visiting singers.

Holly Springs Church is located 1½ miles west of Newport stoplight in Newport.

A nursery will be provided nightly, and prayer rooms open at 7:10 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## Upcoming Events at Free Union Church

Revival services will be held at Free Union Church, Beaufort County, November 1-5. The Rev. David Thick will be bringing the messages. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing.

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, November 7. All former pastors, members, and friends are cordially invited to attend these services.

## Marsh Swamp Church Goes to Cragmont

On Friday, September 17, 44 people from Marsh Swamp Church near Sims, boarded a bus for Cragmont. It was the first time for many of them. The bus ride was great.

After a good night's sleep in the very nice and convenient building, everyone was ready for a nice day. Most of them visited the Biltmore Estates on Saturday.

The 23 rocking chairs on the spacious porch and the ringing of the bell at eating time were especially enjoyed by everyone. As a young person in the church testified, "You never felt so near to God as at Cragmont." They had devotions Saturday night and before leaving Sunday morning. Mr. Williams urged them to join the Cragmont Club.

After reserving October 14-16 for next year, they headed home. The Rev. Ray Wells is pastor of the Marsh Swamp Church.

### **Revival Services to Be Held At Core Creek Church**

Revival services will be held October 25-29, at 7:30 p.m., at Core Creek Church, Cove City. The Rev. Marvin Waters, pastor of St. Mary's Church, New Bern, will be the evangelist. There will be special singing each evening. The Rev. Bass Mitchell is pastor of the church. The public is invited to attend.

### **Upcoming Events at Oak Grove Church**

Harvest day will be observed on November 14, at Oak Grove Church near Elm City.

Revival services will be held November 15-19. The Rev. Jack Mayo will be the evangelist. There will be special singing each night. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Clarence Harris. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

### **Cape Fear District Women To Have Study Course**

The Cape Fear District Women will have a study course on Monday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m., at Yelverton Grove Church, Route 2, Smithfield. The topic will be "Missions." The speakers for the occasion will be Linda Baker and Sandra Jones. An offering will be taken which will go to support Linda and Fred Baker on the mission field. Each auxiliary is invited to participate. The co-study course chairmen are Mavie Daughtry and Shirley Sellers.

### **Revival Services to Be At Rose Hill Church**

Revival services will be held October 25-29, at Rose Hill Church, Route 1, Winterville. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Steve Hargrove, pastor of Elm Grove Church near Ayden. There will be special music each evening. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Leon Harris. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

### **Ormondsville Church Announces Fall**

#### **Revival Services**

Ormondsville Church near Ayden will have its fall revival, October 24-28. The Rev. Scott Sowers will be the evangelist. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing each night. The Rev. Jack Mayo is pastor of Ormondsville Church. The public is invited to attend.

### **James Beach Gets 30 Year Pin**



Occasionally some people awaken on Sunday morning with a headache, bad cold, or something of the sort, and due to the condition rationalize that they really don't feel like attending Sunday school. It is hoped that God understands the situation and will overlook the absence. This is not the case with James Beach from the First Church of Tarboro. On Sunday, September 12, 1982, he was presented with his 30 year Sunday school attendance pin.

While he was compiling his remarkable record in Sunday school attendance Mr. Beach served in various positions in the church. He served as the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent for 6 years and the General Superintendent for 12 years. Mr. Beach has served regularly on the Deacon Board for the past 20 years, and has

also been very active in the Layman's League.

Mr. James Beach has been an inspiration to everyone at Tarboro Church for many years; and everyone is proud of his accomplishment and grateful to him for his leadership.

### **Shady Grove Church Has Homecoming**

As has been their custom for many years, the members of Shady Grove Church observed their annual homecoming day on October 17, 1982.

The Rev. Jeff Scarborough, the pastor, brought the morning message. The choir sang a special song as part of the program. Mrs. Pam Godwin paid tribute to the senior members. Each person present, including the babies in the nursery, participated as they brought their gifts to the altar in a processional offering.

At noon lunch was served. An afternoon program featured special music by the different choirs of the church and visitors. Mrs. Norvell Dawson presented a memorial service.

### **First Union of Western Conference to Meet**

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet on Saturday, October 30, with Pine Level Church, Johnston County. The host pastor, the Rev. Donald Coats, and the Union extend a cordial welcome to all. The Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez will preach the Union message. Ken Forehand is clerk of the First Union of the Western Conference.

### **Third Union of Eastern Conference to Meet**

Third Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference will meet with Trinity Church on Saturday, October 30, at 10 p.m. The church is located on South Kerr Avenue just off Highway 117. The Rev. John Owens, moderator, encourages all

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## PICTURE THIS . . .

Yes, it is quite possible (and very reasonable) that we can pay off the debt on our main building by the end of this year. Your support for our film coupon sales program can bring this about. Why not buy your film during the special fund raising period—October 15-31—and save on film while you help the work of the Lord at Cragmont? Remember, this picture can only be developed by you. Thank you for helping to make our picture complete.

For more details, contact the youth of your church.



## WILLS CHECK-UP

(Answers to last week's questions)

1. **DO I HAVE A WILL?** Surveys indicate that over 50 percent of the adult population in the United States do not have any kind of will. One very highly qualified attorney defined a will as "your direction in writing which most economically controls the disposition of your property at death." Few people take the time to have this document prepared accurately and completely. It has been said:

People will work more than forty years to accumulate assets. They will spend ten years conserving what they have accumulated, but will not take two hours to carefully plan for its distribution.

It is essential that these wills be prepared in strict compliance with state law. Yet one of the most frequent questions received during seminars is, "Why can't I prepare my own will?" You could, but if it is not a valid document it will not be approved and your planning will have been in vain. I liken it to people with serious illnesses who, rather than going to a qualified physician, decided to treat themselves. It isn't worth the risk. It would be far more helpful to your loved ones to be sure this final act has been handled correctly. This is why we always recommend legal counsel prepare wills.

2. **MY IMMEDIATE SURVIVORS KNOW WHERE TO FIND MY WILL.** It is incredible where people keep their wills! A wife normally will know where her husband's will is, and vice versa. The problem comes when we take it one step further and the wife and husband die in a common accident, and the alternate personal representative does not know where the document is. This would be a good time to mention that in excess of 20 states have now passed the Uniform Probate Code, trying to make state laws uniform regarding the matter of wills. For an example, the executor and the executrix are now referred to as personal representatives in the terminology of the Uniform Probate Code.

Be sure your personal representative knows where your will is kept—we don't mean a copy, but the original document. Most courts will view the original document as the only valid will, as opposed to copies even if they are signed. People often keep their wills in safe deposit boxes, and this is not out of the ordinary. Occasionally there will be a delay of a few days while the state tax

appraiser comes in to examine the contents of the box before the survivors can obtain the decedent's will.

Another place where people frequently keep their wills is in their attorney's office. The survivors need to know who the family attorney is and that the will is in that office.

3. **ARE MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE STILL CAPABLE AND QUALIFIED TO SERVE?** It is important you reexamine your will from time to time to be sure the persons selected as your representative and alternate are still qualified to serve in these capacities. The persons may have died, moved, or become incapable for one of many reasons, so you should reexamine your will to be sure they are fully qualified. Sometimes a person's election to public office precludes his or her being capable to serve. The court will examine the person you nominate as your personal representative to be sure that person is still capable of acting in your best interest.

A personal representative may sometimes be disqualified by moving. Some states do not approve a personal representative when that person lives in a different state from that of the deceased. You should know if your state will approve a non-resident personal representative.

4. **ARE MY GUARDIAN AND ALTERNATE GUARDIAN STILL CAPABLE AND QUALIFIED TO SERVE?** For the same reason be sure to examine your will to determine that the guardians of your minor children are still qualified to serve. Here again, moving away from the state in which your guardians reside may disqualify them as well. You may also want to review their economic circumstances and their personal family and medical circumstances to be sure they are still qualified and willing to serve.

Periodically recheck with your personal representatives and guardians to be sure they are willing to serve in these capacities—they may have given permission five years ago, and in the meantime are not personally up to assuming these responsibilities. They will have the option to decline.

5. **DOES MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE KNOW ALL THE ESSENTIAL DETAILS OR HOW TO FIND THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO SETTLE MY ESTATE?** Let me suggest that you send for a booklet entitled "Memo to My Wife." We will be happy to send it to you. This booklet is intended to provide your survivor with

all the details needed to handle your affairs upon your death. It is entitled "Memo to My Wife" because 80 percent of wives survive their husbands. But in some cases it should be entitled "Memo to My Husband" inasmuch as the wife is more knowledgeable with regard to financial affairs. Then too, the husband may survive the wife. With this booklet you will be able to record all of the information essential to your survivor's welfare.

6. **HAS MY ATTORNEY OFFERED TO REVIEW MY WILL TO ENSURE ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT OF 1981?** The Economic Recovery Act of 1981 was so all-encompassing that some attorneys feel they could be sued for malpractice if they were not to call each client for whom they have prepared a will and request they come in to have their wills reviewed. It is true that the vast majority of people will not be subject to federal estate taxation after this tax act has been fully implemented in 1987. However, it would be well worth a phone call to your attorney to be sure your will has been drawn in a manner that ensures compliance with this new act.

7. **HAVE MY SURVIVORS' FINANCIAL NEEDS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROPRIATE STEPS TAKEN TO MEET THEM?** Our concern with this question is simply that husbands need to particularly take note of the financial circumstances our loved ones will be left with in the event of our death. We think step number one would be to determine the budget our survivor would need, and then to examine the resources available to meet that budget.

8. **SHOULD MY MINOR CHILDREN'S FINANCIAL BENEFITS BE PROVIDED FOR IN A TRUST?** We think it is vitally important that a trust be used to provide financial benefits for minor children through whatever stage in their lives you feel they should be assisted. It is far better to use the trust to accomplish that purpose than to simply transfer the money to the children when they become of age.

9. **HAVE MY SURVIVORS BEEN BRIEFED REGARDING KEY PEOPLE THEY COULD CONSULT WITH IN DECISION MAKING SITUATIONS?** Whatever professional counselors you are dealing with in family situations—such as your attorney, insurance agent, investment counselor, tax consultant—should be noted in the

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## PENNIES INCREASING FOR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

On the last Sunday in July the lesson was from Luke 19:12-24, "The Parable of the Ten Pounds." It came to me as I was teaching the class to give the children a penny as they left the class and let them see how much they could increase it in a week. I explained Foreign Missions to them and asked them if they would like to do that for Foreign Missions, and they all said yes. They were very excited about it. I had planned to let them do it for only one week, but they were so happy when they came in with their money they wanted to try it again. I asked them how long they wanted to make their pennies grow and they said five weeks. This, I feel, was God's will. I asked them twice and both times they said five weeks, which would be the whole month of August. I felt this was the will of God so I said "All right, we will do it for five weeks."

### MONTH OF AUGUST 1982 MONEY RAISED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS BY CHILDREN WORKING FOR IT

Age	Name	1	8	15	22	29	Total
6	Greg Spivey	.85	1.23	1.00	1.04	1.00	5.12
2	Tamyka Norris	.10	.51	.44	.21	.36	1.62
2	Billie Jo Todd	.22	.07	.05		.10	.44
4	Daniel Norris	3.69	4.55		5.60	2.06	15.90
3	David Norris	3.25	3.63		4.63	2.44	13.95
5	Chrystal Todd	.19	.08	.25		.13	.65
5	Joshua Norris	1.57	1.00	2.24	5.90	2.77	13.48
2	Brandy Sellers	2.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.08	12.08
4	Anthony Hardee	.40	.30	.27	.25	.35	1.57
5	Shawn Bowen	.52	.64	.50	.75	5.00	7.41
4	Jamie Sue Todd	.19	.15	.33			.67
4	Misty Brown	8.31	8.70	5.35	9.74	12.10	44.20
5	Paula Branton		16.50	5.50	9.25	15.47	46.72
2	Heather Davis		1.00	1.35	1.05	2.32	5.72
4	Jesica Davis		1.00	1.26	1.35	2.60	6.21
3	Nicholas Hardee		.48		1.00	2.60	3.09
5	Kevin Todd			.41		.26	.67
5	Timmy Tyler			1.00	5.50		6.50
2	Tony McPherson			.35	.20	.26	.81
5	Eric McPherson			.14	.11	.52	.77
4	Charles Munce				.20		.20
2	Robin Godwin				1.06		1.06
1	Chrystal Faircloth					1.36	1.36
2	Chrystal Norris					1.00	1.00
	Alice Cribb— Teacher						26.00
	Shirley Byrd— Teacher						10.13
	Mary Mercer— Assistant Teacher						10.00
						TOTAL	\$237.33



I took books and showed them pictures of some of the children overseas receiving food, clothing, churches the missionaries were building, and several things the money would go for. This made the children even more excited about the job, and as you can see on the attached offering chart of each Sunday's offering, these little boys and girls really worked. I am very pleased and thankful for them. Please note the age of each child and how they all worked. I feel like Jesus is very happy with the work of these little children.

(This is part of a letter sent by Shirley C. Byrd, Route 1, Box 213-A, Hallsboro, North Carolina 28442.)

### STATE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE

The North Carolina State Layman's League Convention will convene at Piney Grove Church located 4 miles west of Greenville beside Highway 264. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., on November 13. Dr. W. Burkette Raper will be the guest speaker. All the men in all of our churches are urged to attend and learn of the program of our State Layman's League Convention.

C. L. Patrick, Advisor to  
Layman's League  
J. T. Beddard, Reporter

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## **SHERYLL WOOD TEACHING WORKSHOP**



*Mrs. Sheryll Wood*

Sheryll Wood is conducting a Sunday school workshop through the Paul Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College at Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church (Lucama) from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The weekly sessions will continue through October 21.

Mrs. Wood is a graduate of East Carolina University. She is presently serving as assistant director of the Center for Personnel and Program Evaluation and Development at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson.

A member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield, Mrs. Wood's church activities include serving on the Christian Education Committee of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, teaching a Young Adults' Sunday school class, and serving as a counselor at Cragmont.

Mrs. Wood will be teaching all Sunday school workshops taught through the Paul Palmer Institute during 1982-83

while Dianne Riley is on educational leave. She is the wife of the Rev. Philip Wood, pastor of First Church in Smithfield.

To schedule a Sunday school workshop for your church, contact Frank Harrison, Director of Church Relations, Mount Olive College, at 658-2502.

### **CAMPERS HONOR STAFF**

A love offering for College Hall is acknowledged with deep appreciation by Mount Olive College in honor of the Camp Staff from the Woman's Conference at Camp Vandemere. The offering was made by those who attended the "Beside Still Waters" session.

Those persons honored are Happy Taylor, Nina Grace Register, Annie Bell Hines, Margaret Ard, Louise Bryan, Hazel Stilley, and Rudene Kennedy.

### **MINISTERS SELECTED TO SERVE ON STEERING COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Marvin Waters of St. Mary's Church, New Bern, and the Rev. DeWayne Eakes of Little Rock Church, Lucama, have been selected by the Advisory Committee on Church Relations to serve on the Four-Year Steering Committee for Mount Olive College.

The Steering Committee will be made up of representatives from the College faculty, staff, administration, trustees and the Free Will Baptist Church. The purpose of the committee is to assist in the transition of Mount Olive College to four-year status.

The August meeting of the Advisory Committee on Church Relations also included an update on the Lloyd Vernon Library Collection, a report on the Paul Palmer Institute, and a discussion concerning the use

of College facilities by the Free Will Baptist Church.

### **Lloyd Vernon Collection**

An update prepared by Gary Barefoot, College librarian, included the information that 100 new titles have been added to the Lloyd Vernon Collection, including many manuals and pastoral guides. Money from the Lloyd Vernon Endowment has also been used to purchase some religious magazine subscriptions.

Barefoot urged ministers to use the Collection either by coming to the library or by requesting that the materials be sent through the mail. A bibliography of the Lloyd Vernon Collection was available at the State Convention.

Ministers are also encouraged to make requests for titles to be added to the Collection.

### **Paul Palmer Institute**

The Rev. Frank Harrison reported that for the year July 1, 1981, through June 30, 1982, 367 persons were served through the Paul Palmer Institute, conferences, and Sunday school workshops. He noted that eight Paul Palmer courses have been scheduled for the fall of 1982.

### **College Facilities**

Dr. W. Burkette Raper said that "the greatest responsibility of Mount Olive College is to respond to the needs of the Free Will Baptist Church through the utilization of our resources, including buildings and personnel."

Suggestions made at the meeting for services which could be provided by the College include workshops for Sunday school workers, a marriage institute, an institute for single parents, and a campus youth convention.



## SUNDAY, 24 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 8

### CORK MOVES STEEL BAR

In a gun factory, an elongated bar of steel, which weighed five hundred pounds, was suspended vertically by a chain. Near it, an average-size cork was suspended by a silk thread. "You will see something shortly which is seemingly impossible," said an attendant to a group of sight-seers. "This cork is going to set this steel bar in motion!" The cork was swung gently against the steel bar which remained motionless. For ten minutes the cork, with pendulum-like regularity, struck the iron bar. Then the bar vibrated slightly. At the end of an hour, the great bar was swinging like the pendulum of a clock!

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*Many of God's children feel that they are not exerting a feather's weight of influence upon others, or making a dent in the bastions of evil. Not so. How powerful is the cumulative influence for good which emanates from the obscurest of God's children!*

## MONDAY, 25 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9

### AN ODOUR OF SWEET SMELL!

It was only an earthen vessel of no particular beauty. But all who came near it were charmed by the exquisite, delicate odor emanating from it. Someone asked the potter, "What did you put into the clay you used to mould this vessel to make it so appealing to all who enter your shop?" "Nothing! Nothing at all! I, too, noticed the flowerlike fragrance of the clay from which I wrought the vessel. So I went to the place from where the clay came and there I found a wild rosebush growing. Its petals covered the ground and filled the atmosphere with fragrance. The petals it shed year after year must have given the clay its odor."

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*We should stay so close to Christ that our daily lives will radiate His grace, goodness and sweetness.*

## TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 10

### HOW CHRIST IS EXPRESSED

Not merely in the words you say,  
Not only in your deeds confessed,  
But in the most unconscious way  
Is Christ expressed.

For me 'twas not the truth you taught,  
To you so clear, to me so dim;  
But when you came to me you brought  
A sense of Him.

And from your eyes He beckons me,  
And from your heart His love is shed,  
Till I lose sight of you and see  
The Christ instead.

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*Ah, may we join that choir invisible,  
Of those immortal dead who live again,  
In minds made better by their presence!  
Live in deeds of daring rectitude,  
In scorn of miserable aims ending in self,  
In thoughts sublime, which pierce the night like stars,  
And with their mind persistence,  
Urge man's search to vaster issues!  
So to live is sublime!"*

## WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 11

### HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH

Because of his zeal for missions and outspoken advocacy of missions, David Brainerd was expelled from Yale College. He became a missionary to the American Indians. After his death, his diary fell into the hands of William Carey who was so impressed with the life and work of Brainerd that he went as a missionary to India. Of David Brainerd we can say: "He being dead yet speaketh!"

An aged, obscure minister in Scotland prayed earnestly one day that God would cause someone to accept Christ during the service. Someone did accept the Saviour that day—a little boy, Robert Moffat, who became a pioneer missionary to South Africa. When Moffat came home, years later, on a furlough, a young student, David Livingstone, heard him lecture and

dedicated himself to God to go as a missionary to Africa. Another student, Mackay, read Moffat's life story and went to Uganda as a missionary!

*Of these mighty servants of God, we can say: "They being dead yet speak!"*

## THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 12

### AN ALCOHOLIC WOMAN TRANSFORMED

An alcoholic woman was gloriously saved. Later, the pastor called on her husband, wanting to win him, too, to Christ and the church. But the man was very bitter. Contemptuously he said of his wife's conversion, "She'll get over it. She'll go back to drinking again." Six months passed. Then the husband went to see the pastor. He said, "I have read all the leading books on the evidences of Christianity, and I can answer their arguments. But for the past six months I have had an open book before me—my wife, whose life has been utterly changed. I have been wrong. There must be something divine about a religion that can take a slave to drink, like my wife was, and change her into the loving, patient, prayerful, singing saint that she now is! I, too, want the thing that has worked the miracle in her life!"

*So live that people who remember you will also remember Jesus Christ.*

## FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 13

### HE LIVED WHAT HE TAUGHT

While giving a challenging message in a Sunday school conference where many Sunday school teachers were present, a well-known minister told the following story:

"I was a boy from a broken home. I had a Roman Catholic background. I became a member of a Sunday school class in which there were thirteen boys. Five of the boys were from broken homes. Our teacher was a big man. He wore a size fourteen shoe. There were no discipline problems in that class—we had respect for the large shoe! Our teacher had never gone beyond the sixth grade in school, but he knew the Lord and he loved the boys in his class. He gave me love that I had never known before. He played with me and with the other boys. All of the thirteen boys became Christians. Eleven of them entered into full-time Christian service. How great is the influence of the Christian teacher who knows the Lord and who loves the pupils in his or her class!"

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*"Bury my influence with me," remorsefully pleaded a dying young man who had made a sordid mess of his life. But that is not possible. One's influence, for weal or woe, is as undying as one's soul: "Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice . . . by it he being dead yet speaketh" (Hebrews 11:4).*

## SATURDAY, 30 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 14

### IRRESISTIBLE POWER OF A HOLY LIFE

"I want you to teach me your language," said Gordon Maxwell, a missionary in India, to a Hindu. "No, sahib, I will not teach you my language. You would make me a Christian," said the Hindu. Maxwell replied, "You don't understand me. I am only asking you to teach me your language." Replied the Hindu, "No, sahib, I will not teach you. No man can live with you and not become a Christian!"

Lord Peterborough, a skeptic, spent a night with Fenelon. In the morning he hurried away, saying, "If I spend another night with that man, I shall be a Christian in spite of myself!"

*On a bronze tablet in Bethany Church, Philadelphia, are these words: "In loving memory of John Wanamaker—founder—By reason of him many went away and believed on Jesus."*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

### Young People, are you willing to give a day's work for the cause of Christ?

The Home Missions Department of the State Convention has secured the old St. Jude Catholic Church building in Grifton, North Carolina, for a new home missions work. The first service is scheduled for Sunday, October 24. Will you help clean the church yard on Saturday, October 23? Cleaning efforts will begin at 9 a.m., and a picnic lunch will be provided by the Home Missions Department. Make plans to come; and bring your rakes, hoes, and other yard tools.

For more information, contact the Rev. Charles Crisp by calling (919) 746-4963.



## GOD PROCLAIMS THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

**Lesson Text:** Leviticus 25:1, 2, 8-12, 23, 24, 39-43

**Memory Verse:** Leviticus 25:10

### I. INTRODUCTION

"The rich get richer and the poor get poorer." That old saying is not true in every case, of course. By hard work and good business judgment a poor man may become rich; and a rich man may become poor by bad judgment and reckless spending. Still, in every land and every time there is a tendency for wealth to be concentrated in the hands of a few people. Aggressive and skilled and sometimes unscrupulous men gradually increase their holdings till a few of them own huge tracts of land, skyscrapers, business firms. Lacking the skill and energy to compete with those capable operators, the majority of the people become serfs or peons, day laborers or slaves. Such unequal distribution of wealth has been the cause, or at least the excuse, for bloody revolution in many countries. When a revolution is successful, huge estates may be taken away from the rich and given to the laborers who do the actual farming.

God's law for Israel had a built-in control to prevent any extreme concentration of wealth, and so to prevent bloody uprisings by oppressed peasants. Every fifty years the land automatically reverted to its original owners or their heirs. A spendthrift might sell his farm and squander the money, but his children and grandchildren were not therefore doomed to be serfs forever. In the fiftieth year,

called the Year of Jubilee, they would get the farm back. This did not involve any injustice to the man who bought the land. When he bought it he knew he was buying no more than a fifty-year lease. Or if he bought it two years before the jubilee year, he knew he was buying only a two-year lease.

The law of jubilee was given while the people of Israel were encamped at Mount Sinai. They arrived there less than three months after leaving Egypt (Exodus 19:1) and stayed about eleven months (Numbers 10:11, 12). During that time they built an elaborate tabernacle according to the instructions God gave. God also assigned the area where each tribe was to camp and prescribed the order of march for traveling.

Early in the stay at Sinai, God gave the Ten Commandments in dramatic fashion and engraved them in stone. He gave also many other laws, which fill large parts of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. This week we are looking at the Book of Leviticus. Its name is from the Latin, meaning "of the Levites." Levites were members of the tribe of Levi, the tribe from which priests were taken. In Chapter 25 we find the law of jubilee.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. The Year of Jubilee was to come every fiftieth year. It was to be a time of special celebration. The land was to lie idle, debts were to be forgiven, and servants were to be set free and allowed to return to their families. In all the laws regarding this day two things stand out: the ownership of God and the stewardship of man.

B. One of the most important things concerning the Year of Jubilee was the law regarding the land. On this year all land was to revert back to the original owner. This prevented the accumulation of great estates and helped to protect the family, and, most of all, it showed that God was the real owner of the land and that man possessed it only for a season.

C. There was also some regulation regarding individuals. If one had become indentured to another because of debt, he was to be set free on the Year of Jubilee. This kept the institution of slavery on a temporary basis and each slave had hope of freedom later on. Again here is the telling reminder that one man does not own any other man, but that God is the real owner of mankind as well as of the land.

—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

### III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

*God Wants Men Free*—Not only does today's lesson show that God wants men to be free but the whole idea of salvation is built around the idea that men will be free—free from the slavery and condemnation of their own sins.—*The Advance Quarterly* (F.W.B.)

### COMING EVENTS

*October*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Superannuation Month

*October 31*—Mount Olive College Day in Local Churches

*November*—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home Month

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## CHILDREN'S HOME

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document "Memo to My Wife" and discussed verbally with the potential survivors.

10. **AFTER FAMILY NEEDS HAVE BEEN MET, HAVE I CONSIDERED SHARING MY ESTATE WITH MY CHURCH OR CHARITY?** At this point contributions may be made to the work of the Lord and other charitable institutions, once our responsibility to our loved ones has been attended to.

**\*\*This information is of a general nature only and should not be interpreted as legal advice. To obtain specific counsel consult your attorney.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a free copy of the booklet "Memo to My Wife."

\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me the next time you are in my area.

My phone number is ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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### NEWS AND NOTES

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delegates and ministers to attend.

#### Cape Fear Union Meeting to Meet

The Cape Fear Union Meeting will meet at First Church, Goldsboro, on Saturday, October 30. The scheduled program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, Congregation

Devotion, the Rev. Tony McLamb

—Welcome, the Rev. Norman Ard

—Response, the Rev. J. B. Caton

10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers

—Recognition of Visitors

—Reading of Minutes of Last Union

—Appointment of Committees

—Roll Call of Churches

—Report of Denominational Enterprises

11:15—Hymn, Congregation

—Special Music, Local Church

—Offering and Offertory Prayer

—Message, the Rev. Davie Brinson

12:00—Report of Treasurer

—Report of Committees

—Unfinished Business

—Benediction and Ad-  
journment

—Lunch

Moderator, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough

Secretary, Mrs. Dola Dudley

#### CAPE FEAR ORDAINING COUNCIL TO MEET

The ordaining council of the Cape Fear Conference is scheduled to meet on Monday afternoon, October 25, in the pastor's study of First Church

in Smithfield. Any person or persons having business with this council are asked to be present at this meeting.

The Rev. C. Felton Godwin is chairman of the ordaining council.

Mike Scott

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT AUXILIARIES

There will be a District Wide Study Course held at First Church, Kinston, on October 23, at 10 a.m. Miss Rudene Kennedy will be teaching this course; it will be a special blessing to those who attend. Auxiliary members, please make a special effort to come and enjoy this woman of God who has dedicated her life to teaching others. If you miss it you will have missed a spiritual blessing.

The course will take approximately two hours; please bring a bag lunch, the host auxiliary will furnish drinks and desserts.

The church is located at 214 West Lenoir Street, on the corner of College and Lenoir.

Hope to see you there.

Eva Belle Brinson

District Study Course Chairman

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PLANNED

The Home Missions Department of the State Convention has secured the old St. Jude Catholic Church building in Grifton, North Carolina, for a new home missions work. The organizational meeting for this work will be held Sunday, October 24; this meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m.

The Rev. Charles Crisp, director of the Home Missions Department, will conduct the service and special music for the occasion will be provided by Mott Batchelor and Jodi Link.

Everyone is invited to attend.



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# Ebb Tide

Until recently, ministers have held one of the most influential positions in our society. This is no longer the case, unfortunately. Eclipsed both by other professional and academic careers, the pastorate now ranks very low in both prestige and respect.

The reasons for this are many and varied: moral values are declining, confidence in the Scriptures is eroding, and there has been a shift away from religious roots to a materialistic life-style. But the minister is not without blame—some of it lies right at the door of the pastor's study.

Too little work done too late to be effective is the rule rather than the exception. Classical speakers, in contrast, assumed that for one to be competent he needed to be widely read and to have a broad base of interests. "No man can be an orator complete in all points of merit who has not attained a knowledge of all important subjects and arts" (Cicero). Many pastors have fallen far below the standard of excellence; as a result, they seem out of touch with those whom they serve—as well as out of touch with God. There is good news, though; this problem does have a solution.

How can ministers be better pastor-students? First, God's work **must** come first; and television should come last. Enough said on that!

Second, study time should be improved in quality. Time is often dallied away and concentration, which is already short, is too easily broken. Third, book buying, reading, and study should be well-planned and regular. Those involved in Christian work should embark on a consistent and varied reading adventure, one that will broaden horizons and deepen faith and convictions.

Fourth, it is time that ministers stop compromising. Whenever a man stands behind a sacred desk to proclaim God's Word, that is exactly what he is to do. Sermons are not designed to entertain, to make people laugh, or to necessarily make people feel good. It is quite possible that churches are in the shape they are because ministers do not take their calling (and job) seriously. God forbid!

Last, ministers should never be satisfied with a level of achievement that could be improved. Good work means hard work. Pastors must be prayer warriors; theirs must be a disciplined routine of tackling tough problems that are easily left undone.

Pastors, "it is from knowledge that oratory must derive its fullness, and unless there is such knowledge . . . there must be something empty and almost childish in the utterance." Though Cicero said it, and some people think it, may it never be true of God's man!

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# DO FREE WILL BAPTISTS TAKE THE BIBLE SERIOUSLY?

by Harry Grubbs

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## Preface

I approach this article with fear and trembling, but I think it is timely and necessary. As you read this article, I ask two things of you: 1. that you read very carefully each passage of Scripture referred to as if you have never read it before; and 2. that you read the whole article.

## Introduction

I think Free Will Baptists spend too much time talking about the Bible and not enough time letting the Bible talk to us. We must read the Bible. We have always believed the Bible to be the Word of God. It is God's Word only when we read it to hear what God says. For us to piously proclaim the Bible to be the Word of God, then reverently place it on the shelf to collect dust is equivalent to hanging up the telephone on God. Would any of us dare hang up on God? We must read the Bible to allow God to speak to us.

We must read the Bible with an open mind. Too often we read the Bible thinking we already know what it says. We must allow God to speak to us as we read Scripture. We must read from the Scriptures, not read our opinion into Scripture. To read the Bible with a biased opinion is to dilute its power.

We must read the whole Bible. To read only certain parts of the Bible is to cheat ourselves of vast knowledge. We must read each part as it is meant to be read. For instance, the Book of Revelation is filled with symbolism and metaphor. We must not try to take it literally or try to be too specific about its symbolism. To do either would cause us to miss its real message.

## State Convention Resolution

During the 1982 North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists a resolution was introduced for the Convention to affirm the Bible to be "scientifically and historically accurate" and "verbally inspired." After much debate, the resolution passed. The passage of this resolution confirmed that Free Will Baptists do not read the Bible, we do not read it all, and/or we do not read it with an open mind.

During the debate, someone indicated that our statement in *The Articles of Faith* (p. 43) is not strong enough. That article says: "We believe these (the Holy Scriptures) are the Old and 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 infallibly true rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service." The Convention overwhelmingly endorsed *The Articles of Faith* earlier in the session, so why was it necessary to have this resolution? This article already says everything the Bible says about itself (John 5:39; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Hebrews 1:1, 2; 2 Peter 1:18-21; please read these passages of Scripture), so why do we need more? Does God not say enough? Do we have to add to what God says? Let me remind you of Revelation 22:18, 19. (I understand that John was warning against censoring his letter to the seven churches, but for those of you who interpret this to refer to the whole Bible, take heed). The Bible nowhere claims to be historically accurate, scientifically accurate, nor verbally inspired.

## Historically Accurate?

But is the Bible historically accurate at every point? Read very carefully Matthew 1:18-2:23. Read it as if you have never heard the story of the birth of Jesus. As you read, answer the following questions:

1. Who was Jesus' father?  
Matthew 1:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:26-35 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Where did Joseph and Mary live prior to the birth of Jesus?

Matthew 2:1, 21-23 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_

3. In what town was Jesus born? Matthew 2:1 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:4-7 \_\_\_\_\_

4. In what kind of building was Jesus found?

Matthew 2:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:7, 12, 16 \_\_\_\_\_

5. Where did the holy family go after the birth of Jesus?

Matthew 2:13-15 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:22, 39, 40 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Where did Jesus grow up?

Matthew 2:21-23 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:40 \_\_\_\_\_

Now read Luke 1:26-35; 2:1-40 and answer the same questions.

Anyone can see quite readily that the two stories of Jesus' birth are different. Matthew assumes that Joseph and Mary lived in Bethlehem before Jesus' birth; Luke says they lived in Nazareth. Matthew says the Wise Men "came into the house"; Luke says Jesus was laid in a manger, implying that He was born in a stable. Matthew has the family fleeing to Egypt in fear of Herod; Luke has them going to Jerusalem, not fearing Herod, then on to Nazareth.

Which story is historically correct? Certainly not both. Historicity is unimportant; faith is very important. Both writers agree that Jesus was born in Bethlehem to the Virgin Mary, that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and that He was reared in Nazareth. The truth is that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God (John 1:14) and also the Son of man (Matthew 8:20). Jesus is God in the flesh revealing Himself to us and showing us how to live. The emphasis is not on Joseph, not on Mary, nor history; it is on Jesus.

If our faith is based on the historical accuracy of the Bible, it is based on the wrong thing, we do not have a true faith, and we should close our church doors. Our faith is in

Jesus Christ as God in the flesh, who lived, died, and was resurrected for us.

### Scientifically Accurate?

Is the Bible scientifically accurate? Genesis 1:3 indicates that God created the sun on the "first day" of creation. Verses 14-19 indicate that the sun was created on the "fourth day." One of these is incorrect. In fact, the "six days" of creation cannot be considered scientifically correct. 2 Peter 3:8 says, "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Genesis is a book of faith written to proclaim God as Creator and tell **why** He created, not a science text to explain **how** He created. Revelation 7:1 says, "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth . . ." This verse indicates that the earth is square or rectangular. We know the earth is round, so this verse is not scientifically true. Revelation is written in symbolic and metaphorical language. It is a book of signs, not science. It is, therefore, illogical to proclaim the Bible as scientifically accurate.

### Verbally Inspired?

Is the Bible verbally inspired? I believe the Scriptures. I believe what the Scriptures have to say about themselves. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16). I believe God inspired holy men with the truth and that He left it to them to record that truth using their own peculiar personalities, experiences, literary styles, culture, and limitations. This negates the idea of verbal inspiration.

I believe the Bible conveys the truth of God. It is now time for us to take the Bible seriously, to read it to learn God's truth for our lives and stop these petty debates over it. It is time for us to take our heads out of the sand on the issue of the Bible. It is time for us to

stop kidding ourselves into thinking the Bible is something it never claims to be. The Bible is the infinite truth of God conveyed by finite human beings. Our faith is not in the Bible; it is in the One whom the Bible proclaims.

### SPECIAL THANKS

Former Missionaries Vance and Mattie Lou Link wish to express their gratitude to all Free Will Baptists for the faithful support given to them during the nine years that they served on the mission field.

"During the years that we lived in Quemado, Texas, we encountered many different problems and difficulties and learned many spiritual lessons due to our various experiences. We are thankful that we have been given the opportunity to serve God and our denomination as missionaries in Texas and Mexico.

"How wonderful it was to know that at all times we had the prayers and loving support of many Christian friends back home. Your letters and encouragement meant more than we could ever say. As a whole, they were good years, and we thank you for letting us be your missionaries."

Since their resignation, the Links have moved to Winterville, North Carolina. Paul is attending the fifth grade at the Greenville Christian Academy, where Mattie is serving as a seventh and eighth grade teacher. Jodi is working at the Free Will Baptist Press and carrying a full load for the fall term of college at the Pitt Community College. The doctor has prescribed complete rest for Vance for the next two months due to a physical breakdown.

The Links request your continued prayers for their lives for the present and future; and also urge you to continue to pray diligently for the work in Mexico. Pray to the Lord of Harvest, that He might send forth laborers.

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**IN MEMORY OF  
DOROTHY PARKER**



*Dorothy Parker*

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praised her" (Proverbs 31:28).

On July 26, 1982, the Lord called home another faithful servant to be with Him. Her name was Dorothy Parker. She slipped away peacefully, putting an end to her nine-year battle with cancer, to go on to be with her Saviour.

She was born August 30, 1921, in Chase City, Virginia. Her parents were Lonnie and Mae Lefler.

At a young age, she met and married James E. Parker. They soon moved to Turkey Creek (near Holly Ridge) where God prospered and blessed their union of 45 years. They have 6 children, which she brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She was always proud that all her children and their spouses were saved and that her eldest son, Ronnie, was in God's service.

She dearly loved her 13 grandchildren. She was gone when the newest addition arrived, but our ever-loving Father even made a special

bond between them by letting her be born on her grandmother's birthday.

Dorothy was very faithful to her Lord, her church and her family. She was always busy day and night working for others, (but never too busy to stop and whip up a "Lone Ranger" mask or come up with a plastic spoon and jar for a child to play)!

She attended every church function she could, including weddings, funerals and baptisms. She especially enjoyed the song services. She would take her tape recorder each time so she could listen to the singing at home too. Even at her weakest in her last days, she requested some friends and family to sing for her.

During her affliction with cancer, she had many serious operations. She did not like to be in the hospital but she never was one to complain. Her courage was almost beyond our understanding. She always kept her faith that her Lord would get her through and He did every time. On Monday of one week, she had surgery and was back in church on the next Sunday morning.

As she went through the trials of this disease, many prayers were lifted up in her behalf. Many were by people that she never knew but who had heard of her testimony. There has been and probably will be many more souls touched because of her life. I thank God that I was one of them. She had an influence on my giving my heart to Christ.

Proverbs 31:10 asks, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" I can answer that question. I found her in this wonderful woman, my mother-in-law. I know that everyone who ever knew Dorothy Parker will

agree that she fulfilled the qualities described in Proverbs 31:11-29.

Our lives are saddened by her absence but her legacy of faith, courage and love will always be with us. We all praise God that she has been victorious over death and sin and is now able to receive her reward.

Sherry Parker

**MRS. JANET W. BROWN  
SELECTED OUTSTANDING  
VOCATIONAL EDUCATOR**

Mrs. Janet W. Brown, a member of White Oak Grove Church at LaGrange was recently selected as the Outstanding Vocational Educator from North Carolina. In addition to this honor she was President of the North Carolina Vocational Association last year and is presently serving on the North Carolina Vocational Association Board of Directors as past president. Later this month the American Vocational Association will select an educator as the Outstanding Vocational Teacher. Janet will represent North Carolina.

As a member of the North Carolina Vocational Association, Janet has travelled extensively to achieve the goals of the association. Her schedule is overloaded and fast-paced and she has made a motto of "go, go, go" but it has not prevented her from performing her job as a teacher at Frink Middle School at LaGrange or doing work for the church.

Presently, Janet is the treasurer for the church and Sunday school, teaches the Adult Sunday School Class, is a member of the church, a member of the Woman's Auxiliary, and has been the Youth

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## Albemarle District Youth Fellowship Convention

The Albemarle District Youth Fellowship Convention met in Plymouth, First Church, on October 4. The theme was "Let Us Walk in the Spirit." The theme Scripture was taken from Galatians 5:25. Mark Watson, president, opened the meeting with the singing of the hymn, "Living for Jesus." A member of Free Union AFC gave the devotions. She stressed that people should be more than just a "Sunday Christian" but must serve the Lord every day of the week.

During the business session the district youth adopted a set of bylaws for the Convention. Also, two officers were elected to fill unexpired terms. They were Allen Britt and Elizabeth Newbern of Hickory Chapel as assistant secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Aileen Hawley, a former member of the Convention had charge of the program. She spoke an inspiring message on fulfilling commitments to Jesus Christ and how a Christian must never put anything before his service to the Lord.

Having the largest percentage of the AFCs and YFAs at the convention was Free Union Church. The largest percentage of CAs came from Sound Side Church. The church having the largest number present was also Free Union with a total of 31.

## Fall Revival at Sweet Gum Grove Church

Revival services will begin at Sweet Gum Grove Church, Route 1, Stokes, November 1 and will continue through November 5. The prayer room will be open at 7:15 with services beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Ray Williamson, pastor of Gum Swamp Church,

will be the guest speaker. There will be special singing each night. There will be a children's church for children ages 5 to 9; a story hour for children 2 to 4; and a nursery. The pastor, the Rev. David Hill and the church membership invite everyone to attend this series of services.

## Cape Fear Conference to Meet

The 128th Session of the Cape Fear Conference will be held at Lee's Chapel Church, Dunn, on November 4. The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 8:30—Registration
- 9:00—Congregational Singing
  - Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Earl Johnson
  - Welcome, the Rev. Harry Armstrong
  - Response, Mr. R. Ray Warrick
- 9:15—Call to Order
  - Registration Rules Explanation by Credentials Committee Chairman
  - Roll Call of Officers
  - Roll Call of Churches
  - Roll Call of Ministers
  - Recognition of Visitors
  - Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin
  - Appointment of Committees
- 9:45—Children's Home Report
- 10:00—Mount Olive College Report
- 10:15—Denominational Enterprises Reports
- 11:15—Congregational Singing
  - Offering and Offertory Prayer
  - Special Music
  - Sermon, the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison
- 12:00—Recess for Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Congregational Singing
  - Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. T. C. Farmer
- 1:25—Report of Standing Committees
  - Executive Committee
  - Ordaining Council
  - Sunday School Convention
  - Cape Fear Missions 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. H. T. Hinson, Conference Treasurer
- Adjournment

## Revival Services to Be Held at Winterville Church

Revival services will be held at Winterville Church, Winterville, November 8-12, with the Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions director, as the evangelist. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening. There will be special music in each service. Everyone is invited to attend. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Ed Taylor.

## Fourth Central Union to Meet

The Fourth Central Union will meet at Harrell's Chapel Church near Snow Hill, on October 31, 1982. The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Hymn, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"
  - Welcome, the Rev. Ed Thornton
  - Response, the Rev. L. B. Manning
- 11:15—President's Remarks
  - Greetings from the Children's Home
  - Mount Olive College Report
  - Missions Report
- 11:30—Special Music, Jerome Rollins
  - Sermon, the Rev. Frank Brinson

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Hymn, "At Calvary"
  - Devotion, Alma Ruth Rollins
  - Committee Reports
  - Program, Local Church
- 2:15—Adjournment of Today's Business

## Saint Mary's Grove Had Homecoming

On Sunday, October 3, Saint Mary's Grove Church, Route 3, Benson, observed homecoming day. Special music was presented by the Ladies Trio. The morning message was

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## **TRUSTEES AWARD CONTRACT FOR COLLEGE HALL**

*by W. Burkette Raper*

The bonds are sold, the bids have been opened, the contract has been awarded and construction has begun. College Hall is scheduled for completion by the summer of 1984.

Following the opening of bids on October 8 and the successful conclusion of a \$1,500,000 bond issue on October 9, the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees met in called session on October 11 and awarded the \$2,538,050 construction contract to T. A. Loving Company of Goldsboro.

With the building of College Hall, Mount Olive College will enter a new era of service to its students, the Free Will Baptist Church, the Mount Olive community and the people of eastern North Carolina. The facility will serve as a physical education-athletic center for the College, a convention center for Original Free Will Baptists and a civic center for the area.

Benton Satterfield, vice president of T. A. Loving, told trustees that construction would begin "within the week," and that he saw no difficulty in completing the project within the contract period of 18 months. In response to a question about the design and quality of the building, Satterfield said that to his knowledge there was no comparable center of equal quality in this area.

College Hall is being made possible by those who believe in the work of Mount Olive College. Financing will be by \$1,000,000 in advanced gifts and the proceeds of the bonds. Repayment of the bonds will be from pledges already received and additional pledges that will be made while the building is under construction. Our goal is to have College Hall debt free by 1989.

## **RUDENE KENNEDY TO TEACH COURSES**

Rudene Kennedy will be teaching two eight-week courses through the Paul Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College.

"Studies in the Book of Daniel" will be taught on Monday nights from November 1-December 20 at the Cornerstone Youth Center located on Highway 41, in Beulaville, from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

"The Wisdom Books of the Old Testament," will begin on Tuesday, November 9, and continue on a weekly basis through December 28, at Verona Church, Onslow County, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. This course will

include studies in the Books of Job, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Proverbs.

Tuition is \$20 per course. Registration payment of tuition, and the purchase of textbooks can be completed at the first session of class.

Miss Kennedy has a master's degree from Old Dominion College in Virginia. She is a member of Cabin Church in Beulaville.

The Paul Palmer Institute was established by Mount Olive College in 1955 to equip ministers and laymen for more effective church service.

For more information, contact the Rev. Frank Harrison, director of Church Relations, at

Mount Olive College. Phone: (919) 658-2502.

## **COLLEGE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN RETREAT**

The annual fall spiritual life retreat for Mount Olive College students will be in Oriental, Friday, October 29, through Sunday, October 31.

Services will be held at Oriental Church. The Rev. Fred Baker, missionary to the Philippines, will be the guest speaker.

Commenting on the importance of the annual retreat, College Chaplain Frank Harrison said, "I see it as a time for spiritual renewal and commitment through worship, prayer, and Bible study. This is an excellent opportunity for students to reflect on how they can best serve God through their vocations."

The singspiration will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and the public is invited. The New Creations, a gospel music and witnessing team from Mount Olive College, will be featured.

The Rev. Frank Harrison will conduct a College Day service at 11 a.m. at Oriental Church. The Rev. Ralph Sumner is pastor.

## **DR. PELT TO SPEAK**

Dr. Michael Pelt will be the guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service at Pine Level Church in Johnston County on Sunday, October 31. Dr. Pelt is a professor of religion and chairman of the humanities division of Mount Olive College.

During his visit, Dr. Pelt will bring news on the College's transition to four-year status.

The pastor of Pine Level Church is the Rev. Donald Coates.

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## **FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORY TO BE TAUGHT**

*Free Will Baptist History* will be taught on Tuesdays, from 7:30-9 p.m., beginning November 9, at four Free Will Baptist Churches in Nash County:

November 9—Barnes Hill Church; November 16—Free Union Church; November 23—Stony Hill Church; and November 30—Union Chapel Church.

The course will focus on the early beginnings of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina and on the development of the denomination.

Teaching the class is the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, pastor of Little Rock Church in Lucama.

The course is open to the public free of charge. It is sponsored by the Second Western Union Meeting of the Western Conference through the Paul Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College.

## **REMAINING 1982 DINNERS FOR**

### **MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

*Onslow, New Hanover, Brunswick Counties*, Thursday, October 28, 7 p.m., Folkstone Church, O. B. Taylor, Chairman. Goal \$1,525

*Duplin County*, Saturday, October 30, 6 p.m., East Duplin High School near Beulaville, William D. Thigpen, Chairman. Goal \$9,800

*Johnston-Wake Counties*, Monday, November 1, 7 p.m., Everett Chapel Church (Spiritual Life Building), Donald Coates and Phillip Wood, Co-Chairmen. Goal \$24,350

*Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, Pasquotank, and Chowan Counties*, Thursday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., Washington County Union School, David Cahoon, Chairman. Goal \$5,500

*Carteret County*, Saturday, November 6, 6:30 p.m., East Carteret High School, Beaufort, David Ward, Chairman. Goal \$7,975

*Wilson County*, Monday, November 8, 7 p.m., Beddingfield School near Wilson, James B. Hunt, Chairman. Goal \$16,775

*Pitt County*, Tuesday, November 9, 7 p.m., D. H. Conley High School, Mrs. Dot Dail, Chairman. Goal \$15,850

*Craven County*, Monday, November 15, 7 p.m., West Craven Middle School near New Bern, Miss Marice DeBruhl, Chairman. Goal \$9,500

*Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties*, Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m., Midway School, C. Felton Godwin, Chairman. Goal \$7,675

*Pamlico County*, Saturday, November 20, 6 p.m., Camp Vandemere, M. N. (Tom) Caroon, Chairman. Goal \$5,750

## **STUDENTS INVITED TO CAMPUS**

All interested high school students and their parents are invited to the Mount Olive College campus on Saturday, November 13, for Fall High School Day. Registration and refreshments will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the Henderson Building.

Prospective students will have an opportunity to meet Betty Cobb, director of financial aid, and Caroline Castelleo, director of counseling services. In addition they will be introduced to faculty members and encouraged to tour the campus with student guides.

Auditions for both the Mount Olive Singers and the New Creations will be held after lunch.

## **GOAL FOR WAYNE COUNTY DINNER WAS SET AT \$17,950**

The goal for the Wayne County Dinner for Mount Olive College which was held Tuesday, October 26, at 7 p.m. was \$17,950.

Louise Edgerton of Union Grove Church served as chairman of the steering committee for Wayne County. Serving with her were Russell Corbitt from Union Grove, Joe Rollins from Pleasant Hill, Fannie Hare from Pleasant Grove, and Borden Howell of Spring Hill.

There are three purposes of the Mount Olive College Dinner Program. One, the dinners provide an opportunity for Free Will Baptist churches to make gifts to the education fund of Mount Olive College. Two, the dinners provide a means for the College to share information on its continuing education program for Free Will Baptists. Three, the dinners give high school students an opportunity

to learn about the unique program of Christian education offered by Mount Olive College.

Chairmen for local Wayne County churches included Joyce Johnson of Grant's Chapel, Nancy K. Lane of Indian Springs Church, Mitchell Lynch of Living Waters Church, Curtis Shivar of May's Chapel Church, Carolyn Johnson of Northeast Church, Ray Glover of Pleasant Grove Church, Buster Bunn of Pleasant Hill Church, Borden Howell of Spring Hill Church, Gordon Mazingo of Stoney Creek Church, James Kirby of Union Grove Church, and Ben Rollins of Walnut Creek Church.

