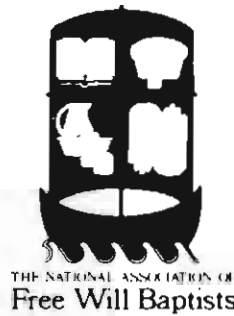


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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?



Why We Have A Christian School

by

Pastor William C. Jacobs

There is a great need in the learning systems in America for both a Godly emphasis and scholastic emphasis in the critical hour we live. For this reason, we at the Mullins-Marion Freewill Baptist Church made a decision five years ago to initiate the Mullins-Marion Christian School.

Let's consider, first, the Godly emphasis. Never has there been a time in human history in the learning systems, when God, the Bible and moral living has been scoffed at and belittled as outdated and old fashioned as it is today. The Bible declares that a nation which forgets God shall be turned into Hell. America is a nation that has lost its Godly vision as a whole. Irregardless to what many say, our nation is not having a revival. When a nation turns to God they turn away from ungodliness. The sin and abomination that is prevalent in America today has created unrest, indecision and the general chaotic conditions that we are presently experiencing. We as Christians are expected and required of God to raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and the present public school system makes it almost an impossibility.

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Christian Education — Is It Commanded Of God?

By: Norwood Gibson, Pastor
Free Will Baptist Bible Church
Florence, S. C.

The question of the title of the article is a good question and should be carefully and prayerfully considered in the light of Scripture, and an honest answer sought for it. In August we had a Christian Education Sunday at our church and I endeavored through my preaching to answer it from the scriptures. I stated in my message — "If Christian Education is commanded of God we should busy ourselves with providing it for our children and young people. If it is not, then we should not waste the time, energies, and finances that are required to enter and sustain this ministry". I think this is a valid approach and conclusion to this question. This issue, like many others, must be weighed individually and each reach his own conclusion. It should be void of a badgering spirit upon those who differ with our convictions.

Let me first clarify what I mean by Christian Education. By this I mean all age levels of spiritual and academic training administered in the light of the Word of God. Instilling in a person Christ centered principals that will guide and develop his behavior and service to God. Is this type education required of God? And if so, is the public educational system providing it?

There are many verses of scripture that the proponents of Christian Education stand upon, such as, Ps. 78:1-7; Prov. 19:27; Jer. 10:2; Ezk. 20:32; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4 and Col. 2:8. The verse that is stressed the less I believe to be the strongest of all in setting forth the command for Christian Education. It is Col. 2:8 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ". I

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Why We Have A Christian School

By: Joe Cagle
Pastor-Administrator

I believe if Jesus were here in person today He would have a Christian School. A school where God is honored and where children are taught the highest quality of education. Here at New Prospect Christian School we strive to do just that — present Godly morals and respect for others first, followed by as high an academic quality of education as we can offer for each grade level. A place where teachers are born again believers that care about each child — not only with what they learn but the direction of each student's life also.

How do we expect to obey God's command in Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go" when believing parents, pastors, and teachers try to teach them of God's truth (the Bible) on Sunday and then send them 5 days a week to public schools where unbelievers tell them the Bible is man's book — full of errors — and encourage them toward sex, profanity, and just about anything that a permissive society accepts?

The devil wants your child and mine — and without the Bible we have no truth to offer them.

Christian Schools are what God and America first intended schools to be. We at New Prospect F.W.B. Church and Christian School make no apology for the high standards and firm belief in the Bible — God's Eternal Word.



From
The
Editor

TIME IS FLEETING: Yes! Time is rapidly passing and this year is fast coming to a close. This is the 5th issue of "The Informer" with one more to be published in this year. Shortly after the next issue it will be State Convention time. I am looking forward to this meeting and I hope many of you will begin now to make plans to attend. It's a great time of spiritual refreshing from the preaching, singing and fellowship. An excellent program is in the making, so folks, let's go.

One of the most often asked question about the Promotional Office is, "What would a full time man do?" Lord willing and giving me time to prepare it, I plan to present an outlined report of what can be done to promote a greater concern and giving to our present ministries, and some new programs that could be of a tremendous help to our churches. This has been a good year for this office and I'm looking for an even better one next year.

FINANCIAL GIVING: The financial giving this year is the greatest. However, we still need more churches giving. Let me thank you who are giving generously and faithfully. If you are not giving let me ask you to consider giving to this office. As we have stated before, a gift monthly of \$10 - \$25 from each church would put this office full time and our State would prosper from it. Thank you for what you are doing.

