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REFLECTIONS

A Guest Editorial

Resurrection Power

By The Reverend Mike Scott

...If there is no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain (1 Corinthians 15:13-14).

The resurrection of Christ sets Christianity apart from every other belief system in the world. Every religion has its founder, and somewhere there is a grave that holds the earthly remains of that individual; but in Jerusalem there is an empty tomb that testifies to the fact that our Lord is alive. As the Apostle Paul says in the above verse, if Christ is not raised from the dead both our preaching and our faith is based on a lie. Even so, every true child of God lives with the assurance that Christ Jesus is alive and faces death with the blessed hope that assurance brings.

As sure as Christians are of the resurrection, there are still those who doubt and deny its reality. When it is first reported to the chief priests that Jesus' tomb is empty, they bribe the soldiers to say His disciples came in the night and stole the body (see Matthew 28:11-15); therefore, from the outset there have been detractors concerning the resurrection. As the Church is being established following the day of Pentecost, the mere mention of the resurrection of Christ sparks hostility (see Acts 17:32; 23:6-10). To this day the topic of the resurrection is controversial. Even in Christian circles today there are those who say it really isn't important if Jesus arose from the dead or not as long as the first century disciples held this belief.

First Corinthians 15 is known as the Great Resurrection Chapter of the Bible, and within its verses is proof positive that Christ came forth from the tomb. First of all, there is the witness of the Apostles in that Christ "... was seen of Cephas (Simon Peter), then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once. After that, he was seen of James; then and

of all the apostles" (1 Corinthians 15:5-7). These individuals are so convinced of the truth and reality of the resurrection that they are willing to die for it. The book of Acts records numerous horrible deaths as Stephen is stoned (see Acts 7:54-60), James is beheaded (see Acts 12:1-2), and Paul is imprisoned in Rome awaiting execution. Would these men actually die for a lie? Would they daily risk their lives for a falsehood? Would they endure the hardships they face if the resurrection were not true? I think not! The Apostles and early believers give testimony to the resurrection because they are convinced beyond any shadow of a doubt of its truth.

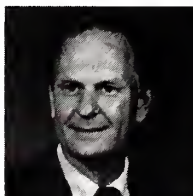
Second of all, 1 Corinthians 15 gives proof of the resurrection through the witness of reason. Paul says, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Corinthians 15:19). The Apostle is saying that apart from the resurrection the future is both bleak and uncertain. Both Hinduism and Buddhism offer nirvana, and Islam offers an afterlife; but all of this is acquired through human effort. Only Christianity says Heaven is obtainable to those who place saving faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our hope of eternity is grounded in He who is alive forevermore through His glorious resurrection.

Likewise, those who believe life ends at the grave are deceived, for all of humanity is created with a soul (see Genesis 2:7) that will continue to exist when the human body returns to the dust of the ground from which it has been formed (see Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54). Believers are given the assurance that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (see 2 Corinthians 5:6-8), for there is coming a day in which these earthly bodies will be raised in power and glory (see 1 Corinthians 15:41-44). In that day we will not

only see our resurrected Savior, but we shall be like Him (see 1 John 3:2).

A third proof of the resurrection is the witness of truth as Paul says "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Corinthians 15:20). By calling Christ the firstfruits of them that slept Paul is alluding to the fact that we likewise shall be resurrected in the last days. When plants such as blueberries and strawberries begin to bear, the fruit that is first picked is not all that will be gathered for there will be more to come later. In a real sense the firstfruit holds the promise that more will follow. So it is with the resurrection of Christ! The trump of God will sound as Christ appears in the air to call His saints out of the ground to live with Him in eternal glory (see 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). The empty tomb gives absolute proof that there is life beyond the grave, and those who die trusting in Christ as their Lord will awaken in God's great eternity to enjoy all that has been "prepared for them that love Him" (see 1 Corinthians 2:9).

In this article we have attempted to demonstrate the truth of the resurrection, but there are still going to be those who deny its existence. When it comes down to it, faith is the only thing that matters. We either believe the truth of God's Word or we don't. There is a garden in Jerusalem that contains an empty grave. Many have made a pilgrimage there to look inside and have come away with the unshakable belief that Jesus Christ is alive. The doubters and naysayers can live with their disbelief, but we who have experienced the truth of resurrection power can die with the calm assurance that "...as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (1 Corinthians 15: 49).



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My Pilgrimage Toward a Ministry in Higher Education

By Michael R. Pelt, Ph.D

I was born on December 8, 1930 as the eighth child in a farm family and grew up during the Great Depression, followed by World War II in the 1940s. I attended the public schools of Jackson County, Florida, graduating from Marianna High School in 1948. My experiences as a youth included hard work on the family farm, the opportunity to attend summer youth camps sponsored by Georgia Free Will Baptists, disciplined study in high school, and a serious search for what I ought to do with my life. I made a profession of faith in Christ at the age of twelve, while attending a summer youth camp, and was baptized by the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, who was the pastor of my home church, Marvin Chapel Free Will Baptist, located near Marianna, Florida.

I should mention the fact that I had two older brothers who had entered the ministry when I was quite young. Daniel was already married when he felt a call to the ministry in 1930 and entered Zion Bible School which offered its first classes that year. Floyd B. Cherry from Dothan, Alabama was another student who enrolled that year and they became the best of friends in succeeding years. My other brother, Chester, entered Zion Bible School in 1932. The school was founded by the Rev. Thomas B. Mellette, with the support of members of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, near Blakely, Georgia, as an effort to provide two years of basic instruction for young men who felt a call to the ministry at a time when there was no other such opportunity in the Free Will Baptist Church. Eureka College in Ayden had closed its doors in 1929 and the Free Will Baptist Bible College was not established until 1942. Thomas Mellette had earlier attended the Free Will Baptist Seminary at Ayden in preparation for the ministry and he had returned to his native South Carolina to enter and later graduate from the University of South Carolina. He then moved to southwest Georgia to

begin serving as pastor of Free Will Baptist churches in that area. For several years he taught in the public schools of Early County, Georgia and even served a term as superintendent of schools in that county. My brothers told me that when his students finished their course of study at Zion, he advised them to return home and enroll in a college or university. He understood that they needed a broader exposure to other academic disciplines than they could receive at Zion Bible School. In addition, they would likely become bi-vocational ministers, serving small churches, just as he had. Both of my brothers had to complete their last year in high school before they could enter college. By 1935 they were able to begin their college studies.

All three of these young men began their studies in college in the midst of the Great Depression with no help from their parents and no scholarships from other sources. Floyd Cherry enrolled at the University of Florida in Gainesville while he was serving a church at Lake City, Florida. He earned a B. S. degree at the University. Later on he moved to North Carolina where he served as an able pastor for many years. While serving as pastor of Daniel's Chapel FWB Church in Wilson County, he founded what became known as Carolina Bible Institute. On the other hand, my brother Daniel enrolled at Troy State Teachers College in Troy, Alabama while serving churches in southeast Alabama and over several years at great sacrifice both he and his wife Ruby earned degrees that would qualify them to teach in the public schools of Jackson County, Florida and serve churches in both Alabama and Florida. At one time he served as the moderator of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. In later years he was a generous supporter of Mount Olive Junior College. My brother Chester first enrolled at Bob Jones College (located at that time in Cleveland, Tennessee) and

then moved to Pitt County, North Carolina where he had been called to serve as pastor of churches in that area. While there he took courses at East Carolina Teachers College (now East Carolina University) and then at Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College) where he graduated. Later on he was called to serve at Edgemont Church in Durham, but in 1943 he enlisted in the army as a chaplain until 1948 and continued as a chaplain in the active reserves until his retirement as a colonel. In 1948 he moved to Marianna, Florida where he was invited to join the faculty at Chipola Junior College while continuing his graduate education in philosophy and in marriage and family education at Florida State University. He also served as pastor of churches in the tri-state area until his retirement.

I have provided this more detailed account of my brothers because they had a considerable impact on my life and the decisions I would make at a crucial time in my life. The decisions were mine under God, but they were models and mentors who encouraged me to become the best that I could be by the grace of God. Upon graduating from high school at the age of seventeen I wanted to go to college, but there was very little guidance available in the high school that might enable me to receive a scholarship even though I had graduated at the top of my class. My father couldn't offer any help other than to remind me of the example of my older brothers. But Chipola Junior College had opened just a year before on the World War II flight training base near Marianna and since my brother Chester, who was now living near my home, had been offered a faculty position at Chipola, there was an opportunity to begin my studies in college as a commuting student. Among other courses Chester taught the courses in Old and New Testament in which I enrolled during my freshman year. The next summer

Daniel and Chester made arrangements for me to teach adults in Vacation Bible School in five different rural churches where they were serving or had served as pastors. During the summer after my sophomore year they arranged for me to teach adults in Vacation Bible School at nine different churches and to preach in youth revivals in five of those churches. I also made a trip to Cuba that summer for a one-week visit with Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey who were FWB missionaries at Pinar del Rio, Cuba. These experiences confirmed for me my calling to the ministry. Thus, I was ordained in the Salem Association of Florida on September 30, 1950 and began serving as pastor of two part-time churches in southeast Alabama while enrolled at Troy State Teachers College (now Troy University) in Troy, Alabama. While enrolled in college for four years I managed to pay all of my expenses, including the cost of travel to the churches on weekends during the last two years.

During my senior year in college I began to consider enrolling in a theological seminary, so I applied for admission to Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta and was accepted for admission. Then a few weeks before graduation I became engaged to Betty Ethridge, who was also a student at Troy. But that summer I was persuaded to become the pastor of a mission church in Dade County, Florida in the vicinity of Miami. This meant that I would be living about 600 miles from my family and my bride-to-be, who was still in college. It would also mean delaying for a time my intention to obtain a theological education. After we were married a year later and had settled in the Miami area, I became convinced by my experience of serving as a pastor in that setting that I needed to pursue plans for obtaining a theological education. If I had stayed in Dade County, I would likely have become a bi-vocational minister, teaching in the public schools and serving as a pastor. During the previous school year I had done some substitute teaching in the public schools of Miami.

Because it was a bit late to be admitted in September, I was fortunate to be accepted for admission at Duke Divinity School. This meant moving from South

Florida to Durham, North Carolina in early September without the promise of a church or a job for me or my wife, who had completed only three years in college. We had less than five hundred dollars in savings and no guarantee that either of us would find employment. The next day after we arrived in Durham, my wife was offered a secretarial job in the department of religion at Duke and we found an apartment that we could afford to rent, which was located about one mile from the west campus at Duke. I had never been to North Carolina and knew only the family of Rev. Floyd Cherry, who was serving a church in Pitt County at that time. About six weeks later I was called to serve as a part-time pastor at LaGrange FWB Church, whose pastor had resigned to become the pastor of a mission church in Lenoir County. I also became a member of the Central Conference when it met that year. Then I was asked by Rev. Stephen Smith, superintendent of the Children's Home, to conduct services there one Sunday in each month. Still later I was invited to preach at a church in Craven County one Sunday in each month. Meanwhile I was engaged in studies in the Divinity School and completed the first year as a full-time student. After our son was born in July of that year, my wife had to become a stay-at-home mother. I was called in September to serve as part-time pastor of White Oak Grove Church, south of LaGrange, which meant commuting four weekends in each month from Durham to the LaGrange area. We usually drove down on Saturday afternoon and spent the night in someone's home until Sunday morning. The next two years I served as pastor of Hull Road Church in Greene County. During the first year we commuted to the church on weekends from Durham while I was completing my third year in the Divinity School, and in the second year I served the church as a full-time resident pastor. The people in the churches where I had served during my studies at Duke were good to me and my family and we were blessed with the birth of a second child, a daughter, in January 1956. During those years I learned much about North Carolina Free Will Baptist churches and institutions, but I would learn a great deal more in succeeding years.