## **COMING EVENTS**

*November*—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home Month

*November 6*—Piedmont Woman's Auxiliary Convention

*November 8*—Foreign Missions Board Meeting, 10 a.m., at the Press

*November 17*—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

*November 10*—Central Conference, First Church, Greenville, 9:30 a.m.

*November 14*—Children's Home Day in Local Churches (If your church does not meet on this Sunday, choose a more convenient Sunday.)

*November 20*—Thanksgiving Services, Children's Home, 10:30 a.m.

*November 23*—Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees, Mount Olive College

*November 23*—Founders Day, 11 a.m., Rodgers Chapel, Mount Olive College

*November 25*—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and all Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, and Kinston

## MEET CINDY WEBB



8 years old



1982

In the summer when she was eight years old. It has not been smooth sailing for her all the time. But recently there is a new light in her big brown eyes and a brighter smile on her face, for Cindy recently rededicated her life to Christ.

At a recent Sunday evening service in Memorial Chapel she asked Mr. Owens, who leads the service, if she could give her testimony and read a Scripture. She read from the Book of the Revelation. While talking to the congregation that evening Cindy expressed how difficult it is to be a Christian and a teenager surrounded by peer pressure.

Please remember Cindy in prayer as she grows spiritually, and also remember the staff as they serve the Lord here that it may be their prayer to say "let others see Jesus in me."

## MEET RAMONA HOPKINS



Ramona Hopkins

Ramona Hopkins holds a handmade quilt given by Mrs. Lizzie Bray of St. Mary's Church in New Bern. Mrs. Bray spent many loving hours working on the quilt which she sent by the women of St. Mary's to the Eastern Woman's Auxilliary Conference and on to the Children's Home.

Ramona is sponsored by the Eastern Woman's Auxilliary Conference. Her birthday is December 26th (1964) and she is a senior at Southern Nash High School.

## Retirement Homes

### RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS SEPTEMBER, 1982 Total \$1,047.41

#### CAPE FEAR

Lee's Chapel	\$ 48.97
Robert's Grove	50.00
Smithfield, First	75.00
Total	\$173.97

#### CENTRAL

Ayden	\$100.00
Daniels Chapel	50.00
Hugo	25.00
Reedy Branch	34.31
Tarboro, First	125.00
Union Number 2	17.97
Williamston, First	32.66
Total	\$384.94

#### EASTERN

Davis	\$100.00
Dublin Grove	15.00
Oriental	5.00
Union Number 3	46.00
Union Number 5	10.00
Total	\$176.00

#### WESTERN

Piney Grove	\$ 62.50
St. Mary's	100.00
Sherron Acres	25.00
Spring Hill	125.00
Total	\$312.50

### THINK ABOUT IT!

A teenager tough was picked up by the police in an eastern city. The officer sought for the ruffian's mother. They found her at a woman's club lecturing to the group on the subject, "How to Bring Up Children!"

December 28th (1967) is a special day for brown-eyed Cindy Webb, that is her birthday!

Cindy likes to play basketball, skate and sing. Her dream is to some day take piano lessons. Learning to play drums and be in the marching band are also some things Cindy would like to do. School is the activity that she laughingly said she could get along without.

Central Cottage is home for Cindy who came to live with us



## PHILIPPINE PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS



It is hard to believe that six months have passed since our departure from the States and our arrival here in Palawan. So many events have taken place and so many changes have been experienced that we feel a little confused at times. We have undergone constant periods of adjustment and re-adjustment. The words of the familiar song "This world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through" have taken on new meaning for us. We never again expect to have a normal life. How can any Christian settle for normal when God has so much for us to do as "Ambassadors of the Heavenly Kingdom?"

Please join us in praising God for the many blessings and answers to prayer He has bestowed upon the efforts of the Free Will Baptist Church in the Philippines.

1. New converts, baptisms, members, and signs of real spiritual maturity
2. Our national pastors
3. Success of Palawan Bible Institute and continued growth
4. Arrival of the Barnard family
5. Return of the Baker family to North Carolina
6. Relief efforts completed thus far

7. Approval of two new missionary families for the Philippine field
8. Those faithful in writing, supporting, and praying

With each of these praise items there are corresponding prayer requests.

1. Pray for continued growth for those who remain "babes in Christ."
2. Pray also for the maturing of our ordained and licensed ministers.
3. Pray for God's guidance in the future growth and expansion of P.B.I. (We are presently operating at full capacity.)
4. Pray that the Barnard family will be able to continue in the face of ever-present medical problems.
5. Pray for a successful deputation for the Baker family.
6. Pray that we will be able to help meet the needs of the impoverished and sick in this area.
7. Pray for the continued success of our evangelistic efforts in leading the lost to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. Pray that God will search your heart and the hearts of others that the call for new missionaries might be answered soon.
9. Pray for those who are praying for the advancement of God's work around the world. Ask God to help you to be more supportive of our Foreign Missions program.
10. Pray that we might be able to pick up our visas in the near future. Our personal effects cannot be shipped from North Carolina until then.
11. Pray for God's anointing upon our lives.

We know that God is faithful to hear and answer our prayers. We thank you for those offered on our behalf. May God reward your efforts.

Charles Barnard  
Missionary to the Philippines

We've not only a story to tell to the nations, but also a *pardon* to deliver for the Saviour to the nations!

We've a pardon to give to the nations, which was purchased at infinite cost, a pardon as yet undelivered, which leaves them eternally lost!

# Cragmont Assembly

## CONTRIBUTIONS AUGUST 1982

Total \$5,251.00

### RECEIPTS

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

North Carolina Free	
Will Baptist Woman's	
Auxiliary Convention	\$ 772.00
Greenville Service Woman's	
Auxiliary	10.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Total	\$ 792.00

#### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Albemarle Union Meeting	\$ 24.10
Total	\$ 24.10

#### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Hopewell	\$ 88.91
Victory Mission	67.79
Total	\$ 156.70

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Friendship Church,	
Farmville	\$ 25.00
Greenville, First	300.00
Willing Workers,	
Sunday School Class	20.00
Hull Road	200.00
Little Creek	
Sunday School Class	100.00
Piney Grove, Pitt County	25.00
Reedy Branch	31.00
Rocky Mount, First	50.00
Spring Branch	175.00
Total	\$ 926.00

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Bridgeton	\$ 33.00
Pilgrims Rest	10.00
Saints Delight	175.00
Wardens Grove	29.46
White Oak Grove	100.00
Total	\$ 347.46

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

lood's Chapel	\$ 5.00
Holly Springs	20.35
Kenly	200.00
Milbournie	37.50
Stancil's Chapel YFA	50.00
Stancil's Chapel	
Sunday School	204.26
Toney Creek	829.08
Trinity	750.00
Wilson, First	375.00
Total	\$ 2,471.19

#### ORTH CAROLINA

#### STATE AGENCIES

orth Carolina Original Free	
Will Baptist Ministerial	
Association	\$ 245.00
orth Carolina State Convention	
Free Will Baptist Leagues	178.55

#### THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Others	110.00
Total	\$ 533.55

### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 3,801.63
Utilities	1,966.46
Food	8,711.91
Maintenance Supplies	781.43
Office Supplies	223.51
Store	1,609.39
Taxes	197.68
Insurance	279.28
Maintenance and Repairs	351.60
Gas	114.30
Mileage/Travel	230.00
Miscellaneous	2,257.79
Promotional	17.16
Total	\$20,542.14

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Refund on Retreat Deposit	\$ 50.00
Golf Tournament expenses	314.00
Lamps for Rooms-Main Building	227.10
Medical expense	25.00
Publication	6.95
Playground Equipment	1,634.74
Total	\$ 2,257.79

## CONTRIBUTIONS SEPTEMBER 1982

Total \$5,093.88

### RECEIPTS

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Piney Grove Ladies	\$ 5.74
Sweet Gum Ladies	10.00
Janice H. Overman	10.00
Greenville Service	
Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Total	\$ 35.74

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Rose Hill Sunday School	\$ 50.00
Edgewood Sunday School	30.00
Piney Grove	260.00
Friendship	500.00
Second Union Meeting	17.97
Williamston, First	32.65
Reedy Branch Sunday School	77.00
Friendship Sunday School	25.00
Peace	100.00
Dilda's Grove Sunday School	46.05
Hugo	125.00
Otter's Creek	78.00
Total	\$ 1,341.67

#### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Haymount Mission	\$ 55.87
Saint Mary's Grove, Benson	150.00
Pleasant Grove, Dunn	200.00
Robert's Grove	500.00
Lee's Chapel	32.65
Total	\$ 938.52

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sandy Plain	\$ 271.81
Pilgrims Rest	10.00
Fifth Union Eastern Conference	15.00
Davis	100.00
Fifth Eastern	
Sunday School Convention	10.00
Total	\$ 406.81

#### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Union Chapel	\$ 30.55
Total	\$ 30.55

#### PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

Highland Pines	\$ 111.00
High Point	83.40
Total	\$ 194.40

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

First Union	
Western Conference	\$ 90.00
People's Chapel	5.00
Stancil's Chapel	582.61
Sherron Acres	350.00
Free Union Layman's League	25.00
St. Mary's, Kenly	250.00
Milbournie	37.50
Western District	
Youth Fellowship	25.00
Piney Grove, Kenly	62.50
Spring Hill	200.00
Total	\$ 1,627.61

#### OTHERS

Fourth Union District	\$ 19.58
Third Union District	100.00
Others	399.00
Total	\$ 518.58

### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 3,417.90
Utilities	2,009.64
Food	4,583.71
Maintenance Supplies	347.54
Office Supplies	240.92
Store	845.56
Taxes	1,010.05
Insurance	139.64
Maintenance and Repairs	244.00
Gas	177.02
Promotional	482.45
Miscellaneous	4,944.65
Total	\$18,443.08

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Self-employment tax	\$ 441.50
Emergency room treatment	96.10
Emergency Medical services	121.00
Chair for office	136.05
Survey water problem	150.00
Savings certificate	4,000.00
Total	\$ 4,944.65



## SUNDAY, 31 OCTOBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 15

### AN UNKNOWN BUT MIGHTY INTERCESSOR

An American minister became the pastor of a London church. On the first Sunday there were several converts. He preached with such power he had never before experienced. About a year later, he was called to the bedside of an obscure member of his church who told him the following story:

"I should not tell you, pastor," he said, "but I know that my time is come, and I do not want my work to cease when I go. I passed through a period of rebellion and spiritual darkness because of my poverty and lameness. It seemed that there was little that I could do for my Master. But God revealed to me that He had given me the privilege of intercession. Saturday night, before you preached your first sermon, I spent all night in prayer for you; and I have done that every Saturday night since. Someone will take up the work that I am about to lay down, surely."

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*When the weak voice ceased, the pastor knew what had been the secret of his power.*

## MONDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 16

### I'M SURE HE WILL BE SAVED!

At a prayer meeting one night a burdened wife requested those present to intercede for her unsaved husband. "Let's pray right now," said the pastor. It was the husband's custom to call for his wife at the close of prayer service. As he stood near the door, he heard different ones interceding for an unsaved husband. "For whom were they praying?" he asked his wife later. "Oh, it was the husband of one of our workers," she said. "I'm sure he will be saved. God must answer prayers like that," he said. That night the husband was convicted of sin. He awakened his wife, and pleaded, "Pray for me!" He was joyously saved!

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*One of the greatest of ministries is the ministry of intercessory prayer.*

## TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 17

### AN INVALID INTERCESSOR

During my pastorate in Orlando, Florida, one of my most faithful members was a helpless invalid. Lifting her from the car, the loving husband would bring her in his arms and place her in a front pew.

After some years, I left Orlando for a pastorate elsewhere. Later, I visited Orlando. Among the first ones I went to see was my invalid friend. She told me her cherished secret: "Mr. Knight, never has there been a day since I first met you that I have failed to pray for you. For years I have interceded for you, calling upon God to protect you and use you in His service!"

Surely, when God's children appear before the judgment seat of Christ, His "well done good and faithful servant" will also go to an invalid who faithfully prayed for others.

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*Lord, help me to live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way,  
That even when I kneel to pray,  
My prayer may be for others!*

## WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 18

### BRING HIM HITHER TO ME

A girl became deeply burdened for her wild, wayward brother. She went one Sunday morning to church with the feeling that her deep distress would make her unfit for the service. A visiting minister occupied the pulpit. He preached with great feeling on the lunatic whom the disciples could not help. Then he emphasized the request of Jesus, "Bring him hither to me" (Matthew 17:17). "Ah," thought the burdened sister, "this command of Jesus is God's message for me. In prayer, I'll bring my unsaved brother to the Saviour. He is now as accessible as He was in the long ago." With calmness and confidence she began to talk to Jesus about her brother. Ere long he was joyously saved and wonderfully delivered from his sinful, enslaving habits!

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*One will never talk well and with real success to men for God who has not learned well how to talk for men.*

## THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 19

### DO IT YOURSELF!

John Hyde, a missionary to India, was called "Praying Hyde." He was a mighty intercessor. "How can we enlist a body of intercessors in America?" asked an American friend. Said Hyde, "I have tried to enlist intercessors without success. I have found that the *only way* to get other people to pray is to *do it myself*." It is believed that over 100,000 people were saved in the Punjab district alone because of Hyde's intercession for them!

*Make me an intercessor, Lord,  
Hidden, unknown, and apart  
Thought little of by those around,  
But satisfying Thine heart!*

## FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 20

### WHAT CHANGED DR. WILSON

After his conversion, Dr. Walter Wilson became a member of the church. Each night and morning he read in a desultory way a few verses from the Bible and prayed for power to live the Christian life. In time he began to feel that he was making very little progress. When he entered college he didn't tell others that he was a Christian. Then something happened which proved to be a great blessing to him. His roommate had an almost fatal fall in the gymnasium. He was taken to his room in a critical condition. He was bleeding profusely from his nose and mouth. He whispered, "Wilson, pray for me!" They were alone. Wilson kneeled down. He prayed for God to help his friend. Said Wilson later, "I was surprised to see the change in him, and still more surprised at the wonderful change which took place in me. That faltering prayer opened to me the whole wide vista of intercession! I saw that my Christian faith had languished because I had never prayed enough for others!"

*Talking to men for God is a great thing, but  
talking to God for men is greater still.*

## SATURDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 21

### PLEASE, FATHER, FOR MY SAKE

During the Civil War, a soldier was found asleep while on picket duty. He was sentenced to

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die. A delegation appealed to President Lincoln to spare the soldier's life. Lincoln felt, however, that the sentence should be carried out to maintain army morale. As the group turned sorrowfully away, little Tad Lincoln, who had been in the room, unobserved, crept to his father and said, "Please, father *for my sake*, don't let them shoot that poor man!" The President could not resist his little son's plea. He reversed his decision and spared the soldier's life!

*We could not triumph over sin down here if Christ were not living for us up there, and talking to the Father for us: "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

## State Layman's League Convention



**We're on the scent to new discoveries!!!**

**Come and join us at**

PLACE:	PINEY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH GREENVILLE PITT COUNTY HIGHWAY 264
DATE:	NOVEMBER 13, 1982
TIME:	7:30 P.M.



For October 31

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH A GENTILE**

**Lesson Text:** Numbers 22:4-6;  
23:7-12; 24:17

**Memory Verse:** Numbers 23:12

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

"The world is too much with us," wrote the poet Wordsworth. Isn't it true that all of us tend to be engrossed with the things we see? What shall we eat? What shall we drink? Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (Matthew 6:31). Don't we all find it hard to fix our attention on unseen things? (2 Corinthians 4:18).

There is nothing new in this regard for what is seen. Seeing Mount Sinai shaking with power and shrouded in fire and smoke, the people of Israel were quick to say they would obey the Lord in everything. But after some months, when they broke camp and started northward, they saw no sign of God except the everyday cloud that led them and the everyday manna they ate. Soon the cloud was no more impressive than the everyday sunrise, which also tells of God's glory. Soon they grew tired of the monotonous manna (Numbers 11:4-6).

Some three months after leaving Sinai, they came to Kadesh, located near the edge of the land that God was to give them, but they did not march straight ahead to occupy it. They made camp and sent a dozen scouts into the land to see what they could see. The scouts saw fortified cities and tall men. They did not see the overwhelming power of God. A majority of them reported that it would be impossible to take that land.

Trembling, the people accepted the majority report.

They forgot the voice of God that had thundered at Sinai. They forgot the power of God that had defeated Pharaoh of Egypt and the Amalekites of the desert. They forgot the love of God that had provided food in the wilderness and water from barren rock. They thought only of what the scouts had seen—high walls and tall men. Mournfully they talked of going back to Egypt.

The Lord was ready to give His people the land He had promised them, but He was not ready to drag them into it against their will. Since they would not trust Him, He decreed that they must live in the desert for thirty-eight more years. Nearly all of the adults would die during that time; teenagers would become adults and leaders of the nation that Joshua finally would take into the Promised Land. Through those years in the desert the people of Israel no doubt were nomads, moving from place to place to find pasture for their flocks.

After thirty-eight years the people of Israel returned to Kadesh-barnea, near the Promised Land. Still, they did not march straight northward into it, but made a wide circuit and came to it from the east. First they journeyed south toward the east arm of the Red Sea. Turning north again they came near the Dead Sea and then circled eastward to bypass Moab. So finally they came to the east side of the Jordan River.

A nation of Amorites occupied the east bank north of Moab—in fact, had taken the northern part of Moab (Numbers 21:26). Israel asked permission to pass through that land peacefully, but it was refused. Israel then took the

Amorite country by force (Numbers 21:21-26). Pressing northward, they took also the land of Bashan east of the Sea of Galilee (vv. 31-35).

The king of Moab now was alarmed (Numbers 22:1-3). The people of Israel had taken pains to go around his country, but now they were encamped just north of it, in the area the Amorites had taken. The king suspected that they would be after more of his territory.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. POINTS TO PONDER**

A. Balaam, a prophet of God, was tempted to use his prophetic office for material gain. God's men are often tempted by the world in the same way today. The temptation is to say what you know the people want you to say and profit therefrom. How modern and up-to-date this temptation is!

B. Why did God permit Balaam to go with the Moabites when it was not God's will? Why does He permit us to do things that are not in His will? God always respects the free will of his creation. However, whatever a man chooses to do, he must pay the price for. There seems no doubt that God allows us to do things that are not within His will to teach us a lesson sometimes.

C. When God's servant dallies with Satan, he always has to pay a price. What price did Balaam pay? His mule pressed him against a wall and mashed his foot. This certainly would not have happened if he had gone on and done the will of God without dallying with Satan.

—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

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## FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN THE NEWS

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Director for many years. She has taught numerous special study courses and presented film presentations about the Bible. These were taught to the auxiliaries, fellowship clubs, and church-sponsored meetings. She has also represented the church at many conferences and conventions.

Lenoir County is fortunate to have a Christian woman of Janet's caliber and dedication working for the public schools; and for a rural church, White Oak Grove, is blessed to have her as a member to share her talents with fellow Christians.

Janet is the former Janet Walls from Smithfield. She is married to James A. Brown and they have two sons: Julian and Larry. They reside at Route 3, LaGrange.

It has been said many times that actions speak louder than words. Janet's accomplishments are like the roar of the lion—they get louder and louder. Congratulations, Janet!

## NEWS AND NOTES

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delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Rod Jones. Lunch was spread in the church activity building. The afternoon service began by the choir singing several selections. They were blessed by the Damascus Way Trio from Clayton. Everyone enjoyed the gospel in song and good fellowship.

### Western District Youth Rally to Meet

The Western District Youth Rally will be held at Pine Level Church, Pine Level, on October 8, at 7:30 p.m.

### Special Services Scheduled at LaGrange Church

A series of revival services is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 1, and will continue through Friday, November 5, at LaGrange Church,

LaGrange. The Rev. J. C. Yates, pastor of Saratoga Church, will be the guest evangelist. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming services will be held on Sunday, November 7. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., with the morning worship service at 11. The pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Vann Hobgood, will deliver the morning message, after which a picnic lunch will be served. A singspiration is planned for the afternoon.

The congregation and pastor cordially invite everyone to join them in these services.

### Albemarle Meetings Planned

The Albemarle Union Meeting will meet at Sidney Church, Belhaven; and the Albemarle League Convention will meet at Mount Zion Church, Roper on October 30. The scheduled programs are as follows:

#### UNION MEETING

OPENING SESSION, Mrs. Lucille Jones, Pianist

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Robert May

10:10—Welcome, Pastor

—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. David Thick

12:00—Benediction

—Adjournment and Lunch

## LEAGUE CONVENTION

7:30—Devotions, Mr. Dean Jones

7:40—President's Message, Mr. 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 Picture

—Treasurer's Report

—Adjournment

Pianist, Mrs. Lucille Jones

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The pastor and the congregation of Free Union Church of Beaufort County are pleased to announce the recommendation and the approval from Albemarle Board of Ordination to present to Mr. Robert Burke the privilege and license to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in our State Convention Churches. This license is granted for a period of 12 months. Mr. Burke is married and the father of two children. He is available for revivals, worship services and temporary assignments for any church who might be in need. His address is Mr. Robert Burke, Route 1, Box 439-A, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865; phone (919) 927-4788.

The Rev. David R. Thick, *Pastor*  
Charlie Keech Jr., *Chairman of*  
*Church Board*

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Ronnie Mohn has a new address. It is 104 Spruce Street, Williamston, North Carolina 27892.

## RESIGNATION ANNOUNCED

The Rev. David Charles Hansley has resigned as Executive Director of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. He will be working out the six months period called for by his contract before leaving.



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Something to Consider . . .

The groundbreaking service for the new Free Will Baptist Press building was held at 1 p.m., March 15, 1967, on the recently purchased ten acres of land, located on Highway 11, north of Ayden.

A group of about 30 persons attended the service, which included the employees of the Press. The service was led by the President, the Rev. R. N. Hinnant. The group began the service with the singing of the "Doxology." The invocation was led by the Rev. D. W. Hansley. The Scripture was read by the Rev. J. W. Everton. Greetings were extended by the mayor of Ayden, Ross S. Persinger, and the town manager, Phil Deaton. The Litany of Consecration was led by the manager, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, as follows:

*Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God has put into the hearts of His people to break this ground to the glory of His name. I now set it apart for the building of this Institution.*

*Let us, therefore as we are assembled, solemnly consecrate this site to its proper and sacred uses,  
To the glory of God, the Father, who has called us by His grace;  
To the honor of His Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us;  
To the power of the Holy Spirit, who illuminates and sanctifies us.*

*We break this ground,  
For the extending of the Kingdom of God and the enhancing of the cause of Christ in the world.*

*We break this ground,  
To the end that all who enter this Institution will sense the true spirit of brotherhood and service.*

*We break this ground,  
In the unity of the faith; in the bond of Christian brotherhood; in charity and goodwill toward all men everywhere; and, in gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this Institution; in loving remembrance of those who before us loved and labored in this place.*

*We now,  
The Board of Directors, workers and friends, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifices of our predecessors and confessing our dependence upon God, do dedicate ourselves anew to the task before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May each of us prayerfully consider the words of this Litany.

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# A Closer Look

In just a few days, the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. will celebrate its 109th birthday. The work of the Institution began with the passing of a simple resolution by the General Conference of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina on November 5, 1873.

Although there were those who advocated the "publishing of a church organ" prior to this time, no step was taken until the 1873 Conference which met with Union Grove Church, Wayne County. The question of such a publication was raised again that day; and after some discussion, Mr. E. R. Ellis decided he would undertake the task. Elder R. K. Hearn offered a resolution which authorized Mr. Ellis "to draw on the treasurer for a sufficient amount to pay for printing a prospectus for a newspaper."

While the Conference was still in session, a committee was appointed to take some action in regard to the better support of the *Free Will Baptist Advocate*. Elder Ray Phillips, a member of the committee, made the following report:

That we loan to Brother Ellis, editor of the *Free Will Baptist Advocate*, all the surplus funds in the treasury, and request every church belonging to this conference to raise all the funds they can and forward to the editor, for papers to be sent to their respective churches, at the rate of one copy per year, for every \$2.00 sent.

Copies of the prospectus were printed and the work of publication soon commenced.

The printing office was "located in the town of Fremont, on the W & W Railroad." Mr. Ellis named the publication the *Free Will Baptist Advocate* and issued it weekly. The paper was published in Fremont for about a year before it was moved to Toisnot (now Elm City). The office remained on the same railroad. The change in location led to a change in the name of the prospectus; and changing the paper's name to *Toisnot Transcript* led to its failure, for many were dissatisfied and would not subscribe. Indications are that publication was suspended in Toisnot some time during 1877.

In an effort to save the effort, Elders L. E. Johnson and R. H. Holland took charge and moved the operation back to Fremont. They changed the name of the paper back to *Free Will Baptist Advocate* and commenced publication again. But, "it seems that it couldn't survive the pamper that was caused by changing the name." This effort failed in 1879.

When the Conference met with Piney Grove Church, Pitt County, in 1880, Elder T. N. Manning requested Elder R. K. Hearn to submit a plan by which he thought a newspaper could be printed. He submitted the following plan, which after being fully discussed, was adopted:

The only way to make the *Free Will Baptist* paper a success will be to purchase from Brother E. R. Ellis his interest in the printing press on which the conference now has a claim; to employ some of our preachers to take charge of the press and publish the paper at the expense of the conference. The conference, in order to start the paper, must place in the hands of the preacher selected all of the funds in the hands of the treasurer, and solicit subscription of the present conference, request all who feel an interest in the paper to solicit subscribers for the paper, and for any deficiency that the subscriptions may lack of paying the expenses, the churches be requested to donate a sufficient amount to pay all expenses, also, to pay for the press.

Mr. Hearn was appointed "to attend to the publication" and to serve as editor. It was agreed that he would receive \$400 per annum for his services; and he was left with the responsibility of selecting the place of publication. Mr. Hearn took charge and the publication remained in Fremont for about a year before he moved it to New Bern. Permission was granted by the Conference for him to "build on the vacant lot in New Bern belonging to Free Will Baptists" in 1881. (After the Conference took charge of the paper, the word *Advocate* was dropped from the title.)

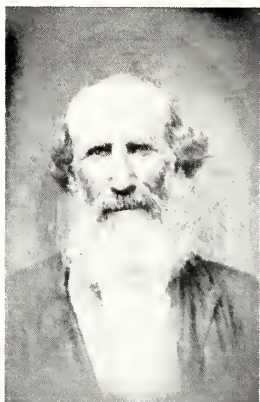
These early years were quite lean. In fact, in his first report to the Conference, Mr. Hearn noted that expenses to November 10, 1881, had amounted to \$1,038.87; receipts only totaled \$714.30. His 1882 report was as follows: the whole cost for November 1, 1881—November 1, 1882, was \$1,141.92; subscriptions, \$558.85; advertising, \$36.24; amount for type, \$75.85; donation, \$3; amount of minute fund, \$62.82. When the Conference met in 1883, expenses were due from the previous year and outstanding debts were adding up. His report looked like this:

Amount received for subscriptions during the Conference year	\$379.53
Received for advertisements	128.55
TOTAL	\$508.09
Amount due on the books	290.92
TOTAL	\$799.21
Expenses for year:	
Expenses for year other than editor's wages	\$626.99
Editor's wages for year	400.00
	\$1,026.99
Deficit from year before	84.25
	\$1,111.24

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(Left to right) the  
Revs. R. K. Hearn,  
J. M. Barfield, E. T.  
Phillips, and T. B.  
Mellette.



When the Conference met in 1885 it was determined that the editor should send every subscriber notice of his indebtedness; it was left to his discretion whether or not to stop the paper.

When the body met again in 1886 (with Black Jack Church, Pitt County), a thirteen member committee was appointed "to look about" the interest of the paper. The Conference also rescinded the resolution passed in an earlier meeting at Piney Grove Church and decided to "loan the press and outfit to Elder Hearn for one year, and as much longer as may be thought proper, provided he publish it in the interests of the Free Will Baptists." It was determined that Mr. Hearn must run the paper as a Free Will Baptist organ, on or at his own expense. Operations continued on this plan until February, 1889, at which time Mr. Hearn resigned for health reasons.

About this same time, a stock company was formed. Elder W. L. Bilbro became editor and the operation was moved to Snow Hill. Elder J. M. Barfield assumed the position of editor shortly thereafter. Finding it "ill convenient for him to go from his farm out in the country to Snow Hill, a distance of some miles, he moved the Press to Ormondsville, North Carolina," near his country home. In March, 1895, Mr. Barfield bought a lot in the town of Ayden; he built a comfortable house there; and moved the office in it. (The Press operated for a number of years under the stock company that he was largely instrumental in raising.)

Elder E. T. Phillips became editor in 1896 and remained in that post until the spring of 1916. During his administration, the company was reorganized and the name was changed from Free Will Baptist Publishing Company to the Ayden Free Will Baptist Publishing Company (1914).

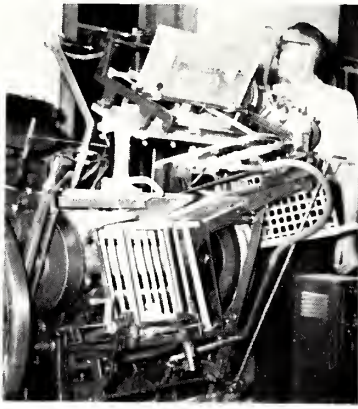
When the Press moved to Ayden, it was located on the east side of the railroad where it stayed until 1913 when a fire burned the building almost to the ground. In September of

that same year, minutes of the First Annual Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists held at Bailey record the following:

1. That the charter of the Free Will Baptist Publishing Company be changed or amended that it shall read: authorized capital stock \$10,000, to begin business when \$3,000 has been paid on stock.
  2. That the original stock be considered as so much paid in, at its first cash value, representing what was paid in actual cash or its value.
  3. That as soon as the \$3,000 shall have been paid in that the secretary of the publishing company call the stockholders together in a meeting for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors who shall meet and elect all necessary officers.
  4. That earnest solicitations be made to the various conferences, union meetings, associations, etc. in the Free Will Baptist denomination as well as to all worthy citizens and brethren who might be induced to take stock. The value of each share to be \$10.
  5. That none of the new stock paid in shall be for the liquidation of any debt contracted by the company prior to this date except for subscription.
- The newly organized body under the amended charter shall, however, take all the business of the old company in hand after it meets and organizes.
- The following were appointed to represent the different Conferences in the call meeting of the Publishing Company: Western, R. F. Pittman; Eastern, M. C. Prescott; Central, W. W. Bullard; Cape Fear, J. F. Casey.

In the spring of 1916, the organization went broke and all the employees quit but the general manager, the Rev. J. C. Griffin. That summer, the Rev. T. B. Mellette was employed as editor, but both he and Mr. Griffin left on September 1, 1916. Mr. C. K. Dunn assumed the responsibility as editor and general manager at that time. He remained as administrative head until his retirement in 1952; however, Elder Phillips returned as editor in 1921 when duties became too heavy for one person to bear.

The building the company was occupying 1917 proved to be inadequate. Mr. Alex T. Dawson, a well-to-do farmer erected a new brick building on Pitt Street, behind the old high school, and offered it to the Press. They moved in that facility that same year.

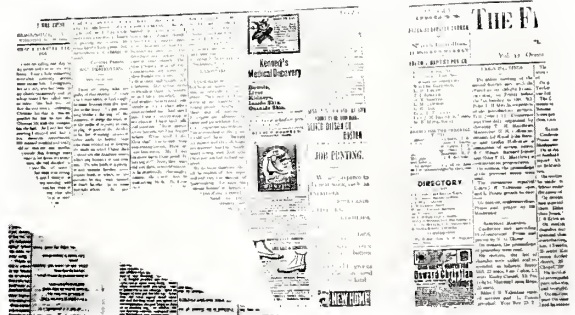


In 1916, a change in the corporation and name occurred: the Institution became known as the Free Will Baptist Press and the organization was chartered under the laws of the State of North Carolina as a nonprofit corporation. Control of the Institution was placed in the hands of Free Will Baptist Conferences, Churches, and individuals who purchased shares of stock. A Board of Directors was elected at the annual stockholders' meeting, and this meeting delegated to the Board the responsibility of directing the activities of the Institution. (Then, in 1965, in keeping with federal laws, the corporation was changed to a nonprofit membership corporation and the word "Foundation" was added to the name. There are no stockholders now, only memberships, and only Free Will Baptist Conventions, Conferences, Unions, Churches, and Free Will Baptist organizations can hold membership in the corporation. The membership meets annually and elects a Board of Directors.)

On January 1, 1928, the Press moved into a building on the west side of the railroad; this brick structure was located near the A. C. L. Depot. The Foundation purchased a different facility in 1942 at the cost of \$3,500; an additional \$3,500 was spent on repairs. The Institution moved to its present location in December, 1967.

The Rev. I. J. Blackwelder replaced Mr. Phillips as editor in 1934, and the Rev. R. B. Spencer assumed the post a year later. When Mr. Spencer retired in 1952, the Rev. F. B. Cherry was made editor, a post he held until July 1, 1954. At that time, the Rev. J. O. Fort succeeded Mr. Cherry. Mr. Fort was given the title manager-editor, in which capacity he served until September 1, 1960.

The Rev. N. B. Barrow succeeded Mr. Fort as manager and the Rev. C. H. Overman was made editor. The Rev. Walter Reynolds became manager in September, 1966, a position he held until December 30, 1981; and Mr. Tommy Manning was made editor when Mr. Overman resigned. The Rev. David Charles Hansley



(Top left) I. J. Blackwelder; (top middle) a pressman at the old kluge; (top right) those present at the January 17, 1967, board meeting: the Revs. Walter Reynolds, Melvin Everington, J. W. Everton, Robert May, R. N. Hinnant, Fred Powers, Hubert Burress, Mr. Charles E. Benton Jr., and the Rev. D. W. Hansley; (right middle) breaking up the ground for the present facility; (bottom right) an early edition of *The Free Will Baptist*.

began serving as executive director of the Institution on December 31, 1981. The present editor assumed her post on August 20, 1980.

Dedicated to serving Christ in every area, the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. endeavors to promote unity for a singular cause. This we do by spreading the gospel, the story of God's love for all, through the printed page. From its beginning in 1873, to the present, 1982, the aim has been (and is) to serve better with each passing year. May God be praised for His manifold blessings!



## Youth Revival Slated for Johnston Union Church

Johnston Union Church will be having a weekend youth revival, November 5-7. The Rev. Doug Skinner, pastor of Arapahoe Church, will be bringing the messages. Special music will be presented by the youth choirs and by others. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The church is located on Highway 70 west of Smithfield, and everyone is invited to attend.

## Westside Church to Have Missionary Conference

Westside Church, 1205 Lynn Drive, Kinston, will begin a three-day missionary conference on Friday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m. The theme selected for the conference is "A Story to Tell the Nations." Services will continue through Saturday and Sunday. The services on Saturday will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be three services on Sunday: one at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Several missionary speakers will be on hand to challenge listeners through testimonies, songs, color slides and the proclamation of the gospel. Among the speakers will be the Rev. Harold Jones, director-treasurer of the Foreign Missions program; the Rev. Fred Baker and Mrs. Linda Baker, missionaries on furlough from the Philippines; and Mr. Lee Lancaster, a graduate student in engineering at North Carolina State who spent the summer in mainland China.

During this first annual missionary conference, the church will be initiating a program of missionary support through Faith-Promise giving. Faith-Promises will be received from

the Sunday school and church members on Sunday as a climax to the conference. The public is cordially invited to share in this series of meetings.

## Upcoming Events at Wintergreen Church

Homecoming will be observed at Wintergreen Church, Route 1, Cove City, on November 7. The Rev. Rudy Shepard, a former pastor of the church, will bring the messages Sunday morning and Sunday night. Dinner will be served on the grounds after the morning services.

Revival services will be held beginning on November 8 and will continue through November 12. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Mike Scott, pastor of Johnston Union Church, Clayton. Thursday night will be family night. All members will be encouraged to bring as many of their family members as they can.

Everyone is invited to attend all of these services. The Rev. Donald Walston is pastor of the church.

## Central Conference to Meet November 10

The 234th annual session of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will meet November 10, at First Church, Greenville, located behind Pitt Plaza Shopping Center on Highway 43. The scheduled program is as follows:

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Ed Thornton
- Welcome, the Rev. Harry Grubbs
- Response, Mrs. Lou McLawhorn
- Moderator's Message, the Rev. Willis Wilson

- Recognition of Visitors
- Appointment of Committees
- Short Business Session

- 10:30—Report of Denominational Enterprises
- State Convention, the Rev. Gary Bailey
- Free Will Baptist Press, the Rev. David Hansley
- Superannuation, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- Church Finance Association, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- Mount Olive College, Dr. Burkette Raper
- Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. John Williams
- Children's Home, Mr. Howard Cayton
- Retirement Homes, the Rev. Walter Sutton
- Foreign Missions, the Rev. Harold Jones
- Home Missions, the Rev. Charles Crisp
- Board of Ordination, the Rev. Bruce Barrow
- 11:30—Message, the Rev. Harold Jones
- 12:00—Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Allan Sterbin
- 1:05—Report of Obituary Committee, the Rev. L. B. Manning
- Business Session
- Report of Credentials Committee
- Report of Executive Committee
- Report of Central Conference Missions Board
- Report of Trustees
- Report of Historian
- Reports of Temperance and Resolution Committees
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Nominating Committee
- Final Business
- Adjournment
- Host Pastor, the Rev. Harry Grubbs

## Homecoming at Reedy Branch Church

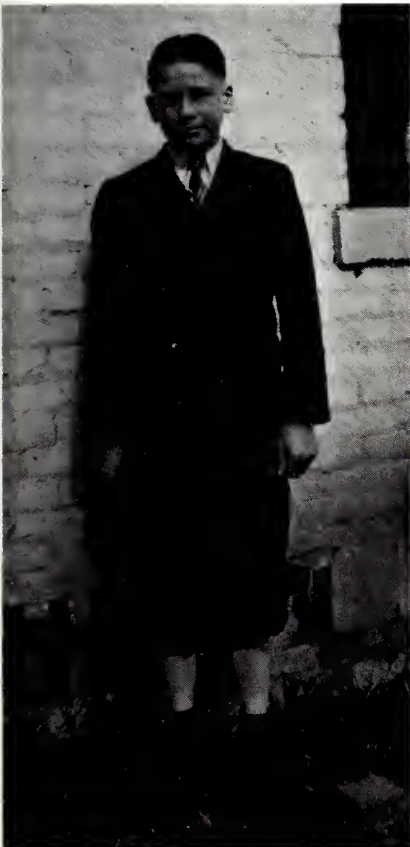
On Sunday, November 7, Reedy Branch Church near Greenville, will celebrate the 182nd Anniversary of the church. The church is one of the oldest churches in Pitt County.

The services will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.

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## YESTERDAY'S CHILD - TODAY'S CHILD



Do you know this young man? This picture was taken while he was residing at the Home.

If you recognize this picture drop a note to: Children's Home, P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557; and we will be happy to send you a packet of Children's Home note cards.

### WHY THE NEED?

Is today's child different? No, the child of today still needs love, security, happiness and a purpose in life.

Society, attitudes, and moral values have changed. Today sin is more aggressive and children are more often the victim. When the foundation of the home is broken, pain is inflicted on the child. The child born outside of God's plan of marriage and the family, may never experience the parental love of a Christian home.

What pain is inflicted on the child of alcoholic parents, or from desertion, or neglect! The list continues; sin is destructive. But Christ said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God."

How do you tell a child, "Jesus loves you," when he or she doesn't understand love?

What do you do for the child that seldom smiles, or who cries out in his sleep? What about the child who is filled with frustration and self-doubt?

Jesus reached out to the blind, the lame, the hungry and He loved them where they were. He healed the lame, gave sight to the blind, and when He met their immediate needs He healed their spiritual need.

In May 1920, the Free Will Baptists opened the Children's Home; and in the years following, hundreds of children have lived there, some for several years, others for a short period.

Some of the things that make a good influence on a child are:

(1) Stability and strength build self-confidence. At the Home it could come from regular meals, regular hours, expectations, rules administered by dependable houseparents.

(2) A relationship of trust built on positive guidance from houseparents and the responsible conduct from the child.

(3) The teaching of the gospel and prayer is necessary. At the Home this comes through Christian staff members, cottage devotions, and praying for and with the child.

We at the Home thank those who are praying. Our Lord is answering our prayers. Two more children asked Christ into their lives to be their personal Saviour this past Sunday evening at the service in New Life

Free Will Baptist Church. In the last three months five of seventeen children on campus have found a new life in Christ. To God be the glory!

November is Children's Home month; November 14 is Children's Home Day. Will you lift these new Christians in intercessory prayer as they mature in the faith? The Lord's work is done by His people who financially and prayerfully support it. Will you ask our Lord what He would have you do to reach out to children? God's Word tells us the field is ripe unto harvest.

If you know a child or family who needs our help, please refer them to your pastor who in turn can contact our Children's Home.

Join us at Memorial Chapel on November 20. The Rev. Charles Crisp will bring a Thanksgiving message.

We give the Lord thanks for those of you who care and share.

### WANTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

I want as soon as possible copies of *organizational meetings* of the following Central District Auxiliaries: Reedy Branch, Hull Road, Marlboro, Little Creek, and Grimsley.

I need a photocopy if possible; if not, then a handwritten or typed exact copy of the entire meeting showing date, offering, charter members, motions and discussions.

I would like for each of our North Carolina Woman's Auxiliaries to send me a copy of their organizational meeting to be used in the history of our auxiliary work.

Please send them to me at the Free Will Baptist Press, P.O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

Minnie Chandler



### THINK ABOUT IT!

Have you thought about your retirement years lately? What kind of preparation are you making for those years? Do you realize that your retirement years may be closer than you now think?

In an effort to forcibly drive home the fact that we should number our days, someone has prepared the following mathematical parallel of the 70-year life span with a 24-hour day:

If you are 15, it's 8:51 a.m.

If you are 20, it's 11:08 a.m.

If you are 25, it's 12:25 p.m.

If you are 30, it's 1:25 p.m.

If you are 40, it's 4:16 p.m.

If you are 50, it's 6:50 p.m.

If you are 60, it's 10:11 p.m.

If you are 70, it's near midnight.

If you will place yourself in the proper age range, you will see just how close you are to your retirement years. You ask, what can I do? Here are suggestions.

**PRAY:** Pray to God that your retirement years will be happy and peaceful. Pray to God for your Retirement Homes board members, their commitment to this ministry and their willingness to be led by God's Spirit in each decision and effort of leadership. We should never underestimate the power of prayer. John Wesley said, "God will do nothing but in answer to prayer." S. D. Gordon said, "The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is to pray." This is why he also said, "You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed." This also explains his statement, "Prayer is striking the winning blow . . . Service is gathering up the results." Your prayers for our Retirement Homes will do

more to shape its future than anything you can do. E. M. Bounds said, "God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, . . . the mightier the forces against evil."

**GIFT:** Have you made a personal gift to your Retirement Homes? Your gift, large or small, is greatly needed at this time and will be appreciated. They will help in daily operation and the future construction of new apartments. Construction plans and specifications for these new apartments have been drawn and approved. We will begin construction when we have sufficient funds. Your prayer and gift support today will make possible the construction of new apartments in one of the near tomorrows.

**A SPECIAL OFFER:** As an incentive to each Free Will Baptist to contribute in a personal way to our Retirement Homes ministry in the amount of \$25 we will give a beautiful wristwatch that carries a one-year warranty. The watch will have on its face our Retirement Homes logo and the words "Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes." Please request your watch when you make your contribution.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR VISIT:** We would welcome a visit by your family or church group to our campus anytime. If you inform us in advance you may tour our present apartments and meet our retired families living there now. We will be happy to view the plans for future apartments, etc. with you. Your visit will be important to you and to us—you will learn and we will know that you care.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** We have a Retirement Homes

because of you and fellow Free Will Baptist people. We are here to offer a service to you at a time in your life when you will need it the most. Help us now.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Lloyd W. Jones Jr.

Mrs. Payton Lee

The Rev. Harry Jones

The Rev. O. B. Jones

The Rev. Walter J. Sutton

Mrs. Happy Taylor

The Rev. James B. Hardee

Mrs. Hazel Brown

The Rev. J. C. Yates

The Rev. Everett V. Harper

Walter J. Sutton  
*Director*

### COMING EVENTS

**November**—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home Month

**November 6**—Piedmont Woman's Auxiliary Convention

**November 8**—Foreign Missions Meeting 10 a.m. at the Press

**November 10**—Central Conference, First Church, Greenville, 9:30 a.m.

**November 14**—Children's Home Day in Local Churches (If your church does not meet on this Sunday, choose a more convenient Sunday.)

**November 17**—Children's Home Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Children's Home, Middlesex

**November 20**—Thanksgiving Services, Children's Home 10:30 a.m.

**November 23**—Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees Mount Olive College

**November 23**—Founders Day 11 a.m., Rodgers Chapel Mount Olive College

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# Home Missions

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR QUARTER: JULY 1- SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

Total \$26,720.83

### ALBEMARLE

Albemarle District	
Auxiliary Convention	\$ 162.15
Albemarle Union Meeting	5.00
Belhaven	25.00
Cape Colony	16.00
Hickory Chapel	217.54
Mount Tabor	50.00
Mount Zion	212.21
Shiloh	50.00
Union Chapel	225.78
Total	\$ 963.68

### CAPE FEAR

Cape Fear Conference	\$ 113.98
Catalpa	50.00
Daly's Chapel	100.00
Eastover Mission	25.00
Goldshoro, First	425.00
Haymount	225.56
Hopewell	88.91
Johnston Union	100.00
Lee's Chapel	225.00
Mount Olive	10.00
Palmer Memorial	94.52
Pleasant Grove	200.00
Riverside	250.00
Robert's Grove	250.00
Saint Mary's Grove	75.00
Shady Grove	300.00
Smyrna	50.00
Smithfield, First	60.00
Tee's Chapel	450.00
Victory	135.00
Wooten's Chapel	50.00
Yelverton Grove	142.88
Total	\$3,421.45

### CENTRAL

Aspen Grove	\$ 10.00
Ayden	100.00
Bethany	199.50
Black Jack	520.75
Daniels Chapel	355.00
Edgewood	88.93
Fourth Union	29.37
Free Union	17.00
Friendship	447.72
Greenville, First	250.00
Gum Swamp	300.00
Harrell's Chapel	225.00
Hickory Grove	26.62
Hugo	282.68
Full Road	200.00
King's Cross Roads	1,005.00
LaGrange	148.54
Little Creek	310.00
Otter's Creek	78.00
Owens Chapel	404.82
Peace	28.50

Piney Grove	78.60
Reedy Branch	340.00
Roanoke Rapids	5.00
Rocky Mount, First	237.50
Rose of Sharon	75.00
Rose Hill	110.00
Second Union	17.97
Spring Branch	175.00
Walnut Creek	275.00
Watery Branch	25.00
Williamston, First	130.62
Winterville	394.01
Total	\$6,891.13

### EASTERN

Antioch	\$ 100.00
Arapahoe	644.00
Beaufort	115.00
Bridgeton	29.00
Christian Chapel	200.00
Core Creek	220.00
Crab Point	45.00
Croatan	45.00
Davis	120.32
Deep Run	130.00
Dublin Grove	10.00
Edwards Chapel	30.00
Faith Mission	10.00
Faith	100.00
Fifth Union	25.00
Folkstone	38.82
Friendship	60.00
Gethsemane	35.00
Gray Branch	800.00
Hillsberry	25.00
Holly Springs	39.31
Jackson Heights	53.45
Juniper Chapel	568.39
Kinston, First	69.44
Lanier's Chapel	25.00
Macedonia	125.00
May's Chapel	125.00
Mount Zion (Onslow County)	25.00
Mount Zion (Vandemere)	35.00
Moseley's Creek	50.00
New Haven	50.00
Northeast	175.00
Oak Grove	10.50
Oriental	10.00
Pearsall Chapel	75.00
Pilgrims Rest	48.83
Rooty Branch	45.00
Saints Delight	350.00
St. Mary's	50.61
Sandy Plain	276.26
Sarecta	220.00
Snow Hill	200.00
Sound View	263.59
Spring Hope	11.00
Third Union District	65.00
Trent	65.00
Verona	100.00
Wardens Grove	55.04
Warsaw	75.00
Westside	51.30
Whaley's Chapel	150.00

White Hill	57.00
White Oak	40.00
White Oak Grove	120.85
Wilmington, First	25.00
Wintergreen	250.00
Total	\$6,737.71

### INDIVIDUALS

Ambrose, Mrs. Howard L.	\$ 20.00
Baker, Fred	70.00
Boyette, Mrs. Eva	50.00
Coats, C. M.	25.00
Crisp, Charles	85.00
Daniels, Mrs. Verona J.	25.00
Edwards, E. E.	5.00
Fowler, Edna	25.00
Furlough, John M.	75.00
Goodson, Mrs. Kermit	5.00
Gray, Adaline H.	10.00
Hall, Ronnie	50.00
Hall, Kenneth	1.00
Hansley, D. W.	12.40
Harris, Floyd and Eva	50.00
Harris, R. P.	10.00
Hunt, James B.	100.00
James, Eugene and Pat	50.00
Jarvis, Hazel C.	5.00
Lee, John R.	10.00
Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. James C.	5.00
Manning, Elza	20.00
Mizelle, Irvin	5.00
Overton, W. C.	10.00
Parrish, Penny M.	25.00
Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C.	5.00
Rollins, Robert	40.00
Roper, Mr. and Mrs. E. G.	25.00
Thornton, Edward	5.00
Whitley, Mrs. Betty	2.00
Williams, Frank, Jr.	25.00
Wilson, Beulah	25.00
Wood, Mrs. L. C.	10.00
Yawn, Billy R.	52.00
Total	\$ 937.40

### PEE DEE

Beaverdam	\$ 515.00
Cypress Creek	145.12
Emerson	120.07
Oak Grove	557.03
Pee Dee Union Number 1	25.00
White Oak	100.00
Total	\$1,462.22

### PIEDMONT

Cathedral	\$ 20.00
East Rockingham	131.17
Heritage Mission	241.04
Highland Pines	111.00
High Point	83.40
Total	\$ 586.61

### WESTERN

Advance Mission	\$ 13.00
Agape Mission	100.00
Calvary	25.00

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## THE BUILDING OF COLLEGE HALL BEGINS



Foundation work is now underway for the construction of College Hall on the campus of Mount Olive College. The grading of the site began October 20. Sand gravel is now being hauled in and compacted, after which extensive piling will be driven. Approximately \$100,000 is budgeted for the foundation (Matthew 7:24, 25).

The \$2,538,000 structure is expected to be completed in 1984. Construction of College Hall, a physical education-athletic-convention center, represents the forward advance of Mount Olive toward becoming a four-year college. Plans call for the adding of the junior year in 1984 and the senior year in 1985.

