

# How Do You Like Your Hamburger?

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Let me change locations on you and draw some lessons. Let's go about 30 miles northwest and drive down Gloster Street in Tupelo, Miss. As you leave Crosstown and drive south you come to DUDIE'S DINER. Dudie's is a lot like BILLY'S. It's an old railroad car stuck in a crowded location. Just down from DUDIE'S is WENDY'S old fashion burgers and right beside WENDY'S is McDONALD'S. And just beyond McDONALD'S is BURGER KING. Four hamburger places within sight of each other and all doing a good business.

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Let's change the example a moment and think of Hamburger Places as Churches and Hamburgers as people. Which Church is the best? The one that has the most people or the one that has the best people. (I like the one that has the most best people!)

The truth is that "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ" (I Cor. 12:12). "And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of you: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you" (I Cor. 12:21). The Board of Directors of McDONALD'S may hoot and laugh at DUDIE'S little store compared to their chain—But DUDIE'S sells burgers to people who can't or won't buy from McDonald's. And DUDIE'S may sit smug in the

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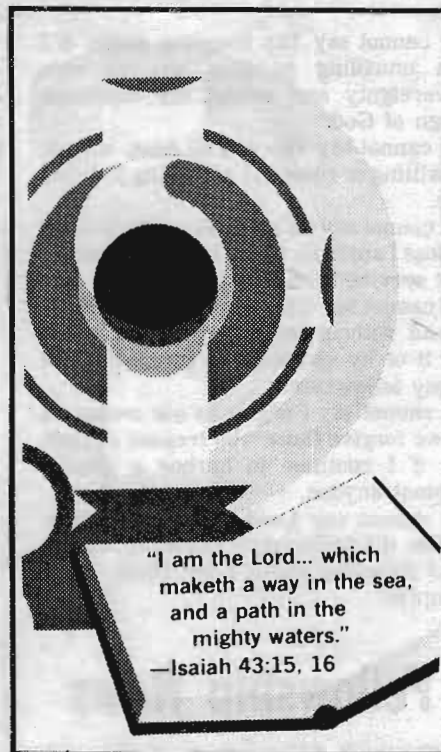
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# THE MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTIST MESSENGER

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## Mississippi Messenger Editor Goes To Be With The Lord

On July 20, 1978, Rev. Daniel Gaskins of Richton, Miss. went to be with the Lord following a revival service in his church. I think that it was typical of Bro. Gaskins that he was rejoicing over the wonderful services and the souls that had been saved the night he died.

Bro. Gaskins has been a real blessing to Mississippi since he arrived here in July of 1964. He has pastored several churches in South Mississippi and has worked on the District and State capacities. He served as moderator and clerk of the District Association and also as Youth Camp Director and serving on the ordaining council. In the State Association he has served as Moderator and Clerk and was also the Mississippi Messenger Editor.

On February 19, 1978 Bro. Gaskins was honored on his twentieth anniversary of his ordination to the gospel ministry. This was a high point in his ministry and he counted it a privilege to be in the Lord's service.

Bro. Gaskins was born February 11, 1921, in Craven County, North Carolina. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Letha Spruill, and Mrs. Jody Dowdy of North Carolina and Mrs. Edna Smith of



FLORIAN; FOUR BROTHERS: DAUSE, WILLIAM, and David of North Carolina, and George of Virginia.

We will greatly miss Bro. Gaskins in the state of Mississippi, among all our Free Will Baptists, and I'm sure that only when the Lord reveals all that he has done for each of us, can we fully understand how much his influence has helped to forward the cause of Christ in Mississippi. May God bless and multiply the work that Bro. Dan did among us and may we strive to do the work that the Lord asks us to do as willingly and with as much dedication as he did. We pray that the Lord will bless our work in Mississippi and give us more servants who will be faithful, even as Bro. Dan was.



