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## Mission Pictures Now Available For Our Churches Everywhere

At our recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Board held in Nashville Tennessee, it was voted to make our Missionary Picture Plan, as carried on in the state of Missouri, a national affair. We are having scenes from the mission fields of India and Cuba printed at a small price so we can sell them to our churches for church bulletin boards at only two cents per picture. There are 24 scenes from India and 31 scenes from Cuba. You can order them from Rev. Miss Marie Thomas of Arcadia, Kansas. Just state the number of scenes you want from each group. India and Cuba, and Marie will mail them to you with a description of each picture suitable to write underneath the pictures on the board. Place the board, or boards, in some prominent place in the church so the people coming and going may see them and read them. It will have a great effect in creating interest in our Foreign Mission work. We will have to ask you to please do not send stamps in your order. And remember that only \$1.10 will buy one each of all the scenes, then you can place two bulletin boards in the church designating one Cuba and one India.

— Rev. Winford Davis.



# The National Association

## Enterprise Department

### Victory "In Sight" for Christian Education

By J. R. Davidson, Chairman National Board of Education, Bryan, Texas

IN a very sincere spirit of thanksgiving the National Board of Education submits this report. Particularly are we happy for the success which the Lord has granted in the securing of Foundation Checks for the purpose of retiring the indebtedness on our Bible School property. Our report is being presented by states, though in itemized form. The list is given in order of the successes scored.

#### State of Missouri:

Third Church, St. Louis, Rev. Mark Lewis, pastor .....	\$163.30
Hazel Creek Union Church, Rev. James F. Miller, pastor .....	100.00
Oak Grove Church, Ella Elkins, Treas. ....	100.00
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Rev. D. Self Jones, St. Genevieve (Cash on check) .....	25.00
C. C. Pirtle, Desloge (cash on check) .....	10.00
Christian Workers' Institute, Flat River .....	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Hannou .....	100.00
Total Cash .....	\$998.30

#### Post Dated Checks:

Hannou Church, Rev. Cecil Campbell, pastor .....	100.00
Mt. Olive Church, Neola, Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor .....	100.00
Monett Church (Over half cash raised, check not filled) .....	100.00
Free Will Baptist Gem, by Rev. and Mrs. John Rollins .....	100.00
Macedonia Church, Monett, Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor .....	100.00
Rev. W. K. Weston, Monett .....	100.00
Rev. George La Shum, Monett .....	100.00
Rev. C. B. Dees, Desloge .....	100.00

Rev. & Mrs. Damon Dodd, Flat River	100.00
W. L. Powell, Monett .....	100.00

Total Pledges .....\$1,000.00

#### State of Illinois:

Webb's Prairie Church .....	\$100.00
Rescue Church .....	100.00
First Church, Mt. Vernon .....	100.00
Bear Point Church .....	100.00
Freedom Church .....	100.00
Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant View Churches, and Bear Point Woman's Auxiliary .....	100.00
Franklin County Quarterly Meeting	100.00
Mt. Zion Church .....	25.00
Liberty Church .....	25.00
Arnold View Church .....	50.00

Total Cash .....\$700.00

#### State of Texas:

John Moody .....	\$100.00
R. C. Cloud, Bryan (now in Canal Zone) .....	100.00
B. F. Payne, Carthage .....	100.00
F. J. Boone, Bryan .....	100.00
Mrs. Ethel Carmichael, Clayton ....	100.00
East Texas Quarterly Meeting .....	100.00

Total Cash .....\$600.00

#### Post Dated Checks:

C. F. Goen, Bryan .....	\$100.00
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#### North Carolina:

Mrs. Sophia Hardee, Greenville ....	\$100.00
Mrs. E. B. Deans, Wilson .....	100.00
Mrs. Walter Barnes, Wilson .....	100.00
Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill .....	100.00
Davis Church, Davis, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor .....	100.00
Marsh Swamp Woman's Auxiliary, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor .....	100.00