The building is being financed by advanced gifts of \$1,000,000 and the proceeds of a \$1,500,000 bond issue. The bonds will be repaid from gifts and pledge payments during the seven-year period of 1983-89.

## HIGH SCHOOL DAY - NOVEMBER 13

Fall High School Day at Mount Olive College is Saturday, November 13, beginning with registration and refreshments at 9:45 a.m. in the Henderson Building. All interested high school students and their parents are invited to visit the campus and meet the college faculty and administration.

"High School Day gives students an opportunity to meet our faculty, tour the campus, and learn more about our academic and student life programs," said Mrs. Nancy Sampsell, director of admissions. Betty Cobb, director of financial aid, and Caroline Castellone, director of counseling services, will also be

available to answer specific questions.

An opportunity will also be provided for visitors to talk with students currently enrolled at Mount Olive College.

Auditions for both the Mount Olive Singers and the New Creations will be held after lunch at 1:30 p.m.

"Choosing a college is a major decision for a student," stated Mrs. Sampsell. Academic quality, location, size, cost, career choice, scholarships, and financial aid are important aspects of the choice. High School Day provides students the opportunity to decide if Mount Olive is the college that will best meet their academic and personal needs."

## FORMER STUDENT JOINS ADMISSIONS STAFF



Wesley E. Beddard

Wesley E. Beddard of Ayden has been appointed assistant director of admissions at Mount Olive College. His primary responsibilities will be to represent the college in high schools and recruitment within Free Will Baptist Churches. He will also be available for home visits to discuss Mount Olive College with interested students and their parents.

A 1978 graduate of Mount Olive, Beddard continued his education at Atlantic Christian College where he received his B.S. degree in Business Administration and Business Education.

Beddard's college activities included such organizations as Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Lambda, and the Men's Dorm Council.

Beddard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr., of Route 3, Ayden. They are members of Elm Grove Church in Ayden.

In addition to Beddard, the 1982-83 admissions staff includes Mrs. Nancy Sampsell, director, Mrs. Penny Edwards, assistant director, and Mrs. Ruth Allen, secretary.

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## THE NEW CREATIONS



The New Creations for the 1982-83 academic year are as follows: (Free Will Baptist students are listed with their churches) Seated from left to right, Alicia Heath, Sherry Forrest from Little Creek, Sherry Mitchell from Bridgeton, and Kim Doughty; standing from left to right, Amelia Massengill from Faith, Larry Blankenship from Cabin, Bonnie Jo Ford from Arapahoe, Allen Howell from Unity, Director Caroline Castelloe, Oliver Godwin from Shady Grove, Julie Morris from Juniper Chapel, and Charles (Bucky) Richardson from Spring Hope.

### THE NEW CREATION'S SCHEDULE

November 4	7:30 p.m.	Washington County Union School	MOC Dinner
November 6	6:30 p.m.	East Carteret High School	MOC Dinner
November 7	11 a.m.	Riverside Church	Worship Service

trimester began on September 6 after an enjoyable one-week break. A total of 26 students enrolled for the two-year program. Thirteen of these students will graduate at the end of this year.

The courses offered this trimester are as follows:

### First Year

Bible Doctrines  
Biblical Interpretation  
Old Testament Survey I  
Personal Evangelism  
Free Will Baptist Distinctives  
Pilipino II  
English II  
Physical Education

### Second Year

Gospel of John  
Sermon Preparation  
Church History I  
Marriage and Family Life  
New Testament Survey II  
Pilipino V  
English V  
Physical Education

This trimester will end November 19, 1982.

Our theme for this school year is "Renewing our lives through Jesus Christ." It is our prayer that this will be accomplished.

God is using Palawan Bible Institute in a marvelous way to strengthen the lives of faculty and students. This will, of course, strengthen the church. Your prayers and support are gladly acknowledged and received.

Charles I. Barnard  
Academic Dean

## Foreign Missions

### PALAWAN BIBLE INSTITUTE BEGINS SECOND TRIMESTER



Chapel service

Palawan Bible Institute successfully completed its first trimester of the academic year 1982-83 on August 27. The second

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He came to bless, He came to give  
Eternal life that we might live,  
He came His grace on us to pour,  
He came that we might sin no more,  
Oh, let us bless His wondrous name,  
This day our Saviour came!



## SUNDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 22

### DEAD MAN ON A STICK

A South American was asked, "Who is Jesus?" He thought for a moment and then replied, "Jesus is a dead man hanging on a stick!" Had he not all of his life seen statues and paintings of the Saviour writhing in anguish on the cruel Cross? His soul was darkened and superstitious. He knew nothing about the triumphant, glorified Lord. He told all he knew when he said, "Jesus is a dead man hanging on a stick!" How desperately do this man and millions of his fellow countrymen need the gospel of God's grace!

High on the front of a massive cathedral in the heart of the Loop in Chicago is a life-size statue of the Saviour, writhing in anguish, with a look of indescribable horror on His soot-be-grimed face! Whenever I look at that sight, a verse from God's Word comes irresistibly to mind: "They crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Hebrews 6:6).

*Do not such representations cause many to think of Jesus as "a dead man hanging on a stick"?*

## MONDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 23

### ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

While He was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He

was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

*What's the mother to the child,  
What's the guide to pathless wild,  
What is oil to troubled wave,  
What is ransom to the slave,  
What is water to the sea—  
That is Jesus Christ to me.*

## TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 24

### I'VE TRIED IN VAIN!

A man was all his life an atheist. In word and action he said, "There is no God!" One morning he was found dead in his bed. In one hand he held a piece of white paper. On it were written in scrawling handwriting the following words:

*I've tried in vain a thousand ways,  
My fears to quell, my hopes to raise,  
But what I need, the Bible says,  
Is ever only Jesus!  
My soul is night, my heart is steel,  
I cannot see, I cannot feel,  
For light, for life, I must appeal,  
In simple faith to Jesus!*

His atheism may have brought a measure of satisfaction to the man in life, but it failed him in death. Then he apparently turned to the only One who can help us when we come down to the valley of the shadow of death.

*We do not know what the future holds, but we know the One who holds the future, the One whose pierced hands reposes all power in Heaven and on earth.*

## WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 25

### BLESSED WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSING

When a certain wealthy man died, no will could be found. The man's wife and only son had preceded him in death. In due time the effects of the deceased were sold at auction. Everything

was disposed of except a picture of the son. Nobody seemed to want it, until an elderly woman approached. Seeing the unsold picture, she pleaded with the auctioneer to let her have it for the few pennies she had. When he gave her the picture, she drew it to her heart. She had been the son's nurse in his infancy and boyhood days. Attached to the back of the painting was an envelope addressed to an attorney. The woman took it to the lawyer. He read it and exclaimed, "Woman, you have a fortune! This is the rich man's will. In it he bequeathed a vast sum of money to anyone who loved his son enough to buy the picture!"

To all who love and honor His dear Son, the Heavenly Father gives "all spiritual blessings" and every needed material blessing.

*How rich are God's children—"heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus!"*

## THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 26

### DOES JESUS REALLY CARE?

One gray morning, Dr. Philpot had the sad duty to go and tell a Christian woman that her husband had fallen in battle. After greeting her he said, "I am the bearer of sad tidings. Your dear husband has been slain in battle!" She fell to the floor and wept uncontrollably. The faithful pastor did all he could to bring comfort and consolation to her sorrowing heart. The grief-stricken woman, seemingly oblivious to his words, would cry out intermittently, "Is it true after all?" Thinking that she doubted the sad news he had brought her, Dr. Philpot said, "Yes, my good woman, it is true. Your husband has given his life in the service of his country." "Oh, Pastor," sobbed the woman, "I know my lover is no more, but is it really true that there is a God who cares?"

*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you (1 Peter 5:7).*

## FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27

### WHAT ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?

Arthur James Balfour, a former prime minister of England, addressed the students of the University of Edinburgh on "The Moral Value Which Unites Nations." He said that common knowledge, commerce, diplomatic relations, friendship and understanding are things which bind nations in oneness. At the conclusion of his address, a Japanese student asked the per-

tinent question: "But, Mr. Balfour, what about Jesus Christ?" The audience waited in silence for the prime minister to reply. Obviously embarrassed, he did not answer.

How strange it was that a prime minister of a leading self-acclaimed Christian nation would fail to include the essential bond which unites men and nations in Christian brotherhood—Jesus Christ. How significant, too, that the deserved rebuke should come from a student of a country in which there are relatively few Christians.

*We need an experience of Christ in which we think everything about Christ and not about the experience. We need preachers who shall not keep demanding either a faith or love that we cannot rise to, but shall preach a Christ that produces and compels both.*

## SATURDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 28

### THE UNCHANGING FOUNDATION

One Sunday I went to worship in the little church that stands by the shore at Aberdaron. It has stood there for fourteen hundred years. The sand has drifted all round it, the wintry storms have beaten upon it, but it is set firm on the rock underneath. The church has been altered and enlarged during the centuries, but the walls of the old church are built into it. As I worshiped there, I tried to imagine the sort of people who came there fourteen centuries ago and prayed to the same God and loved Jesus as I do. Almost everything has altered since then, but God hasn't changed, and Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever"! On the shore by the old church the children play, making castles and houses in the sand. They look fine, but the next high tide will sweep them away. But love and truth and goodness and God will last forever.

*His "words shall not pass away." The firm "foundation of God standeth sure."*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

Said Franklin Roosevelt before the 1936 election: "There's one issue in this campaign—it's myself. People must be either for me or against me!"

Concerning our relationship to the Saviour, we are either for Him or we are against Him—"He that is not with me is against me" (Luke 11:23).



For November 7

## **GOD LEADS HIS PEOPLE INTO THE PROMISED LAND**

**Lesson Text:** Joshua 3:14—4:7  
**Memory Verse:** Joshua 3:11

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

It was springtime when the people of Israel marched out of Egypt to begin a new life. Probably it was in the fall, thirty-nine and a half years later, that they turned from the high desert east of Moab to come down to the east bank of the Jordan. A number of important events filled the half year that remained before they completed their forty-year journey and kept the Passover on the west bank.

Consider these facts:

A. King Sihon ruled the Amorites living on the east bank of Jordan. Israel asked permission to pass peacefully through his land in order to cross the Jordan. Instead of giving permission, Sihon brought his troops to drive Israel away. The Israelites therefore defeated him and took his land. Pressing northward, they took also the kingdom of Og, who ruled in Bashan. This was excellent grazing land, and some of the Israelites decided they would make it their home after capturing the country west of Jordan also (Numbers 21:21-35).

B. Israel made camp in the plain they had taken from Sihon. (He had previously taken it from Moab.) Balak of Moab brought Balaam four hundred miles to pronounce a curse on Israel, but Balaam pronounced a blessing instead. This was last week's lesson (Numbers 22-24).

C. Happy in their victory, at ease in their camp, and tempted by the women of Moab and Midian, many men of Israel fell into immorality and idol worship. Twenty-four thousand of them died in a terrible epidemic (Numbers 25).

D. A census showed 601,730 adult men in Israel—1820 fewer than were recorded in the census taken at Sinai nearly forty years earlier. (Levites were not included in either count.) Only two of these men, Joshua and Caleb, had been included in the former census. The others who were counted at Sinai

had died during the journey (Numbers 26).

E. Twelve thousand men of Israel were sent to wipe out the Midianites who had opposed and seduced Israel (Numbers 31). (Obviously this does not mean all the nomadic Midianites of the desert, but at least five tribes who had settled somewhere in the east bank.)

F. Joshua was selected as the successor of Moses (Deuteronomy 31:1-8). He was the logical man for the leadership, having been Moses' helper all through the forty-year journey. Now he and Caleb were the only men over sixty years of age. Caleb now was about eighty years old (Joshua 14:6, 7), and Joshua may have been about the same age.

G. Moses died, and was mourned for thirty days (Deuteronomy 34).

From the east bank of Jordan the people of Israel perhaps could see the city of Jericho among its palm trees across the river. It was strongly walled, but now the men of Israel were not cowed as their fathers had been by the fortified cities of Canaan. This new generation knew forts were not impregnable, for the cities of Sihon and Og had recently fallen before them. They had taken also the cities of the Midianites, and that without losing even a single man (Numbers 31:48, 49).

Still Joshua sent two scouts across the river to see what they could learn (Joshua 2). They found the people of Jericho alert, but demoralized. The defeat of Sihon and Og was known, and it looked as if Jericho might be next. The scouts came back to report, "Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us" (Joshua 2:24). The people of Israel then moved their camp closer to the river and got ready to cross it (Joshua 3:1-13). — *Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. POINTS TO PONDER**

A. God performed two miracles involving bodies of water in getting the Israelites out of Egypt and into the Land of Canaan: the Red Sea crossing and the crossing of the Jordan. The Red Sea crossing symbolizes our new birth, our deliverance from bondage. The Jordan crossing symbolizes our possessing the Land of Promise that is ours as Christians.

B. God instructed Joshua that the priests were to carry the Ark of the Covenant ahead of the people as they crossed the Jordan. The Ark of the Covenant was a symbol of God's presence with the Israelites. God wanted to be sure that these people knew that it was He and not someone else that saw them safely across the Jordan.

C. The waters of the Jordan did not part until the feet of the priests had stepped into the water. Both Joshua and the priests had to act on faith in the Word of God. What would have happened that day if the waters had not separated when the feet of the priests touched the water?

D. God had also instructed Joshua that he was to designate twelve men, one from each of the tribes, and they were to go and each take a stone and bring it and leave it in a heap on the Canaan side of the river. This would be a memorial to God's faithfulness in keeping His promise.

E. Every structure erected in the name of Christianity becomes a memorial to our blessed Lord and to His faithfulness in keeping His promise to those who believe His Word.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

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## HOME MISSIONS

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Durham, First	20.00
Everett Chapel	256.44
Fellowship	25.00
First Union	90.00
Flood's Chapel	12.00
Free Union	500.00
Fremont	200.00
Friendship	225.00
Kenly	72.22
Little Rock	267.00
Marsh Swamp	145.11
Memorial Chapel	20.00
Micro	17.61
Mount Zion (Nash County)	104.75
Mount Zion (Wilson County)	20.00
Milbournie	75.00
Oak Grove	89.66
People's Chapel	55.00
Piney Grove	81.25
Pine Level	120.00
Pleasant Grove	28.25
Pleasant Hill	245.00
Rock Springs	20.00
St. Mary's (Kenly)	250.00
Selma	25.00
Sherron Acres	100.00
Spring Hill	500.00
Stancil's Chapel	45.80
Trinity	625.00
Unity	100.00
Union Grove	295.00
Watson's Grove	25.00
Wilson, First	270.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,063.09</b>

## OTHERS

Mission Rally Cash Offerings \$	513.50
North Carolina	
State Woman's Auxiliary	144.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 657.54</b>

## NEWS AND NOTES

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followed by the worship service at 11 a.m. At noon the people of the church will spread dinner in the Wilson Fellowship Hall for all to enjoy. At 1:15 p.m. the annual singspiration led by Mr. Blanie Moye will be enjoyed by all who attend.

The pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson, will be celebrating his 19th year as pastor of the church. He will be delivering the morning message. All former members and pastors are invited to attend.

## Revival in Progress at Gospel Outreach Church

Revival services are in progress through November 5, at Gospel Outreach Church,

Jasper. The Rev. Bobby Brown is pastor of the church. There is being featured special music each evening. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

## Western Conference

### Laymen to Meet

The Western Conference Layman's League Convention will be held at Fremont Church, Fremont, on November 15, at 7:30 p.m. All men are urged to attend.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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### BOOK OF DANIEL

Interested persons still have time to enroll in an eight-week course on the Book of Daniel being taught by Rudene Kennedy on Monday nights at the Cornerstone Youth Center, Highway 41, in Beulaville. The class meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The first class met Monday, November 1.

Anyone who wishes to enroll should attend the next class meeting.

## PRESIDENT RAPER TO SPEAK

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper will be the guest speaker at Calvary Church in Wilson County, on Sunday, November 7, at 7 p.m.

During his visit, President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The Rev. John Boykin is pastor of Calvary.

## ATTENTION EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Some time ago we began the project of providing better beds for Camp Vandemere. We appreciate your help, but we are lacking several units and we would like to complete this project. If you haven't con-

tributed toward this, please do so very soon. Send your check to Miss Velma Morris, Route 2, Box 360, Vanceboro, North Carolina 28586, and mark it for beds.

At the March 1982 Convention we adopted a new project—that each auxiliary give \$20 toward making payment on the property, so that we can make at least one payment per year.

Also, the District officers have challenged each member of each auxiliary to give an additional \$5 toward paying off the indebtedness. The District officers have already given theirs. How soon will you meet the challenge?

Now we have a combination project for Camp Vandemere: (1) a goal of \$20 from each auxiliary toward making a payment; and (2) a challenge for an additional \$5 from each member. These funds also should go to Velma Morris, marked "new project."

Our camp is growing. It is being used. The sooner we own it debt-free, the sooner we can improve its facilities and see it used even more for the glory of God. We ask your cooperation in all areas—meet the projects, support the Woman's Conference, encourage the young people to attend events planned for them, urge others to attend various activities there, and pray for the directors of the camp activities and for the Board members.

Nina Grace Register  
Eastern District WAC  
Camp Vandemere Representative

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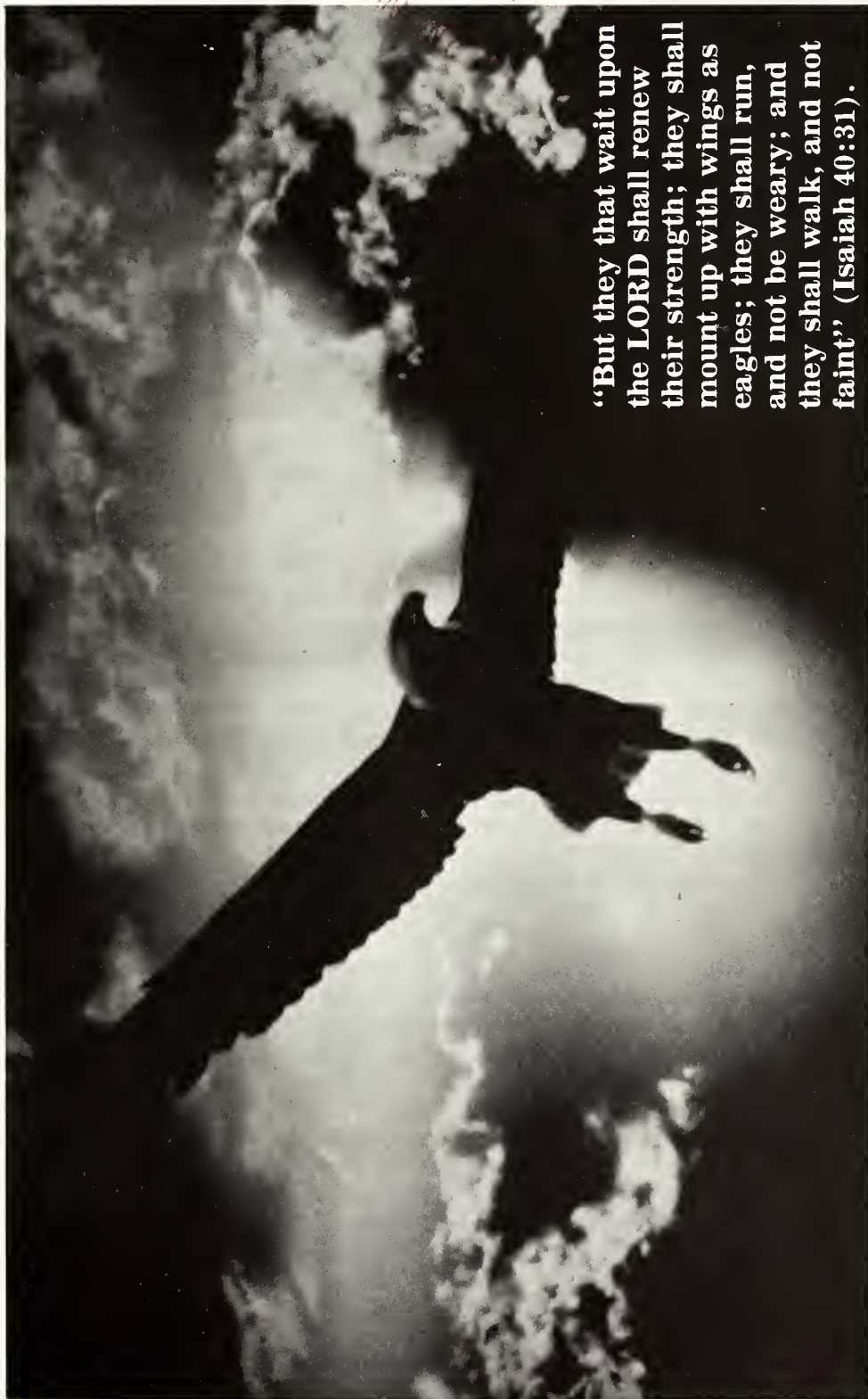
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“But they that wait upon  
the LORD shall renew  
their strength; they shall  
mount up with wings as  
eagles; they shall run,  
and not be weary; and  
they shall walk, and not  
faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

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## What Our World Needs Now Is . . .

The year was 1919, and the Rev. S. H. Styron, president of the State Convention, stood to address the body. He said:

*In the Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina, we have a system. In the State Convention we have provided a complete system of business . . . It is not a system we need. Suppose that no water was to flow down the Tar River which empties into and supplies the Pamlico River, and that other tributaries should likewise fail to respond. Is it not evident that the mighty river would dry up and its bottom crack for want of moisture? The channel and outline of the river would be in perfect order but the river would fail to function as a river. Likewise, all our systems and rules, however appropriate and timely they may be, will not be found to be the panacea for all our troubles.*

*What is it then, that we need? It is men, high minded men. That is what constitutes a nation or a church. Men who are filled with the Spirit of the Master. Men of faith like Abraham of old, who when told to get out from among his kindred and people took God at His word and went. Men who are living above the fog of worldly entanglements. Men who mount up like the eagle and live in a pure environment. Men Spirit filled, whose tongue has been touched with a live coal from off God's altar. Men who are not looking for easy places that have been made so by the labors and toils of their fathers, who went forth without money and price and laid the foundation for our great and growing denomination. Our church needs a ministry and a laity that glories in nothing save Christ and Him crucified.*

This address would be just as appropriate today. Need I say more?

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# THE HISTORY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY WORK

## Part One

by Minnie Chandler

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For a number of year prior to the organization of the Central Auxiliary Convention, both the Second Union Meeting and Central Conference were encouraging the local churches to organize *missionary societies*. Following are some excerpts from the minutes of those bodies:

On November 6, 1903, the Central Conference met with Reedy Branch Church. (Resolution) "That each local church be requested to organize a *missionary society* and endeavor to arouse our people to giving for the mission work."<sup>1</sup>

On Friday, December 29, 1905, the Second Union Meeting met with Piney Grove Church. (From the Mission Committee Report) "(4) Let *Missionary Societies* be organized in all places where they can be kept up, for through them, untold good may be accomplished and our great denominational and Christian work broadened."<sup>2</sup>

Elder W. H. Lathinghouse  
(also spelled Laughinghouse), *Moderator*  
H. B. Smith, *Clerk pro tem*

On June 28, 1907, the Second Union met with Reedy Branch Church. (From the Mission Committee Report) "(2) We urge the sisters to organize *Missionary Societies* in all the churches, where there are none, for the benefit of the woman's work in the churches, known as the *Woman's Missionary Societies*."

Elder J. R. McCasky, *Moderator*  
Elder E. T. Phillips, *Clerk*

On May 30, 1908, the Second Union met with Spring Branch, Pitt County. "We your Committee on missions beg leave to submit the following:

"1. Seeing the need of mission work throughout the various churches in the Union, We advise that *mission societies* be organized in each church.

"2. That the Union appoint an organizer to visit and organize a *society* in every church throughout the Union.

"3. That this Union devise such plans as it may deem necessary to defray said organizer's expenses.

"4. That a committee be appointed by this union to draft by-laws and a constitution for the *missionary societies* to work by.

(Mission Committee) Mrs. Mollie Dail  
Mrs. Laura Hobstetter  
Elder M. A. Woodard"

"... Sister Laura Hobstetter was elected organizer of the *Missionary Societies*."

"The following were elected to write By-laws: Elder C. O. Armstrong, M. A. Woodard, and Sister Mollie Dail."

Elder R. I. Corbett, *Moderator*

On November 12, 1909, the Central Conference met with Grimsley Church. (From Mission Committee Report) "... we also urge our sisters to assist in supplying means by organizing *mission societies*.

(Mission Committee) G. C. Vause  
C. J. Harris  
W. H. Laughinghouse"

On Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1913, the Second Union met with Black Jack Church. Among the committees appointed were: "Home Missions—Elder M. C. Prescott,<sup>3</sup> Chairman; Elder W. Lupton, and (Elder) J. T. Butler; same be a Committee to secure the constitution and by-laws framed by a committee of the Fifth Eastern Union; mission work to be presented at our next union."

Elder M. C. Prescott, *Moderator*  
Elder J. T. Butler, *Assistant Moderator*  
W. L. Clark, *Clerk pro tem*

On Friday before the fifth Sunday in November 1913, the Second Union met with Reedy Branch Church. The report on missions did not mention the *Missionary Society* work but the following motion was passed: "On motion that a similar organization as set forth in Constitution and By-laws of the S.S. (Sunday School), W. H. M. (Woman's Home Mission), and L. W. L. (Little Worker's League) of Eastern Conference."<sup>4</sup>

Elder C. J. Harris *Moderator*  
Elder D. A. Windham, *Assistant Moderator*  
R. H. Harris, *Clerk pro tem*

The wording of the above motion is incomplete but in the light of the August 1913 excerpt, it is safe to assume that the Second Union moved to set up organizations similar to those in the Eastern Conference. We cannot be certain that the Second Union adopted the Eastern Conference Constitution and By-Laws because in the organizational meeting on May 7, 1920, at the Winterville Church, "Mrs. Mollie Dail, Rev. R. F. Pittman, and Rev. J. R. McCasky were appointed to *draw up* a Constitution for this Convention to be governed by."<sup>5</sup>

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From the above excerpts, we see that although the Central Conference and Second Union began encouraging the organization of local societies and a Constitution and By-Laws for a district woman's work was discussed, it was 1919 before the "societies began seeking recognition in the Second Union Meeting District."

To refresh our memories, let us again go to Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson's message to the Western Auxiliary Convention on Wednesday, April 4, 1928, at the Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Lucama. According to the minutes of that convention, Mrs. Jackson was a guest and spoke to the body giving "a review of auxiliary work already done."

"... The organized convention work in the Central Conference is quite young. I believe it was in 1919 our societies began seeking recognition in the Second Union Meeting District. On May 27, 1920, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Winterville, we held our first convention separate from the Union at this meeting. There were represented seven *Sunday schools*, eight *Ladies Aids*, and three *Woman's Home Mission Societies*.

"At this meeting Sister B. T. Manning was elected president. But as in the Eastern Conference, there have been many changes of officers since our first organization.

"In November 1920, Mrs. J. L. Flannagan (Cornelia Nobles of Marlboro?), and Miss Mattie Smith (now Mrs. A. J. Taylor) were delegates from the convention to the Central Conference which convened with Little Creek Church,

Greene County, North Carolina. They sought recognition throughout the Conference as an organization functioning with that Conference. The Conference endorsed their work, granted them recognition and pledged their support, and since that date we have laboured as an Auxiliary body of the Conference. Prior to then we were functioning with the Second Union Meeting District with whom we originated.

"Thus far we have failed to reach or organize all of our churches. For a while we had organizers elected by the Convention, but of recent years we have had those who volunteered to do the work as Home Missionaries. Our publicity agents together with volunteer workers, of whom Sister Lillie Smith has possibly been one of the most zealous, have worked faithfully seeking to arouse an interest among our churches. The seed they have sown has not fallen on barren soil. We have seen results; God has blessed the work and workers.

"We noticed a marked degree of interest at our last convention on March 28, 1928. There were four new societies represented. One church had representatives seeking information regarding an organization. We were thankful. We feel that the endorsement given our work by the Central Conference last November (1927) is in a measure responsible for the new interest. A set of resolutions were adopted insisting that our ministers agitate the auxiliary work in their various churches more than they had formerly done."<sup>6</sup>

The earliest *Central Ladies Aid Society*, *Sunday School*, *Home Mission* and *Little Worker's*



League minutes<sup>7</sup> have been lost. However, a program from *The Free Will Baptist*, and excerpts from that paper and from the Central Conference minutes serve to verify Mrs. Jackson's statements concerning the beginning of the woman's work in the Central District.

Following is the program<sup>8</sup> of the first Central Sunday School, Ladies Aid Societies, and Home Mission Convention as printed in the June 16, 1920, issue of *The Free Will Baptist*:

#### CONVENTION OF S. S., L. A. S. AND H. M.

At our last union meeting of the Second District, Central Conference, it was decided to take the work of representing Sunday schools, Ladies' Aid Societies and Home Mission out of the union and organize these societies into a body.

A convention was called to meet with the church at Winterville, Thursday, May 27, 1920.

We met according to appointment. After devotional exercises, Rev. E. C. Morris preached the introductory sermon. Text: Numbers 13:30, 31. After the sermon we were invited out on the church yard where a bountiful feast was spread by the people of Winterville and surrounding community. After dinner we again assembled together and proceeded to organize. Rev. E. C. Morris was elected Moderator.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. B. Manning; Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Carroll; Treasurer, Mrs. Adolphus Davenport; Secretary, Mrs. W. L. Nobles; Vice-Secretary, Miss Letha Little.

Delegates from the Sunday Schools were called for and the following responded:

Reedy Branch—W. A. Dail, \$1.00.  
Hull Road—J. A. Mitchell, \$2.00.  
Winterville—G. L. Rouse, \$1.00.  
Marlboro—J. L. Flanagan, \$2.00.  
Bethany—Mrs. C. H. Worthington,<sup>9</sup> \$1.00.  
Antioch—J. D. McLawhorn, \$1.00.  
Arthur—Miss Mattie Smith, \$2.00.  
Little Creek—Mrs. Mittie Hughes, \$2.00.  
Ayden—Mrs. W. L. Nobles, \$2.00.

#### Ladies Aid Society

Reedy Branch—Miss Letha Little, \$1.00.  
Winterville—Mrs. Wm. Carroll, \$1.50.  
Marlboro—J. L. Flanagan, \$2.00.  
Bethany—Mrs. C. H. Worthington, \$1.00.  
Little Creek—Mrs. Mittie Hughes, \$2.00.  
Arthur—Miss Mattie Smith, \$2.00.  
Ayden—Mrs. W. L. Nobles, \$1.00.  
Grimsley—By letter, \$12.75.

#### Missions

Reedy Branch—Mrs. Reno Stocks, \$1.50.  
Ayden—Mrs. W. L. Nobles, \$1.00.

Our next Convention will be held with the church at Arthur, Thursday, before the fifth Sunday in August.

This Convention requests each L. A. S. and H. M., to keep an accurate report of the money paid in to each society, also how much paid out and for what purpose, during the three months following this Convention and send report to our meeting at Arthur. The Secretary is to have letters printed and sent to all the different churches in this union meeting district.

Mrs. Mollie Dail, Rev. R. F. Pittman and Rev. J. R. McCasky were appointed to draw up a constitution for this convention to be governed by. Miss Mattie Smith was appointed District Organizer to visit the different churches in this district and organize Ladies'

Aid Societies, Home Mission and Little Workers' League. Love and enthused.

A vote of thanks was extended to the people of Winterville and community for their generous hospitality.

Rev. E. C. Morris was appointed to preach our next introductory sermon.

"Blest be the Tie That Binds" was sung by the congregation, after which the benediction was announced.

Mrs. W. L. Nobles, Secretary

It should be noted that Mrs. Jackson stated that there were seven Sunday Schools representing when there were nine according to the program. She was correct in saying there were eight Ladies Aid Societies representing. She said there were three Women's Home Mission Societies representing when the program states there were two. In all probability, Mrs. Jackson was quoting from memory since the minutes of this meeting had been lost.

Concerning Mrs. Jackson's reference to the delegates to the Conference, the November 11, 1920, minutes of the Central Conference (which met at Little Creek) state:

"On motion . . . Sisters Cornelia Nobles (later Mrs. J. L. Flanagan?) and Mattie Smith (later Mrs. A. J. Taylor) were seated as delegates from the Convention of S. S. (Sunday School), L. A. S. (Ladies' Aid Societies), H. M. (Home Missions), and L. W. L. (Little Worker's League) of the Central Conference."

<sup>1</sup>Copied from Central Conference minutes.

<sup>2</sup>The Second Union, Central Conference minutes during this period have been lost. However, programs from 1900-1915 which are clippings from *The Free Will Baptist* pasted in a record book were copied and provided by Gary Barefoot, Librarian of Mount Olive College.

<sup>3</sup>The Reverend M. C. Prescott served on the committee in the Fifth Union, Eastern Conference, to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for the *Woman's Home Mission, Sunday School, and Little Worker's League*.

<sup>4</sup>See the April 7, 1982 issue of *The Free Will Baptist*.

<sup>5</sup>See the May 27, 1920 organizational program.

<sup>6</sup>The resolutions Mrs. Jackson mentioned are as follows:

Realizing that the Auxiliary work of our conference can never be any stronger than our leaders. Therefore, Be it resolved,

1. That we prayerfully ask the cooperation of every minister who pastors a church within our conference.

2. That this conference recommend that each pastor organize work in every church which is not already organized, and we advise that the societies represent at the Auxiliary convention.

Mrs. S. K. Jackson (Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson?)

Mrs. N. D. Wiggs

Mrs. Lillie Smith

<sup>7</sup>The Central Auxiliary minutes began with September 1923.

<sup>8</sup>Copy of program provided by Gary Barefoot, Librarian of Mount Olive College.

<sup>9</sup>The Bethany minutes lists her as Mrs. Claude H. Weatherington.



## Hickory Grove Church Has New Pastor

The Rev. Charles Branch joined Hickory Grove Church near Bethel, on November 7, 1982. The church welcomes Charles and his family, and wishes to thank Mr. Ron Braxton and Don Ribeiro; and the Revs. Ed Thornton, L. B. Manning, and Walter Pollard for helping them during the time they were without a minister.

## Revival at Reedy Branch Church

Revival services will be held at Reedy Branch Church near Greenville the week of November 15. The Rev. O. B. Jones, pastor of First Church of Tarboro, will be the evangelist. The Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor, extends a cordial welcome to everyone to attend. There will be special music by the choir and different singing groups and individuals each evening. The time of the services is 7:30 p.m.

## Layman's League to Have Singspiration

There will be a Layman's League Singspiration held at Rose of Sharon Church, Route 1, Robersonville, on November 12, at 7:30 p.m. The scheduled program is as follows:

Congregation, "He Keeps Me Singing"  
Devotion, Mike Roberson  
Program, Master of Ceremonies,  
League President, Wilson Venters  
Program:  
Young Inspiration, Tarboro  
Rose of Sharon, Rose of Sharon  
The Rev. Bruce and Judy Jones, King's  
Cross Roads  
Ricky Tugwell, King's Cross Roads  
Timothy Quartet, Timothy Christian  
Church  
Paul Haddock, Timothy Christian  
Church  
Grover Hester, Bethany  
Congregation, "Standing on the Prom-  
ises"

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Rose Hill Choir, Rose Hill  
The Rev. O. B. Jones, Tarboro  
Marlboro Quartet, Marlboro  
Williamston Singers, Williamston  
Parker's Chapel Quartet, Parker's  
Chapel  
Benediction

## State Layman's League To Meet

The State Layman's League Convention will meet at Piney Grove Church, located beside Highway 264, four miles west of Greenville, on November 13, at 7:30 p.m. The scheduled program is as follows:

Prelude  
Hymn 255, "Glory to His Name"  
Invocation, Jasper Beaman  
Greetings, the Rev. Allan Sterbin  
Welcome, H. Burnice Smith  
Response, Dallas Foreman  
Special Music, the Ray Clark family  
Recognize Pastors and District Conven-  
tions  
Special Music, the New Creations, from  
Mount Olive College  
Message, Dr. W. Burkette Raper  
Hymn 661 "Rescue the Perishing"  
Offering  
Business Meeting  
Hymn 231 "Take the Name of Jesus  
with You"  
Benediction, Alfred Moore  
Presiding, Henry Paul Beaman  
Pianist, Tommy Benson  
Song Leader, the Rev. Clyde Cox

## Layman's League Singspiration at Free Union Church

Free Union Church, Walston-  
burg, will host a Layman's  
League Singspiration, on  
November 19, at 7:30 p.m. The  
scheduled program is as  
follows:

Congregation "Amazing Grace"  
Devotion, Raeford Heath  
Program, Master of Ceremonies,  
League President, Wilson Venters  
Program:  
The Gospel Chargers, Winterville  
Ormondsville Choir, Ormondsville  
Marlboro Quartet, Marlboro  
Free Union Quartet, Free Union  
Friendship Singers, Friendship  
Congregation, "At the Cross"

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Elm Grove Choir, Elm Grove  
Aspen Grove Quartet, Aspen Grove  
Timothy Quartet, Timothy Christian  
Church  
Paul Haddock, Timothy Christian  
Church  
Reed Kennedy and Pam Smith, Marl-  
boro  
The King's Messengers, Winterville  
Benediction

## Homecoming Day at Winterville Church

Homecoming, October 1982, proved to be quite a memorable day for the congregation at Winterville Church. After an inspiring morning service the entire congregation moved to the new church on Cooper Street for lunch and the afternoon service.

At 1:30 p.m. Leo Tripp rang the church bell to begin the service for the laying of the cornerstone, donated by Mr. George Shoe, and laid by Mr. Chester Buck, construction superintendent. It contained such articles as a Bible, Sunday school quarterly, auxiliary book, *The Free Will Baptist*, names of charter and present members, church bulletins, church newsletters, *Command*, and *The Daily Reflector*.

Committee members Louise Hines, Jewell Lawrence, William Nobles, Claudie McLawhorn, and Bill Churchill, assisted the Rev. E. C. Taylor, pastor, in the cornerstone service. The Messengers quartet sang and Bruce Gray gave the prayer of dedication.

Because the interior of the church is incomplete, Mrs. Ellen Forlines, chairman of the homecoming committee, marked off the Sunday school rooms and had the classes and auxiliaries set up display tables showing their various projects.

Mrs. Forlines also set up a movie projector showing the

history of the church prepared by Miss Leah McGlohon in 1980.

An afternoon singspiration in the new church sanctuary featured the Gospel Chargers. Others in the church also participated.

The Lord has blessed the people of Winterville in a mighty way. Not only did they surpass their homecoming goal and raise \$22,000, but many are experiencing miracles of healing and resolution of various problems which only the Lord could do. One lady was reunited with her children with whom she had lost all contact for six years. The greatest miracle was for some to receive the gift of salvation. To God be the glory for it all.

**Youth Sunday Held  
At Lee's Chapel**

Youth Sunday and Pastor Appreciation Day were jointly celebrated recently at Lee's Chapel Church, Route 5, Dunn. Speaking at the morning worship service was Billy Ray Jackson. At the conclusion of the service, Charlotte Jackson, chairman of the Alyne Elmore Circle, expressed appreciation to the pastor, the Rev. Henry Armstrong, for his dedication and contributions to the church.

On behalf of the church family, Mrs. Jackson presented him a watch. A love offering was also given to Mr. Armstrong from the Alyne Elmore Circle and the Woman's Auxiliary.

Stephanie Norris opened the worship hour with the invocation and the Lord's Prayer. She also welcomed the congregation and made announcements.

The morning prayer was given by Randy Wood, while the offertory prayer was led by Chris McClenny. Serving as ushers were Chris McClenny, Clark Wilkes, C. S. Godwin, and Chris Godwin.

The Senior Youth Choir sang several selections. Sherry Matthews was the director with Phyllis Godwin as organist, and Libby Stewart as pianist.

Youth leaders in the Sunday school department were superintendents Michael Elmore and Granville Byrd; secretary, Janet Grubbs; song leader, Anda Byrd.

Teachers included Rodney Jackson and Jason Godwin, Men's Class; Nicole Byrd and Chad Wilkes, Women's Class; Sherry Matthews and Carole Sue Jackson, Fellowship Class; Phyllis Godwin and Edwin Jackson, Young Married Class; Jan Jernigan and Michele Jackson, Young Adult Class; Kim Godwin and Robert Sills, Primary II Class; Michelle Jackson and Shannon Eason, Primary I Class; Tiffany Tew and Kristie Godwin, Beginners Class; and Libby Stewart and Alan Eason, Youth Choir Class.

Pattie Godwin and Agnes Kirby worked with the youth and organized the Youth Sunday.

**Beaverdam Ladies Honored**

The Beaverdam Woman's Auxiliary honored three of its ladies with life award pins recently. They are Mrs. Bessie Cartrette, Mrs. Emma McPherson, and Mrs. Vernie Fowler.

Beaverdam Church is located on Route 1, Chadbourn.

**Johnny Cook to  
Present Program**



*Johnny Cook*

Johnny Cook, former tenor with the Happy Goodman Family, will be at White Oak

Church in Bladenboro on Sunday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. The church is located on Highway 211 Business in Bladenboro. The pastor, the Rev. Jack Lassister, and the congregation invite everyone to attend this service.

**A FAITHFUL SERVANT**



"Faithful servant" was the title given to the services on Johnny Woodall Appreciation Day at Tee's Chapel Church of Route 2, Smithfield, on July 11, 1982. Ceremonies for the day, presided over by the Rev. T. C. Farmer, included the reading of a testimonial from church minutes over the past fifty years; special music was provided by Mrs. Mamie Royall, The Woodall Trio, Cecil Woodall, and The Melody Masters. Also, there was a covered dish dinner following the morning worship service. Mr. Woodall was awarded an Honorary Deacon's Certificate for his service to the church.

Mr. Woodall, or Mr. Johnny as he is more affectionately known, has served Tee's Chapel as church trustee, member of the deacon board for 31 years, choir director, church music director, and Sunday school teacher. He has served on many of the church committees, the harvest sale committee, and the library board.

Mr. Woodall has been active in other Free Will Baptist organizations. He has worked with the Mount Olive College Fund Raising Committee; he is

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*State Layman's League Convention*



**We're on the scent to new discoveries!!!!**

**Come and join us at**

**Place: Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church  
Greenville  
Pitt County  
Highway 264**

**Date: November, 13, 1982**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

## WAYNE COUNTY TYPICAL OF 1982 MOC DINNERS



Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, presents a \$100 scholarship to Borden Howell, dinner chairman of Spring Hill Church. The church received the scholarship for making the largest contribution to the College through the Wayne County dinner. The church also received a \$100 scholarship for giving the most money per member. From left: Mrs. Jean Ackiss, associate director of development at Mount Olive College; Howell; Dr. Raper; the Rev. Jerry Campbell, pastor of Northeast Church; Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, Northeast dinner chairman; and Mrs. Louise Edgerton of Pikeville, county chairman. Northeast received a \$100 scholarship for bringing 47 high school students to the dinner.

Free Will Baptist Churches of Wayne County gave \$17,708 to support Mount Olive College at their annual dinner. That figure was slightly more than what was contributed last year but slightly less than the goal of \$17,950 for Wayne County.

Citing Wayne County as a fairly typical dinner, President W. Burkette Raper said that he was pleased that gift support through the 1982 dinners had thus far equaled 1981, "especially considering the restraints of the economy and the emphasis on the College Hall project." The year 1981 was a record year in terms of contributions made to Mount Olive through the dinner campaign.

Since the dinners were begun in 1963, the churches have given more than \$1.5 million in support of the College. Dr. Raper noted that they have made possible the transition to four-year status for Mount Olive College.

Wayne County churches exceeding their goals were Indian Springs, May's Chapel, Mount Olive, Spring Hill, Stoney Creek and Union Grove. Walnut Creek members equaled their goal.

Other churches making contributions to the Wayne County Dinner were Casey's Chapel, Goldsboro, Grant's Chapel, and Pleasant Grove.

The combined goal for the 1982 dinner campaign is \$160,000.

### MOC PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will be the guest speaker at Juniper Chapel Church in Craven County on Sunday, November 14, at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit, President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Juniper Chapel Church is the Rev. Stanley Buck.

### FOUNDER'S DAY IS NOVEMBER 23

Senator Harold Hardison, a member of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees, will be the guest speaker at Founder's Day at Mount Olive College on Tuesday, November 23. This event will commemorate the 31st anniversary of the founding of Mount Olive College. The service begins at 11 a.m. in Rodgers Chapel. Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend.

The Mount Olive College Board of Trustees will also meet on November 23 at 9:30 a.m. for the fall quarterly meeting.

### NEW CREATIONS TO SING

The New Creations will sing November 14 at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Church (Ayden) and at 7 p.m. at Robert's Grove Church (Sampson County).

The Rev. Steve Hargrove is pastor of Elm Grove; and the Rev. Jerry Allen is pastor of Robert's Grove.

### REMAINING MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS

Craven County, Monday, November 15, 7 p.m., West Craven Middle School near New Bern, Miss Marice Debruhl, Chairman. Goal \$9,500

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m., Midway School, C. Felton Godwin, Chairman. Goal \$7,875

Pamlico County, Saturday, November 20, 6 p.m., Camp Vandemere, M. N. (Tom) Caroon, Chairman. Goal \$5,750

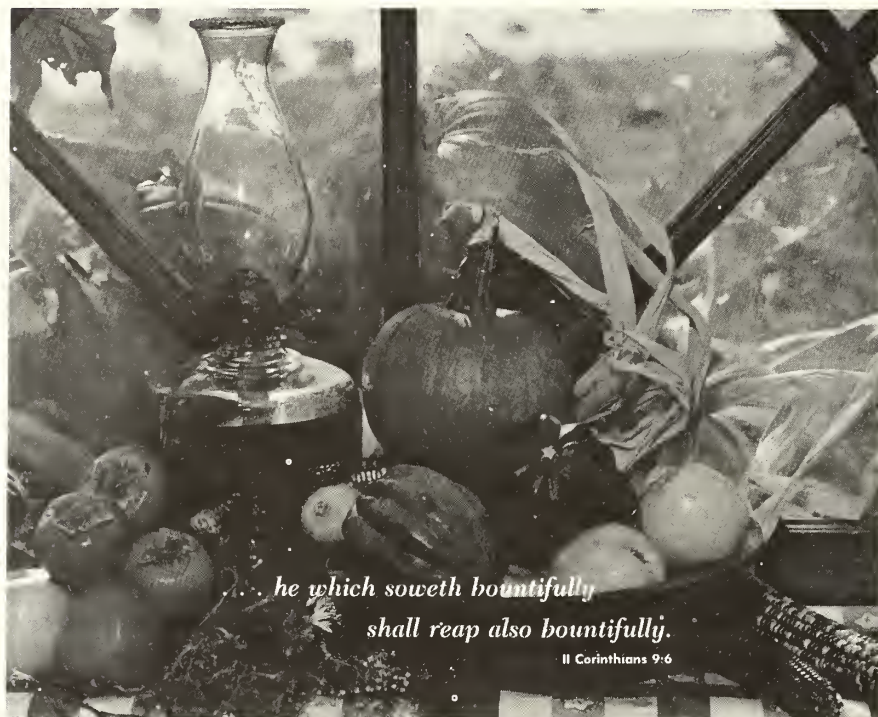
### THE WISDOM BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Interested persons still have time to enroll in an eight-week course on "The Wisdom Books

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## ALL BELONGS TO THE LORD



Leviticus 25:23, "The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me."

Not only the farms, but also the forests, the fields, quarries, mines . . . all belong to God.

Let us not forget the silver and the gold . . . iron, copper and uranium . . . all His along with the cattle on a thousand hills. All we have belongs to the Lord . . . we are tenants and stewards of His property.

Most of you know the parable of the "Ten Pounds" or "Minas" found in Luke, Chapter 19 . . . where a certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and return. He entrusted monies to his servants . . . some invested and showed a profit, but one servant hid his money for fear of loss . . . When the master returned . . . no loss, however no increase or profit!

Christ has told us, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

"For the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Luke 12:40).

November is Children's Home Month—Will you praise the Lord, rejoice with us, and give thanks?

We will observe our annual Thanksgiving service on Saturday, November 20, 1982, in Memorial Chapel (located on our campus) at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Charles Crisp will be bringing the message. We invite you to worship with us—bring a picnic lunch and tour the campus, cottages and Retirement Home.

It is good and proper to give thanks together.

## NEW NORTHEAST PASTOR COMBINES WORK AND STUDY



Northeast Free Will Baptist Church of Mount Olive has a new pastor, and Mount Olive College has a new student in the Rev. Jerry Campbell (right). Pictured with Mr. Campbell are his wife, Betty Louise (left), and his daughters, (standing) Sheri and Mona.

(This article is condensed from a write-up by Debrah Millen, a reporter for the *Mount Olive Tribune*.)

He was a minister on wheels for a while, but now the Rev. Jerry Campbell's life is a little more stable. He is serving as pastor of Northeast Church of Mount Olive, and he has enrolled as a ministerial student at Mount Olive College.

Campbell is not new to either the ministry or the Wayne County area. During his years of military service, he was stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base at Goldsboro. After leaving the military, Mr. Campbell drove a truck for Stackhouse Inc., of Goldsboro. Then three years ago, he was licensed as a minister.

Campbell's first pastorate was Advance Mission near Winston-Salem.

The Campbell family recently moved to Mount Olive from Advance, and Mr. Campbell preached his first sermon at Northeast on August 15. Since then he has been busy with the

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## WHY SUPPORT FOREIGN MISSIONS? THE COMMAND

by Harold Jones

During the next few weeks I want to share with you the biblical reasons for supporting Foreign Missions. I have repeated many times that "The Supreme Task of the Church is the Evangelization of the World." My prayer is that these articles will help each of you come to grips with this matter of world evangelism, and our great and grave responsibility to see the task completed.

**WHY SUPPORT FOREIGN MISSIONS?** Because Jesus commanded us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). He told us to go "... unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). These passages and many others are very emphatic about our responsibility. There are billions of people who need to hear the gospel. These people live in desperate situations. They are lost without hope of ever even hearing about salvation through Jesus Christ unless the church does something to reach them. Death only means one thing for them, lost for eternity. Luke 16:22, 23 describe that eternal state: "... the rich man also died and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments." Friends, this is the eternal state of all those who die outside of Christ.

