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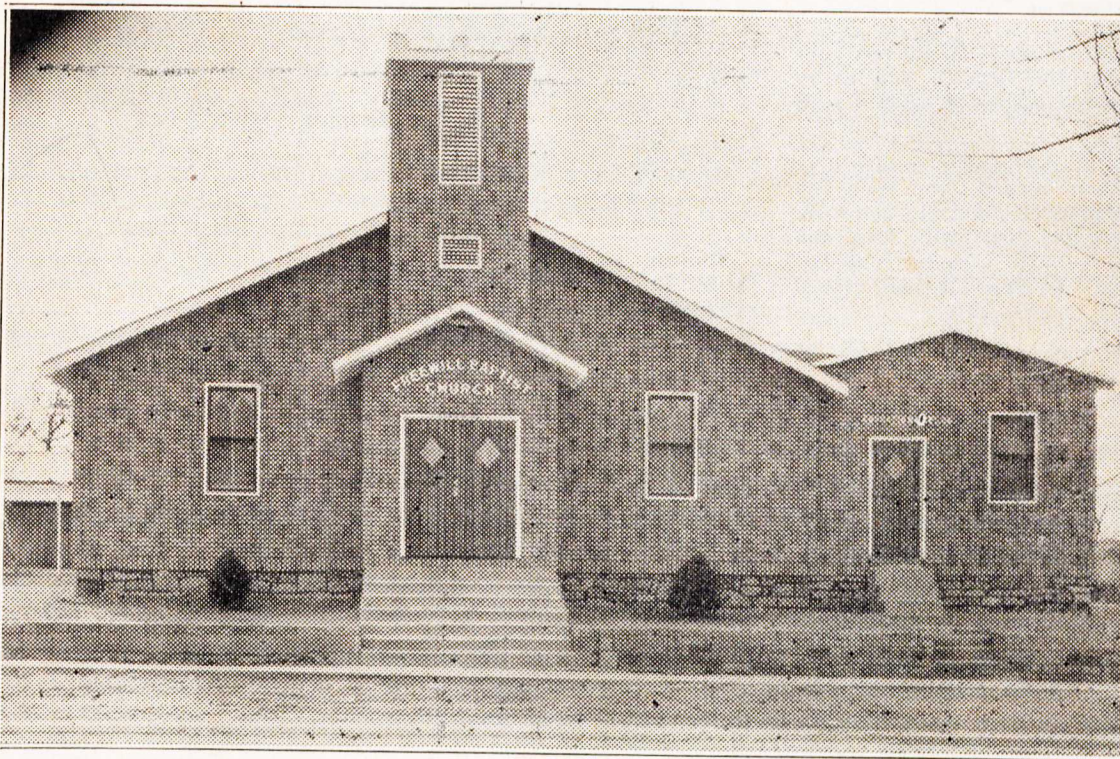
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## Attention, 2nd Vice Presidents

## Woman's Auxiliary

I am urging all state second vice presidents of Woman's Auxiliary to get your reports to me as quickly as possible. If you do not have a second vice president in your state, or if you have one who is inactive, I am asking for all district reports. If you have not reported to your district, please send the report of your local society to me in order that I might get an accurate report to present to our National Auxiliary Convention in July.

Please report to me the following:

1. Amount sent to Bro. Davidson for Christian Education.
2. Students assisted.
3. Number of Vacation Bible Schools conducted.
4. Number of Young People's organizations.

5. Number of study classes conducted for youths.

6. Young People's activities directed.

7. Number of special studies of manual conducted.

You may check beside each of the above items and clip from the paper and mail to me as your report. Add any footnote or suggestion you might desire. Be sure to give the name of your church and the name of your Auxiliary.

Please mail report to Mrs. J. R. Bennett, 705 E. Simmons Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

\* Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart. — Psalm 119:2.



## Editorial Notes

### ONE BIG AMEN

Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro North Carolina, our beloved Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, pronounces his appraisal upon the *Gem* and its service to the Cause. Here are his words in a letter dated June 6, 1941:

"I am hereby taking the occasion to write you a brief word of commendation on the June issue of the *Free Will Baptist Gem*. It is more nearly my ideal of a monthly magazine for Free Will Baptists than I have ever seen before. I have examined the subject matter carefully, and studied the general scheme of its compilation. A denominational magazine of this high quality is worthy of entrance into every Free Will Baptist home of America."

We certainly appreciate these words from Brother Ennis for we know they express the very feelings of his soul. We feel that definite growth, in the capacity of quality, size, and circulation, is coming upon us.

May God's cause prosper in our hands!

### ALL THINGS ARE READY

Rev. Harry E. Staires, pastor of the Church at Drumright, Okla., writes on June 12, "We have everything ready for the National Association, and pray that it may be the greatest we have ever had."

He also asks that everyone coming to the national Association please write him and state the number, sex and relation of those in your party, "so that we may have them already assigned to homes upon their arrival."

### THE LAST WORD

My brethren, do you remember how loudly we have talked, and how earnestly we have desired, and what a multitude of council we have expended over the proposition that we need more training? Well, here it is, come and get it.

The Christian Worker's Institute opens Monday morning, July 21, 1941 here in Monett. Two whole pages in the June *Gem* were used to describe the Institute. Application blanks are available for the asking. We are go-



The Editor

ing to have the Institute. It is already God's revealed will.

The students enrolled are here listed:

Rev. O. T. Allred.....Monett, Mo.  
Rev. John H. West....Bristow, Okla.  
Rev. Melba White....Plattsburg, Mo.  
Rev. Marie Thomas....Arcadia, Kan.  
Rev. George La Shum....Monett, Mo.  
Mrs. A. E. Lawhorn....Stonewall, Okla.  
Rev. Lowell Martin....Greenfield, Mo.  
Rev. Frank Linton....Branch, Mo.  
Rev. Virgil Bradford....Bristow, Okla.  
Rev. Winford Davis....Monett, Mo.  
Rev. J. B. Rollins.....Monett, Mo.

These eleven persons were registered thirty days before the school is to start. We are expecting many more to enroll at the National Association. This is the last word published in support of the Institute. The next will be news of the Institute already past.

### LET'S HAVE A SPECIAL

The atmosphere is charged with the idea that we are coming to the greatest National Association we have to such an important meeting as our ever seen. It would be an injustice National Association, and an injustice to our people who will want to know about it, if we do not give it proper publicity.

Our people will want official information, and that can best be given through the columns of our papers, *The Free Will Baptist* and *The Free Will Baptist Gem*.

Let's have a special issue of the *Gem*, and all it will take will be the

co-operation of all at the National Association. Outstanding boards and committees, and the clerk, and department heads can make it easy by helping the Editor secure copies of vital documents at the Association.

Remember, copies of these documents must be placed in the editor's hands at the Association. There will be no time to return home and re-write anything. The editor will have to rush home and rush to the press in order to publish on time in August.

Let's co-operate!

### LEST ANY MISUNDERSTAND

In last month's issue of the *Gem*, there was a special editorial article on "State Controls Church by Incorporations". The article has created considerable comment, even greater than was expected.

Be it Understood, That the article was prepared and published with pure motives, with no underlying scheme save the simple proclamation of Truth for the information and education of "him that hath an ear, let him hear".

It seems that some interpreted the article to be an outcry of warning against an imaginative proposal to incorporate the National Association. The best authority available reveals that nobody has proposed, or expects to propose, the incorporation of the National Association.

There is, however, a proposal approved by the Executive Committee in its recent session in Nashville and will be presented to the National Association "to incorporate the General Board only" which is exactly in keeping with the precepts clearly set forth in the special editorial article.

Be it further Understood, here and now, That I, the editor of the *Gem* (though I don't amount to anything), am going to support that proposal with my voice and my vote; it's the very thing for us to do!

### A VISITOR

Rev. O. D. Wickham, of Poteau, Oklahoma was a visitor at the *Gem* Office and in the Editor's home on June 18th. We are glad for our brethren to visit us.



# Program of the National Association

**Free Will Baptist Church, - Drumright, Okla., - July 13 to 18, 1941**

## Sunday Night

*Opening of National Sunday School Convention*

- 7:45 — Song and Prayer Service: Rev. Marvin Dalton, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 8:15 — Sermon: Rev. Damon Dodd, Flat River, Missouri.

## Monday Morning

- 9:00 — National Sunday School Convention.

## Monday Afternoon

- 1:30 — National Sunday School Convention.

## Monday Night

*Opening of National Woman's Auxiliary Convention*

- 7:30 — Song Service; Devotional: Rev. Mrs. Elsie M. Curtis, Herrin, Illinois.
- 8:00 — Sermon: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas.

## Tuesday Morning

- 8:45 — National Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

## Tuesday Afternoon

- 1:30 — National Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

## Tuesday Night

- 7:30 — Song Service; Devotional.
- 8:00 — Sermon: Rev. James F. Miller, Novinger, Missouri.

## Wednesday Morning

*Opening of National Association Proper*

- 8:45 — Devotional: Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Missouri.
- 9:00 — Association called to order by the clerk; Moderator takes charge. Appointment of Quorum Committee. Letters called for from the various states; Accepting of letters and seating of delegates, right hand of fellowship.
- 9:30 — Election of Officers.
- Appointment of Committee on Committees.
- 10:00 — Welcome Address by the Ministerial of Drumright, Oklahoma.
- 10:30 — Report of Executive Committee of the General Board: Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman.
- 10:45 — Report of National Secretary: Rev. L. R. Ennis.
- 11:00 — Song and Prayer Service.
- 11:20 — Associational Sermon: Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.
- 12:00 — Lunch.

## Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30 — Devotional: Miss Jean Welch, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 1:45 — Miscellaneous Business Period: Reading of minutes of morning session, enrollment of delegates and ministers late in arriving, report of Committee on Committees, report of Credentials Committee.
- 2:15 — Moderator's Message.
- 2:45 — Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
- 3:00 — Report of Sunday School Convention.
- 3:15 — Report of Free Will Baptist League Board.
- 3:30 — Report of North Carolina Orphanage Work: Rev. J. A. Evans Superintendent.
- 3:45 — Report of Tennessee Orphanage Work: Mr. I. L. Stanley, Superintendent.
- 4:00 — Adjournment.

## Wednesday Night

- 7:30 — Song Service.
- 8:00 — Sermon: Rev. M. E. Tyson, North Carolina.

## Thursday Morning

- 8:45 — Devotional: Rev. Aston Pegues, Normangee, Texas.
- 9:00 — Business Period: Reading of minutes of Wednesday session, enrollment of delegates and ministers late in arriving, reports of temporary committees: Publicity, Business Resolutions, Entertainment Fee Committee and others.
- 10:30 — Report of Home Mission Board: Rev. M. L. Hollis, Chairman.
- 11:00 — Song and Prayer Service.
- 11:20 — Sermon: Rev. Robert Crawford, Ashland City, Tennessee.
- 12:00 — Lunch.

## Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30 — Devotional: Rev. Floyd Cherry, Dothan, Alabama.
- 1:45 — Business Period: Reading of minutes of morning session, further reports of temporary Committees.
- 2:00 — Report of Foreign Mission Board: Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Chairman.
- 2:20 — Report of Superannuation Board: Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Chairman.
- 2:40 — Report of Board of Education: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman.
- 3:00 — Report of Denominational Publications: Rev. J. R. Bennett; Rev. J. B. Rollins.
- 3:30 — Business Period: Committee reports, selection of next meeting of the Association.
- 4:00 — Adjournment.

## Thursday Night

- 7:30 — Song Service; Devotional.
- 8:00 — Sermon: Rev. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, North Carolina.

## Friday Morning

- 8:45 — Devotional: Rev. Monroe Hubbard, Jenkins, Ky.
- 9:00 — Business Period: Reading of minutes of Wednesday and Thursday sessions, final reports of all committees, treasurer's report, decision on number and distribution of minutes, completion of all unfinished business.
- 11:15 — Report of National Statistician, Rev. Clarence Bowen.
- 11:30 — Testimony Service.
- 12:00 — Final Adjournment.

*Directors of Music:* We have no special choices. Chorus directors and devotional leaders and vacancies will be supplied by this committee:

Rev. E. E. Morris, Chairman,  
Bro. W. E. Coville,  
Rev. L. E. Duncan.



# The Drumright Church & the National Ass'n.

## See the Front Cover

*Rev. Harry E. Staires, Pastor*

*Ollie Hopkins, Church Reporter*

**L**AST July the National Association of Free Will Baptists, in annual conference at Paintsville, Kentucky, voted that the 1941 conference should be held at Drumright, Oklahoma.