Total Cash .....\$600.00



## Tennessee:

Ewin Institute .....	\$100.00
D. W. Hudgens, Ashland City .....	100.00
Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City ..	100.00
Bro. E. D. Parker, Nashville .....	100.00
Mrs. G. T. Harris, Ashland City ....	100.00

Total Cash .....\$500.00

## Kentucky:

Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville..	100.00
There is a cash Foundation Fund	
now in treasurer's hands of ....	\$3,628.30
Post Dated Checks in Treasurer's	
hands .....	1,000.00
Cash raised and reported to Treas-	
urer, but not yet in .....	400.00
Post Dated checks reported to Treas-	
urer as in other hands .....	600.00
Verbally pledged to Treasurer and	
reported as being in process of be-	
ing raised .....	520.00

Total in sight .....\$6,184.30

Besides, there is much activity in this connection and several fertile fields waiting to be worked, therefore, we feel certain that the Lord will continue to lead to complete victory, and that we shall be able to announce it in July at the National Association.

In the institute work, unexpected victories have been scored, and the demands of prospective students is definitely pulling toward opening of the Bible School in Nashville in September of the present year.

Brethren, we have frequently said, "we shall progress just as rapidly as the support of our people will allow." Are you holding the cause of Christ by your failure to respond? Or, are you hastening the answer to prayer by your whole-hearted support? Suppose you hasten to mail in your check or money order today.

## Important Activities of Recent Date

*By Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri*

### About Our Board Meeting In Nashville

The Educational, Executive, and Foreign Mission Boards have just adjourned session in Nashville, Tennessee. It was a very interesting and important gathering. Many things demanded the attention of these board members, and among them was the filling of a vacancy on our Foreign Mission Board made necessary by the recent resignation of Rev. I. J. Blackwelder. Of course the filling of this vacancy was the business of the Executive Board, however our Foreign Mission Board did get together and offered a recommendation to the Executive Board stating whom we desired them to place in the vacancy. We recommended Rev. Mrs. Elsie Curis of Herrin, Illinois, and the Executive Board was kind enough to approve our recommendation. We wish to express our thanks to the members of the Executive Board for their willingness to place on our Board the one whom we recommended. We feel Sister Curtis will make a splendid member on our Foreign

Mission Board, as we know her to be in deep sympathy with the mission work.

After the appointment was made, our Board of Foreign Missions held another business session in which a number of things were done. Rev. Bert Rogers of Wewoka, Okla., was elected Recording Secretary, and the writer was elected as Treasurer of the Board. We feel very humble and inefficient in taking this place which Bro. Blackwelder has faithfully filled for so many years; but the Lord willing, we shall do our best. We covet your prayers and must have your co-operation.

I for one, and I am sure I am speaking for our entire Foreign Mission Board, and for many many others of our entire denomination, we appreciate the tireless efforts and service of Bro. Blackwelder which he has rendered in this capacity for many years. In his service rendered, we know he has contributed much to the late uprising in foreign mission activities in the Free Will Baptist connection. May we, in our future



foreign mission activities, see much fruit borne as a result of the service which has been rendered by Bro. Blackwelder.

### About Cuba

Soul stirring news is coming to us constantly from Cuba. The Free Will Baptists are about to really do things there. I have just received a picture (which you will see elsewhere in this issue) of Bro. Willey baptizing our new native Free Will Baptist preacher, Pedro Oliva. Also a number of workers are being secured, new and unevangelized districts are being inspected, looking forward to starting things in a definite way. Since our return from the island last February, Bro. Willey and Pedro have made some tours over into the Province of Pinar Del Rio. This is the western most province of the island. They say they have found an even more hungry people for the gospel over there than we found in Mantanzas Province last winter; and to be sure they were hungry enough in Matanzas.

We are depending on you to furnish the means so we can build and really do things for Christ and the Free Will Baptists in Cuba. Please don't let our work there be held up for lack of means with which to do. We do appreciate so much the giving our people are doing for our mission work; but remember as the work builds up there and as we put on more native workers it will take more means. We will be just as economical as we can; but at the most we can do, it will take money to spread the gospel in Cuba just the same as it takes money to spread the gospel anywhere.