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think this is the strongest verse because it deals with the root and fruit of education. This is drawn from the word "philosophy". This word means a set of principals upon which one makes his decisions about God, life and living. The process of education instills and develops these principals in a person. One can readily see that it's of utmost importance that a person get grounded in the right philosophy of life. Col. 2:8 tells us that there are two philosophies (set of principals) of life. One is vain, deceitful — after the traditions (transmitted from the mind) of men. This is after the rudiments of the world. To state it simply, principals of life based upon carnal, fleshly and worldly values. The second philosophy of life stated in this verse is after Christ. A set of principals to govern our life that are rooted in the Word of God. The stern warning in this verse is, lest you be spoiled through this vain deceitful philosophy. The word "spoil" is the key word. This word does not mean decay or rot, but rather to take captive. The idea is that the enemy of our souls will bring into captivity the mind of a person with his carnal and worldly philosophy of life.

This vain deceitful philosophy, the product of the human mind, is known today as the Humanistic Philosophy. This is the root of public education today and is manifesting itself through the practice of free love, situation ethics, homosexual acceptance and practice, unconditional abortion, increased common-law marriages, unrestraint in morals and use of alcoholic drink and drugs. Also an increase in a lack of patriotism and a rejection of the infallibility and authority of God's Word. The questions are raised -- why do we have a growing godless government and society? Why do we have the decline in spiritual and moral values within the church? The answer is simple — through public education, television, printed material and other influences the population is being fed humanistic principals about God, life and living.

The only antidote to this delima is for the church to broaden its scope of teaching and influence. This can best be done through Christian Education. Christian Education instills in its students a Christian philosophy of life. Providing Christian Schools is a costly and difficult

job, but it can be done. Five FWB Churches, to my knowledge, in South Carolina have Christian Day School ministries. New Prospect, Mullins-Marion, First Florence, First Inman and Bible Church, Florence. Others have indicated an interest toward beginning schools. The next several issues of "The Informer" will carry articles about these schools to inform South Carolina Free Will Baptists about this ministry. In this issue the New Prospect Christian School and Mullins-Marion Christian School are featured.

Please do not take my remarks in this article to mean I condemn all public schools and those people who attend and work within public education. I'm grateful to the Lord for what Christians are doing within the public education system. I pray for them because of the many difficulties that they face in these perilous days. My deepest prayer is that there will soon be a Christian school available to all who desire this type education. I also pray that Free Will Baptist will provide for our own. Is Christian Education commanded of God? You must answer for yourself.

**Christian School —
Jacobs**

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I personally believe that the system of learning in America has passed the point of no return, therefore, Christian people are compelled to enter into the Christian Education field in behalf of their children and our responsibility to God. Considering the foul language, the taking of God's name in vain and the new morality, "which is no morality", that our kids are being taught today, how can we expect two hours on Sunday morning, one and a half hours on Sunday night and Wednesday night to effectually combat what the public school systems are teaching them five days a week; to say the least of the dope, strong drink and vandalism that they are placed in the midst of. If my understanding is correct, on vandalism alone there is more money spent each year in the public school systems to rectify it than is spent on the materials for teaching the children.

Parent, I won't say, that sending your child to a Christian school will make a Christian out of them for a person must be born again. I will say that if your child is a Christian it will place them in the right influence and if not a Christian, the influence of a Christian school will be conducive to draw them to Christ. When I think of my own life and possibly you also, I would to God that I could have had the opportunity to attend a Christian school.

Many wrong decisions that led to sin could have been diverted, through a Christian curriculum and Godly counsel.

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New Prospect Christian School

This Christian School is a ministry of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church. The church is located in the Hanna Community in the Pamlico area of South Carolina. This is a rural church and is not in a thickly populated area. Because of this, you would not normally expect to find a school ministry in such a location. I believe this school ministry is a real example that Christian Schools can exist regardless of what people deem impossible circumstances.

New Prospect School was begun in September 1976 with eleven children in a daycare and kindergarten program. It has expanded to the 10th grade with fifty-five students. The school has combined grades with conventional classroom instruction. Christian Schools of America is the producer of their curriculum materials and provides personal instructional help on its use and organizational procedures. Brother Joe Cagle, pastor of the church and administrator of the school, expressed praise for the help given them and the quality of the curriculum. Mrs. Lula Mims is the Supervisor of the school and Mrs. Geraldine Cagle (pastor's wife) is the general assistant.

It was a joy to visit this school and observe the classrooms and other activities. I tried to capture some of this with the camera and share it with you. This church and its pastor is to be commended for taking this great responsibility and for the effective work they are doing. May the Lord ever bless them as they continue to touch these young lives for Jesus Christ.