In 1957 I was asked to join the faculty at Mount Olive Junior College to teach the courses in religion and serve as campus minister. Our third child, another daughter, was born in March 1958. Then in the summer of that year I was asked to serve as academic dean in addition to the duties I had already assumed and I served in all of those positions for the next four years. In one of those years I served also as vice-president of the College while the president was on leave for further studies in higher education at Florida State University. Incidentally, I was elected in 1957 to serve as secretary of the North Carolina Convention of Churches and continued to serve in that capacity until September 1962. Those were challenging years as the College took the necessary steps to be accredited by the North Carolina College Conference in 1958 and then the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1960. It was during that period that the controversy with the National Association of Free Will Baptists heated up, resulting finally in the separation of the Convention from the national body in March 1962, of which it had been a constituent member since 1935.

By that time I was ready for something different, so I began to make plans to return to graduate school with the idea of focusing on a career in the classroom rather than in college administration. In addition to my work at the College in the 1962-63 academic year I spent time preparing for graduate work by reviewing Hebrew and Greek, which I had taken in divinity school, and preparing for the French and German examinations that I would have to pass in order to meet requirements in the graduate school. I studied Latin in high school and Spanish in college, so learning to read French was not so difficult with help from Mr. Perret, who taught that language at Mount Olive. I passed that exam during my first semester in the graduate program. Learning to read German was more difficult but I managed to pass that exam in the summer following that first year. I had applied for admission to three university graduate schools, not knowing what the chances of my admission would be, but was accepted

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At the Foot of the Cross

By Elaine Swinson

Fire! Fire! The flames were spreading all around our neighbor's house gobbling up the trash pile and all the surrounding dried grass as if running a marathon. In the middle of the smoke a little girl was frantically trying to get a water hose and extinguish the unruly flames.

It was on a late evening just as Harold was coming in from work. Stopping only to yell to me that there was a fire and he was going to help, he took no time for more details. Completely unaware of the scene being played out in my neighbor's yard up the road, I hurried to look out my front door and saw the blaze moving quickly toward their house.

My heart was beating so fast I thought I would choke as I saw Harold grab the little girl and put her in a safe place away from the growing fire. I knew she must have been there alone since her parents both worked. I couldn't even imagine how terrified she must have been.

Another neighbor arrived home and went running over to help Harold as he was beating down the fire with something he found nearby. This was in a time that Volunteer Fire Departments did not exist. There were no 911 call centers.

I saw him yelling at the neighbor and pointing toward the gas tank beside the house. Harold began running to the tank trying to do everything possible to keep the fire away from the dangerous possibility of an explosion.

Standing in the path of the speeding flames, Harold's pants leg suddenly caught on fire. Stopping only to throw dirt on his smoldering clothes, he continued beating out the fire to protect the gas tank. I don't think he even felt the burn as he pushed on and on to put distance between the fire and the tank.

Then seemingly all at once, the fire was out—sending out only a few smoke signals from here and there. Taking the water hose, Harold and our neighbor saturated the ground all around the house just to make sure that there would be no possibility of another spark coming to life. They learned that the little girl was trying to burn the trash before her folks came home.

Smoky, dirty, and worn out Harold came back home. Trying to pull up his pant leg to see how much he was burned, we found that the polyester in his pants and socks had melted to his leg. At first, he tried to minimize his burn declaring that it would be all right.

As the adrenalin began to subside and the feelings started returning, it became very apparent that even though we didn't quite understand the seriousness of the situation, we had better go to the hospital and get some help. We were living in a time that home remedies were used for most everything that happened to us.

The doctors and nurses quickly made us aware of just how bad Harold was burned. Admitting him to the hospital that day began a journey filled with terrible pain and anxiety. This was not a simple burn that could be treated with kerosene or other home remedies; instead it required debriding (cutting off the rotten burned skin) and soaking the leg in whirlpools of water filled with Clorox to keep out the infection. The doctors directed me to sit with him during this time and talk about anything I could think of to keep him distracted enough not to pass out. This pain was unbelievable.

A section of skin was grafted from his upper leg to the wound causing yet another place requiring a healing process. The days seemed to drag out longer and longer with

Harold completely bound to the bed, unable to get up for anything. When they did the debriding, he was laid on a mat and literally held down while the process was taking place.

At this point in our lives, Harold was pastor of Mt. Zion OFWB Church—his first real pastorate. As a young minister he was very aware that he had a great responsibility and that “all eyes were upon him.” One of the greatest concerns he had as the time passed was his flock of church members. In his mind he thought that he should not be in the hospital himself, but that he should be visiting them in their sicknesses. They were always the most important thing to him, right after his Lord. Although, the church folks assured him that he shouldn't worry, he did anyway, both night and day.

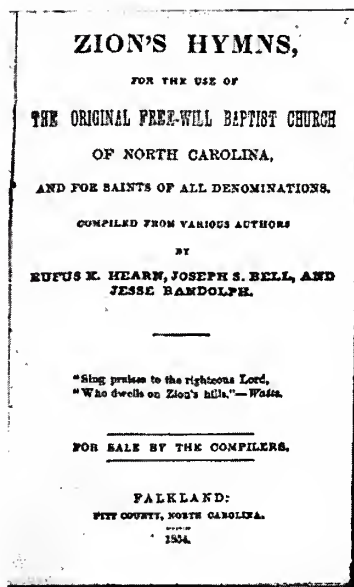
Lamenting over his unfulfilled responsibilities and his inability to even get out of bed, it became easy for depression to take over. Not a man to be still for very long, the days became longer and longer and he became more and more anxious. I think he often asked the Lord, “why, why, why?”

I stayed with him both day and night, bringing my work up to the hospital. There was always a shortage of nurses and Harold wanted me to be the one to take care of him anyway. Of course, that gave me the opportunity to know how he was feeling on the worst of days.

During these long, long days church seemed far away. There were no sermons to prepare, songs to be selected, no prayer list to compile, or announcements to be remembered.

On about the fifteenth day in the hospital, Easter Sunday arrived, with no fanfare and almost unnoticed. We found that the

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ZION'S HYMNS (ZION'S HYMN BOOK)

A Little History of The Hymnal

Gary Fenton Barefoot, Curator
FWB Historical Collection, Moye Library-Mount Olive College

In 1854, Rufus K. Hearn, Joseph S. Bell, and Jesse Randolph (all Free Will Baptists) received a copyright for and published *Zion's Hymns for the Use of the Original Free-Will Baptist Church of North Carolina and for the Saints of All Denominations*. The earliest edition (no doubt the first) was printed in 1854 by D. Fanshaw of New York, but with a publication place of Falkland, Pitt County, NC. The FWB Historical Collection does not have a copy of this edition, but has a copy of an 1867 edition printed by Nichols, Gorman and Neathery, Raleigh, NC, and again issued with a publication place of Falkland, Pitt County, NC. It is not known how many editions may have followed, but the Collection does have an incomplete copy with a publication date of 1872, again with a Falkland, Pitt County, North Carolina imprint, but printed by John Nichols and Co.

Sometime after 1872 the copyright for the hymnal was transferred to Elder Daniel Davis. Elder Davis was a Free Will Baptist minister from the Pikeville, NC area, and was until his death in 1900 on the Board of what is now the Free Will Baptist Press (referred to by other names variously). He apparently published hardbound editions or printings of the hymnal with the imprint of Pikeville, Wayne County, NC and sold them himself. The writer of a sketch of Davis' life upon his death, states that he "got up the last edition of *Zion's Hymns* at his

own expense and sold several hundred copies." There are ads in *The Free Will Baptist* as early as 1891 stating that, "hymn books have been completed and are available at the old prices and may be ordered from D. Davis, Pikeville, NC." These ads continued through 1900 when Elder Davis died. The price of a copy in the 1891 ad was 50 cents. This no doubt was with a paper cover rather than the earlier printings by Davis which had hard covers.

In 1903 at a meeting of the Central Conference, committees from the Central, Eastern, and Western Conferences conferred and agreed upon the disposition of the plates from which the *Zion's Hymn Book* was printed. It was decided to "offer for sale the plates now in Raleigh at Edwards and Broughton, Printers." The terms of sale were cash and bids were to be sent to the editor of *The Free Will Baptist* (editor at the time was Eld. E. T. Phillips). One bid noted at the time was by Eld. W. H. Randall (colored) of Greenville, NC, for \$100. A final report was to be presented to the Central Conference at its 1904 session. The only report in the minutes of 1904 is as follows: "On motion, the Conference take stock in the old "Zion Hymn Book Company" to the amount of its former interest, which was about \$33."

A look at the minutes of the Western and Eastern Conference minutes of that time may help clarify exactly what happened to the plates or who bought

them. The Western Conference minutes of 1904 includes the following: "On motion, the body form a joint stock company to buy the plates of the old *Zion's Hymn Book*." The Eastern Conference minutes of 1904 includes the following motion: "By motion, the subject of Elder Valentine's letter in regard to the Stock company organized in the Western Conference be tabled." However, the 1905 minutes include: "By motion, the committee appointed by last conference to sell the stereotype [plates] of *Zion's Hymn Book* made their report." The report was accepted and the money obtained was turned over to the Treasurer for the general fund and the committee was discharged. A look at the Treasurer's report shows receipt from W. R. Sawyer of \$33 obtained from the sale of the stereotype of *Zion's Hymn Book*.

Thus, it appears that the Eastern Conference sold its interest in the original ownership of the plates and the Central and Western Conferences formed the Zion Hymn Book Company referred to in a previous paragraph. However, since W. R. Sawyer paid the \$33 to the Eastern Conference, the Free Will Baptist Printing Company, Ayden, NC, (publisher of *The Free Will Baptist*) must have become a shareholder as Mr. Sawyer was President of that Company at that time. The real question that seems to evade answer is how the three

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BY ARNEL P. PAÑARES

“Truth Quest Youth Camp 2012” was hosted by OFWBC Cebu District, with the venue at David Livingstone Missionary Compound, Jubay, Liloan Cebu, held last December 26–29, 2012 with the theme, “Truth Quest” based from Psalm 86:11 “Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.”

Truth Quest Camp is passionate about sharing the eternal truths of God’s Word with young people whose needs are changing almost daily and encouraging them to quest for truth. They experienced a unique balance of life changing teaching, with exciting activities and games. The camp programs uniquely combined the elements of adventure, intensity, friendship, and Christian instructions that make them a favorite for the young people. From the very first minute they arrived, campers were engaged by an exciting camping experience that challenged them through a well-directed, balanced program, designed for maximum social and spiritual encouragement. Personalized counseling by every youth counselor allowed for purposeful attention and mentoring.

This Camp was the venue for the youth getting together, rooted in the spiritual understanding and life changing! This event was very successful, and this was also a chance for the young people to be filled

with all spiritual knowledge, and to encourage them to serve and love the Lord!

We’re so very thankful to the Lord, because on the very first day of the camp there was a Signal No. 3 typhoon that hit the northern part of Cebu, as reported by the weather bureau. This was also the area where the camp was being held. On that day, we just kept on praying that the typhoon would calm down, and instantly the Lord answered our prayers! At 9:30 in the morning, when the camp activities were scheduled to start, the weather became normal and the sun broke through the clouds!

“Truth Quest Camp” is truly an unforgettable experience, a space in a young person’s pressured life where they can be themselves, discover who they really are and experience God’s love. It is a true alternative to large mainstream Christian youth events, offering young people ages 13 to 20 a chance to explore their Christian faith. Since the number of campers is between 20 and 30 people, everyone has a chance to join in, and no one is lost in the crowd.

I am very thankful to our Lord that our main purposes for the camp were fulfilled, which were to find lost souls to be saved, and for the youth to be revived and to dedicate their lives to His service. In the end, lost souls were saved and many young people committed their lives to serve the Lord. To God be the glory!