The church, which is composed of individual Christians, is responsible for reaching them with the gospel. It is a serious matter to be a watchman for the Lord. Ezekiel 3:17-19 says, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my

mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

These verses say that the watchman is responsible to give the warning, and if it is not given, the blood of those who die in sin is required at the hand of the watchman. This statement in Hebrew means, "He is bloodguilty or he has committed an act equivalent to murder." This emphasizes the extreme gravity of the important assignment given to the watchman. When Jesus commands us to go into all the world and preach the gospel, and we fail to make this our supreme task, and millions die without hearing, **WHO IS GUILTY?**

**WHY SUPPORT FOREIGN MISSIONS?** Because our Lord has placed this heavy responsibility upon us and we cannot wash our hands of this matter.

Churches and individuals need to put Foreign Missions in their budget for \$10-\$20-\$50-\$100-\$500-\$1,000 a month. Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your

heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

God sees what we do and He is the rewarder of those who diligently give of themselves and their means to the spreading of the gospel.

Foreign Missions is the church in action in other lands. The amount of activity depends on how seriously we take our Lord's command, and the amount of support given by the local churches.

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### NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity through *The Free Will Baptist* to express our many thanks to all of you who have sent so many beautiful cards, letters of cheer, and encouragement during my recent surgery and stay in the hospital.

Our hearts have been so pleased to have had our former pastorates—Hopewell (Smithfield), Calvary (Wilson), Micro, and all of the Cragmont women who have especially been so thoughtful.

Our present pastorate, Crab Point Church of Morehead City, has been so dear and thoughtful. They have supplied food, money, and housekeeping. They took good care of Mr. Cherry while I was away. He and I were sustained as so many of you undergirded us with prayer.

We shall never forget all of you lovely people who have remembered us in any way. I am improving now and up part of the time. With God's blessings, I hope to be out and much better very soon. Please continue to remember us in your prayers always.

Motie and Roland Cherry



## SUNDAY, 14 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 29

### CHRIST, A KIND OF ALADDIN'S LAMP!

Within the past few years, Christ has been popularized by some as one who, if proper amount of prayer were made, would help the pious prize-fighter knock his opponent unconscious in the ring, or help the big-league pitcher get the proper hook on his curve, or assist the runner to come in first in a track meet, or help men to beat a competitor in a deal, or underbid a rival and secure a coveted contract to the discomfort and loss of someone else trying to get it, or lend succor to a movie actress in her salacious role. Thus our Lord becomes the Christ of utility, a kind of Aladdin's lamp to do minor miracles in behalf of anyone who summons Him to do his bidding!

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*What the hand is to the lute,  
What the breath is to the flute,  
What the fragrance is to the smell,  
What the spring is to the well,  
What the flower is to the bee—  
That is Jesus Christ for me.*

## MONDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 30

### GOD MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH

Dr. Len G. Broughton was a medical doctor before God's call came to him to be a minister. As a medical student, he rejected the supernatural birth of Christ. Later he began to practice medicine among country folk. One Sunday morning he heard an obscure, backwoods preacher in a country church. "That uneducated preacher knocked out of me more skepticism in half an hour than I had gotten during the years of my medical course. This is how he did it. In his sermon he said, 'If there is anybody here troubled about the mystery of God becoming man, I want to take you back to the first chapter of Genesis and the first verse. The opening words are, "In the beginning God." ' I felt that he was looking directly at me when he said, 'Let me ask you this: Do you believe God was in the beginning? Do you believe that before the beginning began, God was?' I said to myself, 'Yes, I believe that.' 'If you believe that God was ahead of the

beginning, you believe the only mysterious thing of this universe!' " "

Dr. Broughton said, "If I can believe that, God knows I can believe anything else the Bible says. I had gone to college and traveled through the mysteries of the theory of reproduction and cell formation. I believed the one supreme mystery of this mysterious universe—'in the beginning, God.' The greater mystery included all lesser mysteries!"

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*At Christ's birth, "the high and mighty were unaware that a miracle was happening beneath their upturned noses!"*

## TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 31

### NO FAULT WITH CHRIST

A former schoolmate of Robert Ingersoll entered promisingly upon the legal profession. He married a lovely woman and was the father of two children. Then he began to drink. He sank to the lowest depths and lost everything. One night a Christian worker found him lying drunk in an alley. He brought him to a mission. There Christ saved him. He was utterly transformed. He rebuilt his home. One day he learned that Ingersoll was to give a lecture against God and the Bible. The converted alcoholic wrote to him, saying, "Old friend, would you tell the people that you are against the religion that came down to the lowest depths of Hell and found me? Would you speak against the Saviour who stooped and lifted me, rebuilt my home and brought joy to my wife and children?" Mr. Ingersoll read the letter that night before a large audience and then said, "I have nothing to say against a religion that will do this for a man. I am here to talk about a religion that is being preached, *but not practiced by so many*. You can find fault with the church, but there stands One supreme! No man can point his finger at Christ and find any fault with Him!"

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*Why is He silent when a word,  
Would slay His accusers all?  
Why does He meekly bear their taunts,  
When angels wait His call?  
"He was made sin," my sin He bore  
Upon the accursed tree,  
And sin hath no defense to make,  
His silence was for me!"*

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## WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 32

### THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE

God had implanted in the heart of a friend of mine a deep love and concern for Jewish people. One day she became concerned for a Jewish student at a university near her home. She went to the school. On the university campus she made inquiry of three different students as to where she might locate the Jewish student. Though she sought diligently for him, she did not find him. Relating her disappointment to me, I asked her, "Though you did not locate the student whom you wanted primarily to see, I am sure that, as you inquired of the three other students, you spoke to them of Christ and gave them gospel tracts?" "Oh, no," she exclaimed, "I only asked them to help me locate the Jewish student!"

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*It is right for us to have a deep concern for the souls of Jewish people. It is wrong, however, to have any less concern for those of other nationalities.*

## THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 33

### SOUR-FACED CHRISTIANS

One who had just begun the Christian life attended a religious convention. After a few sessions a friend who accompanied him asked, "How are you enjoying the convention?" The man replied, "Let me speak frankly. If I had still been unsaved when you brought me here, I would have thought, 'How defeated and dejected this group looks. There's something wrong, isn't there?' Please don't think I want to find fault, but 'droopy' Christians always puzzle me. They do so much harm! I am only a new Christian, but by God's grace I want to show forth the praises of Him who called me out of darkness into His marvellous light!"

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*Cheerfulness and contentment are great beautifiers, and are famous preservers of youthful looks.*

## FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 34

### HAPPY ON THE WAY!

An expression often used by the late Dr. R. E. Neighbour was, "Happy on the way!" Friends in greeting him would ask, "How are you?" His usual reply was, "Happy on the way!"

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One day Dr. Neighbour was riding in his car in a funeral procession. A bystander, recognizing him, asked, "How are you, Brother Neighbour?" He replied, "Happy on the way!"

Since "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," why shouldn't all of God's children be "happy on the way"?

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*The devil is a chronic grumbler. The Christian ought to be a living doxology.*

## SATURDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 35

### THE HAPPIEST CHURCH FOLK

One Sunday morning a Christian layman from Louisville, Kentucky, walked down the streets in St. Louis, Missouri, trying to find a place to worship. The streets were rather deserted, but he saw a police officer; so he went up to him and said, "Officer, I'm a stranger in St. Louis. I'm a Protestant, and I want to go to church to worship. Could you suggest a place?" The officer said, "I will," and he named a church and gave him directions how to get there. The man thanked him and started to go; then suddenly he stopped, turned around, and said, "By the way, officer, there must be several churches on your beat. Why have you named this particular one for me to go to?" And the officer said, "I'll tell you why! I'm not a very religious man; I'm not a church man. There are several churches on my beat. I'm sending you to this one because I've observed for years that the people who come out of that church are the happiest-looking church people in St. Louis!" How little those people realized that an ungodly police officer had taken notice of the fact that there was the evidence of the joy of the Lord upon their countenances, as they came out of His sanctuary.

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*The world is like a mirror,  
Reflecting what you do,  
And if your face is smiling,  
It smiles right back at you!*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

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You cannot glorify God better than by a calm, joyous life. Let the world know that you serve a good Master! If you are in trouble, do not let anyone see that the trouble touches your spirit. Nay, more, do not let it trouble your spirit! Rest in God, and keep on praising Him!



For November 14

## **GOD PROVIDES JUDGES FOR HIS PEOPLE**

**Lesson Text:** Judges 2:6, 7,  
11-19

**Memory Verse:** Judges 2:18

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

After crossing the Jordan, the Israelites seemed content for a time to camp peacefully in the plain near Jericho, helping themselves to the produce of the farms and observing their Passover. When at last they moved on Jericho, they did not come with archers and battering rams. They just formed a stately procession and marched around the city.

Day after day through a week they repeated the performance. Then on the seventh day the watchers standing on the wall saw them march around the city seven times instead of once—and suddenly there was no wall to stand on.

"The wall fell down flat" (Joshua 6:20). The men who had been on it were dead or injured in the rubble. Men of Israel, swords in their hands, swarmed into the city from all sides and killed every living person. Only one family was spared—the family of a woman who had saved the lives of Israel's scouts (Joshua 6:22-25).

Some Christians are troubled by this ruthless slaughter. Is it possible that God really told His people to kill everybody, men and women and children? Yes, that is what the record says.

God is loving. God is merciful. God is patient. He waits long for sinners to repent. But the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). That was announced in Eden (Genesis

2:17), and it remains true today. If sinners refuse to repent, sooner or later the payoff comes.

God was giving His people the land He had promised them, but still they had to fight for it. They went into the conflict with courage and determination, and with well-planned military strategy as well. For example, read how they captured Ai (Joshua 8:10-29).

It took about seven years to subdue the land enough so the national army could be disbanded and the soldiers could become farmers. Then the land was divided among the tribes of Israel, and each tribe proceeded to assign a part of its territory to each family of the tribe. Old Joshua warned the people that their success and prosperity would depend on their continued obedience to God, and they promised to obey. Read about this in the last two chapters of Joshua.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. POINTS TO PONDER**

A. The Book of Judges is a book that we can feel empathy with because it tells about a period of history that has so many characteristics like our own times. It is a repetition of backsliding and return to God over and over.

B. Dating the things that happened in this period of time is difficult. However, there is one date that seems to be certain: 1 Kings 6:1 says, "And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord." Conser-

vative scholarship places this year at about 961 B.C. So some dates can be reckoned from this.

C. The one sin that seems to be the most deadly is idolatry. This is true because when one worships an idol, a god of his own making, all belief in God is gone. The Israelites seemed to be influenced over and over by the people around them, and each time God would bring them back to Himself. However, there can be no doubt about the fact that idolatry had a lot to do with their being taken into captivity.

D. The history of the judges shows us something of the value of strong leadership. The people would backslide and as a result a crisis would come. Then God would raise up a judge to lead them through the crisis. The secret of all leadership that is effective is to be led of God. This means that the people ultimately are led in the way that God wants them to go.

E. Why did God ever permit such a period as this of the judges to exist? Of course, we do not know the answer to this. We can only surmise. But it does seem likely that God was creating within Israel a desire for a king and this desire for a king will never be satisfied in Israel until they accept Jesus Christ as their eternal King.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### **III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON**

*What Makes a Good Leader?*—There is only one reason why the judges were always successful in leading the people to victory—they were raised up of God to be leaders and they trusted and followed the leadership of the Lord.—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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of the Old Testament" being taught by Rudene Kennedy on Tuesday nights, beginning November 9, at Verona Church from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Anyone who wishes to enroll should attend the next class meeting. Tuition is \$20.

### DR. MORRIS TO SPEAK



Sherry Forrest of Little Creek Church (left) and Jerry Allen Jr. of Robert's Grove Church (right) help plan Fall High School Day at Mount Olive College with Nancy Sampsell, director of admissions (center). High School Day is Saturday, November 13, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Dr. Edward Morris of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History will give the alumni perspective at Mount Olive College's Fall High School Day to be held Saturday, November 13, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Dr. Morris is a 1971 graduate of Mount Olive.

Other activities scheduled for High School Day include campus tours by students currently enrolled at Mount Olive College, information on financial aid, individual conferences with faculty members, and entertainment by the Mount Olive Singers.

Following lunch on the downtown campus, auditions will be held for the Mount Olive Singers and the New Creations.

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## NORTHEAST CHURCH

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church with homecoming and revival services.

The Campbells have two daughters: Sheri, 17, and Mona, 16, who are both enrolled at Southern Wayne High School. Mrs. Campbell is the former Louise Minchew of Pikeville.

Campbell says he has a working family. His full-time work with the church keeps the whole family busy. "If we have a hobby, it must be work since we do so much of it," he said. "The church is my main interest along with a few personal friends. As for hobbies, I own a set of golf clubs," he said jokingly.

Mr. Campbell said he is interested in the total church program and not just one phase, although he admits he is highly evangelistic. "We need to reach everyone, from the youth to the elderly," he said.

Campbell said Northeast is a good church—a strong church and he looks forward to serving there.

And if you ask him how truck driving differs from pastoring, he'll tell you, "For one thing, you stay in one place quite a bit more. I've always enjoyed traveling, and I had the privilege of seeing most of the country. But I am a somewhat different person now than what I used to be. And I enjoy the ministry."

### THANK YOU NOTE

The Woman's Auxiliary of Free Union Church, Pinetown (Albemarle District), would like to say thank you to Mrs. Minnie Chandler for the time, love and devotion that she put into the research and compiling of the Fifty-year History of the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary. She has been a wonderful asset to the Woman's Auxiliary and a great inspiration and holds a

special place in each of our hearts. May God continue to smile upon her and keep her in His loving care.

Free Union Woman's Auxiliary  
Christine Waters, *President*  
Doris Wilson, *Secretary*

### CHURCHES AND MINISTERS AVAILABLE

Gethsemane Church of Wilson is in need of a pastor. Anyone interested contact David Wells, 1916 West Mount Drive, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801; phone, 291-2483.

The Rev. Robert N. Rollins wishes to announce that he is available for full-time pastoral work, supply work, or revivals wherever God opens the door. He is a member in good standing with the Central Conference and the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. He can be reached by writing or calling: The Rev. Robert N. Rollins, Route 7, Box 469, Kinston, NC 28501; phone, 527-2730.

### A FAITHFUL SERVANT

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the choir director for the union meetings, and has represented Tee's Chapel at local, district, state, and national conventions. In addition, Mr. Woodall is now a member of the Board of Directors for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex.

Mr. Woodall is probably best known to people outside his home church for his devotion to religious music. He was a member of the Woodall Trio and Woodall Quartet, active in the 1940s and 1950s. He has served as judge at the annual Benson Singing and he has served as vice president of the East Carolina Singing Convention for the past 22 years. He is now the chaplain of the Brodgen Fire Department, having served with that organization for the past 23 years.



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Bound Together by Love

If you were to visit the Florida home of Thomas Edison, your trip would not be complete unless you had time to walk along a certain path. This trail is called "The Walk of Friendship"; and it is quite unique. Each stone found there was contributed by some friend, some acquaintance, to the inventor. How symbolic this path is, for each of us walk on "stones of helpfulness" which are provided by our friends and acquaintances. Everyone we meet brings something of value to our lives.

Friendship is one of the "priceless gems of human relationships." It helps to make life colorful, interesting, exciting, and rewarding. It carries with it the joy of mutual understanding—a prize of inestimable value. But no two friends are exactly alike. Johann von Schiller expressed it thus: "You can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds that they are all different. No one has a double in friendship."

Friendship takes on even deeper meaning for Christians, for believers are bound together by the strong cords of God's love—and that makes a great deal of difference (or at least, it should!). Christians can share spiritual experiences, both defeats and victories; they can offer prayers for each other and exchange helpful admonitions from the Word of God.

The Apostle Paul's beloved friends were the Philippian converts; they were especially close because of the bonds created through and by the gospel. It must have been with a warm glow in his heart that Paul wrote, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy." Those of us who have precious friends in the Lord echo his words so often!

Brothers and sisters, what kind of comrades are we? Do our associates thank God upon every remembrance of us? Would they give us stones or do they throw them at us?

*It is my joy in life to find  
At every turning of the road,  
The strong arms of a friend so kind,  
To help me onward with my load.*

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# PEOPLE UNITED IN CHRIST



*A group of H'mongs*

When the Rev. Bob Harber served as pastor of First General Baptist Church, Santa Ana, California, he met a group of people who lived in the apartment complex located across the street from the church. The people were H'mong refugees, a group of Highland Tribal people from Laos. They worked for the CIA during the war in Laos; and as a result, the Communists seek to completely destroy them. When the country fell, the H'mongs went to Thailand and have since immigrated to the United States. The H'mongs used the Baptist church building in the afternoon as their meeting place. Mr. Harber has since left California; but, the friendship

that existed between himself and the H'mongs remains. In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Harber traveled back for a series of evangelistic services with them recently.

Attendance at the meeting was good, with approximately 300 in attendance the last night. The evenings began with a time of chorus singing by the youth; congregational and special singing followed which led into a period of Old Testament study. An evangelistic service followed. After the altar service, there was a question and answer session. During this time, Mrs. Harber and three workers from the General Baptist Church worked with the young people.



*Mr. Harber, left, received a certificate of license from the Lao Evangelical Church.*

During World War II, missionaries were serving in the area near the H'mongs' home in Laos. When the Communists invaded the area, they tried to destroy anything having to do with God; so, they threw out all the New Testaments they found. Some time later, Wang Yee Her, a H'mong tribesman, found a testament. He read the Scriptures and believed in the Christ of whom it spoke. Wang waited four years for a missionary to return so he could accept Christ as his Saviour. Today, he is one of the leading members of the Lao Evangelical Church.

The H'mongs' early religious background is a mixture of Hinduism; animal, ancestor, and spirit worship. They are an intelligent, industrious, loving, happy people who have known much heartache and suffering. They respond readily to the gospel message. Although this is true, Christians are a minority among those here, as non-Christians outnumber believers.

The potential of the Lao Evangelical Church is great; this can be realized when one understands the courage their commitment to the cause of Christ takes. The young people seem quite interested in the ministry; three young men now attend Mount Olive College, they are Doua Moua, Blong, and Tru. Only about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the H'mongs settled in southern California are over the age of 25,  $\frac{1}{3}$  are from 12-25, the other  $\frac{1}{3}$  are under 12 years old. Because of the cultural and

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language likenesses they share, many unbelievers attend services at the Lao Church.

A total of 88 persons came forward during the meetings for prayer, many of them for rededication, some for deeper commitments, some because of burdens of sickness and for family members remaining in Laos; of these, 16 were new converts. But the real results of Mr. and Mrs Harber's efforts are known only to God. And to Him, be the glory!

The Harbers have done pastoral work at the following General Baptist churches: Stanfield, Gideon, Missouri; Union Home, Rector; Sunnysvale, Malden, Missouri; Campbell, Missouri; First General Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee; Hopewell, Flint, Michigan; First General Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff, Missouri; First General Baptist Church, Santa Ana, California; and Waterford Cathedral, Waterford, Michigan. Mr. Harber now serves as pastor of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Fremont, North Carolina.

Since the time of their return home, Mrs. Harber was tragically killed in an automobile accident.

### TRIBUTE TO REDA M. HARBER

On June 20, 1981, the Rev. Bob and Reda M. Harber came to Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, to assume pastoral duties. We learned to love them the very first time we met them.

On October 15, 1982, God saw fit to take Reda M. Harber from this earthly life to meet her Heavenly Father. She was very active in the church, and a very aggressive and intelligent lady. The warmth of her love touched many people. Everyone who knew her thought that "she was a wonderful woman."



*Mrs. Reda M. Harber*

Reda loved her Lord, her church, her husband, their three adopted children, and four grandchildren, and her friends.

Although she never had any children of her own that did not take away her love for them. Every Sunday morning you could see her gathering up the small children to take them to the nursery. She was always smiling and talking to them.

Mrs. Harber was loved by all ages. You could see her with her skates on, skating with the AFC, making crafts or baking goodies for the youth. You might even see her quilting or having a program for the Woman's Auxiliary. She also sang in the choir as well as solos. What greater tribute could be paid to one who did so much for so many in the short time we knew her?

Submitted by,  
Russell Corbitt, *Deacon*  
Agnes Corbitt, *President of Woman's  
Auxiliary*

### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY SETS NOVEMBER 21 FOR 1982 BIBLE SUNDAY

Countless men, women and children around the world long for a Bible of their own, because they want to read its message of hope for themselves.

But Bibles may be hard to come by where they live or even at very low prices beyond their means, and for

them owning a Bible remains only a dream.

Americans will be remembering these spiritually hungry millions on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 21, which has been officially designated Bible Sunday.

A small number of denominations, however, choose to celebrate the event on some Sunday later in the year.

Bible Sunday, whose origins can be traced back to the church prayer book of England's Archbishop Cranmer in 1549, was adopted by the American Bible Society as an annual observance at the turn of this century. Its aim is to focus people's attention on those who still lack the Word of God in their own language.

The 1982 theme, "Share the Word with the World," is a telling reminder that Scriptures, so readily available to almost everyone in this country, are either in short supply, not obtainable locally or too costly through bookstores in many other places.

"It is a day when we reflect on the vast number of people everywhere with a deep but unsatisfied longing for God's Word," observes Alice Ball, an American Bible Society general secretary, "and rededicate our energies to helping meet their needs in the months ahead.

"Every year the Bible Society is called on to share more and more Scriptures and the need still increases. Populations are growing so fast and in these difficult times, more people than ever before are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives."

Even though last year American Bible Society distributed close to 199 million Scriptures in over 500 languages, making it one of the biggest years in the Society's 166-year history, that was still not enough for the increasing global demand.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

# The History of the Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Work

## Part Two

by Minnie Chandler

"On motion we endorse this work of the *Sunday School, Ladies Aid Society, Home Mission and Little Worker's League Convention* and their constitution be published in the minutes of this Conference."

### CONSTITUTION OF S. S., L. A. S., W. H. M. S. AND LITTLE WORKER'S LEAGUE

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Sunday School, Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Home Mission and Little Worker's League Convention, of the Central Conference of North Carolina.

Article 2. The officers of this Convention shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and executive committee. These officers, except the executive committee, who shall be appointed by the President at each regular session of the Convention and shall consist of three members beside herself and the Secretary, shall be elected by acclamation every year.

Article 3. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all Conventions; to state and put all questions properly enough before the Convention to preserve decorum, to fill all vacancies in office; to appoint all committees and to perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Article 4. The Vice-President shall occupy the chair in the absence of the President or at the option of that office and in this capacity shall perform all duties pertaining to that office.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a full and true record of all the proceedings of the convention in a book provided by the Convention for that purpose.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary to aid the Secretary in her duties and act as Secretary in the absence of that office.

Article 7. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this Convention and shall use the same according to the conditions of the said Convention and shall produce a written report at each meeting of the Convention of all received and paid out. All orders for money during the year must be signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Executive committee to look after the local welfare in this district in organizing all Sunday Schools, Ladies Aid Societies, Woman's Home Mission Societies and Little Worker's League, and arranging a program for each Convention, with the President as chairman of this committee.

Article 9. The members of the Convention shall consist of delegates appointed by various local societies of this Convention, Superintendents of Sunday Schools and presidents of the local societies; visitors also may become members at the direction of the Convention, said members shall not have the right to vote. All ministers shall have the same privilege as officers and delegates.

Article 10. Any church having and maintaining a Ladies' Aid Society, and who do not feel able to have a regular organized Woman's Home Mission Society, are requested to lay aside five cents each month per member for the purpose of missions.

Article 11. The time of meeting of this Convention shall be on Thursday before each fifth Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m., and shall be opened by an introductory sermon, by some minister selected by the executive committee.

Article 12. The motto of this Convention shall be, "WE CAN DO THINGS IF WE WILL."—Philippians 4:13.

Article 13. Any amendment to this Convention shall be on the table one and one-half hours before being voted on of the day of the Convention, said amendment shall not be voted on before 2:30 p.m., of the same day, and shall be adopted only by three-fourths majority vote of members present.

Article 14. This Convention shall be conducted by regular parliamentary rules. (See Roberts Rules of Order.)

### LOCAL SOCIETIES OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Article 1. Name of Society. This society shall be known as the Ladies Aid Society of the Free Will Baptist church at \_\_\_\_\_

Article 2. Officers. This society shall have a regular set of officers to wit: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, a program committee and a select committee.

Article 3. Election of officers.—The officers of the society shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members of said society to serve for a term of one year.

Article 4. The select committee shall be appointed by the president before the time of electing new officers.

Article 5. Duty of officers.—The President shall preside over all meetings and have the power to call a meeting when she deems it necessary.

Section 1. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President.

Section 2. The Secretary shall make a proper record of the proceedings of all meetings and conduct the correspondence of the society.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall collect all dues belonging to the Society and keep a complete record of same and pay the bills when ordered by the society.

Article 6. Form of Society. Devotional services shall be held at the beginning of each meeting as ordered by the program committee.

Article 7. Privilege of Society. The society may resort to any honest means of raising funds for the support and maintenance of any benevolent work.

Article 8. Place and time of meeting. The society shall meet once per month or as many times as shall be suitable. The society shall meet in the church or in the homes of some of the members which shall be decided in the regular session of each meeting for the next time in course.

Article 9. The dues. The dues of this society shall be \_\_\_\_\_ per month and shall be paid monthly or semi-monthly as per choice of members.

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Article 10: Obligation. As we believe an obligation helps us to remember our duty, therefore we ask all persons wishing to become a member of this society to repeat the following obligation:

I therefore promise to be governed by the rules and regulations of this society and use my means and influence for the support and advancement of the cause, to pay my dues and attend all meetings where I can conveniently do so. Furthermore I promise to vindicate the principles of peace and justice among all members so far as it becometh my bounden duty.

Article 11. Explanation.—Any member who violates the Constitution and By-Laws or refuses to perform according to the obligations, or neglects or refuses to pay her dues may be expelled by a two-thirds votes of all the members present, but a motion to expell shall always lay over to the next meeting following that at which time it is offered.

#### Article 12. Order of Business

1. Devotional services.
2. Calling of roll and payment of dues.
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Correction of minutes.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New Business.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Report of program committee.
9. Report of select committee.
10. Reception of new members.
11. Adjournment.

### LOCAL SOCIETIES OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE DISTRICT

Article 1. This shall be the Woman's Home Mission Society of the \_\_\_\_\_ Free Will Baptist church of the Central Conference.

Article 2. The object of the Society is to raise funds for use in the Central Conference District for missions, education and church extension in general, and to awaken interest in a broader mission work and to cultivate a love for progress in the beloved cause.

Article 3. Each member shall pay into the Society 10¢ each month.

Article 4. The officers of this Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and various committees as needed. These officers shall be elected by the society and serve six months.

Article 5. Each local Society shall delegate to our annual Convention and each Society shall meet once a month.

Section 1. The president shall arrange the program for each meeting, appoint leaders, report quarterly to the general president, if necessary, and recommend any work that will aid the society. She shall use every effort to get each member to attend regularly, and she shall appoint any committee needed.

Section 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to share the responsibilities of the president and in the absence of the latter, she shall assume the duties of the president's office.

Section 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes and call the roll at each meeting, keep on file all receipts from the general secretary and treasurer and conduct all correspondence for the society.

Section 4. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the society. She shall, with the aid of a committee, collect all dues and keep an account of receipts and report same to the society.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE LITTLE WORKER'S LEAGUE OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Article 1: The name of this League shall be The Little Worker's League of \_\_\_\_\_ Free Will Baptist church of the Central Conference.

Article 2. The object of the league is to raise funds for use in the Central Conference District for missions, education and extension work, and in general.

Article 3. Each member shall pay 5¢ monthly and any child may become a member by paying the monthly dues and taking part in the work.

Article 4. Each league shall have the following officers. President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and various committees as needed. The officers shall be elected by the league and serve a term of six months.

Article 5. This league shall be under the directions and control of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Central Conference, and shall be a part of the same.

Section 1. The duties of president shall be to preside at meetings, appoint various committees, appoint a leader for each meeting, try to get each member to attend regularly and do special work for the league whenever she has opportunity.

Section 2. The duties of Vice-President shall be to share the responsibilities of the president, and in the absence of the latter, she shall assume the duties of the president's office.

Section 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes of previous meetings and call the roll at each meeting, keep on file all receipts from general treasurer and other reports, and conduct all correspondence for the league.

Section 4. The treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the league, she shall return such funds as raised during the year to the Annual Convention and shall, with the aid of committees, collect all dues and keep an account of same and report to the league at each meeting.

Section 5. Each league shall meet once a month, and shall delegate through the Woman's Mission Society, or by delegate appointed by the league to the Annual Convention of the S. S., W. H. M., L. A. S. and L. W. L. Convention.

The Superintendents of the various Sunday Schools throughout the Central Conference District are earnestly requested to cooperate with us in this work, and are asked to have the secretaries of each school make an itemized report of their work for the year, and submit same at each Convention, together with as large a donation as possible, said donation to be used for same purpose as that of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and Little Worker's League.

Said report from each Sunday school and Society to be as follows:

Number of members enrolled \_\_\_\_\_;  
Number new members during year; \_\_\_\_\_  
Average attendance \_\_\_\_\_; Amount of  
finance raised for all purposes \_\_\_\_\_;  
and in addition, each Sunday school will give number of officers, teachers and classes. We are especially asking the co-operation of the ministers of the Central Conference in this important work, as we realize very forcibly that unless we have their assistance, our work will be a failure, so rally to the cause and help us to live up to our motto, "WE CAN DO THINGS IF WE WILL."—Phil. 4:13.

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## **Pastors Donate to Children's Home**

A revival was held October 24-30, at Bethel Church in Pamlico. Five ministers from Pamlico County donated their services and requested the offering of \$325 be given to the Children's Home. These ministers who coordinated their services during the fall revival at Bethel in Pamlico for the benefit of the Children's Home are an inspiration to others.

## **Youth Auxiliary Recognizes Outstanding Member**

The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Micro Church, Micro, would like to recognize an outstanding member. That member is Mrs. Carolyn Hales, the youth leader. Mrs. Hales is loved by all the members of the YFA. She is admired for her patience, ideas, and most of all her efforts in trying to make the YFA a great success for the young people. She puts aside personal things to do duties for other people. She goes far beyond the call of duty. The members would like to say "thank you" and give their love to Mrs. Carolyn Hales.

## **Youth Fellowship Auxiliary Of Micro Church Meets**

The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Micro Church, Micro, met recently in the home of Anita and Leigh Hales. The youth group enjoyed a Halloween party. Members dressed as Bible characters. Gifts were given for outstanding costumes. The winner for having the most authentic costume was Anita Hales, who was dressed like Mary. Winner for best costume was Leigh Hales who was dressed as the woman at the well, and for the best decorations there were three

winners. They were Melisa, Teresa and Pam Wall. Refreshments were also served.

## **Free Spirit Church Holds Yard Sale**

Free Spirit Church in Wilson held a yard sale and donated the revenue of \$941 to the Children's Home. The contribution of Free Spirit from their fall sale will benefit the work at the Children's Home. It is hoped that others will recapture the vision during November, which is Children's Home Month.

## **The King's Messengers to Be at Corinth Church**

The King's Messengers will be at Corinth Church, near Jamesville, on November 13, at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend these services. The Messengers are from Pikeville.

## **Gospel Outreach Has Homecoming**

On Sunday, October 31, Gospel Outreach Church in Jasper observed its first homecoming. The homecoming message was delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Bobby Brown. The Lord saved one precious soul that day and reclaimed four. After the morning worship, lunch and fellowship were enjoyed by the members and friends.

## **Gum Swamp Ladies To Have Bazaar**

The woman's auxiliary of Gum Swamp Church, at Belvoir, will have a bazaar on Saturday, November 20, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a piano for the sanctuary. There will be quilts, grapevine wreaths, broomstraw brooms, cornshuck wreaths, as well as

baked goods and home canned goods. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served throughout the day. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **Central District Youth to Meet**

There will be a Central District Youth Meeting on November 20, at 7:30 p.m., at Rose of Sharon Church near Bear Grass. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **Friendship Church Has Youth Sunday**

Friendship Church, Greene County, held youth Sunday on October 31. Johnny Lewis directed the services and Susan Beaman was pianist.

Jane Parker, director of the Farmville Child Development Center, gave an informative speech and slide presentation. The flowers in the sanctuary were dedicated to Charlie Baucom, a student at the center who attends Friendship Church. Cynthia Craft presented the dedication for the Young Woman's Auxiliary.

The young children, led by Pam Beaman, sang several choruses and John Lewis sang a solo. The young adult choir also presented special music.

Ushers for the service were Tony Holloman, Larry Cobb, Michael Baucom and Allen Cobb. The Rev. Walter Reynolds is pastor of the church.

During a test a submarine remained submerged for many hours. When it surfaced the commander was asked, "How did the storm affect you last night?" "Storm? We knew nothing of any storm," said the surprised captain. God's children are "hid with Christ in God!" In this secure hiding place, life's storms cannot mute the joy bells in our soul!



## SCHEDULE OF REVENUE FROM CHURCHES

	Three Months Ended September 30, 1982		Yearly Budget
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE			
Belhaven	\$ 50	\$ 78	
Corinth			99
Free Union	60	1,134	
Hickory Chapel	349	1,110	
Malachi's Chapel			603
Mount Tabor	305	204	
Mount Zion	254	372	
District Convention	79		
Union Meeting	27		
Plymouth, First	350	240	
Shiloh	18	990	
Sidney	50	570	
Sound Side	75	801	
Saint Paul		543	
Trinity		168	
Union Chapel	286	591	
Cape Colony Mission	16	204	
Piney Grove		105	
Malachi's Chapel Sunbeam B	100		
Malachi's Chapel Sunday School	318		
Mount Tabor Sunday School	129		
Sound Side Auxilliary	40		
Total Albemarle Conference	\$ 2,511	\$ 7,812	

## CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Bethel		\$ 561	
Casey's Chapel		543	
Daly's Chapel		189	
Goldsboro, First	\$ 550	1,014	
Haymount	83	195	
Hopewell	88	690	
Johnston Union	250	1,122	
Lee's Chapel	1,370	1,059	
Oak Grove	810	570	
Palmer Memorial	283	657	
Pleasant Grove	500	801	
Robert's Grove	375	795	
Riverside	225	327	
St. Mary's Grove		819	
Shady Grove	520	1,308	
Smithfield, First	375	519	
Tee's Chapel	500	999	
Victory Mission	135	126	
Wooten's Chapel	50	510	
Yelverton Grove	164	582	
Catalpa		363	
Christian Chapel	100		
Eastwood Chapel	307	90	
Faith	100	489	
Lanwood Chapel		204	
Mount Olive	40	42	
Powhatan		912	
St. Paul	25	684	
Smyrna	100	549	
Stephen's Chapel	200	498	
West Clinton		168	
Lee's Chapel	526		
Oak Grove Youth Adult Class	50		

Oak Grove Sunday School	200	
Cape Fear Youth Rally	100	
Total Cape Fear Conference	\$ 8,029	\$17,385

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	\$ 418	\$ 705
Ayden	225	555
Bethany	140	504
Black Jack (Pitt)	1,001	2,808
Cedar Grove	100	
Community	72	348
Daniels Chapel	410	1,239
Dilda's Grove	25	390
Edgewood	100	231
Elm Grove	7	630
Free Union	500	1,260
Friendship	414	1,161
Gum Swamp	363	801
Greenville, First	520	939
Grimsley	50	312
Harrell's Chapel	310	570
Hickory Grove	35	351
Howell Swamp		39
Hugo	282	351
Hull Road	93	1,386
King's Cross Roads	1,110	879
LaGrange	25	828
Little Creek		465
Marlboro	525	834
Union #2	17	
Ormondsville		720
Otter's Creek	200	345
Owens Chapel	131	813
Peace	131	195
Piney Grove (Pitt)	48	489
Reedy Branch	738	1,218
Roanoke Rapids, First	10	78
Rocky Mount, First	185	429
Rose Hill	476	795
Rose of Sharon		648
Saratoga	291	819
Spring Branch		963
Sweet Gum Grove	789	822
Tarboro, First	250	1,491
Walnut Creek	200	351
Watery Branch	25	
Williamston, First	285	390
Winterville	717	966
Maury	100	
Piney Grove (Beaufort)		153
Union #4	97	
King's Cross Roads Auxilliary	450	
Reedy Branch Sunday School	204	
Edgewood Auxilliary	5	
Owens Chapel Auxilliary	50	
Ormondsville Sunday School	8	
Black Jack Sunday School	143	
Little Creek Sunday School	225	
Friendship Sunday School	69	
Greenville, First Auxilliary	10	
Dilda's Grove Sunday School	276	
King's Cross Roads Young	55	
Elm Grove Auxilliary	100	
Aspen Grove Sunday School	166	
Winterville Sunday School	151	
Total Central Conference	\$13,340	\$29,271

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Antioch	\$ 375	\$ 1,200
Arapahoe	703	885
Bethel	500	294
Bethlehem		600
Beaufort Mission	750	129
Bridgeton	263	705
Cabin		708
Christian Chapel	200	861
Crab Point	45	486
Croatan	200	384
Deep Run	216	960
Dublin Grove	199	657
Edward's Chapel	135	471
Ephesus		345
Friendship	261	414
Gethsemane		645
Core Creek	500	
Gray Branch	600	798
Hillsberry		279
Holly Springs	329	1,212
Indian Springs		168
Jackson Heights	106	660
Juniper Chapel	520	627
Kinston, First	263	1,002
Lanier's Chapel	75	372
Long Ridge		408
May's Chapel		648
Memorial		408
Moseley's Creek	20	438
Mount Pleasant		81
Mount Zion (Pamlico)	100	348
Mount Zion (Onslow)	50	318
Union #5	75	
Union #3	182	
New Bethlehem		633
New Haven	322	357
Northeast	88	588
Oak Grove		294
Oriental	10	372
Otway		375
Pearsall Chapel	170	282
Pilgrim's Home		336
Pilgrims Rest		48
Piney Grove		399
Rock of Zion	220	975
Rooty Branch	200	408
Sarecta	670	381
Sandy Plain	20	1,482
Smith's New Home	170	801
Sneads Ferry	100	291
Smyrna	375	372
Snow Hill	200	897
Sound View	190	519
Spring Hope		357
St. Mary's	383	1,413
Trent	140	180
Verona	52	216
Warden's Grove	154	282
Warsaw, First	100	138
Westside	302	441
Whaley's Chapel	260	795
White Hill	45	621
White Oak Grove	20	471
Wilmington, First		102
Woodrow, First		183
Angola		180
Daly's Chapel		825
Davis	300	279
Faith	170	189
Faith Mission (Brunswick)	67	900
Faith Mission (Craven)		126
Folkstone	20	1,284

Free Union	10	219
Grant's Chapel		240
Macedonia	250	1,161
Russell's Creek	100	306
Saint's Delight	460	1,002
Welcome Home	125	375
White Oak		102
Wintergreen	500	
Beulaville	20	873
Auxiliary Convention	115	
White Oak	30	
Bethel Auxiliary	(205)	
Moseley's Creek League	(100)	
Rock of Zion Auxiliary	200	
Grant's Chapel Auxiliary	125	
Antioch Auxiliary	50	
Core Creek Sunday School	57	
Croatan Auxiliary	210	
Deep Run Sunday School	120	
Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention	28	
Total Eastern Conference	\$14,127	\$40,581

**PEE DEE CONFERENCE**

Beaverdam	\$ 1,025	\$ 2,820
Cypress Creek		408
Emerson		345
Union #1	75	
Oak Grove	857	720
White Oak	26	318
Ash	20	195
Little Bethel		171
Macedonia		312
Mission Valley		279
Mount Beulah		78
Mount Calvary		510
Mount Olive		306
Pine Level		150
Pireway		159
Pleasant Meadow		99
Thomasboro	150	177
Union #2	100	
Cypress Creek Sunday School	137	
Total Pee Dee Conference	\$ 2,390	\$ 7,047

**PIEDMONT CONFERENCE**

Cathedral		\$ 657
Community		330
East Rockingham	475	1,095
Heritage Mission	241	75
High Point	288	330
Highland Pines	390	192
Holy Cross	165	36
Hopewell		294
Mount Olive		234
Calvary		156
Christ		171
Christian Faith		78
Gospel Light		204
House of Prayer	100	
Love Gospel		87
Advance Mission	13	
Sweet Haven		117
Faith		453
Cathedral	80	
Miscellaneous Card	20	
Conference	100	
Total Piedmont Conference	\$ 1,873	\$ 4,509

**ROCKFISH CONFERENCE**

Mount Moriah	\$ 100	\$ 117
Hickory Grove		195
Mount Calvary		294
Total Rockfish Conference	\$ 100	\$ 606

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## **WHY SUPPORT FOREIGN MISSIONS?**

*by Harold Jones*

Jesus saw the multitudes as sheep having no shepherd and was moved with compassion (Matthew 9:36). Compassion means "a sympathetic emotion created by the misfortunes of another accompanied by a desire to help; mercy." Jesus saw the multitudes and desired to do something for them. He did His part, He died for them. Our part is to have this same compassion for the masses of our day and spread the gospel message around the world.

One of the great hindrances to true compassion for the typical American church member is the inability to identify with the lost people of this earth. It is hard for us to imagine a place with no gospel witness, and people who have never heard the gospel, because this is something we have never experienced. We evaluate others based on our own situation. In some respects we live in a dream world, a world filled with luxury, plenty of food, good medical attention, a high longevity rate, and the gospel message so widely proclaimed that we take it for granted. This is not the order of things in India, Mexico, the Philippines and many other parts of the world. In those places, the majority of the people live in the lap of poverty, food usually consists of one basic staple, medical facilities are practically nonexistent, they die at an early age, and the gospel is rarely, if ever, proclaimed.

I often think that in the back of the typical American church member's mind is the thought that perhaps there is some other way for these people to be

saved. Friends, the Bible says in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." There is only one way to salvation and that is Jesus Christ. Those who die without knowing Him as Saviour are lost for eternity. There is no way to evade this fact. Millions of people live today with no hope of ever hearing the gospel. They will die without hearing unless the church looks with compassion on them and accepts its responsibility to take the gospel to them.

We can see that our culture and living standards can hinder our ability to see the greatest need of the multitudes around the world. We must see through the eyes of our Lord. Jesus sees clearly. His compassion is real and strong. Will you look through His eyes in this passage (Matthew 9:36) and let Him fill you with compassion for the great multitudes who have no shepherd?

**WHY SUPPORT FOREIGN MISSIONS?** Because of **compassion**. The depth of that compassion is expressed in our praying, giving, and going. Foreign Missions is the church expressing its compassion in other lands.

### **1982 BIBLE SUNDAY**

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Bible Sunday is universal in outreach, but it is usual to single out a few places where there is acute need for special emphasis.

Bangladesh is one of those countries with a severe shortage. Yet there is an active program of Scripture evangelism, much of it in remote parts of the country.

In Brazil, the world's fifth largest nation and where millions of copies of the Word are distributed every year, there is a major effort to reach out to prisoners of all ages in the country's jails.

Religious education is on the agenda of schools in Kenya and children are required to take their Bibles to class. That is the law. But Kenya is one of a growing number of places with a very real "Scripture famine."

The hill people of Thailand, many of whom are new to reading, are calling for Bibles in their own languages.

To help churches and other groups celebrate Bible Sunday 1982, American Bible Society is making available a Scripture bulletin insert, offering envelopes and other materials.

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816, is a nonprofit and interdenominational agency whose only purpose is to translate, publish and distribute Holy Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**November**—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home Month

**November 20**—Thanksgiving Services, Children's Home, 10:30 a.m.

**November 20**—Central District Youth Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rose of Sharon Church near Bear Grass

**November 23**—Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees, Mount Olive College

**November 23**—Founders Day, 11 a.m., Rodgers Chapel, Mount Olive College

**November 25**—Thanksgiving Day



## MOC SEEKS FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS



From left to right, are Wesley Beddard, assistant director of admissions and a member of Elm Grove Church in the Central Conference; Mrs. Nancy Sampsell; Mrs. Happy Taylor, manager of the Mount Olive College bookstore, a member of Smith's New Home Church in the Eastern Conference and president of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention; Dola Dudley, bond records secretary and a member of Palmer Memorial Church in the Cape Fear Conference, literature chairman for the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention and treasurer for the General Conference; Ruth Allen, admissions secretary and a member of Robert's Grove Church in the Cape Fear Conference; and Penny Edwards Gates, assistant director of admissions and a member of Spring Hill Church in the Western Conference.

As Mount Olive makes plans for the development of its four-year program, one of its main objectives will be to serve more Free Will Baptist students.

The College is currently seeking the names and addresses of all Free Will Baptist high school students, both in North Carolina and in other states. Personnel are available to visit local churches, speak to youth groups and also to make visits in the homes of high school juniors and seniors for the purpose of discussing with them and their parents the educational services provided by Mount Olive.

To gather ideas and to make plans for contacts with more students and church leaders, Mrs. Nancy Sampsell, director of admissions, met recently with a number of Free Will Baptist staff members at Mount Olive College.

All churches are urged to send Mount Olive College a list of their high school students and to invite personnel from the College to speak to their youth groups.

## NEW CREATIONS TO SING

The New Creations have four engagements remaining on their fall schedule. They will sing at both the Pamlico and Sampson-Harnett-Cumberland Counties Dinners and in two churches during the month of November.

The group will be at Powhatan Church (Johnston County) for the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 21.

Also on November 21, they will sing at St. Mary's Church in New Bern at 7 p.m. The Rev. Marvin Waters is pastor.

## SENATOR HARDISON TO SPEAK



State Senator Harold Hardison

State Senator Harold Hardison from Deep Run will speak for Founder's Day at Mount Olive College on Tuesday, November 23, at 11 a.m. in Rodgers Chapel. The event will commemorate the 31st anniversary of the founding of the College.

Hardison was elected to the North Carolina Senate in 1972 and is currently serving as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, vice chairman of the State Government Committee, and a member of the Committees on Economic Resources, Public Utilities and Energy, Rules and Operation of the Senate, Human Resources, and Transportation.

He is married to the former Arlene Humphrey of Deep Run, and they have one daughter, Pam Braxton. The Hardisons are members of Deep Run Church where Senator Hardison teaches a Sunday school class.

Senator Hardison is a member of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees.

Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend Founder's Day.

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## SUNDAY, 21 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 36

### IT FEELS GOOD TO BE THANKED

"Central" was tired, her head ached; she had just succeeded, after repeated efforts, in getting the number eagerly wanted by a woman—and here the woman was calling again! "Can't that woman be quiet a minute?" she soliloquized while she reiterated, "Number, please?" trying not to speak crossly. "Central," said a pleasant voice, "I want to thank you for taking so much trouble to get me that last number. You are always very kind and obliging, and I do appreciate it." The surprise was so great, so overwhelming, that Central could only murmur confusedly, "I—oh, yes, ma'am." Nothing like this had happened before. Suddenly her headache was better; suddenly the day was brighter; suddenly, too, there came a lump in her throat, and she reached for her handkerchief. It felt so good to be thanked.

*How quick we are to ask and receive. How slow we are to speak the magic word—thanks!*

## MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37

### THIS IS MORE THAN YOU DESERVE!

A farmer's wife in Iowa worked hard to prepare good, wholesome meals for a gang of men who worked in the fields. Coming into the dining room from their work, they would sit down and wolf the food without thanking either God or the one who had prepared it. "I'll teach those ingrates a lesson," said the woman to herself. One day she put hay and oats on the large dining room table. "What does this mean?" angrily demanded the hungry men as they approached the table. "Some practical joke you have played on us!" they said. "This is no joke! This is more than you deserve! During the hot days of the summer I have done my best to give you good, wholesome food, but not one of you has uttered a word of thanks to God or to me!" said the brave woman.

*A bit of praise is one of the best ways of dispelling a dark mood. I knew a man who lost his speech during the war. It was a case of shell*

*shock. One Sunday evening he was at a religious service in which the 100th Psalm—a Psalm of praise—was quoted. Forgetting his loss of speech, the veteran began to praise God for His goodness. His speech had come back!*

## TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 38

### BUT WHERE ARE THE NINE?

I meant to go back, but you may guess I was filled with amazement I cannot express To think that after those horrible years, That passion of loathing and passion of fears, By sores unendurable—eaten, defiled— My flesh was as smooth as the flesh of a child. I was drunken with joy; I was crazy with glee; I scarcely could walk and I scarcely could see, For the dazzle of sunshine where all had been black; . . .

But I meant to go back,—oh, I meant to go back! I had thought to return, when my people came out.

There were tears of rejoicing and laughter and shout;

They embraced me,—for years I had not known a kiss;

Ah, the pressure of lip is an exquisite bliss!

They crowded around me, they filled the whole place;

They looked at my feet and my hands and my face;

My children were there, my glorious wife,

And all the forgotten allurements of life.

My cup was so full I seemed nothing to lack! . . .

But I meant to go back,—oh, I meant to go back!

*Thou hast given so much to me,  
Give one thing more—a grateful heart,  
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,  
As if Thy blessings had spare days,  
But such a heart  
Whose pulse may be Thy praise.*

## WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 39

### 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!

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*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!*

## THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 40

MOMMY, NO BLESSING HERE?

Celeste Sibley, columnist for the *Atlanta Constitution*, took her three children into a small restaurant for breakfast one morning so they would not be late for school and she for her work. The place was crowded. They had to take separate seats at the counter. Little eight-year-old Mary sat at the end of the line. When she was served, she paused and called to her mother, "Mommy, don't people ask the blessing in this place?" Silence followed. The mother was embarrassed. Before she could hush the child, the counter man replied, "Yes, we do, sister! You give thanks!" Mary bowed her head. All heads were lowered in reverence and silence while Mary prayed: "God is great and God is good, let us thank Him for our food! Amen!"

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*For those who bravely dared to face  
The wolf-fangs of the sea,  
To find a land where they might dwell  
In faith and liberty.  
For pioneers who blazed the trails  
And broke the virgin sod  
With strength and spirit, firm and sure,  
Today, we thank thee, God!  
For ancestors with a vision  
As wide and deep and high  
And as filled with stars of promise  
As the eternal sky,  
For health and homes and country  
And laughter, sweet and gay,  
For all of these—and love and faith  
We thank thee, God, today!*

## FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 41

ONE THING MORE—A GRATEFUL HEART!

In honoring the memory of their son who was killed in World War II, the parents gave a sizable check to their church. When the presentation was made, a mother whispered to her husband, "Let's give the same amount for our boy!" "What are you talking about?" asked the husband, "our boy didn't lose his life!" "Ah," said the wife, "that's just the point! Let's give it as an expression of our gratitude to God for sparing his life!"

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*George Herbert prayed: "Our Father, Thou  
hast given us so much. Do please give us one  
more thing—a grateful heart!"*

## SATURDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—42

OH, HOW MUCH WE OWE!

