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PREFACE

In recent years there has been a great need for a comprehensive work on Faith Promise Mission Conferences.

Especially in Fundamental Bible-believing Baptist Churches, Faith Promise has become the primary means of enlisting the total membership in giving to missions. There is no question but that this method is entirely scriptural and that it has been superbly successful. Recently, my good friend, U. G. Robertson, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, has completed what I believe to be one of the most thorough and well-defined books on Faith Promise.

You cannot read the manuscript without seeing that much time and thought has been given to this work. Behind it is an earnest sincere desire to provide the real need of pastors and churches for informational and inspirational material that will help them in planning and conducting Faith Promise Conferences as well as sustaining this significant mission program through the year.

This work is a detailed study of Faith Promise and yet it is presented in a manner that is easy to understand.

I think when history is written, this work on Faith Promise Conferences may well go down as one of the most profitable books written in this decade.

I would sincerely urge every pastor and missionary to obtain this book for their own personal use, and it is my prayer that it will have very wide circulation otherwise among all those who are interested in Faith Promise.

Preface by W. E. Dowell, President of the world's largest Bible College,
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INTRODUCTION

A good part of my ministry has been spent in being used of the Lord in Missions Conferences. I am usually involved in about ten or twelve a year, besides the ministry here at the church. These conferences are always a joy to me. I also praise the Lord for the opportunities He has provided in assisting churches and pastors with their first conference. Many times during these conferences, I have been asked for lesson and sermon outlines relative to World Evangelism and the Faith Promise. Pastors have also asked for more information on how they can make their conference more successful and effective in this great task of world evangelism. This book is a response to those requests.

This book is not designed to be an authority on the subject of World Evangelism or the Faith Promise Conference. This book is a pastors' helper. It is designed to assist the pastor from the time the Lord moves upon his heart to have a conference to the completion of the conference. There is also the idea of assisting after the conference is over. The thoughts and ideas I have placed in this book are the results of my own endeavours, observations, reading and participation in Missions Conferences all over America.

To the pastor who desires more information, I suggest the following:

- 1. TOTAL INVOLVEMENT by Bob Hughes and Damon Woods*
- 2. FAITH PROMISE FOR WORLD WITNESS by Norm Lewis*
- 3. THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE by Paul G. Covey*
- 4. TRIUMPHANT MISSIONARY MINISTRY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH by Norman Lewis*
- 5. PASTORS' MISSION CONFERENCE SCHOOL GUIDE BOOK I, II, and III by Clifford Clark*

It is my prayer that God will bless the contents of this book to His honor.

Rev. U. G. Robertson

PART I
THE MISSIONS CONFERENCE

THE PURPOSE OF A MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Life has a purpose, as should everything we do; especially those of us who are engaged in the Lord's work. We should never have any type of a meeting due to the lack of activities or just to have a meeting. We should always make sure that the meeting we are planning has a definite purpose. The Missions Conference has a definite purpose in the life of the church and in the lives of God's people. What is that purpose?

1. **To acquaint the church with her missions responsibilities.** Sad but true, there are many churches that have never been informed of their responsibilities toward world evangelization. A Missions Conference can be used as an informer to God's people about His plan for world evangelization. The people and the church must become acquainted with the plan because souls hang in the balance. Every local church is responsible for world evangelization and should be a center for it. Every time Christ commanded the church to go, that command either directly or by connotation included the thought of world evangelization. Only to the twelve did He say to go only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. But after Israel refused the Messiah, God said to the church, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The pastor and his people must know this truth and not only know it, but understand that it is their responsibility.

The churches must not only be acquainted with their responsibilities, but they also must be informed that they will give an answer as to whether they have discharged their responsibilities. I firmly believe that God's people will give a personal account to God for their involvement or lack of involvement in world evangelization. Woe be to the selfish pastor or the uninformed pastor who has not enlightened his people toward world evangelization. The Bible certainly teaches that we are accountable to God for privileges that He has bestowed upon us. We **will** give an account to Him. What will our answer be? To those who have been informed, they will have no answer. There must only be obedience to His command and known will. Hence the purpose for the Missions Conference is to inform the people of their God-given responsibility and accountability relative to world evangelization.

2. **To acquaint the church with her missionaries.** Far too many churches never see, much less hear a missionary. Christians need to see and hear these soldiers of the cross. They need to hear their testimonies concerning the field that God has called them to. They need to hear about the joys and blessings as well as the sorrows, heartaches, and feelings of failure experienced by the missionaries. Missions work is a joint ministry; therefore, we need each other. The church needs the missionary, and the missionary needs the church. They are our soldiers of the cross sent to the battle fronts of the world, and we need to hear how the battle goes from the front-line soldier. Christians need to know that our missionaries are people. They are mothers and dads who experience problems in rearing their children just as we do. They experience problems of living in a foreign country without the fellowship of other Americans. They have problems of going through a lot of red tape to buy a piece of property or build a building. We need to know their problems so that we can offer intelligent prayers on their behalf to God.

The youth in our churches need to be in contact with our missionaries. If we hope to spread the Gospel to all the world, we need young people to go. We need to train and motivate our youth who have years to give to the Lord. All of us will be motivated by these dedicated servants of God, but our youth will be motivated far more than you can imagine by seeing and hearing our missionaries. Missionaries are some of God's choice servants and we need to see them, to hear them, to love them, to pray for them, and to support them. After our missionaries have been in our churches and with our people, it is not as difficult to raise finances for world evangelization.

3. **To acquaint God's people with the church's program for world evangelization.** Far too many people in our churches are uninformed of our overall missions program. Of course, some of this we cannot help. Some folks simply do not care. However, we must do all that we can to keep our people informed. This takes place during a Missions Conference. I

do not know of a better time to inform people of their part in world evangelization than during a conference when we center everything on world evangelization. We need to inform them of the fields wherein we have representation. We need to inform them of the personnel whom we support on these fields. We need to inform them of how much our church has given to world evangelization in the past, how much we are giving, and what we intend to give. We need to inform them of our church's budget for world evangelization. The people should know all of these things so they can be a vital part of getting the Gospel around the world. It is their responsibility along with the pastor and the missionary. They need to tell it, to talk about it, to pray about it, and to inform others. The only way that you can get a church involved in world evangelization is to have the people enlightened about their responsibilities.

4. To acquaint God's people with His plan of finance for world evangelization. It is my supposition that if God gave the command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, then He knew there was a financial need to accomplish His plan. God certainly must have devised a plan whereby these finances could be raised without weakening or taking away from the local assembly. This plan should add to and strengthen the church at home. In order for the Missions Conference to be successful, Christians must know how His plan works and how to reach souls in the distant fields of this world. Now this plan must be presented during the Missions Conference by a qualified speaker who understands God's plan and knows how to present it. God's people can readily be challenged for world evangelization because God has made it challenging. When God's people are told of their responsibilities, they will respond. The same Holy Spirit that informed me will inform them. The same Book that informed me will inform them. When we properly inform and instruct the people of their responsibilities toward God and toward the world, they will respond. God excluded no one from His program of world evangelization. The church knows that she must fulfill her obligation to her Lord. We must understand that the only way we are going to get the task accomplished is to get all of God's people, not just a select few — but all of God's people, involved. Far too long the church has labored under the false notion that mission work was to be fulfilled by choice people within the confines of the local New Testament Church, or by an exclusive group of people outside of the church who would go into all the world and preach the Gospel. I believe this is the reason that we have never evangelized in any generation. We have failed to inform and instruct the believer that world evangelization is every Christian's responsibility. Every believer is to be involved in a three-fold way; they are to go, they are to pray, and they are to give.

All of these areas should help establish the purpose of a Missions Conference. The Missions Conference should never be held for selfish reasons. I have heard pastors say, "Well God blesses the missionary church and I want God's blessings, so I'm going to have a Missions Conference." I do not believe that God can bless that type of motive. The motive must be right in the heart of God's servant, the leader of the church. He must understand the reason he is having the conference. It is not for selfish or local blessings, but it is to inform, to instruct, and to acquaint God's people with His program for world evangelization through God's local assembly. I do not believe any other purpose or motive will bestow the blessings of the Lord upon it. This is the purpose of the Missions Conference.

THE PLANNING OF A MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The success of the Missions Conference will depend on how well you plan it. Most successful conferences are planned in part at least a year in advance. Seldom, if ever, can we achieve success by spontaneous planning of a program. I personally know from experience what it is like to walk into a church and have the pastor inform me that he was waiting for my arrival to make his plans. I have really felt like leaving, going back home, and saying to the brother, "When you get your plans finished, call me and I will return." In order to accomplish our primary purpose of promoting missions, every aspect of the Missions Conference must be well organized. There may be objections from some who say that the spirit of God can lead, guide, and direct us. I do not rule out the leadership of the Holy spirit in a Missions Conference for I personally know that many times during a conference we have done things that were not in the planning, but the Holy Spirit directed and lead us to take His leadership rather than human planning. I also know that God can tell us six months to a year in advance as well as five minutes in advance what to do. Consider the following in planning a Missions Conference.

1. **Set realistic goals.** I do not think we should have any type of a meeting unless we have a goal to accomplish. To have a Missions Conference just to have missionary speakers is not my idea of a Missions Conference. We have already mentioned the purpose of the conference but when I think of a goal, I think of a financial goal toward world evangelism. This is the reason the Faith Promise Missions Conference is such a success. The pastor must know what type of a goal he wants to set in order to challenge his people. It is very important when setting a financial goal that we do not put it so far above the people that it cannot be attained or so far below the people that it ceases to be a challenge. We are hesitant in setting goals because many times goals reflect upon us. If you challenge your people with some type of goal, then fail to reach it, you will have people who are discouraged. We should plan our goals in order to attain our desired ends. The pastor usually knows what can be reached by his people. Night after night you must challenge them toward this goal. As you challenge the people, it becomes personal to them. When you reach that goal on Sunday morning, that is a great victory. That is a great triumph for the church as well as for God's people. In this day when God's people do not enjoy too many victories or too many successes, this just enlivens, energizes, and electrifies the entire membership of the church and even the community. You have reached and many times surpassed a goal set for world evangelism.

2. **Set a date for the conference.** What is the best time during the year to hold a Missions Conference? Should it be in the winter, summer, spring, or fall? This depends to a great degree upon the locality wherein you are laboring. It depends a great deal upon your people. For instance, if I were in a farm area, I do not think I would hold a Missions Conference in the spring while the people were planting and preparing the soil. Neither would I try to schedule a Missions Conference late in the year when it was harvest time and my people were busily involved in the harvest. That is just poor planning. The same could be true in an industrial area when plants shut down and everyone goes on vacation at the same time. I think it would be inconsiderate on my part as a pastor to plan something at the church in order to hold my people in the city at that time. Personally, I do not think vacation time, especially July and August, is a good time to plan a Missions Conference. However, it may be an entirely different situation where you are located. What I am trying to say and impress upon you is to carefully choose the very best time to schedule the Missions Conference. Then if at all possible, confirm those dates and proceed from there.

Another thing to consider in planning the date for a conference is not to plan it too close to another meeting. If you are having a Missions Conference, I think you are going to defeat your purpose if you have a revival meeting or a bible conference two or three weeks prior to it. We must realize that the Missions Conference should have a preeminent place on our church calendar because this is perhaps the largest endeavor that our church will have all year. You need to realize that we are looking at a world, and we are trying to get people involved in a world ministry. Therefore, in the year before us, in an organized, systematic

manner, we need to make these plans. Now I do not think we should plan a Missions Conference in connection with other events. In other words, I have had pastors say, "Well I want you to hold a revival meeting along with a Missions Conference." Now we can either have a revival meeting or a Missions Conference, but I do not think you can successfully have both. A Missions Conference can turn into a revival meeting, but I did not plan for the revival. God sent the revival as a result of the Missions Conference. I do not think you can have a Daily Vacation Bible School and a Missions Conference together. Your people are so tired and worn out that they cannot attend the meetings as they would like to and if they do attend, their minds are not as alert to fully take in everything that God would have them learn due to their fatigue. We should plan the conference well. The date of the conference will either cause the conference to be a tragedy or a triumph, and we want it to be triumphant for the Lord Jesus and the souls of men. The conference dates should be set and announced as early as possible so the people can plan on being present. This is especially true if you have morning sessions when some people would want to take a vacation in order to be in those sessions. We have folks that do this. They want to be there and be involved in everything that is going on. Therefore, you need to announce the dates of your conference as early as you can to properly promote it. It is also helpful to keep the same time for the Missions Conference year after year. This helps the folks become acquainted with your church calendar and various events you plan. They can schedule their home life around the church calendar. They will do this if they are really involved. These people are the ones that love the Lord and will become involved in world evangelization.

3. **Set the length of the conference.** How many days and nights should we plan on having the conference? It depends upon a number of things. First of all, is this your first conference, or how many conferences have you had? It also depends upon the size of the church. How well orientated are your people toward world evangelization? How long can you hold their interest with a good program? A small church may only need a week-end conference. Another church may need a three-day conference, or even a one-day Sunday conference. Much can be done in a one-day conference if properly planned. There could be three services with an after-service on Sunday night. Sometimes this can be more effective than trying to stretch a conference out to an entire week meeting. When this is done we tend to lose the enthusiasm and the attendance goes down. Then we, as pastors, begin to badger the people because of the poor attendance. On the other hand, we may desire to have a full-week conference consisting of eight nights. Here at Central Baptist in Portsmouth, we have had a full week of Missions Conferences for years and years. Our people look forward to it because over the years we have built toward this. A pastor should not be discouraged due to poor attendance with his first few years of a Missions Conference. It takes years to build attendance in a Missions Conference. Whatever the length of the conference, make sure the people's interest remains high. This is the reason that much planning should go into the Missions Conference. A long, drawn-out, poorly-attended Missions Conference can become a detriment, while maybe a one-day, week-end, or three-day conference can become a real asset to world evangelism.