One Hand Extended

BY GWEN KENNEDY

In Haiti our mission team traveled by a Tap-Tap, a small truck with a covered back with side bench seats inside. Tap-Taps are a form of transportation which functions similar to a city bus with paying passengers getting off and on at different stops on the route. A young man hanging on to the back taps the top of the truck cover to signal to the driver when the riders step off and on at a stop, thus the name Tap-Tap. Our team of 12 completely filled the Tap-Tap hired to transport us back and forth to the church and school compound. We were crowded shoulder-to-shoulder, elbow-to-elbow, knee-to-knee, with our laps loaded with Bible School materials, backpacks, or tool belts. We were a captive audience to the sounds and sights of some of the streets of Cap-Haitian, Haiti.

The sounds of overloaded cars, trucks, motorbikes, and school buses zooming in and out of traffic around us and the constant horns beeping filled our ears. The horn beeps were a form of communication to other vehicles and pedestrians. The sound of Creole conversations came in through the open spaces in the window as we stopped in traffic waiting to turn or move.

Shifting and repositioning, trying to see out the window, we viewed the blue-green ocean slapping at a concrete wall. Further down the street instead of a sandy beach, we saw a beach of overflowing trash with people plundering through it.

As we rode on a multitude of men, women, and children walked on the sides of the street. Some of the women carried heavy loads on their heads that looked impossible for one person to balance. Some of the men pushed wheelbarrows loaded taller and wider than themselves too. Some were selling goods at small wooden makeshift stands; some squatted on the sidewalks selling whatever they could find to sell. Women with babies wrapped on their backs and even children weaved in and out of the crowds as well.

We crossed over a river bridge. Houses made from old tin, cardboard, and scraps of material pushed out over the waterway and rows and rows of cement houses clung to the hillside behind them. As we rode closer to the community of the church location, we turned onto a narrow dirt side street. Tall concrete walls, metal bar gates and concrete buildings lined the street. People stood in doorways, walked closely to the walls, and some of the children stared inquisitively at the foreigners packed in the back of the Tap-Tap. We stopped beside a wall with a name of a church painted on it.

As we walked around the grounds of the church and school, we saw a cement church with a rusted, hole-ridden tin roof. It functioned as the church and a temporary school until the roof would be replaced on the school. The roof leaked and water pooled, breeding mosquitoes in part of the church. Around 72 students wearing light blue uniforms sat on wooden slat benches connected to a flat top wooden desk. Worn out chalkboards and workbooks were being used for lessons. There was: a hand pump water well, outhouses, a roofless school building with no paint on the worn cement walls and no electricity. The sights and sounds seemed so overwhelming

Bishop Robert affectionately looked at the church then welcomed and

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Youth Outdoor Fellowship San Pedro, Palawan, Philippines

BY LEANDRO J. SEGAY

The Youth of the Emmanuel First Free Will Baptist in San Pedro, Puerto Princesa City held an outdoor Fellowship at the Engineer Marcos Hot Spring, Sta. Lourdes, Puerto Princesa City. The fellowship was aimed at bonding and strengthening the relationships of the youth in the church.

Along with that event there were three youth who had committed to obey the commandment of Jesus Christ in Christian baptism. This was a very important decision and was a very meaningful time.

Pray for our youth that they may serve the Lord faithfully and be the channel in the ministry of the church.



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extended his hand to assist each of us as we unfolded out of the Tap-Tap. He was so excited and joyful that we were in Haiti partnering with him in this ministry; we were the first team from the states to come join him. One man, Bishop Robert, answered God's call many years ago to return to Haiti to start a church, then a school. The needs were overwhelming but with faith he started in this community extending from his hand the love of Jesus one person at a time, one need at a time. His trust was and is in God. He prayed for others to come to carry on God's work. His prayers were answered by working with OFWB International.

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 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? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment" (1 John 3:16-23 kjv).

By the end of the week even with what seemed like overwhelming circumstances of unexpected rain, and a lack of availability of equipment, the team through God's grace had taught Bible school, constructed a new roof on the school, scrapped the classroom walls and painted half of the classrooms. Most importantly putting their trust in God the team worked shoulder-to-shoulder, elbow-to-elbow, knee-to-knee with men and women from the church and community extending a hand and sharing the love of Jesus. It only takes one hand extended to another to start sharing the love of Jesus.



FOREIGN MISSIONS ANNUAL TELETHON

TELETHON SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013

THEME: "WE ARE CONSTRAINED (COMPELLED) BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST"

THEME VERSE: "For the love of Christ constraineth us... Now then we are ambassadors for Christ..."
2 corinthians 5:14 and 20

**"...Go ye INTO ALL THE WORLD, and
PREACH THE GOSPEL to every creature."**

Mark 16:15



**GOAL 2013: A total of \$225,000 in gifts on
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PRAY DAILY FOR THIS GOAL.

**Call in your special offering between 1:30 and 5 P.M.
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**All churches joining together in united prayer during the
Morning Worship Hour in one accord for revival.**

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*Realizing the Dream
Securing the Future*

THE CAMPAIGN FOR
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



Expanding and Enhancing Rodgers Chapel...

Mount Olive College has launched the “Realizing the Dream: Securing the Future” capital campaign. As a part of the campaign, the College plans to transform the area surrounding Rodgers Chapel into a complex for the study of religion and the development of faith. The complex will include classrooms, seminar rooms, a fellowship and reception room, and office space. The Chapel complex will serve as a resource for the Original Free Will Baptist Church.

For more information about this project, or for ways you can help us realize this dream, contact Jean Ackiss at 919-658-7744 or jfackiss@moc.edu

Educational Opportunities at MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Apply now for admission to MOC for Fall 2013. If you are a high school senior, it's time to complete your application at <www.moc.edu> and have your high school guidance counselor send us the transcript of your work so far. Be sure to include your SAT/ACT scores. Admissions personnel will analyze your application, high school grades and test scores to help make admission and scholarship awards. Contact <admissions@moc.edu> or call 800-653-0854 with questions.

If you missed one of our campus visitation days this year, it's not too late to **schedule a private campus tour** and information session. High school students and their families can learn about what is needed to be admitted, gain scholarships, and meet with professors if they plan ahead. Contact <admissions@moc.edu> or call 800-653-0854 to make an appointment.

Opportunities for Adult Learners

- **RN to BSN:** Applications are being accepted for the RN to BSN program. The next session start will be April, 2013. To qualify for admission, students must be licensed RNs with a two year degree in nursing. To learn more about this program, contact Joy Kieffer, Nursing Program Coordinator, at <jkieffer@moc.edu> or call (800) 653-0854. Apply on line at <www.moc.edu>.
- **MOC offers teacher education programs with licensure:** in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, Physical Education, Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Music, and Agriculture. If you already have your bachelor's degree but need teaching licensure, contact Dr. Tommy Benson, education chair, at <tbenson@moc.edu> with questions.
- **Interested in becoming an athletic coach?** MOC now offers a **minor in coaching** for those who want to pursue a degree or who already have a BS and want to add on the courses to qualify for a minor. Contact Dr. Burt Lewis at <blewis@moc.edu> or (800) 653-0854.

One-Night-a-Week Programs for Adults: One-night-a-week college programs for adults are available at Mount Olive Evening College, New Bern, Jacksonville, Washington, Wilmington, and Research Triangle Park. The tuition cost for these programs is offered at a reduced rate. Complete the free online application at <www.moc.edu>. Learn more about these programs by clicking on the location nearest your home or workplace at <www.moc.edu>. Multiple start dates are available each semester, so ask about these convenient programs and how you can complete your degree. Call 1-800-NEW GOAL. You will be connected to the location nearest your home. Financial aid is available.

Coming Events

The Piano Performance Team — Saturday, April 2, 2013 — 7:30 P.M. — Assembly Hall

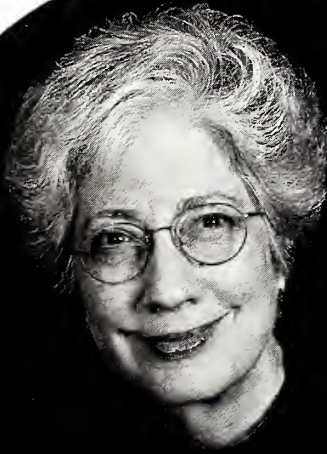
Selected annually by audition, the Piano Performance Team was created to give talented young artists opportunities to perform as well as provide community outreach in the arts. This year's team includes five boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18, playing repertoire usually heard on collegiate and professional programs. Come and be amazed by the talents of these gifted young pianists!

The Twenty-Third Annual

VIVIAN B. HARRISON MEMORIAL LECTURE

March 18-19, 2013

RODGERS CHAPEL
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



Reverend Marjorie J. Thompson

GUEST LECTURER: Reverend Marjorie J. Tompson
Ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

MARCH 18 / 7:15 PM	Registration & Fellowship
MARCH 18 / 7:30 PM	Lecture 1: "Sabbath Refreshment: Drinking from the Well"
MARCH 19 / 9:00 AM	Lecture 2: "Sabbath Transformation: Becoming Reservoirs"
MARCH 19 / 11:00 AM	Chapel / Sermon: "Wasting Time with God"
MARCH 19 / 12:00 / NOON	Lunch (Lois K. Murphy Regional Center)

About Marjorie...

Marjorie J. Thompson, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), is a widely recognized spiritual formation teacher, retreat leader, and writer. Over the past 25 years, Reverend Thompson has served as adjunct faculty for several seminaries, including McCormick, Auburn, Wesley, San Francisco, Columbia, and Vanderbilt. For several years she directed the foundations program for Nashville Stillpoint (programs in spiritual direction and contemplative prayer).

For 12 years Marjorie worked on the staff of Upper Room Ministries as director of the Pathways Center for Spiritual Leadership, later called Pathways in Congregational Spirituality. She was chief architect of *Companions in Christ*, the highly acclaimed line of spiritual formation resources for small groups. Marjorie authored chapters for several volumes in the *Companions in Christ* series, including *The Way of Forgiveness*, *The Way of Blessedness*, and

Exploring the Way, as well as many of the *Leader's Guides* in the series.

Marjorie received a B.A. in comparative religious studies from Swarthmore College, and an M. Div. from McCormick Seminary with a focus on church history and ecumenical relations. She was a research fellow at Yale Divinity School, where she studied Christian spirituality with Henri Nouwen and did independent research in ecumenical traditions of prayer.

In addition to her extensive writing for the *Companions in Christ* series, Marjorie is the author of *Family*, the *Forming Center* (Upper Room Books) and *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual* (Westminster John Knox Press). Her writings have also appeared in several books and journals, including *Weavings: A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life*. Recently she contributed a chapter to *A Spiritual Life: Perspectives from Poets, Prophets, and Preachers* (Westminster John Knox Press), where she writes of her own spiritual practice.

Pondering the Past

with Celia Hales

IT IS ALRIGHT

I sometimes think, especially in my lowest and most depressed moments, that God is not, after all, a demanding God. What can this mean? Haven't we all considered Him to be demanding of us in many, many ways?

I think that we have been mistaken. God is actually very gentle with us, and it is we ourselves who make the notion that He wants us to do more and more. Yes, He is gentle. This idea seems to fly in the face of many of our preconceptions. Indeed, this idea even seems to fly in the face of biblical injunctions, as, for example, the idea that faith without works is dead (James 2:17). But what about those times when we are sick, illness has overcome us, and we can barely care for our basic needs of survival? What does God think then, when good works in His name are, at least for the moment, totally beyond our capacity to achieve?

We know that God loves us anyway. We know this is our heart. And I think at such times a prayer for surrender to God is, I hope, all that God would want. We can say, in our sick body, "It is alright." When I say these words, when my emotions are muted, I normally feel an immediate peace. I have imagined that this peace is the peace that passeth understanding (Philippians 4:7). And, indeed, such times are joyous indeed. I

have surrendered to God, and I would like to think that the peace felt in my heart is evidence of God's blessing.

We are in winter. Many of us will have the flu. Some of us will even have sickness unto death. Whether the illness is small or big, we can still acknowledge to God that all is well with us—regardless of what tomorrow will bring.