Rev. Harry Staires, pastor of the Drumright Free Will Baptist Church, returned home with new ideas of remodeling and beautifying the church building here in preparation for the meeting.

The work has been completed and the Free Will Baptist Church, 309 North Ohio Avenue, is now one of the most attractive buildings in the city.

Originally a Legion Hut owned by the Weart Grey post, the building was bought by the church from the American Legion in 1930 and made into a church building.

Rev. Staires came to Drumright as pastor four years later and since that time the church has made continuous improvement in its property. The latest improvements to the church building includes the new brick venering and stone foundation, a new belfry, and resetting the shrubbery. The inside of the building has been redecorated and new ceiling installed.

Organized by Rev. A. B. Talbert in 1917, the first meeting place of the Free Will Baptist church was in a

stone building on Drumright's Tiger Hill. In 1923 the church erected a building near the old Drumright High School which was used until 1930, the year the church bought the present building and site from the American Legion.

Improvements made since Rev. Staires came to Drumright seven years ago, began with the purchase of a small four-room house which was moved to the church property north of the church building. In 1936 the church was given a new floor, ten glass rooms were built, and new seats were installed. Two years afterward the corner property south of the church was purchased and an old red rooming house there was torn down and rebuilt into the new parsonage.

Rev. Staires has insisted on a "pay as you go" policy in all improvements made. The church is virtually free of debt, despite the many building improvements made. All this has been accomplished only through faithful prayer and co-operation of the church members.

Rev. Staires has not only been responsible for many material improvements made in the church since 1934, but also is responsible for increasing the membership to 384, making it one of the leading churches of the city.



*Harry E. Staires, Pastor*

Today, the church is ready for its National Conference, and members point with pride to its beautiful new church building, its attractive parsonage, and a pastor and his wife who work untiringly.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists will hold their 1941 conference here July 13 to 18, inclusively. We have worked up a great enthusiasm toward the coming conference and the church extends to all a hearty welcome.

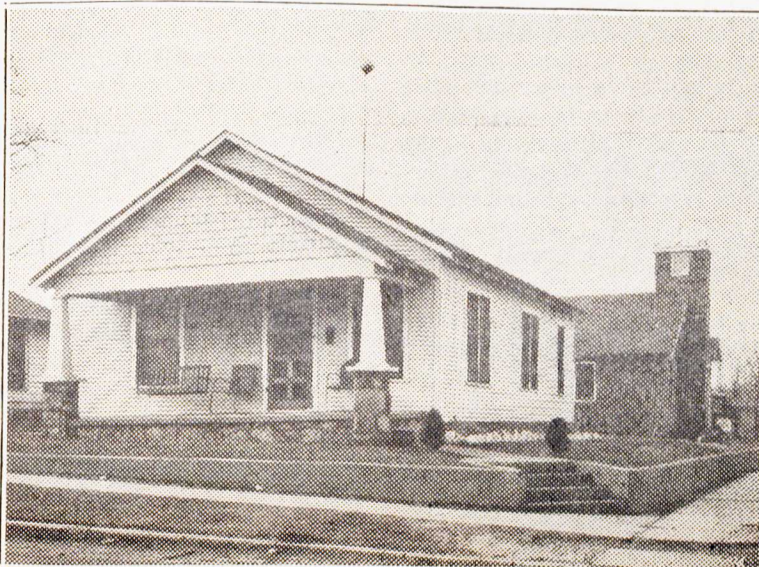
The last revival held by Sister Crain of Miami, Oklahoma, was a wonderful meeting with fifty-four souls returned to the Father. Thirty-four of the fifty-four have started keeping house for the Lord by joining our church.

The following paragraphs were taken from one of Drumright's papers:

"The Ministerial Alliance of Drumright, Oklahoma, in regular session assembled May 5, 1941, gladly extends a cordial welcome to the National Free Will Baptist Association to be held at Drumright, Oklahoma, July 13-18, 1941.

"The ministers of the alliance will gladly do all in their power to make the delegates feel at home while in our city.

"Rev. Harry Staires, the local pastor



Free Will Baptist Parsonage with Church in Background.



of the Free Will Baptist church, is to be highly commended for the progress made by his church during these seven years of his pastorate. The alliance is of the firm conviction that all churches, the commercial, service, and professional organizations of our city should unite their efforts in welcoming and entertaining this great association in our city."

## EDITOR'S REQUEST

The Editor is asking that everyone in attendance at the National Association please co-operate in making the next issue of the *Gem* a real special carrying all the news and enterprises of the National Association.

## Mayor of Drumright Welcomes National Ass'n.

Drumright, Oklahoma  
June 3, 1941

Mr. John B. Rollins  
Monett, Missouri  
My Dear Sir:

As Mayor of the City of Drumright, Oklahoma, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to welcome the National Free Will Baptist Convention to the City of Drumright, collectively and each visiting delegate, and the Ministerial Alliance, the Rotary Club, the Lyons Club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, as civic organizations, and the citizens as a whole extend to you a hearty welcome, and we esteem it a distinguished honor to have your

National Convention meet in our city, and assure each of you that the Ministerial Alliance, all civic organizations, and the citizens have been looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to make it pleasant for each individual visitor, and to provide all comforts possible for you while in our city, and we are not only interested in each of you, but earnestly concerned in the divine purposes for which your Convention is assembled here, and trust your stay here will be as we desire it to be, a most enjoyable occasion for all attending.

Sam Whitlock,

Mayor of the City of Drumright.

## The Authority of Foreign Missions

*T. H. Willey, the Missionary*

Text: John 20:21, "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world."

### What is the Authority of Foreign Missions? CHRIST

He is the only justification for any effort at world evangelism. He is the only source of our authority. We are all under obligation. Not merely an obligation to an organization such as a great government, or a great ideal, or a great principal; but, we are under obligation to a Person and that Person is none other than the Christ of God. Being under obligation to Christ, we are responsible to the highest authority in the universe; Christ, to whom all authority belongs both in Heaven and in the earth. Thus, when we speak it is in Christ's stead; "Be ye reconciled to God".

The Word of God gives us reason why all authority belongs to Christ. He is the Eternal Word, the only revealer of God — God Himself. He is the creating, upholding, governing God. He alone has the right to tell me what Truth and Duty is.

All authority belongs to Christ because He alone has the power to disperse darkness. To do this, He joined Himself to humanity to save it. He is the only revelation of whom God is in His nature.

He is the fulness of the Godhead manifested in body form (Col. 2:9).

From the throne of God, the throne

of the Lamb once slain, but now our exalted Savior proceeds full authority for foreign missions (Rev. 5:9).

The authority then for foreign missions is the authority of Christ's character, of His work, of His position, of His love, of His life as the Eternal and Universal Lord.

### What is the Purpose of Foreign Missions? CHRIST

Foreign Missions is the method of publishing the good news of God's redemption for a fallen race, and to re-establish God's claims upon a wandering and fallen race of men.

Without any uttered claim of Christ the heathen world would have no claim on us. I am under obligation to Christ and to the heathen because of Christ's expressed command to me, even from the single word, "Go".

His one injunction to the unbelieving world was, "COME", "Come unto Me". But His one injunction to all believers

is, "Go". "Go ye into all the world."

Thus in our hands He has placed the "whole gospel for the whole man to be carried to the entire world".

This is the sublimest command or order given to the universe and it is made universal because He who gave it is universal in His being and nature. Back of the order "Go" is all the authority and purpose of the universe including heaven and earth.

It is the authority, purpose and obligation of LOVE. Love is the motivating spring of all missionary activity. We do not go because we are driven by a feeling of moral obligation or a sense of duty. We go because we wish to go, we love to. Not as duty to our country or obedience as a soldier to his superior in command, neither is it altogether because of our love to Christ, or of Christ's love to us, but rather because of His love IN US. The same love that constrained Him is in us Constraining us — His own love overflowing in our soul.

When we hear the word "Go" we are not hearing an arbitrary command. It is a command depending on our own will and wishes or conveniences and inclinations. He sends us just as He was sent by the Father. We go with the same motive that compelled Him to go. He imparts to us the same longing to redeem. Paul said, "I beseech you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God".

By this word I can interpret the





whole course of human history of the human race—beaten, bruised, and bloody, dragging its weary feet away from God on life's hard road taking a detour far out of the way. By this word I can hear the inarticulated groaning and travailing of nature of a universe off center. The plaintive sob of suffering, the broken note of every song bird, the sighing of every breeze, the angry roll of ocean currents, the violence of the storm, the steady pull of gravitation which some day shall be broken and we shall rise.

The authority and purpose of foreign missions then is *CHRIST*. Paul tells

us the purpose of missions when he testifies, "For me to live is Christ". Christ is Christianity. We declare the purpose of foreign missions is to publish the truth, true, but it is more. Christ said, "I am the truth". We say its purpose is to give new life to the dead, all true, Christ said, "I am the life".

Christianity is not merely the spirit of Christ. It is more. It is Christ Himself. The real purpose of foreign mission is to multiply Christ, to re-incarnate the Son of God, and to place Christ in His proper place enthroned in the hearts of men.

we do look forward to the fellowship with the brethren of El Callao and those that will come from El Palmar and Tumeremo. Then to meet the other missionaries again. That is truly a joy. We will not have thirteen this time because three are in the homeland and the Russells will not be able to come from Tucupita. We each have to go prepared to give a message. The theme of the conference is *La Pronta Venida de Cristo* "The Soon Coming of our Lord." All the messages will be built around this theme. There is going to be a dedication of the new church in Callao at this time, and we all rejoice with them because of their nice new building. We are looking forward to a time of great blessing.

I really must close and hope you will excuse this hasty note. Remember us in prayer as we shall remember you. While you are listening to English messages we will be listening to Spanish messages, but isn't it wonderful that our Lord can understand them all?

I want to thank each one for your offerings and prayers in my behalf. I thank my God upon each remembrance of you, and may you be richly repaid with Spiritual blessings. Continue to hold up before the throne of grace your missionary in dark Venezuela for she needs your prayers.

Yours because of Calvary,

—Bessie Yeley.

## Bessie Yeley's Missionary Letter

### To her home Quarterly Meeting in Ohio

Upata, Venezuela  
May 3, 1941

My Dear Friends of the Porter Quarterly Meeting:

A glance at the calendar and I was suddenly reminded that a quarterly meeting will convene ere long, and if I don't get a letter in this mail it will be too late, and also I haven't much time before the mail closes, so this will have to be brief.

There has been quite a few changes here in the work. Grace is now in the States taking a much needed rest. The Lord provided for her going in such a marvelous way, and on the 11th of April she embarked from La Guaira in company with Miss Ruth Hege.

For a couple of weeks I was alone with the girls of the house, and then Robert Rodgers came from Callao to stay in Upata and help in the work. Altho with added household duties, besides my regular work in the church, I am feeling much better than I have been for a time. Our Lord is ever mindful of us and we can be sure that when He gives us added duties He will also supply the needed strength.

As I was reading the letters from home and looking at a little picture of the dear old Porter church, a wave of home sickness swept over me, but not for long for I would not want to leave my place of service and the dear ones here. The Lord undertakes so wonderfully and takes away the desire to go home. I do praise Him from the depths of my heart for the way He undertakes, day by day, and the blessings He gives.

The work here seems to be at a low ebb just now, but we are expecting our Lord to do great things for us here in Upata. Many of the brethren are gone. Some seem to be indifferent, but we are not dismayed for we have a great God—one who never fails—and we are resting on His promises, knowing that He will fulfill every one of them.

We are preparing to attend conference in El Callao, the 15, 16, 17 of this month; the same time that you will be meeting. We do not look forward to the long hard trip, but

## The Missionary Urge

T. H. Willey, the Missionary

**T**HE missionary urge has as its source Divine Revelation. To carry the Gospel to the uttermost bounds of human habitation is not merely a man-made idea but rather has its origin in the Divine will and plan of the infinite God.

Only a Christian brain and heart is large enough to comprehend a God great enough to love and save a lost world, and that comprehension can only come to our hearts by revelation.

God never summoned men to missionary service until He endowed them with the missionary spirit, and that spirit is not separated from the Spirit of God. It was from the presence of their risen Lord Himself that the disciples were sent out with the ringing commission sounding in their ears. It was only as he saw the divine Christ

glorified that Paul obtained his commission that made him the world's greatest missionary.