When this passing world is done,  
When has sunk yon glorious sun,  
When we stand with Christ in Glory,  
Looking o'er life's finished story:  
Then, Lord, shall I fully know,  
Not till then, how much I owe.

When I stand before the Throne,  
Dressed in beauty not my own,  
When I see Thee as Thou art,  
Love Thee with unsinning heart:  
Then, Lord, shall I fully know,  
Not till then, how much I owe.

E'en on earth, as through a glass,  
Darkly, let Thy Glory pass;  
Make forgiveness feel so sweet,  
Make Thy Spirit's help so meet;  
E'en on earth, Lord, make me know,  
Something of how much I owe.

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*Chosen not for good in me,  
Wakened up from wrath to flee;  
Hidden in the Saviour's side,  
By the Spirit sanctified;  
Teach me, Lord, on earth to show,  
By my love, how much I owe.*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

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**November is  
Children's Home Month.**

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For November 21

## **GOD EMPOWERS GIDEON**

**Lesson Text:** Judges 6:3-6,  
11-16; 7:20, 21

**Memory Verse:** Judges 6:12

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

It is easier to go downhill. Everyone knows that. It takes energy to climb, but on the downgrade the force of gravity is on your side. You go faster without even trying. It's exhilarating—but dangerous. Whether you're running, skiing, or driving a truck, you're more likely to run into danger.

This is true in the moral realm too. If you want to become better day by day you have to work at it. If you are content to become worse, you can coast. But coasting is dangerous. Jesus warned that the easy, popular, downhill way leads to destruction. It takes more effort to travel the narrow way, but that way leads to life (Matthew 7:13, 14).

Sometimes it is not easy to distinguish the work of God from what happens naturally. When prosperous people take it easy and seek pleasure, they naturally become weak in every way: physically soft, mentally lazy, morally degenerate. When bandits come, they have no strength or will or courage to resist. Having taken it easy for years, they are easily taken.

Then when misery drives them to God and He is ready to rescue them, usually He does not destroy the invaders with a bolt of lightning. He raises up a man to stir up the people so they will strike with courage and power for their own freedom. Still God takes credit both for their defeat and for their victory, and properly so, for He has established the rules

by which sin brings disaster and righteousness brings success. Besides, He sometimes intervenes directly to guide and help the leader He provides.

Forty years of peace followed the great victory of Deborah and Barak (Judges 5:31). A whole generation grew up with no memory of the bad old days when the lion's share of the harvest went to the enemy. A whole generation was accustomed to good crops and easy living. That generation grew more and more careless about keeping God's Law, more and more attracted to idolatry and sin. This time the Lord sent the Midianites, tough nomads from the desert, to punish His people. When those fierce warriors swept into an area, the people of Israel took to the hills to hide (Judges 6:1, 2).—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### **II. POINTS TO PONDER**

A. The people of God were threatened by the Midianites who would make raids and take all of the harvest and cattle that belonged to the Israelites. This is an example of the kind of thing that would come upon Israel as a result of their backsliding and going back into idolatry.

B. Gideon, one of the Israelite men, was busy trying to get the wheat threshed out of sight of the Midianites for fear that they would come and take all that he had. This must have been humiliating and discouraging. Then the angel of the Lord came. God always manifests Himself when man is at the point of his greatest need.

C. Gideon had some trouble in accepting the fact that the angel of the Lord had come to speak to him and that God wanted him to be the leader that would deliver Israel from

the peril of the Midianites, so he asked God for a sign. Then he asked God for a second sign. God gave Gideon the two signs he asked for and then Gideon was convinced that God was calling him to deliver the people from the Midianites.

D. Gideon won the battle with 300 picked, valiant men.

E. A few good men who will follow orders and do what they are supposed to do at the time they are supposed to do it are better than a great number of men that cannot be counted on. If you had to rate yourself on a scale of one to ten, how would you be at faithfulness and obedience?

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### **III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON**

*The Story of a Champion*—God spoke to a young man early in life. God's call was so definite that he knew exactly what God wanted him to do. After much waiting and prayer he finally decided to cast his lot with the Lord Jesus and do what God wanted him to do. He studied and became a preacher. He never pastored a large city church, but for over fifty years he pastored country churches. Many people might have called him a failure, but he knew that he was a champion in his own heart because he had done what he knew to be God's will for his life.—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

During an earthquake, an elderly lady was serene and unafraid. Someone asked her afterwards, "Were you not afraid?" "No," she replied, "I rejoiced to know that I have a God that can shake the world!"

## CHILDREN'S HOME

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### TOE RIVER CONFERENCE

Roaring Creek	\$ 147	\$ 195
Coxe's Creek	170	360
Curtis Creek	100	339
Total Toe River Conference	\$ 417	\$ 894

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Barnes Hill		\$ 501
Black Jack Grove	\$ 1,052	474
Branch Chapel		1,272
Calvary	175	408
Elwood Lane	21	606
Everett Chapel	739	861
Fellowship	25	231
Flood's Chapel	75	234
Free Spirit Mission	41	231
Fremont		588
Free Union	500	459
Friendship	300	510
Holly Springs		609
Kenly	135	1,089
Little Rock	320	1,488
Marsh Swamp	345	1,173
Memorial Chapel	25	111
Micro	265	717
Millbournie	435	756
Mount Zion	17	723
Union #1	175	
Youth Fellowship	75	
New Sandy Hill	175	567
People's Chapel	140	369
Pine Level	30	1,500
Pleasant Grove	575	948
Piney Grove	187	903
Pleasant Hill	100	594
Pleasant Plain	175	351
Rains Cross Roads	220	789
Rock Springs		300
Rosebud	10	270
Selma	50	723
Sherron Acres	575	1,221
Spring Hill	585	414
St. Mary's	465	1,077
Stancil's Chapel	309	537
Stoney Creek	50	1,464
Stony Hill	450	312
Trinity	5,000	807
Union Chapel	97	291
Union Grove	169	705
Unity (Durham)		201
Unity		846
Vatson's Grove	75	117
Wilson, First	1,620	2,856
Durham, First		1,014
Living Waters	150	834
Mount Zion (Wilson)	120	540
Oak Grove	179	528
Orthsemane		282
Mount Zion Sunday School (Nash)	105	
Rosebud Auxillary	5	
St. Mary's Sunday School	106	
Pine Level, First Philea	25	
Pleasant Grove Auxillary	50	
Fremont Laymen's League	25	
Kenly Auxillary	5	
New Sandy Hill Sunday School	75	
Stancil's Chapel Sunday School	72	
Union Grove	6	
Total Western Conference	\$16,704	\$34,401

TOTAL REVENUE—CHURCHES \$59,494 \$78,249

Budget based on \$15.65 per church membership as approved by State Convention

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

(Continued from Page 6)

We have been given the impression that the woman's work, especially the *Woman's Home Mission Societies*, were organized to promote and support missions. Perhaps they were organized for that purpose but the financial report of the Central Auxiliary Convention shows that the largest contribution during the early days went to the Children's Home. The practice of a roll call of churches and a special mission offering was adopted at the September 1966 Convention. Since that time, the mission offering appears to have generally been the largest contribution of the Convention.

According to the minutes of the Eastern, Central, and Albemarle Conventions, although the local auxiliaries and district conventions supported missions, their main activities appeared to have been to aid their local church and district in *whatever way* they could. Their purpose is summed up in the following statement found in the September 25, 1929, minutes: "The president (Mrs. W. H. Harrison) of the convention told a story of house moving, which gives a good illustration of what the women are trying to do in their auxiliaries. They are aiding our men in supporting the churches and the institutions of our denomination."

Someone else has said, "An auxiliary is an organized group of women in the church and serving the church in all of its activities and interests."

Possibly the best summation of the purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary was written by the Rev. Loy E. Ballard in the October 22, 1961, League Quarterly: "The purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is to *labor together with God* in the local church in the interest of the whole program of the denomination. Visiting the sick and giving aid to the needy is, and always has been, a definite part of their work. Stimulating interest in stewardship, through study courses and distribution of literature, is another part of the work of the woman's auxiliary. They also endeavor to encourage support for missions, Christian education, superannuation and the other enterprises of the denomination from the local church. In order that young people of the church may have a part in this ministry, the auxiliary sponsors young people's auxiliaries and go-tell auxiliaries in the local churches."

(It was suggested to this writer and was printed in the Albemarle-Eastern history that the *Little Worker's League* was probably the forerunner of the Free Will Baptist League. However, since that statement was printed, the forgoing Constitution and By-Laws were discovered and it is now believed that probably the *Little Worker's League* was the forerunner of the young people auxiliaries. If any of my readers know which it was, this writer would be greatly interested in any light you can shed upon this question.)

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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### MOC TRUSTEES TO MEET

The Mount Olive College Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, November 23, (Founder's Day) at 9:30 a.m. for the fall quarterly meeting.

### PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SPRING BEGINS

Students at Mount Olive College are currently pre-registering for classes to begin Wednesday, January 12. A limited number of openings are available for transfer students or students who want to begin their college careers.

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Enter into His Gates  
with Thanksgiving . . .

*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

An ambitious young man called on his pastor and promised to tithe, and so together they knelt in prayer to make the promise and to ask God's blessing on the young fellow's career. He was only making forty dollars a week at the time, and therefore tithed four dollars. But before many years his income leaped into higher brackets and he was tithing as much as \$500 a week. He decided he had better call on the minister and see if he could somehow be released from his tithing promise—it was getting much too costly. He told the pastor, "It was no problem when I was only tithing four dollars every week—but now it is up to five hundred dollars—and I simply can't afford that."

The old pastor said, "I do not see how you can be released from your promise, but we could kneel down now and ask God to cut your income back to about forty dollars and a tithe of four dollars a week."

*Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

I had never complained of the vicissitudes of fortune, nor murmured at the ordinances of Heaven, except on one occasion, when my feet were bare and I had not the wherewithal to shoe them. In this despondent state I entered the metropolitan mosque at Cufah, and there beheld a man who had no feet. I offered up praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness to myself, and submitted with patience to my want of shoes (Sa'di).

*For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*

Among the students at a college was a young man on crutches. Although not a handsome fellow, he had earned a talent for friendliness and optimism, and he earned many scholastic honors and had the respect of his classmates. One day a new student asked him what had caused him to become so badly crippled.

"Infantile paralysis," replied the genial young man.  
"With a misfortune like that," exclaimed the other fellow, "how can you face the world so confidently and so happily?"  
"Oh," replied the polio victim, "the disease never touched my heart."

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# GENUINE THANKSGIVING

There's more to being thankful  
Than merely saying so;  
Though this is quite important,  
Far more than some folks know.  
To show appreciation  
For benefit and gift,  
We need to do some thinking,  
Before our voice we lift.

This blessing we call freedom,  
Has really cost a price;  
To others we're indebted,  
Who made the sacrifice.  
But there's no way to tell them;  
They've long passed off the scene;  
How can we show we're grateful—  
Two centuries lie between?

It's wonderful to ponder  
That we can show our thanks  
By passing on to others  
Who follow in our ranks;  
Bequests of noble living,  
And sacrifices too,  
To win the lost for Jesus;  
No greater thing we'll do.

Our wars have been most costly,  
The losses have been great;  
And sadly, after victory,  
Oft' there has smouldered hate.  
But those who've borne the gospel  
To near and distant lands,  
Have turned the tide of history—  
Herein true freedom stands.

That nation but is blessed,  
Which owns Jehovah God;  
To live for selfish pleasure,  
Will surely curse the sod.  
What glory then to follow,  
In paths that saints have trod,  
And publish wide the message  
Of Christ, the Son of God.

—F. P. Mickel





# The History of the Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Work

## Part Three

by Minnie Chandler

The June 16, 1920, issue of *The Free Will Baptist*, which printed the organizational program, also printed a letter to the editor from Mrs. N. O. Hodges (Vannie Watson Hodges, formerly of Plymouth) of Bethany Church. Following is a copy of her letter:

### LETTER FROM BETHANY

Dear Editor:—Just a few lines to let people know that we are still alive at Bethany Church, and trying to do a few things for the Master's cause; though we feel that we are not doing what God expects of the people of Bethany.

Rev. Pittman is serving the church this year twice a month. He served here the past year. The people all seem to like his work. We believe he tries to teach the people a higher standard of Christian living. His sermons are spiritual food for Christians as well as warning to sinners.

Our Sunday school is still moving on, but it is not as good as it should or ought to be.

We don't understand why Christians can stay away from the Sunday school with seemingly no excuse. There are many that we need in the Sunday school if they would only come. By their presence and work we could have a fine Sunday school that would be a credit to a church or community.

We have an Aid Society but am sorry to say we have only a few enrolled. We are few in number, but are trying with earnest efforts to do the work that is so much needed in our Master's kingdom.

We pray that more of the church members will become interested in this good work and come be with us, we need your assistance dear people in bearing the burdens and responsibilities of our work. Indeed it should be a pleasure for us to do our mite to help in the Master's cause.

We should reach out a helping hand to the unfortunate, sick and afflicted people of our community.

Our school, Orphanage and Printing Press are each crying out for maintenance.

Are we to sit with folded hands in a placid manner, saying, "I'm willing to do my part?"

Arise and begin working in the Master's vineyard, not only do your part, but do others' parts that would go undone. Show your willingness by your activity.

The printing company is in need of funds. Let us all contribute to their needs. The Aid Society of this church is going to send a donation.

Our school will need financial help the coming year. This school has made good, which every true Free Will Baptist should be proud. This is a denominational school that must be supported by the Free Will Baptist denomination. All the churches and Aid Societies should donate as much as possible to the school yearly.

Our Orphanage has just opened its doors to the little homeless and motherless children. They will have to be fed, clothed and schooled. Can this be done without finance?

I think every Aid Society should adopt one or more of these children to clothe. We can do it with but little expense. Our Sunday eggs will clothe an orphan, or money that is spent for gasoline used on Sunday for joy rides, would do much towards maintaining this grand institution.

Some of our churches have no mission society. We need this in connection with our Aid Society. We have only the Aid work but we hope to organize the mission work and represent same in our next Convention. We see the need of mission work for the Free Will Baptist cause. We have done but little in spreading what we claim to be a perfect religion. What is the cause? Are we ashamed of our doctrine? Or are we selfish, not wanting to share our religion with others? I think not but we as a denomination are stingy with what God has blessed us with.

We do not want to spend a dollar for missions.

We have a mission board but it lacks finance. They are doing what they can on a small scale.

We need to pay maintaining salaries to able preachers and let them go out on evangelizing expeditions in counties and states where there are no Free Will Baptist churches trying to organize churches.

I heard one of our most able preachers say that this work appealed to him but he did not want to go out unless he was sent by the denomination.

We have no foreign mission work going on. We should be ashamed of this. There are so many hungering and thirsting for a simple religion as ours. Are we always to turn a deaf ear to their cries or give them a stone when they ask for bread. I would like to hear what others think of the mission work.

Yours for the Master's cause,  
Mrs. N. O. Hodges

# North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

**Treasurer's Report, End of Second Quarter,  
October 31, 1982**

**MEET**

**MRS. MOLLIE BEAMON**



*Mrs. Mollie Beamon*

Have you ever been privileged to know a quiet Christian lady who goes about doing good, never taking credit for the things she does? Well, the members of Marlboro Church Auxiliary have such an honor and they would like to introduce that lady to you. Her name is Mrs. Mollie Beamon.

Mrs. Mollie is 72 years old, has been widowed for 38 years and has 8 children, 22 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. They all love her dearly and so do the members of the Marlboro Auxiliary (and church!). Mrs. Mollie can be seen everywhere helping her family and the church whenever and wherever she can. In 1980 she was chosen as one of the Women of the Year in the auxiliary. She took this honor humbly and said she didn't deserve it.

Mrs. Mollie's hobbies are raising flowers, crocheting, sewing, and making quilts. Just recently she presented the auxiliary a beautiful pinwheel quilt and said it was something she wanted to give the auxiliary for it to use as it saw fit. She did all the work on the quilt herself—stitch by stitch. The auxiliary raised \$410 as a result of her gesture for the denominational enterprises.

Thank you, Mrs. Mollie, for your labor of love; may God bless you as you continue your work for the auxiliary, the church, the community, and your family.

Balance Brought Forward, July 31, 1982			\$ 4,144.42
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>General Fund:</b>			
Contributions	\$ 30.00		
Life Award Fees	90.00		
Promotional Fund (CSF)	188.23		
Per Capita Dues	211.60		
Interest on Savings	179.01		
Interest on Checking	51.31	750.15	
Denominational Enterprises		<u>20,238.64</u>	
Total Receipts			<u>20,988.79</u>
Total for Which to Account			<u>\$25,133.21</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Convention Expenses and Allocations	\$ 216.50		
Denominational Enterprises	<u>20,238.64</u>		
Total Disbursed			<u>20,455.14</u>
Balance to Account for October 31, 1982			<u>\$ 4,678.07</u>
<b>Summary</b>			
Branch Banking and Trust Company (checking)	\$ 1,678.07		
Mount Olive College Bonds	3,000.00		
Total	<u>\$ 4,678.07</u>		
<b>Denominational Enterprises Report</b>			
	<b>Itemized</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>
Home Missions (State Project)		\$ 2,396.05	\$ 2,396.05
<b>Foreign Missions:</b>			
General Fund	\$ 589.96		
Mexico	225.00		
Fred Baker	81.89		
India pastor	40.00		
Palawan Library	1,000.00		
State Project (Missionary wives)	<u>1,947.70</u>	3,884.55	3,884.55
<b>Mount Olive College:</b>			
General Fund	28.75		
Alice Lupton Scholarship	66.50		
J. C. Griffin Scholarship	35.00		
Anna Phillips Student Aid	165.00		
Books	15.00		
State Project (Dishwasher)	<u>868.21</u>	1,178.46	1,178.46
<b>Free Will Baptist Children's Home:</b>			
General Fund	540.40		
Clothing	175.00		
Child Support	555.00		
Music Lessons	15.00		
State Project (Media Center)	<u>999.20</u>	2,284.60	2,284.60
Superannuation		227.44	227.44
Cragmont Assembly		7,746.98	7,746.98
Retirement Homes		440.00	440.00
Life Membership Fees (Mount Olive College)		225.00	225.00
Carolina Bible Institute		6.45	6.45
Central Conference Missions		155.00	155.00
<b>*Christian Service Fund:</b>			
Mount Olive College	376.47		
Missions	378.48		
Children's Home	282.35		
Cragmont	282.35		
Superannuation	188.23		
Retirement Homes	<u>188.23</u>	<u>1,694.11</u>	<u>1,694.11</u>
		<u>\$20,238.64</u>	<u>\$20,238.64</u>

10 percent retained for promotional  
(see receipts \$188.23)

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, *Treasurer*



# YES—FREE WILL BAPTISTS DO TAKE THE BIBLE SERIOUSLY!

by Mike Scott

The contents herein do not necessarily reflect the beliefs or policies of the editor  
or of *The Free Will Baptist*.

In the October 27 issue of *The Free Will Baptist* there appeared an article entitled "Do Free Will Baptists Take the Bible Seriously?" Upon reading this article, I, along with many other Free Will Baptists, was both shocked and outraged. It is hard to imagine that anyone called of God to carry forth His Word would even have such doubts about the Bible, much less dare to put them in print. The author states that "we must read the Bible with an *open mind*." If an "open mind" leads to such misconceptions and fallacies concerning a proper interpretation of Holy Scripture, then I submit that such a mind has been influenced by Bultmann, Brunner, Tillich, Niebuhr, and other such "enemies of the faith," and is poisoned by the narrow thinking of *closed-minded* liberals, who would rather doubt the validity of God's Word than to prayerfully seek to understand its true meaning and teachings.

In this article we attempt to refute many of the statements made in the October 27 article. We begin on the basis that the Bible is divinely inspired, literally true, and entirely accurate in all of its concepts and precepts. From Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 the Bible is God's full and complete revelation. The Scriptures do not need to be redefined, nor do they

need to be reinterpreted. What is needed today is for us, as Christians, to get back to the basics of God's Word, and to apply the truth of that Word to our lives. May God bless us in this task.

In his argument against the historical accuracy of the Bible, the author first of all compares the birth narratives of Christ found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. He concludes that both stories are not historically correct. I submit that they are. As Matthew and Luke wrote, they each included details which the other did not. These details DO NOT contradict in any area. Rather, they fit together to give us a more complete picture surrounding the events of the birth of Christ. Historically, the Bible gives us accurate accounts of sacred history. While the Bible is not primarily a book of history, any history contained within its pages is entirely reliable.

In his argument against the scientific accuracy of the Scriptures, the author takes issue with the creation narratives, and with Revelation 7:1 which states "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth . . . ." First of all, I believe that the first two chapters of Genesis to be literally true and scientifically correct. They are an accurate account of God's

creative activity. The Bible teaches us that in six (twenty-four hour) days God created the physical order. To believe, and to teach any other doctrine is to deny the validity of Scripture, to limit the power of God, and to attack the fundamentals of our faith. Second, I believe that the Bible is not primarily a book of science, yet any scientific information which it may contain is true and accurate. To legalistically attempt to make the Bible a "Science Book" is to do a grave injustice to both the purpose and the spirit of its teachings.

In his argument against verbal inspiration, the author states that God inspired men with the truth and then "He left it to them to record that truth using their own peculiar personalities, experiences, literary styles, culture, and limitations." While men are not puppets on a string, and while God does not force upon them their every action, the writers of Scripture were directed by the Holy Spirit in their task, and we believe that the words which they penned were God-breathed. In his second Epistle, Peter teaches us that ". . . prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). In the original Greek, *pheromenoi* (the word

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*Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God (Psalm 92:13).*



*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Psalm 119:11).*

*I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:4).*

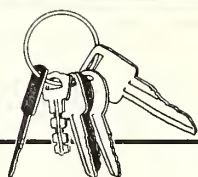
*This is my prayer for you my brother and sister in the Lord. God bless you this Thanksgiving season.*



*Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, That he will send forth labourers into his harvest (Matthew 9:37, 38).*

Charles V. Watt  
Director of Development





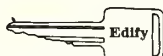
## Keys to Growth Through Home Missions



Those who give \$5 per month or \$60 per year will be awarded a certificate of recognition. This certificate will be green in color.

This level of giving is designed for small groups such as YFA's, AFC's, Cherubs, Sunday school classes, etc., to enable them to have a Home Missions project.

Our goal is to issue 500 of these certificates.



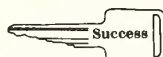
Those who give \$10 per month or \$120 per year will be awarded a blue certificate in recognition of their edifying support. This level of giving is designed for small groups such as Woman's Auxiliaries, YFA's, Layman's League groups, Sunday school classes, etc., to enable them to have a Home Missions project.

Our goal is to issue 400 of these certificates.



Those who give \$25 per month or \$300 per year will be issued a silver certificate in recognition of their faithful support of Home Missions. This level of support is designed for Woman's Auxiliaries, Layman's League groups, large Sunday school classes, small churches, and groups who desire to get more deeply involved in Home Missions.

Our goal is to issue 300 of these certificates.



Those who give \$50 per month or \$600 per year will be presented a gold certificate in recognition of their contribution to the success of the Home Missions program of Original Free Will Baptists. This level of support is designed for churches, auxiliaries, Layman's League groups, and others who want to get involved in the success of Home Missions. A staff member of the Home Missions department will come to your church and present this certificate.

Our goal is to issue 200 of these certificates.



Those who give \$100 per month or \$1200 per year will be presented a beautiful plaque in recognition of their contribution to the excellence of Home Missions. This level of support is designed for churches and groups who desire to go beyond the ordinary in Home Missions giving. The Director of the Home Missions Department will present the plaque in a public service.

Our goal for this key is 100 participants.



Those who give \$5200 per year will be awarded a special plaque of recognition for their superior support of Home Missions. This level of giving is designed for churches and groups who desire to get deeply involved in Home Missions support. The Director of the Home Missions Department will award this plaque in a public service.

Our goal for this key is to have 50 participants.



Those who will adopt a Home Mission by providing full support will be presented a specially designed plaque. This level of support is designed for our larger churches and local conferences.

When a church or conference accepts this challenge, monthly reports will be submitted; quarterly reports will be given for local church conferences.

Our goal for this key is 5 participants.

*A gold lapel pin will be given to each personal contributor. Every member of each YFA, AFC, or Cherub group who becomes a participant in any of the key programs will be issued a lapel pin or charm bracelet key.*

Cut on dotted line and mail to:  
Home Missions Department  
Charles W. Crisp, Director  
P.O. Box 38  
Ayden, North Carolina 28513-0038

You can count on us to support Home Missions through the Keys to Growth Program.

Name of Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_



## PIG PICKING FOR NEW RETIREMENT HOMES BOARD



*Pig Picking*

November 2, 1982, the day of the organizational meeting of the new Retirement Homes Board, Mr. Herman Stocks, one of the retirees, provided and roasted a pig. Other retirees provided the additional food and the Lord provided an especially beautiful day for all to enjoy lunch on the lawn.



*The members of the Retirement Homes Board are as follows: back row, left to right—Walter Sutton, Chairman; Lloyd Jones; James B. Hardee; Everette Harper; J. C. Yates; front row, left to right—Harry Jones; Betty Lee; Hazel Brown; Gary Bailey, President of the State Convention (not present, O. B. Jones and Happy Taylor).*



*Walter Sutton and Don Batchelor*

Walter Sutton gives Don Batchelor a wristwatch in appreciation for his contribution to the Retirement Homes.

One of the many special projects which Don Batchelor, director of Maintenance, is doing for the Retirement Homes is landscape maintenance around the houses to prepare for winter. This preparation for winter will be manifested in the spring revival of God's beauty.



*Hazel Brown and Walter Sutton*

Mrs. Hazel Brown received a ladies' and a man's wristwatch in appreciation for her recent contribution to the Retirement Homes.

The Retirement Homes has a special gift of appreciation for you who make a tax deductible contribution of over twenty-five dollars. A beautiful wristwatch

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## WHY SUPPORT FOREIGN MISSIONS? LOVE

by Harold Jones

The love of God for lost mankind brought the greatest expression of love ever made as described in John 3:16, "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."

We as Christians rejoice in saying Jesus died for me. We talk about His great love for us, and how much we love Him. But there must be a greater expression of that love than mere words. 1 John 3:18 says, "My little children, let us not love in word neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." The greatest expression of our love for Christ is not in saying, "I love Jesus" or in attending numerous functions in His name. *The greatest expression of our love for Christ is seen in keeping His commands.* Jesus said, "If you love me keep my commandments" (John 14:15). He is saying, "Let the words of my mouth, and the attitude of your heart be expressed in action by doing what I have told you to do." *His final command before He ascended into Heaven was, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:16). I believe He made this His last command because of its supreme importance. The greatest need of every person is to hear the gospel and be saved. I cannot over-emphasize the importance of Christians, because of love, keeping this command. The eternal destiny of millions of people depends on it. 1 John 5:3 says, "For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous."

The Apostle Paul said he was constrained by the love of Christ to share the gospel, and share it he did, in suffering, in hardship and even in the face of death. He expressed his love for Christ in action. Friends, we must do the same. The world needs our Saviour.

I wonder what Christ sees when He views the church today and its world mission effort? Does He see that deep compassionate love for Him that is needed to sustain a strong and meaningful mission effort to other lands? Does He see a church praying, giving, and sending from a heart of love for the gospel's sake? What does He see? We must answer that question sincerely and honestly and if we are found lacking, we must correct our course.

**WHY SUPPORT FOREIGN MISSIONS?** Because Foreign Missions is the church expressing its love for Christ in other lands, by taking God's love message to a lost and dying world.

### DECEMBER IS FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH

As you plan your giving this Christmas, do not forget Foreign Missions. Give the most precious gift of all to a lost and dying world. Give the gospel. Your gifts to Foreign Missions enable the Free Will Baptist Church to take the gospel to other lands.

Below is a list of ways you can remember Foreign Missions this Christmas:

- (1) Give through the "J. E. Timmons Memorial Christmas Fund" for Foreign Missions. A special packet of material containing a poster, hand bills, and

special offering envelopes will be mailed to each pastor. Please take advantage of this material and remember the work of Brother Timmons through your special gifts this Christmas.

- (2) Receive a special offering during December for Foreign Missions.
- (3) Some churches are decorating a tree with money for Foreign Missions.
- (4) Individuals can plan to set aside the price of a gift and give that to Foreign Missions.

Every church can and should participate in this for it is the responsibility of all to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

The Foreign Mission ladies  
Spoke to us tonight  
On needs around the world  
Of those who need the light.

They said there is poverty  
Where children scrounge for food  
But much more importantly  
They need a knowledge of God.

They said that we must pray  
And give and give and give  
So that all may hear the gospel  
And look to the Lord and live.

Thank you, Linda and Sandra  
For the blessed role you play  
In helping Free Will Baptists  
To show others the way.

(Written by Mrs. Ruth Warrick, a member of Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, during a recent Missions Study Course held at Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, for the Cape Fear Woman's Auxilliary by Mrs. Linda Baker and Mrs. Sandra Jones.)

Now is the time  
to renew your sub-  
scription to *The Free  
Will Baptist!*

## HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM AT MOC



*Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Deep Run have joined the staff of Mount Olive College. They said their employment at the College is the first time in more than thirty years of marriage that they have been able to travel together to work.*

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor from Smith's New Home Church in Lenoir County have been recently employed at Mount Olive College. Mrs. Taylor, known as "Happy," is bookstore manager and John is assistant maintenance superintendent.

John has 25 years experience in construction work, and Happy was managing the Free Will Baptist Bookstore in Kinston before coming to Mount Olive College. She is also serving as President of the North Carolina

State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Both their children, Lawanna, and J. Wesley Jr., and son-in-law William Whitfield III attended Mount Olive.

The Taylors said that they have enjoyed watching the College grow, and that they are happy to start work there the year the four-year program begins. John said he was especially happy to be at Mount Olive during the construction of College Hall.

## PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLEGE HALL

Good weather has permitted work on College Hall to proceed on schedule. Piling for the foundation is now being driven.

The convention and athletic arena of College Hall will require an expansive span deck, and for this reason the concrete and steel structure must be supported by a strong foundation. In addition, the soil structure on the new campus does

not become firm until a depth of more than thirty feet is reached. In order to assure a foundation that will adequately sustain the building for years to come, a total of 509 piles, 40 feet in length, are being used. This phase of the building is expected to be completed by the end of November.

College Hall is scheduled to be ready for use in 1984, at which time the College plans to add the junior year.

## "MESSIAH" TO BE PRESENTED

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by the Music Department of Mount Olive College on Tuesday, December 7. There will be two performances: 11 a.m. in Rodgers Chapel on campus and at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Mount Olive, 300 North Chestnut Street (one block northeast of the Downtown Campus).

All friends of the College are cordially invited.

## MOC PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will be the guest speaker at Friendship Church in Johnston County on Sunday, November 28, at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit, President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Friendship Church is the Rev. Paul Grubbs.

## NIGHT CLASSES IN RELIGION AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE Spring Semester, 1983 Paul Palmer Institute

The Paul Palmer Institute program is designed to meet the needs of ministers and laypersons who cannot enroll in the regular college curriculum but who nevertheless wish to prepare themselves for more effective Christian service. As a service to Original Free Will Baptists, Mount Olive College will offer the following courses at night, beginning in January, 1983.

*New Testament: January 17—March 7, 1983, Mondays at*

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## SUNDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 43

### THE HAPPY MAN

The Happy Man was born in the city of Regeneration, in the parish of Repentance unto Life. He was educated in the School of Obedience, he works at the trade of Diligence and does many jobs of self-denial.

He owns a large estate in the country of Christian Contentment and wears the plain garments of humility. He breakfasts every morning on spiritual prayer and sups every evening on the same. He also has "meat to eat that the world knows not of."

He has gospel submission in his conduct, due order in his affection, sound peace in his conscience, sanctifying love in his soul, real divinity in his breast, true humility in his heart, the Redeemer's yoke on his neck, the world under his feet, and a crown of glory over his head.

*In order to obtain this, he prays fervently, believes firmly, waits patiently, works abundantly, redeems his time, guards his sense, loves Christ, and longs for glory.*

## MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 44

### A HAPPY MAN

A gentleman going along a country road met a man to whom he courteously wished, "Good morning."

"I have never had a bad morning," replied the man.

"That is very singular; I wish you may always be so fortunate."

"I was never unfortunate," said he.

"Dear me! I wish you may always be happy."

"And I am never unhappy," said the other.

"I wish," said the gentleman, "that you would explain yourself a little."

"That I will certainly do. I never had a bad morning, for every morning I praise God. If it rains or snows; whether the weather be bright or stormy, I am still thankful to God. You wish that I might be always fortunate, but I cannot be unfortunate, for nothing befalls but according to the will of God. And His will is always good, in

whatever He does or permits to be done. You wished me always happy, but I cannot be unhappy while resigned to the will of God, and as long as His peace rules in my heart."

*God's rare and holy gifts abound,  
His loving-kindness wraps us round;  
But of all gifts that I would praise,  
The peaceful nights, the fruitful days,  
All true and good and lovely things,  
Most precious is a heart that sings.*

## TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 45

### I HAVE ONLY JOY!

All loved and believed Mother Stetler who daily lived a beautiful Christian life. As the passing years exacted their toll upon her, her health began to fail. One day she said to her pastor, "I am God's own through grace, but, Pastor, I must confess to you that I have a great fear of death!" "You'll have no fear, Mother, as you enter the valley. The One for whom you have lived over a long span of years will not forsake you when you come to the portals of death."

Some days thereafter the pastor stood by her bed. A smile of ineffable glory wreathed her face. Her lips started to move and she said, "Pastor, soon I shall behold the King in His beauty. I have only joy, not fear!"

*So saying, a redeemed and radiant soul passed to be forever with her Lord.*

## WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 46

### FOUND AT POST OF DUTY

Nearly two centuries ago, a nightlike pall one day settled over parts of New England. Cows wended their way to barns. Chickens went to roost. The people were terrified! Many fell on their knees, believing that the Day of Judgment had come. In Hartford, Connecticut, the State Council was in session. One member proposed a motion to adjourn. All were frightened except one—Abraham Davenport. He said, "I object to

the motion. If this is the Day of Judgment, I want to be found at my post of duty! I move that candles be brought in, and that we proceed with the business at hand!"

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*It may be that "The Book of Remembrance" is the divine messenger on whose pages the soul meets and relives much of its immortal experience.*

## THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 47

### GOD DOES NOT AFFLICT WILLINGLY!

At an early morning hour, the phone in the home of a devout Christian woman rang. "I knew intuitively," she told me later, "that something awful had happened! As I lifted the receiver a voice informed me that my son, recently honorably discharged from the service of his country, had been tragically killed in an automobile wreck. My heart was overwhelmed with sorrow. My son, when he entered the service, was an exemplary Christian, the joy of my heart. While in service, he began to drink. The destroying evil tightened its grasp upon my son. When he was traveling at a high speed under the influence of alcohol, his car went out of control, and was utterly demolished, hurtling him into eternity!"

Since the mother told me of that heart-rending tragedy, I have often thought about the warning words God gave primarily to His children: "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1 Corinthians 5:5).

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*If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are (1 Corinthians 3:17).*

## FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 48

### IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE?

In the Chapel of St. George, in Westminster Abbey, is a memorial of World War II. It consists of four bound volumes that contain the names of the 60,000 civilians who were killed in the city of London by enemy action. One volume lies open on the shrine and a light shines down upon the typescript names that appear on that opened page. Each day a page is turned. Thus will the names of those who were rich or poor, titled or of the common people, old or young, healthy or ill, sound of body or crippled, famous or infamous,

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stand together to be revealed in the light for all to see as a page of the book is turned each day. It is a book of death. There is another book—the Book of Life. It is in Heaven. In that book, too, will be found the names of men and women from all classes and conditions on earth. All will be in the light, and all will be honored of God.

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*The Book of Life will reveal, in that coming day, the names of all those who through faith in God and His Christ will have been regenerated from death to life.*

## SATURDAY, 4 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 49

### NO ESCAPE BY SILENCING THE MESSENGER

An African chief had done something for which the English government wished to punish him and sent a gunboat for this purpose. A runner brought him word that the boat had entered the river. He had the courier killed. The next day a second runner arrived to tell him how far the boat had come up the river. This poor fellow also lost his head. And the same fate was met by the other couriers who arrived the following days. This did not, however, keep the English boat away nor delay the day of judgment. Suddenly the jungle echoed with thunder of cannon and the huts of his kraal collapsed as if made of cardboard. How do we treat the messengers of God who come to tell us of approaching judgment? We may have silenced them, but the Judgment Day is coming.

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*You may have silenced your conscience, grieved the Holy Spirit, left unopened the Holy Bible, and turned your back to your Christian friends—but the Judgment Day is coming.*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

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As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he outwardly. The products of his brain are tintured by the thoughts of his heart. Stephen Foster had melancholic thoughts, and his songs reflect his feelings of sadness and loneliness. Haydn had bright, cheerful thoughts, and his compositions are surcharged with gladness and good cheer!

### PLEASE NOTE

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For November 28

## GIVING ALLEGIANCE TO GOD

**Lesson Text:** Judges 8:22, 23; 9:6-15, 55-57

**Memory Verse:** Judges 8:23

### I. INTRODUCTION

"Politics is such a dirty game that good men stay out of it." Most of us have heard that statement or one similar to it. It is not altogether true, of course. Some good people are involved in politics, people whose intentions are honorable and whose influence is wholesome, people who try to end corruption instead of profiting by it.

Still we have to admit there is some basis for the cynical opinion that politics is dirty. Falsehoods are heard in virtually every political campaign. There is corruption in government. Some good men do stay out of politics because they feel unable to cope with its evils, and some greedy men do go into politics for purely selfish reasons.

This is nothing new in the history of the world. In this week's study we see a worthy man declining the kingship and an unworthy man seeking it—and finding much support.

The lesson also calls attention to another ancient custom. Many times in history grateful people have rewarded military leaders with high positions in government. "Thou wast he who leddest out and broughtest in Israel," said the tribes as they came to make David their king (2 Samuel 5:1-3). Perhaps we cannot know whether Julius Caesar really meant to make himself king or not, but his assassins said he did. Later his victorious grandnephew Octavius declined to be called king or dictator, but the senate

gave him the title of Augustus, and he is known as the first emperor of Rome. In the United States, Washington, Grant, and Eisenhower are prominent among victorious generals elected to the presidency. So we are not surprised to see that Gideon had a chance to become the first king of Israel. More surprising, perhaps, is the fact that he turned it down.

This lesson has its background in last week's study. With a little handful of daring men, Gideon in the darkness slipped up to the enemy camp. In spectacular fashion he routed the powerful coalition of desert tribes that had terrorized Israel for seven years. Then he called in all the nearby tribes to share in the victory and the loot. Oh, yes, Gideon was popular in Israel, and he deserved to be.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. After Gideon had won the victory and the Midianites no longer presented a threat to the Israelites, the people wanted to make him king with the understanding that one of his sons would become king after him. Gideon made three things plain to the people: (1) that he did not desire to be made king; (2) that he did not want his son to become king; (3) he wanted the people to trust God to rule them.

B. After the death of Gideon, one of his sons, Abimelech, began to kill all of the other sons. Evidently he remembered that the people had offered to make his father king. However, one of Gideon's sons, the youngest, Jotham, escaped.

C. Abimelech succeeded in getting himself made king, and he ruled for a short time, but his wicked life soon got the

better of him and the seeds that he had sown in killing his brothers began to bear fruit and he himself met with a violent death. He had attacked a great tower and was about to burn it so that the people in it could not escape when a woman dropped a large millstone on his head. When he saw that he was mortally wounded he asked an armor-bearer to kill him so that no one could say that he was killed by a woman.

D. One of the greatest parables in the Old Testament is the one given by Jotham. You will remember that he was Gideon's youngest son who escaped being slain along with the others by Abimelech. His parable was also an allegory and was truly prophetic. It is one of the Old Testament passages that ought to be remembered by every one.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

### III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

*Who Gets First Place?*—If some one were to ask you, Who gets first place in your life? what would your answer be? Two things cannot have the first place. If they are side by side, neither of them will have first place. God wants to be the king of your life. He wants to have the first place.—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

### COMING EVENTS

**November**—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Children's Home Month

**November 25**—Thanksgiving Day

**November 25**—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. and all Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, Whiteville, and Kinston

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## MIKE SCOTT'S RESPONSE

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translated in 1 Peter 1:21 as "were moved") comes from the verb *phero* which literally means "bear" or "carry." This is the word that would be used to indicate something that is blown or driven by the wind, or to indicate an object that is literally carried or borne. Peter is stating that those who wrote Holy Scripture were "carried" or "driven" by the Holy Spirit.

I would like to go on record, along with the majority of Free Will Baptists, as believing the Bible to be both historically and scientifically accurate, and to be verbally inspired. I do not believe that God in His infinite wisdom would allow lies and contradictions to be contained in sacred Scripture. In the original manuscripts the Bible is completely, totally, and fully accurate and correct in all points. It is God's divine revelation to men, and it is to be believed, preached, and practiced in its entirety. It is time to stop criticizing the Bible and to start reading and abiding by it. I agree that it is now time for us to take the Bible seriously. To do so, we must accept it as the truth of Almighty God, and by His grace present it as the only rule of faith and practice for living the Christian life.

## RETIREMENT HOMES

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## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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6:30-7:45 p.m., College Campus (Henderson Building, Room 115). The course includes a study of the background and message of the New Testament. Teacher: Dr. Michael R. Pelt. Cost: \$20 for Institute credit; \$10 for non-credit.

*Missions and Evangelism: January 17—March 7, 1983, Mondays at 8-9:15 p.m., College Campus (Henderson Building, Room 109). This course is designed to acquaint the student with the modern mission movement and some methods of evangelism. Teacher: Fred Baker, Free Will Baptist Missionary to the Philippines. Cost: \$20 for Institute Credit; \$10 for non-credit.*

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The Rev. Davie Brinson

An old man testified that it took him forty years to learn three simple things: that he couldn't do anything to save himself, that God didn't expect him to, and that Christ had done it all.



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## *Don't Quit*

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're 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.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow—  
You might succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late, when the night slipped  
down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt—  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.





## Between a "Rock" and Quitting?

All of us have been through discouraging times, times when it didn't seem to matter whether or not we were alive, times when there seemed to be nowhere to turn, days when everything that could go wrong did. Something within us quickly suggests that we give up the cause, quit that job, and let someone else hassle with the problems. But when such times come our way—and they will—the best thing for us to do is to go on with the fight!

A disheartened minister had been with a church for quite some time; he had faithfully served the congregation, but his efforts seem to meet with no results. One night while sleeping, he had a dream. In it, he worked hour after hour trying to break up a large granite stone with a pickax. No matter what he did, no matter how hard he worked, the stone did not even chip. In desperation he cried out, "I'm gonna quit; it's no use!"

Suddenly someone appeared beside him and asked, "Were you not appointed to this task? If so, why are you going to abandon it?"

"My work is in vain," the minister replied. "I can make no impression on the granite."

"That is not your concern. Your job is to keep at it. The work is yours; the results may belong to someone else."

The gentleman continued to dream. He picked up the axe and hit the stone once more. With the first blow he delivered, the rock flew into hundreds of pieces.

The "rock" in your life may seem harder than steel, but perseverance is probably the order of the day. Ulysses S. Grant said, "Everyone has superstitions. One of mine has always been when I started to go anywhere, or to do anything, never to turn back or to stop until the thing intended was accomplished." We would do well to follow this practice. We need to remember that rivers grow crooked by dodging difficulties—and so do men. Likewise, roads wind when they take the line of least resistance.

There is no situation, sin, or failure that is hopeless unless we despair of God and ourselves. "It is always too soon to quit" (W. J. Cameron). "Perseverance comes not so much from a strong will as from a strong won't!"

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# DON'T FUMBLE HERE

by Graham Faucette



*For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2).*

An aged minister lay on his deathbed as he looked at a younger minister and stated, that if he had it all to do over again, that he would be careful to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

This is what it is all about. It's the theme of the Bible. It's the water that flows in the river, it's the oxygen that we breathe. Without this theme, the Bible would be meaningless to us. Without the water, the river is just a useless gully.

Jesus and Him crucified should be the thought on every heart. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). This was the very object of the Cross, the purpose of the blood. It was all to end with an empty tomb.

There is joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, joy in that other world. If all the bombs that our nation had were to go off at one time, they would not even shake the nearest star. But when one soul is saved, just one soul, there is rejoicing far beyond the stars. A soul winner has wide influence. He even produces happiness in another world.

It is sad when we think of the multitudes that do not know how to be saved. Have we fumbled here? There are so many intelligent Christians that do not know how to tell them to be saved. They expect their preacher to do all that kind of work. We are saved to be soul winners. "He that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). Jesus said that the only way that we could glorify the Father was to bear much fruit. Are you bearing much fruit?

A man once stopped twenty-nine people on the street and asked them what a person had to do to be saved, or how does a person get to Heaven? How does a sinner get forgiveness for his sins? Out of the twenty-nine people questioned, only seven had any real idea of how God saves a soul from sin. Only seven had any biblical knowledge of salvation. These were all grown people, and most of them said that they attended church fairly regularly. Yet only seven had any knowledge of salvation.

What kind of conclusion do we get from this? If we are willing to face the facts, we must say that the ministers of that town had not spent too much time telling people how to be saved. This is not only true in this tiny section of this town, but it is true all over this nation. Try an experiment of your own and see how it comes out. The next time you hear a minister preach, listen carefully. Ask this question, did he say anything about being saved? If you will check on this, you will be amazed at how many times that they never say anything that is needful to sinners.

The Word of God is used very little at times. Have you ever heard a preacher bring a message and never use anything pertaining to salvation? There is no way of getting to know God unless He is revealed to a person in some way. It's a terrible thing to leave loose ends dangling and leave people to draw whatever conclusion they want to about God. It's really sad when people begin to fumble on these things. How many thousands of people are being misled each day?

It must be remembered that there are many churches whose ministers do not believe the Bible. They do not consider the virgin birth important. In fact some do not even believe that it happened. They do not consider

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the Blood of Christ important. They have no real concept of His Resurrection. They say that, His coming out of the tomb was not literal at all. And of course they do not believe in a judgment of sinners, or the indescribable suffering of lost men in Hell. The men, women, and children who go to churches that have ministers of this type will not have an opportunity to learn the facts about the Bible. One could listen to these ministers for a lifetime and never accumulate enough Bible information to be saved. So of the millions of people that attend church, many are as ignorant of salvation as if they had never attended services anywhere. This can only mean that most of our people have very little knowledge of their spiritual needs. Most of them are lost, and will go to Hell when they die. How important it is not to fumble here, because it might be the cause of many people going to Hell.

Every time that we get an opportunity to speak to a lost soul, let's make it count for Christ. You could lead one more soul away from Hell. It may be that he is a stranger whose longing heart guided him away from his home to your door. It may be that he came to church just to please his mother. It could be for any number of reasons, but, whatever the reason, just thank God that he is there. All over this land this sad neglect is evident, that we are fumbling when we are trying to do God's work.

We are like a doctor who forgets his medicine, or the plumber who forgets his tools, or the delivery boy who forgets his package. Many times we forget to take our weapon with us, the Lord Jesus Christ. Without Him we cannot win the battle. Christ died for our sins, He was buried, He arose from the grave a living Saviour. We need to find the Bible truth and stick to it. Then we will not fumble.

TO THE EDITOR:

To the Editor:

I would like to begin by saying that the editorial entitled "Ebb Tide," found in the October 27 issue of *The Free Will Baptist* contained some very challenging points for preachers, and we would do well to take them to heart. I would also like to comment on another article found in the same issue, entitled, "Do Free Will Baptists Take the Bible Seriously?" As a preacher I am disappointed that this article was published in *The Free Will Baptist*. The stated purpose of the paper "is to promote the cause of Christ among Original Free Will Baptists." We certainly do not promote the cause of Christ by trying to discredit the authority of the Bible. *The Free Will Baptist* also states that "we reserve the right to refuse any article or news that is inconsistent with our purpose, programs, or policies." Certainly any article that attempts to destroy our confidence in the inspired Word of God (the very foundation of Christianity) should be refused.

The writer states that "the Bible nowhere claims to be historically accurate, scientifically accurate, nor verbally inspired." Yet later on in the article he states "I believe the Bible conveys the truth of God." What is the truth of God? May we allow Jesus to answer the question for us? In John 17:17 He said "thy Word is truth." Now if the Bible is the Word of God (and I believe that it is, and the writer also states in his introduction that "We have always believed the Bible to be the Word of God"), then what the Bible (God's Word)

## IN RESPONSE

has to say about science, history, or any other subject is truth! Because Jesus said "thy word is truth."

If the Bible has false or contradictory statements about science and history as the writer claims, then how are we to know that it does not contain false or contradictory statements about the way of salvation? If we cannot trust what it says in one area, how are we to trust it in another? And who among us is smart enough to determine which parts are true and which parts are not? We would do well to take heed to the words of 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" and as such we believe it to contain truth in every matter in which it speaks. The writer closes with this statement, "Our faith is not in the Bible." Yet we read in Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." It is in the Bible that we find such passages as John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9, Romans 10:13. One must have faith in the Bible in order to be saved.

In Psalm 11:3 we read, "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

The Bible is the foundation of Christianity. If we could destroy it (and we can't—Psalm 119:89, 1 Peter 1:23-25 and Matthew 24:35) where would we be? what would we stand on? If we do not believe the Bible to be the truth, then why do we preach it?

Thank you.

Donald Walstor  
Pastor of Wintergreen Free  
Will Baptist Church  
Cove City, North Carolina 2852.

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## WESTERN CONFERENCE TAKES STAND

The Ninety-sixth Annual Session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met with Marsh Swamp Church on October 14, 1982. During the meeting, the following items of interest were adopted:

### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

WHEREAS, there exists a great need for the indwelling of a Godly Spirit,  
WHEREAS, the moral degeneration of our state and nation has accelerated as a result of sinning,  
WHEREAS, God has always been receptive to prayer, dedication, evangelism, and in general, the involvement of His people where lasting good has been wrought,  
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the temperance of His people be fully utilized in the following considerations:

1. That we continue to resist alcoholic beverage promotion, sale, distribution and use by all people.
2. That we urge our legislators to continue the fight against D.U.I.s and other alcoholic beverage abuses.
3. That we urge the passage of legislation raising the legal age by at least two (2) years.
4. That, through temperance, God's people set the example for others by refusing to accept anything harmful to a Christian witness, recognizing the human body to be the temple of the Holy Spirit.
5. That the Free Will Baptist churches of this Conference observe an "Awareness Day" during 1983, designed to inform, review and discuss the growing influence of sin and how best to influence expanding Christianity instead.
6. That this body go on

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record as being opposed to straight-line coaxial cablevision which enables anyone with a modern television with station search to receive uncensored programs. (The law should be changed so that filters are mandatory in all areas of the state.)