Life on this earth is not without struggle, whether illness or other difficulties, including financial (in these hard economic times). The struggle hones us into stronger people. Is there anyone of us who, on the other side of a major struggle, does not realize that he/she is stronger for having walked through the clouds? Indeed, we may even thank God for the struggle, for we recognize, intuitively, that we are the better for it.

This is not an easy thing to recognize when the struggle is raging, when dark clouds loom, and, particularly, when

all seems lost. At our point of greatest need, God is there to help us, but we will not normally recognize this. He may seem at His most remote, perhaps because our terrified emotions are so much in control of our minds.

There is a modern-day parable of a man, seeing his life set out as footprints on the sand. There are always two sets of footprints, except occasionally. The man realizes that at these times of one set of footprints he was at his lowest.

"Why did You desert me at my lowest, dear God?," he asks.

"I did not desert you," God replies. "At your lowest, I was carrying you."

Hence, one set of footprints.

"It is alright." I have often prayed this prayer when at my weakest, and I have never yet felt that my prayer went unheard. A peace—God's peace?—descends upon me, and often I drift off in a dreamless sleep.

"It is alright."

And, indeed, it is.

Life on this earth is not without struggle... The struggle hones us into stronger people. Is there anyone of us who does not realize that he/she is stronger for having walked through the clouds? Indeed, we may even thank God for the struggle, for we recognize, intuitively, that we are the better for it.



A former religion librarian at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Celia now lives with her husband Paul in Oxford, Mississippi. She was previously employed at both the Free Will Baptist Press and Mount Olive College.

SUPERBALL ***GOLF TOURNAMENT***



Friday, April 5, 2013
Cardinal Country Club • Selma, NC

Registration: 11 A.M. • Tee-off: 1 P.M. • Cost: \$50 per person

Includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, dinner, refreshments,
one mulligan, and chance to win various prizes!!!

Awards

- **Putting Challenge** • **Closest to Pin on Holes 2 & 13**
- **Longest Hole** • **Winners of each Division**

The proceeds from this tournament will go toward our Layman's work projects, such as providing handrails, handicap ramps, etc. for those who are in need of such, but cannot afford them.

To register, contact
Frank James at (919) 320-7319 or David Knox at (919) 631-3368

Golf attire is required. No steel spikes are allowed on the course.

Tournament Player Registration Form

Team Captain _____

Captain's mailing address _____

Captain's e-mail address _____

Captain's phone no. _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Team classification (check one)

Junior (3 members under 50 years old)

Senior (3 members over 50 years old)

Super Senior (3 members 65 or older)

Total Payment Enclosed \$_____

Mail your registration with check payable to:

Johnston Union Layman's League

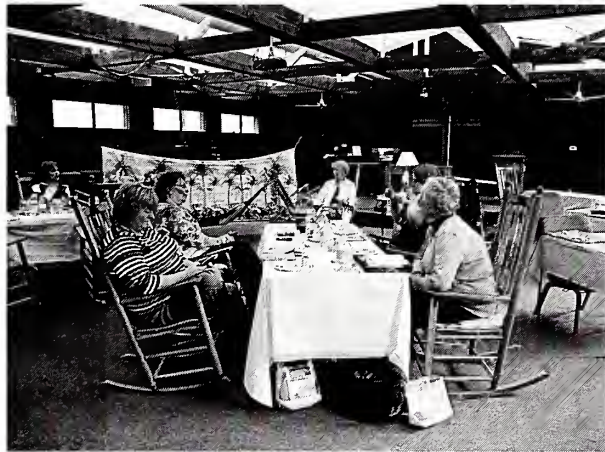
PO Box 1851 • Smithfield, NC 27577

Short on Numbers Long on Faith

On January 31, 2013, seven anxious people left the Harvest Connection building in Kinston being driven by the Rev. Mike Williams, pastor of New Life Mission in Leland, NC. They were headed to Cragmont Assembly for the Ninth Annual Cinderella Sister's Retreat. Two ladies had left on Wednesday to decorate the Chapel before we arrived. Although the number was short this year, we soon discovered that there was a tremendous faith overshadowing our meeting. We used the "Seaside Escape" as a guide for the weekend with Ms. Dudley and Ms. Brenda Best leading the discussions. Ms. Gail Heath had left us as soon as we arrived because she had become very ill. We talked about our doubts, hopes, faith, and prayers, among other things during the weekend. We also talked about the possibility of leading such retreats somewhere down east in order for more minister's wives and/or widows to attend without traveling so far. So look for that to happen as the Lord leads. Although we were short in number, we were great in our appreciation and dedication to our Lord. We anticipate our 10th anniversary in 2014 at Cragmont. Please make your plans to attend. The dates will be forthcoming.



Pictured from back to front: Ms. Celeste Fussell, Ms. Teresa Grubbs, Ms. Brenda Best, Ms. Carolyn Jones, Ms. Mary Dudley, Ms. Beth Winberry, Ms. Lynda Williams, and the Rev. Mike Williams.



The "girls" at study together.



Yes, we had a little snow and ice. It was short-lived, but quite beautiful!



As usual, on Saturday night, we shared a delicious meal of steak, baked potato, salad, and dessert with the Cragmont staff, Daniel Daughtry, Brenda Carmichael, and Becky Jo Sumner.



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Come find out how your church can "Bring Them In" for Christ at the first annual Eastern North Carolina Disability Summit sponsored by Wheels on Fire for Christ. Join us for a night of worship, special music and testimony on Friday!

Saturday will feature the NEW *Beyond Suffering* curriculum from Joni Eareckson Tada and much, much MORE!

Register Now!

Registration required for Saturday. Registration forms available online at <www.wheelsonfireforchrist.com>, via e-mail, or by calling (252) 268-9097. Reserve your space today!

**La Grange First
Free Will Baptist Church**
La Grange, North Carolina

Friday, June 21

7:00 P.M.—No Cost!

Saturday, June 22

10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

\$30 per person
\$25 per person
for groups of 4 or more

For more information, contact:

Erin Broadway, Education Coordinator

Wheels on Fire for Christ

Mobile: (252) 268-9097 • Office: (252) 526-9908 • erin@wheelsonfireforchrist.com

April

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Home Missions

and

Evangelism

Month

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday, April 28, 2013

Your funds will help us to
“Touch Lives for a Lifetime.”



Season into Season

One of the wonderful things about North Carolina is its diversity. We enjoy four beautiful seasons and at Cragmont we embrace them in a way that is eye dazzling. Sometimes the weather may get slightly out of kilter and we will have spring warm in the midst of winter cold or even summer heat in November but still the vistas of the seasons spread out before us on this mountainside. We gaze from the front porch to distant horizons and see the grandeur of the Creator in ice-encased trees that turn lush green as the seasons come and go. Or we snuggle close to an open fire and feel safe in the warmth of His love. You can experience this knowledge anywhere God is near but as many have discovered through the years it can be felt



at Cragmont in a life changing way. Come this spring to Cragmont and have a life-changing visit with our Lord as the mountains turn green with new life and one season turns again into another.

2013 Cragmont Summer Schedule

Morning Star (April 5-7, 2013)

Joan Little • 7063 Stantonburg Road • Farmville, NC 27828 • (252) 753-3217

Ministerial Association of OFWB (June 3-5, 2013)

Stephen Prescott • 7605 Newton Grove Hwy. • Dunn, NC 28334 • (910) 567-5347

Dayspring Conference (June 5-8, 2013)

Joan Little • 7063 Stantonburg Road • Farmville, NC 27828 • (252) 753-3217

Cragmont Youth Conference (June 10-15, 2013)

Angela Mattox • 1469 Wintergreen Road • Cove City, NC 28523 • (252) 671-7176

Christian Cadet Conference (June 17-22, 2013)

Joey Williams • 139 Windyfield Dr. • Goldsboro, NC 27534 • (919) 734-9080

Youth Frontier Conference (YFA/AFC) (June 24-29, 2013)

Frankie Baggett • 5403 Weyerhaeuser Road • Ayden, NC 28513 • (252) 746-7850

Pee Dee Youth Conference (July 1-4, 2013)

Heath Connor • 727 Mount Olive Road • Bladenboro, NC 28320 • (910) 740-4454

Bed, Breakfast, & Blessing (July 4-7, 2013)

Cragmont Assembly Inc. • 1233 North Fork Road • Black Mountain, NC 28711 • 1-877-699-7677

General Youth II Conference (July 8-13, 2013)

Brad Williamson, Director: (252) 244-0207 • Wilma Parker, Registrar: (252) 522-0967
PO Box 6423 • Kinston, NC 28501

General Youth I Conference (July 15-20, 2013)

John Hill, Director: (252) 230-1845 • Todd Sutton, Registrar: (252) 341-1093
788 Burrellfield Road • Snow Hill, NC 28580

Young People's Bible Conference (July 22-26, 2013)

Chuck Owens • 218 Wildwood Road • Havelock, NC 28532 • (252) 733-9031

Cornerstone Woman's Conference (July 28-August 2, 2013)

Joan Little • 7063 Stantonburg Road • Farmville, NC 27828 • (252) 753-3217

Emmanuel Woman's Mini Conference (September 6-8, 2013)

Joan Little • 7063 Stantonburg Road • Farmville, NC 27828 • (252) 753-3217



Pastor/Deacon Retreat

If you have attended this retreat in the past you already know how these few days in the mountains can help you refocus your life as a servant of the Kingdom of God. If you find your excitement in your calling diminishing we know that this retreat can be a time of refueling. If your call is a new one this might be an event to help jump-start your engines for service. Gather your fellow deacons and grab your pastor, pack up the church van or commandeer one and head west for a weekend that will enrich your commitment.

Pastor/Deacon retreat will be held March 21–23, 2013. This year the Rev. Dr. John N. Blackwell will lead our retreat. The Rev. Dr. John N. Blackwell is the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Mount Olive College. He is also an ordained Methodist minister. John and his wife, Nancy, have two adult children, Jaime and David, and a daughter-in-law, Chynnene.

John received his education at San Diego State University, Claremont School of Theology, and Arizona State University, where he earned a Ph.D. in anthropology. John has also written seven books:

- *A Whole New World—The Gospel of Matthew: Great Insights into Transformation and Righteousness*
- *A Whole New World—The Gospel of Mark: Great Insights into Transformation and Togetherness*
- *A Whole New World—The Gospel of John: Great Insights into Transformation and Fulfillment*
- *Pride: Overcoming the First Deadly Sin*
- *Reflections—Thoughts Worth Pondering One Moment at a Time*
- *The Noonday Demon*
- *The Passion as Story—The Gospel of Mark*

The structure for the retreat is: Worship service 7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 21; Two sessions from 9:00 A.M. to 12 NOON and one 7:30 P.M., Friday, March 22 (no session Friday afternoon); One session 9:00 A.M., Saturday, March 23. The following meals are offered: (Friday) breakfast, lunch, and evening meal; (Saturday) breakfast. The cost of the retreat is \$100 per person. You may register by calling the office at (877) 669-7677. Call us about available dates.



A Time to Give Back

Recently we were contacted by Jenna Dunn, member of Long Ridge Church, Duplin County about her plans to focus on the Children's Home as her senior project. Jenna wanted to learn more about the Children's Home and the children who live here. Her project was completed in early February.

Jenna wrote her project goals and made plans to complete them. She was required to make three visits to the Home, spending several hours here at each visit. Jenna started with a visit to the Home to get to know the girls. She brought "goodie bags" to share when she visited each girl's cottage. On her second visit she brought a movie, drinks, and popcorn for each cottage on campus. For her final visit Jenna brought supplies for a craft project for the girl's cottages. Each girl made a picture board for their rooms. They covered boards with fabric and then used colorful ribbons and brads to decorate them.

Jenna summarized her project with the following statement. "I have gained insight on the things I take for granted on a daily basis, such as having a stable home environment. It was a humbling, enjoyable experience to be able to spend time with the children. In the beginning, I was geared more towards getting donations for supplies for the Children's Home. But instead, I found that my time spent with them was more valuable than anything I could have bought."