Some of our churches are taking the responsibility of supporting one native worker; which means somewhere from ten to fifteen dollars per month. The church at Tulsa, Oklahoma, of which Bro. Melvin Bingham is pastor, has taken one by the name of Jose to support. We are very grateful to them for this liberality. They will receive the picture of Jose to place on the wall of their church there in Tulsa. There are a number of our churches which could do the same, I am sure. If you are interested in doing this, let me know, please.

### About Our Educational Program

It looks very much like we are going to pay for our new school property in Nashville by the time of the National Association; or at least by the time the first annual payment is due in the month of September. It has been many many years since great strides were made by the Free Will Baptist people along the line of Christian education.

We are so grateful to our people of Missouri for the response in the giving of foundation checks while Bro. Davidson was in our state. There were nine of the \$100.00 checks given from this southwest Missouri district alone. We are certainly proud of our people because of this splendid response. I think something like about twenty checks have gone in from Missouri, so far, and I am confident there are others which will go in soon. Five \$100.00 checks were given by our Oak Grove Church near Stella, Missouri. Their church happened to be in the Camp Crowder area, and they allotted \$500.00 of their allowance for our school. Thanks to Bro. Linton, the pastor, and to the church as a whole.

### About the Work at the Gem Office

Everything seems to be moving in a splendid way now at the Gem Office. The force has all the work they can do, apparently, for which we are thankful. The Gem Office also received due consideration in the money recently expended by the Oak Grove church people. \$750.00 was donated for our new machinery fund, and that brings our indebtedness down to such a small figure until it is almost the same as nothing, considering what we have invested. Two hundred and fifty to three hundred dollars will pay every thing we owe on property and machinery. Now that is something to be thankful for, isn't it? And I am sure we all are. May the Lord bless the Oak Grove people, together with all others who have had any part whatsoever in this worthy enterprise.

I will close these remarks by again urging you to do your best for our foreign mission cause. Not that we do not wish to see the other denominational departments supported, for we most certainly do;



but in my position now I feel so responsible concerning our mission work and our

missionaries. Come on and lets do things in Cuba.

## Advancements in Cuba

*By T. H. Willey, Missionary In Cuba*

Jaruco, Havana Province, Cuba, May 1st

We want you to share with us in prayer and interest for the new fields into which our native preacher and I have already entered. Our first trip, or survey, was made two weeks past in a district in which there are 38,716 persons. Almost all of this large territory we found to be unevangelized. Cities of 5,000 people have no evangelical witness. While we did not find a Christian witness, we did learn of the presence of spiritualists with their doctrines of devils, deceiving the people; this ought to be a means of shame to the Christian church.

This trip was made in the Overland Willis and how we did suffer to get through. There were no roads over a large part of the distance. What might be called a road by the Cubans was cut into great ruts by the large wheels of the cane carts. These wheels are eight feet in diameter drawn by six yoke of oxen. These carts are loaded with a ton of sugar cane. Many places we had to take out across the open fields, or bump along railroad tracks. We went places a car had never gone before on that first trip. The results were that we came out with our muffler dragging, and the gas tank looked like battered junk. It took us sixteen hours to drive two hundred miles.

Here, in this first great province that we visited, we hope to place a worker. A province corresponds to a state in our own country, in size they correspond to counties.