**Bro. Daniel Gaskins, Feb. 19, 1921-July 20, 1978**



**This is Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, near Richton, Miss. This is the church Bro. Gaskins pastored and this new building was completed shortly before Bro. Gaskins death.**

## The Mississippi Messenger

"A monthly publication of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists, Dedicated to standing for the plenary verbal Inspiration of the Bible, the Deity and Virgin Birth of Christ, His Blood Attonement, Salvation by Faith, the personal, Literal return of Christ and opposing Modernism, Liberalism and Worldliness."

Rev. Glen Shelby ..... Editor

Send all correspondence to Rev. Glen Shelby, Rt. 3, Box 793, Waynesboro, Miss. 39367.

Deadline for Copy For Each Issue is 25th of Previous Month.

## The Editor's Note

As assistant Clerk for the State Association, it has fallen my lot to try to carry on the Mississippi Messenger until the State Association which convenes in November.

Please pray for me as I attempt to carry on this work. I feel that the Messenger can be a vital line between the people of our state, and can be used of the Lord to further His cause.

You can help by sending articles and interesting items and by praying for me and for all the work of our state. Let us all say with John: "I must work the work of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4.

Please send all items to: Glen E. Shelby, Route 3, Box 793, Waynesboro, Miss. 39367.

## Look What's Coming From Randall House

Ten new releases are in the process of production at Randall House Publications. Three of them are full size books, two are booklets, and five are new cassette tapes.

An Introduction To The Scope of Christian Education, edited by Dr. Douglas Simpson, is a compilation of 11 essays written by Free Will Baptist

Oak, Michigan, is assigned How To Know You're Saved and Defeating Doubt. Twin brother, Dr. Melvin Worthington, pastor of Albany, Georgia, is assigned How To Grow In Grace and How To Know God's Will. Dr. Joe Ange, Director of Religious Activities at Free Will Baptist Bible College, is preparing one sixty minute tape on the subject of, *Should A Pastor Resign?* This title

## National Convention Review From Kansas City 1978

NASHVILLE, TN—National meetin' time found 3500 gathered in Kansas City, Missouri's Municipal Auditorium July 16-20 for the 42nd annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Nearly all delegates and visitors were housed in downtown hotels located no more than two blocks from the convention site.

The historic rally was laced with excitement, controversy and strong biblical preaching. Meeting currently with the national convention was the National Youth Conference and the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Delegates representing 225,000 Free Will Baptists from 2500 congregations in 40 states worked overtime in Kansas City to keep pace with swiftly moving business currents. During the 5-day caucus, delegates:

**MERGED** the Sunday School and Church Training Service Departments into a single organization now known as the Board of Sunday School and Church Training. This action was implemented to avoid duplication of services and to strengthen the denomination's training arm. Dr. Roger Reeds will serve as director of the reorganized departments.

**APPROVED** a record 5.5 million dollar budget for 1978-79. Two national departments (Free Will Baptist Bible College and Foreign Missions) are nearing the two million dollar budget barrier. Home Missions is approaching the one million mark.

**DISMISSED** the Educational Study Committee appointed in 1976. Randall House will publish a 12-chapter book on the scope of Christian education in early

Church (formerly Welch Avenue FWB Church).

**PRAISED** editor Harrold Harrison's tireless efforts as *Who's Who Among Free Will Baptists* made its 1978 debut. The 500-page publication was 24 months in preparation and is an historical storehouse for Free Will Baptists.

**COOPERATED** as freshman moderator Bobby Jackson steered his way through parliamentary shallows and hair-trigger issues. Jackson's fairness in moderating helped ease some troubled convention moments.

**BOUGHT** more than 1800 tapes of convention speakers.

**CONTRIBUTED** \$8690 in a special missions offering Wednesday evening.

**WONDERED** why attendance was down for the second consecutive year. Convention officials had expected nearly 5000 to register in Missouri. NYC registration declined 1000 from 1977.

**AXED** a proposal to shorten the annual national convention from five days to four. The defeated plan would have eliminated Sunday services, opened the convention on Monday night and scheduled youth activities Tuesday through Thursday morning.

**FILLED** meeting rooms to overflowing as they mapped routes to 20 educational seminars on Monday and Tuesday.

**EXAMINED** audited reports from the various departments and agencies. A 68-page Digest of Reports summarized each department's annual disclosure.