The residents certainly enjoyed the time they spent with Jenna, and her mom, Billie Jo, who accompanied her to the Home.



*Jenna Dunn
working on Senior Project.*



Change For Children 2013

It's almost time for the blue bags! Be on the lookout at your church for the first letter announcing our 2013 Change For Children Campaign. Start planning now for our kick-off on May 1, 2013. If you need to update contact or address information, please call the Development Office at (252) 235-6507 or via e-mail at <cbatten@fwbch.org>.

Are You A Runner?

**"Home Run"
5K Run/Walk
for the Children**

April 20, 2013

Check our website at
www.fwbchildrenshome.org
for more details

A Sweet Visit

Bethel Church of Four Oaks came to the Children's Home for a "Sweet" visit. Ms. Carolyn Jones, wife of Pastor Emmitt Jones, promised back in the fall that the children would have some homemade cakes after Christmas and she kept her word.

On Sunday evening, January 27, cars, SUVs and trucks rolled onto campus loaded with red velvet, coconut, hoho, pound, apple, boston cream, chocolate, and vanilla cakes; also cake pops, cup cakes with special decorations, chips, drinks, and ice cream. After unloading all the goodies, everyone joined the Home's staff and children for church service. We had a great time and Katie, one of Bethel's little girls, sang "Jesus Loves Me" for us. She was such a blessing. Our kids clapped loudly for her.

After church we all headed to Heritage Hall for the wonderful refreshments. The residents and staff enjoyed this "Sweet" visit and would like to say thank you Bethel Church for caring.



Members of Bethel Church sharing sweet treats.

If you or your church or group would like to visit the Home we would love to have you. We only ask that you call ahead so we can get you on our calendar and have someone here to show you around when you arrive.

— Needs List —

- Large Rechargeable Flashlights (3)
- Upright Bagless Vacuum Cleaners
- LifeTime® 6ft. Banquet Tables with Folding Legs
- Twin Size Mattress Covers (waterproof)
- Small Trash Cans (for each bedroom)
- Desk & Chair Sets (call for details)
- Furniture Fund (living room furniture)
- Storage Bowls (plastic, large & medium size)
- Stainless Flatware
(12-piece place settings for 5 cottages)

**The Western District
Woman's Auxiliary
Convention will be
held April 3, at the
Free Will Baptist
Children's Home in
Memorial Chapel.
Registration begins
at 9:00 A.M.**





Original Free Will Baptist Convention Nomination Form

The following positions are to be filled at the 2012 Convention

Convention Officers: 2 positions

- Secretary
- Treasurer

Executive Committee: 5 positions

- Western, Albemarle, Piedmont, Pee Dee, Palmer

Children's Home Board: 3 positions

Foreign Missions Board: 1 position

Home Missions and Evangelism Board: 1 position

Minister's Program Board: 1 position

Mount Olive College Board of Trustees: 5 positions

Retirement Homes Board: 2 positions

Sunday School Board: 3 positions

Cragmont Board: 3 positions

Layman's League Board: 4 positions

FWB Press Representative: 1 position

Church Finance Association Representative: 1 position

OFWB Convention Board of Trustees: 1 position

The following Commissions each have 1 position available:

- Historical Commission
- Commission on Education for Christian Ministry
- Chaplain's Commission
- Commission on Youth Ministry and Student Ministry Leadership

Mail your nominations to:

Don Lassiter

132 Batten Road • Selma, NC 27576

All nominations must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2013.

(Nominations made from the floor should submit a biographical sketch and why you feel they would be an asset to that ministry, commission, or foundation)

I/We would like to nominate _____

to fill a position on the _____

(Name of Board, Commission, or Representative)

_____ (Signature of Person or Ministry making the nomination)

Each nomination must include a biographical sketch of the person being nominated and why you feel they would be an asset to that ministry, commission, association, or foundation.

A *Sling* and a **STONE**

Significance in Christ as a Young Adult

with Marc Boswell

The Signs of the Times

For some Christians, the recent re-election of President Barack Obama provoked another wave of discussions concerning the way Christians should relate to the government and to our wider society. The Affordable Care Act, for instance, previously stipulated that businesses (including religiously affiliated ones) provide coverage for certain types of reproductive health care which some Christians found troublesome. Other Christians are concerned about our society's sexual norms as more states made it legal for same-sex couples to have legally recognized marriages, while other Christians celebrated these provisions. Some Christians are concerned about the growing use of drones, the growing gap between the rich and the poor, and the environmental effects of our economic modes of production. On all points of the political and theological spectrum, it is no secret, and it is a good thing, that Christians are desirous, as Jesus said, to interpret faithfully "the signs of the times."

It's nothing new that Christians desire to shape, reproduce, and challenge certain cultural values and practices. This unavoidable negotiation, which is part of living in any society, goes back as far as the early church and beyond. We see it in Acts 15, for instance, when Jewish Christians convened a council to determine which Jewish religious-cultural practices Gentile

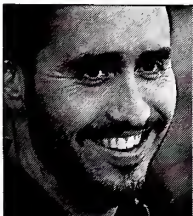
Christians should have to follow in order to be part of Christian communities (e.g., circumcision, dietary restrictions). As these negotiations are inevitable and a mark of faithful discipleship, I'm not particularly interested in giving my opinion about any certain cultural debate in the scope of this article. As a young adult, however, I am concerned to give a little perspective about the methods by which we determine our stances to social concerns, as some young adults are employing other methods and moving in different directions.

In most Christian congregations, one finds the idea that our moral opinions about individual behavior and cultural issues should be informed by the Bible. On this much, most Christians agree. Most Christians also agree that the Bible is inspired by God, though we have historically disagreed about various theories concerning just what is meant by the idea of "inspiration." Where many Christians part ways is at the idea that the Bible contains a variety of cultural backgrounds and the extent to which they should be taken into account in our interpretation of Scripture. Some would argue vehemently that context matters not, as the "plain word" of the Bible should simply be taken at face value.

The other, less discussed idea which concerns me, here, is the fact that we inevitably bring a variety of cultural ideas

about politics, sex, freedom, violence, piety, and poverty, to name only a few examples, with us when we sit with the Bible, trying to discern a faithful response to culturally related concerns. For all of us, these ideas are filters or lenses through which we read the Bible and make sense of our society. Like a familiar pair of reading glasses, however, we can forget (or ignore) that the glass lenses are sitting plainly on our noses. When we forget or choose to ignore their presence and influence, we greatly run the risk of making sacred those cultural values which, in fact, may be quite out of joint with the gospel.

To state it differently, these filters, when unacknowledged, may lead us to search the Bible only for passages of Scripture that we can use to legitimate our own cultural and political preferences, regardless of which end of the political or theological spectrum one happens to fall. Sometimes these glasses can cause us to see reflections, not of the gospel, but only of ourselves. While it is true that the filters cannot ever be completely removed, unlike a pair of glasses, we can still do the hard work to become more aware of the ways that they operate in our interpretation of the Bible and "the signs of the times." For the young adults mentioned earlier, it is this type of self-aware and thoughtful Christianity for which many of us so earnestly thirst.



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Mount Olive College President, Dr. Philip Kerstetter (left) and Campbell University President, Dr. Jerry Wallace (right) shake hands at the signing of a partnership agreement to provide greater opportunities of students preparing for the ministry. (April 16, 2010)

The Value of Partnerships

"Through the partnership agreement between Mount Olive College and Campbell University Divinity School, Original Free Will Baptist students preparing for ministry receive benefits that others cannot."

By **Ricky Warren**
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Humans are social beings and have historically proven to be more productive when and if they learn to work together in cooperative partnerships. This is true for athletic teams, businesses, marriages, etc. We as Christians can even learn a lesson about partnerships by considering the mystery of the trinity and the intended function of the Church, the unified body of Christ in the world today. Partnerships, when used properly, can be a great benefit to everyone, including those who are served by the partnership. This is certainly true of the partnership agreement between Mount Olive College and Campbell University Divinity School.

History of the Partnership

In 2004, the Ministerial Association of OFWB requested that the Convention of OFWB and the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College jointly appoint a task force to explore ways to more adequately prepare pastors and others ministers and to explore the feasibility of providing graduate level study leading to a master's degree in divinity. From this, the Committee for Post-baccalaureate Study was formed and it was the work of this committee, chaired by Dr. Michael Pelt, that led to the partnership between Campbell University Divinity School and Mount Olive College (The Free Will Baptist, March 2010, p. 19).

The partnership led to Original Free Will Baptist students being enrolling in graduate level courses taught by Campbell faculty at Mount Olive College. These courses would be applied to a Master's of Divinity Degree from Campbell University Divinity School. The first class, taught by Dr. Michael Cogdill, was offered in the Fall Semester of 2006. Additional benefits were added in April 2010 when a new agreement was signed between the two schools.

The 2010 addition to the partnership agreement established a means for ministerial students to apply for dual admission in both Mount Olive College and Campbell Divinity School. This dual admission program gives students special status and access to additional educational opportunities.



First Partnership Class and Supporters

Seated (left to right): W. Burkette Raper of the Foundation, Calvin Heath, David Vesper, Ralph Johnson. Standing: Michael R. Pelt of the Committee for Post-baccalaureate Study, K. David Hines of Mount Olive College, Fred Baker, Unknown Student, Joshua Whitfield, Todd Sutton, Michael Cogdill of Campbell University Divinity School.

Eighth Annual Meeting

The Foundation's Eighth Annual Meeting Banquet will be held at Mount Olive College on Tuesday evening, May 7, 2013. Join us as we celebrate together with food, entertainment, and special recognitions. Contact the Foundation Office to reserve your seat today.

Benefits of the Partnership

The partnership continues to benefit students in several ways. The educational and theological benefits are:

- Access to a divinity school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), the highest accrediting body for divinity schools and seminaries,
- Powerful mission statement to provide graduate theological education that is “Christ-centered, Bible-based, and Ministry-focused,”
- Opportunity to learn in a classroom setting, among a community of fellow ministers,
- Community that strives to be a model for what the body of Christ looks like,
- Flexible block schedule that allows students to hold a job while taking classes,
- Location within close proximity to many OFWB ministers and churches (eastern NC), which enables relatively easy commuting,
- Curriculum designed with practical ministry in mind,
- Professors who teach students how to think, not what to think.

In addition, there are substantial financial benefits of the partnership:

- Original Free Will Baptist students, who take six hours or more in a semester, are eligible to receive a special partnership grant of \$75 per hour.
- OFWB students, who take five or more hours in a semester and are residents of NC, SC, or VA, are eligible to apply for an educational grant from the Keesee Fund. These grants offer up to \$5,500 per year.
- OFWB students who meet eligibility requirements will be considered for scholarship assistance available through the Divinity School’s Endowed Scholarship Program.
- OFWB students may apply for scholarship assistance available through the NC Foundation for Christian Ministries to help cover remaining tuition costs.

Conclusion

Through the partnership agreement between Mount Olive College and Campbell University Divinity School, Original Free Will Baptist students preparing for ministry receive benefits that others cannot. The benefits are varied, but like all good partnerships, the benefits are also wide reaching. When one considers the countless people in the current and subsequent generations who will be inspired and taught by ministers served by this partnership, its true value is incalculable and may never be fully known.

Call today for more information about this partnership, supporting scholarships, or receiving scholarships, or the broader work of the Foundation.

Retirement Income Comparison

CD Rates are at historical lows, effecting your living and your giving. Let the Foundation help.

Getting the most from retirement investments involves close consideration of the rate of return, tax benefits or liabilities, and one’s personal fulfillment. A Charitable Gift Annuity provides lifetime annuity payments while doing something good for others and reducing income tax liability. An annuity rate is based on several factors including the donor’s age. Contact the Foundation for more information.

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(at age 70)
5.1%

*Average 12-month CD rate.
Source: Bankrate.com.