The next province we went into was Pinar del Rio, which has a population of 351,389. Pedro Oliva and I drove down to the furthest great city of Pinar del Rio, a dis-

tance from Havana of 107 miles. We have our plans made and already functioning to use, for the summer, at least five students from a Bible school called "The Young Pines". This school is similar to Colombia Bible College of Colombia, South Carolina. Pedro, our full time worker, is a graduate of this school. His sweetheart, Cila, whom we hope will become his wife in a few months, is also a graduate. A student who graduated from the school of the Bible went with Pedro into this great district yesterday to start something. This lad who is with Pedro has been taken for his support by Brother Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our plan is to ask our people, by this I mean individual congregations, to take the full support for a student which will amount to about \$15.00 per month for the period of five or six months. This student will report each month personally, to the church, by letter regarding his progress, the souls saved, the places open, the preaching opportunities, etc. This will give the church an individual



Bro. Willey Baptizing Pedro



interest in the student and his work. Then the pastor of the church can write to him in reply.

Brother Winford Davis writes me that he will be responsible for one student. If you are interested in the support of one of these fine students, and want them to be your representative on the field, write to Brother Winford Davis. Remember this, we now have working on the field three native preachers, and in a short time expect to have four more. We are pleading with you to help us, and quickly. Some will say this means larger expenses. Yes, it will mean that we are going into cities where there are no other church than a dead Roman Catholic Church, cities that have never heard an evangelical message—a Bible message. We shall have to buy chairs or benches, and lumber, rent large halls for our services, rooms for our workers, and feed and laundry for them. On the

other hand, it will mean that dear souls, for whom Christ died, will be saved and go forth with the glad news of a great salvation.

Last week I had the happy privilege of burying in the waters of baptism our native worker, Pedro Oliva. How we wished for a great company of our people to be lined along that beautiful palm fringed shore. Nine in all were baptized and came up out of the water with glad shouts of Hallalujahs. They sang with joy as each one was placed under the water. How our hearts were knit in faith and love. I have a moving picture of this baptizing which I hope we can get to the National Convention this coming July.

Please pray for us as we labor in a field so great and needy that it would take a life time to preach in each one of these cities and hamlets.

## New Recuits in Cuba

Rev. Melvin Bingham and his church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, have agreed to take one of the native Cuban preachers and support him financially as their representative in Cuba. As a result of this transaction the native Cuban preacher has written a personal letter to Brother Bingham and his church which was translated by our missionary, Rev. T. H. Willey. The letter, in English, is as follows:

Jaruco, Havana Prov., Cuba  
April 22, 1942

Bro. Melvin Bingham and Members of Your Congregation:

My beloved brother in Christ, I beg of my beloved and eternal Saviour a spiritual blessing on you and your church.

Brother Melvin, possibly you will receive an extra letter from Mr. Willey, who led me to write to you. I wish to say, brother, that I am student of the word of God. The Lord has called me to His work for which I am happy. He has taken me by the hand in order that I might realize the end of those things divine which things God has prepared for me. Though I am very young

in the Lord, I have been called to serve Him and I am determined by the grace of God to keep His commandments in Mark 16:15.



Jose Gonzalez Jardines



My parents are Christians and they desire that I shall serve Him, seeking to help me in this. I feel the call of God to prepare myself for this service and I am studying in the Bible college of "The New Pines". The Lord spoke directly to me, truly, and I have a desire to work for Him in His work. Though I am on my vacation, I have thrown myself in the fields of reed, places that need the Saviour. They need to hear of the living Christ—the Christ that is able to save them and to keep them from the hell that awaits them in the future. The devil has placed many obstacles to hinder in my life, but my desire is to do God's will. All my desires and aspirations and proposals are to work in the vineyard of the Lord. I know that in front of me are mountains of difficulty, but I know that the Lord has called me.

Well then, brother, if the Lord has called me, He will carry all my burdens and keep without fail. (Phill. 4:19.)

Without saying more, know this that I am sincerely grateful as your brother in Christ.

— Jose Gonzalez Jardines

Brother Willey makes this comment regarding Jose in a personal letter to Bro. Bingham:

Fear Brother Bingham and People:

We feel that you shall, in a larger sense, know that you are laboring more directly in taking the support of this lad. Joseph is a fine boy. Both Mrs. Willey and I have been impressed by his spirituality. He brings an earnest and good Bible message, and will make a fearless worker in those needy fields into which we are going.