**INCREASED** Layman's Board Cooperative Plan allocations from 3.5 percent to 10 percent. This move reflected a complete about-face for the Layman's Board which faced extinction

product of the educational study commission which has labored for a number of years in our denomination. It is enlightening, meaty, instructive, and corrective. It is produced in a hard-bound volume. January, 1979 is tentative available date.

**Why We Are Happily Married** is a compilation by Harold and June Critcher, of 36 Free Will Baptists who are discovering the joys of marriage. It will cause you to identify in many ways with the problems which others have faced and overcome. It may make you laugh, cry, rejoice, or mend your ways. This is a very helpful book at a time when it is needed. Tentative release is February, 1979.

**Planting and Growing A Free Will Baptist Church** is the work of Rev. Roy Thomas, General Director of the Home Missions Department. Roy calls upon his rich, effective ministry of church planting and developing to tell "how it's done." Every pastor will benefit from this book and use its well organized approaches over and over. March, 1979 is tentative release date.

The first two Teacher's Guides for the five volume Sunday School Worker's Training Course will be released shortly. They are on Commissioned To Communicate and Pupil Profiles. They are the work of Larry Hampton who serves with the CTS Department as editor of curriculum. Teacher's Guides for the other three volumes will be forthcoming soon. Release dates are September and October, 1978.

Cassette tapes of a very practical, relevant, and needy nature are being prepared. These five titles are the first of a new series being readied. Gordon Sebastian, effective pastor-soul winner from Wilson, North Carolina, has prepared one entitled **Effective Personal Witnessing** (side 1), and **Training Others To Witness** (side 2). Dr. Jack Williams, Contact Editor, is developing **Triumph Over Suffering** (side 1) and **Facing Death and Dying** (side 2). Rev. Milton Worthington, pastor in Royal

will deal with lengthening one's tenure in the pastorate as opposed to shortening it.

These new forthcoming products will help to enhance your ministry, enrich your life, and enlighten your mind. January 1, 1979 is the tentatively scheduled date.

## Free Will Baptist Youth Camp Board Report

Our Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our 1978 camp was a great success. We had a total number of 83 campers, 5 of which were workers children of preschool age. During our camp many prayers were answered. We had many young folks saved and many to rededicate their lives to God's work. We have also asked for God's guidance and His will concerning building our own South Ms. Freewill Baptist Youth Camp, instead of renting every year.

The Youth Camp Board has already received money from 2 churches, to go toward building our own camp. We have received \$290.00 from Bethel Freewill Baptist in Richton, we have also received \$100.00 from Lee's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in Jones County. We praise God for these offerings.

We need your help. We need your support in prayers, in your willingness to work and your financial help. Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Through God's help and our Freewill Baptist Churches working together we can have our own Youth Camp.

Our young people are our churches of tomorrow. Please call upon the name of the Lord concerning this matter. May God richly bless you.

Yours in Christ,  
Rickey Hammonds  
Sec. Treas.

So. Ms. F. W. B. Youth Camp Board

1979, the book being this committee's major contribution during its three-year life-span.

VOTED to accept Fort Worth, Texas' invitation for the 1982 convention.

RELECTED Bobby Jackson, North Carolina evangelist, moderator; Dr. Melvin Worthington, Georgia pastor, assistant moderator; Waldo Young, Oklahoma pastor, clerk; A. J. Looper, Alabama pastor, assistant clerk.

WELCOMED Free Will Baptist native pastors from Cuba to the convention. The Cuban brethren joined representatives from Japan and Africa in a graphic display of the gospel's power to reach across cultural and language barriers.

REJECTED a motion to not seat the Texas delegation and referred the question concerning a minister's discipline to the Executive Committee for a 1979 report.

UNANIMOUSLY adopted anti-ERA and abortion resolutions and placed in the minutes a strong statement opposing the modern "tongues" movement.

ASKED that a proposed Treatise change clarifying the Free Will Baptist position on extent of biblical inspiration and inerrancy be presented at the 1979 convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

TABLED a last minute motion requesting that National Youth Conference dress guidelines for participants be returned to the standards suggested by the Church Training Service Board in 1976.