4. **Plan for people involvement.** How much are you going to involve your people in the Missions Conference? Involve the Sunday school, the youth group, the choir, and even your Christian Day school if you have one. During the morning sessions the students have an opportunity to hear the missionaries and participate in the activities. We have involved the students in special projects such as essays and setting up displays. Ask the missionaries to visit the classes and relate interesting information from their field. Even the kindergarten children are thrilled to have missionaries come and talk to them. The Sunday school children can make posters and mottos about their missionaries and be awarded for the best ones entered in the contest. Your adults can be involved in the preparation of food and in the accommodation of missionaries in their homes. Encourage your people to be faithful each and every night of the conference. There is really no need of having any type of a meeting unless our people are present. The people are not to be a side-issue or a by-product of the

conference. They are important people responsible for getting God's message around the world.

5. **Plan a theme around which to build your conference.** The theme is the central thought for the entire conference. For example, you may stress a motto such as, "Send the Light", or "Untold Millions", or "Who will Go, Give, and Pray?". Then develop the theme through displays, decorations, banners, flags, etc. This adds very much to the atmosphere of the conference and contributes to the promotion of the Missions Conference, which is discussed in another chapter.

6. **Plan a good musical program.** A good area which develops the theme and atmosphere tremendously and cannot be over stressed is a good musical program. Music plays a very, very important part in what we do for the Lord. We need to make arrangements for good music during a Missions Conference. I personally do not suggest hiring or bringing in some types of musical groups during a Missions Conference. This takes from the conference. You have to keep in mind what you are trying to accomplish. Carnal Christians usually do not get too involved in mission work. Usually when we bring in a singing group, we will have a lot of carnal Christians attend just to hear the singing. Our music should lend to the purpose of the conference and not take from it. In other words, if I have a musical program just to have a musical program, then I am taking away from my missionary thrust. My music should add to what I am trying to do in the area of world evangelism; therefore, I must plan what kind of a musical program I intend to have. I know that some pastors would just leave that up to the music director. If you have a music director of like mind, then that is wonderful. But pastor, you must remember that you are the leader of the flock. If you are going to saturate your church and your people with world evangelism, then you must have the music that reaches the hearts of people toward world evangelism. For instance, I have been into churches where we would start a Missions Conference and the first song that the song leader would direct would be "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Now there is nothing wrong with that wonderful old hymn, but that is not a missionary song. What I am trying to say is this: Make sure every song that is sung has a missionary emphasis. The entire musical program, congregational singing, special music, etc., should add to your missionary endeavor. Nothing will stir the hearts of God's people like these great hymns of the faith as it pertains to reaching the lost for Jesus Christ. Such hymns as "From Greenland's Icy Mountains", "I Gave My Life for Thee", "O Zion Haste", "Rescue the Perishing", "The Regions Beyond", and countless others will move and motivate God's people in reaching those that are still unreached.

7. **Print proper material for the conference.** Schedules for morning services should be printed and available for the people. It should not be that after everyone arrives we say, "Now what are we going to do?" These plans should be made well in advance and printed for your people's benefit. A schedule of the night services should also be included in the programs. What type of service will you have? Will it be slides, a film, more than one speaker, testimonies, etc.? I am simply mentioning these things in order that the conference will be well planned and the pastor will be well prepared in leading his people in this mission endeavor.

Along with the printing of the programs we should also have our faith promise cards printed and ready to be handed out in each department as they set their goals.

THE PERSONNEL OF A MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The key to the success of any plan is the personnel. Who will be involved in the execution of this plan? The men you invite to assist and participate in the conference may be the fact which will make the conference a successful endeavor. Therefore, make sure of the following:

1. **Know the men you invite.** Never invite unknown speakers in a vital service such as your Missions Conference. Know them in a number of ways. Know their views relative to missions, their doctrine of the local church, and their theology. They may teach your people some things that you disagree with. For instance, they may hold to a postmillennial view when you are a premillennialist. They may teach that the gospel must be preached in all the world before Christ will return. Whoever is right or wrong, even in the smallest things, will confuse your people and Satan can use this to discourage your people. Beware of religious charlatans. If you are going to have a Missions Conference, you will not want to have an evangelist come in. Neither should you have a Bible prophecy teacher come in unless they can contribute to what you are trying to do for world evangelization. Just because someone may be able to draw a crowd does not necessarily mean they would be the best speaker for your Missions Conference. The crowds usually do not give to world evangelism. It is the Christian that is filled with the Spirit of God and knows the Word of God relative to his responsibility in world evangelism that will do as God commands him to do. You may not know your personnel personally, but you should know what they stand for and what they are able to do for your conference. You can invite missionaries that are on furlough. These men prove to be very profitable speakers because of their experiences. Have missionaries that are on deputation since these men need support. Also invite missions directors and well-known missionary pastors.

Beware that you do not involve three or four different movements at the same time. Some churches and pastors are able to handle this, but many times if you are not careful you will get into problem areas. You will want to avoid situations where jealousy or criticism may arise. It is best to stay with the same missions group with whom you are working. If you are working with two or more groups, you should have enough experience to know whether you could have these two groups for your conference. Remember that any time you put a man in your pulpit someone will be attracted to him; therefore, use wisdom in the choice of your personnel.

2. **How many speakers should you have?** This depends upon a number of factors: the size of the church, the financial state of the church, the length of the conference, the availability of the speakers, and the type of speakers. All of this needs to be taken into consideration before deciding upon the number of speakers to have. You can have too many speakers. I have been in conferences when too much was scheduled for one service. A good evening speaker must have time to develop his message. You cannot give two or three men ten or fifteen minutes apiece to tell about their field, present a good musical program, and then inform the main speaker that he has about ten minutes to preach his message. That is a waste of time as well as an insult to the speaker. One would rarely need more than five missionaries during a one-week conference. This provides you with the opportunity to utilize all the ability that these men have by giving them time to become well acquainted with your people.

3. **Schedule your speakers early.** This is a very vital part of your planning. If you desire good speakers, you will need to schedule them as early as possible. More and more it is almost a necessity to schedule your speaker about one year in advance. Do not wait until the last few weeks before the conference and frantically call everywhere in search of missionaries and speakers. Then when you cannot find any available do not go around saying, "Man, you can't get any missionary to come and speak for you!" You can get all the missionaries you desire if you schedule early enough into their itinerary. Remember that these missionaries are traveling from city to city in various churches, and it is best for them to

have their plans made well in advance.

4. **Care for the men you invite.** Make sure that your conference speakers and missionaries are properly cared for. Do not take advantage of them. Do not surmise that since they should be willing to do anything, you will subject them to unpleasant and uncomfortable accommodations. You have a responsibility to take care of these men the very best that your church can afford. Remember that you reap what you sow. If missionaries and speakers come to your church when it is hard financially, these men understand. On the other hand, if you can accommodate them well and do not do so, they understand that also. Most of all, God knows about it. They are your guests. Your treatment of speakers, whether it be good or bad, will soon get around and you will find out that others will know about it quickly. Then in a few years you will be trying to find missionaries, but they will not want to come back to your church. Do not ever take advantage of people that you invite to your church. Make sure that their lodging and board is provided. It is the church's responsibility to take care of its guests. If they stay in the homes of Christians, be sure to instruct those Christians on how to take care of a guest. You cannot talk to a man until 2 A.M. and then expect him to be at his very best for the morning services. You cannot run a man all over town during the day then expect him to be at his best that night when he comes to present his message. Use the common sense factor in these things. The ideal host makes sure that his guests are taken care of properly in order to benefit the conference. You have not invited him there to do your visitation work, your hospital calling, or your prayer work. You have invited him to present a challenge to your people for world evangelization; therefore, see that he has the time and is provided the proper places to rest and prepare himself for the tasks you have assigned to him.

It's a grand idea for the missionary wives and sometimes even the children to be present in the conference. If you do invite the wife and family, remember that you are to properly take care of them also. They are your invited guests. I have always felt as a pastor that when I invite someone to my church it is the same as if I would have invited them to my home and I would want to take care of them. Remember, your guests are there at your invitation.

5. **Use the men you invite.** Not only know the men you invite but use them. In some conferences people are not used after they have been invited. Many times missionaries and speakers have felt like they were wasting their time because they were not used. This is especially true of the missionaries. How many pastors really let a good opportunity go by when they do not use their missionaries. Many of the missionaries are talented. Many of them sing and have other abilities and talents that should be utilized during the conference. Have them leading in prayer, giving their testimonies, and helping take the Faith Promise offering. Encourage your missionaries to greet the people and show a personal interest in them. You must instruct the missionaries as to what you want done. Missionaries are the most congenial people that I know, and they will do whatever the pastor wants done as long as they are properly informed.

6. **Pay your speakers and missionaries.** Take good care of God's men. Do not be selfish in this area. You may decide on a predetermined amount to give your missionary guests but you should give them a good love offering plus their expenses. If you feel lead, discuss this with them when you invite them. Do not try to get by as cheap as you can. These men are offering a service, and they are being used of God in your church. Have their checks waiting for them when they finish their services to your church. Do not give excuses such as, "My treasurer isn't here tonight", or "I forgot to draw that check". Brother, that is poor planning. If you have planned for these men to be with you, then you should have planned to provide for them. This should be finalized months in advance. By trying to get by as cheap as possible, many pastors rob themselves and their church of blessings. Give that missionary some extra help, if at all possible, while he is with you. This is where you can really get your folks excited. Of course you cannot help everyone, but if you have a missionary with a specific need and God lays it on your heart to take care of that need, that's marvelous. You could raise a cash offering. If cash is not available, then let him know that the church will take

care of part of his burden and send it to him at a later date. If you make promises, make sure that you keep those promises. If you don't, God may see that all of your Faith Promise offerings do not come in through the treasury of your church. Keep all of this in mind as you take care of the personnel in your conference.

While on the subject of finances, there is one other area to consider. Never humiliate your missionaries or any other speaker in front of your congregation by poor mouthing and telling how hard this fellow is having it. Do not give a sob story. God will provide if you will take care of it in the proper manner.

THE PROMOTION OF THE MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The promotion of the Missions Conference must begin months in advance. One of the reasons that a Missions Conference is poorly attended is due to poor promotion. Pastors just do not promote a Missions Conference the way they should.

You have two areas to promote. One is within the church. This is called "Inreach". The other is outside of the church. This is called "Outreach". They are promoted in different ways, but both must be promoted.

"Inreach" Promotion

This, of course, deals with your own people. Your Sunday school, Church people, Christian school, etc. Anything that you have in your ministry through which missions can be promoted. There are several areas to consider in this type of promotion.

1. **Promote Facts.** World Evangelization has real heart appeal. When properly presented, the Spirit of God will get into the hearts of the people. You must promote facts as it relates to world evangelization. After all, promotion is no more than making facts known to as many people as possible. Promote the facts of our world, its billions who have never heard and will never hear the Gospel unless we do something about it.
2. **Promote Speakers.** Are you bringing in outstanding speakers? Be sure to let your people know about the men you are bringing to the church. Have these men accomplished much for the Lord? If so, inform the people. How many times have we heard, "Boy I sure wish my people had been here to hear this message!" Whose fault was it that they were not present? Pastor, had you promoted your conference speaker or speakers well enough, most of your people would have been present. Have every speaker send you a summary of his ministry. This way, you can know and let your people know about the speakers' achievements. Be careful that you do not exaggerate in any area, but be sure that your people are informed.
3. **Promote Goals.** I personally believe we should set goals. Nothing will excite God's people like setting a goal and reaching it during a Missions Conference. Let the Holy Spirit direct you in your goal setting and then challenge the church with the set goal. Set a financial goal. How much money do you desire to raise for world evangelism in the ensuing year? After the goal is set, go to work and promote it.
4. **Promote Special Projects.** If you are having a special project during your conference, promote it! Do not keep what you are doing a secret. If you do, you may fail. Let the people know. Get them as excited as you can about what they are going to do. Promote that project constantly.
5. **Promote New Missionaries.** Promote the fact that as a direct result of the missions conference, the church will be able to add a number of new missionaries to its staff. If they are in the conference, prepare to add them before they leave. This will excite the people to do more, not less. Anything that you do to reveal to the people in a very tangible way where their money is going will help your missions program.
6. **Promote The Faith Promise.** The Faith Promise must be promoted throughout the Missions Conference. Make sure this is done by all of your speakers. Each speaker can give a personal testimony as to their involvement in Faith Promise. Some may be able to reach a heart that someone else could not reach. Every night promote the need for the people to pray for the Faith Promise goal of the church. Also promote the fact that they need to pray daily as to what God would have **them** do in the coming year for missions through the Faith Promise.
7. **Promote Results.** Everyone likes to be involved in something successful. Have previous Missions Conferences and mission work proved to be successful? If so, promote the success the Lord has given. How many missionaries do you support? How much mission money have

you raised? How many young people from your ministry have gone into mission work? Place these facts before your people and promote them. Let them know that success has come their way because of their involvement in world evangelism.