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## Glorious News from Cuba

*Rev. T. H. Willey, Missionary to Cuba*

Jaruco, Havana Province, Cuba, May 11th

"As cold water is to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" Prov. 25:25.

**W**E have felt the results of your prayers in many victories and in the testing times during these months. Thank God for the power of prevailing prayer! We could take up much of this letter telling you of the severe testings we have had in our bodies, our hospital experiences, etc., in this past month, but these things are minor, just a part of the "all things". We want you to know of the hearts that have been turned from darkness to the glorious light of the Gospel.

God is doing marvelous things for us in Cuba, whereof we rejoice! In the past two weeks, we have gone in to possess a part of the most needed province of the Island of Cuba, Pinar del Rio. We are believing God to open wide the door and supply the native workers with their support. The results in so short a time has thrilled our hearts as I am sure it will yours as you have this report.

We have now two permanent native workers, Pedro Oliva and Luis Diaz; also two

student workers, Jose Jardines and Rufino Cjeda. The Tulsa Church has taken the support of Jose for the summer months. We received their ten dollars today. You will rejoice to know of the work already done by Jose who is located in the town of Vinales with Pedro. Luis and Rufino will go next week into another district that has asked for someone to come with the message.

Pedro came in to see us Saturday with this news, that we pass on to you. The first night he had a service in Vinales there were fifty people present. There wasn't a seat for them to sit on, but they stood. The second night, I was with them and saw about that number raise their hands for prayer, many of them weeping as they expressed their desire to accept Christ.

Pedro found a man with the only Bible in the town, and he had been converted by reading the Word, alone. He proved to be a firm believer. He kept saying over and over to Pedro, "At last someone has come to preach to us of this Book". How sad are those words, "at last"! There are ten or fifteen young men surrounding the



workers all the time. One of these fellows has definitely been converted and gave the following testimony, "I have watched your lives these few days that you have been here and see in them that for which I have been hungry". This boy, within less than two weeks, is now going into the surrounding country with Jose giving his testimony and doing personal work.

There are three families who have accepted Christ and are publicly giving their testimony. In one family, a girl has been wonderfully saved who is dying of tuberculosis. She is asking for prayer, saying that she wants the will of God in her life. Pray that God shall heal her, and raise her up for His glory and for a testimony to His power in that section. Last Saturday night a service was announced in this girl's house. When the boys arrived they were told not to expect anyone as there was a special picture show in the town that night. The lady of the house told them that they should call the service off as it was an unheard of thing that the people would stay away from a show of that type. But Pedro said it would be a test to their interest in the Gospel, and to their happy surprise, the people began to come in until the house was packed and God gave them a gracious service.

There are calls coming from other towns already. One man, deeply interested, wants to take the workers to another town where his brother lives that he might hear also. This is truly the working of the Holy Spirit, and it all reads like the Book of Acts in a modern edition. It is amazing to see the hunger for the gospel. I am sure it is going to be hard for you to believe, and had I not seen it with my own eyes, I would find it hard to comprehend also. The men who visited us on the deputation tour can witness with us concerning the hunger in this land for the Truth. They know what it is to have the people swarm about you on the streets, begging for more gospel preaching! They can, I'm sure, verify the truth of these statements. Cuba is hungry, spiritually!

Here is another testimony of an old man whom Pedro met in the Valle of Vinales: "Hear me, I am seventy-four years old, and have never heard this message that

you bring." So with tears in his eyes and running down his wrinkled face, he received the message of Christ for the first time.

Another incident, the boys met two women on the road into the valley, one had a little child with her. By way of introduction, Pedro said to her, "How much would you want to sell that kiddy for?" With tears coming to her eyes, she said, "Don't ask me a question like that, only three months ago I lost a child and I am without comfort." The boys took this occasion to show this sorrowing mother that there is a way whereby she can see and be with her child again. She, of course, wanted to know how, so they gave her the story. Weeping profusely, she sought in prayer, by faith and repentance of her sins, and was found of Him. How glorious to have good news for the comfortless! I cannot help but think here of the scripture, "A little child shall lead them."