Past Revival Meetings

Coastal Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C. held revival services September 24 - 28. The Evangelist was Rev. Henry King, Pastor of Bright Light FWB Church of Lexington, N. C. Special singing was presented each evening. Pastor of the church is Rev. Lloyd Gore.

Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Johnsonville, S. C. held revival services September 30 - October 5. The Evangelist was Bill Gardner, Pastor of Liberty FWB Church, Durham, N. C. Brother Gardner is noted for his singing ability as well as preaching. He rendered specials in song each night and a concert on Friday night. Brother Merritt Floyd is pastor of the church.

Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Manning, S. C. held revival services October 22 - 27. Ronnie Floyd, Pastor of First F.W. Baptist Church Charleston was the Evangelist. Special singing was rendered nightly. Brother Hoyt Powell is pastor of the church.



New Prospect FWB Church and School Facilities



Child Day Care Center



Grades 2-3-4 Classroom



Kindergarten - Grade 1
Teacher - Mrs. Judy Bazen



Grades 5-6 Classroom
Teacher - Miss Charlotte Turner



Grades 7-8-9-10 Classroom



Mrs. Joe (Geraldine) Cagle
General Assistant

Mullins-Marion Christian School

Mullins-Marion Christian School had its beginning in September 1975 with 27 students. This school is the ministry of Mullins-Marion Free Will Baptist Church which is located midway between Marion and Mullins, S. C. just off highway 78. Their enrollment this year is 56. They have Kindergarten through Twelfth grade. The A-Beka curriculum is used in K-2 grade with conventional classroom instruction. The Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) program is used for grades 3-12. All students are in the same room with individual work areas. This is called a learning center. Each student has subject material in packet form according to his grade level. Under the instruction and aid of a supervisor and (or) monitor the student progresses in his studies as he completes the bite size packets on the subject matter. Consider a biscuit being a year's study in math. To consume the biscuit one would have to bite and chew a number of times. ACE subject materials is divided into a number of individual packets with a progressive course. The student bites away at the subject by completing a packet and going on to another until all is completed.

This is a local church school and is located in a rural area. This Christian School, like many others over this country, is a testimony that it can be done. This ministry requires much sacrifice and is costly financially and with problems, but it is an effective way to reach young lives for Jesus Christ. Doing this has always been difficult and costly — consider what it cost God to provide this so great salvation.

Brother Bill Jacobs is the pastor of the church and Neil Henson is the Principal. It was my joy to visit this school and capture some of it in picture form to share with you. Brothers Jacobs-Henson and their church are to be commended for taking upon them this great responsibility and for the good work they are doing.



Mullins-Marion FWB Church and School Facilities



Kindergarten Class



Grades 1 & 2 Classroom



A.C.E. Learning Center



Play Time

Pastor Resigns Myrtle Beach Church

Pastor Jackie Cabaniss has resigned his pastorate of First Free Will Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, S. C. His resignation will be effective in late December. Brother Cabaniss is seeking a new pastorate or associate pastor position and can be contacted at 67th Avenue, North Myrtle Beach, S. C. Phone 449-6711. Brother Cabaniss is formally of Lockhart and pastored in Mauldin, S. C. He attended Beaver Creek Bible Institute and is married and has two children.

Pastor Resigns McColl Church

Pastor Linard Williams has resigned his pastorate with the First Free Will Baptist Church of McColl, S. C. The resignation was effective October 7. Brother Williams served the church for about three years. His plans for the future are uncertain for now. The church has called brother Arlie Green, from Rockingham, N. C., to be their new pastor. Brother Green assumed his duties October 21.



Mr. Neil Henson
Principal

Gems From The Greek New Testament

By
Robert Picirilli

Romans 12:8 says, concerning one who gives, that he should give "with simplicity".

The Greek word translated *simplicity* is *haplotes*. A long time ago Trench pointed out that the original meaning of this word is "without folds". That is not hard to follow, for a piece of paper that is folded up may have more to it than meets the eye, and may be quite complicated. But a piece of paper that has no folds is open to the eyes of all. Nothing is hidden nor is the paper anything more than what is obvious and apparent.

What does this mean, then, about "giving with simplicity"? Simply this: the kind of giving which pleases and serves God is that which is open and above-board, simple and uncomplicated. In other words, there is no hidden motive folded up from sight where others cannot see.

It would be easy to think of an example when giving was *not* "with simplicity". We recall that Ananias and Sapphira brought a gift to the church, but Peter, with the help of the eyes of the Spirit, saw that there was a hidden motive folded up in the gift. Ananias and Sapphira were misrepresenting the truth about their gift, and were expecting to gain praise to satisfy their selfish spirits. Thus their giving was quite complicated; there were many "folds" in their actions, among which were hidden motives. They were not giving "with simplicity".