The missionary urge is distinctly a *supernatural urge*. It is because this urge is supernatural and revealed that men go forth into distant lands to reveal the very Christ who sent them.

The missionary urge is not only supernatural and revealed but it is pre-eminently a *Christian urge*.

The Jewish religion does not or never did have this missionary urge. The other religions do not have it, and if there is any indication that they do, it is because they are seeking to copy Christianity. This thing of carrying the Gospel to the uttermost bounds of human habitation comes to us from the very lips of the Son of God. He alone proclaims



Himself the Saviour of all men everywhere. He bids His disciples to be possessed of His same spirit that pours itself out in vicarious giving and living in order to give this Gospel to every creature.

It is the *fundamental urge* of the Christian religion.

It is the great fly-wheel that starts all the machinery of the church. The Lord Jesus gave one supreme command, and out of that one command sprang all of our institutions of Christianity;

out of it the Bible societies that have blessed and enlightened the world; out of it our missionary societies who have sent forth workers; out of it colleges of religion; and out of it revivals of religion. The church has no other reason to exist, no other end to service or to serve except the conviction and the conversion of all who will hear.

There are three things that belong to man which belong to no other of His living creatures—his religious

consciousness, his high moral sense and his perception of the divine being of God. It is the sense of moral obligation coming from the claims of Christ on a lost world that make men go forth with a map of the world in their hands; filled with confidence that all men everywhere should have an opportunity to hear the greatness of the proclaimed news of salvation from the slavery of sin; ignorance and superstition to the glorious claims of holy sanity.

## Missouri Publication Specials

### The "Gem" Has Outgrown its Equipment

*Rev. J. F. Miller, Moderator Missouri State Association, Novinger, Missouri*

ON the 13th day of May, the state Executive Board and Publication Committee met in joint session at the Gem Office in Monett, Mo. We found the editor and all his helpers busy in the work. We appreciated the Gem Office and the fine work it was doing more than ever before.

We went into the meeting to find a way by which we might be able to carry on in our publication. Here are a few things that confront us: The press is giving away. That is a piece of machinery not different to any other machinery to such an extent that it will not wear out. Also a paper cutter and a paper folding machine are badly needed to speed up the work in the Gem Office to make it possible for the editor and publisher to take care of the volume of business that comes to the Gem Office.

The obligation of the Association to the editor is to furnish him the office and the equipment needed to print the paper. The first obligation of the editor is to publish the *Gem* monthly (and he has done that). Now the press is worn and the business has grown until something must be done in order to carry on. It is up to us to do that something.

We have a different proposition to what we had when we were building the office. We are located now. That is not to be the question. The publication is better known. Everything is to be an improvement to what we have already. We raised Twenty



*J. F. Miller*

five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars to build the house and buy from Bro. Brown the stock and equipment that

he had on hand when we went into the new office, and now we need and must have more equipment. The state board is, upon recommendation of the publication committee, asking the Free Will Baptists to raise another like sum of \$2,500.00. We hope you will respond to the call for this fund that is so much needed.

The plan will be submitted by the Board through the *Gem*. Sit down now and write to Bro. Winford Davis, and send him your check or a money order for \$10.00. If you can't send \$10.00 send \$5.00; if you can't send \$5.00 or \$10.00 send \$1.00. However, pray a lot before you send your offering and send what you feel that the Lord will be best pleased with. We hope to have a large part of this amount raised by the time of our State Association in September. Send your offering in early and encourage some one else to send one.

I remain yours for a bigger and better service from the Gem Office.

### We Did It Once, We Can Do It Again!

*Rev. Winford Davis, Sec.-Treas. Mo. State Association, Monett, Mo.*

LET the scoffers scoff, the frowners frown, the knockers knock, and the tight-wads tighten; but by the help of the Lord and our good people, who will be generous, we will raise the \$2,500.00 for new machinery in our beloved Gem Office. In fact, we have already taken off. You had just as well get in, and better too, then you can rejoice with those who rejoice when the job is finished, and not be weeping with those who weep because you didn't help. I would think those who said the \$2,500.00 couldn't be

raised the other time would have a little more faith in this campaign. At least I think the kickers would be ashamed to say anything.

I have all faith that this amount will be raised, and in the near future our Gem Office will be graced with a nice new press together with some other equipment which is needed so badly. Of course, it will not be raised by our people who are the most able to pay it, and their failure to give in a liberal way will not disappoint me at all; but it will be raised by



our poorer people who will joyfully give their mites and eventually will rejoice and shout together because the two thousand five hundred dollars is an accomplished fact.

Our denomination is behind today because we have depended on our moneyed members to do something and they haven't done it. We need to get away from that. If you want money to promote the Lord's work, go to those who do not have it to spare and that is where you will get the most ready response. Our people who have money know very well how to keep it; I observe. Yet when we start to raise finance they will be the first ones to kick. Funny thing; but true nevertheless.

So come on, our good hard working mothers and fathers, and our meager living boys and girls, let's get going on this and show the skeptical and doubting Thomases it can be done. Some have to see before they will believe, you know, but I thank the dear Lord today for those who have not seen and yet have believed. They are the ones who make things go. Thank God for those who will undertake, you know the word of God says, "Without faith it is impossible to please him". So let's have faith, and then show our faith by our works. How many will have ten dollars worth of faith? Or maybe you have ten dollars worth of faith

but do not have the ten-spot. If that be true then just back it up with a five or even a one, and then maybe a little later the Lord will make it possible for you to substantiate your entire faith. You know, I have thousands of dollars worth of faith, but I don't have the thousands. However, I had rather have the faith without the money than to have the money without the faith, wouldn't you? But say, people can be powers when they have both, can they not? Anyway, we have done it, and by the help of the Lord we will do it again. So come on, let's head the procession.

Yours for a greater Free Will Baptist work in this needy land of ours.

## The Ohio State Association

### By the Editor

The third annual session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists was held June 3-5, 1941 at the Union Free Will Baptist Church near Sciotoville, Ohio.

The Editor had the privilege of attending this meeting. It is reported that the attendance at this meeting was not as large as the Yearly Meetings enjoy, perhaps because the State Association is new, but the sweet spirit of harmony and fellowship prevailed throughout the sessions, and that alone gives evidence of growth.

The Ohio State Association is composed of two yearly meetings, and each yearly meeting is composed of three quarterly meetings. Here is the outline of Free Will Baptist work in Ohio:

#### I. Scioto Yearly Meeting

1. Porter Q. M. .... 11 churches
2. Pine Creek Q. M. .... 18 churches
3. Lawrence Q. M. .... 5 churches

#### II. Ohio River Yearly Meeting

1. Jackson Q. M. .... 7 churches
2. Vinton Q. M. .... 4 churches
3. Maigs Q. M. .... 2 churches

These organizations are in the southern part of the state. There are about 60 ministers in the state. There were 25 ministers and 9 deacons in attendance at the State Association.

The major enterprise of the State Association is foreign missions. They are helping support Miss Bessie Yeley, missionary to Venezuela. Here is an annual financial statement:

In treasury, June 1940 .....	\$38.72
Porter Q. M., Aug., 1940 .....	\$76.70
Nov., 1940 ..	59.69
Feb., 1941 ..	67.46
May, 1941 ..	60.15
Total, Porter Q. M. ....	\$264.00
Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting	
Aug., 1940 ..	\$30.07
Nov., 1940 ..	24.63
Feb., 1941 ..	30.18
May, 1941 ..	33.20
Total, Pine Creek Q. M. ....	\$118.03
Vinton Q. M., Aug., 1940 ..	\$5.00
Nov., 1940 ..	5.00
May, 1941 ..	7.00
Total, Vinton Q. M. ....	\$17.00
Zion Church .....	\$5.54
Porter Church Homecoming	20.01
Tick Ridge Church .....	4.62
Scioto Church .....	24.47
First Kyger Sunday School	5.00
Total, Miscellaneous .....	\$59.64
Total receipts .....	\$497.44

#### DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev Blackwelder, Nat'l. Sec.	
Aug., 1940 .....	\$169.00
Nov., 1940 .....	80.00
Feb., 1941 .....	100.00
Money Orders and Stamps ..	1.21
Insurance .....	6.24
Hose to Bessie Yeley .....	1.75
Total paid out .....	\$358.20

Balance in treasury .....

Mrs. James Peach, Sciotoville, Ohio, Route 2, is the Secretary of the State Association and is also a sister to

Bessie Yeley the missionary. Miss Yeley has several kinsmen around Sciotoville.

The Ohio State Association is launching some enterprises which promise to materialize into successful accomplishments. The Sunday School and League work are showing signs of really coming to the front under the devoted leadership of young men like Luther Hammonds and Jacob H. See, whom we learned to love and appreciate.

Good singing was one notable characteristic of this meeting. The Ohio people certainly take a great interest in singing, and a great host of fine young people are responding to church activities through singing.

In my opinion, the Ohio State Association is promising. The organization is young, and is not sponsoring as many enterprises as others, but it is worthy of commendation in view of its future. All in all, it was certainly good to attend.

The next Association is to be in Wellston, Ohio, in June 1942.

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# Gospel Sermon Department

## Help Wanted

*Rev. Roy Lee Hancock, Haddam, Kans.*

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them" Acts 16:9-10.

LET us think for a little while of the greatness of the harvest that lies before us. Think of the world as a field, all the lost souls that are in it to be gathered into the fold.

First, we think of our own home community. Every one of us need to be a living example to those with whom we come in contact. People are reading our lives more than they are reading their Bibles. Can they see Jesus living in us, or are we so near like the world that they say, I'm as good as he or she is? Why they run to picture shows, card games, dances, and various other worldly amusements just like we do. Oh! how we as professed Christians need to watch our lives, and get back of the preacher who cries out against the evils of the world, instead of wanting a preacher to sugar coat religion and tell people they are all right, just so they belong to a church. I know that is not very popular preaching now days but, God bless your hearts, that is the way Christ wants us to preach, and I intend to preach it that way as long as God gives me breath.

Then we think of our home mission fields. The hundreds of people in some of our mountainous sections of our country and especially in the slum districts of our cities. There are families with from six to eight children or more living in little one room huts built of old sign boards. I once had the privilege of going with another minister into one of the better homes of the slums where there had been death of an old grandmother. The mother and children did not have clothes enough to hide their nakedness. How much we need

to take to them the gospel of Jesus Christ and the better things of life. I am hoping some day to have financial backing enough so that I might go to them as a messenger of Christ.

But we would not forget our foreign mission fields, the countless thousands in heathenism who are so anxious for the gospel if we would only take it to them or help make it possible for others to go. You say, "What can we do about it?" Pray to the Lord of

harvest to send forth laborers. "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" Luke 10:2. How true this is. The laborers are few. But not only are the laborers few, but the money to support what few there are is also scarce. Why can't we, who are not called to go, give to the support of those who are called and are so anxious to go in His service.

May we hear the Macedonian call, "Come help us" and either go or give so others can go where the help is needed so badly.

## How and When Do We Receive the Holy Ghost?

*Eld. J. M. Henderson, Wortham, Mo.*

I WONDER how many of our members could give a Biblical answer to this question, and how many preachers could give an answer to his people on this important question.

The gift of the Holy Ghost is given by promise, and like all of God's promises, it is given on condition. When we meet the condition, the promise is ours. God doesn't lie.

"And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" Acts 1:4-5.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with

other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" Acts 2:1-4.

We do not need to look for an experience like they had on the day of Pentecost. Some may tell you that we do, but we do not. Do we hear the sound come as a rushing mighty wind? Do we see cloven tongues like as of fire? Do we hear eighteen spoken languages?

When do we receive the Holy Ghost? It is when we meet the condition—God does not act on the credit. What are the conditions? "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" Acts 2:38.

Some people say you must "seek" the Holy Ghost, but that is man-made doctrine with no truth in it. To the best of my knowledge, the word "seek" is found 65 times in the Bible, and not once are we told to "seek the Holy Ghost."

How long does this promise stand good? Just as long as God is calling sinners for "the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." So it stands good as long as God is calling sinners. This is God's plan and, I challenge every man to show when He has changed it.



# The Present World Conflagration and Scripture Prophecy

Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri



Winford Davis

Those who enjoy studying the prophetic Word take a keen interest in watching current events, and in seeing God's Word fulfilled so rapidly in the same. Of course, there are those who are always ready to accuse us of being conjectural, presumptuous, and imaginative; but in the face of all accusation, there remains the gratified feeling in our heart from the fact that approximately two thirds of the Bible is prophecy, much of which has been accurately fulfilled, and much of which is being fulfilled before our very eyes today. These are undeniable facts.