We could go on and on relating to you other happenings for His glory, but I am sure this bit will cause your hearts to rejoice, and also bring to you a deeper desire for earnest prayer that we might see a real revival in Cuba. It may be interesting for you to know that Cuba has never known a revival as you and I have seen and experienced. Do pray that the Lord shall keep our workers humble and give to them a special anointing of power from on high to proclaim this glorious Gospel without fear. We do thank God for them, they are so willing to live on little and sacrifice. May the Lord add unto our number.

Our hearts and minds go out with you constantly in fellowship in the Spirit, and we never fail to thank God for those who labor together with us in the Gospel.

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## Woman's Auxiliary Department

The World  
For Christ



# The Hour of Prayer

*By Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama*

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31.

IN THIS Verse, we have the first church lifting its voice to God, each believer with the same desire and in one accord. We note the special and speedy answer which the Lord gave to their prayer. The place where they prayed was shaken with the miraculous power of God, and special gifts of the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them, particularly a greater measure of boldness to preach the gospel. The Holy Spirit which caused them thus to pray, gave them that holy boldness for which they prayed. Oh, how ready is God to hear and answer the pleadings of His dear children when they come to Him in one accord!

There was great unity among the members and ministers of this first infant church. They were of one heart and one soul. They were one in doctrine and

opinion, and they were one in heart and affection. What a pattern for our churches in this age.

In just a few weeks, our people who represent the Free Will Baptist denomination, from the various states of the United States, will be coming together in the capacity of another great National Convention. I feel that we should have this as our prayer objective for the month of June. May we lift our voices in one accord to God in prayer for this great work. Pray that God will help us to be in one accord, that there may be no divisions among us. Pray for each of the National Officers of the Sunday School Convention, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and the National Association proper that we may all be led by the sweet Holy Spirit. Pray that the whole Convention might work out to the edification of the people of God in His great and holy name, that the place will be charged with the presence of the Holy Spirit. "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken."

## GENERAL ARTICLES

### The Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage

*Rev. Paul Woolsey, Acting Superintendent, Greenville, Tennessee*

May 10, 1942, finished three years of marvelous growth for the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee, under the capable and efficient leadership of Brother and Sister Stanley. These two devoted and talented Christians exerted

themselves to the uttermost in the behalf of the Home and our children, as the boys and girls were called by Daddy and Mother Stanley.

May 10, 1939, was a red letter day for the Free Will Baptists of Tennessee when



ford dreams became a living reality. On that date, the formal opening day, The Home consisting of 150 acres of land, a three-story dormitory with twenty-nine rooms, four baths, numerous wardrobes and built-in closets; a dwelling house formerly the parsonage for the Presbyterian minister, with six rooms, a furnace, a bath and full size basement; a combination dairy and feed barn; some ninety acres of farming land with the rest in timber (not virgin), was dedicated free of debt to God and Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven". The Woman's Auxiliary of the Cumberland Association furnished the first floor, but the second and third floors were exactly what one would expect of a large and old building that had not been used for a long time. The furnishings were out of commission, the barn was badly in need of repairs; the farmer who lived in the parsonage owned all the tools and live stock and was entitled to most of the proceeds of the farm. For years, the farm had been rented to those who could produce the most cash with little or no thought for a soil building and soil conservation program. There were no children in the Home, in fact summer was half gone ere the first childish voice proclaimed it a home.

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Overcoming  
With Christ



## Woman's Auxiliary Department

The World  
For Christ



# The Hour of Prayer

By Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31.

**I**N THIS Verse, we have the first church lifting its voice to God, each believer with the same desire and in one accord. We note the special and speedy answer which the Lord gave to their prayer. The place where they prayed was shaken with the miraculous power of God, and special gifts of the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them, particularly a greater measure of boldness to preach the gospel. The Holy Spirit which caused them thus to pray, gave them that holy boldness for which they prayed. Oh, how ready is God to hear and answer the pleadings of His dear children when they come to Him in one accord!