Where do we start our promotion? There are many areas within our churches that can be utilized. I suggest the following:

1. **Promote from the Pulpit.** There needs to be constant promotion from the pulpit to the people if the conference succeeds. No one can get the people moving toward a set goal like the pastor. God gives His man this endowment. Use it! Inform the people of the date of the conference, the speakers, the goals, etc.
2. **Promote in the Sunday school.** Every class and department throughout the Sunday school must be involved in the promotion of the conference. World evangelization is everyone's job. Thus, everyone must promote. Make sure that all of your Sunday school personnel understands. They are training your future church. Those boys and girls must be informed as much as the adults.
3. **Promote in the Christian school.** Many churches have Christian schools. This is an excellent opportunity to promote world evangelism. Many of the children may not be members of your church. Make sure all of the students in the school become acquainted with the mission program. Have missionaries speak to them during the conference.
4. **Promote on Bulletin Boards.** Every available bulletin board should promote the Missions Conference. Wall space can also be used. Sayings of famous missionaries should adorn the walls. Countries where the need is great should be placed on the walls. Pictures of the missionaries your church supports should be displayed for your people. Your church should be saturated with the theme of world evangelization during and weeks before the Missions Conference. This will arouse interest and bring the people out to the meetings.
5. **Promote in the Church Papers or Church Letters.** The avenue of news that your church uses should carry many articles of interest about the conference. This is where you could inform the people of the fields of the missionaries, their needs, their labors, etc. Pictures of each speaker and any human interest story that would make the speakers more appealing should be publicized here.

“Outreach” Promotion

Outreach simply means getting outside the walls of your church. Getting the news of events taking place at your church to your city or community. A Missions Conference affords a great time to get the focus of your city upon your church's ministry. May I once again say, “Missions has heart appeal.” Use this to gain the hearts of the people in your city. Outreach promotion covers several areas.

1. **Promote through Newspaper Articles.** Depending upon the city wherein you labor, some newspapers will give nothing to religious articles while others welcome anything of interest. Many will publish pictures of the missionaries and give extensive coverage to the conference as well as the speakers if you supply them with the information. In cities where the paper will not give free coverage, a paid ad is most beneficial in letting the people of the city know of your conference.
2. **Promote through the Radio and Television.** A lot of radio stations carry free announcements of events that are of interest to the city. Getting this information to the radio stations in plenty of time will assure you of coverage. Some television stations will do the same. In our own city, we have had the privilege of having our missionaries interviewed on talk programs. This is an area to investigate. If you can be covered, make sure that you use good taste in your conversation and that you choose the right person to be on the talk program.

3. **Promote through the Schools.** It is harder now to get into schools, that is public schools. However, in some sections of the country, it is still possible. We have had our missionaries to lecture students where the teacher just turned the class over to them. This was especially true if the class had been studying something of the country wherein the missionary was laboring. This is outreach, getting the ministry of world evangelization before the people of your city.

4. **Promote through the use of Outside Signs.** Always display large outdoor-type signs when having a Missions Conference. Fly the flags of the nations that the missionaries represent. Make your church building look alive. Let the people who pass by your church know that something different is taking place. You are involved in a world-wide program, the greatest ministry of your church. Let people know it and come to participate in what you are doing.

5. **Promote through the use of Flyers.** Print flyers or handbills. Make them attractive. If they are not attractive, there is no use to distribute them. Pictures of the missionaries, their fields, their labors, a schedule of services, etc., should be promoted through these articles. Use your young people and children to distribute them. Not only does this get the message out, but it involves people in the conference.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The missions program in the church depends upon the pastor. From start to finish the pastor must oversee the program if it is to be successful. Pastor, you are the leader. If the conference is what it should be, then you will have to lead the people, the missionaries, and the guest speakers into a successful conference. You may appoint people to assist, but you must make sure those appointed fulfill their tasks. I have been in conferences when the pastor has wanted to turn the program and leadership over to me. That is almost an impossibility because I am not the pastor. I do not know the people. I do not know the church's personality. Therefore, I cannot successfully lead the conference. I can add to it but I cannot lead it. The pastor must prepare himself in advance both mentally and spiritually to lead his church in the Missions Conference and its entire program.

Under this title of the "program", I am thinking of the conference within the church. The conference has begun, now let's carry it through with finesse. If you have properly prepared and promoted for this program, the people are in great expectation. Every aspect must be followed through or you will lose the impact of this endeavor. Pastor, rehearse in your mind what you want to accomplish. Keep it as a constant reminder, don't lose sight of the goals that you have set. The over-all goal is making the Gospel available to every creature on this earth. Now, what part will you as the pastor of the church have in seeing that this goal is met?

1. **Build the services.** *This may need explanation. Be careful that you do not start on a high note and then decline. It is far better to start on a low key and build to a great climax. The climax you are building toward in a Missions Conference is a great Faith Promise offering. If you start on a Sunday night and throw all of the efforts into the Sunday or opening night service, you are headed in the wrong direction. Keep the people in expectation so they will look forward to returning the following nights of the conference. Share with them your excitement and enthusiasm for the program.*

2. **Vary the services.** *Have something planned for each segment of your congregation; the ladies, men, teens, and children. After all, people involvement is what is needed to evangelize the world. This takes ingenuity and resourcefulness but it must be done. Let me list a few things you may want to do:*

- a. *Involve the children. Children love missionaries perhaps more than anyone else. Have a poster contest for the children with the missionaries as judges. Permit the children to dress in the costume of the lands wherein your missionaries labor. They can parade before the services in the native dress singing, "Jesus Loves The Little Children". In one of our recent Missions Conferences, a little girl got to all of our hearts as she brought her life savings, pennies she had saved since birth, and gave this money to one of our missionaries. Another lad, because of the little girl's giving, gave two bonds. It surely wasn't hard for me, as pastor, to raise the money that year for missions. God will give you ideas to be used. Many children's program books are available and can be adapted to fit the mission program.*
- b. *Involve the teens. Have a teen banquet. Use the missionaries as guest speakers. Have a teen afterglow with the missionaries present. Make it for teens only. Have all of the teens who have surrendered their lives to full-time Christian service to come forward in one of your services and give their testimony. This always challenges a church. We have had Saturday visitation for teens only with the missionaries present to go on visitation with the teens. They can go to shopping centers, hand out tracts, etc.*
- c. *Involve the ladies. If missionary wives are in the conference, have a ladies meeting. Let the missionary wives share with the ladies of your church some of the things they endure on the mission field. Have a question and answer time, prayer, etc.*
- d. *Involve the men. Usually a prayer breakfast or a men's banquet is appropriate during a Missions Conference. It all depends upon the length of the conference, the size of the church, etc.*

In saying all of this, the main point in varying the services is to keep the program moving once it has begun. Move it toward a great climatic service when the Faith Promise offering is received. Do your best to retain everyone's interest during the entire week. You must have the people in the services to instruct, inspire, and involve them in the mission program of the church.

3. Prepare morning or day services. *These services can be a disaster if not properly planned and followed through. Pastors should use common sense about having morning services. If the church is small and most people work, do not try to have morning services. On the other hand, if the church has a large constituency, or shift workers, plan a morning service or services. You do not have to have them every day. Maybe a couple of well-attended morning services would suffice. If you do have them, please plan the services well. Morning or day services are a great time for the people to fellowship and get better acquainted with the missionaries. You could have a "share-a-testimony" time. This could involve your own people and their testimonies about Faith Promise giving. You could also have a "share-a-burden" time. Burdens of lost loved ones, a field of the world, a need of a missionary, etc., could be prayed about. Sharing the word about missions through the eyes of a Sunday school teacher, a lay person within the church, a housewife, etc., can be one of the most effective ways to promote the mission program in your church.*

After concluding the morning services, set out on visitation. Send the missionaries out with members of your church. Souls have been saved through this endeavor. In large cities where other nationalities live, our missionaries have been used to win people of the country wherein they are laboring. We have had them won by our missionaries, become members of our church, and are now faithful to the Lord's work.

Just remember not to announce a morning service and then plan it after arriving at the church. You will let your people down and it will cause poor attendance the next time you announce something special.

4. Make printed material available. *Try to have plenty of printed material available for your people during the conference. Their hearts are going to be stirred for world evangelism, and once stirred, you need to keep them stirred. They will if they become readers of good missionary material. Have biographies available of great missionaries, books written by missionaries, plenty of prayer cards of all the missionaries, tracts, pamphlets, etc. A lot of this material is available from different publishers. Have a book table with someone in charge of it. Obtain the material long before the conference begins. Have instructional books available. Your speakers may have tapes of their messages available. Get printed material into the hands of the people.*

Make sure that you print or have printed a schedule for your Missions conference. This enables everyone to know what is taking place and when. It also makes an excellent hand out for your people as they invite others to the conference. It provides the speakers with a knowledge of what is going on and what you expect from them. Have plenty of these available for the people. The best way to acquaint you with a schedule of this sort would be to insert a number of these schedules used in previous conferences. From these you may be able to obtain an idea of how you may wish to schedule your Missions Conference. (Refer to Part III.)

5. Schedule prayer meetings. *One of the things I find lacking in most conferences is a time where God's people can meet together and pray for missionaries and God's program of world evangelism. To be very truthful, very few Christians like to pray, even fewer take time to pray. But oh how prayer is needed to do what we are trying to do. Make a time available for prayer in your conference schedule. It doesn't have to be a long drawn out process, nor does it have to be hindered by some pious church member who knows nothing of prayer's value. But there is a joy and sweetness to be found when the church and missionary come together around the altar of prayer. You can either have morning or evening prayer time.*

Have missionaries in charge of the prayer services. Men missionaries with the men of the church, lady missionaries with the ladies of the church. Keep the program moving.

6. Receive the Faith Promise. *As you approach the Faith Promise Offering, receive it with confidence. Do not be apprehensive, expect God to supply. Everyone must be instructed in the proceedings of receiving the Faith Promise. I suggest that you have a meeting with all of your Sunday school workers to make sure that they know what you want done. Do not leave this up to them. People will follow if they know what is expected of them.*

When is the best time and place to receive the Faith Promise Offering? The pastor knows when and where to receive the Faith Promise Offering more than anyone else. I suggest the following:

1. *The Sunday School*
A church of any size should receive their Faith Promise Offering through the Sunday school. I offer the following reasons:
 - a. *More people will be involved in the offering.*
 - b. *Better records can be kept as to the amount promised and the amount received over a period of time.*
 - c. *A lesson can be taught to everyone and the Faith Promise Offering can be received without feeling a pinch for time when received in the auditorium where everyone meets.*
 - d. *After receiving the Faith Promise Offering during the Sunday school, the offering can be tallied while the morning service is in progress.*
 - e. *When the morning service ends, having had plenty of time for the message, invitation, etc., either the Sunday school superintendent or the teacher can give the total offering their department or class has promised. This will give the people a time of suspense and joy when the goal is reached. I have found that the teachers and superintendents become more concerned with the offering — not only that which is promised, but also that which comes in over the course of the year — when they are in a position of responsibility.*
 - f. *Also, after the morning service concludes you will have time to present the Faith Promise cards to those who came for the preaching service and were not present in Sunday school.*
2. *The Combined Church Service*
Many pastors like to bring all of the people into the auditorium for a missionary message and challenge. After the speaker has concluded his message and the invitation has ended, they begin receiving the Faith Promise Offering cards from the people. As the cards are received, a committee tallies them as the pastor reads out the amount promised. The “Faith-O-Meter” is then run up toward the desired goal as each sub-amount is made known. Many times those using this method of receiving the Faith Promise start receiving the cards during the conference. This method of receiving the Faith Promise has some advantages, but also some disadvantages. There are some areas to avoid:
 - a. *Be careful of spurious promises. Whether children or adults, make sure that the large amounts promised are good. This is one reason for using names on the Faith Promise cards. It can be disastrous when huge amounts are promised for the year and they do not come in.*
 - b. *Be careful of math mistakes. Have someone who is familiar with figures tally the cards. Instruct them before the Faith Promise is received as to what to do. If possible, have a trusted aide to double check all cards before announcing the total*

amount promised. It is very disappointing to tell the church when they come back on Sunday night that the goal was not reached. All of this can be avoided if we just instruct our people. Cards can usually be double checked for mistakes.

7. Initiate a Faith Prayer Promise. For years our closing Sunday night services of the Missions Conference were dull. We would reach that great climatic service on Sunday morning, leaving Sunday night with a feeling of emptiness. I struggled for years with this. Then the Lord gave me the following service for a closing to our Missions Conference.

First of all, keep some missionaries with you for your last service. You need them in the services. Whether you use them or not, they need to be present.