7. That the gathering of this day review 1 John 2:15-17 and upon the adoption of this report observe an altar of prayer for ourselves and all who shall come under our umbrella of Christian influence.

8. That this group adopt the goal of reading through God's Word at least once each year as an anti-temperant remedy.

9. That every minister, delegate, and visitor leave this assembly determined to attack intemperance by pledging to support, love and pray for our denomination as a team designed to make Jesus Christ known to the world. Report closed with an altar prayer. On motion to accept report.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Billy Yawn,  
Chairman  
Rufus Hare

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

3. WHEREAS, our Faith and Discipline says that our churches should call ministers from the list of ordained ministers, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Conference instruct the Board of Ordination to refrain from ordaining a man until he is called to pastor a church, or into full-time Christian service, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all eligible licensed ministers who have passed the ordination exam be approved for ordination pending their call to a church or into full-time Christian

service, and upon receiving the call be ordained. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we notify all other Ordaining Councils of this action and that a copy of this resolution be printed in *The Free Will Baptist*.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Lloyd Hargis,  
Chairman

The Rev. Harry G. Brown

## TRUST

When trials come our way  
We have one thing to say

"Why me Lord—

What did I do?

Maybe instead we should say

"I know Lord—

I wasn't trusting in You."

When we have sickness and death

We should thank God that we have breath

And instead of all the crying  
That comes from our loved ones dying,

We should thank Him for the home He's made for us.

If only in Him we put our trust.

We'll be in Heaven some sweet day,

And with our loved ones we will stay

When we're caught up together in the air

He'll be waiting for us there.

For in those pearly gates

That's where He waits

And with God on His throne

None of our troubles will be known.

"If anyone should complain,

It should be Jesus—He knew real pain"

"He died for our sins

But He didn't complain"

He loves us and He says—

Look to Me, believe in Me, trust in Me, and do your best—

"Come to Me and I will give you rest."

—Fonda T. Garrett



# The History of the Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Work

## Part Four

by Minnie Chandler

We learn from the Bethany Ladies Aid Society minutes and the Central Conference minutes where or when the Central Convention met during the years 1920 until September 1923. We learned from the Constitution and By-Laws that the convention met quarterly to begin with, and officers were elected yearly. In March, 1953, officers began to be elected for a two-year term. Also, Spring was to be the time to conduct the main business while the Fall meeting was to be an inspirational time, with only pressing business to be attended to.

By motion Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Hodges were appointed delegates to the *Sunday School* and *Aid Convention* which convenes at Arthur (Church) August 26, 1920.

Mrs. Lydia Summerl was appointed to represent this body (Bethany) in the next *Sunday School* and *Ladies Aid Convention* which meets in Ayden, Thursday before the fifth Sunday in October (1920).

On motion Mrs. R. F. Pittman was appointed a delegate to our next convention (January 1921).

Mrs. H. McLawhorn was delegate to the convention in August 1921.

Mrs. J. L. Brown was appointed as delegate to convention (October 1921) at Little Creek Church with \$1.00 contribution.

Following is the report of the *Auxiliary Convention* given at the Central Conference, November 10, 1921, at Elm Grove Church:

May 27, 1920, delegates from a few of the churches of the Second Union District, of the Central Conference, of the State of North Carolina, met with the church at Winterville for the purpose of organizing a Convention of the different church *auxiliaries*. Rev. E. C. Morris preached the introductory sermon. We organized a Convention known as the S. S. (*Sunday School*), L. A. S. (*Ladies' Aid Society*), H. M. (*Home Mission*), and L. W. L. (*Little Worker's League*). In October 1921 (at the convention at Little Creek), we adopted the present Constitution and made it a Conference instead of District Convention. It was then known as the S. S., L. A. S., H. M., and L. W. L. Convention of the Central Conference. Our Convention was endorsed by the Conference at Little Creek (November 11, 1920) and our Constitution printed in the minutes of 1920. Since then our name has been changed to the *Auxiliary Convention*.

Out of funds received we have donated \$74.75 to the Orphanage Fund, \$25.00 to the Educational Fund, and \$25.00 to the Church Extension Fund.

We ask the co-operation of both ministers and laymen.

Mrs. Lillie Smith, *President*  
Greenville, N.C.

Mrs. W. L. Nobles, *Secretary*  
Ayden, N.C.

They also donated \$5.00 to the Conference.

Moved that we (Bethany) send \$2.00 to Convention (January 1922).

On motion Mrs. N. O. Hodges was appointed delegate to the *Auxiliary Convention* (August 1922) with \$2 donation.

In the Central Conference minutes of November 8, 1922, which met at Howell Swamp Church, it is recorded:

Sister Lillie Smith made the following report of the work done by the *Ladies Auxiliary Convention*: Organized since last Conference, *Ladies Aid Societies* 3; *Little Worker's Leagues* 2; donated to college campaign \$100.00; to Orphanage \$10.00; to Rev. J. R. McCaskey \$33.08; paid Field Organizer \$8.50; sent to this Conference \$3.00.

Mrs. Lillie Smith, *Delegate*

In the September 5, 1923, minutes of the Central Auxiliary Convention which met at Ayden Church it is interesting to note that "being the opening day at the Seminary we all assembled with the school for chapel."

It is also recorded that "Rev. A. H. Outlaw came as a delegate from the Eastern Conference, to ask the members of the Central (Auxiliary) Conference to co-operate with them in making the Constitution and By-Laws uniform so we can have something to present to the Free Will Baptists everywhere and all be working in harmony. A committee composed of the Rev. A. H. Outlaw, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Mrs. Mittie Hughes, Miss Nancye Dail, and Mrs. Renfrew retired to draw up Constitution and By-Laws.

The report of the committee on Constitution and By-laws was adopted. Same will be published sometime in the near future.

It is not known what changes were made in the Constitution and By-laws which were adopted in October 1921 at Little Creek.

In this same convention, it was decided that the convention would meet annually with the next meeting on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in March, 1924.

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**NEW MISSION  
GRIFTON, NORTH CAROLINA**



*The Grifton Mission*

October 24 was a very significant day for your Home Missions Board. A new mission was born in Grifton, North Carolina. Twenty-one people assembled in the facilities of the former St. Jude Catholic Church building and formed a new Free Will Baptist Mission.

This building is located in the very heart of the city and overlooks the main street. We are excited about what God is doing in Home Missions.

The Rev. James Sowers is pastoring this work. He and his wife, Theresa, live in Kinston. They have two children: Christy, age 4; and John Robert, age 2.

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**Robert's Grove  
Has Homecoming**

Sunday, October 3, 1982, was a wonderful day for the people at Robert's Grove Church, Route 1, Dunn. Spiritual fellowship began at 8 a.m., when the Layman's League met at the church for their fellowship breakfast. The speaker for the hour was Byron Ray Jackson, from Jacksonville. He is a former member of Robert's Grove, who grew up in the community.

Sunday school opened under the direction of the superintendent, Bobby Johnson, at 10 a.m. There were 127 present.

During the 11 a.m. worship service there was a great spiritual blessing in store for all in attendance. The children's message was brought by Mrs. Ruth Allen, with the enthusiasm that only she can have. She used as her topic "Preserving Our Souls!" Bobby Tew was in charge of the memorial service. Special music was rendered by the chancel choir, under the direction of Mrs. Dixie Honeycutt. The pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen, delivered the homecoming message. His topic was, "Attitude of Indifference." He used Matthew 23:27, 28 as his Scriptural background. He said, "We believe what we want to about God's Word. We take it out of context and quote it to suit our life-style. When we do this, we are no better in God's eyes than the scribes and Pharisees." After the invitational hymn, the annual harvest offering was placed at the altar as the congregation marched out. The harvest offering was \$6,342.34, for which the church thanks the Lord and praises His wonderful name.

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The lunch hour was a time of handshaking and fellowship with friends and loved ones, and also a lot of good food to enjoy.

The afternoon service was filled with singing by the choirs, the Honeycutt Trio, Mrs. Susan Faircloth and Mr. Peyton Lee.

### SCENES FROM PITT COUNTY DINNER



### PITT COUNTY COLLEGE DINNER

Original Free Will Baptist Churches of Pitt County gave \$13,637 to support Mount Olive College at their annual dinner. This amount was slightly less than their contribution to the College in 1981. There were 280 people in attendance.

Since the dinners were begun in 1963, the churches have given more than \$1,500,000 in support of Mount Olive College. Dr. Burkette Raper stated that Free Will Baptists are richer in the field of Christian education because of the amount of support which has been given to the already accredited College.

He brought out the fact that Ayden was the home of Ayden Seminary and Eureka College, which were years ago supported by Free Will Baptists. An alumni association still meets today in June and is open to relatives of students who attended this institution.

In speaking for Mount Olive College, Dr. Raper added that today Free Will Baptists should want a college of their own because of the educational opportunities it can provide. (It is possible for students to receive \$225,000 in scholarships; therefore Mount Olive College must meet the needs of its people.)

Trustees from Pitt County serving on the Mount Olive College board were recognized. They were Sam Bundy, Mrs. Floyd Harris, and Bill McLawhorn.

Marlboro and Gum Swamp Churches received \$100 scholarships for having the most high school students present at the dinner. Gum Swamp Church also received the scholarships for having the most present and giving the most per capita.

Pitt County churches represented at the dinner were as follows: Ayden, Bethany, Dilda's Grove, Elm Grove, First of Greenville, Gum Swamp, Hickory Grove, King's Cross Roads, Marlboro, Piney Grove, Reedy Branch, Rose Hill, Sweet Gum Grove, and Winterville.

### OLD-FASHIONED DAY AT WATERY BRANCH CHURCH



Many happy and smiling faces were seen at Watery Branch Church, Route 2, Stantonsburg, North Carolina, on September 10, 1982, as old-fashioned day was celebrated.

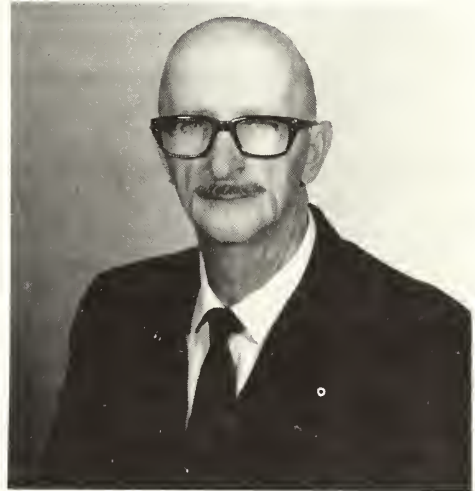
The dresses, bonnets, overalls, boutique oil lamps and flower arrangements made the scene in the church appear to be much like days long ago, but the love and sweet Holy Spirit of the Lord felt during the service reminded everyone of the good old days that back generations experienced years ago in the same church.

The choir sang, "The Old Time Religion," and "I'd Rather Be An Old-Time Christian." The Rev. David DeHart preached an old time spirit-filled message that blessed each one present.

In the afternoon service, many testimonies of praise to God for His blessings were given along with prayer around the altar. The youngest to the oldest will remember this day and the love and fellowship that was enjoyed.

*Give the gospel to the lost through your  
gifts this Christmas to the . . .*

**J. E. TIMMONS  
MEMORIAL  
CHRISTMAS FUND  
FOR  
FOREIGN  
MISSIONS**



*The Rev. J. E. Timmons  
1924-1981*

**The Rev. J. E. Timmons served as missionary to  
Mexico with the Free Will Baptists from 1963-1981.**

Your memorial gifts this Christmas will be a special tribute in memory of this man who dedicated his life to foreign missions. "He had a heart of love for the Mexican people."

**Make this an annual part of your Christmas celebration.**

**Send contributions and inquiries to:**

**December Is Foreign Missions Month.**

Your regular gifts keep our  
mission effort on the advance.

**BOARD OF  
FOREIGN  
MISSIONS**

**N.C. STATE CONVENTION OF  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
Harold Jones, Director-Treasurer  
P.O. Box 38  
Ayden, NC 28513-0038  
Phone (919) 746-4963**

A packet of material has been sent to each church with special offering envelopes to be used by individual church members in making their gifts to the "J. E. Timmons Memorial Christmas Fund" for foreign missions. These envelopes have been provided to be used within the local church. As you place your special offering in the collection plate during December, these envelopes will make it easy for this to be kept separate from the regular offering of your church.

Thank you in advance for your gifts to the "J. E. Timmons Memorial Christmas Fund" for foreign missions.

If more envelopes are needed than were sent to your church, please contact the Board of Foreign Missions and we will supply you with the extra amount you need.



## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS

### Comparative Report: 1981-1982

For the past twenty years (1963-82) Mount Olive College has held a series of seventeen dinners for the purpose of fostering support by churches, individuals, alumni and friends. Gifts to the College through these dinners have totaled \$1,633,882.

At the 1982 dinners, gifts reached an all-time high of \$154,697. Attendance for the year totaled 3,865.

County/Area	1981 Gifts	1982 Gifts	1982 Attendance	1982 Chairman
Beaufort	\$ 7,611	\$ 8,180	290	Billy Gurkin
Carteret	7,612	7,423	207	David Ward
Craven	9,145	11,001	286	Marice DeBruhl
Duplin	8,760	8,888	216	W. D. Thigpen
Edgecombe-Halifax	5,897	6,500	128	Rufus Harrell
Greene	9,588	8,984	172	George Harrison
Johnston-Wake	21,589	22,206	563	Donald Coats
				Philip Wood
Jones	2,844	2,299	66	Mildred Jenkins
Lenoir	5,813	5,839	176	Stanley Jenkins
Nash	3,190	3,039	140	Lester Duncan
Onslow, New Hanover				
Brunswick	1,830	1,933	130	O. B. Taylor
Pamlico	7,046	8,088	139	M. N. Caroon
Pitt	13,893	13,637	280	Dorothy Dail
Sampson, Harnett				
Cumberland	7,821	7,950	225	C. Felton Godwin
Washington, Martin,				
Tyrrell, Chowan,				
Pasquotank	4,811	5,173	225	David Cahoon
Wayne	17,489	17,708	285	Louise Edgerton
Wilson	15,475	15,849	337	James B. Hunt Sr.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,414</b>	<b>\$154,697</b>	<b>3,865</b>	

**Appreciation:** We thank each person whose gifts and services have made possible this outstanding record of support. Investments made in Mount Olive College through these dinners have helped us to maintain a quality program of Christian higher education, provide scholarships for deserving students, develop our new campus, and make plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

W. Burkette Raper, President  
Jean F. Ackiss, Associate Director of Development

## LICENSED MINISTERS ATTEND COLLEGE



These licensed Free Will Baptist ministers shown above have moved to the town of Mount Olive in order to enroll at Mount Olive College as full-time students. From left to right, they are listed with their home churches: Steve Starnes from Holly Springs, Eastern Conference; Cecil Blackman from Smyrna, Cape Fear Conference; Melvin "Buddy" Rogerson from St. Paul, Albemarle Conference; and (seated) Roger Heath from Spring Branch, Central Conference. They can be contacted at MOC through Chaplain Frank Harrison for supply appointments or other kinds of speaking engagements. Phone: MOC (919) 658-2502; home 658-9363.

## SISTERS CONTRIBUTE



These three sisters, all long-time supporters of Mount Olive College, discuss with President W. Burkette Raper contributions made to the College at the recent Johnston-Wake Counties Dinner. They are, from left to right, Mrs. Careena Williams and Mrs. Ella Boyette, both from Rains Cross Roads Church; and Mrs. Saddle Peedin of Pine Level Church. A total of \$22,206 was contributed to Mount Olive College through the Johnston-Wake Dinner.

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# Children's Home

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gifts were given to the Children's Home in memory of friends or loved ones.

### September 1982

Donor	In Memory of
Christian Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tyndall
Margaret Briley	Clarence and Martha Briley
Parthenia Goulding	Mrs. Hilary Bragg
Sam Pittman	Tom Jones
Sam Pittman	Joe Whitley
Lucy Davis	Gladys Deans
Mrs. E. G. Roper	The Rev. Herman Wooten
Daphne V. Lucas	Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pittman
Kenly Auxiliary	Jessie Woodard
	Memorial Fund
Hickory Chapel	Gracie Parker Dempsey
Margaret Briley	Walter and Catherine Briley
Selma Briley	Martha and Clarence Briley

### October 1982

Mrs. Jessie B. Alexander	Redie Alexander
Kenly Auxiliary	Jessie Woodard
	Memorial Fund
Margaret Briley	Clarence and Martha Briley
Selma Briley	Clarence and Martha Briley

There's so much now I cannot see,  
My eyesight's far too dim:  
But come what may, I'll simply trust  
And leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift  
And plain it all He'll make,  
Through all the way, tho' dark to me,  
He made not one mistake.  
—A. M. Overton

### THE WEAVER

My life is but a weaving  
Between my Lord and me,  
I cannot choose the colors  
He worketh steadily.

Ofttimes He weaveth sorrow,  
And I in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper  
And I, the underside.

Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.  
—Grant Colfax Tullar

We would like to share this thought with you.

The Lord's work is done by the Lord's purchased people.  
Those who look to Him in faith, His direction seek,  
Success will be measured in eternity by the Master from whom no secrets are hidden.

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER, 1982 Total \$1,088.83

<b>ALBEMARLE</b>	
St. Paul	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 15.00
<b>CENTRAL</b>	
Bethany	\$ 25.00
Howell Swamp	25.00
Rocky Mount, First	50.00
Total	\$100.00
<b>EASTERN</b>	
Bridgeton	\$ 25.00
Saints Delight	175.00
Total	\$200.00
<b>PEE DEE</b>	
Mt. Calvary	\$ 40.00
Oak Grove	33.83
Total	\$ 73.83
<b>WESTERN</b>	
People's Chapel	\$ 25.00
Sherron Acres	25.00
Stoney Creek	500.00
Wilson, First	150.00
Total	\$700.00

## SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S HOME

One of the faithful financial supporters of the Children's Home also is faithful in encouraging the staff. Below are two poems which accompanied her support, THE WEAVER and HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE. May these words give encouragement to your heart as you read them.

### HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE

My Father's way may twist and turn,  
My heart may throb and ache.  
But in my soul I'm glad I know,  
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray,  
My hopes may fade away.  
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead  
For He doth know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem  
That day will never break;  
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,  
He maketh no mistake.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We encourage you to send a birthday card; the children look forward to receiving mail and this would be one way you could brighten their day.

Ramona Hopkins, December 26, 1964  
Cindy Webb, December 28, 1967



## SUNDAY, 5 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading – Psalm 50

### HERE IS HALF OF THAT BLANKET!

General Marquis de Lafayette was a Frenchman. He helped General Washington when the thirteen American colonies were fighting for their freedom. After the war Lafayette returned to France. In 1824 he visited America. An old soldier went up to him and said, "Do you remember me?" "No," Lafayette said. "Do you remember the frosts and snows of Valley Forge?" asked the soldier. "I shall never forget them," answered Lafayette. "One bitterly cold night," continued the soldier, "when you were going the rounds, you came upon a sentry who was thinly clothed. He was slowly freezing to death. You took his gun and said, 'Go to my hut. There you will find clothes, a blanket and a fire. After warming yourself, bring the blanket to me. Meanwhile I will keep guard for you.' When the soldier returned to you, you cut the blanket in two pieces. One piece you kept. You gave the other part to the sentry!" Tears ran down the cheeks of the old soldier as he said, "General, here is that half of the blanket. I am the sentry whose life you saved!"

*The life that counts must helpful be,  
The cares and needs of others see,  
Must seek the slaves of sin to free,  
This is the life that counts.*

## MONDAY, 6 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading – Psalm 51

### AN UNSULLIED NAME

A man once caught another in the very act of picking his pocket. The thief excused himself by saying that he was workless and starving, and how, after he had served a term of imprisonment, nobody would employ him. Whenever he gave his name his reputation became known, and no one would trust him. "Well," said the other, "take my name, which I have never yet sullied. I give it to you. Take it and keep it clean." He then took steps to find the man employment. Fifteen years later he was told that a gentleman was waiting to see him. A glance at his visiting card revealed that he bore the same name as himself, and when he opened his lounge door to see his visitor, he was confronted by a man of fine and noble appearance, who said, "I

have called to tell you that today I have been made a partner in the firm to which you recommended me fifteen years ago, and all you see me to be, I owe to your noble generosity, and above all to the gift of your name which is still unsullied. God bless you, Sir, and reward you."

*The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you and those to whom you are indebted.*

## TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading – Psalm 52

### HE ACTED OUT THE MEANING!

A little girl in Boston became critically ill. She was visited by Dr. Phillips Brooks whose Sunday school she had attended. As he stood at her bedside he noticed how uncomfortable she looked as she lay propped up in her bed. The pillow was sagging and the sheets were wrinkled. "Little girl, let me lift you clear off your bed while Mother smooths it and makes it comfortable for you," he said tenderly. After the bed was tidied up, he gently laid her down. Soon she fell asleep.

When the little girl awakened she said to her mother, "Oh, Mother, how good it felt to have someone lift me who is strong enough to feel no strain!"

That night the nurse read this verse from the Bible to her little patient: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Said the little girl, "I now know what that verse means. Dr. Brooks acted out its meaning when he visited me!"

*Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can!*

## WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading – Psalm 53

### KINDNESS REWARDED

Some eighty years ago, in a rural community a farmer was caught putting water in his milk

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In those days that offense was considered as great a crime as horse-stealing. The farmer was a member of the church. He was not prosecuted, but he and his family were shunned by the other church folks.

On Christmas day, an elder of the church said to his wife, "I'm going over to our shunned neighbor, and try to move a load from his heart!" "May the children and I go with you?" his wife asked. "Indeed you may," said the modern Good Samaritan, "and let us share with him and his family some of the good things we have received at this glad season!"

When they met the farmer and his wife, the women embraced each other with tears. And the elder said to the erring brother, "We need each other, and we ought to love one another." The farmer broke down and began to weep. He started to pray, but he couldn't finish his prayer. His wife had to finish it for him.

The two families parted with joy, knowing that the Christmas message of good will had been proclaimed in a neighborly and joyous manner.

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*You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late!*

## THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 54

### I COULD BE A DANGEROUS MAN

A man had been out of work for some time. He and his family were in dire need. He began to walk to a distant town. In seeking directions to his destination, he knocked at a door. It was the home of the minister of a small church nearby. The minister lived alone. He had just prepared his noonday meal, so he said to the stranger, "Come in! Have something to eat with me!" The minister gave thanks for the meal and concluded his prayer by saying, "Arid Lord, bless the guest whom You have graciously sent to me!" The stranger was deeply touched. He said, "Why, Sir, you don't know me. I could be a dangerous person for all you know!" "Even so," said the minister, "but for years I have put my day in God's hands, asking Him to fill it as He wishes, and to send to me those in need of help and those to whom I can show the kindness of the Lord."

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*Kindness is a language that the dumb can speak and the deaf can hear and understand.*

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## FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 55

### YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME

A Christian lady, well advanced in years, was forced by circumstances to seek outside employment. After meeting with several discouragements, she was given a job. She had no special qualifications, and it was with difficulty that she did the work expected of her. Later she related: "As a Christian, I wanted to do my best. I would have been a failure had it not been for the kindness and help given me by a Christian lady in charge of the department where I worked. One day, after I had sincerely thanked her for all she had done for me, she said, 'God expects His children to bear one another's burdens. I have found great joy in helping you. In helping you in my Saviour's name, it was just the same as helping Him!'"

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*Join the great company of those who make the barren places of life fruitful with kindness. Carry a vision of Heaven in your heart.*

## SATURDAY, 11 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 56

### PASS IT ON

If you hear a kind word spoken  
Of some worthy soul you know,  
It may fill his heart with sunshine  
If you only tell him so.

If a deed, however humble,  
Helps you on your way to go,  
Seek the one whose hand has helped you,  
Seek him out and tell him so.

If your heart is touched and tender  
Toward a sinner, lost and low,  
It might help him to do better  
If you'd only tell him so.

Oh, my sisters, oh, my brothers,  
As o'er life's rough path you go,  
If God's love has saved and kept you,  
Do not fail to tell men so.

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*I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now! Let me not defer it, or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.



For December 5

## THE NATURE OF LUKE'S GOSPEL

**Lesson Text:** Luke 1:1-4;  
5:29-32; 8:19-21; 9:18-22  
**Memory Verse:** Luke 5:32

### I. INTRODUCTION

In recent generations, certain scholars have considered it fashionable to question the historical reliability of the four biographers of Jesus. We have heard them say they are "searching for the historical Jesus," suggesting that the world has waited for them to discover just who Jesus really was, how He actually lived, and precisely what He taught. The assumption is that ancient historians lacked the objectivity that is essential to accurate reporting, or that they were moved more by emotional, doctrinal, or legendary motives and sources than by an impartial, investigative technique.

These criticisms are lengthy, involved, and essentially unconvincing. In support of the work of Luke, there are some factors that cannot be ignored. First, he was a well-educated man, accustomed to dealing with facts. As a physician he recognized the importance of getting all relevant information, and getting it straight. Second, his research was intensive. Investigating everything related to the life story of Jesus, he wrote from the direct testimony of eyewitnesses rather than relying upon hearsay. Third, Luke's testimony sprang from the totally unselfish motive of a man who was sure of his convictions and stood by them, not for personal gain, but because he had a vital message to share.

But the factor most overlooked and, in fact, most vital, is the work of the inspiration of

the Holy Spirit. In His last message to the apostles before His Crucifixion, Jesus promised to send the Comforter to dwell within them. Among the reassurances given was the promise that the Spirit would "bring to your remembrance all that I said to you," and "guide you into all the truth" (John 14:26; 16:13, *New American Standard Bible*). What historian would not want a resource such as these apostles—men who would never forget what they had heard or been told, and who would be guided in the discovery and relating of all pertinent facts?

In view of all these factors, it is not unreasonable for us to believe that Jesus, who is presented to us by Luke and the other Gospel writers, actually lived on earth and was who He claimed to be.

For the months of December, January, and February we will study the Gospel account written by Luke. The only Gentile writer of an account of the life of Christ, he shows in many ways that the gospel Jesus came to establish was designed for universal hearing and response.

Like Paul, Luke would have been familiar with the vanity of the human philosophies of his day. His thorough investigation into the claims of the Nazarene convinced him beyond doubt that He was all He claimed to be: the anointed Lamb of God who came to free the world from the shackles of sin.

Today's lesson brings us directly to this point. Luke explains the purpose of his writing to Theophilus: "that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught" (1:4, *New American Standard Bible*). Four well-chosen excerpts from the early

chapters of the book indicate Luke's careful research, his concern for the readers' enlightenment, and the paramount purpose of Jesus' mission.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. All of this quarter we will be studying some things from the Gospel of Luke. Perhaps a good way to begin is to find out a few things about Luke himself. First, we learn that he was a physician and a companion of the Apostle Paul. We may also assume that he was a Hellenistic Jew or a Gentile. We know him as the writer of the Acts of the Apostles as well as this third Gospel which we will be studying this quarter.

B. The first four verses of the Gospel of Luke form the preface to this Gospel. They tell us the subject, the source, the motivation, and the purpose of his book.

C. Jesus went to the home of Levi, a publican, for a meal. The scribes and Pharisees found fault with Him because of this. Thus Luke lets us know early in his Gospel what the attitudes of the Jews were toward Jesus.

D. Once when a great crowd of people were around Jesus, His mother and His brothers wanted to see Him but were unable to get to Him. When Jesus was told about this He said, *My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it*. Here Jesus was showing that eternal relationships are more important than earthly relationships.

—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

Now is a good time to renew your subscription to *The Free Will Baptist*.

TO: Whom It May Concern  
FROM: The Board of Directors of the Free  
Will Baptist Press Foundation,  
Inc.  
DATE: November 8, 1982

In a Board of Directors meeting on  
September 12, 1982, the following motion  
was made:

A motion was made that the Board of  
Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press  
Foundation look into the membership of  
the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation,  
Inc. and that new memberships be offered  
for sale at \$100.00 per share.

Be it understood that the Charter sets forth  
that:

Certificates of membership shall not be  
issued to individual natural persons.  
Membership shall be limited to organiza-  
tions of the Free Will Baptist denomination  
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proper application with the cost of member-  
ship to the Board of Directors of the Free  
Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

#### WAYNE WHITLEY CONDUCTS SERVICE



Wayne Whitley

Wayne Whitley, licensed  
pastor at Free Spirit Church in  
Wilson, conducted the evening  
service on November 7 at  
Memorial Chapel. Special  
music was given by members  
of the Free Spirit congregation.  
We are happy to have churches  
come and conduct the evening  
service and join the staff and  
children here at the Home in  
worship services.

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE WA

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In the March 19, 1924, conven-  
tion which met at Little Creek, it  
is recorded: Whereas, There has  
been effected an organization  
known as the State Sunday School  
Convention of the churches of  
North Carolina, also District Con-  
ventions throughout the state for  
the promotion of Sunday school  
work, therefore, Be it Resolved,  
That the Sunday school work be  
separated from this convention in  
like manner as has been done in  
other conferences.

R. F. Pittman  
N. D. Wiggs  
Mrs. N. D. Wiggs

At the March 17, 1926, session  
at Free Union, Greene County,  
the following motion was car-  
ried: "On motion, the Conven-  
tion meet in session semi-  
annually, Wednesday after the  
fourth Sunday in March and  
September." The time of  
meeting was changed again on  
March 28, 1979, to Saturday  
before the fourth Sunday in  
March and September to begin  
with September, 1979.

During the March 17, 1926,  
session the following resolution  
was recorded:

"... that we go on record as  
favoring the organization of the  
women of all conferences under  
one general plan, constitution  
and name, and, it seemingly  
being difficult to adapt our con-  
vention to the name and plans of  
other conventions, that we, the  
W. H. M. (Woman's Home Mis-  
sion) Convention of the Central  
Conference appoint a committee  
of two and that we petition all  
other like organizations in this  
state to do the same and that this  
general convention draw up a  
plan for operation of conventions,  
to include all local woman's  
organizations only, said conven-  
tion to be uniform in name and  
constitution, and that this com-  
mittee submit plans to the  
General Conference for adoption.

Loy E. Ballard  
F. R. Pittman  
Mrs. Lillie Smith





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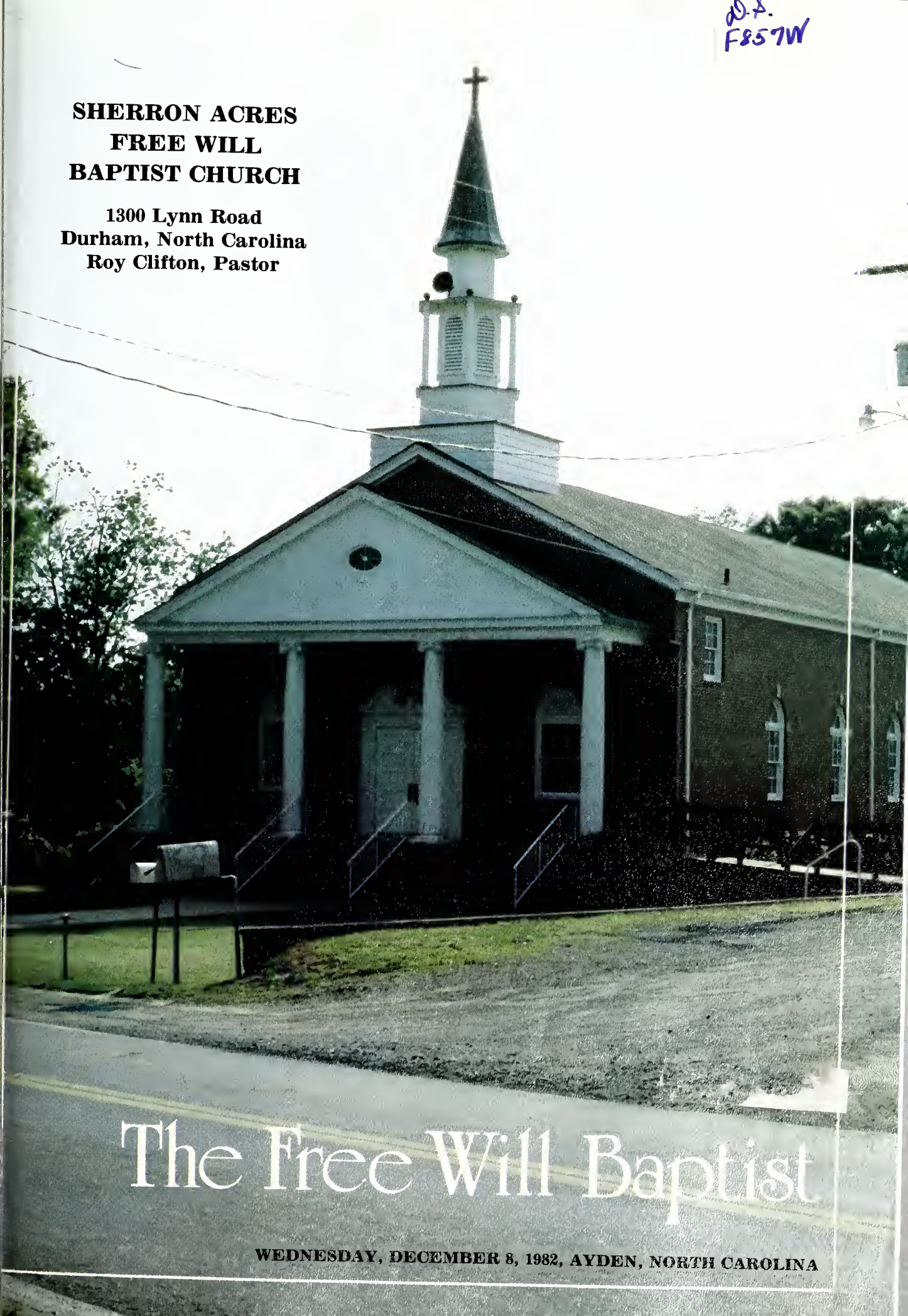
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## Choose to Be Genuine

Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we serve the LORD; for he is our God. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel. And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey (Joshua 24:14-23).

The famous singer Harry Lauder used to tell a story of his childhood days in Scotland. The young lad loved to spend the twilight hours looking from a window in his home, watching the lamplighter work. The gentleman was charged with the task of lighting the street lamps. This he did with the help of a long pole; the lamplighter went from pole to pole lighting the torch found on the end of each. As he ascended the hill, a trail of lights was left behind him. Then, as the road sloped, the man disappeared from view, but the light from his torch could still be seen burning against the evening sky.

That is what is meant by a true Christian: a genuine Christian is one who is a light to his fellowman while he is still living; and his way has been marked by lights even after he has left the world.



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# HISTORY OF SHERRON ACRES CHURCH

The Rev. Roy Clifton, Pastor

*submitted by Mrs. Christine M. Spring*

This is the story of a church of which the Free Will Baptists have just cause to feel proud. For it is the realized vision of a layman, in interest both active and sacrificial. In 1932, Mr. Quillie Hansley, a native of Onslow County, moved into a suburban section of East Durham, known as Sherron Acres. In Durham, at the time, there were two Free Will Baptist Churches, but these were approximately three miles distant, too far for so many of the people living in the community to attend Sunday school and worship services. Recognizing the pressing need of so many people and the importance of a convenient place of worship, a beginning was made by having prayer meetings in the neighbors' homes on Sunday afternoons. Other local Christians heartily joined in the movement. Interest increased, and when a few months had passed, Mr. Hansley purchased a small house and lot and organized a Sunday school. From the beginning interest increased, and soon local ministers were invited to hold special services. Mr. R. L. Hutchins and his family became staunch supporters of the work. Mr. Hutchins was an ever-ready worker. Mr. Hansley was the founder and Mr. Hutchins, the co-founder.

THE SMALL HOUSE BECOMES TOO SMALL . . . Mr. Hansley purchased the old Baptist church building in Holly Springs in Wake County, and with the help of neighbors from

Sherron Acres, tore it down, and moved the material to Sherron Acres. Community interest and pride came to the rescue, and very soon we had a church in which to worship God. On February 18, 1934, a Free Will Baptist Church was organized with 12 members, and E. D. Woodall was called to serve them. Mr. Woodall's services closed November 18, 1935. Then the Rev. T. C. Marks was called; his ministry continued for 14 months and resulted in adding 11 members. When the time came for calling a pastor again, Mr. Hansley consulted the members and others in the community to ascertain their desires. On the second Sunday in January 1937, the church met in conference and extended a call to the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, who at the time had been preaching only 18 months. Some of the people in the community had heard Mr. Rivenbark at Oak Grove Church, where God had used him to bring back to life a dead church. Mr. Rivenbark accepted the call and became pastor the third Sunday evening in January 1937. The blessings of the Lord continued to shower upon the newly founded church. Such growth was realized that the little, one-room frame building needed enlargement.

AN ENLARGEMENT OF AUDITORIUM AND CLASS ROOMS BEGAN, January 1, 1939. Mr. R. L. Hutchins supervised the laying of the foundation for the addition. Men of the

community began to drive nails. It was a "pay as you go" building program. A goodly number of those who worked on the building were saved along with their families and came into the church. The last Sunday in October 1939, the building was dedicated to God, debt free. The late Rev. Charles T. Utley, who wrote the first history of Sherron Acres Church, preached the dedicatory message. The church was better able to serve the community with larger facilities. Progress continued to be realized in every department of the church. The war came and took away many of our young and older men. This we felt greatly, but the blessings of the Lord never failed us. We prayed for peace and our prayers were answered; in August 1945, the war ended.

After nearly eight years of ministry, Pastor Rivenbark tendered his resignation. The church was now faced with securing a minister. In a few weeks, contact was made with a minister in Kannapolis, North Carolina—the Rev. Ray W. Allman. The church extended a call to Mr. Allman and he accepted the call. Thus the church continued to march forward for the Lord. It is most remarkable, not a man whose membership was in Sherron Acres Church lost his life during the war. After Mr. Allman had served the church four years, he tendered his resignation. Again the church was

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faced with the task of securing a successor. The Rev. Ralph Lightsey was called and he responded favorably, and served the church for one year. In August 1949, the church extended a call to the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, who at the time was serving the First Church, in Wilson, North Carolina. Mr. Rivenbark agreed to return to his former pastorate. On November 1, 1949, he assumed the pastoral care of the church. The church had been looking forward to an enlargement building program for some time; a building fund had been set aside for this purpose. One of the members, Mrs. Betty Mae Ladd Nifong, said to Mr. Rivenbark, shortly after his return, "You are going to lead us into a building program, aren't you?" Those words continued to ring in the minister's ears.

**FUTURE EXPANSION**, January 1950 . . . While the Deacons and Trustees were meeting in Rogers Community Building, the pastor used two tables to illustrate what we could do to convert what we had and expand our facilities. The brotherhood accepted the recommendation, and the church approved of the plans to "Rise and Build." Immediately the people rallied to the challenge and money was invested in the cause of Christ. The basement was dug and the old auditorium and educational building were mounted thereon and bricked in. For about three years, we worshiped in the basement and used the upper rooms for Sunday school and league. The spiritual blessings did not cease to flow, for souls were being saved and additions were being made to the church and other auxiliaries of the church.

The addition was soon paid for and dedicated to the Lord. Shortly afterwards a plan was presented to raise \$10,000 and then secure a loan and erect our auditorium. In about 18

months, we went over the top. Then the church voted to secure a loan which was secured from the Home Building and Loan Association in the amount of \$40,000. Our contractor, T. W. Poe and Sons, gave us the low bid of about \$57,000. Thus, nearly \$17,000 was needed, and the man who did the blueprint work must be paid. Some friends in the church and a friend outside the church let us have a short-time loan. The work was started October 3, 1953, and we were able to occupy our auditorium April 18, 1954. This was a day the church looked forward to for years. For the first service, the founder, the Rev. Quillie Hansley, came from Jacksonville, Florida, to be with us and speak. Following the morning hour of worship, we had a fellowship lunch on the church lawn.

The hour of greater space for Sunday school, training and worship services finally became a reality with one of the most beautiful auditoriums in the denomination. In May, after the new auditorium was occupied in April, a call came to Pastor Rivenbark to assume the pastoral care of the Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia. After much prayer and tears, he tendered his resignation in July and left for Norfolk, September 1, 1954.

The Rev. Wayne Smith was called to serve the church, and he became the new pastor. Mr. Smith served the church about two years. The Rev. Carl Osborne was called and he served the church about two years. The Rev. Billy Morris was extended a call and he served the church about two years.

During the latter part of 1960 and the first part of 1961 the church went through a crisis. But as always, they found God to be true in helping His children through any dangers. Many hours of prayer were spent. They were steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in

the work of the Lord. They did not think in terms of defeat, for they knew through Christ they would triumph, and they did. For about six months they were without a regular pastor. Yet they were always able to have worship services as usual. In April of 1961, the church extended a call to a former pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, and on May 21, he informed the church he would accept the church. He came on July 24, 1961.

The members contributed so faithfully to the building fund to help erase the indebtedness that on January 16, 1966, it became a reality. On that night the church was able to sing the Doxology with a deeper meaning. Because of the faithfulness in giving, the mortgage was paid off three years ahead of schedule, thus saving several hundred dollars in interest.

On November 5, 1967, the church voted to accept Mr. Rivenbark's resignation to become pastor of Virginia Beach Mission. During the time that we were without a pastor, the Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, Chaplain of the Veteran's Hospital of Durham, accepted an invitation to become our interim pastor. The church was faced with the task of seeking a new pastor. In June 1968, the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace of Smithfield came as our leader. Many good things continued to happen. In April 1975, Mr. Wallace resigned to become Chaplain of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. In May 1975, the Rev. Fred Rivenbark, who had just recently retired and moved back to our community, accepted a call as assistant pastor and served as interim pastor until August 1975, when the Rev. Harry Grubbs answered a call as pastor. After five years with us, he resigned to become pastor of First Church in Greenville. During this time without a

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# The History of the Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Work

## Part Five

by Minnie Chandler

Mrs. S. K. Jackson<sup>11</sup> and Mrs. L. R. Tripp were appointed to the above mentioned committee. In the March 30, 1927, session, "*Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson* made report of the committee appointed to revise Constitution and By-laws of convention in joint meeting with committee from Eastern Conference. Her report was adopted." However, we are not told what the report contained or what had been decided. We do know that the State Auxiliary Convention was organized in 1927.

It may be noted that the March 17, 1926, resolution mentions the name of the convention as *W. H. M. (Woman's Home Mission) Convention*. However, the report of the *Auxiliary Convention* to the Central Conference November 10, 1921, states: "... since then (1920) our name has been changed to the *Auxiliary Convention*."

The first "adopted" child from the Children's Home is mentioned in the March 17, 1926, session. The treasurer reported "Paid orphan girl (Ruby Mae Tripp) \$16.19." It is assumed that she was the first child "adopted" by the convention. Others were: 1951-Shelby Jean Jones; 1956—Flora Mae Hines; and, 1965—John Gray.

In the March 26, 1930, session, the President, Mrs. William H. Harrison, spoke of the need of literature for the societies. The secretary, Mrs. Paul Thigpen, suggested having a pamphlet published each month with a topic on which to base the program. A committee was called to investigate the cost and put it before the State Auxiliary Convention which met the following May. Mrs. Lillie Smith, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. K. B. Jolly, the Rev. R. F. Pittman, and the Rev. J. R. Davidson were the committee appointed. The Rev. J. R. Davidson submitted a report from the committee on September 24, 1930, but the minutes do not record the contents of the report.

The March 25, 1931, session met with Eureka College and moved to buy an insurance policy on Eureka College. The College burned in 1931.

It was mentioned in an earlier issue that it was believed that the *Little Worker's League* was the forerunner of the youth auxiliaries. It is evident from the following that it was not very

active. During the September 28, 1934, session which convened at Black Jack, "Miss Elizabeth Warren suggested that we use our Junior and Intermediate girls and young women in our work. Also that we organize societies for them to be trained in the Christian work . . . A committee was appointed to discuss this thought and to present a definite plan of work for our girls at the March meeting. Those appointed were Miss Elizabeth Warren, Mrs. J. C. Moye, and Mrs. John E. Whichard."

Churches began to respond to this idea and Black Jack's Y. P. M. S. (Young People's Missionary Society?), the Greenville Junior Mission Society and the Greenville Barnard Mission Society (intermediate girls) represented at the March 27, 1935, session. In this same session, "The investigating committee on young people's work offered the following resolutions by the chairman:

WHEREAS, We consider that an organized young people's missionary society or societies in each church is a necessary part of our religious educational program; and,

WHEREAS, Because young people are full of energy and are seeking a goal, we know of nothing more beneficial than this training of world-wide service for Christ;

WHEREAS, We feel the need of Christian trained young men and women to become our denominational leaders of tomorrow; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we organize a Junior Boy's, Junior Girl's, Intermediate's, or Young Men and Women of all of these Missionary Societies in each church according to the number and ages of the boys and girls, young men and women in the church and community.

RESOLVED, That each Ladies' Aid or Woman's Missionary Society select or appoint a leader who is interested and capable of guiding young people.

RESOLVED, That the Convention appoint a director to supervise these societies, to assist in organizations, programs, missions, study courses, and in any other service which they may need her services, with her expenses paid.

These resolutions were adopted and Mrs. N. A. Clark of Greenville, R. F. D., was appointed director of this Young People's Mission Work.

A *Stewardship Contest* was implemented in which the youth apparently recited poetry,

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### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION GIVEN**

Sunday, November 7, 1982, was a very special day for three people at Little Rock Church, Lucama, North Carolina. These three people have been very important people in the life of the church. They were recognized and presented plaques indicative of the years of service rendered to the church in the area of music leadership.

Mrs. Kathleen Beamon was honored and presented a plaque for 17 years of faithful service as volunteer director of Little Rock's Chancel Choir. She served from 1961-1978 and did a great job for the glory of the Lord. Upon her resignation from the position of director of the chancel choir in 1978, Kathleen took her place leading the alto section of the choir where she is found each Sunday. Kathleen is also assistant treasurer for the church, has taught Sunday school and Bible school and is very active in Circle Number 3 and the General Auxiliary. Kathleen was instrumental in getting the church to move toward a part-time paid director of music for the church.

Mr. Randy Barham came to the church in 1978 to take the new position of director of music. He served in that position from 1978-1982. Randy was a senior at Atlantic Christian College when he came to Little Rock and is now band director at Southern Nash High School. A plaque was presented to Randy in appreciation for his important contribution to the music ministry of the church. His resignation was effective October 31, 1982. Since being employed by the church Randy has married, joined the church with his wife, had a baby girl, teaches Sunday school, served

as president of the Laymen's League and is currently vice-president. Upon his resignation Randy was appointed chairman of the search committee for a new director of music. Having successfully completed this task Randy can be found each Sunday leading the bass section of the choir.

The third person honored and presented a plaque in appreciation of her service to the church was Mrs. Irene E. Rose. Mrs. Rose served the church faithfully as church pianist from 1963-1978. She still plays for the junior Sunday school department. Mrs. Rose is a mainstay of Circle Number 3, the General Auxiliary and the adult Sunday school class where she is a very much respected teacher. She also has done a lot of substitute school teaching. Mrs. Rose is a superb pianist and has a large number of piano students year in and year out. As well as playing the piano for church Mrs. Rose has taught many in the church. The present pianists for both choirs, Sunday school, and the four organists all studied under Mrs. Rose. Also one of Mrs. Rose's former music students has, for about three years, been teaching piano. This lady's talent continues to multiply!

As one can see, the people of Little Rock have every right to be proud of these three people. The honor and recognition they have received is well deserved. We wish to thank God for their talent, for their willingness to use their talent for God's glory, and for their contribution to the worship and ministry of Little Rock Church.

### **GET ACQUAINTED RECEPTION**

Little Rock Church, Lucama, North Carolina, is very pleased

to announce the employment of Ms. Cathy Medlin as the new director of music, as of November 1, 1982.

Cathy was employed by the search committee on October 24, 1982, and began her work with Little Rock Church on November 3, 1982. She is band director at Beddingfield High School, Wilson County. A get-acquainted reception was given in her honor at 2:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall on November 14, 1982. Cathy's parents reside in Raleigh, and Cathy was pleasantly surprised when her mother, Mrs. "Dot" Medlin, came to the worship service and stood with her in the reception line. Cathy sang "My Tribute" by Andre Crouch in the morning worship service and hearts were blessed by the message of the song and the warmth and feeling with which it was sung.

Cathy is very vivacious, talented and dedicated to her work. She directs the Little Rock Chancel Choir, leads the congregational singing and directs the Junior Choir. Little Rock people thank God for directing the search committee to Cathy and genuinely feel that the hand of Providence brought her to them.

In just three short weeks the people have already begun to appreciate the talent and warmth of this young lady.

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes is pastor of Little Rock Church.

### **RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

On November 7, 1982, God called home another of His faithful servants, Mrs. Sally Worthington Little of the Ballard's Cross Roads Community.

She was 70 years old and was a member and attended Piney

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### **MICRO YOUTH MEET**

The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Micro Church, Micro, met recently in the fellowship hall of the church. The hostesses of the meeting were Pam, Teresa, and Melisa Wall. The lesson was a Thanksgiving blessing. There was a table set on which fruits were placed, each representing a symbol of God. The group elected officers: president, Pam Wall; vice president, Teresa Wall; recording secretary, Angie Brown; corresponding secretary, Melisa Wall; treasurer, Leigh Hales; mission chairman, Brad Sharpe; program and project chairman, Mel Warren; leader, Mrs. Carolyn Hales; and assistant leader, Mrs. Joyce Jones. The session ended with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

### **NOTICE FROM WESTERN CONFERENCE**

All Conferences and Associations in good standing with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists:

The Rev. Dan Jordan has voluntarily surrendered his credentials and is no longer affiliated with the Western Conference or with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Rev. Richard Boyette was dismissed from the Western Conference as he wants to join another denomination. He is therefore no longer affiliated with the Western Conference or the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Ray Wells, Clerk  
Western Conference  
Board of Ordination

### **FAYETTEVILLE MISSIONS MERGE**

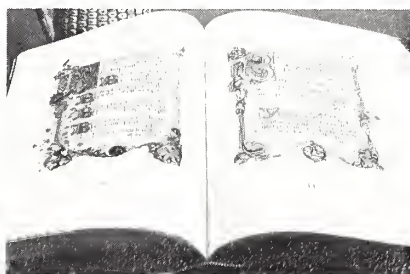
November 14 was a memorable day for the Home Missions Board. The Eastover Mission and the Eastwood Mission of Fayetteville were merged into one congregation. For several months the Rev. W. S. Burns has pastored both missions, preaching two sermons in each mission every Sunday. The Board felt it would be better to have only one congregation, and after much prayer and work the two groups came together. The single congregation will meet in the Eastwood facilities under the leadership of Mr. Burns. They will be known as the Eastwood Mission. They have adequate facilities to grow into a thriving church. Pray much for this work.