It is possible there is yet another implication in the meaning of "giving with simplicity". That which is not folded up is open. Perhaps Paul also means for us to understand that giving should be from an open heart, in other words a heart that is open to and moved by the needs of others. If this is true, then open giving is also liberal giving; it's free from the restrictions of necessity and obligation.

So it happens that another New Testament passage about giving uses this same Greek word. That is Second Corinthians, chapters eight and nine, when Paul is urging the Corinthians to give toward the collection he was taking up for the saints in Jerusalem. In 8:2, the word *haplotes* is translated "liberality", in 9:11 "bountifulness", and in 9:13 "liberal". In all three of these verses, the word could well have been translated by *simplicity* or *openness*, and the meaning would still be the same.

Thus, giving with *simplicity* is giving from an open heart: no secret motive hidden, and no selfish restraint to hinder free response to the needs of others.



Grace Building Before Addition



Grace Facilities With New Addition And Parsonage

Grace Church Expands Facility

Grace Free Will Baptist Church, 318 Lawrence Street, Lake City, S. C. is adding 2100 sq. feet of new building to their church facilities. The new addition will consist of a fellowship hall and additional Sunday School rooms and storage area.

Grace Church was established in 1960 by the S. C. Conference Home Mission Board. The members met in homes until

the original building was completed in 1963. Present deacons serving the church are Marion Coker, Carl Jordan and Ralph McAllister. The pastor is Mircheal Jones. Brother Mike served the church from July 1973 - February 1977. After a short pastorate in Mississippi he returned to Grace as their pastor in November 1978. The church is growing under this faithful man of God. The attendance is presently averaging in the sixties and promotion is underway to reach 100. These fine people are to be commended for their faithful work.

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Galatians 5:16 "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh". Deuteronomy 6:6-9 "These words which I command thee shall be in thy HEART and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be a frontlet between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates". Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy HEART with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life". Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in HEART; for they shall see God. The endeavor of Christian education is to train children to keep a pure HEART.

Now let us consider the scholastical emphasis. I know that this is not the main emphasis but I realize it follows a close second. I have four children, three of which are in school; Tony, 17, Timothy, 12, and Tregeana, 10. Tregeana started in a Christian school and has been there every since. Timothy has had all but one and a half years in Christian schooling. Tony has had only five years in a Christian school. From my own personal experience I shudder to think what level of learning Tony would have now if we had not placed him in a Christian school. When we first placed Tony in a Christian school at Hyles-Anderson in Hammond, Indiana they told us then in the 7th grade he was at least one year behind. The year there in school and the five years at Mullins-Marion Christian School have really helped his scholastical average. I

now have no apprehensions about his ability to take a college entrance exam when he finishes this year. It has been proven over and over again that students from a Christian school have a higher scholastical achievement level than those in public or private schools. At the end of each year we give our kids a California Achievement Test to find their level of learning for the year. I understand that no curriculum is any better than its application.

This is the true intent of a Christian School; to train a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and that all learning have a Godly emphasis. Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it".

At home and church we teach them of God and instruct them in his word and in most cases the public school system teaches a false dualism that man has a secular life and a spiritual life. In general it is just a humanistic view. This leads to confusion, indecision and misdirection in a young person's life.

I am conscious that many Christian parents cannot afford to send their children to a Christian school. Yet, I know, many more than do could through sacrifice, if they would really get an understanding of what is being taught in our public school system today. The leaders of our nation have forgotten, if they ever knew, Romans 8:31, "If God be for us, who can be against us". The constitution of our republic states again and again "In God we trust" or at least it did. For we know there are many elements of darkness that are trying to remove "In God we trust" from our nation itself.



Revival — A Personal Experience With Jesus Christ

By: William Stroud, Pastor
Wildwood FWB Church, New Port, N. C.

The dictionary defines the word "Revival" as the act of reviving or the state of being revived, a renewal of interest in religion, or a series of evangelistical meetings to awaken faith. All of these definitions are very good and very true, but one thing is still missing, and that is Jesus Christ. We can attend a week of meetings and come away with nothing but a good feeling if we have not truly found Jesus.

There are many ways to have a revival today, but only one true one and that is to have Jesus and revival in our hearts at all times. Before we can have revival in the church, the people of the church must be prepared to meet Jesus during the time of revival. We must get out into the community and tell others about the revival and Jesus. Rom. 10:9 tells us, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved". Verse 11 tells us, "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed". We should never turn down an opportunity to tell someone else about Jesus and what He did for each of us at Calvary. John 3:3 tells us, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God". Rom. 10:13-14 makes this statement, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". Verse 14 then asks this question, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" These verses very simply stated tell that in order for someone to accept Jesus as Saviour they must first hear the blessed Word of Jesus by someone that knows Him personally.