We believe in prayer. Missionaries believe in prayer. There is a great need in all of our lives for a prayer ministry. The church needs to know how to pray for the missionaries. To me, prayer for the missionaries is just as important as the money we send them. Money may supply his material needs but it will never supply the spiritual strength needed to minister in the regions beyond. During our conference we not only receive a Faith Promise Offering, but we also receive from our people a Faith Prayer Promise. It works in the following manner:

1. We print a book with all of our missionaries listed along with the field wherein they serve. We have enough for every person who responds to the Faith Prayer Promise to receive one.
2. On the closing night of the conference we usually have some good missionary music by the choir and special groups within our church. A brief report of what took place that morning is given and we also check to see if anyone who is present in the evening services has not turned in a Faith Promise Offering card.
3. After this, a reminder of the importance of prayer is given. This can be done by an illustration of answered prayer by a missionary who is present.
4. After all of this is completed, we place a large candle in front of the church as a representative light of the truth of God that goes forth from the pulpit of the local church. This light is to go into all the world. If it goes, someone must take it. Our missionaries are going and doing just that.
5. At this point, we turn out the auditorium lights. Only one light is burning. that light represents our home church. From this light, we will send more light.
6. We then have young people to represent the missionaries that we are sending. For color, they may be dressed in the national dress of the country represented.
7. As we call the roll of missionaries we support, a young person enters the auditorium from the choir rooms on the sides, lights a candle that he or she holds from the large burning candle, and proceeds to the back of the auditorium. They stand so that they encircle the auditorium when all the missionary names have been called.
8. After calling a few missionary names, I usually stop and inform the people that it is not only necessary to send the light, but to also see that the light which is sent remains. This can only be done through prayer.
9. I ask those who will promise God that they will by "Faith Promise" pray for that individual field and missionary everyday to leave their seat and go stand by the young person that represents that field and missionary. They take with them a smaller candle and light this small candle from the one held by the young person representing the missionary field.
10. As we continue to call out the names of our missionaries and send them forth with the light, more and more people stand and volunteer to pray for the missionaries. Before long, the light soon begins to display the darkness.

11. *At this point we may stop and sing, "Send The Light". What a joy and a thrill to know that you are involved in sending the light to display the darkness that people are in. (Quote Acts 26:18)*
12. *After all the names have been called and all have stood by the field and missionary they want to pray for during the course of the coming year, have a missionary come and ask God to grant grace and strength so that all of these Faith Prayer Promises may be kept during the coming missions year.*
13. *After prayer, before the people return to their seats and before the lights are turned back on, have everyone blow out their candle . . . only one will remain burning. The one at the front of the church.*
14. *Instruct the folks of what will happen when there is light here but no where else. Unless we go, give, and pray, darkness will remain.*
15. *Turn the lights on and have the closing prayer. This gives your Missions Conference a tremendous closing. I have used it for four or five years and it never fails to touch my heart and the hearts of God's people.*

PART II

THE FAITH PROMISE OFFERING

HOW TO INSTITUTE THE FAITH PROMISE

The first five chapters of this book deal with the Missions Conference. This part of the book will deal with the Faith Promise offering.

I believe the Faith Promise is God's plan of finance for world evangelism. The astronomical amount of finance needed for world evangelism is a mind-staggering amount. Only God can supply this huge amount of finance. I believe He will, through His people when they understand what His plan is. I do not believe the Faith Promise will work successfully for any other endeavor. It must be used for world evangelism. I have known of it being used for buildings, radio ministries, T.V., etc., but there is never the success sought except when used for world evangelism. In instituting the Faith Promise, the following should be adhered to:

- 1. The Pastor should know the program.** I know more about this program now than when I first heard of it in 1956. Dr. Oswald J. Smith introduced Faith Promise to me when he spoke at the Tulsa Baptist Temple, Tulsa, Oklahoma — one of America's truly great missionary churches. What was introduced to me that night touched my heart. While driving home, I promised God we would have a Faith Promise program. From that night until this day I have been growing in the knowledge of Faith Promise as it is set forth in the Scriptures. I am continually amazed at the many Scriptures that point out and emphasize this program. I know more about the program now because I know it is God's answer for financing world evangelism. What I am saying is this, Pastor, you may not know everything you would like to know about the program, but if you can see that it is Scriptural by the means that God uses to supply finances for world evangelism, then you should proceed toward that desired goal. That goal is seeing God supply finances for His program of world evangelism through you and your folks.
- 2. The Church staff and Church leaders should be involved.** The leaders of your church must involve themselves in the Faith Promise. This means every staff worker, every church official, and every Sunday school teacher must be involved. The people of the church follow their leaders. If the leaders are involved, the people will be involved. One way to involve the leaders is to have a time for guest speakers to teach them the Faith Promise and answer all questions relative to it during the course of your conference. If some of your leaders are still not involved after the conference has run its course and after the enclosed lessons are taught, you have probably discovered the trouble spot in your church. You cannot make the leaders get involved, but you can certainly see that they cease to be leaders under your ministry in the church.
- 3. The Church People should be taught the Faith Promise Plan.** One of the tragedies in our churches is the lack of real understanding as to why we are doing what we are doing. Your people must be taught the Faith Promise Plan if you intend to see God's blessings upon it. Beware of too many "pie in the sky" type of illustrations. God sometimes supplies through unusual circumstances, but He normally supplies through everyday events in our lives. Beware of leaving a "get rich" type of idea with your people. This program is not a "give me money" program. Nor is it a program whereby God's people are going to receive financial benefits in return for giving. Watch for this type of teaching, and inform your guest speakers of this. You want your people to give through the Faith Promise Plan because it is God's plan to finance His program of world evangelism. Excitement and emotionalism fades fast after a Missions Conference. Unless your people are properly taught, their giving will fade fast when the excitement is over and the speakers leave.
- 4. The lessons provided on World Evangelism should be taught.** I have enclosed five lessons on World Evangelism. (They are also available on cassette tapes.) I have taught and preached these lessons all over the country. I have had numerous requests for them because whether taught or preached, these lessons will inform and instruct your people on missions. These prepare the people for the Faith Promise Conference. They should be taught four or five weeks prior to your Missions Conference. If for some reason your people cannot attend

the conference, they will have been taught the truth relative to the Faith Promise. Pastor, study the lessons. God may give you truth that He hasn't revealed to me. After studying the lessons, teach them to your Sunday school teachers and workers. Make sure they understand them so they can teach them throughout the entire Sunday School. As these lessons are being taught and you are making preparation for the conference, the Holy Spirit will begin to work in the hearts of your people for the world. This is what really prepares a church for a Missions Conference. When your guest speakers arrive, the church is ready to move to an all out effort in preaching the Gospel in the regions beyond.

HOW TO MAINTAIN THE FAITH PROMISE

Once the believer has made a Faith Promise we need to assist them in keeping their promise made to God through the church. As pastors, we should know each class goal, departmental goal, and our over-all goal. We should do all within our power to see that every class, department, and person keeps the amount promised coming in. Our church missions budget and commitments to your missionaries are based on what the total Faith Promise is. The following will assist you in maintaining your Faith Promise.

- 1. Once a person, class, department, or the entire church has set a goal, have faith to believe it is God's will that this amount of finance will come in.*
- 2. Prayer must be made in behalf of this goal. Keep it before the people for prayer consideration.*
- 3. Charts should be used to reveal our progress. They will also point out our weaknesses.*
- 4. Testimonies should be given as to how God supplies the Faith Promise for your people.*
- 5. Missionary speakers should be in your church at least once a month. Also use the missionaries in your Sunday school departments.*
- 6. Every class should hear from a missionary by letter once a month. Let the people know what their money is doing.*
- 7. Let the people know about the classes or departments that are exceeding their goals.*
- 8. Encourage the use of the envelope system. This affords an excellent opportunity of keeping the program before the people.*
- 9. Keep yourself challenged. Read good missionary books, study the missionary movements, stay in contact with the missionaries.*
- 10. Preach on world evangelism yourself. Keep it before the church. A people without a world vision have no vision.*
- 11. Plan a Mini-Conference. This may be a one, two, or three day meeting. This depends upon the people's response to your regular conference, how your Faith Promise is coming in, and whether or not your people are maintaining their missionary vision. The Mini-Conference also affords an excellent opportunity for the growing church to involve the people added unto the church since the regular conference ended. It also provides the opportunity of picking up those who may have fallen by the wayside due to misunderstanding or hardship. Be careful not to place too much emphasis upon the Mini-Conference. This may take away from the regular conference held on a yearly basis. I have found that a one day Mini-Conference is best during the year.*

TEACHING THE FAITH PROMISE

LESSON ONE

WORLD EVANGELISM

Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19—20; Luke 24:45—48

Lesson Aim — *From a study of the Scriptures to give understanding to the meaning of world evangelism and to understand what our responsibility is as a church and as individual Christians.*

Introduction — *We live on the planet called earth. There is, at the present time, about 4 billion who live on this same planet with us. The vast majority of these do not know anything about Jesus Christ, the Bible, or our God. What we, as Bible believers, have to deal with is this: Do we, as Christians, have any responsibility of making known to the other earth dwellers anything about our “beliefs”? **If we don’t, let’s forget it!** What we believe isn’t really important. It is just for our own satisfaction and contentment. **If we do, then we must know what that responsibility is and what we are to do about it.***

I. WHAT TO DO?

A. *Three things we can do about world evangelism.*

1. *Ignore it . . . Just completely ignore the Scriptures that deal with this subject.*
2. *Explain it away . . . Come up with an explanation of the Scriptures that let’s us off the hook.*
3. *Believe it . . . Take the Bible at face value. Believing that Jesus meant what He said and said what He meant.*

B. *What most fundamental Churches do.*

1. *They believe it, or say they do and put forth a feeble effort at mission work.*
2. *They only get involved enough to say, “We give to missionaries and we believe in missions.”*

C. *What we ought to do.*

1. *Either completely reject it or believe it with such an emphasis that we do as God has instructed us.*
2. *We should believe this truth as we believe all other truths of the Bible. The revealed will of God made known unto all through His Word, the written Word. Luke 24:47.*

II. WHAT IS WORLD EVANGELISM?

A. *Noah Webster defines evangelism — “To instruct in the Gospel; preaching or promulgation of the Gospel.” This is what we are to do, all of us, instruct the world in the Gospel; reach the Gospel to the world!*

B. *This is what we are NOT doing, while the communist sow the seed of Godless communist philosophy to the inhabitants of the world.*

1. *A communist editor wrote, “The Gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renovation of society than our Marxist view. Yet it is we who shall conquer you in the end. We communists do not play with words, we are realists, and because we are determined to reach our end, we also know how to provide the necessary means.” He continued, “How can anyone believe in the all-*

surpassing value of this Gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, if you sacrifice neither your time nor your money for that purpose?"

2. Who is winning the battle for the minds and souls of men? I hate to admit the following, but it is true. The communists! When America was discovered, 25% of the world's population was Christian. Today, less than 7%. In ten years it will be 6%; and, by the year 2000 (only 24 years away) 2% or less. In 1903 there were 17 communists. In 1917 about 40,000. Today they control 2/3 of the world's population. God's churches and God's people are NOT involved in world evangelization!
- C. World evangelization is making the Gospel of Jesus Christ available to the citizens of the world. Not a part of the world, but the world! The truth of God must be presented to them if it is His truth. If we believe what we say we believe, we must be involved in world evangelism.
 1. The Bible is God's Word . . . not a book, but THE BOOK. II Tim. 3:15
 2. All men are depraved . . . lost hell-bound sinners. Romans 3:23
 3. Jesus Christ is the only Saviour . . . not a saviour, but THE SAVIOUR. Acts 4:12

III. THE BARRIERS TO WORLD EVANGELISM

What stands in our way. Why are we not winning the battle. I simply mention the following for your consideration.

- A. Governments that are not friendly to the philosophy of Christianity. Many equate Christianity with the western world. Many governments have a national religion and are zealous with it.
- B. Religion
 1. Religions within other countries. Many religious leaders are also political leaders and hold sway over the people through pagan religious beliefs.
 2. Religion within our country. Many religionists of our land can see no need of carrying the Gospel to other people. We list them under the following.
 - a. Liberalism
 - b. Moderism
 - c. Extreme Calvinism
- C. Wrong Ideology — Many well meaning born again Christians confuse world evangelism with a "foreign aid" type of governmental program.
- D. Immature believers — Many who name the name of Christ do not understand the task of the Church. Have no world vision.
- E. Inadequate Instruction To Believers.
 1. Born again believers within the Church not knowing of their responsibility because pastors have never instructed them.
 2. Missionaries, full time workers, pastors, etc. not knowing how to perform the task that God has assigned to the church. A waste of God's money, even on the mission field. Time and talent wasted not knowing, not taking time to study the Scriptures or blinded to it's truth.
- F. Ignorance, Spiritual.
 1. Pastors and people who are ignorant of God's plan. Many have assigned the task of world evangelism to just a few. A group of ladies, or youth group., etc.

2. World evangelism is to be the pivotal point of the church's ministry. Everything is to revolve around this one great truth, "Christ must be known to the world."
- G. Indifference among God's people.
1. Just don't care. The so-what attitude. Amos 6:1
 2. Many feel bewildered by the largeness of the task.
- H. Involvement, lack of . . . A token involvement to satisfy the conscience. When it should be **TOTAL INVOLVEMENT**.
- I. Insatiable appetite of God's people . . . The desire for materialism found in this generation of Christians.
- J. Inflation — world wide . . . The shrinking of the dollar. It hurts here at home and abroad.
- K. Intense attack of Satan upon God's people . . . This attack is upon the Christian who gives, the missionary who goes and the pastor who teaches his people. The attack is threefold . . . Spiritual, mental and physical.

These things make the task of world evangelism hard. Some think it to be impossible. God never commanded us to do what HE would not enable us to do! On with the Job!

LESSON TWO

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORLD EVANGELISM, WHOSE?

Matthew 28:19—20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44—48; John 20:21

Lesson Aim - From a study of the Scriptures to show where the responsibility of world evangelism lies.