HEARD Dr. L. C. Johnson announce plans to retire as president of Free Will Baptist Bible College effective June 1, 1979, and accept a position as college chancellor. Dr. Charles Thigpen, college dean, will succeed Johnson as FWBCC president.

STOOD in a rising vote of thanks to honor outgoing Home Missions Department Director Robert Shockey. Shockey has moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he is director of missions and outreach at Heritage Free Will Baptist

DEBATED the necessity of reevaluating the present Cooperative Plan structure since by and large it has become a means of supporting state and local ministries instead of national ministries. Much of the controversial discussion centered around the fact that before any Cooperative funds are distributed at the national level, present allocations call for the Executive Office budget to be completely underwritten.

LISTENED to five speakers develop the convention theme, "Church Alive." Jack Stallings, Jr. (Virginia), Connie Cariker (Oklahoma), L. C. Johnson (Tennessee), James McAllister (Missouri), and Floyd Wolfenbarger (Ohio) spoke during worship sessions to the 3500 delegates and visitors.

PROMISED to assist the Historical Commission in gathering complete sets of minutes from quarterly meetings, district and state associations. Historical Commission members distributed a report listing all minutes presently housed in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection.

## First Free Will Baptist Church Of Iuka

We have experienced a wonderful summer of Christian fellowship and worship at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Iuka. August 27 marked our third anniversary since we officially organized into a church in 1975. We praise God for His bountiful blessings during these three years and we know He has future blessings in store for us. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith; saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall

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NEWS Service RELEASE

Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Nashville, Tennessee—Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, has announced that he will retire from the college presidency on June 1, 1979. The Board of Trustees has asked him to continue his affiliation with the institution by serving as chancellor. The Board has named Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, the college's academic dean, to succeed Dr. Johnson.

The public announcement was made July 19, 1978, in Kansas City by Reverend William J. Mishler, a trustee of the college. He announced the impending changes to more than 300 alumni and friends at a luncheon held during the meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The trustees asked Dr. Johnson to remain at the college as chancellor because of his many years of experience. In this capacity he will serve as a consultant and as a representative of the institution. He said, "I would not want anyone to think that the office of chancellor will in any way diminish the authority of the president of Free Will Baptist Bible College." Rather, he stressed, his work will be an "at large" ministry.

When he terminates his service as president, Dr. Johnson will have given 34 years of dedicated labor to the college. He was selected to head the soon-to-be-founded institution in 1942. Except for a brief return to the pastorate in 1944-47, he has continued to lead the college until the present time.

Dr. Thigpen has been associated with Free Will Baptist Bible College for 26 years. His responsibilities have included service as dean of men, registrar,



Dr. L. C. Johnson

place until June 1, his retirement as president and Dr. Thigpen's inauguration will be observed during Commencement Week, May 13-17, 1979. A committee, composed of two trustees, the president of the Alumni Association, and members of the college faculty and staff, is planning the events.

Free Will Baptists are asked to pray that God, who has blessed the college

# Home Missions Board

The Mile High Free Will Baptist Church, Northglenn, Colorado, with Rev. Charles Harris as missionary pastor, will have its organizational service September 10th with special speaker, Rev. Howard Gwartney, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Denver. The Mile High Church, which has facilities appraised at \$92,000, and an attendance of over 100, has been having services with Pastor Harris less than two years.

Rev. Robert Helms, missionary pastor at Evansville, Indiana, reports the first anniversary of the church Sunday August 27, 1978, with special speaker, Brother Trymon Messer, Associate Director of the National Home Missions Department.

The mission church in Kankakee, Illinois, where Rev. John Hollis is pastor, will have its organizational service September 10th with special speaker, Brother Trymon Messer. This is a joint project with the Illinois State Mission Board and the National Home Missions Board.

Rev. Vergel Maness, joint project worker in Wilmington, Delaware, reports the church observed the dedication of the church building and also the third anniversary of the Maness family's arrival to Delaware, with Rev. Rufus Coffey as special speaker August 27, 1978.