The present warfare maneuvers, especially of Hitler and Hitlerism, is not as plain under Bible light as some other movements and events of the not long past. Yet when viewed properly it is plain after all. The late set-back of the Facist power (Italy) and the swift forward strides of the Nazi power (Germany) might be looked upon by some, especially those who are eager critics, as a "messing up" of the whole prophetic plan; but it is not so, and doesn't appear so, when viewed at long range, and with due consideration.

A common street corner question is one like this, "Is this the Bible war?" Now just what is meant by the term "Bible war" we do not always know. If I were to employ that language, I would be meaning that fierce conflict which is to be fought during the tribulation period in the plain of Esdraelon, the valley of Megiddo (from which comes our word Armageddon) in northern Palestine, between the hordes of the North (Ezek. 38:1-6) and the western powers headed by the revived Roman Empire (Rev. 13:12; Dan. 7:7, 8; 9:27). No, this present conflict is not that; but it is very evident that these conflicts are leading up to that. The stage is being set, in other words. Now to me, Communism and Fascism are plainly seen in the Bible; but not so with Nazism. I have said, and I am going to repeat it, that the powers to watch are Russia and Italy.

In view of the fact of all the gains made by Hitler and Nazism, I say he is just a means to a more definite end. He is having his day, and it

will come to naught, and I am expecting Russia and Italy to divide the spoils. We must not look upon Rome's set-back as being permanent. We must not think of the Anti-christ as coming from Germany. Daniel and John both make it plain that he must come from Rome. Those who would look upon Hitler as being so great and invincible, and as establishing something so permanently must remember that anything can happen, and it can happen over night. We don't know just how God will allow things and nations to rise and fall, change and maneuver about, so as to take on final shape for that "last great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14).

In Revelation, 16th chapter, we find three unclean spirits mentioned as coming out of the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet. In this same chapter we are told plainly what their nature is and their mission. It says they are the spirits of Devils, and that they work miracles; going to the kings of the earth and of the whole world to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. The spirit issuing from the mouth of the Dragon (the Devil) is Communism, that from the mouth of the Beast is Fascism, and that from the mouth of the False Prophet could be nothing else than modernism in the church, which will be a world federated church of that day of which we see plenty of evidence today in the religious world. No, this Beast mentioned here is the same Beast of Revelation 13:1, Rev. 17:3 (a picture of the union of

church and state) Rev. 17:8, the little horn of Dan. 7:8; the Antichrist. The Beast, or Antichrist, comes from Rome, so this unclean spirit is Fascism. Nazism is not seen only as it is so closely related to, and connected with, Roman Fascism. I am thinking the Hitler conquests are only helping, in disguise, to re-establish the Roman Empire; unbeknowing, of course, to either of the Axis rulers.

Jesus said there would be wars and rumors of wars. Perhaps this is just some of these wars. The word "sea" in scripture imagery stands for the disorganized masses of humanity. Daniel said, "I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea" Dan. 7:2. In reading further in this chapter, we find that great beasts came up out of this troubled sea which were rulers of empires. Again in Rev. 13:1 John said, "I saw a beast rise up out of the sea". The winds are surely striving today. Yes there is a storm at sea. The world is seething with unrest. It is all aflame. This dreadful condition is going to bring about something, and that something is going to be very unpleasant to many. It wouldn't surprise me if our own country isn't wholly into this another world war by the time this goes to press. May God have mercy upon us.

So in conclusion, let me remind you that the field of possibility is wide. Anything can happen. Especially is that true with this modern war equipment and means of fighting. Just because the immediate future of these present struggles is a little hard to predict does not disprove the fact that the Word of God standeth sure, and the end time conditions are becoming more and more evident, and things are continuing to take on shape according to the prophetic plan. It is so comforting to the child of God to remember the words of Jesus, "Lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh" Luke 21:28. For the Saint of God, the future was never brighter; for the unsaved, the future was never darker. How glad we ought to be that in the face of what is before us we can be called the sons of God.





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## Aims of Woman's Auxiliary

We are "laborers together with God"

as we  
"Launch out into the deep"

of

- I. ENLISTMENT
- II. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
- III. MISSIONS
- IV. STEWARDSHIP
- V. BENEVOLENCES

## Co-operation

The forces arrayed against the progress of the Gospel are mighty and sinister. We cannot meet these mighty opponents of the cross of Christ in isolated groups. We must bring to bear upon the problems that confront us in the evangelization and Christianization programs that we are launching the impact of our whole denomination.

## Both Methods and Work

We must not make our method our goal. What is the use of fattening the horse and decorating the harness if we do not hitch up to anything? Studying methods as an end is fattening the horse; putting methods into

practice is plowing the land. Why do we fatten the horse? To pull the plow, of course. The field with the growing crop is the objective.

## Bugger Hunting Free Will Baptists

Kate was a big black mule my father had on the farm. Kate would work anywhere and do anything that a mule could do, but she had one bad trait: She was always looking for and seeking "buggers".

That would not have been so bad if looking for "buggers" had been all, but when Kate found, or thought she found a "bugger", that simply ended it with her. She stopped right there. She would not go forward another step. Kate was a good mule, but awfully annoying at times.

There are some Free Will Baptists like Kate. They are out looking for "buggers". This has been about the chief business for the past fifteen years of a certain class. "Bugger" hunting Free Will Baptists will never build the kingdom of God.

## Earthly Investments in God's Kingdom

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, North Carolina

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also" Matt. 6:19-21.

How few of us are really heeding this admonition of our blessed Savior. We profess to be His followers, yet so often our selfish conduct betrays us to the world. So many struggle to heap up treasures upon earth, while we let the cause of Christ languish and die for lack of the very things that is in our power to give. The redemption of man made necessary the precious gift of the only begotten Son of God, and that through this gift we are enabled to embrace, not only every blessing which we enjoy here, but the joy and glory of the life to come. In realizing the investment that God made through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we should, through our gratitude to Him, count it a blessed privilege to make as large investments as possible

in "earthly" interests that pertain to the kingdom of God, being assured that the deposits we send up to Him never depreciate in value, but are placed to our credit in the great heart of a loving Father. The first and greatest investment is in giving ourselves to the Master. When we do this unreservedly, we have opened an "account" that God can draw upon and use in whatever capacity He deems best. Because of this, we are in a position to add to our "account" daily, by sending up material that can be multiplied and compounded to our eternal credit.

Our world today is in a great upheaval, death and destruction is all around us, "perilous times", such as we've never seen before, are driving people from one extreme to another, and the Church of God is face to face with, perhaps, the greatest crisis in its history. In lieu of this fact, I would that the women of our beloved denomination — women who love God and who are keenly interested in the extension work of His kingdom — become, if possible, more sacrificial in preparing themselves for actual service.

We have missionaries to be supported at home and abroad, our educational program is calling to us, our retired, afflicted preachers must not be neglected, our orphanages and other benevolences cannot operate without means. When we invest our time, talents and our money in these God-given interests, we are "laying up treasures in heaven" that will never fade away. The greatest of all "treasures" and the ones that God is most concerned about, is human souls. Winning the lost to Christ is the most sacred and the most sublime investment we can make in the extension of the kingdom of our Lord. "I believe that when I get to heaven, I shall find some one there whom I led to Christ," was a given expression by a good woman sometime ago. Next to seeing my Savior face to face, I believe seeing some dear soul that I had been instrumental in bringing to the Master, would bring the greatest joy to my soul.

All other investments, whether large or small, would sink into insignificance in the rapture of knowing that through the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I had won a soul to Him.

May we not shirk our responsibilities and obligations.





# The Hour for Prayer - July 1941



## Mrs. Fannie Polston, Tennessee

In the present plan of the Woman's Auxiliary there are three vital features involved: prayer, organization, and instruction. Prayer is mentioned first. That is where the Lord put it in His own ministry. Before choosing the twelve apostles Luke says that Jesus "continued all night in prayer". We may have devoted much time to organization and study, but we are not fully prepared for service until we have prayed.

It is gratifying to know that there was much fervent prayer among burdened hearts before the meeting of the Auxiliary Convention and National Association at Paintsville last year. This accounts for the fine spirit and enthusiasm that characterized that meeting. May it continue not only until July but indefinitely. Perhaps never before has there been such thorough organization among Free Will Baptists as now. Jesus would not undertake to feed the five thousand until He had them thoroughly organized.

Never in all our history have Free Will Baptists made such an effort to give instruction to every member of every church. Rev. L. R. Ennis spent one week in our local church trying to lead us into a deeper spiritual life. Our hearts ached over the ache in his heart as he helped us to see how unnecessary the condition of our work is, and how easily it could be changed if we would adopt the plan our Lord gave the disciples in Jerusalem—to wait together in prayer until our hearts are purified and made willing to do whatever the Holy Spirit shall ask of us. So I am making this request of every one who reads these lines.

Will you on July 8, 1941, set aside the whole day for prayer and fasting?

Pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our work, and for a revival of true religion in our midst.

Pray for an educational institution in which ministers and Christian workers may be trained.

Pray for missionaries on the field. Pray that Miss Barnard's needs may be met. Pray for the home mission efforts.

A united petition in faith, by God's people, would move the world. Let us pray with a definite aim, and let

us couple with our prayers earnest and sincere efforts that we may be truly successful in the work the Lord has given us to do.

Remember the day—July 8, 1941.

Remember the aim—fast and pray.

Remember the objectives—

a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

a revival of true religion in our midst,

for missions and missionaries and their needs,

a Free Will Baptist educational institution for Christian workers.

## What Are Your Desires?

*Miss Mary Patton, Tennessee*

**T**HAT you, dear reader, may enjoy this discussion, stop right here and make your very best wish. Be sure its your very best wish, your deepest and most sincere desire, for this article is going to be about it. Take a good long minute of concentration. There! Have you made it? All right. Now we can proceed. Let's notice three remarkable facts about that wish of yours.

First, your wish may be your prayer. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick interprets prayer as "the heart's dominant desire". "Every wish is with God a prayer" says Mrs. Browning. Whatever be the words of your lips, it is the meditations of your heart that really count. So watch those deep desires. In our prayer, we simply bring those deep desires of our heart out into the white light of God's presence. How do they seem when God and I look at them together? Coleridge said:

"If for any wish thou darst not pray,

Then pray to God to cast that wish away."

Second, your wish is the architect of your life. No force outside a person determines so much what he is to become as the powerful drive of dominant desire from within. So look at that wish. You thought you made it? Oh no! It is making you!

Third, your wish is your measure. Did you wish for great wealth? Too bad. You're rather ordinary, for most

small souls want wealth. It's their only chance to seem important or to wield power. Did you wish for a mansion in which to live, and all the lovely furnishings that go into such? You're small! Such elegance smothers great souls. The Greatest of all "had not where to lay his head". Greatness and simplicity are twins. Did you wish to lord it over others, and be surrounded by your inferiors? I'm sorry, for this shows that you are common. It took the Son of God to gird himself with a towel and wash the feet of little men quarreling over who should be greatest. Little souls are always seeking and always wishing for dictatorial powers. Their inferiority unconsciously drives them to try to make up outwardly for what they lack inwardly. But they never really succeed. There is an old saying which is still true: "The more you polish a bad apple the more you increase its power to disappoint in the real test." I hope your wish concerned some value on the inside of you, and not some mere external thing. Of course now, all wishes concerned with externals are not cheap, nor are all wishes centered within worthy.

Too, I hope your wish took a long look. Little souls are shortsighted. Always they are choosing some little but immediate good at the cost of some greater but more distant good. Great souls never get a little want so close that it hides greater wants which are more distant.

The more people whose welfare and happiness are tied up with the fulfillment of our ambitions, the bigger and richer the life we can live. May I refer you to a man who lived once on earth and whose wishes, whose supreme desire was the fullest abundance of life for every person? He pursued that mission without regard to consequences. He died on a cross. But a life of such magnitude as that could not be put out. He came back. He lives today. He is carrying on today through every person who will stretch the range of his desires to encompass the salvation of the lost and the least.

How do the desires of your heart look to Him?

"If you want to be rich, Give!

"If you want to be poor, Grasp!

If you want abundance, Scatter!

If you want to be needy, Hoard!"