Introduction — For two thousand years, ever since Christ's command, "go into all the world and preach the Gospel", we have been trying to determine who is responsible for doing the job. Most Christians will readily agree it is the church's job, the church will readily agree it is the mission board's job, the mission board will readily agree it is the missionaries job. As a result everyone agrees it is someone's job, but nobody is doing the job that Christ commanded to be done. If you doubt my statement check the results of world evangelism over the past fifty years.

- I. **HOW THE CHURCHES HAVE NEGLECTED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OF WORLD EVANGELISM.**
 - A. The churches have been deceived into the area of neglect of world evangelism by Satan. This is nothing new. Satan has always opposed world evangelism. A detailed study of Scripture reveals this.
 - B. Churches have assigned the task of world evangelism to others thus neglecting their responsibility.
 1. The task has been assigned to mission societies, mission boards or mission movements. They have done this believing it right and proper because of tradition or thinking the task too large.
 2. The task has been assigned to certain people within the framework of the local church. Such as:
 - a. Ladies Missionary Society
 - b. Certain Sunday school classes, or missionary circles.

- c. *Missionary men groups, etc. Dozens of such organizations have surfaced in the churches. Many believe this is the way to evangelize the world.*
- 3. *Churches have shirked their responsibility of world evangelism by putting forth all their efforts in their own city, town, state or nation. Sad to say, but some missionaries do the same thing on the mission field. Start a church and never instruct the people in world evangelism.*

II. HOW THE CHRISTIAN HAS NEGLECTED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD WORLD EVANGELISM.

- A. *People, Christians included, are followers; not leaders. What we are lead to do is what we do.*
- B. *Many believe that mission work is to be carried on by a few rather than the many. We have taught this by concept and precept. Using Acts 13 as a springboard text, many are instructed to believe that only a few are called to foreign mission endeavours. All are called — only to different facets of the endeavour. (Discussed in later lesson.) **Every Christian in every part of the world is responsible to God for world evangelism.** I personally believe we will answer to God for our part in world evangelism. How can we dare think a **handful** of missionaries can accomplish the task of world evangelism is beyond me! It isn't even logical thinking. In World War II every American was involved in some types of war related industry. The war we are engaged in is for souls. Hence the all-out effort needed!*
- C. *The neglect on the part of the individual Christian is caused by failing to understand personal accountability. We will answer as individuals for our life on earth. Not as a collective body.*

III. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WORLD EVANGELISM

- A. *First and foremost the responsibility falls upon the New Testament Churches.*
 - 1. *He commanded the church — Matthew 28:18—20*
 - 2. *He empowered the church — Acts 2:1—4*
 - 3. *He employed the church by selecting the missionaries from her — Acts 13:1—3*
 - 4. *He enjoins the church to give to sustain HIS work of world evangelism — II Cor. 8 & 9*
 - 5. *He expects the church to accomplish the task — Matthew 28:20*
- B. *Secondly, the responsibility falls upon the New Testament believers. (I will divide them into groups as to their calling. None of the groups have a greater or lesser responsibility. As the body is one, so must the effort of world evangelism be one.)*
 - 1. *The pastors — Ephesians 4:11—12*
 - a. *I mention the pastors first because the cause of Christ will rise or fall here. These are God's leaders. If they do not know, or will not instruct, little will be done.*
 - b. *Pastors of Churches MUST understand God's program of world evangelism. They are the key. Church history reveals the truth that Christ was made known to the world when Godly men knew God's plan and carried it out.*
 - c. *To many "other" things have entered into the minds and lives of pastors and blinded their vision of world evangelism. Pastors should keep in mind that everything they involve themselves in should have as its ultimate aim world evangelism.*

2. *Missionaries*

- a. *We label those called to serve on fields outside of their nation as missionaries. I don't think the word can be found in the Scriptures, but modern usage identifies the word with the work and the worker.*
- b. *The missionary's responsibility is great. He is the one God uses to challenge believers of his native tongue to unite in the work. Many times he is used to instruct believers relative to world evangelism.*
- c. *Once on his field of labor; he may become a pastor, an evangelist, a teacher, as well as a missionary to the people to whom God has called him to. He must win people, baptize them, instruct them, and challenge them to become involved in world evangelism. The life and ministry of the Apostle Paul is the number one example of this type of ministry. His life should be the example of all men called to this responsible position. (Acts 20:17—35, Study his ministry at Ephesus.)*

3. *All Other Believers*

- a. *This includes all full time workers, evangelist, church staff workers, musicians, etc. Every believer!*
- b. *World evangelism must be carried out by each one of God's people. No one is exempt! We must shed the idea that missions is a specialists job. Performed by just a few. It must be a task shared by all! It is our task to perform, not their's.*

C. *Mission Boards, Societies, Mission Committee's — Their Responsibility.*

1. *Organizations known as mission societies, boards, etc. are an outgrowth of Churches or Christians trying to find methods and the mechanics of implementing a mission program. Many of these organizations function well for a while, but unless the right leadership stays at the helm they usually go astray.*
 - a. *They lose their vision for world evangelism . . . become entangled in humanitarian efforts.*
 - b. *Money, property, etc. become entanglements causing them to drift from their position. Mission money is invested in other things, the emphasis of world evangelism is lost due to secondary things.*
2. *If these organizations become too involved with lesser things, it seems as if the spirit of God leaves them and they drift on aimlessly for years in a sea of confusion. These organizations, if used, must be local Church oriented, pastor lead, people guided for the check and balance needed for world evangelism.*

IV. *THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WORLD EVANGELISM*

I conclude this study by saying that the responsibility of world evangelism is the New Testament Churches, the pastors, missionaries and people who comprise the membership of the churches. It is NOT the responsibility of mission boards, societies or committees. Those organizations are to be used to implement the mechanics and are not to be an end themselves. I come to this conclusion from a study of the activity of churches in the Book Of Acts.

LESSON THREE

WORLD EVANGELISM

Matthew 28:18—20; Mark 15:16; Luke 24:44—48; John 21:20

Lesson Aim — From the study of the Scriptures, to put to silence those that oppose world evangelism.

Introduction — World evangelism is not readily received by New Testament churches, pastors or people. Ask any missionary who has done deputation work. He will inform you of some of the treatment he has received. This is going to be in a question and answer type of lesson. I will not cover all of the critic's questions, but will help to clarify a few.

I. God never intended for everyone to be saved, therefore I am not involved in world evangelism.

Answer: If you are saved, was it by accident? No, it was a clearly designed plan of God. God's salvation is His, to be sure, but within the plan is the design of God for all to hear. ALL will NOT be saved, but ALL are to HEAR! Scripture — John 3:16—18; Hebrews 2:9; II Corinthians 5:14, 15, 19.

II. World evangelism is too costly. Takes too much money away from our own church.

Answer: The evangelization of the world is costly. Consider the following: It cost God the Father His own Son. It cost the Son a life of sacrifice, service, and a death unmatched in cruelty. It cost the apostles and the early church persecution and even death. It cost missionaries the comfort of their native land, the love of their families, etc. Scripture — II Corinthians 11:19—33; 12:1—6; Hebrews 12:2.

Takes too much money away from our church. What kind of business is your church in? Banking business, real estate business or the Lord's business? Mission work cost the church nothing, it pays! Scripture — Matthew 6:33; Luke 6:38; Philippians 4:19.

III. The task is too great.

Answer: It certainly is a great task. But, how big is God? It isn't that the task is too great, it's that there isn't enough workers involved in the task. God never commanded us to do anything He didn't enable us to do! Scripture — Matthew 9:37

IV. Dollar for dollar more souls can be won in America than anywhere in the world, so I will invest less money and reap greater benefits.

Answer: Your thinking, as well as your theology, is wrong. We, according to the Scriptures, have no right to determine where we will place the Gospel. That has been decided for us. Matthew 28:20. Matthew 13:38a — it is the world . . . God's commands do not rest upon our opinion as to how profitable it is to us. It is obedience, not profit, that God wants. I Samuel 15:22.

V. Missionaries waste money.

Answer: No doubt many have. I personally know many who have not. However, the truth is this. Once mission money has been placed in the hand of the missionary, that missionary is responsible to God for the wasting or spending wisely of the Lord's money. My responsibility ceases where his begins.

VI. When God gets ready HE will save, therefore there is no need for missions.

Answer: I don't doubt many secretly believe this as well as a few openly. What injustice has been done to God by this type of thinking. God hath chosen to limit Himself through human efforts. He has commanded, He has empowered, now He awaits our will to go. God has already willed that they be saved. They await the salvation plan. Scripture — Romans 10:13—15.

VII. *Small churches or new churches should first take care of themselves.*

Answer: *Acts 1:8 teaches we are to evangelize in our own area while we are at the same time evangelizing the world. The entire philosophy of New Testament Christianity is that of giving, not getting. God gave, Jesus gave, the early disciples gave . . . how dare we say, first I get, then I give! A small church that never enters into a mission program will remain small. Giving is living, anything living is giving.*

VIII. *The first responsibility that a church has is to take care of its own pastor.*

Answer: *This isn't true. It is not their first responsibility. The first responsibility is to preach the Word. If that means a mission program, then let it mean just that. Churches are to do BOTH. Send missionaries and take care of their pastor. God will provide.*

IX. *Our mission program is our radio ministry, church news-letter, T.V. ministry, etc.*

Answer: *You don't understand missions. Nor do you understand the philosophy of giving. Most people will not give unless in some way they profit in return. How sad this is when churches and pastors do it. I believe you should evangelize your area in every way possible, but if you do not include a world outreach in your program, you have no mission program. Any vision that isn't a world vision is NO vision.*

X. *I believe God has another plan for those who have never heard. God is too just to send people to hell without ever hearing the Gospel.*

Answer: *How many times have I heard this. Yet, how unscriptural it is. There is not one verse of Scripture to sustain this type of reasoning. It is a cop-out for those who do not desire to become involved in mission going and giving. God has only one plan of salvation. Acts 4:12; John 3:16—18. The reason people are dying and going to hell isn't God's fault. For many, it is our fault. We have not carried the message to them. For others, it is their fault for refusing what they have heard.*

Conclusion: *Those who should give nothing to missions:*

1. *Those who believe that Jesus made a mistake when He said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations."*
2. *Those who do not believe that the gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, Jew or Greek." Romans 1:16.*
3. *Those who wish that no missionaries had come to our forefathers and would prefer to be heathen.*
4. *Those who believe that everyone in the world should shift for himself and ask with Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?"*
5. *Those who do not care to have a part in Christ's final victory.*
6. *Those who believe that God will not call them to account because of the way they spent their (?) money.*
7. *Those who are willing to have Jesus say to them: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." Matthew 25:45*

LESSON FOUR

THE ESSENTIALS NEEDED FOR WORLD EVANGELISM

Matthew 28:18—20; Mark 15:16; Luke 24:45—48; John 21:20

Lesson Aim — *To show what we, that is the church, needs in order to evangelize the world.*

Introduction — God's plan for world evangelism is not a hastily concocted plan. It is like all of God's work. He planned it well. His plans are successful if we understand them and work them. God makes His plans successful!

I. **FIRST ESSENTIAL — GOD'S POWER — Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8**

A. God instructed His church to wait in Jerusalem for empowerment. **HE** knew they could not face a hostile world without His power. His presence with His followers had provided them comfort and power; now He was to ascend back to heaven and the ministry of the Holy Spirit was to begin.

B. Day of Pentecost — Acts 2:1—13.

1. This was the day of power for the believers and the church. The birthday of the Holy Spirit. There will never be another Pentecost. The ministry of the Holy Spirit, for this church age, began here.

2. Here, on this day, the promise of the Saviour to His own was fulfilled. John 16:7—15. Vs. 8 - "And when He is come, He (Holy Spirit) will reprove the world of sin." Luke 24:49.

C. Why was this power given?

1. Just to gloat over others who had no power? **NO!**

2. Just to revel or delight in it for personal benefit? **NO!**

3. This power was given for a reason — what was that reason?

a. To enable us to do all that **HE** commanded us to do.

b. To comprehend the things **HE** taught.

c. To be "witnesses" unto all the world. As you study the book of Acts time after time there is the demonstration of that power through the lives of obedient believers as they witness of the grace of God. Acts 3:6—12; 4:7, 10; 8:36; 10:44—48; 16:14, 18, 30—31 many other scriptures.

d. This power has not diminished; it is still available. Acts 2:38—39.

D. The power of God is an absolute for world evangelism. We must be empowered from on high to accomplish the task set before us. We have been! On with the job!

II. **SECOND ESSENTIAL — MAN POWER**

A. God works through human instrumentality. This He has so ordained. He has limited Himself to do this. The biggest part of the Lord's ministry here on this earth was spent in training the twelve. It is the same today. If the world is to hear the Gospel we must have manpower. He called the twelve and sent them forth. Matthew 10:1—15.

B. God not only supplies His power, but also manpower. The way He supplied in Acts:

1. Acts 2:41 — three thousand saved, these were added to 120. Acts 1:15.

2. Acts 4:4 — five thousand men

3. Acts 4:32 — a multitude

4. Acts 5:14 — believers more added, multitudes both men and women.

5. Acts 6:7 — number of disciples multiplies in Jerusalem greatly.

C. Why all these people? It was not just to rejoice in a great number of believers, but to accomplish the task **HE** commanded. Everyone was to have a part. Each was to

contribute to the over-all goal. Thus it was and thus it is. What we need to see is this — God supplies the manpower. From a group of 120 to a multitude. God will supply if we will perform the task. God saves us to serve. God blesses a church that is involved with His program. This is God's work and if we will use that which God gives us He will multiply. Keep it and we lose it. This is God's principle.