The Lake Jackson Free Will Baptist

Church, of which Rev. J. D. Norris, Jr. is the home missionary pastor, occupied its new land and facilities in Tallahassee, Florida September 3, 1978. A member of this church, Robert Nicholson, was presented the Layman of the Year award at the National Association meeting in Kansas City in July.

Rev. Jim Summerson, missionary pastor at Milan, Illinois, reports that his church still has approximately \$30,000 worth of bonds to sell from a \$100,000 bond program. These are 8½ percent compounded semi-annually. For more information write Rev. Jim Summerson, 411 East 7th Street Court, Milan, Illinois 61264.

A new home missionary, Rev. Larry Nix, has been employed to begin a new work in the Atlanta, Georgia area. Brother Nix will be a joint project worker with the Georgia State Mission Board and the National Home Missions Board.

REMEMBER, NOVEMBER 19, 1978 IS NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY! PREPARE FOR A GOOD OFFERING FROM YOUR CHURCH FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS! SEND OFFERINGS TO NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS, P. O. BOX 1088, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37202. FOR HOME MISSIONS MATERIALS WRITE TO THIS SAME ADDRESS.

# You And The Lord's Prayer

I cannot say Our, if my religion has no room for others and their need.

I cannot say Father, if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.

I cannot say Who art in heaven, if all

I cannot say Deliver us from evil, if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say Thine is the kingdom, if I do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject

...Johnson's years of service will be honored during the college's 37th annual Bible Conference, March 11-15, 1979. Though the official transfer will not take

I cannot say I have the power, I fear what my neighbors and friends may say or do.  
I cannot say Thine is the glory, if I am seeking my own glory first.  
I cannot say Forever, if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.  
I cannot say Amen unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

—Author Unknown  
Taken from "Pulpit Helps."

# News From Beech Springs

REPORTER

REV. MICHEAL JONES

August was a busy but blessed time at Beech Springs. We began by electing teachers and officers for the upcoming year—and by giving the Pastor a Surprise Birthday Party. It made for a busy first Wednesday night in the month but the unity and fellowship in the Church

was worth all the effort.

Then we began making plans for our upcoming Revival and it seemed the whole Church took it to heart. Friday, Aug. 11, was a day set aside for Prayer and someone was on the Altar of the Church praying from 5:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Just the fact of prayer was a major step toward Revival and I believe was one of the reasons we had a tremendous Revival.

## Church Of Luka-

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not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Our youth are beginning to think about CTS competition for the coming year. They are also becoming more active in church activities, having planned a gospel singing for September 2 which will feature the Jones Family from Florence, Ala., The Harmonies of Iuka, and a teen-ager, Teresa Bray, from Burnsville. Our youth are also planning for the Youth Rally which will be held in October at First Church. Recently they had a skating party with the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Everyone had a good time of Christian fellowship.

We are looking forward to our second annual all-day singing which will be the third Sunday in September. Lunch will be served with special singing in the afternoon. "O, come, let us sing unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1.  
Remember to pray for First Church that we will be a shining light for God.

things.  
I cannot say Hallowed be thy name, if I, who is called by His name, am not holy.  
I cannot say Thy kingdom come, if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God.  
I cannot say Thy will be done, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say On earth as it is in heaven unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.  
I cannot say Give us this day our daily bread without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of my fellowmen.  
I cannot say Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.  
I cannot say Lead us not into temptation, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

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## Please Support Miss. State FWB Association

Your support to Mississippi State Free Will Baptist Association insures continued progress and the establishing of more churches.

STATE MISSION FUND:  
Rev. J. L. Gore family in Jackson.

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Your Mission gifts should be sent to Rev. Dwight Fletcher, Route One, Box 96, Richton, Miss. 39476.