Note: Your Home Missions Department needs \$2,600 per week to meet its budget. Are you helping?

Charles Crisp

### **THE BIBLE — THE FINAL AUTHORITY**

*by Wayne Hargrove*



There are many theories being proclaimed regarding the inspiration of the Bible and how it came into its present form. Some say the original manuscript was radically changed by editors and copyists. Many question whether it is to be taken literally or figuratively and what is historically accurate or poetical.

If we approach the Bible objectively, disregarding for a time all these theories, we will find a unity of thought indicating that one mind inspired the writing and compilation of the whole series of books. The Bible bears on its face the stamp of its author. It is in a unique and distinctive way breathed out by God.

The Bible is not man's account of his effort to find God, but rather an account of God revealing Himself to man. It is God's own record of His dealings with man. The Bible is the revealed will of the Creator of man, given to man by the Creator himself, "... and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

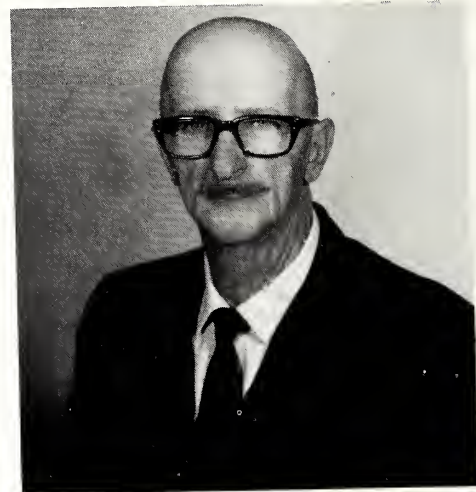
The books of the Bible were composed by human authors. While we do not know just how it was directed, God so moved upon them that *every word* is exactly as He would have it and fully His. God superintended and directed the writing of the Bible books. The authors were so completely under His control that the words are of God, himself. The Bible contains precisely the things God wants us to know, presented just as He directed. It will stand throughout eternity as the one and only answer to humanity's quest for God.

We as Free Will Baptists must accept the Bible as the authoritative, inerrant Word of God. We **must** concern ourselves with what is truth and right. The ingenious and impudent effort of modern criticism to undermine the historical and scientific reliability of the Bible will pass, and it will stand, as it has for centuries, as the final authority for faith and practice.



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*The Rev. J. E. Timmons  
1924-1981*

**The Rev. J. E. Timmons served as missionary to  
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A packet of material has been sent to each church with special offering envelopes to be used by individual church members in making their gifts to the "J. E. Timmons Memorial Christmas Fund" for foreign missions. These envelopes have been provided to be used within the local church. As you place your special offering in the collection plate during December, these envelopes will make it easy for this to be kept separate from the regular offering of your church.

Thank you in advance for your gifts to the "J. E. Timmons Memorial Christmas Fund" for foreign missions.

If more envelopes are needed than were sent to your church, please contact the Board of Foreign Missions and we will supply you with the extra amount you need.

## OCTOBER 1982

### RECEIPTS

#### ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Albemarle Union Meeting	\$ 22.77
Hickory Chapel	666.00
Mount Zion (Roper)	35.14
Sidney	28.61
Saint Paul	25.00
Total	\$ 777.52

#### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Cape Fear Youth Rally	\$ 100.00
Lee's Chapel Sunday School	56.00
Smithfield, First	75.00
Total	\$ 231.00

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Bethany	\$ 125.00
Black Jack	15.00
Daniels Chapel	250.00
Fidelis Memorial	
Sunday School Class	30.00
Free Union (Walstonburg)	20.00
Friendship	95.00
Greenville	
Service Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Grimsley	75.00
Hickory Grove Sunday School	40.00
Howell Swamp	100.00
King's Cross Roads	3.10
Otter's Creek	27.90
Rose Hill Sunday School	50.00
Saratoga Sunday School	100.00
Spring Branch	40.06
Tarboro, First	250.00
Winterville Sunday School	50.00
Little Creek	64.46
Total	\$ 1,345.52

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Arapahoe	\$ 20.00
Bridgeton	25.00
Croatan	50.00
Hillsberry	15.00
Jackson Heights	146.00
Lanier's Chapel	50.00
Mount Zion	25.00
Oriental	10.00
Pilgrims Rest	10.00
St. Mary's (New Bern)	137.50
Total	\$ 488.50

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Free Union (Spring Hope)	\$ 50.00
Friendship Original	155.00
Milbourne	37.50
People's Chapel	25.00
Pleasant Plain	450.00
Sherron Acres	175.00
Stancil's Chapel Sunday School	50.00
Wilson, First	375.00
Union Grove	279.84
Total	\$ 1,597.34

### INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

Irene Gordon	\$ 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Waters	30.00
Leona Fountain	20.00
Martha S. Tew	25.00
Charlotte Williamson	25.00
Total	\$ 110.00

### OTHER REVENUE

Store	\$ 1,239.42
Conference and Retreat	9,604.25
Cragmont Club	1,365.00
Miscellaneous	79.94
Total	\$12,288.61

### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 3,556.38
Utilities	461.53
Food	2,116.58
Maintenance Supplies	701.58
Office Supplies	703.72
Store	1,606.91
Taxes	993.39
Insurance	1,700.39
Maintenance and Repairs	107.45
Gas	84.30
Promotional	11.94
Miscellaneous	3,202.60
Returned Checks	-177.33
Total	\$15,424.10

### MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSEMENTS

Purchase Savings Certificate	\$ 3,000.00
Free Will Baptist Press	202.60
Total	\$ 3,202.60

### CHURCH OF THE MONTH

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pastor, Mr. Rivenbark again served as interim pastor.

The Rev. Roy Clifton was extended a call as our pastor and came to us the first Sunday in July 1980. We continue to grow with a present enrollment of 334. During the first five months of 1982, the Lord blessed us with 14 new members.

The musical program is outstanding. The church has many talented members, and they serve unselfishly. Mrs. Jo Ann Parrish serves as pianist, Mrs. Marian Goodwin as organist, and Mrs. Linda Ashley as choir director.

Our Youth Program is growing, with groups in the YFA,

AFC, and Cherubs. The Woman's Auxiliary, Laymen's League, and Rest Home Ministry fill a much needed place in our church.

The Lord has blessed us both spiritually and materially with property valued at more than \$400,000.

Through the years, souls have been saved, and men and women have gone out from this church to fill their places in life. Some have gone into full-time Christian services. Our ministry to this community has made its mark. The ministry has touched souls in foreign countries. Yes, one church marches on. Our foundation rests on Jesus Christ. The gospel which we preach is that of Christ, Saints Peter and Paul, and the church fathers.

"Onward Christian Soldiers, marching as to war; with the Cross of Jesus, going on before."

### SPECIAL NOTICE

A Special Membership Meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation will be January 11, 1983, at 10 a.m., Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Building, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

Robert May, *Secretary*

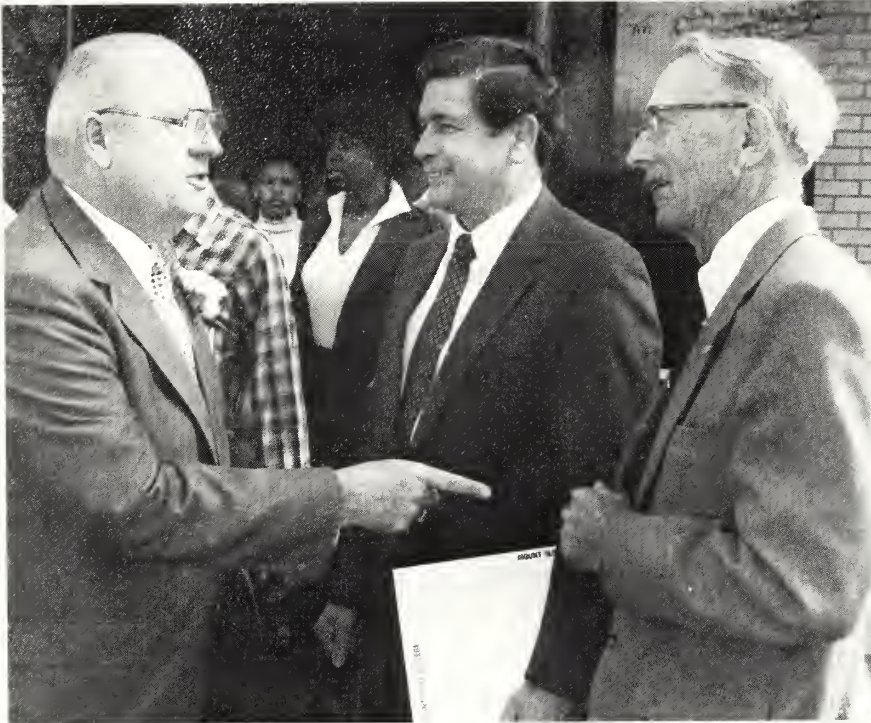
### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Donald Walston announces that he has a new address, P.O. Box 3731, Wilson, North Carolina 27893. He has moved from Route 1, Box 266-A, Cove City, North Carolina 28523.

**Do your Christmas shopping in one of the Free Will Baptist bookstores!**



## FOUNDERS' DAY



State Senator Harold Hardison, left, talks with Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper and James B. Hunt Sr., chairman of the board of trustees, following the Founders' Day service at the College. Hardison told the audience of over 400 to let legislators know the importance of state aid to students attending private colleges. (Photo by Steve Herring).

## HARDISON CALLS PRIVATE COLLEGES A TAXPAYER BARGAIN

by Mary Susan Yates

State Senator Harold Hardison told a capacity audience at Mount Olive College's Founders' Day celebration that "Mount Olive College has meant much to this community, to North Carolina, and to all whose lives it has touched since it was founded in 1951."

Speaking on "Independent Higher Education," Senator Hardison said that aid to students attending private colleges like Mount Olive is a bargain in terms of taxpayer savings.

Hardison explained that "if the 25,000 North Carolinians in private colleges were enrolled in state universities, it would cost the taxpayers more than \$80 million per year, not counting new construction which would be needed."

Under the 1982 Legislative Tuition Grant Program, each North Carolina student who chose to attend a private college received a tuition credit of \$650. This fall, 300 Mount Olive College students received the grants.

The LTG program provides students with a "choice," said Senator Hardison, by helping to even the tuition gap between public and private institutions, and it gives the taxpayers "one of the best bargains we can find."

"One of the best ways we can reduce the tax burden is to make sure that the resources of independent colleges like Mount Olive are being used to the fullest extent possible."

Senator Hardison is chairman of the appropriations committee of the advisory budget commission, which is currently considering a request by the

## The Music Department of

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## Presents Two Programs of Christmas Music 1982

### Messiah (by George F. Handel)

**Tuesday,** 11 a.m., Rodgers Chapel,  
**December 7** Mount Olive College Campus.

**Tuesday,** 8 p.m., First Baptist Church, 300 North  
**December 7** Chestnut Street, Mount Olive (one block  
northeast of Downtown Campus).

### Christmas Carrousel

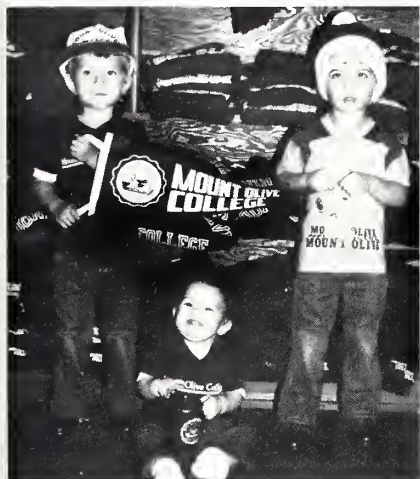
**Saturday,** 11 p.m., The Mount Olive College Chorus  
**December 25** will perform on WITN-TV, Channel 7  
(Washington) with a thirty-minute program  
of music.

We dedicate these programs to our many friends whose interest and support make possible the work of Mount Olive College.



North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities to increase the LTGs by \$350 (\$175 in 1983 and another \$175 in 1984). The increase would provide North Carolina students attending Mount Olive College and other private institutions with \$850 in tuition assistance for 1983-84, and \$1,000 for 1984-85. Senator Hardison is also a member of Deep Run Church.

#### GIFTS ON SALE AT MOC



Do your Christmas shopping at Mount Olive College! Come by the bookstore and shop for gifts for all ages. The boys pictured above are modeling some of the items available in the bookstore. They are the children of Dr. and Mrs. Hervy Kornegay of Mount Olive. Mrs. Kornegay is the College nurse.

Mount Olive College Coffee Mugs  
\$6.99, retail; \$5.00, sale

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\$14.50, retail; \$11.60, sale

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\$8.99, retail; \$7.65, sale

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\$2.99, retail; \$1.99, sale

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\$1.50, retail; \$.75, sale

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# Children's Home

## BOBBY TAYLOR JOINS STAFF



*The Rev. Bobby Taylor*

The Rev. Bobby Ray Taylor joined the staff at the Children's Home on December 1, 1982, to assume the duties of Director of Child Care.

Mr. Taylor comes to the Children's Home from a pastorate at Pleasant Grove Church in Pikeville. He is a graduate of Mount Olive College, and did graduate study at East Carolina University. The Home welcomes Mr. Taylor, his wife, Audrey, and sons, Stephen and James, to their new home on the campus.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS

Thanksgiving has come; even the leftover turkey is gone; and the children are looking forward to Christmas.

As we all prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord let us pause to remember with thankful hearts . . . "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).



We thank you for your prayers in this passing year in support of the ministry here at the Children's Home. When one child comes to know Christ all Heaven rejoices, what a gift for our Lord's birthday.



May you and your loved ones have a blessed Christmas.

Charles V. Watt  
*Director of Development*

## PLEASE NOTE!

The financial report found on Page 11 of the December 1, 1982, issue of *The Free Will Baptist* was a report from the Retirement Homes, not the Children's Home. We have been contacted by the Home and are glad to relay this to you. The report was sent in to our office incorrectly.



## SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 57

### A CHRIST THAT SHINES IN DARKNESS

A father took his son into an art shop to buy a picture of Christ for him. The boy was shown different pictures of Christ but he didn't like any of them. "No, Daddy, these are not what I want." The father, thinking that his son didn't want a picture of Christ after all, asked, "What kind of picture of Christ do you want?" Promptly the boy replied, "I want a Christ who shines in darkness!" The boy had seen a luminous picture of Christ which shone in the darkness.

We greatly need Christ to shine in the night of sorrow, suffering, testing and temptation. Only He can illumine life's dark pathway. As we follow Him, our way grows increasingly bright.

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*But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day (Proverbs 4:18).*

## MONDAY, 13 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 58

### DELIVERANCE FROM DARKNESS

Darkness has a paralyzing power. Try to envision the condition of the millions in the regions where the "Sun of Righteousness," Jesus, is unknown! When I was a boy, I came home late from work one night. Like all growing boys, I was continuously hungry. Going into the dining room, I took my place at the table near a window. Without, the darkness was unrelieved by any ray of light. As I sat eating, I heard a hissing noise just outside the window. The lateness of the hour, the dense darkness without, and the unearthly hissing sound—all conspired to freeze my heart in terror. I sat motionless for a moment, which seemed like an eternity. Then I heard the honking of some geese which had strayed from our Jewish neighbor's yard. Knowing now the source of my fright, my fears subsided.

Spiritual darkness, with its attendant fear, held sway in my heart through the years of my boyhood. Then, one never-to-be-forgotten night, God, "who commanded the light to shine out of darkness," shined into my sin-darkened heart!

*The General Electric Company has perfected a light bulb with an alleged life expectancy of a million hours. It is said that the bulb will burn eight hours a day every day for 342 years, or until the year 2324! The Bible tells us of an infinitely superior light: "The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light" (Isaiah 60:19).*

## TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 59

### NO SHADOWS PERMANENT

Dr. Jowett, the noted preacher, once saw a total eclipse of the sun, while he was traveling through a foreign mission field. The superstition-ridden natives thought that a great monster was swallowing up the sun, so they beat their drums and cried out in fear. When the eclipse was over, and the sun was shining again, Dr. Jowett went home and wrote his famous sermon, "No Shadows Permanent." In it he pointed out that while the love of God seems sometimes to be in a state of eclipse, there is a law of the Spirit by which the bright hopes of the gospel always return. There are no permanent shadows.

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*Even the temporary shadows are behind us, if we face the Light and walk towards it.*

## WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 60

### A LIGHTED CANDLE INSIDE

While preaching in Soul's Harbor, Columbus, Ohio, I noticed a nurse under deep conviction of sin. She sat night after night the picture of dejection and distress. One night she yielded herself to Christ. The burden of sin fell from her heart. She became radiant. On the way home that night, she stopped at a store to do some shopping. A clerk who had known her for some time said, "Why, you look as if someone had just lighted a candle inside you!" "That's right," said the converted nurse. "What I mean," said the clerk, "is that you look as if you had just fallen in love!" "I have!" exclaimed the nurse. "I have fallen in love with the One who loved me when I didn't love Him—Jesus!"

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*Light is the source of all life. All vegetation would wilt and die without light. Light and joy*

are inseparably related. Birds greet light at dawn with joyous song. Light imparts loveliness—redness to the cherry and tints to the rose. Spiritual life, joy, and beauty come from Jesus: "I am come that they might have life" (John 10:10); "I have spoken . . . that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (15:11); "He will beautify the meek with salvation" (Psalm 149:4).

## THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 61

### THEY SEE NOT

A businessman, 45 years of age, was driving along a Canadian highway. The sun was shining brightly. He saw what appeared to be drops of rain begin to fall on the upper part of his windshield. Within seconds, all became dark! Quickly he turned his car to the side of the road. Blindness settled permanently upon him!

His experience was not unusual. Yearly, in Canada and the United States, some 30,000 people, 92 per cent of them adults, go blind.

Only God knows how many go blind to spiritual and eternal things. They have physical eyesight, "but they see not." "The god of this world," said Paul, "hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

*What a privilege is ours, who have seeing eyes, to help the unseeing ones to see the "Light of the world," the Lord Jesus!*

## FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 62

### MAKING HOLES IN THE DARKNESS

One evening at dusk, Robert Louis Stevenson stood as a boy at the window of his home and watched the darkness envelop the city. "Robert," his nurse said to him, "come and sit down. You can't see anything out there."

But young Stevenson insisted, "I can see something wonderful. There is a man coming up the street making holes in the darkness." It was the lamplighter.

In the truest sense, Jesus Christ is the Divine Lamplighter. He came into the world to make holes in the darkness of sin, ignorance, and despair.

*"I am the light of the world," He said. "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."*

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## SATURDAY, 18 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 63

### THEIR MINDS WERE BLINDED!

Years ago, young mules were lowered into coal mines. There they remained until old age rendered them useless for further service. When they were brought up into God's sunlight, it was detected that they were totally blind. They had been in darkness so long that they had gone blind.

Men may stay away from Jesus so long, going headstrong in the ways of sin and darkness, that they ultimately forfeit the possibility to become spiritually enlightened. Paul said, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ . . . should shine unto them" (2 Corinthians 4:3, 4).

*Centuries ago in England lanterns were hung in some of the church steeples at night. They were also hung in front of homes. When the lantern was missing or had gone out, the night watchman would cry, "Hang out your light," or, "Light your lantern." The lighted lanterns helped to guide those walking at night through London's fog and darkness.*

*Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Lights are made for dark places. Shine for Jesus wherever you may be.*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.

## THE HISTORY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY WORK

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speeches, etc. The youth also participated in the programs of the convention from time to time. In the March 29, 1939, session at Black Jack it is recorded: "The Stewardship Contest was then presented by the director, Mrs. (Brantly) Speight. The following churches sent contestants: Piney Grove, Bethany, (which was presented during the morning), Ayden and Hull Road. Both Junior and Intermediate contestants from Piney Grove were declared winners. They were Ray Avery and Marjorie Dean Alden."

*"There is ample evidence that Mrs. S. K. Jackson and Katie Sawyer Jackson were one and the same. S. K. were Katie's husband's initials.*



## PROMISE OF JESUS' BIRTH

**Lesson Text:** Luke 1:39-56

**Memory Verse:** Luke 1:42

### I. INTRODUCTION

A doctor tells of opening a free clinic in the Haight-Ashbury section of San Francisco during the sixties, with the specific purpose of treating the hippies who were overloading that area. He received a shock when he discovered that his patients were showing up with infections, sores, and maladies that medicine had not seen since the thirteenth century. These young people simply had unlearned centuries of the experience of civilization in the field of hygiene, bedding, clothing, and grooming. Said the doctor, "They had reverted grotesquely and painfully back seven hundred years." The physician not only had to cure the malady but had to talk to the youths about reevaluating the basic rules of body maintenance. They, in fact, had to reinvent soap and water.

The church needs to reevaluate what it means to be blessed by God. The experience of Mary can be invaluable in that educational process. For her, being in favor with God involved the initial disturbance of her marriage relationship, the birth of her baby in a lonely, far-off place, and a terror-stricken flight to Egypt. Being one of God's favorites sent her at last to the stark hill of Calvary where she watched her Son die. But being a favorite of God also gave to Mary's life a greatness. We express to her our deep gratitude for allowing God to use her as His instrument.

Christians need to understand that being favored by

God does not mean that they shall be exempt from life's difficulties. Indeed, hard challenges may be placed before us. If they are, we may rest assured that God's power is available to us to help us meet and overcome them, just as was true in Mary's case.

Since all of us experience sorrow as well as joy in life, it is essential that we be able to differentiate between sorrow that comes from being for or with God, and that which comes because we are out of favor with God.

It seems fitting that God would choose an exceptional woman to be the mother of the Messiah, and that He did. A virgin, Mary sparkled in every aspect of her character. When we view the records left us regarding her, we are compelled to view her with the utmost respect. From the moment she was notified of her selection by God, she conducted herself in a most exemplary fashion. She must have known that embarrassing moments awaited; even so, she submitted herself to God's will and praised Him who had appointed her to this noble role.

At the same time the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would become the mother of the Son of God, he also spoke of her relative, Elisabeth, who was in her sixth month of pregnancy. Since Elisabeth was much older, Mary doubtless was concerned about her. No doubt also she was eager to share her exciting news with Elisabeth.

It must have been obvious to Mary that there was a connection between her pregnancy and Elisabeth's, because the angel had incorporated news of Elisabeth's pregnancy in his announcement to Mary of her

own. Mary knew the circumstances surrounding her own situation. We can understand if she was eager to discover whether there were unusual circumstances in Elisabeth's case too. If there were, the two women would have much reassurance to give each other. With these and many other thoughts racing through her mind, Mary hurried to visit her relative, who lived a good distance from Nazareth.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. Have you ever stopped to consider what great part angels played in the birth of Jesus? It was an angel who announced to Mary that she would be the mother of the Saviour. It was an angel that told Joseph that Mary had conceived of the Holy Spirit. It was angels that announced to the shepherds that the Saviour had been born. No other event in Scripture was surrounded more by the ministry of angels than the birth of Jesus Christ.

B. How did Mary react to the news that she was to be the mother of a son? First, she was perplexed. She could not understand how she, an unmarried virgin, could be pregnant. Second, she had to think about the matter when she was told that she would conceive of the Holy Spirit. Third, she then went to see her cousin Elisabeth. This was investigation. The younger woman wanted to talk with an older woman. Finally, she was completely submissive to the will and way of the Lord.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

Now is a good time to renew your subscription to *The Free Will Baptist*.

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE IS PRESENTED ITS 4-YEAR CHARTER



(Photo by George Johnson) James B. Hunt Sr., chairman of the board of trustees (left), presents the new four-year charter to Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College. The amended charter, signed by Secretary of State Thad Eure, officially changes Mount Olive from a two-year junior college to a four-year college. It was presented on November 23 during the Founders' Day program which celebrated the College's thirty-first year of existence.

Mount Olive College's original charter was issued by the state of North Carolina on November 27, 1951. Establishment of the College was authorized on September 12, 1951, by the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Convention authorized the four-year program on September 12, 1979. The junior year at Mount Olive College will be added in 1984 and the senior year in 1985. Mount Olive College's first four-year class enrolled this fall.

#### FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

A financial aid workshop for all high school students and their parents will be held on the Mount Olive College campus, Saturday, January 22, from 10 a.m. until 12. Instructions will be given by Betty Cobb, Mount

Olive College financial aid director, on federal and state grants, loans, and work study. Information will also be provided on church-college grants, special scholarships, and other forms of student aid available at Mount Olive College.

#### MOC PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will be the guest speaker at Everett Chapel Church in Johnston County on Sunday, December 12, at 11 a.m. At 9:45 a.m. he will also teach a combined session of the adult Sunday school classes.

During his visit, President Raper will review plans for developing Mount Olive into a four-year college.

The pastor of Everett Chapel Church is the Rev. Billy Yawn.

#### SPRING SEMESTER

##### BEGINS JANUARY 13

The spring semester at Mount Olive College begins Wednesday, January 13.

#### FWB IN THE NEWS

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Grove Church as long as her health permitted.

Her funeral service was conducted at the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Allan Sterbin, her pastor; the Rev. C. L. Patrick; and John Simpson. She was laid to rest at Pinewood Memorial Park.

She was the widow of the Rev. Clarence J. Little and she is survived by three daughters: Eunice Benton, Hilda Smith, and Alice Stancill; a brother, Lester Worthington; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"Miss Sally Bet's" smiling and cheerful face will be missed by her family and many friends. May God keep her in His loving care.

First, may we extend to the family our deepest sympathy.

Second, we want to express our love, respect, and admiration for her.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and a copy retained in the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Crawford  
Fannie Nobles





## Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving . . . and it's on Sale too!

As Christmas approaches and your thoughts turn to giving, you'll want to select gifts that are meaningful. We all know that selecting the right gift is important, and there is one gift that combines usefulness, Christian education, denominational news, inspiration, and more—a gift subscription to *The Free Will Baptist*.

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*Christmas is a time for understanding  
People and customs throughout the world,  
When for all-too-brief a season,  
The banner of peace is unfurled.*





## The Challenge of the Season

I have always been one of those people who was ready to put the Christmas tree up with the first hint of cool weather; there is something about the season that fascinates me—I think it is the fact that during this one time of year people act as they should all year round. The splendor and sparkle of the holiday increases every year. And through the years many beautiful and ingenious celebrations have evolved.

But what we see with our eyes is but a testimony of what is within our hearts. Apart from our hearts' response to the love and divine grace given to us by God through His only begotten Son, the ways we celebrate Christmas are (as Shakespeare said) "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Quite often someone challenges us to put Christ back into Christmas. But the trouble is, Christ never left. Christmas is not some expendable element in God's plan and purpose of redemption. What we really need is to get the Christ of Christmas into our hearts at Christmas—and ever after—so that He can reign where He most desires to reign—within our lives.

While considering this, I feel the following prayer most appropriate:

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be  
consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

—St. Francis of Assisi

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Many years ago the practice of dueling was common. One man would challenge another to an "honorable" fight. For various reasons of love, honor or pride men would fight each other to the death with pistols or swords. As civilized people, we look back at this practice with distaste and amazement. How could men, grown men, and educated men, behave in such a manner? What a tragic waste of life? How little honor was gained by killing someone with whom a disagreement was kindled!

Duels have been fought for reasons that seem silly today. Men have died for causes that have long since been forgotten. It seems that they could have worked out their differences. Why did men have to polarize themselves so that one was right, the other was wrong and there was no common ground for peace?

It seems that some would revive the practice of dueling within the ranks of churchmen today. We see those who draw lines, declaring everyone on the opposite side to be wrong in their faith, beliefs and practice. Another will disagree and draw his own line, a bit more defined, but also declaring everyone on the other side to be wrong or unchristian.

This practice could go on and on until the duel is won. And how is a duel won? When one party is killed? Dueling as practiced today, however, may not cause bloodshed. It does impede progress and hurts the advancement of the Kingdom of God upon the earth.

I am not suggesting that Christians are not to stand firm in their convictions. I believe we should. We ought not however "to square off" simply because everyone does not believe exactly like everyone else. Historically the room for individual belief has been one of the strengths of our denomination. Dueling has been one of our weaknesses.

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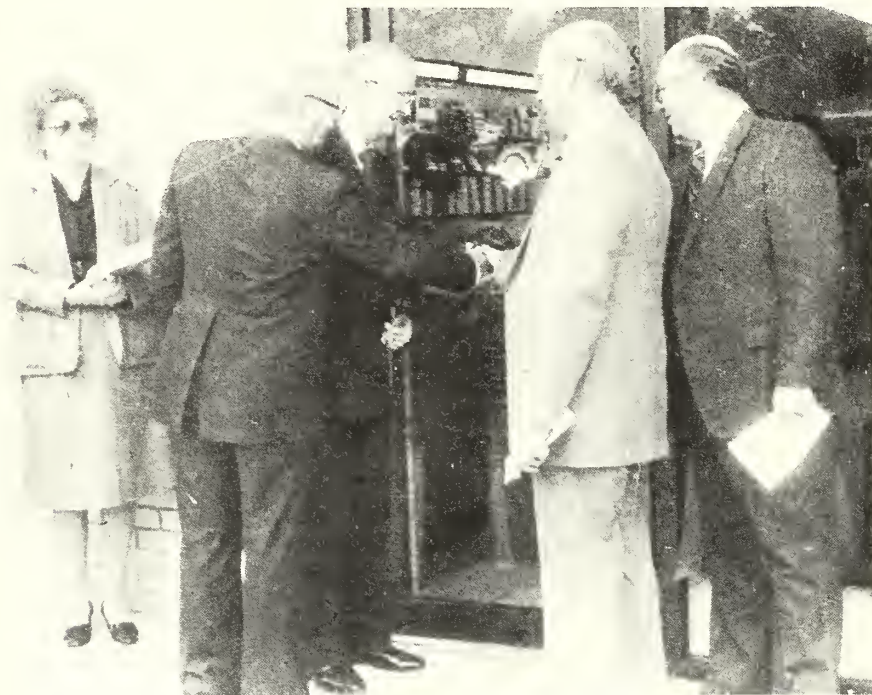
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# WHITEVILLE BOOKSTORE OPENS

by Peggy Barrett



The Foundation Bible and Bookstore recently held its grand opening in the Whiteville Mini Mall.

On hand for the opening ceremonies were the Rev. David C. Hansley, former executive director of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation; the city's mayor, Horace Whitley; Dan Moore, president of Southeastern Community College; Howard Jones, city manager; Lloyd Batten, president of the Whiteville Chamber of Commerce; Emily Gause, local author of children's books; and the Rev. Fred Rivenbark, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. Several pastors of the local churches also participated in the opening program: the Rev. S. C. Davis, a retired Baptist pastor, gave the opening prayer; the Rev. Sam Witchard of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church read Scripture; the Rev. Earl Farthing of the Elizabethtown Baptist Church spoke on "What a Christian Bookstore Can Mean

to Area Churches"; the Rev. John Paschal of the First Methodist Church gave the prayer of dedication; and the Rev. Maurice Gilliam of the Hallsboro Baptist Church gave the closing prayer.

Mayor Whitley welcomed the Foundation Bible and Bookstore with special thoughts on having a store of this type come into the area. Mrs. Gause echoed the mayor's thoughts by adding that in a time of crisis people tend to turn to books, and with the availability of this new store, the people can turn to Christian books. Lloyd Batten also welcomed the store and "this type of ministry." In turn, Mr. Hansley made Bible presentations to Mayor Whitley, Batten, Moore, Charles Langston, and Ann Jones.

The Rev. David C. Hansley expressed enthusiasm about the grand opening. He said, "And many concerned people, Christian people, wanted to see a ministry of this type in their area." He added that the Rev. James B. Hardee of Oak Grove

Church chaired the committee which began plans to establish a foundation bookstore in this area. Hardee is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. It was "through their efforts and the efforts of the Free Will Baptist churches that the board voted to come to Whiteville," said Hansley.

The Foundation Bible and Bookstore offers more than just books to be purchased. The staff members, Hansley points out, are not mere salespersons. "They are sales counselors," Hansley says. Mrs. Mary Gore is the manager of the bookstore. She is the wife of a Missionary Baptist minister, Ralph Gore. The assistant manager is Mrs. Martha McPherson, Tammy Fowler is a sales counselor.

The bookstore got its name from the name of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. Hansley says that the word "foundation" means "that which supports," and "the Foundation Bible and Bookstore is here to help support the people and the church through its Christian endeavors and ministries."

Hansley added his appreciation to the town of Whiteville for "a very warm reception. Many have expressed their excitement, interest and good feelings for having a Christian bookstore come to town. When the leaders of a community and the people of an area express such feelings you know that the ministry through the store will be a success, and that's what it takes.

Owned and operated by Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. at Ayden, the store is one of six in the bookstore system. Others are located in Smithfield, Wilson, Kinston, New Bern, and Ayden.

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## BOOKSTORE RELOCATES



Staff members of the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore are at work in the firm's new location at 105 South Third Street. The new store is twice as large as the old location at 122 South Third Street, and the additional space has allowed the firm to expand all of its departments. In addition to Bibles, reading material, and music, the store sells robes, steeples, pulpit furniture, and other church furnishings. It is owned by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. Pictured (left to right) are Joyce Brown, full-time employee; Estelle Martin, assistant manager; and Grace Jones, manager. (Joyce Lassiter, part-time employee, is not pictured.)

## PASTOR'S APPRECIATION DAY AT FREE UNION CHURCH, PINETOWN



The Rev. David Thick

Pastor's Appreciation Day at Free Union Church, near Pinetown, began on September 12 when the Rev. David Thick, his wife, and his mother, Mrs. Mamie Thick, were asked to come forward. Flowers from

the youth groups were given to each of them, a boutonniere to Brother David by Sherri Watson, and corsages to the two ladies by Paula Webster and Sonja Quidley. Sunday school proceeded as usual after Jennifer Keech read the message from a beautiful card selected for the occasion.

The 11 o'clock service opened with music dedicated to the pastor. The choir sang his favorite hymns, and the children's choir, two songs: "Learning to Lean," and "God Made the World for You and Me." Tonja Quidley and Paula Webster sang a duet, "Consider the Lilies." The quintet dedicated "There Is a River" to Mr. Thick.

As Pastor Thick arose to bring the message, Mrs.

Christine Waters stepped from the choir to give him a number of gifts from the ladies of the church to express their love and appreciation for him and his family. She then read his favorite Scripture, John 3:16, and told him that the church members "feel that you are truly one of His sons and are happy that He sent you our way. We love what you stand for and the soul-stirring messages you bring to us." Not to be outdone by the women, the men of the church, represented by Mr. Hardison, gave an envelope containing an honorarium to their minister.

The family was then called to the rostrum by Mrs. Betty Whitley, who introduced Mrs. Mamie Thick, the pastor's mother, who had come all the way from Michigan for the occasion. Gifts of appreciation were presented to Mrs. David Thick and their two daughters. The service continued as the choir sang "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship."

After thanking the congregation, Brother Thick read Psalm 130 and preached his sermon, entitled "There Is Forgiveness for You," on three words, *waiting, hoping, and watching* from his text. The service closed with the invitation and altar call.

Lunch was served in the fellowship hall. Again Brother David was called to the front. This time Robert Burke gave him another box, this one containing a new suit to complete the outfit the ladies had given him that morning. Brother Burke said that John 15:15 also fits their pastor, who, as a man of God, had been a bright light during his darkest hours. The meal consisted of Brother David's favorite foods.

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At the Sunday night service, Charlie Keech presented Brother David with a certificate of honor from Free Union Church. It being the regular quarterly meeting, the session ended with the communion service and footwashing.

### BEATRICE CRUMPLER HONORED



On Monday night, November 22, the Woman's Auxiliary of Piney Grove Church, Kenly, honored Beatrice Crumpler by presenting her the Life Membership Award. Thirty-one members and guests attended the special service at Mrs. Crumpler's home, where she has been a shut-in for the past three months.

President Jean Sasser began the program with comments of Mrs. Beatrice's willingness to serve. (She has been incapacitated since suffering a stroke several years ago.) Mrs. Beatrice still has done her part, whether cooking for a bereaved family or playing the piano at meetings.

After presenting her the Life Membership pin and naming her auxiliary member of the year, President Sasser asked other members to give testimony of their feelings for the honoree. Different ones attested to the courage, strength, faithfulness, love for fellowman, and faith that are part of Mrs. Crumpler's life-style.

Her pastor, the Rev. Lynwood Renfrow, closed the service with prayer.

### GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD



*Andy Cannon*

Andrew (Andy) Bryan Cannon was presented the God and Country Award on Sunday, November 7, at Bethany Church, Route 1, Winterville, during the morning worship service. The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of Bethany Church, presented the award.

The God and Country Award is the highest religious award in the scouting program. It required much Bible study, learning the books of the Bible, the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes and the Twenty-third Psalm. It also included studies of the Church Covenant, doctrine and denominational programs and service projects to implement the Bible study.

Achievement of the Award required completion of three stages involving service projects:

1. Learning the Church Covenant and history, attending district fellowship meetings, visiting a welfare center.

2. Defining and depicting religious and historic symbols, attending a religious camp, describing Church institutions, completing a Christian interview.

3. Participating in Christian services, in Church and family fellowship, visiting Caswell School.

Andy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton A Cannon, Route 1, Ayden. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 34 of Ayden. He received his Eagle Award in 1981.

Andy is 16 and in the eleventh grade at Ayden-Grifton High School. He is a member of

Bethany Church where he is active in Sunday school, and the YFA of which he is Vice President. He serves as a Junior Usher in worship service. He would like to thank the Rev. C. L. Patrick for his help.

### MISS IVA SEWELL HONORED FOR SERVICE

Sunday, November 7, was Iva Sewell Day at Jakin Church, Jakin, Georgia. Miss Sewell was given special recognition for many years of faithful, dedicated, and loving service to her church and community. Flowers were placed in the church in her honor by Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Fort, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Miss Sewell was presented with a corsage, a certificate of award, and a gold necklace by the church. Special piano music was presented by Mrs. John A. Brown. The pastor, the Rev. Talmadge Worsley, entitled his message, "The Making of a Good Name," using Proverbs 22:1 as his text. He included truths characterizing Iva's dedication to Christian living.

Following the services, a covered dish luncheon in the social hall was enjoyed by the church family and other guests attending. The table blessing was given by five-year-old Audra Cowan.

### TAYLOR HILL MEETS HIS REWARD

The Rev. William Taylor Hill, 55, former pastor of the Haymount Free Will Baptist Mission and former director of the Free Will Baptist Home Missions program, died Saturday, December 4. His funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro. Burial followed at Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lois Glenn Hill; daughters, Miss Taylor LaNelle Hill of the home, Mrs. Janice Glenn Basden of San Antonio, Texas;

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son, William Kenneth Hill of the home; mother, Mrs. Lucy T. Hill of Goldsboro; sisters, Miss Nell L. Hill of Goldsboro, Mrs. W. Grace Gwaltney of Kinston, Mrs. Mary E. Malpass of LaGrange; brothers, Blaney W. Hill of Goldsboro, John G. Hill of New Bern; two grandchildren.

#### **FORMER EMPLOYEE PASSES**

Mr. Harry Wade Long, 73, died Wednesday morning, December 1. His funeral services were conducted Friday, December 3, at 2 p.m. at Farmer Funeral Chapel by the Rev. C. H. Overman. Burial followed in the Ayden Cemetery.

Mr. Long was a native of Plymouth and had lived in Ayden for the past 60 years. He was a retired employee of the Free Will Baptist Press and a member of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rubelle B. Long of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Ann Allen of Williamston; and two grandchildren.

#### **YOUTH CHOIR TO PRESENT MUSICAL**

The Youth Choir of Marlboro Church, Route 1, Farmville, will present the Christmas musical, "The One and Only Original Christmas Factory," December 19 and 20. The Sunday evening presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Monday night's service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

#### **SPECIAL SERVICES AT SANDY PLAIN CHURCH**

On Friday, December 31, at 7:30 p.m., the Eastern District, Third Union Youth Rally, will meet at Sandy Plain Church, near Pink Hill.

A watch night service will begin at the church at 8:30 p.m. Old-time gospel preaching, praying, and singing will be

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## **THE BOOK CORNER**

Wirt, Sherwood Eliot. *Jesus Power*. Harper & Row, New York, 1972.

Sherwood Eliot Wirt is editor of "Decision" Magazine and is the author of *Love Song*; *Passport to Life City*; *Not Me, God*; and *The Social Conscience of the Evangelical*.

Dr. Wirt's thesis as stated in the opening paragraph of the preface is, "To examine the word 'power' in the context of faith." In his book *The Social Conscience of the Evangelical*, Dr. Wirt charted the exterior of the Christian life; this book, a companion volume to the aforementioned, explores the interior of the Christian life.

*Jesus Power* is an inspirational and challenging inquiry into the nature of supernatural power, both in Scripture and in everyday Christian living. Dr. Wirt begins with a discussion of the nature of power itself and contrasts the human "power quest" with the dynamics of "God Power." The basic trait exploring man's quest for power the author identifies as pride, which causes man to attempt to completely dominate his environment. The author states, "... Sin is essentially a power play of human pride . . . power is not evil per se; God already had bestowed upon man a limited exercise of power in Eden. Unfortunately it was not enough, for man wants to rule, to be in charge. So Adam's act of disobedience became a kind of taunt, and Scripture records it as rebellion in the face of Almighty God. It still is" (p. 3).

The author presents the only alternative to this situation as *Jesus Power*. *Jesus Power* is, in the author's words, "a supernatural invasion of spiritual power into the social environment, given directly by God to individuals to demonstrate divine love and to meet human need." The indwelling power of the Holy Spirit and the resulting fruits of the Spirit are other ways to say the same thing. The author coins another phrase, the "depowering of man." He says you can only realize the fullness of *Jesus Power* as you become immersed in an awareness of your own powerlessness.

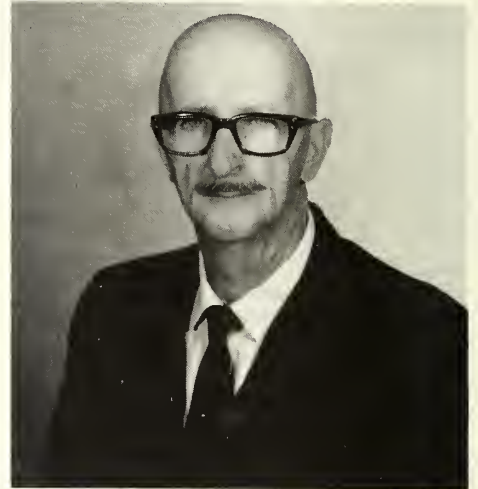
Dr. Wirt says, "Jesus Power is the only commodity the church really possesses, and it is the primary Christian motivator."

The author concludes with a discussion of the nature of true spiritual revival as the instrument of *Jesus Power*. He says we plan evangelistic services and pray for revival. "Evangelism is the preaching of the good news, revival is the receiving of new life. Evangelism is what man does for God, revival is what God does for man. Evangelism is sowing, revival is reaping. Evangelism is the carrying out of the Great Commission, revival is the blessing Jesus Christ gives to the work. Evangelism is sharing the gift of God's salvation, revival is the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit through the blood of Christ. The church is making plans to evangelize the world, but the world is waiting for the church to be revived" (pp. 92, 93).



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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.

### **MINISTERIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

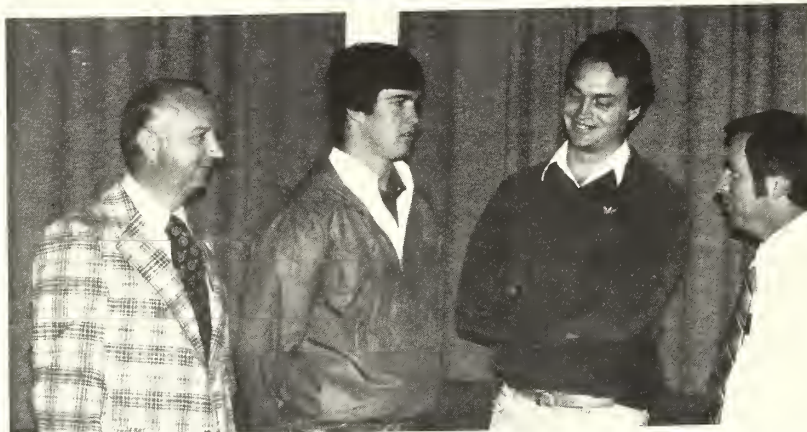
Rev. J. P. Barrow	7934 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN 37209	October 26, 1889
Rev. L. S. Joyner	1220 Lynn Road, Durham, NC 27703	November 5, 1905
Rev. J. A. Evans	Route 1, Box 100-C, Seven Springs, NC 28578	November 10, 1905
Rev. Willie E. Stilley	Route 6, Box 180, New Bern, NC 28560	July 28, 1909
Rev. L. B. Manning	P.O. Box 163, Fountain, NC 27829	May 13, 1900
Rev. R. W. Allman	901 Danbury Drive, Durham, NC 27703	December 25, 1908
Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark	904 Midway Avenue, Durham, NC 27703	January 16, 1910
Mrs. Alice Barrow	Route 2, Snow Hill, NC 28580	August 15, 1911
Rev. N. B. Barrow	Route 2, Snow Hill, NC 28580	October 23, 1911
Rev. Clifton T. Rice	P.O. Box 1303, Kinston, NC 28501	January 9, 1907
Rev. Edgar Benton	Route 1, Box 395-A, Fremont, NC 27830	September 26, 1911
Mr. Ralph A. Bowen	Route 1, Box 394, Ayden, NC 28513	March 5, 1914
Rev. C. L. Patrick	Route 1, Box 219, Winterville, NC 28590	August 17, 1911
Rev. W. O. Lassiter	Route 3, Box 65, Four Oaks, NC 27524	October 4, 1912
Rev. Carol B. Hansley	Hibbs Road, Box 790, Newport, NC 28570	December 19, 1914
Rev. N. D. Beaman	Route 4, Box 400, Snow Hill, NC 28580	October 27, 1909
Rev. R. T. Sasser	517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, NC 27893	March 8, 1912
Rev. Dewey C. Boling	712 East Horne Street, Clayton, NC 27520	October 7, 1918
Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr.	Route 2, Box 129-A, Princeton, NC 27569	November 21, 1915
Rev. Eddie Edwards	303 Old Midway Road, Rockingham, NC 28379	September 20, 1917
Rev. F. B. Cherry	P.O. Box 280, Pine Level, NC 27568	April 15, 1916

### **WIDOWS' PENSION LIST**

Mrs. Duffy Toler	131 North Eastern Street, Greenville, NC 27834	February 8, 1884
Mrs. Julia W. Snyder	Hilltop Inc., Route 1, Linwood, NC 27299	August 25, 1903
Mrs. Mary J. Parrish	Box 43, Elm City, NC 27822	September 23, 1903
Mrs. W. H. Lancaster	405 Raleigh Road, Smithfield, NC 27577	August 2, 1899



## BASEBALL PRO SPEAKS



Jerry Narron (third from left), catcher for the California Angels, was a recent speaker for the Mount Olive College Christian Athletic Association. Narron discussed the advantages of completing college before beginning a professional athletic career. Pictured from left are the Rev. Frank Harrison, co-advisor; President Woody Hall; Narron; and Mount Olive College Coach Larry Dean, co-advisor.

## BONDS FOR COLLEGE HALL

A total of 169 persons/firms purchased bonds to help finance College Hall, the largest construction project in the history of Mount Olive College.

Free Will Baptists purchased \$859,500 of the \$1.5 million in bonds which were issued.

The bonds will serve both as a construction loan and as a plan of financing for the College's new physical education, athletic, convention center, which is currently under construction. The bonds have maturity dates from 1½ to 7 years, ending in 1989 at which time it is expected that College Hall will be debt free.

The College is grateful to all who helped to make its bond program a great success.

### I. Status of Bonds

Issued		\$1,500,000
Purchased (Funds Received)	\$1,101,244	
Reserved	286,256	
Retained by College	112,500	
Total		\$1,500,000

### II. Who Bought the Bonds?

Categories of Bond Holders	Number of Bond Holders	Amount	% Purchased or Reserved
Trustees	18	\$261,000	17.4%
College Personnel	16	47,500	3.1
Alumni	19	54,000	3.6
Mount Olive Residents (a)	18	152,500	10.1
Wayne County Residents (a)	44	523,000	34.8
<b>Non-Duplicating Totals</b>			
Free Will Baptists	117	859,500	57.3%
Friends	52	528,000	35.2
Mount Olive College (b)	1	112,500	7.5

(a) Exclusive of College Personnel.

(b) Mount Olive College itself retained the 6 months and 1 year bonds which totaled \$112,500. The College retained the bonds because the money was not needed at this point in the construction project. These bonds will be reissued at a later date.

## FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Mount Olive College will hold a financial aid workshop on campus, Saturday, January 22, beginning at 10 a.m., and ending at noon in the Henderson Building.

The workshop is not restricted to students who plan to attend Mount Olive College but is a service to all students who plan to enter any college in the fall of 1983. Students and their parents will receive instructions from Betty Cobb, Mount Olive College financial aid director, on application procedures for federal and state grants, loans, and work study. Information will also be provided on the special scholarships and student aid programs at Mount Olive College.

There is no registration fee.

## SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS JANUARY 13

The spring semester at Mount Olive College begins Wednesday, January 13. Applications from new and transferring resident and commuting students are now being accepted. Financial aid is available for qualified students.

## PAUL PALMER CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 17

*New Testament* will be taught beginning Monday, January 17—March 7, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Henderson Building, Room 115 (Mount Olive College Campus). Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the Mount Olive College Humanities Department, is the teacher.

*Missions and Evangelism* will also be offered beginning Monday, January 17—March 7, from 8-9:15 p.m. in the Henderson Building, Room 109. The Rev. Fred Baker, Free Will

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## LET US SING OF HIS BIRTH



Back Row: Left to right: Ronnie Wills, Chris Cherry, Crystal Wills. Front Row: Sherry Wills, Lois Worley, Cindy Gray. (Cindy has been reunited with her family.)

unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:10, 11).

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men (Luke 2:14).

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man (Luke 2:52).

The Lord has placed young lives in the Free Will Baptist Children's Home that they also may grow in stature and in the knowledge and love of God.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this December, 1982, pause a moment, do you see a people divided over issues, a world in near chaos? The angel declared the night of our Saviour's birth, "our hope and peace is found in Christ."

Let us pray for God's perfect direction in the ministry of our Children's Home. Our Lord holds the key to Heaven and the answers for today.