**Lifetime fixed rate available
from the Foundation for a
person age 70



Partnerships like those formed through the Foundation help to leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Pictured (left to right): Dr. Don Ribeiro, Mr. Don Lassiter, and Dr. W. Burkette Raper, three of the charter members of the Foundation Board of Directors.



Students gain ministerial experience through courses like Supervised Ministry. Ricky Warren (pictured on the right) benefited from a student internship under the supervision of Dr. W. Burkette Raper (pictured on the left).



Ronnie Hobgood (left) and his son Joshua Hobgood (right) have benefited from the partnership in unusual ways. Both have attended MOC, both are currently attending CUDS, both are ordained OFWB ministers, and both are serving on the ministerial staff of LaGrange OFWB Church. Both can attest to the value of partnerships.

2013 Cragmont Woman's Retreats

Registration Form

Please complete ONE form per person (make copies as needed) and mail with \$25 non-refundable registration fee to: **Joan H. Little**, 7063 Stantonsburg Road, Farmville, NC 27828 (Make all checks payable to Cragmont Woman's Retreat).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Church: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Please complete all items below that apply to you.

Rooms will be assigned in order of registration fee and form received.

___ I NEED a downstairs room due to MEDICAL reasons (Limited Availability).

Roommates desired: _____

Lodging request: ___ Main Building. (2-4 per room) ___ Upstairs ___ Downstairs
___ Lodge (3-4 per room)
___ Motel (2-4 per room) ___ Hollifield House (6-8)
___ Girls Dorm ___ Boys Dorm ___ Floyd House (8)

CHECK Retreat & all related information which relates to that retreat.

___ **Morning Star Retreat** (April 5-7) Speakers: Chasity Fisher and Brittanie Taylor
___ \$25 registration fee enclosed (\$75 Balance Due upon arrival).

___ **Dayspring Retreat** (June 5-8) Speaker: Jennifer Gudac
___ \$25 registration fee enclosed (\$85 Balance Due upon arrival).
Day Spring Retreat also welcomes couples and families.

___ **Cornerstone Retreat** (July 28-August 2) Speaker: Gwen Kennedy
___ \$25 registration fee enclosed (\$120 Balance Due upon arrival).
___ I plan to ride the bus (Cost: \$55). Travel Day will be on Sunday A.M.
___ Side trip to Lake Lure. Total Cost \$50 (Includes bus, meal, and boat ride).
___ \$30 non-refundable deposit enclosed for side trip. DUE BY JULY 10
There will be 2 afternoon shopping trips to Ashville (\$5 each).

___ **Emmanuel Retreat** (September 6-8) Speaker: Mary Katherine Rowe
___ \$25 registration fee enclosed (\$75 Balance Due upon arrival).



Camp News

For the past several months, we (the Board of Directors of the camp) have been concentrating on this coming summer's camps. We have been blessed to acquire a couple more bunk trailers which will enable us to house up to 90 campers total. Also in the works, is a modular building that we would temporarily utilize as a dining/kitchen facility! Our plans also include adding eight more showers to the bathhouse. This will give us the same number of bath facilities we have always had. All of our housing has air conditioning and will be located around the bath house. At this time, we have five full weeks of camp that will be here this summer. We also have some weekend retreats scheduled. We've already had a couple of Boy Scout troops come and stay overnight.

Our long term plan for new buildings will continue to move forward and soon we will be able to get started on the new facilities! Our surveyor is working on a site plan for us. An engineer is working on the piling system plans for the temporary kitchen/dining hall. If we are able to use this building, it will be located beside the basketball court at the end closest to the bath house. Materials have been given to reconstruct our long pier to a useable condition. Also under construction is a new webpage. It should be up and running by April 1. This will enable everyone to see the progress of our buildings and get information and news from the camp as it happens.

In Acts 27:31, the Bible talks about Paul and the others being on a ship and being taken to prison. The water is rough and it is night time; they get closer to the rocks and some of the people are ready to jump out of the ship! Paul says to the centurion and soldiers "Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved." I used this scripture to encourage everyone to work together, stay focused, and trust God. In this scripture, Paul, even though he knew where they were taking him, encouraged everyone to stay in the ship. If they jumped out, they would surely die! So

I'm saying this: even though the road is rough and times are hard, we must stay connected to the one and only source that will overcome and that is God Himself! Our camp, although however slow it seems to be moving along at this time, will be what God wants. His time doesn't work like our time. I know God has great things in store for us here at the camp. I'm also aware that Satan would have it that some people not want this camp to prosper or even exist. But then again, Satan is not in control, and can't be unless we give it over to him. So don't be fooled into believing that Camp Vandemere won't be bigger and better than ever before! God has and will continue to bless this camp ministry. We have already cleared one of the largest hurdles when our property was rezoned last September. That was a huge blessing. We can now build, upon applying for a special use permit and meeting those criteria (which we can do) any buildings relating to usual camp use!

We've had a couple of workdays already and our next two are scheduled for March 9 and 23. We need help. We are steadily working to ready ourselves for this coming summer and have several projects that we need to accomplish by April 1. We would appreciate any and all help we receive. The projects include some work to the chapel, removing the existing play set, constructing steps in the pool (for handicap access), reworking the long pier and some work on the short pier, moving the metal shelter over to the managers house, and general clean up. As you can see, we still have much to do! We also have some fundraisers coming up soon, which will be announced at a time in the near future. Be looking for these in e-mails or listening on the radio! If you can help, that would be great!

Thank you and God bless!

Rick Price, Director

Western District Youth Happenings

The Western District Youth held a Night in the Son event at Little Rock Church on Friday, January 12–Saturday, January 13. Five churches participated with a total of 84 people in attendance. The evening began with dinner followed by a worship service. In addition to praise and worship time, Little Rock's black light team did a drama to Toby Mac's *City on Our Knees* and Mt. Zion Church (Kenly) did a drama to Carmen's *The Courtroom*. Marci Rollins-Smart, Children & Youth Minister at Little Rock, gave a devotion in which she explained that when we live in sin, it is like we live in darkness, but when we ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins, it is like we live in the light. As Christians we are to share that light with others.

Then all age groups participated in an indoor flashlight scavenger hunt. Middle school and high school students remained for a lock-in complete with late-night bowling, while the younger children went home.

Our next event will be a Corn Hole Tournament at Micro Church on Saturday, April 13. Money raised will go to benefit the Western District Youth's activities and the Cathy Creech Memorial Scholarship. Ten percent of all profit will be given to the FWB Children's Home. The day will begin at 11 A.M. and will include the double-elimination tournament and a hotdog and concessions sale. A bounce house and children's games will be provided for free.

A non-refundable \$20 early bird registration is due by Saturday, March 16. Registrations received after March 16 will be \$25 and are due by Saturday, March 30. Cash prizes will be given for first, second, and third places. A set of corn hole boards and bags will also be raffled off.

We also need Sunday School classes, Auxiliaries, Layman's Leagues, youth groups, individuals, and businesses to sponsor this tournament! To register for the tournament, to become a sponsor, or for more information about this event or other Western District Youth Events, please contact Marci Rollins-Smart at (252) 239-0361 or <marci@littlerockchurch.net> or Sandra Walston at (919) 284-4664.



Mount Zion's drama team.



Opening eggs and counting them following the flashlight scavenger hunt.



Having fun at the bowling alley.



Playing ping-pong at the lock-in.

Lesson *Inner View*

A deeper look inside this month's lessons from the OFWB Foundation Curriculum and commentaries based on the International Sunday School Lessons.



with Adrian Grubbs

In a short time Alexander the Great, from Macedonia, swept across the known world in his quest to rule the largest empire ever. As he went he demanded that conquered peoples adopt the Greek language, literature, and culture (this process is called Hellenization). But Alexander died unexpectedly in 323 B.C., and for the next two decades his generals fought for control of his vast empire. When the smoke of war settled the empire was split into four parts, two of which affected the Jewish people in Palestine: Ptolemys in Egypt and Seleucids in Syria. For a while Israel enjoyed much freedom under Egyptian rule, but the area was contested by Syria. After many battles Egypt was defeated in 198 B.C., and Syria became overlord of Israel. The Seleucids were much more adamant about the Hellenization process and tried to force the Jews to conform. In 167 B.C. Antiochus IV, growing weary of Jewish resistance, stormed Jerusalem, burned the sacred scrolls, placed an image of Zeus in the temple, and offered pig sacrifices on the altar. It became a capital offense to own a copy of the Torah or to worship in Jewish custom. The book of Daniel was written during this time to instill hope and encourage faithfulness.

Hope is the theme for the Sunday School

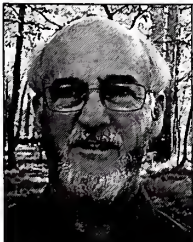
lessons this quarter. There are several Hebrew words in the Old Testament that are often translated into English as "hope," but the primary Hebrew root means "wait for, look eagerly for." In the New Testament "hope" is used some 76 times, in both verb and noun forms, which tells us something of its importance to our faith. In 1 Corinthians 13 hope is in the middle of three distinguishing characteristics of a Christian: faith, hope, and love. Our hope is in Christ (1 Peter 1:3); we are confident in this hope because we experience the power of Christ in our lives. We are certain that Jesus lived on Earth, died on a cross, was raised from the dead, ascended to Heaven, and will return as He promised; therefore, we look eagerly for His return, and we wait for the completion of our salvation. That is hope. Hope grows out of our faith; if our faith is sure, our hope is sure.

The first unit of study this quarter is in the book of Daniel. Even though the word "hope" is not used, hope is what the book is about. Daniel belongs to a special type of literature called "apocalyptic" that was popular during the time before and after Christ (200 B.C.–100 A.D.). "Apocalypse" is from the Greek meaning to unveil or to reveal. It makes heavy use of symbols, which readers of the

time would readily recognize. The writer describes current events but puts them in the context of a past era. For example, instead of using the name of the current Syrian ruler, Antiochus IV, Epiphanes, the writer uses the names of Babylonian kings from the past. A casual reading of an apocalypse might leave the impression that the writer is a very pessimistic doomsayer, when in fact he writes to encourage and to instill hope. Even if evil seems to have the upper hand, God is still on His throne. God may allow evil to run its course, but its time is short. The enemy will be defeated by God, and He will restore those who remain faithful.

The first three lessons are from Daniel 7, 9, and 8. Then the last two lessons in March are from the Gospel of Luke, beginning a new unit on "Resurrection Hope." The lesson from Daniel 7, a vision of the "Ancient of Days" on His throne, follows a historical sketch stretching from Babylon (lion) and Media (bear) to Persia (leopard) and Alexander the Great (beast with iron teeth). The lesson from Chapter 9 is Daniel's prayer of confession. In Chapter 8 Gabriel gives an interpretation of the vision: the little horn, the fierce and bold king, is Antiochus, who will be destroyed without the hand of man.

Our hope is in Christ, who is Lord of all.



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Dr. Pepper's Book Corner

Book reviews in this column are *not* meant to reflect any theological or political positions.

Leo Tolstoy, *What Is Art?*

Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc. 1982 (Fifteenth Printing); 1960 by The Liberal Arts Press. First published in Russian in 1897 to 1898. The English translation from the Russian original by Almyer Maude. 213 pages. ISBN 0-672-60221-0

Leo Tolstoy (1828–1910)

Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy was born of a noble family at Yasnaya Polyana near Tula, Russia, in 1828. By nine he was orphaned and brought up by his aunts. As early as 1849, Tolstoy tried to establish a school for peasants on his own estate at Yasnaya Polyana, but his project failed. Off he went to Moscow and St. Petersburg to lead a youthful life of dissipation. In 1851 when he was 23, he joined the Russian army to serve in the Caucasus until 1855. His book, *What Is Art?*, appeared in 1897–1898 and emerged as his denunciation of his earlier masterpieces, because his view of art became totally Christian. Abandoning his worldly goods, he died at the railroad station at Astapovo on November 8, 1910.