STATE GENERAL FUND:  
Printing Mississippi Messenger

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## Pastoral Services Available

The following ministers are available for pastoral services. References can be furnished if requested by these Ministers:

Rev. Roger Russell  
1417 SE 3rd Tenn.  
Deerfield Bch., Florida 33441

Rev. Harvey Luke  
2707 Oaks Road  
New Bern, N.C. 38560

Rev. James T. Avery  
Route 7, Box 464  
Kinston, N.C. 28501

Rev. Patrick L. Taymer  
No. 5 V iade Timotoe, N.E.  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87109  
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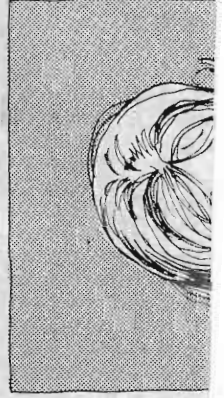
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A lesson for today:  
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—Gloria Nowak

## FAITH REVEALS THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT OUR YOUTH





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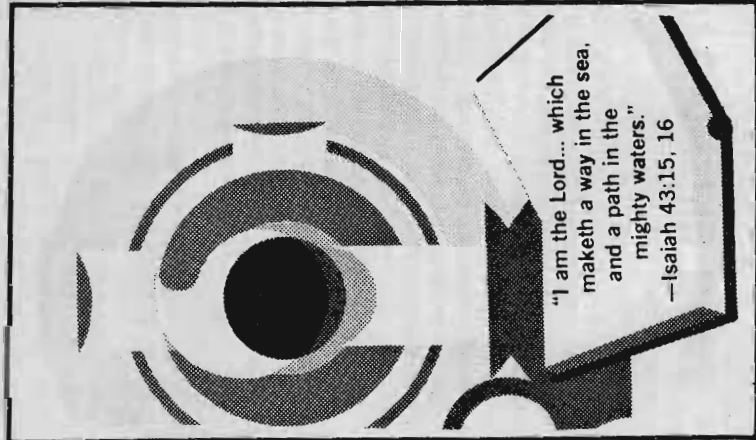
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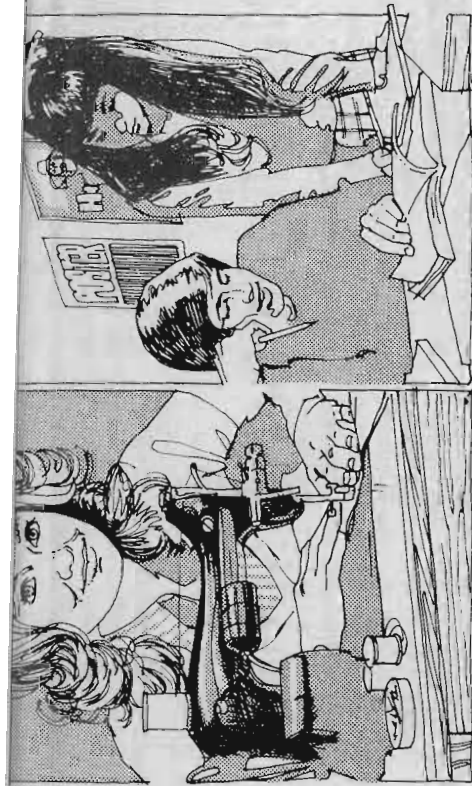


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maketh a way in the sea,  
and a path in the  
mighty waters."  
—Isaiah 43:15, 16



# ATTEND CHURCH THIS

## SUNDAY



ur most unfairly maligned age group is the one consisting of older children and teenagers. Because of the spectacular, headline-making antics of a very small minority, our young people are routinely suspected of everything from noisy, insolent behavior and drug addiction to school vandalism and a willingness to knock an elderly woman to the ground for the few dollars in her handbag. In truth, the vast majority of our youth are friendly, respectful, enthusiastic, law-abiding, hardworking students; intent only on learning to make their way in the world and perhaps improving it in the process. If your training and influence have been reinforced by family attendance at the Church of your choice, then YOUR children undoubtedly belong to this praiseworthy majority.



"Even a child is known  
by his doings, whether  
his work be pure, and  
whether it be right."  
—Proverbs 20:11

The greatest reverence  
is due the young.  
—Decimus Junius Juvenal  
(circa 50-130 A.D.)