D. How this manpower is to be used. I trust you understand that when I mention manpower, I really mean people power. I do not mean just the male sex.

1. We need those to go. Acts 13:2
2. We need those to send. Acts 13:3 "they (people) sent them away"
3. We need those to sustain those sent. Philippians 4:10, 15.

The going, sending, and sustaining is to be done by the entire family of God. The sustaining and sending part entails a greater amount of people. However, all three are vital. The church at Jerusalem failed to understand God's plan and as a result lost out. God moved the headquarters for world evangelism from Jerusalem to Antioch.

III. THIRD ESSENTIAL — FINANCIAL POWER

A. Little is accomplished on this earth without finances. Makes no difference how much we may dislike speaking, teaching, or preaching about finances, they must be in our possession for the work of the Lord to prosper. This God knows and He provides.

B. The church at Jerusalem was blessed with finances. Acts 4:34—37; 5:2. I do not personally believe it the will of God for us in this dispensation to do as they did. However, they did it and it is recorded for us to see they had finances.

1. The mistake they made. They used the finances on Acts 4:35. This is what caused the murmuring in Acts 6:1.
2. I have no doubt that they thought this was what they were supposed to do. However, I believe that God gave them finances to get the Gospel to the world. Not to use the finances to see that all of the needs of their believers were provided. Other New Testament teaching sustains my view.
3. The church at Jerusalem, rather than becoming financially strong, became weak. The offerings that Paul took from the gentile churches was sent back to Jerusalem. Romans 15:26. In the Lord's work you gain by giving. Proverbs 11:24—25.

C. Why finances are needed.

1. This may seem like a silly question to ask, but rest assured it isn't. Many people who attend the House of God often wonder why the church needs money. God never intended for His people to be free-loaders or beggars. II Thessalonians 3:8—10. God did not set up a welfare state.
2. Finances are needed for the following reasons:
 - a. To erect and maintain a place of worship for God's people.
 - b. To provide for those who labor in the Lord's work. I Timothy 5:17—18.
 - c. To supply the needs for those who go and maintain them once they arrive. Philippians 4:15—16.

D. How the financial need is supplied.

1. It is supplied by God through His people. God's work is to be carried on by

God's people. God does not, nor did HE ever, expect the unsaved world to carry on His work.

2. God has ordained His work to be carried on through tithes and offerings.
 - a. The tithe is 10% of my income.
 - b. Offerings given to the Lord throughout the scriptures are varied and for different reasons. What we want to remember is that God gives unto us. The more you give the more He supplies. This is true of a church as well as a people.

Conclusion — The three necessities for world evangelism is God's Power, Man Power and Financial Power. God supplies all three. ALL HE NEEDS IS OBEDIENT PEOPLE TO DO HIS BIDDING.

LESSON FIVE

THE FINANCING OF GOD'S PROGRAM OF WORLD EVANGELISM

II Corinthians Chapters 8 & 9

Lesson Aim — To show from a study of the Scriptures that finances for world evangelism can be raised without weakening the local church's financial base.

Introduction — If God instructed, yea commanded His church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel and if in the completion of this command finances are required; then I submit to you that God must have a plan whereby those finances can be raised without weakening the financial structure of the local church. This plan of finance must be so structured to agree with scripture. It must be one whereby every saint can be involved. One that adds strength and dignity to God's church. One that is understandable to the weakest saint, while at the same time providing the astronomical amount of finances needed.

I. WHAT IS THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN?

- A. We should distinguish between the "Faith-Promise Plan" and the "Faith Promise Commitment". The Faith Promise Plan is an all inclusive program while the Faith Promise Commitment is personal.
- B. The Faith Promise plan of finance for world evangelism. A plan designed by God, that rests upon His ability to supply the financial need of HIS program of world evangelism through HIS people in His churches.
- C. What do we mean by Faith Promise Offerings?
 1. We do not mean a cash offering. A cash offering utilizes no faith. It is simply a procedure. I have the offering, I decide to give and do.
 2. It is not my tithe. The tithe is 10% of my gross income. There is no need to pray about my tithe. God has commanded and I am to give.
 3. It is not a pledge. A pledge is between a person and church. A Faith Promise Offering is between an individual Christian and God.
 4. The Faith Promise Offering is an offering promised to God by individuals who understand their responsibility to world evangelism and make a Faith Commitment of finance through their church toward such a program.

II. IS THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN SCRIPTURAL?

- A. By Scriptural we mean it is based upon the principles of giving as recorded in the Bible. Do we have any proof that it was practiced by the Christians of the New Testament?

B. *The New Testament churches were involved in such a plan. We find the basis for this in I Corinthians 16:1—2; II Corinthians 8:1—24, 9:1—14; Philippians 4:10—18; Romans 15:25—27.*

1. *Paul was receiving the gifts from the churches toward providing for needs at Jerusalem and also toward his needs as a missionary, as evidenced from the Scriptures in Philippians 4:15—16.*
2. *Paul visited the churches a year in advance of the promised offerings. II Corinthians 8:10 compared with II Corinthians 9:2—5. I am sure that the economy of this day in no way compares with the economy of our day, but the Bible principle is here for all ages under every type of economy. They promised an offering and a year later Paul came or else sent messengers to receive it.*
3. *The Faith Promise enters in II Corinthians 8:1—15, wherein the churches of Macedonia, under the most adverse circumstances and trials, responded to the appeal of the Apostle and declared they would have a part in this offering even though at the present they had nothing with which to give. However, they promised by going beyond their power (II Corinthians 8:3) and coming up with that which they promised.*

From a study of these Scriptures comes the principles of the Faith Promise Offering.

4. *An illustration of the Faith Promise is found in I Samuel 1:10—11, 19. Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, had no son, yet desired one. She promised God that if a son was given her, she would return that son to God for His service. God gave her a son. She returned him to God, vs. 27—28. God also gave unto her other children, I Samuel 2:21. No one out gives God. Doubt it? Try it!*
5. *Faith is claiming what we don't have and promising to use it for God.*
 - a. *We are saved by faith — Ephesians 2:8*
 - b. *We are to walk by faith — II Corinthians 5:7*
 - c. *We understand through faith — Hebrews 11:3*

Faith is the only avenue of approach to God. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6. It is completely within God's logic to include a financial plan based on faith in Him to supply finances for His program of world evangelism.

III. DOES EVERY BELIEVER GIVE TO MISSIONS THROUGH THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN?

- A. *No — not every believer gives to missions. Many do not give God anything. Many believers give to missions in the following way:*
 1. *Out of their abundance. This would be considered a cash offering. They have and they give.*
 2. *Many give by a budget system. They simply figure their income against their obligations and when there is money available they give.*
 3. *Many set aside a certain amount by a budget plan and give it once a year. There is nothing wrong with any of this and yet there is a better way.*
- B. *Why don't all believers use the Faith Promise plan for giving?*
 1. *People who have finances would find it hard to be honest in saying they give by faith. They have, they give. Nothing wrong with this and they, so long as we*

praise the Lord for it.

2. *Many “babes in Christ” have to grow in the Lord to understand their obligation and involvement.*
3. *Many of God’s people are too carnal (worldly, fleshly), they cannot and do not know what a **faith life** is.*
4. *Many believers are satisfied to give a **few** dollars through the budget or cash system rather than **many** dollars by the Faith Promise.*

IV. **WHAT STEPS SHOULD A BELIEVER FOLLOW IN MAKING A FAITH PROMISE COMMITMENT?**

A. *Understand from the Scriptures two things.*

1. *The purpose of Faith Promise. It is God’s plan of finance for His program of world evangelism. It is NOT a GET RICH program for believers. Believers are only the instruments through which God works to supply the financial need.*
2. *Understand from the Scriptures that you as an individual are to be involved in world evangelism. You are to give. You can give from what you have, give from what you KNOW you are going to have or else have faith enough in God to believe that He will provide for you to give.*

B. *Having this understanding proceed in the following way.*

1. *Be in God’s will for your life. II Corinthians 8:5. There is no way that you can make a true Faith Promise Commitment unless you are in God’s will for your life.*
2. *Be in communion with God about what financial part He wants you to have in world evangelism for this year. This means that time must be spent in prayer asking God to lay upon your heart the exact amount of your Faith Promise Commitment. Do not be influenced by someone else. This is between you and God. II Corinthians 9:7.*
3. *Understand the principles of finance as it relates to God and giving. Read and digest the following Scriptures: II Corinthians 9:6; Luke 6:38, I Corinthians 4:2.*
4. *Make your commitment. Mark it on a Faith Promise Commitment Card. This activates your faith and causes you to commit that which is unseen into a visible commitment to your church.*
5. *Once the commitment is made, bring your offering with you to the House of God on the following Sunday. DO NOT WAIT TO GET BEFORE YOU GIVE. I Corinthians 16:1—2; Luke 6:38.*
6. *Continue to bring this offering each and every Sunday. This is a commitment for a year of mission work. Stay in God’s will, continue to pray and remain faithful in bringing your mission gift.*
7. *How does God supply once I have made my commitment?*
 - a. *He will provide grace for you to give from what you have.*
 - b. *He will save you money in order for you to give.*
 - c. *He will enable you to make more for you to give.*
 - d. *He may supply for you in a way not supplied for others. But He will supply for you to give if you will be faithful. Remember you are just the instrument through which God works. Be sure that you are faithful to Him in this endeavour.*

PART III

FAITH PROMISE SERMON OUTLINES

SERMON OUTLINES, FAITH PROMISE OFFERING

"IS A FAITH PROMISE OFFERING SCRIPTUAL?"

Proverbs 24:11—12; Proverbs 3; Hebrews 11:6

Introduction: Our Bible believing churches pride themselves on the fact that we can always give chapter and verse for what we believe. I think that this is right, that we should. Peter says, "and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason . . ." I Peter 3:15. We must build our churches, our Christian life and practices upon **"What saith the Lord"**. Then if Faith Mission Offerings are scriptural, I want to know it; if it isn't it makes no difference to me how much you say it will do or how great it may sound, I won't have a part of it.

Three **POWERS** are needed for world evangelization. "God's Power" — this God has supplied, "Man Power" — God will supply, "Financial Power" — this God also supplies and this is what I am going to deal with. **HOW CAN WE GET THE FINANCES TO DO WHAT WE HAVE BEEN COMMANDED TO DO?**

I. OFFERINGS MENTIONED IN THE SCRIPTURES

- A. Three truths about all offerings.
 - 1. The giver — person, or persons
 - 2. The reason — why is the offering offered?
 - 3. The offering itself — object, article, commodity
- B. Bible filled with those who gave or the givers: Abel, Noah, Abraham, etc.
- C. Reasons for the offerings given — here we find the different offerings described. Burnt offerings, drink offerings, free will offerings, heave offerings, meal offerings, peace offerings sin offerings, thank offerings, trespass offerings, wave offerings, offer of the red heifer. Each of these carries with it a reason or purpose for the offerings.
- D. The objects, articles, or commodities offered.
 - 1. Animal offering
 - 2. Vegetable offering
 - 3. Human (Only one — Abraham offered Isaac)
 - 4. Barter (money)
 - 5. Faith Offering
- E. I think that I am safe in saying that we today can group our offerings into three groups.
 - 1. Cash offering — I have it, I give it. I believe the tithe comes under this. God provides, I give Him back 10%.
 - 2. A promise or pledge offering — This is a promise or pledge I make. I don't have it with me, but I know where I can get it, or will, at a later date, have it to give so I make a promise or pledge offering to certain functions of my church.
 - 3. Third — A **FAITH PROMISE OFFERING**. I don't have it, humanly speaking I really don't know whether or not I will have it. But I have faith to believe that God will supply. All of this is strictly **FAITH**. (Illustration — A man recently made a promise during the Missions Conference. On Sunday he brought his money in

and said, "Preacher, I just drew my money out of the bank and I am going to give my Faith Promise now." The pastor took the money, handed him a Faith Promise Card and said, "Now, my brother, fill out your Faith Promise Offering." No faith was involved in what he did. He had it and he gave it. Fine, wonderful — but, this was not a Faith Promise Offering.)

II. OLD TESTAMENT PROOF IT IS SCRIPTUAL — I Samuel 1:10—11, 19.

- A. Who Hannah was and the problem she faced.
- B. What she did — vs. 11. She had not — humanly speaking she did not know whether or not a child would ever be born by her. **LOOK ON ME — REMEMBER ME — GIVE ME AND THEN SHE MADE HER PROMISE BY FAITH.** "I will give him unto the Lord." A human offering made by Faith Promise. Romans 12:1. God kept His end of the bargain and she kept hers. **VS. 28.**

III. NEW TESTAMENT PROOF IT IS SCRIPTUAL — II Corinthians 8:3.

- A. This involved churches — the churches of Macedonia, church at Philippi, at Thessalonica, don't know about Bera.
- B. The need was presented to them — they didn't have it to give, nor did they know whether or not they could get it to give.
 - 1. They went as far as they could go on their own power — "for to their power".
 - 2. Then they went "beyond their power" — they went to God and said dear Lord supply it, we'll give it. They knew the same God of Romans 4:20—23, the God of Abraham. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in FAITH, giving glory to God and being fully persuaded that, **WHAT HE HAD PROMISED, HE WAS ABLE ALSO TO PERFORM.**"
- C. **NOW** — They kept their word — for it is of these churches Paul is writing in II Corinthians 8; also Philippians 4:10, 15, and God kept His. Philippians 4:19. "But I rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; . . . no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. Philippians 4:10.
- D. Matthew 14:15—18; John 6:5—10.