True Art Versus Counterfeit Art

In his late thirties, Tolstoy began to examine the nature of true art versus the nature of counterfeit art. He became adamant about the religious perception as of crucial importance to his view of true art. He writes: "Religious perception in a society is like the direction of a flowing river. If the river flows at all, it must have a direction. If a society lives, there must be a religious perception indicating the direction in which, more or less consciously, all its members tend" (143). The Christian religion provides leadership in the direction of a society. Thus the purpose of art and its direction is integral to its validity. True art "is the consciousness that our well-being, both material and spiritual, individual and collective, temporal and eternal, lies in the growth of brotherhood among all men—in their loving harmony with one another" (145). This "Christian religious perception" (147) to Tolstoy is revolutionary in art, a "turning point" (147) so to speak from the ideals of counterfeit art.

What is counterfeit art? Tolstoy sees that counterfeit art seeks not the brotherhood and unification of people but the separation and division of people by emphasizing the greatness of a nation or people at the expense of other nations and people. Counterfeit art among the ancients celebrated the ideal of "greatness and prosperity" (148) among the Persians, then Greeks, and then Romans. With the revolution of Christianity came the celebration of "humility, purity, compassion, and love" (148). True Art is Christian art which unites people and creates a brotherhood among people. Counterfeit art is non-Christian art which divides people and creates "enmity toward others" (149).

Traits of True Art and Counterfeit Art

To Tolstoy, true art has not only the Christian perspective but also celebrates three conditions: (1) individuality, (2) clearness, and (3) sincerity. The artist is an individual who expresses his own feeling so that the receiver of the words or music or painting becomes "united" (139) with the artist's own feelings and individuality. The receiver and the artist become one, united in the feelings. As such, art can free a personality "from its separation and isolation, in this uniting of it with others" (140). The true artist also must demonstrate a "clearness of expression" (140) so that the receiver, "who mingles in consciousness with the author" (140), is "better satisfied the more clearly the feeling is transmitted" (140). The third condition of the sincerity of the artist is also important to Tolstoy, because sincerity points to "an inner need" (141) for the artist "to express his feeling" (141).

Counterfeit art, in contrast to true art, has these methods: (1) borrowing, (2) imitating, (3) striking, creative effects, and (4) interesting subjects. Borrowing often emerges with allusions to Greeks and mythology so that the feelings are counterfeit, second-hand. Imitating infects words with external details, painting with photography, speech with imitations of speech. Striking, creative effects point to contrasts and details to promote one emphasis at the expense of all others. Interesting subjects may divert the mind to guessing about plots rather than perceiving the whole (102–103).

Examples of True Art and Counterfeit Art

Tolstoy tells his readers what he considers true art and counterfeit art. He lists Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Charles Dickens's, *The Tale of Two Cities*, George Eliot's *Adam Bede*, Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*, and Dostoevsky's works as true art. He praises the painter Millet's drawing, *The Man With The Hoe*, Bach's violin aria, and Chopin's *Nocturne in E-flat Major* (155).

Counterfeit art includes Cervantes's *Don Quixote*, Pushkin's poetry, Baudelaire's *Fleurs du Mal*, Moliere's heroes, Dante's *Divine Comedy*, Goethe's works, Shakespeare's plays, and Wagner's operas. Tolstoy's touchstone for true art versus counterfeit art is this

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Psalms for the Soul

with Linda Herring

The Bible speaks to us but the Psalms speak for us. Does this sound familiar? A worship leader reads Scripture and though he correctly pronounces every word, his tone is flat and his face is expressionless. The congregation sings and listens to a three part sermon. True words are preached and sung but everything seems geared for the heads of the worshipers, not their hearts and certainly not their bodies. Psalm 149:1 says, "Sing unto the LORD a new song." We are invited to worship God with our whole beings. While we may not be a part of a congregation that worships with tambourines and harps and dance, we can still offer our bodies as instruments of praise. Sitting, standing, singing, we can offer our praise to God. God's worshipers acknowledge their utter dependence upon the Lord. Surrender your life to God and worship Him. Do not let the stresses of the day steal your Psalm.



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question: Does this work belong to the category of bad, exclusive art, opposed to religious perception, or to Christian art uniting people? (159).

What Tolstoy stresses is the crucial importance of art to transmit "the feelings flowing from love to God and man" (159) and the feelings which unite men into the brotherhood of humanity.

The Diamond or the Paste

Art can differ as much as "a diamond differs from paste" (133). Priceless is the diamond; valueless is the paste. Art in its diamond strength may be damaged by three conditions: (1) the professionalization of artists, (2) art criticism, and (3) art schools (117-118). When professionalism enters the scope of the artist's work, that inner urgency to speak genuine feelings may get lost in the commercialization where money rules. When art criticism seeks to interpret artists, a false evaluation erupts, because the receiver must directly experience the artist's feelings and dismiss the interference of the critic. Art schools also emphasize techniques which may hamper the inner impulse to create.

The professionalization of artists, growth of art critics, and

development of art schools all point to the power of the Russian upper class which seeks to be entertained and maintain their privileges. The upper classes do not "acknowledge any religion, but considers every religion to be mere superstition" (182). The reality of such a privileged class is rooted in "landed property" (186) and an "unrighteous distribution of wealth" (187). To enable the idle, upper class to enjoy the counterfeit arts, masses of people go to work to labor for the few. Tolstoy claims he has studied the subject for 15 years (180), and he is outraged at what a Wagnerian opera costs. Art dealers have created a "temple of art" (177) for "rich people" (174). The whole process has become a perpetuation for the privileged class.

For art to become a diamond rather than a paste, Tolstoy believes that the realm of feeling must create "the truth that well-being for men consists in being united together, and to set up in place of the existing reign of force that kingdom of God, i.e., of love, which we all recognize to be the highest aim of human life" (191). In short, true art is Christian art whose task "is to establish brotherly union among men" (191). Such Christian art is the diamond. Everything else is paste.



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Robert Wilson Moyer

March 28, 1932–December 24, 2012

Dr. Robert Wilson Moyer was given the greatest gift seeing his Heavenly Father on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2012, and was welcomed with the words “Well done my good and faithful servant.”

Bob was born in Snow Hill, NC on March 28, 1932 to the late Rev. J. C. and Ethel Brooks Moyer. He graduated from Snow Hill High School and East Carolina University where he was a member of the basketball team. Upon graduation, he served in the US Air Force where he piloted C-124s. After his service, Bob, Betty, and the family moved to Mount Olive where he worked as an Athletic Director and later as Business Manager. At this point in his life, he decided to follow his dream and attend Dental School at UNC. He graduated in 1968 and opened his practice in Raleigh where he lovingly cared for his patients, retiring after 37 years.

Bob lived his life with zest, a sense of humor, a caring spirit, and his love to witness God’s salvation. These



gifts were used in his dental practice, lay witness missions, his church through service, and a beautiful tenor voice. He loved Holden Beach, fishing, attending all sporting events of his grandchildren, and becoming lovingly known as “Pappy” to all who knew him. Last, but not least, he loved his family with all his heart.

Thanks be to God for the blessings, witness, and legacy and love for the Lord he gave his family. He will be greatly missed, but we are thankful that he is home to live eternally with

his Heavenly Father.

Bob is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Betty Whitfield Moyer, they recently celebrated their 59th anniversary; daughters, Debbie Moyer Daniels and her husband, Will, Betty Moyer Nagy and her husband, Gary; his most precious gifts, Pappy’s grandchildren, Everett, Lindsay, and Tyler Daniels, and Ryan and Austin Nagy; beloved sister, Marguerite M. Wilson of Greenville, NC.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by six siblings.

A celebration of Dr. Moyer’s Life will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at Crossroad Fellowship, 2721 E. Millbrook Road, Raleigh, at 2 P.M. Visitation with the family will follow the service.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Wake County, 200 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607, or to Mount Olive College, Robert W. Moyer Endowment, 545 Michael Martin Drive, Mt. Olive, NC, 28365, Attn: Dwayne McKay; or to a charity of one’s choice.

Westside Woman’s Auxiliary News

The Westside Woman’s Auxiliary is small in number, but the group makes up for quantity with enthusiasm—and they are very enthusiastic about 2013 following a recent study of “Women in Scripture” in the Woman’s Auxiliary 2013 Devotion Program Book. The Westside Auxiliary has been busy searching for ways to make a difference in their church.

The Auxiliary will be hosting an indoor yard sale in the Family Life Center on Saturday, April 6. This will be the first fundraiser the Auxiliary has done. The funds raised will go toward our denominational support and our local church activities.

We will be holding “A Calendar Party” with the

ladies of the church decorating a table and preparing a dish to represent one of the months of the year. All 12 months will be represented. This will be held on Wednesday, September 18, with a feast for the whole church.

For information about these two events, you may contact Eleanor Baker, Auxiliary President at (252) 527-4810 or Marlene Everett at (252) 522-4058.

The Rev. Michael Woolard is the pastor of Westside Church. The church can be reached during the day at (252) 522-4505. All are welcome to visit Westside Church at 1205 Lynn Drive in Kinston. To learn about Westside, you can also find us online at <www.westsidefwbchurch.com>.



A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the Woman's Auxiliary from Shady Grove Church. They recently donated several car loads of much needed pantry and household items to Blended Fellowship Mission Ministry. These items are carefully sorted and processed, then distributed to our Deaf members as needed and the remainder is used to benefit the ministry.



2013 OFWB Youth Convention Bible Bowl "The Twelve Tribes of Israel"

Bible Bowl will take place at the Youth Convention at Mount Olive College on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

Scheduled times for each age group are as follows:

Cherubs (ages 0-8) 10:00 A.M. • AFC (ages 9-12) 6:45 P.M. • YFA (ages 13-19) 1:00 P.M.

All team members and coaches must arrive 15 minutes before scheduled time to begin. We are gathering from all participating teams so we can send study guides to every team. Please send any questions you have to Wanda Benson no later than March 15. This will enable all team members and coaches to remain in the chapel during the entire time of competition. Be prepared to stay until your age group competition is completed.

All players and coaches must register and pay a fee of \$10 per person.

Please notify Wanda Benson at <wbenson1968@yahoo.com> or (919) 422-9031 if you have any questions or need to notify us of teams participating.

New Names Added to FWB Theological Seminary/ Eureka College Alumni List

After submitting the article, “Did Your Relative Attend the FWB Seminary of Eureka College?” and after it was printed in 4 segments in *The Free Will Baptist* from July–Oct of 2012, the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection was able to purchase a catalog that became available that they did not own—the academic year 1915–1916. In that catalog were the following names that were not in the original list printed in *The Free Will Baptist*. Perhaps your relative might be listed here. The new names are listed to the right.

It has also come to our attention that the name of the late Bonner D. Sawyer was not in the original list. Certainly Mr. Sawyer was an alumnus of the Seminary as he won the Oratory Award there in 1920 (award is in the Collection) (we do not own a 1920 catalog of the Seminary). Also the original room that held the Collection was named in memory of Mr. Sawyer and his family and the alumni of Ayden Seminary and Eureka College. Mr. Sawyer was a lawyer in Hillsborough and a former member of the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College who was instrumental in securing scholarship grants for the College from the James H. Johnston Charitable Trust in excess of 300,000 during his tenure. He also made a gift to pay for the room that bears his name.

It has also come to our attention that the name of Eugene Hart was not on the original list. He must have been an alumnus of the same time period as Mr. Sawyer, since he was present at the dedication of the Sawyer (and Alumni) Room in 1975. We have a picture of him and four other persons, all listed as “alumni of the Seminary and Eureka College.”

Again, if you know that your relative attended the Seminary or Eureka and their names were not in the original list or the one above, please inform Gary Barefoot, Curator, Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, Moye Library—Mount Olive College. Tel. (919) 658-7827; E-mail: <gbarefoot@moc.edu>. He is trying to compile as complete a list as possible of persons who attended either or both institutions.