# PROGRAM PLANS



## Sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention Drumright, Oklahoma, July 14 & 15, 1941

### Tentative Program

Program Theme: "Extending God's Kingdom"  
Song: "Give of Your Best to the Master"  
Scripture: "Laborers together with God" 1 Cor. 3:9.

### Monday Evening

7:45 — "Extending the Kingdom of God through Stewardship".....Mrs. H. W. Christian, Tennessee  
8:00 — Special Music.  
8:15 — Sermon: "Extending the Kingdom of God through the Field of Missions".....Miss Laura Belle Barnard, of Georgia, Missionary returned from India.

### Tuesday Morning

9:00 — Registration.  
9:30 — "Our Responsibility in the Extension of God's Kingdom".....Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Illinois  
9:45 — Address of Welcome.....Miss Marjorie Smith  
Response.....Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, North Carolina

9:50 — Remarks by the President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, N. C.  
10:00 — Minutes and Roll Call.  
10:10 — Appointment of Committees.  
10:15 — Business: Reports of Vice Presidents.  
11:00 — Congregational Singing.  
11:15 — Convention Sermon: Rev. Winford Davis, Missouri  
12:00 — Lunch.

### Tuesday Afternoon

1:00 — Devotional....Mrs. L. E. Ballard, North Carolina  
1:15 — Report of General Secretary, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Tennessee.  
1:30 — Business Session:  
Reading of Minutes of the morning session.  
Election of officers.  
Reading and approving minutes.  
Adjournment.

The music of this Convention will be under the direction of Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, North Carolina.

### A Testing Hour

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention meets in a crucial and testing hour. It will be a tragedy—a crime—for us to prove ourselves little women in such a time as this. Surely this is a day for sanity, vision, and a consuming passion for the lost and helpless peoples of the nations, driven like sheep without a shepherd. For the days ahead, from every fireside and altar of prayer there should ascend, daily to God, who hears and answers prayers, one united, fervent appeal that our people gathered in annual meetings, may have insight and understanding of the times in which we are living and, like Israel of old, know what God would have us do.

### What Can We Do?

Right now, see that your state Auxiliary president (or district Auxiliary president, if your state has no Auxiliary convention) has filled out in full the new report blank found in the 1940-41 Year Book and has mailed it, with your National Convention dues (10c per member), to Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tennessee.

The presidents are responsible for all the reports this year. "Guard that which is committed to thy trust," presidents.

### Our National Auxiliary Convention

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President, N. C.

The nearer the time for our Annual National Auxiliary Convention, the more anxious I am to meet with our good women, and the more hopeful I am that Vice Presidents will be prepared, not only to give glowing reports of the year's work in their respective departments, but that they may come with hearts full of zeal and on fire with the Holy Spirit, to render valuable service during the session, keeping uppermost in our minds that our theme, "Extending God's Kingdom", means more than mere lip expression. It means that we must make a greater surrender of self, if need be, that the kingdom of our God may be extended—that we may, with His help, look with a greater longing in our hearts on the "field already ripe unto harvest", and realize that God is calling us more urgently than ever before, perhaps, to "go work in His vineyard," for souls are perishing while we tarry.

Let each of us be much in prayer and supplication, that the Holy Spirit will direct and lead during our meditations, discussions, decisions and in all of our activities during the entire session, and that we shall be better prepared than ever before to enter in a larger, more effectual manner, the field of service and sacrifice, in behalf of the extension of God's kingdom.

May we "Give of our Best to the Master," not only today, but always, whenever and wherever He calls us to serve.

### Nat'l Auxiliary Convention Welcomed to Oklahoma

Eld. Hattie Newman, President of State Missions of Oklahoma

We are happy to send this greeting, for our hearts are rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord, and His goodness in once again paving the way that we might mingle our prayers and blessings together.

The good pastor and wonderful members of the Drumright church are preparing for the physical comforts of their guest with Christian hospitality.

The First Mission Association has responded with zealous loyalty in aiding their sister church in preparing for the National Association. As a state, we are rejoicing to have the National Association convene with us.

Our preparations are not all physical. We are making spiritual preparations as well.

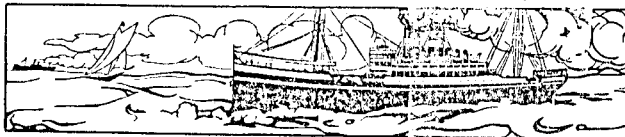
We are fervently praying God's protection on you, as you journey hither. We are evoking Divine Guidance throughout all the business sessions. We are sincerely petitioning God to reveal His holy power—to feed us on heavenly food and to miraculously save the lost.

We, the State of Oklahoma, await your coming with joy.

May the Peace of the Spirit abide with you.



## The World For Christ



Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Texas, Chairman

## Missionary Department



### Missions and Prayer

Many times have we heard it said that the greatest thing we can do for missions is to pray. This is in line with the New Testament.

In Matthew 9:38, Jesus exhorted His disciples to pray "the Lord of harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest."

We can see quite clearly from this passage that three things go together:

1. Realize the need.
2. Pray God to meet the need.
3. Work with Him to meet the need.

God has limited Himself. He works through our prayers and our efforts. He awaits our prayers. He works through them. Will we co-operate with Him for a great missionary advance?

To help us to be more concerned about, more compassionate for, and more jealous to co-operate with our missionaries, we are printing extracts from letters received from them that Free Will Baptist women everywhere may

1. Realize the need.
2. Pray God to meet the need.
3. Work with Him to meet the need.

### In Jaruco, Cuba

May 27, 1941

I was indeed so happy to hear from you, and trust that you will write often. We wish our people could only realize what letters mean to us. We feel so far away sometimes, and miss the fellowship of our own.

I wish that you might have been with us Sunday for a convention in the country. We left early, in our car, went as far as Hershey, ten miles away, then took a train for ten more miles, and were met there by men with horses. We rode for miles and miles on horseback through the most beautiful country I have ever seen. We finally dismounted at a little country church, all white washed and clean with a thatched roof. This was about nine o'clock; the church was already full. We had service all day, prayer, testimonies and sermons. What a precious time it was, even though I sat on the most uncomfortable board one could find. But that was forgotten in wonder and deep gratitude for the fine spirit we found among these humble farm folk. They would put many

of our churches to shame with their reverence and child-like faith in Christ. What splendid Christians the Cubans make. I'm still wondering what it is that makes them thus, outside the power of the Holy Spirit, for they are naturally not a stable people, it must be the persecution.

I read with particular interest your plan for getting an enlarged vision of missions before our people. May God bless and guide you. We are always at your service if we can be of help. Thanks so much for your prayers.

Grateful to be your missionary,

—Mabel Willey.

### In Upata, Venezuela

May 27, 1941

My subject is, "What Free Will Baptists are doing in South America to carry out the Great Commission." I happen to be the only Free Will Baptist in this place, but will endeavor to tell you a bit about our work here.

Upata is the home of fourteen priests, several nuns, and has a Catholic seminary on the outskirts of town. The Saint's days and feasts are all observed strictly. It is a hard place in which to work, for while we are not persecuted openly, yet we feel the influence of the priests when we deal with the lost from time to time. One thing, however, we do have favor with the authorities of the town, and are able to have our meetings with very little disturbance, for which we praise God.

I shall now give you a little glimpse into one of our meetings. A small group has gathered. One can see by the look upon their faces that they have been brought from darkness into the *Glorious Light*. A hymn is announced in which all join in singing, lustily if not harmoniously, in praise to Him, the altogether *Lovely One*.

They listen to the message that falls from the lips of the missionary. Some times one is made to wonder if they really are listening, for their attention seems to be elsewhere than upon the message. But, yes, they hear it. How do I know? Because at the very next meeting held in the country, I will hear this same message from lips of one of our good deacons who can neither read nor write, but who loves the Lord, and has a passion for lost

souls.

Four services are held in the town at the mission chapel. A few unsaved come to these meetings but most of them hear the message from listening outside the large barred windows. Children's meetings are held on Sunday afternoons, using the flannelgraph Scripture lessons. Some children who are prohibited to attend the meetings listen outside the windows, where they also have a good view of the pictures. They are almost always glad to receive the cards, containing a picture and a Scripture verse, which I give out at the close of the service.

We have a class of young girls which we call the *Obreras Listas*, or "Ready Workers". They meet for class on each Saturday afternoon, and afterward we go to give out tracts. The people here are anxious to obtain reading matter, and seldom refuse to take them. Occasionally some one informs us they are Catholics and so cannot take our literature, and of course that opens up the way to present the way of salvation.

The Tuesday evening services are held mostly in the country places or, if in town, in some place where there is an opportunity to give a testimony. We take along our portable victrola and some Spanish gospel records. The victrola is very old and decrepit, and we have a lot of trouble with it, but we praise God for it and the records, for they are a great attraction and many gather when they hear the music start. Afterwards one of the native brethren gives a short message. Then we set out on the homeward journey, arriving tired, but happy to have had the opportunity to witness for our Lord once again.

So thus it goes from week to week: many times discouraged, but not cast down. Results often seem small. So many places to reach and so few to go. At times the task seems almost too great for our strength. Yet in spite of it all we are happy. We are trying to faithfully sow the seed, knowing that the Lord of the Harvest will give the increase. We praise the Lord for those that He has given us, for those He is giving from time to time and for those He is going to give us in the days to come.

—Bessie Yeley



# Program National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

Free Will Baptist Church, Drumright, Oklahoma

Sunday and Monday, July 13 - 14, 1941

## Sunday Night

7:45 — Song and Prayer Service, Rev. Marvin Dalton.

8:15 — Sermon, Rev. Damon Dodd.

## Monday Morning

9:00 — Devotional, Rev. George La Shum.

9:15 — Convention called to order by secretary;  
President takes charge.

9:20 — Appointment of Credentials Committee.  
Appointment of Finance Committee.

9:25 — Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates.

9:30 — "We are glad to have you", Rev. H. E. Staires.

9:40 — "Thank you, we are glad to be here", Mr. Raymond Sasser.

9:50 — General Officer's Reports:

President, W. E. Coville

Vice President, L. E. Duncan

Secretary, Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith

Assistant Secretary, Miss Milda Huggins

Treasurer, W. L. Williams

Director of Organization, Rev. William Reeves

Director of Denominational Enterprises,  
Rev. L. C. Johnson

Director of Records and Reports,

Rev. L. H. Wetherington

Director of Literature, Rev. L. R. Ennis

Director of Publicity, Rev. K. V. Shutes

11:00 — Report of Credentials Committee.

11:10 — Election of Officers.

11:30 — Appointment of Business Resolutions Committee.

11:35 — "Progress Made in Our State Conventions"—Round  
table discussion, all State Convention presidents  
participating.

12:00 — Refreshments.

## Monday Afternoon

1:30 — Devotional, Rev. R. R. Harris

1:45 — President's Message.

2:00 — Business Session:

Reading of minutes of morning session.

Enrollment of ministers and delegates late in  
arriving.

Report of Business Resolutions Committee.

3:30 — "Our Institute Work", Miss Jean Welch.

3:45 — Introduction of Six Point Record System Supplies.

4:00 — Miscellaneous Business.

5:00 — Final Adjournment.

NOTE — Rev. Marvin Dalton will arrange and direct  
the song services throughout the session.

The president requests that all general officers be pres-  
ent at the church at 7:00 o'clock on Sunday night for a  
meeting of the Executive Board.

## Report to the National

### Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

Report of ..... State Convention for year  
ending ..... 19....

Number of District Conventions in State Convention ....

Number of District Conventions not affiliated with State  
Convention .....

Number of local Sunday schools represented in the State  
Convention through District Conventions .....

Number of local Sunday schools not affiliated with Dis-  
trict or State Convention .....

Total number of Sunday school members in State Con-  
vention .....

Total number of Sunday school members not in State  
Convention .....

Number of converts from schools in State Convention .....

Number of additions to church from Sunday schools in  
State Convention .....

Number of Sunday School Training Institutes conducted  
in State Convention .....

Number of Sunday schools in Convention that have  
attained the Standard .....

Number of District Conventions organized in state dur-  
ing past year .....

Number of local Sunday schools organized in state dur-  
ing past year .....

Amount contributed to Missions \$.....; Education  
\$.....; Orphanage \$.....; Other  
Enterprises \$.....

Amount of Convention dues received by State Conven-  
tion \$.....

Amount of dues paid to National Convention \$.....

....., President

Complete Address .....