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all (2 Thessalonians 3:16).

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And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7).

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed (Luke 2:1).

And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:.) (Luke 2:3).

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).





## SUNDAY, 19 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:1-9

### CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Suppose that Christ had not been born  
That far-away Judean morn.

Suppose that God, whose mighty hand  
Created worlds, had never planned  
A way for man to be redeemed.  
Suppose the Wise Men only dreamed  
That guiding star whose light still glows  
Down through the centuries. Suppose  
Christ never walked here in men's sight  
Our blessed Way, and Truth, and Light.

Suppose He counted all the cost,  
And never cared that we were lost,  
And never died for you and me,  
Nor shed His blood on Calvary  
Upon a shameful cross. Suppose  
That having died He never rose,  
And there was none with power to save  
Our souls from death beyond the grave!

*As far as piteous heathen know,  
These things that I've "supposed"—are so.*

## MONDAY, 20 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:10-22

### HEAVEN PROCLAIMED HIS BIRTH!

An hour after Queen Elizabeth's third child was born, 128 cables were sent to all parts of the world! Lights in Buckingham Palace, the Home Office, Foreign Office, Colonial Office, and Commonwealth Relations Office had burned all night. The palace's big switchboard was manned all night. The personnel on night duty was doubled in the ministries.

How different was the birth of Jesus, "The Prince of Peace!" No earthly potentates proclaimed His coming. Atrocious, bloodthirsty Herod concerned himself with the event because he thought some rival ruler had appeared.

*God signaled the birth of Jesus by dispatching angelic hosts to proclaim the good news and by placing in the heavens the guiding star to direct seekers to the lowly place in Jesus' birth.*

## TUESDAY, 21 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:23-31

### A NEWBORN BABE GIVES SIGHT TO OTHERS

An obstetrician approached an anxious father in a waiting room of a New York City hospital and said, "I am sorry to inform you, but your baby lived but two hours after its birth, though we did everything we could to save its life." As the sympathetic doctor was about to leave, the quick thinking father said, "I read only recently that human eyes are needed in corneal operations. Could my baby's eyes be used to enable someone to see again!" The next day the Red Cross carried an eye each to two different hospitals. In one, a corneal graft restored the sight of a working man with a large family. In the other, sight was given to a mother. A babe, who lived only two hours, gave physical sight to a grateful father and a mother. Some 2,000 years ago a Babe came into our sin-darkened world to give spiritual sight to all who will receive it without money and without price.

*At His coming, "the people that walked in darkness [saw] a great light."*

## WEDNESDAY, 22 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:32-56

### THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

Long ago, there ruled in Persia a wise and good king. He loved his people. He wanted to know how they lived. He wanted to know about the hardships they suffered. Often he dressed in the clothes of a workingman or a beggar, and went to the homes of the poor. No one whom he visited thought that he was their ruler.

One time he visited a very poor man who lived in a cellar. He ate the coarse food the poor man ate. He spoke cheerful, kind words to him. Then he left. Later he visited the poor man again and disclosed his identity by saying, "I'm your king!" How surprised the poor man was! The king thought the man would surely ask for some gift or favor, but he didn't. Instead he said, "You left your palace and your glory to visit me in this dark, dreary place. You ate the coarse food I ate. You brought gladness to my heart! To others you have given your rich gifts. To me you have given yourself!"

*The King of glory, the Lord Jesus, gave Himself to you and me! The Bible calls Him, "the unspeakable gift!"*

## THURSDAY, 23 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:57-80

### WHERE IS THE CHILD?

A five-year-old refugee was being shown the wonders of a large toy department by his foster parents. His eyes grew wide with wonderment but gradually an expression of disappointment clouded his face. He began to search up and down the aisles and under the tables and counters. At last he burst out, "But where is the child?"

After an embarrassed silence, a store official ordered a Christmas crib to be found at once and set up in a prominent place in the toy department. At this the little boy smiled with delight. Young as he was, he had given a lesson in the real significance of Christmas.

*I am so glad He was not born  
In some rich palace bed.  
I am so glad to know it was  
A lowly place, instead,  
A place where soft-eyed cows and sheep  
Were sheltered and were fed.*

*For to the country-born of earth  
A stable will ever be  
A wholesome place, where night comes down  
With its tranquillity,  
A place of heart's ease and content  
For all who choose to see.*

## FRIDAY, 24 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:1-7

### CHRISTMAS—THAT MAGIC CARPET!

Christmas—that magic carpet that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance—a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved. Then we realize that He who has led us down through the labyrinth of years, born two thousand years ago, showed us the way, saying that we would have peace on earth if we love one another.

There was a gift for each of us left under the Tree of Life two thousand years ago by Him whose birthday we celebrate today. The gift was withheld from no man. Some have left the packages unclaimed. Some have accepted the

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gift and carry it around, but have failed to remove the wrappings and look inside to discover the hidden splendour. The packages are all alike: in each is a scroll on which is written, "All that the Father hath is thine."

*Take and live!*

## SATURDAY, 25 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:8-32

### I AM THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

I sweep across oceans, through dark continents, into cities, into the country, into rich homes, into poor homes, into the hearts of those far away from home—into everyone's life all over the world. I go with a speed that is so well timed that I am in all parts of the world in one week's time.

People know I am coming long before I actually arrive, and big, little, old and young, black, white, brown and yellow plan for my arrival. I am the most contagious thing on the face of the earth, and if it were in the mind of anyone to try to stop me, no power, no vaccine, no order from any government could check me. When I come I touch all lives and everyone is inoculated so that he, too, breaks out with a thorough case of me. There is no way to immunize the soul against me.

But the strange part of it is that no one wants to fight against my ravages of human hearts anywhere in all the world. Instead, people plan for me long weeks before I arrive. All kinds of plans are laid for my coming; homes, schools, churches, business houses, governments talk of my coming and lay plans for my reception. They well know that I will cost them dearly in money, in time, in strain—in many ways, and yet old and young alike plan for my coming with an eagerness and a quickened heart pulse. However much of a Scrooge anyone tries to be, I come and I inject my spirit into his heart where it immediately begins to grow.

Over and above all the things and the wonderful spirit which I bring into existence, I bring to every human being the greatest hope of the world—Jesus.

*'Tis not enough that Christ was born  
Beneath the star that shone,  
And earth was set that holy morn  
Within a golden zone.  
He must be born within the heart  
Before He finds a throne,  
And brings the day of love and good,  
The reign of Christlike brotherhood.*

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For December 19

## JESUS' EARLY LIFE

**Lesson Text:** Luke 2:22-35, 51, 52

**Memory Verse:** Luke 2:52

### I. INTRODUCTION

The Gospel writers tell us little about the homelife of Jesus as He grew up in Nazareth. We know He was subject to Joseph and Mary, as the Law required. We are told of His visit to the temple at the age of twelve, again fulfilling the Law's provision. We know He learned the carpenter's trade and that He was simply considered one more member of the family with the children of Mary and Joseph. All indications are that His was a stable, godly home in that Galilean town.

The omission of any more specifics about this time of Jesus' life does not bother us. He had come into the world for a special, divine mission, and that mission would be fulfilled in His manhood.

Last week we considered Mary's visit to Elisabeth and the beautiful poems that were uttered by the principals at the time of Mary's arrival. The following scene in Luke's account is the birth and naming of John. Next Luke recorded the glorious birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and the account of God's revelation to the shepherds in the fields near the town. Our printed text begins with the visit of Mary and Joseph with the infant to the temple forty days after Jesus' birth.

The student of the Bible must never forget that Jesus Christ was born under the Law, and that He fulfilled its provisions fully in His life and teachings. In his record of the events following Jesus' birth, Luke indicates that Mary and Joseph

respected and carefully observed the Law. Luke 2:21 tells us that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after His birth (see Leviticus 12:3). The verse before us pictures Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple to fulfill the Law's requirements in connection with the birth of the firstborn son. The first was the ceremonial cleansing of the mother, which took place forty days after the birth of her son. By means of the prescribed offerings she was restored to fellowship in the worshipping community (Leviticus 12:2-6). The second was the presentation of the son to the Lord.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. Of the four Gospels, Luke is the only one that gives us anything about the childhood of Jesus. In this lesson, we get two pictures of Jesus. Both of these pictures are at times when He was carried to the temple in Jerusalem.

B. Jesus was first carried to the temple because it was the time for Him to be presented to the Lord in the temple by His parents.

C. A man named Simeon was in the temple when the Babe was brought there. He had been told by God that he would not die until after He had seen the "consolation" of Israel. When he saw Jesus, he knew that this was the correct child. He rejoiced in the Lord with a great hymn.

D. The last picture that we get of Jesus is of His growth and development. As a human it was necessary for Jesus to grow. As God, He knew all things from the beginning. We do not completely understand this, but we do know that it is

true. He was all man and all God.

—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

### III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

Mr. Baxter is a social worker and member of the Truth-seekers Class. This lesson had a special meaning for him. "I work with elderly people all the time," he said. "Some are simply marking time, waiting for the Grim Reaper. Others are so optimistic and positive you would think they were young.

"There have been numerous efforts to explain these differences," he continued. "Some would say they are physiological. Others say they are environmental. I would not deny the importance of these elements, but I do not think they really account for the difference. I have concluded that it is a question of the spirit. Many people have lost the will to live because they have nothing more for which to live.

"Simeon was a person of advanced age. Yet he continued to be active and interested in life because he looked for something—Someone—wonderful. Life was still before him because Jesus was there. I believe it can be the same today for all who look to Him."—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

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## Stranger in Disguise

A poor, obscure shoemaker, Martin worked long hours every day in his little shoe shop. His was a meager living. Yet he was a joyous, friendly man, who gave a helping hand to all those in need.

One night, after a frugal meal, Martin went to bed. As he slept, he dreamed that he was visited by a most wonderful Person. He had never before seen such a kind, wonderful face! "Martin," said the Visitor, "tomorrow I am going to visit you in your shop!" There was no doubt in the shoemaker's mind that his Visitor had been none other than Jesus.

In his dream, the morrow came quickly. How happy Martin was as he tidied up his little shop. Soon all was shipshape for the joyously anticipated Visitor. But no one came, except an old man, who had been shoveling snow. How cold and hungry-looking he was! Martin served him hot tea and bread. How grateful the man was when he left! Then a strange woman, with a scared, care-worn look on her face entered. She was poorly dressed. She held close to her heart a sickly-looking little baby. Martin gave her warm, nourishing food, and as she left, he removed his jacket and spread it over the little baby. Though there was deep satisfaction in Martin's heart because he had helped the needy ones, he felt a twinge of disappointment that the expected Visitor had not come.

Then, just before Martin awoke from his dream, he heard a soothing, tender voice which said, "Martin, didn't you recognize me? Twice I visited you today. I knew you wanted to do kind things for Me, and this you did when you helped others in My name!" Then Martin understood the meaning of these words: "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me!"



## By Invitation of Jesus

by Peter Marshall

ONE bitterly cold December night, when Washington was covered with a blanket of snow and ice, a man sat in his comfortable home on Massachusetts Avenue. A crackling log fire threw dancing shadows on the paneled walls.

The wind outside was moaning softly like someone in pain, and the reading lamp cast a soft, warm glow on the Book this man was reading.

He was alone, for the children had gone out for the evening, and his wife had retired early.

He read the following passage from Luke:  
*... When thou makest a dinner or a supper,  
 call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither  
 thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors  
 ... But when thou makest a feast, call the  
 poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.*

Somehow he could not get away from those simple words. He closed the Bible, and sat musing, conscious for the first time in his life of the challenge of Christ, whose birthday was so near.

What strange fancy was this? Why was it that he kept hearing in a whisper the words he had just read?

He could not shake it off. Never before had he been so challenged. "I must be sleepy," he thought to himself. "It is time I went to bed."

But as he lay in bed, he thought of the dinners and parties that they had given in this beautiful home. Most of those whom he usually invited were listed in "Who's Who in Washington."

He tried to sleep, but somehow he could not close the door of his mind to the procession of the poor that shuffled and tapped its way down the corridors of his soul.

As he watched them pass, he felt his own heart touched. He whispered a prayer that if the Lord would give him courage, he would take Him at His word, and do what He wanted him to do; only then did he find peace and fall asleep.

When the morning came, his determination gave him new strength and zest for the day.

His first call was on the engraver who knew him well. At the counter he drafted the card, chuckling now and then as he wrote, his eyes shining. It read:

*Jesus of Nazareth  
 Requests the honor of your presence  
 at a banquet honoring  
 The Sons of Want  
 on Friday evening, in a home on  
 Massachusetts Avenue  
 Cars will await you at the  
 Central Union Mission  
 at six o'clock*

At the bottom of the card was the quotation: *Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

A few days later, with the cards of invitation in his hand, he walked downtown. Within an hour, there were several people wondering what could be the meaning of the card that a kindly, happy, well-dressed man had placed in their hands.

One was an old man seated on a box trying to sell pencils; and another stood on the corner with a racking cough and a bundle of papers under his arms. There was a blind man saying over and over to himself, "Jesus of Nazareth requests the honor of your presence . . ."

At six o'clock, a strange group of men stood waiting in the vestibule of the Central Union Mission.

"What is the catch in this, anyhow?" asked the cynic. "What's the game?" The blind man ventured to remark: "Maybe it's part of the government relief program."

Just then someone came over and announced that the cars were at the door; without a word, they went outside.

There was something incongruous about it all, these men, clutching their thin coats, huddling together, their faces pinched and wan, climbing into two shiny limousines. At last they were all inside, and the cars glided off with the strangest and most puzzled load of passengers ever carried.

When they dismounted, on Massachusetts Avenue, they stood gazing at the house. Up the

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broad steps and over thick-piled carpets, they entered slowly.

Their host was a quiet man, and they liked him—these guests of his, whose names he did not know.

He did not say much, only, "I am so glad you came."

By and by, they were seated at the table, with its spotless linen and gleaming silver. They were silent now; even the cynic had nothing to say. It seemed as if the banquet would be held in frozen silence.

The host rose in his place. "My friends, let us ask the blessing.

"If this is pleasing to Thee, O Lord, bless us as we sit around this table, and bless the food that we are about to receive. Bless these men. You know who they are, and what they need. And help us to do what You want us to do. Amen."

The blind man was smiling now. He turned to the man seated next to him and asked him about the host. "What does he look like?"

And so the ice was broken; conversation began around the table, and soon the first course was laid.

It was a strange party, rather fantastic in a way, thought the host. His guests had no credentials, no social recommendations, no particular graces—so far as he could see. But, my, they were hungry!

Yet there was not a trace of condescension in his attitude. He was treating them as brothers.

It was a grand feeling—a great adventure.

He watched each plate, and directed the servants with a nod or a glance. He encouraged them to eat; he laughed at their thinly disguised reluctance, until they laughed too.

As he sat there, it suddenly occurred to him how different was the conversation! There were no off-color stories, no whisperings of scandal, no one saying, "Well, I have it on good authority."

They were talking about their friends in misfortune, wishing they were here too . . . wondering whether Charlie had managed to get a bed in the charity ward, whether Dick had stuck it out when he wanted to end it all, whether the little woman with the baby had found a job.

When the meal was over, someone came in and sat down at the piano. Familiar melodies, old songs, filled the room; and then in a soft voice the pianist began to sing "Love's Old Sweet Song," "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "The Sidewalks of New York."

Someone else joined in, a cracked wheezing voice, but it started the others. Men who had not sung for months, men who had no reason to sing, joined in.

Before they knew it, they were singing hymns: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "The Church in the Wildwood," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Then the pianist stopped, and the guests grouped themselves in soft, comfortable chairs around the log fire.

The host, moving among them with a smile, said: "I know you men are wondering what all this means; I can tell you very simply but, first, let me read you something."

He read from the Gospels, stories of One who moved among the sick, the outcasts, the despised and the friendless: how Jesus healed this one, cured that one, spoke kindly words of infinite meaning to another, and what He promised to all who believed in Him.

"Now I haven't done much tonight for you, but it has made me very happy to have you here in my home. I hope you have enjoyed it half as much as I have, and if I have given you one evening of happiness, I shall be forever glad to remember it. But this is not my party. It is His! I have merely lent Him this house. He was your *Host*. He is your *Friend*. And He has given me the honor of speaking for Him.

"He is sad when you are. He hurts when you do. He weeps when you weep. He wants to help you—if you will let Him.

"I'm going to give each of you His Book of Instructions. Certain passages in it are marked, which I hope you will find helpful when you are sick and in pain, when you are lonely and discouraged. Then, I shall see each one of you tomorrow, where I saw you today, and we'll have to talk together to see just how I can help you most."

They shuffled out into the night with a new light in their eyes, a smile where there had not been even interest before. The blind man was smiling still, and as he stood on the doorstep, waiting, he turned to where his host stood.

"God bless you, my friend, whoever you are."

A little wizened fellow who had not spoken all night paused to say, "I'm going to try again, mister; there's somethin' worth livin' for."

The cynic turned back, "Mister, you're the first man who ever gave me anything. And you've given me hope."

"That is because I was doing it for Him," said the host, and he stood and waved good night as the cars purred off into the darkness.

When they had gone, he sat again by the fire and looked at the dying embers, until the feeling became overwhelming, again, that there was Someone in the room. Someone who stood in the shadows and smiled too, because some of the least of these had been treated like brothers for His sake.

# Yes! I Believe the Virgin Birth of Jesus and I'm Not Ashamed to Proclaim It!

by the Rev. Walter Sutton

There is nothing new in modernists, liberals, agnostics, skeptics and hypocrites attacking the Virgin Birth. But that is all that can be done—no amount of attack can destroy it. The Virgin Birth of Jesus will survive all the verbiage and theological discussion against it. The doctrine stands today as beautiful and essential to Christian doctrine as it ever has and in spite of those who oppose it will continue to stand. Harry Emerson Fosdick, a noted modernist of the recent past, said, "I know no intelligent person who any longer believes in the Virgin Birth." Nels F. S. Ferre stated that Jesus might have been the son of a blonde German soldier and a loose Jewish woman that lived near the garrison there in Jerusalem. Such statements reflect ignorance to spiritual truth and border on blasphemy if it is not in fact blasphemy. If I were God and the statement were made about my son, I'd want to slap him as far as the east is from the west—but physical contact never accomplishes the real purpose.

At this Christmas season, let us once again turn to the Word of God and reaffirm our belief that the Bible teaches that Jesus was marvellously conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

Let us right now, read these Scriptures:

*Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will*

*I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).*

God wanted to manifest Himself in miraculous power to Ahaz. Ahaz, the wicked, impious hypocrite refused God's offer to produce any miracle that he might ask, by saying, "I will not ask, neither will I tempt Jehovah." God then turned from speaking to Ahaz, and in Verse 13 speaks to "the house of David," that is, the entire nation of Israel. God said He would give the whole nation of Israel one particular sign. What would that sign be? What would this great miracle be that God now promised to the whole nation? It is the miracle of the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah. *Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).*

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible, placed on the market in 1952, attacks the Virgin Birth by changing the word "virgin" to "young woman." Why change the terminology? God, through the prophet, said "virgin," not "young woman." Now, I'm not a scholar in language. I only know what I read in works by reliable men of faith who have stood for the faith—that system of doctrine set forth simply in yours and my Bible. The

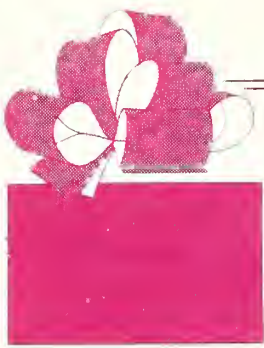
Hebrew word for virgin is ALMAH. It can have no other meaning than "virgin" or "virtuous." The Greek word used by Matthew in Matthew 1:23 for virgin signifies the same. He correctly quoted Isaiah. Read it yourself. *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us (Matthew 1:23).* The apostle continues in Verse 16: *"And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ (Matthew 1:16),* giving us the genealogy of Joseph, beginning with Abraham through Joseph, the husband of Mary. But he was not the father of Jesus, for before the marriage of Joseph and Mary, *she was . . . with child of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 1:18).*

(Note, in Greek, *of whom* was in reference to Mary, not Joseph.)

This was the child whose coming was foretold in Isaiah 9:6, 7: *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

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## Foreign Missions . . .

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Board of Foreign Missions, your missionaries, and workers pray that each of you will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Each year as the Christmas Season draws near, the earth seems to take on a brighter note. No matter how bleak the outlook may be, the thought of the Christ Child brings warmth and joy to millions the world over. For almost two thousand years, in war, in peace, in hunger and in plenty, the hope of men and women in Christ has lightened the burdens of life.

The love of God is so greatly expressed in that simple birth. Christ was born in a stable, yet no single birth has ever had such recognition. Angels sang, shepherds left their flocks to see this Child, and wise men traveled far to present gifts to Him. The news has been proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Jesus, the Christ is born! This Christmas in Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America, and the islands of the seas, the songs of Christmas will be heard as Christians gather to celebrate the birth of Our Saviour.

Christmas is a time of joy, a time of hope, a time of giving. Jesus gave Himself for us. As we give this Christmas, let us give ourselves to Him and to His service. The message of Christmas is Jesus loves and saves. Our service is to spread this Good News so all may know the joy of Christmas.

God bless you with the true Christmas spirit.

Harold Jones

### Suppose

Suppose it were your birthday  
And all your friends would come  
And gather round your fireplace  
There in your happy home.

They come with smiles and gladness,  
And bring their presents, too  
But when they start to share them,  
There's not a one for you.

They give them to each other,  
A grand and costly lot.  
But for the guest of honor,  
They somehow just forgot.

You say such things don't happen,  
Nor should it ever be;  
It seems too crude and cruel,  
For folks like you and me.

But friend, have you considered  
Just this is what men do?  
Not, of course, to humans,  
But of our Lord, 'tis true.

We celebrate His birthday  
With all our pomp and style;  
But give to one another  
And grieve Him all the while.

'Tis Christ we claim to honor  
At this glad Christmastime;  
Don't spend on friends the dollars  
And give Him just a dime.

To give to one another  
Indeed is very nice;  
But best of all to Jesus,  
For Him let's sacrifice.

—Fred D. Jarvis

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE BAKER FAMILY



*The Rev. Fred Baker family*

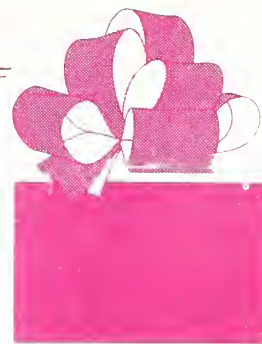
Christmas is a time to give thanks for the gift of our Saviour. It is also a great time to say thank you to our many supporters and prayer partners for your faithfulness over the past year.

Furlough is almost half over. The time at home has been a tremendous blessing. We have been refreshed in mind, body and spirit. Pray for us as we begin to make preparations to return to the Philippines in a few months.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fred, Linda, Kim and Stevie Baker  
*Your Missionaries to the Philippines*

... Home Missions



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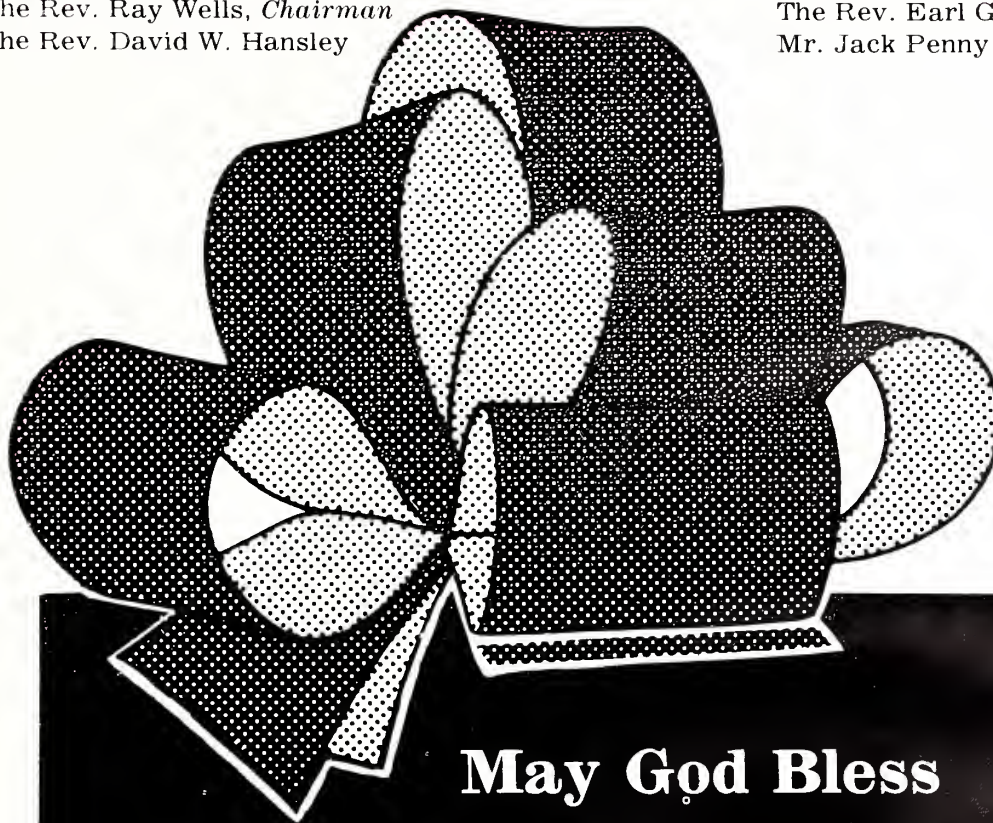
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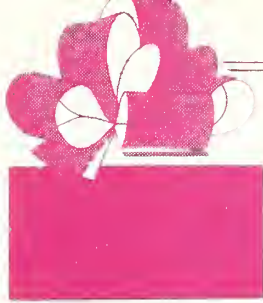
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**May God Bless  
You and Yours During the  
Christmas Season  
Is the Sincere Prayer  
of the Home Missions  
Department**





## Mount Olive College . . .

### **KENNEDY TO TEACH PAUL PALMER COURSES**

Rudene Kennedy will teach two courses through the Paul Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College. Miss Kennedy is a member of Cabin Church in Beulaville, and she holds a Master's Degree from Old Dominion University in Virginia.

*Studies in the Book of Revelation* will be offered on Mondays, beginning January 3—February 21, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Youth Center in Beulaville. The course will focus on the historical setting and symbolism in the Book of Revelation.

*The Life of Christ* will be taught on Tuesdays, beginning January 18—March 8, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Verona Church.

A registration fee of \$20 is charged for each course. Both classes carry 3 units of Paul Palmer credit.

The Paul Palmer Institute at Mount Olive College is a program of continuing education for ministers and church workers.

### **INCOME TAX WORKSHOP FOR MINISTERS**

An Income Tax Workshop for ministers and their wives will be held Saturday, January 15, from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Room 209, Henderson Building, at Mount Olive College. Coffee and doughnuts will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Martha Herndon, a certified public accountant, will conduct the workshop. She is with the firm of Massengill, Best, and Marcham in Goldsboro.

Lunch will be served in the College cafeteria at 12:45 p.m. (\$2.50 per person.)

The workshop is offered through the Chaplain's office as part of Mount Olive College's program of continuing education for ministers.

### **THIGPEN NAMED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



William D. Thigpen

William D. Thigpen of Beulaville has been appointed to the board of trustees at Mount Olive College, effective December 1.

Thigpen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and history from Atlantic Christian College and a Master of Arts degree in education and mathematics from East Carolina University.

Thigpen retired in 1979 as principal of Beulaville Elementary School after 30 years in education. He is a life member of the National Education Association.

He is a member of Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church, where he serves as a Sunday school teacher.

Thigpen is married to Ollie Walston Thigpen from Greene County. His son, W. Duvaul Thigpen, is a 1973 graduate of Mount Olive College.

### **NEW HONORS PROGRAM BROADENED**

Free Will Baptist students who plan to enroll at Mount Olive College for the 1983-84 academic year can apply for Academic Honors Scholarships, Leadership Scholarships, and Academic Fellowships in addition to receiving Church College Grants and other kinds of financial aid.

The Honors Program at Mount Olive College for 1983-84 will provide a wide range of awards to be based on merit rather than on financial need. Under the new Honors Program, students must apply for the awards, and an interview by a scholarship committee will be required. Students who are selected for one of the three scholarship categories must have a grade point average of "90" or above.

*Academic Honors Scholarships* recognizing superior academic achievement will be awarded in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500 per year.

*Leadership Scholarships* ranging from \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 per year will be awarded beginning with the academic year 1983-84 on the basis of leadership ability as well as academic potential.

*Academic Fellowships* will cover ½ the cost of tuition, and the recipients will work 10 hours per week as tutors or on projects related to their proposed majors. Selection for the Fellowships will be based on grade-point average, class rank, SAT scores, intended career field, and character.

### **Selection Process**

Students who are selected to be interviewed by the scholarship committee will be notified

by the Admissions Office. Interviews will be held on Saturday, March 19, 1983, and Saturday, April 23, 1983.

For more information, contact the director of admissions, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365; phone: (919) 658-2502.

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

SAT scores: \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be a candidate for the following Scholarships:

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic Honors Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic Fellowship

In a brief handwritten paragraph, state your educational and career goals. (Please use a separate sheet of paper.)

I \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ have not submitted the College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Form (CSS FAF).

If you have not submitted the CSS FAF, the Admissions Office will send you a copy of the form.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by

March 1, 1983

to:

Director of Admissions

Mount Olive College

Mount Olive, NC 28365

### FORGIVE US OUR CHRISTMASES!

The day before Christmas had been full of incidents, some of them unpleasant. Father seemed to be burdened with worries as well as bundles. Mother's anxiety had reached the breaking point on many occasions throughout the day. Wherever the little girl went, she seemed to be in the way.

Finally she was hustled to bed. The feverish excitement of the Christmas planning had completely unnerved her. As she knelt by her bed to pray the Lord's Prayer, she got all mixed up and prayed, "*Forgive us our Christmases*, as we forgive those who Christmas against us."

As we watch the tense, nervous shoppers this season, we feel like praying as the little girl did, "*Forgive us our Christmases*."

—Selected

### COMING EVENTS

*December*—Entire Month Designated by the State Convention as Foreign Missions Month

*December 23*—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. Editorial and Printing Departments Closed

*December 25*—Christmas Day

*December 25*—Watch WITN-TV, Channel 7, (Washington), at 11 p.m., Mount Olive College Chorus will be featured on *A Christmas Carrousel*

*December 25*—All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, Kinston, and Whiteville

*January*—Entire Month Designated by the North Carolina State Convention as Retirement Homes Month

*January 1*—All Bible Bookstores Closed—Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, Wilson, Kinston, and Whiteville

**Have YOU any  
room for Jesus?**



light a candle in  
the world's darkness





## The Sunday School Lesson . . .

For December 26

### JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

**Lesson Text:** Luke 4:1-15

**Memory Verse:** Luke 4:14

#### I. INTRODUCTION

In Greek mythology, the famous Greek warrior Achilles accomplished great victories for his native land on the battlefield. His death came about in a most unusual manner. When he was an infant, his mother Thetis is said to have dipped him in the River Styx to make him invulnerable. But, through carelessness, she did not submerge the heel of the foot by which she held him. His end came about when the Trojan warrior, Paris, shot an arrow into the fatal spot, his heel.

More realistically, we human beings have "Achilles heels," of our own—points at which we are especially susceptible to temptation. One person is lured by strong drink. Another may be flagrant in covetousness. Satan knows each person's point of weakness, and he aims his arrows with precision at the spot. Only Jesus proved to be invincible.

Jesus was twelve years old on that memorable feast of Passover when, instead of joining His family and friends for the return trip to His home in Galilee, He remained in Jerusalem to talk with the doctors of law. Last week's lesson closed with His return to Nazareth.

The Scriptures pass over in silence the next eighteen years of Jesus' life. Then, at the height of the ministry of John the Baptist, Jesus began to

prepare for His own ministry. At about the age of thirty, He was baptized by John (Luke 3:21-23).

In fulfilling the grand design of God, Jesus was necessarily brought into confrontation with the temptations we face. His testing was thorough (Hebrews 4:15) and was held under extremely difficult circumstances, as we shall see. As we might expect, the temptations brought before Jesus do not resemble those we mere mortals ordinarily meet, except in principle. But each encounter had its own particular relevance, its own special appeal. Following Jesus through these trials is a spiritual exercise. We will do well to learn the responses Jesus made to Satan's advances. This lesson teaches us that temptation itself is not sin. Jesus' example in confronting and overcoming His temptation reinforces Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that for every temptation we face, a way of escape is provided if we seek it.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

#### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. Today we study "The Temptation of Jesus." Perhaps this was the greatest crisis of temptation that He ever had, but He did have other times of testing and temptation. From the time of His birth until He ascended back to Heaven, we may be sure that Satan dogged His steps and would have destroyed Him if he could have.

B. Jesus was tempted in two ways. First, His faith was tried. Second, He was allured by Satan to push aside the will of God. Some say that He could not have sinned. If He had sinned, He would have been disowned by the Father just as

Lucifer was cast out of Heaven when he sinned.

C. The first temptation of Jesus was to turn the stones to bread. This came after a fast of forty days. The real temptation was to use His power as the Son of God to satisfy His hunger. Lust is a perversion of the normal appetites and desires. If Jesus had done what Satan suggested, He would have misused his power as God's Son. It was not a sin to be hungry, but it would have been a sin to use His power to satisfy His hunger.

D. The second temptation was to worship Satan for the kingdoms of the world. Note that Jesus did not challenge Satan when he said that he owned the kingdoms of the world. There is a sense in which he did and a sense in which he did not. Again Jesus used Scripture to put Satan in his place.

E. Two things should be noted about the way that Jesus handled the temptations. First, He did not dally with Satan. Just as soon as the temptation came, He immediately quoted from God's Word and turned him aside. It is always dangerous for one to dally with Satan. Second, He used the Scripture which is the Sword of the Spirit.

—*The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)*

#### III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

*Temptation Is No Sin*—It is not a sin to be tempted. In fact, every one is tempted. We may be sure that Satan never leaves one single child of God alone without making an effort to win him back to the wicked ways from which he was saved. Temptation becomes wrong only when we yield and let it become sin.—*The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)*

## TEACHING ABOUT FORGIVENESS

**Lesson Text:** Luke 7:36-50

**Memory Verse:** Luke 7:47

### I. INTRODUCTION

She was a scroungy thing when I saw her—thin, lonely, dirty, and stinking. I picked her up in a dog pound and thought the smell of her was going to make me sick before I could get home with her. I kept the car windows wide open. It took three days for the smell to leave the car.

It was not pleasant giving the dog a bath in our tub, but we did—three times. What a difference it made! That dog seemed to be instantly transformed. Now that she was clean, she was as white as snow and very pretty. Not long afterward, when I had given her a little food and attention, the dog became quite attached to me and never could get enough of my presence.

But there are other dogs also, those that do not know how to show appreciation. They seem self-righteous and think they are better than anyone else. I have had some of my worst experiences with the pedigreed dogs that seem to carry a chip on their shoulders and think that nothing I do for them merits appreciation. They seem to feel that I owe them.

In today's lesson, we are going to compare these two types of dogs to two types of people with whom Jesus came into contact.

Throughout his Gospel, Luke stresses that Jesus is the Saviour for *everyone*. Such an emphasis went against the grain of what most Jews felt in that time. Many had slipped into thinking that they were the only ones privileged to receive God's grace. In fact, they narrowed down the privileged ones even further. They taught that

women, children, the sick, and the poor were outside of God's love. They built fences to keep people in their places.

But Luke records that Jesus broke through those fences and ministered to all kinds of people. Shortly before the event recorded in our lesson, Jesus had shown concern for a Gentile (Luke 7:1-10) and for a widow (vv. 11-17).

Are there people in your community who share the beliefs of the self-righteous people in Jesus' day? More to the point, what is our attitude? Is it the attitude of Jesus or that of the Pharisees? This lesson is not just about something that happened in times past. It happens in our neighborhoods and churches today.

Jesus has taught us to pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Although the sins of the woman were many, they were forgiven on her declaration of faith and repentant confession. The sins of the Pharisee were not forgiven because he would not even admit them, much less ask forgiveness. Although the sins of the Pharisee were not so many or so grievous as those of the woman, they were yet sufficient for eternal condemnation in Hell if he continued to refuse to humble himself before God. In many ways the spiritual sins of Simon were more deadly than the fleshly sins of the woman, for they blinded him to their presence.

A forgiving attitude toward others in their failure is the very foundation of our prayer for forgiveness of our own sins. It is not merely our duty to grant forgiveness to those who have wronged us personally. We must take a forgiving, sympathetic, helpful attitude toward all who repent and seek to live according to God's will. It is only in the air of mercy that we may breathe the precious oxygen of forgiveness.—*Standard Lesson Commentary*

### II. POINTS TO PONDER

A. The story of Jesus eating in the home of a Pharisee and the woman coming in off the street and finding forgiveness is peculiar to Luke's Gospel.

B. In this lesson we see Jesus dealing with two sinners. One was a "respectable" sinner, and the other was a woman of the street. Note that Jesus treated both of these sinners alike, and in so doing He teaches us that Christian separation is one of character and need not be physical.

C. This lesson today should cause each one to search his heart with this question: Do we have the same attitude toward sinners that Jesus had? If all Christians today had the same attitude toward sinners that Jesus had, what would be the effect?

D. The way Jesus handled the situation in today's lesson is interesting. Clearly He had to do something. The weeping, affectionate woman at His feet had probably gotten the attention of all in the room. There was an uneasy quiet as guests muffled their comments to one another. Jesus skillfully opened the conversation in a way to respect the dignity of both the woman and Simon while at the same time driving home His point to both.

—*The Bible Teacher* (F.W.B.)

### III. ILLUSTRATING THE LESSON

"Sister," said a dying girl, "please get the Bible and read for me that passage about the Blood which cleanseth from sin. I fear some of my sins are too great to be forgiven. Look whether it says 'all sin' or only 'sin,' for I do not remember." "Yes," replied the sister, "these are the exact words, 'The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.' " "Oh, how sweet!" said the girl whose fire of life was almost out. "Now there is pardon for all my sins."—*The Advanced Quarterly* (F.W.B.)





## Family Devotions . . .

### SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading – Matthew 1:18-25

#### I PITY YOU PALEFACES!

An aged Indian woman spoke in her native tongue at a Christmas service for the benefit of the Indians who were present. Then she turned to the English-speaking people and said in English, "I have told my people the story of the birth of Christ. It is a wonderful story! Do you know, I pity you palefaces. You never knew the astonishment and wonderment that I felt when I heard this story for the first time! You have always been familiar with it. It says nothing special to you. My best Christmas wish for you is that you may be moved again by the glory of the gospel, as if you were hearing it for the first time, so that Christ may really be born in your hearts as in mine!"

... he shall save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

### MONDAY, 27 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading – Matthew 2

#### GOD IN A FRAME

A little boy, whose father was away from home most of the time, looked at his dad's picture on the wall and said to his mother: "Mother, I wish Father would come out of that frame."

Is God real to you, a Person near at hand? Or is He more like a picture on the wall, a motto, a doctrine, something wonderful to look at and think about, but still in a frame? Have you wished He might come out of the frame, become a glorious living Reality? Have you cried, "Oh, that I knew where I might find Him"?

*I will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21).*

### TUESDAY, 28 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading – Ecclesiastes 3

#### MISSING ITS BLESSING

A Jewish rabbi's parable tells of seven brothers who lived together. Six worked and the seventh cared for the house, having the meals ready and the house bright for his brothers in the

evening. But the six said that the seventh must work, too. So in the evening they returned home and found the house dark and no meal prepared. They then saw how foolish they had been, and quickly restored the old way.

*The Sabbath is a day among the seven which provides light, comfort, and good for all the others. Drive it out to work, and all the rest will miss its blessing.*

### WEDNESDAY, 29 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading – Ecclesiastes 5

#### A CUP OF HALLOWED MEMORY

Recently I came across a badly nicked enamel cup which, for years, had been among the odds and ends in a seldomly opened drawer. How junky were some of the things in that drawer! As I sorted the things and discarded unwanted things the badly nicked cup was tossed out too. But as I looked at that little, old cup, a train of happy and hallowed memories raced through my mind: My three daughters, when babies, had learned to drink milk and orange juice from that cup. Instantly and reverently I recovered it from the heap. Tenderly caressing it with my hands, I said, "This cup will find its place among my treasured possessions, for when I look at it, memories of the joyous babyhood days of my daughters fill my being with grateful and precious thoughts!

I am thinking now of another cup, a cup which is most sacred to God's children, a cup which the Saviour blessed.

*How prone we are to forget! To keep in memory His vicarious death and sure promise to return again, the Lord has left with His children the communion cup and the command, "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).*

### THURSDAY, 30 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading – Ecclesiastes 11

#### A PEEK AT THE EARLY CHRISTIANS

When Pliny was governor of Bithynia, he wrote a most interesting letter to the Roman Emperor Trajan, asking why Christians were being exterminated, and added: "I have been trying to get all the information I could regarding them. I have even hired spies to profess to be Christians and become baptized in order that they might get into the Christian services

without suspicion. Contrary to what I had supposed, I find that the Christians meet at dead of night or at early morn, that they sing a hymn to Christ as God, that they read from their own sacred writings and partake of a very simple meal consisting of bread and wine and water (the water added to the wine to dilute it in order that there might be enough for all). This is all that I can find out, except that they exhort each other to be subject to the government and to pray for all men."

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*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36).*

## FRIDAY, 31 DECEMBER

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 12

### A SURE WAY TO LESSEN SUNDAY WORK

Bill usually attended church regularly. So when he had been absent for several Sunday mornings, his pastor was deeply concerned. He went to see Bill and said, "I haven't seen you in church lately. Is there any reason for your continued absence?" "Yes, there is a reason. As you know, I handle perishable commodities. Someone must handle them, even on Sundays. My employees want to attend their church, so I take over on Sundays, though I greatly miss the fellowship of God's people. But, Pastor, since I am doing this necessary work on the Lord's Day, I am going to give to the Lord all the money I make on His time—thirty-five dollars!"

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*How little work there would be on the Lord's day if all Sunday workers had to follow Bill's example!*

## SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY

Scripture Reading—Genesis 1-5

### JUST A MINUTE

If you should wake some dreadful day  
Before His throne, and hear Him say:  
"I am the Way you did not take,  
Although I died once for your sake;  
I am the Truth you did not heed,  
You were not sure you had a need;  
I am the Light you did not see—  
Now, darkness for eternity!"  
You cannot say, "I did not know";  
He plainly wrote and told you so.  
And if you would not read His Word?  
That Word still stands, "Thus saith the Lord!"

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*When God looks upon the people of the world, He sees but two kinds of folk—the saved and the unsaved.*

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

## SUNDAY, 2 JANUARY

Scripture Reading—Genesis 6-11

### RELIGIOUS, BUT LOST!

Dr. Harry A. Ironside and his family were going to the Pacific coast by train one summer. His oldest son walked down the aisle giving tracts to the passengers. Later a passenger came and sat down by Dr. Ironside. "That was your little son who gave me that tract, I believe." "That's right," answered Dr. Ironside. The woman said, "I am so glad to know that there are other religious people on the train beside myself. I have been religious all my life. My uncle and my two brothers are clergymen." "That's interesting, but have you been converted yourself?" "Why, you don't seem to understand. My father was a Bible-class leader and my uncle and two brothers are earnest clergymen," she said. "But you don't expect to go to Heaven hanging on their coattails, even if they were born-again Christians, do you?" "No," she said, "but I thought if I put it that way, you would understand that religion runs in our family!"

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*Your fairest pretensions must be waived,  
Your best resolutions be crossed,  
You can never expect to be perfectly saved,  
Till you know yourself utterly lost!*

## MONDAY, 3 JANUARY, 3

Scripture Reading—Genesis 12-17

### EMPTINESS WITHOUT THE SAVIOUR!

Had I wealth and love in fullest measure,  
And a name revered both far and near,  
Yet no hope beyond, no harbor waiting,  
Where my storm-tossed vessel I could steer;  
If I gained the world, but lost the Saviour,  
Who endured the Cross and died for me,  
Could then all the world afford a refuge,  
Whither, in my anguish, I might flee?

Oh, what emptiness—without the Saviour  
'Mid the sins and sorrows here below!  
And eternity, how dark without Him!—  
Only night and tears and endless woe!  
What, though I might live without the Saviour,  
When I come to die, how would it be?

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*Oh, to face the valley's gloom without Him!  
And without Him all eternity!*

(Turn the Page)

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### Worship the Christ of Christmas!

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

Scripture Reading—Genesis 18-22

### MICROPHONE IN YOUR HEART

According to *Newsweek*, the stethoscope commonly used by doctors to listen to one's heart, is due to become obsolete. A new invention unveiled recently by the Heart Association is a microphone that can record the sound waves from within the heart on a mike's ceramic plate. This tiny microphone can be slipped through the veins right up into the heart itself and the vibrations are amplified as sound or as a diagram on a picture tube.

This is a marvelous advance in the science of medicine. However, science has not been able to compare its findings with the knowledge and the accurate appraisal and diagnosis of the human heart as God has revealed it in the Bible.

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*"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" For confirmation, read your daily newspaper!*

## WEDNESDAY, 5 JANUARY

Scripture Reading—Genesis 23-26

### WHY WILL YE DIE?

The dreadful scourge of sleeping sickness struck a certain section of Africa. This sickness is caused by the bites of the tsetse fly, which lives in the dark, dense forests. Many natives succumbed. The Belgian government sent in a remedy for the sickness. Missionaries were supplied with it, and went in all directions into the villages to inoculate the natives. At their approach, however, many of the natives in the faraway villages would scamper away. They were afraid of the white man and his needle. The sure remedy for their sickness had been provided, but they refused it!

God, in mercy, has provided an unfailing remedy for sleeping, sin-sick souls. Yet many refuse the remedy, Jesus provided the remedy for the scourge of sin. All who reject Him will die in their sins.

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*Jesus said to those who rejected Him: "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40).*

## THURSDAY, 6 JANUARY

Scripture Reading—Genesis 27-30

### I TRIED TO SAVE HER!

During the blitz in London a woman stood in an open window in the top story of a blazing building. An escape ladder was quickly run up. A brave fireman made his way to the top. He

leaned into the window with outstretched arms to take the woman to safety. The more he pleaded with her, the more she retreated in terror. The flames enveloped her. The noble fireman had to return without her! Weeping, he said, "I tried to save her, but she wouldn't let me!"

If you are eternally lost, it won't be because God failed to make every provision for your eternal safety and salvation. Pleading, He asks you to flee from the wrath to come to the Saviour, who, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man.

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*You'll die in your sins if you refuse to come to Him.*

## FRIDAY, 7 JANUARY

Scripture Reading—Genesis 31-35

### SELF-MADE TRAP

Recently the word was spread in Livingston, Montana, that mountain lions had been spotted on a nearby ranch. The chase was on and before the hunt was over, two large cats had been treed and shot. One measured seven feet and weighed 125 pounds and the other was seven feet six inches and weighed 145 pounds.

The interesting part about these native lions is that they always head for the false security of a tree when the hounds are after them, thus assuring their ultimate destruction. They cannot reason that immediate security is not always the best—that the only escape from the tree is down, into a trap of their own setting.

Many persons reason as poorly in the important matter of their eternal welfare.

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*When pursued by an awakened conscience and the fear of death, they seek the false security of the home-made tree of their own good works.*

## SATURDAY, 8 JANUARY

Scripture Reading—Genesis 36-40

### AFRICAN AND AMERICAN PAGANS

An Ethiopian was asked: "Do you believe in God? He replied, "Yes, I believe in God, but I don't offer sacrifices to Him. God is far away and will not harm me. I offer sacrifices to the lions because they are near. They will kill and eat my cattle and maybe my children if I do not offer sacrifices to them!"

An American merchant was asked: "Do you believe in God?" He replied, "Surely, I believe in God, but 'business is business.' I go to church only occasionally for I must consider my business." In reality, he meant, "I sacrifice to my business."

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*One was an African pagan. The other was an American pagan.*

Portions selected from *Knight's Treasury of Illustrations*, Walter B. Knight.



## News and Notes. . .

### ASPEN GROVE HAS BIRTHDAY SOCIAL



On December 12, 1982, following quarterly business meeting and the Lord's Supper, the members, pastor and family of Aspen Grove shared in a happy and enjoyable fellowship bringing to a close a joyous day of worship.

The members that had birthdays from May 1 through December 31, 1982, were honored. All the ladies of the church prepared delicious refreshments for the occasion. After singing Happy Birthday the ones being honored were served first. There were approximately fifty-five birthday guests and approximately forty-five other members and friends.

May God bless this church as they worship and work together to promote Christ our Saviour.

### CHURCH PLANS LIVE NATIVITY

The members of Core Creek Church, Cove City, will present a live nativity production on December 22 and 23. The different scenes portrayed will feature "living" performers. Vernon McCoy will narrate this outdoor reenactment of the Christmas story.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

The Rev. Bass Mitchell, pastor, and the congregation cordially invite everyone to join them in this wonderful event.

### NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to express my thanks for all the kind expressions of love and sympathy bestowed to me during the tragic death of my dear wife, Reda Mae Harber.

Sincerely,  
The Rev. Bob Harber

### YES! I BELIEVE

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You ask if the miraculous conception and Virgin Birth of Jesus is essential to Christian doctrine. Yes, yes. Without it

you have no grounds for atonement. The blood in the veins of Jesus was no ordinary blood; it was the blood of Almighty God. When Jesus died He shed that blood, made atonement for sin and made possible the salvation of all who hear the gospel and believe it and practice it.

The sinful nature of man was therefore not passed on to Jesus, and because He was conceived not of man but of the Holy Spirit, He was truly "God with us."

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth (John 1:14).*

## GOD'S CHILDREN DIDN'T FAIL!

Childish impressions are lasting impressions. My father died when I was nine years old. My mother was left penniless with five half-orphaned children. Sorrows came thick and fast! We all came down with typhoid fever. An older and a younger brother died. When Christmas approached there were no toys or other things which rejoice the heart of childhood. It was then that I got an early and lasting impression of the great love and unselfishness of true Christian people. On Christmas Eve, they came with arms filled with toys, candy, nuts and fruits! How dismal Christmas would have been for my sisters and me but for the kindness and thoughtfulness of God's children.

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... a child is born. And with  
His coming was born a spirit of  
love and joy which has lived for  
generations in our hearts —

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May your Christmas be as  
peaceful as Heaven, as joyful as  
sunrise, as beautiful as snowfall . . .  
as always as His love. Wishing you a  
beautiful Christmas and a New Year  
of peace and happiness.

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