There was great unity among the members and ministers of this first infant church. They were of one heart and one soul. They were one in doctrine and

opinion, and they were one in heart and affection. What a pattern for our churches in this age.

In just a few weeks, our people who represent the Free Will Baptist denomination, from the various states of the United States, will be coming together in the capacity of another great National Convention. I feel that we should have this as our prayer objective for the month of June. May we lift our voices in one accord to God in prayer for this great work. Pray that God will help us to be in one accord, that there may be no divisions among us. Pray for each of the National Officers of the Sunday School Convention, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and the National Association proper that we may all be led by the sweet Holy Spirit. Pray that the whole Convention might work out to the edification of the people of God in His great and holy name, that the place will be charged with the presence of the Holy Spirit. "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken."



## GENERAL ARTICLES



### The Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage

Rev. Paul Woolsey, Acting Superintendent, Greenville, Tennessee

May 10, 1942, finished three years of marvelous growth for the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee, under the capable and efficient leadership of Brother and Sister Stanley. These two devoted and talented Christians exerted

themselves to the uttermost in the behalf of the Home and our children, as the boys and girls were called by Daddy and Mother Stanley.

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boys and girls, especially those who otherwise would be lost to the better and finer things of life, would have such training from early childhood.

The Home was no sooner opened than Bro. Stanley, along with others, began to lay plans for a Free Will Baptist Church to serve the needs of the local community and the "Home". Rev. M. L. Hollis, then of East Tupelo, Miss., conducted an evangelistic campaign in the nearby High School building that very fall. As a result, a small organization, consisting of a few women and children, a boy who was a senior in high school, Bro. Stanley and Rev. Paul Woolsey, was effected. Evacuation for a church was begun immediately. The Woman's Auxiliary of the Cumberland Association again started the ball rolling with \$1500.00. The people of the local community contributed labor and necessary materials. There is now a small but modern and beautiful stone church which is conducive to true worship. The church was erected under the sacrificial leadership of the Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tennessee. Although the church is only two and a half years old, and is located in a sparsely settled community, bounded on two sides by rugged mountains, there is now a membership of eighty. The junior and intermediate league have between fifty and seventy-five boys and girls each Sunday evening. Prominent among the officials and those more often on the program are the boys and girls of the Home. Although no pressure or persuasion of any kind has ever been brought to bear upon the boys and girls, all of them over eight years of age have accepted Christ as their personal Savior, been baptized and united with Harris Memorial Church (named in the honor of the late Mr. George T. Harris and His widow both of whom have done so much for the Home and Church). The entertaining is such as would awaken an early consciousness of sin and promote the longing to early enlist in the cause of the Master. Not only around the tables at meals and the large library table for devotions every evening, but throughout the day as well.

The two older girls, one will be a senior and the other a junior in high school next year, have already felt their call to definite

Christian work. They are both talented, and it is our prayer that they will keep humble and consecrated so the Master can give them abundant labor in His vineyard. All of the older children have already given promise of being aggressive and militant soldiers of the Cross regardless of the field of human endeavor or activity they may enter.

The county retained a dormitory for a teachers' home (assuring that at least a major portion of the faculty would live in the community), the high and elementary school buildings, the Manual Training and Smith Hughes Vocational Agricultural building, along with twenty-two acres of land. The school building is connected with the Home by a concrete walk, a distance of only 200 yards. At the time the property was purchased, and also at the present, Rev. Paul Woolsey was and is a member of the Green County Board of Education. He has served two terms as chairman and acted as superintendent during a twelve months' illness of the superintendent. Care has been taken in the selecting of capable and conscientious Christians as teachers of the school. One of the best features of the school is the Vocational Agricultural and Manual Training department which is presided over by Prof. J. S. Irwine, who is recognized as one of the leading teachers in his field, not only in the state but in the nation as well. He is a member of the Harris Memorial Church and is chairman of the finance board. His department includes blacksmith and metal shop, equipped with tools; an auto machancists; a wood shop where the boys are taught to make all kinds of wood products. This entire department, with all the tools (valued at \$3000.00), is accessible to the community. It has saved the Home many a dollar, and will provide excellent training for the boys.