Written and submitted by Gary Fenton Barefoot,
Curator, FWB Historical Collection

Student	Hometown
Baldree, Clifton	Pitt County, NC
Barrow, John	Craven County, NC ¹
Barrow, Laura	Craven County, NC
Bissett, L.W.	Wilson County, NC
Butler, Lizzie.	Bertie County, NC
Deans, Jeff L.	Wilson County, NC
Dial, Mary	Pitt County, NC
Dillon, Lillian	Tyrell County, NC
Edwards, Holton	Greene County, NC ²
Grice, L.B.	Wilson County, NC ³
Griffin, M.H.	Nash County, NC ⁴
Hamilton, Harry L.	Carteret County, NC
Hargrove, Etta	Sampson County, NC
Harrold, Della.	Pitt County, NC ⁵
Hart, Wilbur.	Pitt County, NC
Hooten, J.C.	Lenoir County, NC ⁶
Jackson, Eutha	Sampson County, NC
Jackson, Eva	Sampson County, NC
Johnson, Lorenza.	St. Johns County, FL
Jones, Ethel.	Tyrell County, NC
Jones, Gladys.	Lenoir County, NC
Little, Thelma	Pitt County, NC
McCoy, Henry.	Pitt County, NC
McLawnhorn, Warren	Pitt County, NC
Mellett[e], T.B.	Clarendon County, GA
Moye, Malissa	Pitt County, NC
Nobles, Myrtle	Pitt County, NC
Twiford, L.L.	Dare County, NC ⁷
Venters, Leslie	Pitt County, NC ⁸
Watters, Dare	Martin County, NC
Wetherington, Ina Belle	Pitt County, NC
Williams, Velma.	Pitt County, NC
Williams, Tincie.	Nash County, NC
Wilson, Viola	Sampson County, NC

1. (Probably same as Johnnie Barrow in original list)
2. (Probably same as Dolton Edwards in original list)
3. (Probably same as Luther B. Edwards in original list)
4. (Probably same as Marvin Griffin in original list)
5. (Probably same as Della Harrold in original list)
6. (Probably same as Johnnie Hooten in original list)
7. (Probably same as Leo Twiford in original list)
8. (Probably same as Lester Venters in original list)

Spring Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary

Hosted by

Core Creek and Wintergreen OFWB Churches
at Core Creek OFWB Church

210 Trenton Rd. • Cove City, NC 28253

March 16, 2013 • Guest Speaker: Deborah King

9:30 A.M. registration

Theme:

Knowing God's Will

Scripture:

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but
understanding what the will of the Lord is.
(Ephesians 5:17)


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to redemption
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Sunday, March 10th - 6:30 pm

Christian Chapel OFWB Church
1213 Jonestown Rd.
Pink Hill, NC 28572

 Christian Chapel OFWB Church (252) 670-0188

Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet on May 9, 2013 at Mount Olive College, in the Raper Building. The Western Auxiliary is hosting this year's convention.

The registration fee is \$25 and should be sent by April 25 to the state treasurer. Registration will begin at 8:15 A.M. In order for your local auxiliary to be registered, you must send your money to:

Mrs. Nadine Crocker

568 House Rd. • Kenly, NC 27542

Phone: (919) 284-3341

Even if you cannot attend, please send your registration anyway as the Convention needs your support. We hope, however, to see you there. Thank you.

Per Capita Dues

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 \$1 per member per year.

Send these dues to your District Treasurer; she will keep 50¢ and send 50¢ 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 support. We know that we can continue to count on you.



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My Pilgrimage (continued from page 5)

by all three and chose Duke because it was much nearer and I was more familiar with its programs of study. I received a leave of absence from the College and we moved to Durham in September 1963, where my wife also began her teaching career in the public schools of Durham County, and her income would cover most of our living expenses while I was studying at Duke. There I completed my course work in two years while serving as a part-time pastor at St. Paul FWB Church near Newton Grove, NC. Then, blessed with a fellowship from Duke, I spent the next year in research and writing my dissertation. Soon after completing the requirements for the Ph.D. degree, we were again blessed with the birth of our third daughter, born in June 1966. We then returned to Mount Olive where I would serve as chairman of the department of religion.

I had hoped that Mount Olive would soon become a senior college, but there was still much to be done in the way of development of faculty, facilities and programs of study before that could happen. Still, I was able to be a part of a growing collegiate institution that was serving many needs of its sponsoring body and of its graduates, especially those who continued their education in senior colleges and universities. It was not until 1979 that the College Board approved a resolution to move toward the goal of achieving senior college status. The transition was finally completed when the College conferred its first baccalaureate degrees and was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a senior college in 1986.

Still another important opportunity for further study opened for me in the spring of 1973 when I applied for and received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C. In my proposal I had outlined plans for a year of study at a British University with opportunities to travel in Europe and the Middle East. I contacted the chairman of the department of classics at Cambridge University and as president of Wolfson College he extended to me an invitation to become an honorary member of Wolfson College at Cambridge. This

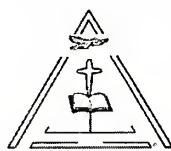
made it possible for me to attend lectures at the University and to use the resources of the university library. My wife and three daughters accompanied me during this year of study abroad. Our son had joined the US Air Force earlier that year. While there we used every opportunity to visit many places throughout England and to visit two major cities in Scotland, driving a used car that we had purchased. During school breaks we went to Holland, Belgium and France and made a five-day trip to Rome. I spent a week in Greece and then two weeks in the Middle East, including visits to Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, and Israel. While in Cambridge I did research on religions in the Greco-Roman world contemporary with early Christianity, focusing on Gnosticism and the Mystery Cults. In our travels we visited numerous museums and historical sites that were made familiar to me in earlier studies. The experiences of that year abroad contributed immeasurably to my life as a college teacher, enriching my understanding of past civilizations as well as the contemporary world in which we live. So much of my previous studies had prepared me to derive the maximum benefit from this extraordinary adventure.

In addition to teaching thirty-three years at Mount Olive College, helping students to gain a more mature understanding of the Bible and other literature of the Christian

faith, I have had the privilege of serving as interim pastor in several churches and preaching in many more while serving as an ambassador of the College, both in local churches and in various kinds of denominational meetings. I have likewise served on the ordaining council of the Central Conference and in offices and on commissions of the Convention. I have also been invited to preach in churches of other denominations, recognizing that our denomination is a small part of the multitudes of people that God has called to bear witness to the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

When I think of the more than sixty years of my ministry, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunities I've been given to serve the Lord through serving people in the churches and in Christian higher education. I am convinced that doors of opportunity were opened to me to prepare for Christian ministry that may not have seemed so important at the time, but had I not grasped those opportunities when they were presented, my life would have been bereft of so many blessings that I could not begin to count them. My experiences in higher education have taught me that one should regard every opportunity to prepare for excellence in ministry as a gift from God that will enable us to serve more effectively in any field of service to which we are called.

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At the Foot of the Cross (continued from page 6)

importance of holidays or special occasions seem to dim when you feel as though you are “incarcerated” within the halls of a hospital. There was always the smell of antiseptics and the constant sound of nurses’ shoes marching up and down the halls.

I learned from the nurses that a special non-denominational Easter Service was to be held in the hospital chapel. By this time, Harold could be wheeled down in his bed to attend. Barring any objections that he might have, arrangements were quietly made for this to happen. The nurse pushed him right into the room.

Then within the little chapel of the hospital, God sent a blessing that was to last forever. I don’t think either of us remembers exactly what words were spoken, but God sent a message to Harold during that service to make him realize why it was necessary for him to spend Easter in the hospital at that particular time. He answered Harold’s question of “why” he was there and “why” he was burned.

I think some ministers spend a lifetime never grasping the real understanding of the reason they serve God—but Harold found his purpose that day.

A pastor who worships God and lives a life completely dedicated to Him that is free of hardships and without any challenges may never quite understand the problems of his people—just as a rich man may never understand the needs of the poor.

However, on that day God blessed Harold with the knowledge that he was now at the foot of the cross, looking up to Christ from whom all his blessings flow. He now understood that he had to reach the bottom and look up before he could fully understand what journey God had asked him to make.

Many Easter Sundays have come and gone since that time; but this particular one will always hold a special place in both our lives. It was then that we stood together “at the foot of the cross.”

Zion’s Hymns (continued from page 7)

conferences came into “ownership” of the hymnal plates in the first place as they had always been privately held. Elder Daniel Davis died in 1900. Did he will the plates to the conferences? He was a lifetime member of the Central Conference. Why was the Cape Fear Conference not a part of the 1903 joint committees of the Central, Eastern and Western Conferences when they met about the disposition of the plates? And the ultimate question, where are the plates today? Were they perhaps at the FWB Press in Ayden and were destroyed in the fire of 1913?

Nevertheless, in the Jan. 10, 1906 issue of *The Free Will Baptist*, an article makes reference to the Zion Hymn Book Company (also referred to as the Zion F.W.B. Stock Company and Free Baptist Stock Co). The article, written by J. W. Valentine, President of the stock company, states that “our Sec./Treas., D. B. Sasser, of Kenly, NC, has 2,000 copies of our *Zion’s Hymn Book* just from the press [press is not identified] and I am sure that...Free Will Baptists will be well pleased at the prices which are much lower than they have been sold for before. These are available in board covers at \$3.60 dozen; muslin covers at \$3.00 dozen, and paper covers at \$2.40 dozen.” An ad later appearing in the same paper states: “Old Zion’s Hymns

Ready—Those wishing to secure the *Zion’s Hymn Book* which has been out of print so long should apply to Zion F.W.B. Stock Co., Kenly, NC. There are 2000 copies of up-to-date books just from the press.” That same ad also appeared in a Mar. 28, 1906 issue of *The Free Will Baptist*.

In looking at the various editions of the *Zion’s Hymns* held by the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, it appears that the same plates used in the earliest edition were used by the stock company referred to above. The title pages bear different publication data however. Though it cannot be verified at the present time, one would assume that the plates were purchased by those bodies who formed the F.W.B. Stock Company, Kenly, NC and that the price was in the \$100 range. The publication imprint of what is apparently the 1905 or 1906 edition referred to above bears the wording: Published by Free Baptist Stock Co., Kenly, NC, To Whom Address All Orders. This edition does not bear any date, but since the Jan. 10, 1906 article and ad in *The Free Will Baptist* makes reference to the new hymnal, one would assume that it was published in late 1905 or very early 1906. Copies of this edition may still be found in many Free Will Baptist homes in eastern North Carolina. It appears that most of these are in the

muslin or paper bindings. It should also be noted that all printings done by the Zion F.W.B. Stock Company, i.e. the Free Baptist Stock Co. had the wording *Zion’s Hymn Book* on the front cover whereas the original and Davis editions bore the title *Zion’s Hymns* (not Book) and that was only on the spine, not the front cover.

For those not familiar with these *Zion’s Hymns*, they are small books (about 3½ x 5 inches) and include only words, no music. These are similar in size and makeup to current Primitive Baptist hymnals. The Free Will Baptist Historical Collection has several earlier Free Will Baptist hymnals of this type, dating back as far as 1823. We are always interested in learning of anyone who might have early hymnals that we do not have. Since there was never a complete bibliographic record kept of what was published, there may be other hymnals that are available that we do not have or have never seen. Should anyone have such hymnals, we would be interested in seeing them to compare with our holdings. All our hymnals are listed in our online catalog which may be consulted at the Mount Olive College—Moye Library website to see what we have available. If interested, one may contact us at (919) 658-7827 or by e-mail: <gbarefoot@moc.edu>.

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A number to remember in 2013

This decade presents so many challenges for our society with changing social trends and influences. Therefore, you will want to learn the significance of the number 3,630. Continue to watch for information in *The Free Will Baptist* that explains why this is an important number to remember in the year of 2013. This number could lead to CROWN CELEBRATION. Pray that our Heavenly Father will strengthen us.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. (Isaiah 12:2-4)



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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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

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