....., Secretary

Complete Address .....

NOTE — District Conventions or local schools may use  
this form if they report direct to the National Convention.  
A few changes may necessarily have to be made if this  
is done.

Too low they build who build be-  
neath the stars. — Dr. Young.

The man who wastes today lament-  
ing yesterday will waste tomorrow  
lamenting today. — Philip M. Raskin.

Life is a failure if it is lived out  
side the will of God.

A man who dares to waste one hour  
of life has not discovered the value  
of life.

Keep out of the suction of those  
who drift backward. — E. K. Piper

An able man shows his spirit by  
gentle words and resolute actions. —  
Chesterfield.

He is not only idle who does nothing,  
but he is idle who might be better  
employed. — Socrates.

The man who ridicules honesty,  
virtue and truth may not be insane,  
but he might as well be.

Awake, arise, or be forever fallen.  
— Milton.



# Activities of the Churches

## Allen Chapel Church Report

Batesville, Arkansas

Rev. H. A. Lewis, Pastor

Mrs. O. V. Tadlock, Reporter

Dear Editor of the Gem:

We had splendid services at the Allen Chapel Church the fourth Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night in May. Our beloved pastor, Rev. H. A. Lewis, preached three inspiring sermons to large crowds. His subject Sunday at eleven o'clock was "Heaven". He told us so many lovely things about the future abode of the saved that we are more determined to gain a home over there.

Sunday afternoon, thirty persons from our church accompanied Bro. Lewis to Weaver's Chapel, twelve miles north of here, where he delivered a very inspiring message on "Love". We made the trip in a truck and enroute sang songs of praise that those along the way might know "whom we serve".

People visiting our church from other communities tell us we have a remarkable church so I will tell of some of our activities. We have prayer meeting each Saturday night at the church and each Tuesday night at some home in the community.

We have Sunday school each Sunday. Lyle Cartwright is superintendent and Mrs. O. V. Tadlock is secretary. Teachers are Mrs. J. J. Long, Mrs. Walbert Leonard, Mrs. Deward Bonner and Mrs. Cay Hynes.

We have both junior and senior league each Sunday night. Cleo Manuel is senior league president, Opal Staggs, vice president, and Mrs. Ralph Johnston, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. O. V. Tadlock is sponsor of the junior league.

We use Free Will Baptist literature in our Sunday school and both leagues.

Our pastor preaches each fourth Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. We usually have large and attentive crowds.

Our church is putting forth every effort to get ready for the Arkansas State Association, which will meet at the Allen Chapel Church in October. We have a field of 13 acres of cotton which was planted and is being cultivated by members of the church and community to help finance this Association. Each woman in the

church has promised to raise 15 chickens for the association. Eight persons have planted a 100 pound sack of potatoes each to raise potatoes for this purpose. Some others have planted extra rows of peas and beans, and some are feeding hogs for meat. One man is fattening a beef. We are expecting a very large crowd and are making every effort to be ready to care for the crowds. We are expecting spiritual blessings from this association too, and are trusting the Lord to send them.

The Lord has been very good to us in the past and we thank Him so much for our Christian community, where we can raise our children amid Christian influences. We have a fine group of young people and Saturday night finds them at prayer meeting instead of at town attending worldly amusements. Why? Because they have always gone to church services, and it is as much a habit to go to church on Saturday night as it is for others to go to town. Help us pray for them that they may continue in this way.

## QUARTERLY MEETING of First Mission Association of Oklahoma

Eld. F. C. Zinn, Moderator

Eld. Elnora Gilbert, Clerk

The Third Quarterly Meeting of First Mission Association convened with the Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church, near Collinsville, Oklahoma, Wednesday morning, May 21, with the retiring moderator, Elder Harry Staires of Drumright, Oklahoma, in charge. Ova Stallcup, a young minister of Drumright, ably delivered the introductory message, using as his topic, "The Road to Power".

Thursday morning, Eld. F. C. Zinn of Bristow, Oklahoma, was elected moderator.

The committee on divine worship presented the names of the following ministers to preach during the session. Thursday morning, Elder Hattie Newman and Eld. W. E. Warner; Thursday night, Eld. Rex Weatherman and Eld. Melvin Bingham; Friday morning, Eld. Newby, a visiting evangelist of Roberts-McGee Association, and Eld. Harry Staires.

The Spirit of Divine Guidance was mightily manifested throughout the meeting. Each message was as a round in Jacob's ladder, and in the closing hour we knew the windows of Heaven had been opened for the showers of blessings poured. The shouts, laughter and tears of God's adoring children were intermingled.

Thursday night, Sister Cammie Pickett, of Tulsa, Okla., was ordained to preach the Gospel. The charge was delivered by Eld. Melvin Bingham.

Several specials were rendered during the devotional hours.

An outstanding achievement, and a vast step toward the advancement of encouraging our young folk, was accomplished with the election of the League Board, which is comprised of Elders R. G. Lane, John West, D. B. Hillard, Rex Weatherman, and Nealy Huff. They are to co-operate with Elder Harry Staires and Elder Hattie Newman in organizing the plans for this year's youth camp.

The Allen Church and Shawnee Church were received by petitionary letters into full fellowship of the Association. We feel strengthened by their coming, knowing they shall aid us in our conquest for the glorification of our Redeemer.

The good pastor, Alfred Coursey, his wife, and the wonderful members of the Zion Hill Church are to be praised for their true Christian hospitality in their care for the Association. May God bless each of you.

Father, we thank thee for thy care,  
Thy love, Thy mercies, and Thy blessings fair,

For joy in sorrow, for peace in strife,  
But most of all for the Son of Life.

## Plaster's Grove Church Thompsonville, Illinois

Greetings to all in the name of Jesus.  
This is my first letter to the Gem. I wish to make a report of our church and Auxiliary work.

We have our church services twice a month; the first and third Sundays and the Saturday night preceding. We have Rev. Pat. Lairsey as our pastor and we have hired him again for the coming year.

We have about an average of forty in Sunday school. We also have a young people's meeting each Sunday



evening with a fair attendance; also have prayer meeting each Wednesday evening.

We have organized an Auxiliary in our church which was well attended.

I think that every church of the Free Will Baptists should get this Auxiliary work in their church. If all our churches would get behind it as they should we could see the good old Free Will Baptists grow by leaps and bounds. Jesus said, "Occupy till I come." It's not long, according to the signs, until He will be here. Are we going to prove true to Him that He may find us watching.

I am interested in the Free Will Baptist people. My training has been along that line. My grandfather, T. E. L. Curry, is a Free Will Baptist minister and moderator of the Fifth Sunday Meeting in Oklahoma. My father, Rev. C. O. Curry, was also a minister.

We are looking at this time to our quarterly meeting to be held the fifth Sunday in June. We are expecting a great time in the Lord.

Our home coming will be the fourth Sunday in July.

Pray for us, as an Auxiliary, and also don't forget to pray for the entire body of Plaster's Grove Church.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Irene Sullivan,

Pres. of W. A. of Plaster's Grove.

### East Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Gem Readers:

Isn't it wonderful to live in a country that you can speak the word "Jesus" any time you please? Have you ever thought how sweet it is just to hear the word "Jesus"?

As I read Mark 14:34, "And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch." It makes my heart ache to think how He must have suffered. He prayed that if it were possible the cup might pass from him, and when He came back He found them sleeping. We as followers of Jesus are like these men. We are supposed to be busy in the service of our Lord, but we are asleep on the cares of this world.

We are too timid when it comes to talking for Jesus; but how brave we can be when we are working for worldly possessions. Think how much greater Jesus pays off than the world does. Isaiah 64:4, "For since the beginning of the world men have not

heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside Thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."

Suppose you and I were expecting Jesus to take dinner with us today as a man in flesh, yet we would know it is Jesus. Do you think we would have this old house in which our soul dwells clean enough for Jesus? If not, let's think of some things we would want to do before Jesus gets here as our guest. Let's think! Have we any ill will toward anyone? Are we backbiters? How we will say things that we shouldn't sometimes about people. Some of us would be far from lying, stealing, and adultery, and yet we are guilty of the commandment, "Thou shalt not bare false witness against thy neighbor."

Are we stumbling blocks in our church? Do we dwell in unity and one accord as Jesus said to do? Come on, Free Will Baptists, everywhere, let's lay aside every sin that doeth so easily beset us and get on the altar for Jesus and let Him work through us. Let's fall on our knees and ask God to clean us up if we are guilty of any of these. Jesus can't use us if we won't let Him and He won't have us in His service if we aren't clean of sin.

Thank God for a home that is real, beyond this world, where strife or anything that belongs with the devil can not enter. John 14:2, "In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were no so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." How comforting these words are.

The Co-worker's Sunday School Class, of which I am a member, had a large attendance Sunday. We have a sweet fellowship in our class. We are glad to come together every Sunday morning and, naturally, we have a spiritual atmosphere as our pastor is our teacher. He makes the lesson real to us.

We were very happy to have our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. I. J. Blackwelder, back with us again Sunday. They have just returned from Florida where they spent a two week's vacation. When they returned home they were made happy by finding their dining table loaded with a shower of groceries of all kinds, with which the Sunday School had honored them. I feel sure they were not made any happier by finding them than we were by placing them there. The best way in all the world to be happy is to feel that we have made some one else

happy. "God loveth a cheerful giver."

When I read Sister Willey's letter in the May Gem, how little it made me feel to think of how much she is doing toward soul winning and how little I am doing. May God bless Brother and Sister Willey in every way. God bless our home mission workers, too, for there is much here to be done.

As you all pray, remember me that God may use me in every way possible in His service.

A Co-worker,

—Mrs. Vera Elliott.

### Free Will Baptist Church

Porterville, California

Rev. C. D. Findley, Pastor

Claribel Long, Clerk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I just received by Gem and in reading some of the good letters, I feel like I would like to write again.

I was so much impressed with the letter from New Hope Church, in Texas. It encourages me to hear of the younger ones taking part in church work. The reporter said she was 13 years old, and she made mention of two other youngsters, 10 and 12 years of age, that took part in our blessed Lord's Supper and feet washing. I think we should encourage our young Christians and pray earnestly for them. They need our prayers and help in this day and age of the world. I have a son 15 years old and a daughter 14. They are both Christians and it doesn't embarrass them to call on them to pray or lead prayer meeting. I am so thankful for them, they are such comfort to us. I have one daughter married and she is not a Christian. I am praying for her and her husband. They are good, moral, honest children, but they don't know God.

I have so much for which to be thankful. My husband's life has been spared, when the doctors said there was little chance, if any, for him to live. But God came on the scene, and he is still here and nearly well. While he was on the operating table the church was on their knees, and they prayed mightily in our behalf. How wonderful it is to know and feel our prayers are answered. I thought at that time I never would neglect my Savior's great work again. But so often I find myself and my mind taken up with the trials and cares of every day life. I am glad when I feel His chastening rod used on me, for I know



I need it and it brings me down.

Our church was organized one year ago tomorrow (June 4) with 11 members. We now have 36 members; 7 of them are non-resident members. We are all very poor, financially, but rich in the Spirit of God. We have a good prayer meeting and Sunday School.

We have re-elected Bro. Findley as our pastor for another year. He certainly has the church on his heart and feeds his flock on good spiritual food in the old time way.

We desire the prayers of all God's people.

### **Sandy City F. W. B. Church Catlettsburg, Kentucky**

*Rev. L. E. Collier, Pastor  
Gertrude Rowe, Reporter*

Dear Gem Readers:

We have just finished looking over our *Gem* and noting with interest the reports of the different and various churches. We haven't had time to read in detail as we only received it late this afternoon after coming from the office, but we always look forward to its coming.

Especially do we note with interest the reports of revivals, perhaps because, seemingly, in services of this kind is where we receive our greatest blessings. The revival at the Westwood Enterprise Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky, which had just begun when we last reported, closed after three weeks with 26 conversions.

On April 26 two carloads from Sandy City motored to Thealka, Kentucky, for the Johnson County Quarterly Conference. We enjoyed the services throughout the day, and especially the evening services when one young man was ordained to preach the Gospel.

On May 4, Brother Collier began a revival at the Pikeville Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, Kentucky. This was a two weeks' meeting with one conversion. The choir from Sandy City attended one night, and we're glad to report a good spiritual service, but little interest on the part of the unsaved was manifested. This is a new church and the people there need your prayers.