Conclusion — It is Scriptural and should be practiced by all Christians.

"IS THE FAITH PROMISE OFFERING SENSIBLE?"

Introduction: Last year at the conclusion of our Missions Conference, I stood in the pulpit and said, "Praise the Lord, we have raised over \$50,000.00 for missions, over and above what we give from the General Fund." A skeptic could have said to me, "Pastor, let me see the color of the money." I would have had to reply, "I have no money. In fact, most of those who made the promises have no money! All I have is their Faith Promise." Suppose we had a very fine businessman in our audience who would have gotten up and said, "People, this is absolutely ridiculous. I have been in business for years and never have I known anyone who has had success when venturing forth in such a manner as this. Why are we promising what we don't have?" **WELL, I AM SURE THERE WOULD BE SOME THAT WOULD AGREE. PERHAPS THERE ARE SOME HERE WHO WOULD AGREE.** So, I must ask myself and you must ask yourself, "Is this Faith Promise Mission Offering sensible? Is it rational, sane, sound, intelligent???" **YES, I BELIEVE IT IS BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

I. IT PLACES ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY UPON GOD.

A. *I think this can be seen in the offering of Isaac by Abraham, Genesis 22:1—14.*

1. *Every promise God made to Abraham was linked in Isaac and now God says to Abraham, “Do you think as much of Isaac as the pagans think of their gods? I’ll see if you do. Offer your son to me as a sacrifice.”*
2. *As they went along Isaac began to think a little also, “and he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for the burnt offering.” And Abraham said, My son GOD WILL PROVIDE HIMSELF A LAMB FOR A BURNT OFFERING: so they went both of them together. (I know the type here is of Christ, but I also know the Bible says that God did provide a ram for a sacrifice, vs. 13. Abraham called that place Jehovah — Jireh “The Lord will provide.”*

B. *I can think of nothing in this world that hasn’t failed. Nations, great and powerful. Men, generals, statesmen, etc. Mothers, Dads, families, homes, churches, Christians, everything, but GOD. GOD WILL SUPPLY.*

II. IT IS SENSIBLE, BECAUSE IT UTILIZED THE VERY ELEMENT UPON WHICH WE RESIDE WITH GOD — “FAITH”.

A. *Faith is the avenue of approach to God.*

1. *We are saved by FAITH — Ephesians 2:8—9.*
2. *We are to walk by FAITH — II Corinthians 5:7.*
3. *We understand by FAITH — Hebrews 11:3.*
4. *We worship by FAITH — Hebrews 11:4.*
5. *We please God by FAITH — Hebrews 11:6.*

B. *Faith is claiming what we don’t have and putting it to work for God. It isn’t foolish or fanatical. It is basic and fundamental. IT HONORS GOD. God honors those who honor HIM.*

III. IT IS SENSIBLE BECAUSE IT BUILDS THE SAINTS.

A. *God’s people are to grow. (Illustration — My Dad was a carpenter and he would measure us to see if we were growing.) We are instructed to GROW in the grace and admonition of the Lord. II Peter 3:18.*

B. *How this causes a saint to grow.*

1. *You’ll be searching the Scriptures to see if these things are true. You can’t get in the Word without growing.*
2. *You will be spending more time in prayer. The Word says “You have not because you ask not.” God never will lay a Faith Promise upon your heart without supplying it. But prayer is the key to your supply. How many times folks told me, “Preacher, this is in answer to prayer.”*
3. *Your confidence in God is going to increase. By Him supplying this need you will begin to see and understand that every promise HE gives HE will supply. Soul winning, teaching, memory work, etc.*

IV. IT IS SENSIBLE BECAUSE IT INVOKES THE BLESSINGS OF GOD UPON HIS OWN.

A. *God is bound by some of His promises.*

Example — God must save all of those who come and place their faith in Christ. He promised. He has promised comfort in time of sorrow. Sufficiency of grace in

time of need. Answer to prayer, etc.

- B. To the church that follows His plan, there is blessings. compare the church in Jerusalem to the church at Antioch. All up and down this land the churches that experience the greatest blessings are those who are following His plan.
 - C. This is also true of the individual Christian. You show me a man who is walking within God's plan for his home life, financial life, and spiritual life and I'll show you a good contented man.
- V. **IT IS SENSIBLE BECAUSE IT ENABLES GOD TO SUPPLY THE NEED SO THAT HIS CHURCHES CAN CARRY OUT HIS PLAN.**
- A. Think of all of the churches we have. I know some who are doing ten times as much for world evangelization as others who may be larger. Some are truly great churches and have wonderful mission programs, but **THINK WHAT THEY COULD DO IF THEY HAD THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN.**
 - B. We are the richest Christians that have ever lived. I believe we have the resources to evangelize in this generation. We could do it, God would enable us to do it, if every Bible Believing Church would give their people the opportunity to exercise in their life this Faith Promise Plan.

Conclusion: Yes, dear friends, this plan is sensible because this plan is God's plan.

"IS A FAITH MISSION OFFERING SUCCESSFUL?"

Introduction: Everyone likes success. No one wants to be identified with anything that is a failure. However, we must all admit that we find failure in every walk of life as well as every facet of life. Not all Faith Missions Conferences are successful. Not all Christians find success within the program of Faith Promise giving. I would venture to say that many here tonight have started and quit giving to missions through the Faith Promise many times. If this is true, why? Isn't the plan Scriptural and sensible? Why the failure. Someone will say it's the individual Christian's fault. To this I agree. But I must quickly add that many who do quit giving really don't desire to quit. Then why the failure? This is what we'll try to cover in the message tonight. Three words will form our message tonight — Informed, Instructed, and Invest.

I. INFORMED — EVERY BELIEVER MUST BE PROPERLY INFORMED.

- A. Every Christian needs to be informed of the facts that pertain to the great need today. Many would have us believe a great world wide revival is taking place and multitudes are being swept into the family of God. Many times there crosses my desk great glowing reports. Reports are good, but they must be backed by facts. **THE FACT IS WE ARE LOSING GROUND AND UNLESS WE INCREASE OUR EFFORTS WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOSE GROUND.** Less than 8% of the four billion people in the world today fall under the category of christianity. By the year 2000 there will be only 2% or less.
- B. Every Christian needs to be informed that he or she has a personal responsibility — and will give an account to God.
 - 1. How easy it is to hide in a crowd. Remember when you were in school and not ready to give a report. Hid behind someone — service, etc.
 - 2. Most of the people of God are hiding in the membership of our Bible believing churches feeling snug and bragging about what all we are doing.
 - 3. The question at the judgment seat will be **"WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?"** I Corinthians 3:8 "and every man shall receive **his own** reward according to **his own** labor." vs. 13 "every **man's** work shall be made manifest."

II. INSTRUCTED — EVERY BELIEVER MUST BE PROPERLY INSTRUCTED.

- A. This may sound very foolish and elementary, but brother and sister it is vital. Have you ever been involved in trying to do something where everyone just took for granted you knew what to do? Example, people I baptize — I inform them of every little detail.
- B. High sounding — make a Faith Promise offering, God will supply the need. Brother or sister gets up and tells how they come into a windfall — but this doesn't happen to you. So you quit, figure God isn't in it or else your rich Uncle would die, kick a can with a few hundred in it, etc. However it doesn't happen.
- C. How to succeed — CHRISTIAN LISTEN!
 1. In the known center of God's will for your life. II Corinthians 8:5, "first gave their own selves to the Lord."
 2. Be honest — ask God to lay on your heart, burden you, impress your mind with just the right amount. Don't let others cause you to increase or decrease. Follow God's leading.
 3. Exercise faith. Put it down. NOW AND HERE IS THE IMPORTANT PART. PUT IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE ALONG WITH YOUR TITHE EVERY SUNDAY. Don't wait to get it before you give it. Know what I mean? Let me explain. Make out your check including your Faith Promise, then watch God supply it for you. If you need it that week HE will supply it that week. If you need it that month, you'll get it that month, year, etc.

III. EVERY BELIEVER MUST BE INVOLVED.

- A. We all know this — yet many times we overlook it. I Corinthians 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week **let every one** of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him . . ."
- B. This means EVERYONE.
 1. All the small kids, beginners, primaries, juniors, etc.
 2. This means all of the big kids, Grandma, Grandpa, Daddy and Mommie. A lady said to me in Baltimore, "I just let my husband give for both of us." I replied, "Then don't be surprised when your husband gets all of the rewards at the judgment seat."
 3. There is not a saint within the local assembly that cannot share in the great endeavour. It is not a question of what you have or have not as far as money is concerned. It is a question of how big you believe your God is. Some folks have a 50¢ a week God, others \$1.00 a week, others \$5, \$10 or \$20.00. "according to your faith, be it unto you." This is what makes it successful. Faith in God.

"THE SOWING AND REAPING OF THE FAITH PROMISE OFFERING"

II Corinthians 9:6—13

Introduction: I think that perhaps I shall enjoy delivering the message more so tonight than the other nights. The joy I speak of is seeing the fruition of this ministry. The law of sowing and reaping is one of God's immutable laws. Remember what we are talking about, Faith Mission Offering giving. Remember the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

I. THE GIVER AND THE BENEFITS RECEIVED.

A. Principle of Giving.

1. *Inward principle* — vs. 7
2. *Outward principle* — vs. 6

B. Promise that it works.

1. *Rests on the ability of God* — vs. 8. “God is able.”
2. *Resources of God* — vs. 9—11.

C. Proof that it works.

1. *Hannah (I Samuel 2:21) gave one son and received back three sons and two daughters.*
2. *Church at Philippi* — read *Philippians 4:19*. *This promise made to a church. Why this church? Because of what they had done for missions.*
3. *This church. (Tulsa Baptist Temple, what I heard in 1956, what I have done with it. Churches that have started the Faith Promise because I heard and passed it on. Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, West Virginia, many others.)*
4. *Many individuals*

II. THE RECEIVER AND THE BENEFITS RECEIVED

Someone gives — someone receives. This is a ministry, a service.

A. Supplie the wants of the saints.

1. *Now what are the wants of the saints. Not the worldly carnal saints, but those saints that are preachers, pastors, missionaries and sold out people.*
2. *Their wants — many and varied. Some want a car, airplane, typewriter, etc. But all of these wants are secondary. Their want is to GO, to TELL. They need the material to go and Tell. Their want is to win the souls of men to Christ, baptize those whom they win, and teach them to GO and TELL others. THIS FAITH PROMISE GIVING SUPPLIETH THE WANTS (SPIRITUAL) OF THE SAINTS.*

B. Brings forth praise unto God.

1. *“but is abundant also my many (cries of) thanksgivings unto God.”*
2. *Thanksgiving — why? Because of the bountiful way in which you are giving and the way that God is supplying for you to give. (I have heard many things about this church and pastor, but brother the one thing I always think of and give glory and praise to God for is the way you give and how God supplies for you to give.)*
3. *Cries of praise unto God — notice in verse 13, “and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto ALL MEN.” Folks, what are we distributing??? Not food, not clothing, not farm tools, etc., but we are involved in a world-wide distribution of the G O S P E L ! They are hungry and we have bread.*
 - a. *There is NOTHING that brings more honor, more glory to God than when a poor lost hell bound sinner falls on his knees and receives Christ as Saviour.*

- b. *When this happens — across the street or across the sea — this saved one is going to thank you and if you have been sent, PRAISE GOD FOR THOSE WHO SENT YOU!*
- C. *Brings forth prayer from the receivers.*
 - 1. *Vs. 14, “their (receiver) prayer for you (givers).*
 - 2. *Saints around the world are praying for this church. I know the missionaries are. They are praying that God will keep on supplying here that the need may be supplied over there. This is the equality spoken of by Paul in Chapter 8. “But by an equality that NOW at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality.”*

Conclusion: *I close with what Paul closes this chapter with. Never lose sight of the fact of THE GIFT! “Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable (indescribable, inexpressible) gift.” he was rich but He became poor that I might through His poverty become rich. He is simply saying once again as it is stressed throughout all the Bible — all giving is centered in, bound by your love and appreciation for God’s gift — The Lord Jesus Christ. His words to Simon, “Lovest thou me more than these” is still true today.*

“THE FAITH PROMISE OFFERING, WHAT IS IT?”

II Corinthians Chs. 8 & 9

Introduction: *I jotted down in a motel room what I believe to be a good definition for the Faith Promise Mission Offering. The Faith Promise Plan is designed by God, and rests upon His ability to supply the financial need of HIS program of world evangelism through HIS people in His church. II Corinthians 9:8. God cannot trust everyone. Can He trust you?*

I. PLAN OF FINANCE

The Faith Promise Plan is a philosophy. (Philosophy means ideology, theory, system, rule.) It is all of this and it works. Not all theories or ideologies work, but this one does because it’s originator is God. My purpose in this message tonight is to reveal to you WHY this FAITH PROMISE PLAN FOR WORLD EVANGELIZATION AS A PHILOSOPHY WILL WORK. Oh, you say, I already know it will work. I tried it and I know it works. That’s good and wonderful but what makes it work. Don’t know — just know it does. Let’s find out WHAT makes it work.