I asked our congregation to help me by telling me what revival meant to each of them. The best answer compared revival to an automatic transmission on a car. The world is full of people in NEUTRAL. These people are on the stool of do-nothing and go no place and have no

desire to learn about Jesus because of the pleasures of this world. Many are in LOW GEAR. Now low gear in the car is for creeping along and we should never creep when doing anything for Jesus. Our lives should be put into DRIVE for the most effective and economical ride. We should always try to stay at an even speed or on the rise for Jesus. REVERSE should never be used in our daily lives because Jesus never backed up when He was faced with the cross.

THINGS WE CAN DO FOR SUCCESSFUL REVIVALS

- R — Realize that we need a revival
- E — Expect good things to happen during revival
- V — Visit all you can during revival week
- I — Invite people to attend revival meetings
- V — Voluntarily come to revival meetings
- A — Arrive on time anxious to learn God's Word
- L — Leave your burdens at the altar
- S — Support your church in revival meetings

Revival in a sense can be compared with death, or as Jesus said, sleep. In either sense we are unconscious of things around us. Mark 5:35-43 tells of the death of Jarius' daughter. Her friends and family said that she was dead, but Jesus said the damsel is not dead but asleep. Many there laughed and sneered at Jesus, but all of these stopped when Jesus appeared with the young lady very much alive and well. In a very real sense this is the way all of us were and are before Jesus enters our lives. Just as Jesus raised up the daughter of Jarius He will also raise up each one of us that call on His most precious name. The whole purpose of revival is to awaken us to the fact that Jesus died for each of us on the cross of Calvary, to set us free from sin. Rom. 6:23 tells us, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". Once we accept Jesus as our personal Saviour, we are no longer dead or asleep, but fully conscious of everything around us and have a realization of just what Jesus did for us by giving His life on the old rugged cross.

To be fully conscious of Jesus we must have a personal experience with Him. There are many people today who have their names on a church roll and just lay back and let the world take complete control of their lives and still think they are saved. These same people think a personal contact with Jesus is only for those who have never made a profession of faith. It has been my experience that the church members need to be revived as much or more than the ones that have never made a profession of faith. We have a tendency to take Jesus and His work too lightly. We think His work will continue just as good without our participation. We are placing our souls in a

very bad situation when we have this attitude because we have left Jesus out of our lives. There are many today who don't believe there is life beyond this life and a judgement. Heb. 9:27 tells us, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement". These people are so caught up in the world that they would deny even the very existence of God.

To have a successful revival today we must not think of a series of services for a week or so, but for a very long period of time. I am reminded of the song, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" in terms of revival. We can never walk too close to Jesus. If we decide to have a closer walk with Jesus and choose Him as our personal Saviour it should be for the rest of our lives. Most people only want revival to last for a week or two at the most, but let us ask ourselves this question, "Did Jesus die for us only for a week or two, or was it for eternity?"

God never intended that man should enter the gates of hell, but man himself has chosen to spend his eternity there. There is only one way that we can keep ourselves from spending our eternity in hell and that is to turn our lives over to Jesus and let Him take control of it and live for Him. Most people have the idea revival is only for the unsaved, but it is more for the Christian. We should have revival always in our hearts and minds and try to reach a higher plateau that we have ever reached before. Let us each ask Jesus to revive us today and that the revival will last for eternity.

Calvary FWB Church Host S. C. Conference Sunday School Convention

The twelfth Annual Sunday School Convention of the S. C. Conference got underway on Saturday, October 6, with registration at 9:45 A. M. The activities of the day were under the leadership of Pastor Rudy Woods, First Church, Hartsville.

The program theme was "The Importance Of The Church In Sunday School". Special music was rendered by Fred Hall, Pastor of Host Church, Reedy Saverance, Pastor Mt. Elon FWB Church and Camille Scott from New Town FWB Church. Brother Joe McNight and Sister Melanie Reed spoke on the "Importance Of Students In the Sunday School". Brother A. C. Allen spoke on the "Importance Of the Teacher In Sunday School". The S. S. Superintendents present conducted an open forum on the "Importance Of the Superintendent In the Sunday School".

The new officers elected are: President, Fred Hall; Vice-President, Rudy Woods; Secretary, Laura Robinson; Treasurer, Camille Scott; Song Leader, Lamar Smith. The Host Church provided lunch for the group.