At this time Brother Collier is planning to begin a revival next Monday night (June 9) at the Montgomery Sunday School, Greenup County, Kentucky. We are planning to dismiss all services for the week of June 9 to 14 inclusive, and attending

the services there in a body each night. Several months ago a report of this Sunday School was sent in, and since that time interest has been steadily increasing.

Rev. Henry Geyer, one of our own members, with the co-operation of Sister Howes, who lives in that community, organized the Montgomery Sunday School May 26, 1940. Sunday, May 25, was their first anniversary with three at the altar and one saved. A spirit of conviction has been working through this congregation for sometime, and interest is high. From all reports there is a sign of an abundance of rain. We are expecting great services throughout the week, and ask an interest in your prayers that a new church will be organized there soon.

We are looking forward to our annual Communion and feet-washing services the first Sunday in July. Each year, for the past two years, over a hundred have taken part, and we are looking forward to a great day in the Lord again this year.

All services are holding up well at this time. Our Sunday School attendance has dropped some, but that is to be expected with school out and vacation time here. Continue to remember us in prayer, and may God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

### **Friendship F. W. B. Church near Ardmore, Oklahoma**

*Eld. G. W. Hanks, Pastor, Wilson, Okla.  
S. I. Butler, Reporter, Ardmore, Okla.*

Our regular meetings are the first and third Sundays in each month.

Bro. G. W. Hanks has been our faithful pastor since 1919. He has preached 390 funerals during his ministerial career, and has witnessed a great number of conversions. He has been very active in spreading the gospel and maintaining the Free Will Baptist organizations. We must give much credit to Sister Hanks, who is a real help-mate to Bro. Hanks.

Another valuable assistant to our pastor is our worthy deacon, Bro. W. I. Morris, who lives near the church. Bro. Morris is also Sunday school superintendent and one of the teachers. Sister Morris is also one of the teachers. Bro. J. L. Stubbfield is a member of the Executive Committee of Hopewell Association No. 2.

Our members are scattered and many of them do not attend regularly. We invite other Free Will Baptist ministers to come and preach for us.

We have lost in death our beloved brethren, W. I. Cypert, B. B. Robinson, and Harvey Raines since the last meeting of our Association. We pray God may comfort and sustain the bereaved ones.

The last quarterly meeting of the Hopewell Association No. 2 convened with the Caddo church near Alma, Okla., March 29, 1941. The meeting was harmonious with manifestation of the Holy Spirit from the beginning to the adjournment. Eld. Robinson of the Canadian Association visited with us and preached a good doctrinal sermon.

The next quarterly meeting will be held with the Pecan Grove church.

### **Fifth Month of Missionary Tour**

*H. M. and Lizzie McAdams*

Dear Co-workers:

Since our last report, we have visited and put both plans in 92 churches and have had 125 conversions and renewals. Our goal is 100 and we feel sure we will get a few more than that number. We expect to conduct one revival in Beaufort, N. C., before we start for the National Association. Pray for us to have a great victory.

Since our last report we have visited our church in Durham, N. C., where Bro. Henry Melvin is pastor. They have a beautiful new brick building, with around ten Sunday school rooms, we didn't get the exact number. They have a full basement and all beautifully finished. We feel that Brother Melvin has done a great work in Durham. We might compare him with the apostle Paul. We visited one of his sons in the gospel, Bro. Rivenbark, who has been saved in the Durham church and has gone out to fill a place in the white harvest field. He is now pastor of Hansly's Chapel in a new addition to Durham. The night we visited this church we had seven conversions and renewals. The Woman's Auxiliary meets five days out of the week, at 9:30 every morning, and has a prayer meeting. It is no wonder a revival is on all the time.

We attended one of these prayer meetings; it was the best we have been in for years — the old time power was felt. About 32 women prayed before we left. God bless the dear pastor and his church. We would like to mention all of our dear pastors but we can't. They have all been so nice to us on this missionary tour.

We only have one new church to



add to the honor roll and that is St. Louis, Missouri. We had hoped to have a number more for this month, but this is fine to just be the starting.

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### Black Oak Church Marshfield, Missouri

Rev. John Swaffar, Pastor  
Bertha Clift, Reporter

We are very happy to have a nice new church building at Black Oak, and feel we have been wonderfully blessed in rebuilding it. Many have helped with labor and money.

We have a fair Sunday school, one for which we are very thankful, and pray many more may become interested.

George and Georgie McNabb started a new interest among the young folks by having singing in their home during the rebuilding of the church. Some good voices are being found among the young people. A ten nights singing school was held in the new church a few weeks ago, being taught by Rob George of Niangua. Our pastor, John Swaffar, plans to help further with the training of voices.

We were very sad at loosing our old church building the first Saturday night in November. It and the contents burned, and we do not know what caused it to burn. It was a place dear to many people, having been built in 1893.

The new church is some larger, with a full basement. We have not bought seats yet. Some from another church not in use were loaned to us until we can get new ones. A nice picture was brought from Kansas for the church, a picture of Christ, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mourn of Hutchinson, Kansas. Mrs. Mourn was formerly Hester Ellis. She spent many of her girl-hood days around Black Oak. Loren Hargus bought two nice evergreens for the church yard. All of this thoughtfulness is much appreciated as are many more things we do not take time now to tell.

In spite of the expense of building a new church, we have raised around ten dollars for the educational fund to be sent in soon. Much credit for

this goes to the young men of this community who have taken a special interest in this fund. We pray that God will bless this good cause.

We have a large group of children and young people that show much interest and are very helpful, so we hope a great deal of good may come from Black Oak yet.

The first Sunday in June was our regular day for all day services and Communion. In the morning, Bro. Swaffar delivered a good sermon. At noon a basket dinner was spread and enjoyed by quite a number.

In the afternoon, some nice quartets and solos, as well as group singing, was enjoyed. A visiting minister from a nearby church talked to us a short time, making a nice talk that seemed to have the power of God in it. Following this talk a young woman was saved. It was good to have a day of nearness to God. It is thought only one charter member is left and she was present that day, Mrs. Annie (Clift) Hargus. The congregation enjoyed a handshake with her.

A number returned for communion services in the evening.

We had a special service and dinner at the church for our mothers on Mother's Day and plan much the same kind of a day for our fathers this coming Sunday, June 15.

May God bless everyone is my prayer.

### HEAVEN

By Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Ky.

The following was suggested by a message preached by Rev. L. H. Winchell of Dunham, Kentucky.

We read in the Bible of a city,  
A wonderful city we're told;  
We've heard and read of its beauty,  
And that the streets up there are pure gold.

That city up there is called Heaven,  
And Jesus, my Saviour, is there;  
He has gone to prepare a place for us  
In that wondrous city so fair.

Sometimes I get homesick for Heaven,  
And long for friends gone before,  
And Jesus who died upon Calvary,  
Who is waiting over there on that shore.

I know when my life here is ended,  
And death comes stealing into my room,  
Jesus will be near to lead me  
Through the valley of death to that Home.

### That Still Small Voice

By Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Ky.

Lots of times things go wrong,  
There seems no reason for going on,  
And yet I hear a still voice say,  
"Steal off somewhere alone and pray."

It's then I remember as Elijah of old,  
That God does not come in a whirl-  
wind bold,  
Neither in the earthquake or fire  
was He,  
But in a "still small voice" He speaks  
to me.

And then I know just what to do,  
And happy all the long day through,  
I sing and within my heart rejoice,  
Because I heard that "still small-  
voice".

### Onward

By Rev. Henry Geyer, Ashland, Ky.

When Noah went into the ark,  
As God had planned to be,  
He organized the beasts in pairs,  
Eventually there were three.

Their number kept increasing,  
In God's love there is strength;  
A little flame when multiplied  
Is mighty hard to quench.

This is what will happen  
When God's word we understand,  
That individual men do count,  
And they must show their hand.

When men come to realize  
That in the old, old story  
Jesus died for all and not for one,  
The golden truth will be shining.

Then petty hates and jealousies,  
And political differences too,  
Will disappear like melted snow  
As God's love comes shining through.

When men are joined together  
To fight for the holy Cause,  
Their minds should be centered  
On this one great clause.

As long as we have Jesus,  
And harmony casts its glow,  
Then come what may, rough or smooth,  
It's forward we must go.

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## Attention! Missouri Sunday School Workers

By the time you read this, our National Sunday School Convention will be near. We are looking forward with great interest to our convention. We hope to see some plans worked out that will help our work everywhere.

We are hoping to see a large number of our state workers there. Our Sunday School Convention will meet Monday, July 14.

Now, I am wondering how many are planning to enter our state contest, published in the May issue of the *Gem*. We would like for every one to write a letter on the subject of "An Ideal Sunday School Convention" for we are all interested in bigger and better Sunday Schools. Your idea may be just the one we need to build on.

We will write to you in the next issue from the National Convention, if God permits, of our national plans. Yours for the Cause of Sunday Schools,  
—Rev. Wm. Reeves, Mine La Motte, Mo.

## Revival

We have the report of a ten nights' revival at Mill Creek, Missouri, conducted by Rev. Chas. Isaac and assisted by Rev. George Miller. The meeting is reported as being very good, considering everything.

Also, Rev. Buel Bates from West Virginia is conducting a revival at the Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, where Rev. Mark Lewis is pastor. Bro. Bates is 24 years old and has been ordained eight years. Success is reported to date. — Editor.

## Flint, Michigan

To Our Beloved Paper, the *Gem*:

Again it is my pleasure to write a few lines. I just want to say that I still enjoy reading the *Gem* each month. I look forward to it; it is a wonderful paper.

Over a year ago I let Jesus come into my heart and life, and how He has blessed my soul. It is very true that I am enjoying my Christian life more and more each day.

Some people say to me, "Don't you ever get tired of going to church?" That seems silly to me, if they really had the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts they would understand all about it.

I would rather have the old fashioned salvation than anything I know of. I am still praising the Lord we still

have a few old time churches and Christians left. When I say old time churches, I simply mean the kind of church you feel welcome to shout, cry, and sing as the Spirit leads. Our fathers and mothers in the years past shouted, so why can't we? We still

have the same God and the same Bible. My opinion is that some of the people don't have enough of the good old heartfelt religion. There is too much style and proud hearts. Folks, let's be humble and keep praying.

—Mrs. Earl Jones.

# Obituaries & Memorials

**GAINES**—Frank Gaines was born at Coldwater, Georgia, September 6, 1867. He came to Texas in the fall of 1891. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Franklin Elliott December 28, 1895. He has been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for 37 years.

He is survived by seven children, five girls and two boys. They are as follows: Mrs. Thelma Loudermilk, Downing, Texas; Mrs. J. D. Jaynes, Merkel, Texas; Rev. Marlon Gaines, Comanche, Texas; Vernon Gaines, Hasse, Texas; Miss Isler Gaines, Comanche, Texas; Mrs. Hazel Vineyard and Mrs. Lometa Evans, Soda Springs, Texas. He also leaves to mourn, five sisters, one brother, fourteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Uncle Frank, as he was known throughout the neighborhood, reached the age of 73 years, 8 months, and 16 days. His wife preceded him in death only seven months and ten days, the writer having conducted her funeral also. I also conducted the funeral of Brother Easley, retired Free Will Baptist minister, the only one who passed away at Gartman's View, between the passing of Mr. and Mrs. Gaines.

Brother Gaines was blessed with the characteristic of usually smiling upon greeting some one. He was loved by his neighbors and friends. Shortly before his death he expressed his readiness to die. It seemed, however, that he was recuperating to the extent that he was contemplating on returning home. Suddenly a change came whereby he died at a time unexpected. May the Lord truly be near unto all of the children who have lost both of their parents within a little longer time than six months.

—J. K. Wakentin.

**EVANS**—William Thurman Evans was born March 7, 1881, in Jackson, Ohio. He was the eldest son of David and Elizabeth Johnson Evans. He departed this life April 22, 1941, at the home of his son, Clarence Evans of Slocum, Ohio, at the age of 60 years, 1 month and 15 days. He had been

in ill health the last four years, and death was attributed to complications.

Surviving are his wife, Cora Yeley Evans, and these children: Everett Evans of Minford, Ohio; Raymond Evans of Portsmouth, Ohio; Mrs. Hazel Stewart of Sciotoville, Ohio; Mrs. Bernice Campbell of New Boston, Ohio; and Clarence Evans. He also leaves 21 grand children and these brothers and sisters: David of Chicago, Ill.; Pearl and Mrs. Rachel McWilliams of Athens, Ohio; Mrs. Mildred Redwine and Mrs. Nora Walton of New Boston, Ohio; and Mrs. Elizabeth Sherman of Buffalo, Ohio; and a host of relatives and friends.