II. IT’S A PARTNERSHIP — II Corinthians 8:23

- A. *Illustrate what a partnership is — my brother and I went into business. We were partners. We worked together and after expenses reaped what was left equally.*
- B. *God has a world-wide enterprise — it is winning souls, preaching the Gospel, supplying the preachers with the goods to get the Gospel out.*
 - 1. *How is He going to do this? HE included you and me. HE didn’t have to, it was His plan. He could have used many and sundry ways, but He didn’t. He wanted you as a partner.*
 - 2. *Imagine me in a business that is world-wide. in a few months I am going to look over some of our holdings by taking a mission trip.*

III. IT’S A PROOF OF LOVE — II Corinthians 8:24 & vs. 8

- A. *What is meant by the proof of your love? (Wife when she puts me on the spot and says, “If you love me you will . . .) There are times when God wants to know whether or not we mean what we say.*

- B. What did God do when HE wanted to prove His love toward the souls of men. . . HE GAVE, John 3:16. A love that has no giving is a love that is insincere.
 - 1. Jesus proved His love — vs. 9 — became poor, poverty.
 - 2. There was nothing HE didn't give — HE gave all. His glory — His crown — the splendour — His name — Gave His back to the smiters — His face to spit upon — His brow for a crown of thorns — His feet and hands to spikes — His body to be looked upon — Gambled for His one piece of clothing — HE GAVE ALL.
- C. “No man careth for my soul — thus cry the heathen.” Do you care? Do you sing, “Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, snatch them from pity, from sin and the grave”? Then I ask — How much do you care, how much do you love? The Faith Promise Offering is a proof to my God of my love for the souls of men for whom HE died.

IV. IT'S A PROVIDING — II Corinthians 8:21.

- A. It is equality, a sharing with those who have not. It is the ones who have giving and seeing that those who have not can have. GOD NEVER INTENDED FOR JUST A PART OF THE WORLD TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND THE OTHER PART NOT TO HEAR.
- B. American Christians have an abundance of the Gospel — we must; I repeat, we must, share this Gospel with those who have never heard. Can you imagine what it would be to be without. Ephesians 2:12. Without Christ . . . strangers to the promise. There is no hope without God in the world. How would you like to rear your children where there was no Christian influence. 92% of the world is without — over 2,000 tribes still await the Bible — over 3 million villages of the world have no Gospel witness. Christians AWAKE! Get your minds and eyes off of the dollar marks. Souls are dying because they are without. Faith Promise Offerings are providing for those who have never heard. The average Christian gives \$1.56 a year to missions.

V. IT'S PREACHING IN THE REGIONS BEYOND — II Corinthians 9:16

- A. What Christ told the church. Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18—20; Mark 16:15. How can this be done? Only one way that I know of . . . send a representative. How can we?
- B. HERE IT IS — GOD SAYS LET'S ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP. I'LL SUPPLY MEN, POWER, FINANCES. CHURCH, SEE THAT IT GETS TO THE REGIONS BEYOND — CHURCH, YOU CAN'T LOSE. But God can't trust all churches. He couldn't trust the church at Jerusalem. He can't trust all Christians. So He is looking for Christians, for churches that He can trust so that they can with HIM and by His plan evangelize the world.
- C. The Faith Promise plan is more than you and I ever realize or can imagine. It is a plan designed by God to do a work that nothing else can — whereby HE can supply the need through His people to perform His work of world evangelization.

PART IV

AIDS

PROPOSED MISSION BUDGET — 1976

Direct Missionary Support	\$12,000.00
Special Mission Projects	3,000.00
Bible College Support	2,500.00
National Pastors Support Through Our Missionaries	1,500.00
Love Offerings for Missionaries	1,200.00
Missionary Expense While With Us	600.00
Tract/Book/Program	500.00
Home Mission Program	3,000.00
Missionary Trainee Program	2,400.00
Mission Conference Expense	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL MISSION BUDGET FOR YEAR	\$28,200.00

PROPOSED MISSION INCOME FOR MISSION BUDGET

From Church's General Fund	\$ 2,500.00
From Faith Promise Offerings	25,000.00
Christmas or Special Offerings	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME FROM MISSIONS	\$29,000.00

Total Income For Missions As Proposed	\$29,000.00
Total Expenditures As Proposed	<u>28,200.00</u>
CUSHION	\$ 800.00

HOW IT CAN BE DONE

Charts and graphs are visual aids to show how Faith Promise money can be raised. Here is a chart I have used many times to show pastor and people how money for missions can be raised. It is very effective. Put it on a black board, or placard board using the church's enrollment in Sunday school.

WHAT CAN BE DONE IF

5	adults will give	\$20.00	a week	=	\$100.00
10	adults will give	\$10.00	a week	=	\$100.00
20	adults will give	\$5.00	a week	=	\$100.00
30	adults will give	\$ 3.00	a week	=	\$ 90.00
<u>50</u>	adults will give	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	a week	=	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
115	Adults Involved		Giving		\$440.00 per week
20	teens giving	\$1.00	a week	=	\$ 20.00
30	juniors giving	\$.50	a week	=	\$ 15.00
25	primaries giving	\$.25	a week	=	\$ 6.25
25	kindergarten and beginners giving			=	
<u>—</u>	\$.10 a week			=	<u>\$ 2.50</u>
100	Children Involved		Giving		\$ 43.75 per week

\$483.75 a week @ 52 weeks a year = per year giving to Faith Promise \$25,155.00

This shows what a Sunday school enrollment of 300 could do for world evangelism through the Faith Promise program. Two hundred fifteen people involved. Using a percentage of the enrollment a chart like this can be used for any size Sunday school.

20th ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE JAN. 27 - FEB. 3

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible School 9:45 a.m. 	9:30 a.m. George Huestis Brazil 10:15 a.m. Mission Seminars	9:30 a.m. Bob Finch Japan 10:15 a.m. Mission Seminars	9:30 a.m. Edward Jelly India 10:15 a.m. Mission Seminars	9:30 a.m. Dr. Glen Turner Ecuador 10:15 a.m. Mission Seminars	9:30 a.m. Dan Baldwin Alaska 10:15 a.m. Mission Seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible School 9:45 a.m. 	
Missionaries in all classes	11:00 a.m. Doyle Hopper Pastor Lunch	11:00 a.m. Doyle Hopper Pastor Lunch	11:00 a.m. Doyle Hopper Pastor Lunch	11:00 a.m. Charles "Buff" Davis Pastor Lunch	11:00 a.m. Charles "Buff" Davis Pastor Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Service 10:15 a.m. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Bruce Bell El Salvador 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CALLING ALL ADULTS! ADULT MISSIONARY BANQUET SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 7:00 P.M. DR. CATHY PEEKE, SPEAKER FURR'S CAFETERIA UTICA SQUARE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE! YOUNG PEOPLES MISSIONARY BANQUET BRUCE BELL, SPEAKER FURR'S CAFETERIA UTICA SQUARE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CALLING ALL WHO LOVE MUSIC! MUSIC WILL BE PRESENTED BY WAMSGANSS TRIO EARL SMITH WILLIAM BRISCOE B. B.C. PATRIOTS LEE PAYNE 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Paul Van Gorder Dr. Norman Lewis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith Promise Offering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film "Way of Escape" 	6:30 p.m. Mission Film 7:00 p.m. Dr. Cathy Peeke Ecuador 7:30 p.m. Missionary Musicale Wamsganss Trio	6:30 p.m. Mission Film 7:00 p.m. Dr. Glen Turner Ecuador 7:30 p.m. Missionary Musicale	6:30 p.m. Mission Film 7:00 p.m. Joe Taylor Dominica 7:30 p.m. Missionary Musicale	6:30 p.m. Mission Film 7:00 p.m. Bob Lillard Italy 7:30 p.m. Missionary Musicale	6:30 p.m. Mission Film 7:00 p.m. The Patriots and Lee Payne 7:30 p.m. Dr. Norman Lewis	6:00 p.m. Ordination John Dodd 7:00 p.m. Dr. Paul Van Gorder	
6:30 p.m. Dwight Henderson 7:00 p.m. Dr. Cathy Peeke	8:00 p.m. Bruce Bell El Salvador	8:00 p.m. Bruce Bell El Salvador	8:00 p.m. Dr. Norman Lewis	7:45 p.m. Dr. Norman Lewis 8:15 p.m. Dr. Paul Van Gorder	8:00 p.m. Dr. Paul Van Gorder • First Faith Promise Offering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Faith Promise Offering 	

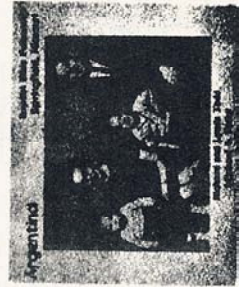
Mission Conference Schedule

11 TH MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Theme: "Go Every Creature" Mark 16:15

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:00 AM Men's prayer meeting	NO MORNING SERVICES	10:00 AM Lloyd Baker Philippines	10:00 AM Bobby Finch Japan	10:00 AM Richard Todd Argentina	10:00 AM Ladies meeting with the Missionary Wives	9:00 AM Men's prayer Breakfast	8:00 AM Men's prayer meeting
9:45 AM Sunday school		11:00 AM Visitation	11:00 AM Visitation	11:00 AM Visitation	11:00 AM Visitation		9:45 AM Sunday school Taught by Missionaries
11:00 AM Morning Worship Lloyd Baker		12:30 PM Lunch	12:30 PM Lunch	12:30 PM Lunch	12:30 PM Lunch		11:00 AM Faith Promise Offering Received
		NO AFTERNOON SERVICES				2:00 PM Youth - Missionary Study and Visitation	6:30 PM Regular Training Hour Resumes
7:00 PM Youth Missionary Program	7:00 PM Slides of Argentina	7:00 PM Slides of Japan	7:00 PM Slides of Philippines	7:00 PM FILM	7:00 PM FILM	7:00 PM Jack Baskin	
7:30 PM Lloyd Baker Philippines	7:30 PM Richard Todd Argentina	7:30 PM Linwood Howell Japan	7:30 PM Bobby Finch Japan	7:30 PM Bob Frazier Chile	7:30 PM Jack Baskin		7:30 PM Home Missions Harold Coe

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9:45 A.M. Bible School			9:00 A.M. Coffee Time With Guests	9:00 A.M. Coffee Time With Guests	8:30-9:30 Breakfast With Guests		9:45 A.M. Bible School
11:00 A.M. Morning Service	NO		10:00 A.M. Slide Presentation ENGLAND	10:00 A.M. Slide Presentation PHILIPPINES	10:00 A.M. Ted Lilly		FAITH PROMISE RECEIVED
Missionary Marvin Robertson Spain		SERVICES	Speaker R. Schott	Speaker R. Hester	11:00 A.M. Dave Drury		All Adults In Auditorium
			12:00 Meal	12:00 Meal	12:00 A.M. Charles Arrowood		11:00 A.M. Morning Service
			NO AFTERNOON SERVICES		1:00 Meal		R. Hester Missionary
7:00 P.M. Slide Presentation SPAIN	7:00 P.M. Missionary Vignette N. Chavers	7:00 P.M. Missionary Vignette N. Chavers	7:00 P.M. Missionary Vignette N. Chavers	7:00 P.M. Missionary Vignette N. Chavers	7:00 P.M. Drama "By The Will Of God"		7:00 P.M. Drama "Unfeigned Faith" C.C.A. Students
7:30 P.M. Marvin Robertson	7:30 P.M. Richard Schott	7:30 P.M. John Gouge	7:30 P.M. Richard Schott	7:30 P.M. Richard Hester	N. Chavers & Drama Team	7:00 P.M. Teen Banquet	

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

*Richard Schott, Missionary
to the Philippines*

*Richard Hester, Missionary
to Lebanon*

*John Gouge, Missionary to
England*

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Academy of Arts Drama Team

C.C.A. Students Drama

Teen Banquet

*Mid-Atlantic Baptist Bible
Fellowship Meeting*

VICTORY SUNDAY

FEB. 15th

1976 CHURCH

MISSION GOAL - \$100,000.00

MISSIONARY THEMES AND MOTTOS

"SEND THE LIGHT"

"UNTOLD MISSIONS — STILL UNTOLD"

"GO YE"

"ANYWHERE HE LEADS"

"GO YE THEREFORE AND TEACH ALL NATIONS"

"TILL THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS"

"THE UNFINISHED TASK"

"THAT ALL MAY KNOW"

"HOW LONG"

"ONE CHRIST, ONE LIFE, ONE MISSION, ONE MESSAGE"

"GOD SO LOVED"

"ANYWHERE HE LEADS"

*"EVERY HEART WITHOUT CHRIST — A MISSION FIELD,
EVERY HEART WITH CHRIST — A MISSIONARY"*

Christ alone can save the world; Christ cannot save the world alone.

*"Why should anyone hear the gospel twice before everyone has heard it once?"
(—Oswald J. Smith)*

Christ accepted makes you a Christian; Christ obeyed makes you a missionary.

A giving church is a living church.

God had only one son and He made Him a missionary. (—David Livingstone)

"Expect great things from God, Attempt great things for God." (—William Carey)

Your first business as a Christian is to give the gospel to those who have it not.