In 1930 he was converted and baptized, and joined the Porter Free Will Baptist Church of which he has been a true and faithful member. Five years ago he was ordained as deacon and also served as trustee until death. He shall be missed for his place will be vacant.

The vernal gates were opened,  
A gentle voice said, "Come",  
And God reached down His loving hand  
And called our loved one home.

We loved him, yes, we loved him,  
But Jesus loved him more,  
And so He called our father  
To yonder shining Shore.

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our beloved husband and father, Rev. E. T. House, who passed away two years ago, May 29, 1939.

Faithful and honest in all his ways,  
Devoted and true to the end of his days;

A loving husband and father, gentle and kind,  
What a beautiful memory he leaves behind.

Sadly missed by wife, Mary A. House and children.

**WHITE**—Charles White was born near Laport, Black Hawk County, Iowa, August 16, 1863 and passed away at his home, 827 Griffith Avenue, Aurora, Missouri, May 13, 1941, at the age of 77 years, 8 months and 27 days.

He was married early in life. To



this union was born four children; three preceded him in death. In 1904 he married Gillie Doud. He leaves his wife, one son, Walter, of Sumter, S. C., and one grandson, Clarence Mills, of Joplin, Mo., who was at his bedside when he passed away.

#### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Sister Sibellah Long, of Marquand, Missouri, a loving wife and mother who passed away June 24, 1940.

I have wondered alone in this world,  
mother,  
Since Jesus came and took you away;  
But I know I will meet you again,  
mother,  
In the morning of the last day.

For I know He is coming after me,  
mother,  
When the trials of this life are all done,  
And take me away to that place,  
mother,  
There to be with father and you at home.

I want to be ready to go, mother,  
For we know not the day nor the hour,  
When Jesus will come back to earth,  
mother,  
To raise all the saints with His power.  
The graves of the saints He will break,  
mother,  
The dead then in Christ will arise,  
And then we'll be changed like He  
said, mother,  
And meet all the saints in the skies.  
—A Friend, Mrs. Lizzie Hill,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

## Special Historical Article

### Free Will Baptist History in Southern Oklahoma

By S. I. Butler, R. 2, Ardmore, Okla.

IN June of 1894, Elder John Martin (now deceased) conducted a revival meeting at Brown school house near the town of Keller, Pickins County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. The revival meeting was the old time union meeting where all of God's people came together for the purpose of getting sinners to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The revival was reasonably successful.

In July of 1894, Dr. Maxwell of Center, Indian Territory, assisted by Elder Martin and others, conducted a real old time revival meeting. People came to this meeting from distant neighborhoods. There were plenty of shouting and praising of God by the saints, and sinners were saved in great numbers. Dr. Maxwell baptized 54 in the old public tank (pool).

It was during this revival that the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church was organized. Elder John Martin was elected pastor and G. W. Hanks and J. T. Butler were elected and ordained as deacons.

Just here we will add that other church organizations received a considerable number of members.

Bethany church continued to grow and have great revival meetings every year for a number of years. The revivals were when people got happy and could feel their religion and be friends and neighbors. Bethany's influence for law and order was greater than any federal court that ever existed. Other ministers that helped in Bethany's revival meetings were Elders Jim Wheeler, Sam Huckaby, and C. Stetson, the cowboy preacher and debater. Later, other ministers who came Bethany's way were Elder A. J. Barton and his father, Elders J. A. Caskey, T. R. Kamplain, D. Hasting, J. R. Standifer, L. S. Lisenby,

J. S. Hicks, George Hicks, T. Maynard and others that we may call to your attention later in this article.

Bethany church went into the organization of the old Eureka Association. Rev. T. Maynard, now living near Comanché, Okla., was clerk of the Eureka Association. Later the Hopewell Association was organized and the Bethany church affiliated with it. For a number of years the Hopewell Association served nearly all of southern Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). The delegates and ministers had to go long distances in wagons, on horseback, and on trains in order to get to the sessions of the association. However, the going was worthwhile because of the happy spiritual meetings, the friendships, and love feasts that we had when we did get together. The writer was, for a time, clerk of Hopewell Association. We would be glad to meet again with the folks in old Hopewell Association.

Elder Kirkendall, an educated Missionary Baptist preacher, challenged Elder Charles Stetson, the cowboy Free Will Baptist preacher, to a debate on the identity of the church, on "Once in Grace Always" and "Feet Washing". The debate ended in victory for Elder Stetson.

Other churches organized in adjoining neighborhoods, which was through the influence of Bethany church, included Center Point Church down in the Caddo Creek hills. It was only a log house daubed with clay, and a brush arbor was used in the summer time. Center Point was one of the best neighborhoods that the writer ever lived in. The Center Point church was of short duration, and went down because the members moved to other localities. The friendship, spirituality and hospitality was genuine. Belonging to Center Point were the Rozzells,

Christians, McGehees, Claytons, Butlers, Thurmonds, and others. Among the ministers serving Center Point were Elders J. C. Milson and J. O. Damron. Eld. Charles Christian was ordained in his father's home near Center Point, and Eld J. N. Cayton was licensed to preach at Center Point.

The Milo church was organized and lasted for a few years. Elders A. J. E. Barton, Womack, L. S. Lisenby and other ministers served Milo church.

The Bethany church never owned a church building. It moved its place of worship from Brown school house to Sneed school house in the old town of Sneed, in 1902. Pastors who served Bethany church other than Eld. Martin were Dr. Maxwell (deceased), Eld. A. J. E. Barton (deceased), Eld. J. A. Caskey (deceased), Eld. T. R. Kamplain, Eld. L. S. Lisenby and Eld. O. K. Davis.

We will add here that the Providence Free Will Baptist Church, located east of Ardmore, lived a long useful life in that vicinity. J. A. Easley, one of its faithful deacons, lives near Ardmore. Sister Fair, who was one of its faithful members, lives near Providence. The Providence church went down because most of its members moved away. Some of them live in Ardmore.

Old Bethany Church finally went down because the members moved away. It was kept going for considerable time by Deacon G. W. Hanks who acted as pastor. Among Bethany's faithful church clerks were W. J. Brown (deceased) and Sister Connie Jackson who now lives near Ardmore.

After Bethany church finally faded away, Deacon Hanks, who had for a long time felt called of God to preach the gospel, began preaching at Thurston Grove, a new school building near his home. He was ordained

and in 1914 organized a church at Thurston Grove which was named Mount Hope. Deacon J. T. Butler also joined in the organization. G. W. Christian and H. Borcharding were also deacons. Other ministers who helped in the preaching were Elders Lindsey, Small Hicks, George Hicks and others. The first two that were baptized by Bro. Hanks were Katie Christian and Lou Anna Ross. The writer was also a member of Mt. Hope. I will also add that I first joined the Bethany church at the age of 15, and have also been a member of Center Point and Milo churches.

Bro. Hanks also organized a church at Oil City, now gone down, and was pastor of Provence church. Brother Hanks also organized churches at Cannon, north of Clemscott, Lone Star, Black Jack and Staunon.

In 1919 Bro. Hanks organized the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church

at Enterprise school house, north of Lone Grove, Oklahoma. Deacon J. T. Butler joined in organizing this church. Remnants of members, with new members, went into the organization of Mt. Hope at Thurston Grove; also some of the members of old Bethany went into the Friendship church; the writer being one of them. When the Thurston Grove church disbanded, part of the members joined Friendship church at Enterprise. The writer went into the organization of Friendship. When Mt. Hope of Thurston Grove disbanded, Deacon G. W. Christian and wife joined the Friendship church. The Friendship church owns it's own building and has a title to the land that the building rests on. Deacons Christian and Butler are now deceased. Brother Hanks has been pastor of Friendship church since its organization.

Brother Hanks has, within the past

two years, organized the First Free Will Baptist church in Wilson, Okla. Our greatest need now is an organized Free Will Baptist church in Ardmore, Oklahoma. We have a number of members there that have moved into town and no church for them to join.

We are short on resident ministers. We are now located in Hopewell Association No. 2. We have two or three churches that are without pastors.

I have written this without any church records to refer to for data. There are probably some mistakes; but in the main they are accurate. There has been other churches organized in the bounds of this association that we have forgotten their names. There were several churches in Love county, south of us. A considerable number of our members have moved to California and other states. Most of the old ones have past on to their eternal rest.

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# Announcements of the Associations

## ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of this Association will be held with Eighty One Church, north of Rudy, Arkansas, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1941.

Elder Rupert Pixley to preach the introductory sermon; Elder Ben Pixley, alternate.

## OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

The One Hundredth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Mt. Zion Church, near Springdale, Arkansas, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1941.

Eld. W. E. Bland to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Bill Oxford, alternate.

## LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Forty-Fourth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Green Ridge Church, in Camden County, Missouri, beginning at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1941.

The introductory sermon is to be preached by Eld. J. R. Reid; Eld. Roy Jones, alternate.

## HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

The Forty-Eighth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Folsom Church, beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1941.

Eld. King Slaten is to preach the introductory sermon.

Ruth Swindell, Clerk, Colbert, Okla.

## C. W. MISSOURI & S. E. KANSAS

The Thirty-third Annual Session of this Association will be held with Hickory Grove Church, near Archie, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in Aug., 1941.

Eld. H. S. Ford to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Arthur Kicenski, alternate.

## LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The Fourth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Happy Valley Church, near Grovespring, Missouri, on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1941.

Eld. Tona Jinks to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Henry Loug, alternate.

## SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of this Association will convene with Grandview Church, Randolph County, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening before the third Sunday in Sept., 1941.

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASS'N.

This Association will convene on Thursday night August 28, 1941, with Green Grove Church. Eld. W. R. Rush to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Noel Turner, Alternate.

## EASTERN OKLAHOMA ASS'N.

The Second Annual Session of this Association will be held with Mineral Springs Church, three miles north of Muldrow, Oklahoma, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1941.

Rev. W. S. Copeland to preach the introductory sermon; followed by Rev. Virgil Copeland.

## FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

The Fourteenth Annual Session of this Association will be held at Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site on Drumright-Sapulpa road, (Oklahoma), beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1941.

Eld. Hattie Newman to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. R. G. Lane, alternate.

## INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

The Twentieth-Ninth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Monett Church, Monett, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the first Sunday in September, 1941.

Eld. Frank Linton to preach the introductory sermon on Tuesday night; Eld. John B. Rollins, alternate.

Monday night and Tuesday will be given to Ministers' Conference. Everyone invited.

## ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

The Seventy-Third Annual Session of this Association will be held with Antioch Church at Branch, Franklin County, Arkansas, on highway 22, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1941.

Eld. J. S. Lovett to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. A. R. Brooks, alternate.

## TENNESSEE STATE ASSOCIATION

The Fourth Annual Session of this Association will be held at Harris Memorial Chapel Church, located at the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage, 10 miles from Greenville, Tennessee.

## LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASS'N.

The Sixty-Third Annual Session of this Association will be held with Mt. Joy Church, Daisy, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening before the first Sunday in September, 1941.

## HARMONY ASSOCIATION

The Second Annual Session of this Association will be held with Star Church, near Seymour, Missouri, beginning at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1941.

Eld. L. M. Marler to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. O. L. Claxton, alternate.

## ROBERTS-McGEE ASSOCIATION

The Forty-First Annual Session of this Association will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Poteau, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1941.

## DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Dibble Church, near Blanchard, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1941.

Eld. Ernest Staggs to preach the introductory sermon.

## BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASS'N.

The Third Annual Session of this Association will be held with Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama, Route 1, beginning Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1941.

## LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The Eighth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Pleasant Grove Church, near Ashville, Alabama, beginning on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in September, 1941.

## MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Flat River Church, Flat River, Mo., beginning on Monday night following the fourth Sunday in September, 1941.

Home Mission Sermon on Monday night, September 29, 1941.

League Sermon on Tuesday at 11:00 o'clock a. m., September 30, by Eld. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Missouri.

The Introductory Sermon for the Association will be preached on Tuesday night, September 30, by Eld. John Swaffar, Niangua, Mo.; Eld. Cecil Campbell, Cartersville, Missouri, alternate.

## PROGRESSIVE ASS'N. OF ALABAMA

The Tenth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Parrish Church on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1941.