The orphanage family now consists of twenty-six, including the workers. Improvements, repairs and additions have been made to all the buildings. The farm which has been stated before was in a run down condition is being improved as fast as possible. It lays well and most of the land has a clay bottom and can be easily built up and improved. About thirty acres have been subsoiled. The best garden in the community



last year was the garden at the Home. The other crops are increasing in yield as the soil is taken care of and improved. Everything now points forward. Ninety additional acres have been brought and paid for although most of this is mountain land and rough, it will make excellent grazing land; some of it would make fine truck patches. We have just taken over the farming and have to buy all of the tools and farming implements. They are higher but will continue to get higher provided one can secure them at any price.

Until the present, the boys and girls have occupied the same dormitory. It was only a few weeks ago, April 28, that Mr. and Mrs. Koontz of Afton, Tennessee, were engaged as farmer and supervisor of the boys, and matron of the boys Home. They are honest Christian folk. Mrs. Koontz is an active church worker and has had several years of experience in practical nursing and the care of children. The children already affectionately call them Uncle Walter and Aunt Elizabeth. The boys are now happily located in their own quarters. The boys and girls have their meals together and all gather around the large library table for their evening devotions. None of the atmosphere of the Home Life has been sacrificed.

Mrs. Stanley was giving music lessons to the five older girls. Mrs. Payne, a school teacher and an accomplished music teacher who is a member of the church and our pianist has been engaged to continue the music training.

We have very much indeed for which to thank our Heavenly Father. We have children from two states at the present and are receiving support from at least nine states. Each month our ever increasing circle of well wishers is enlarged. We desire that the Home will be a real asset to the whole denomination. In regard to the training for Christian service, we are thinking in terms of primary and early training. We hope that the Bible school in Nashville will furnish the more advance training for a large percent of the boys and girls of the Home. At the present we are conducting a weekly mission and Bible study which will soon enter its fifth month.

The increased cost of living, the equal advance in the price of all kinds of materials, and the ever present need of expanding are handicapping God's work, means that if the best work is to be done, the income must be increased accordingly. Our good people all over the National Association have responded in a wonderful way for which we are grateful to them and render thanks and praise to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The Home has sustained a loss in the going of Brother and Sister Stanley; however, they are still supporting the Home with both their prayers and their means. The board is, at present, endeavoring to replace the Stanleys. Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey are acting as Superintendent and Head Matron merely for the present. There is no outstanding debts and the Home is run on a cash basis. The support is ever growing.

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## What Can Free Will Baptists Do to Carry Out the Great Commission?

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*By Laura B. Barnard, Returned Missionary to India, Glennville, Georgia*

**T**HAT this question is asked by our church members is a great encouragement, and implies that those asking the question are already aroused and sincerely desire to act upon it. In answer, let me ask another question, one which the Lord asked Moses when he had been commanded to meet Pharaoh and plead the cause of the enslaved Israelites: "What is that in thine hand?" A rod! A common rod. "Then take this rod and

do with it as I tell you and you will see miracles take place" (Ex. 4:17). The extraordinary story of what followed this command is familiar to all. What have Free Will Baptists in their hands that could be used of God as a mighty weapon in our campaign for Christ?

Our church papers are valuable documents whose real purpose most of us have never actually discovered. My first suggestion as

the work of the Gospel Ministry. Of recent date this work has been discontinued so that our Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., and the Christian Worker's Institute might be a clear field as they are ready to meet the pressing needs of all these past years.

In all these years Sister Wolfe has ever been a most faithful helper to Brother Wolfe, in pulpit or in college. Nearing the end of a most useful life, these devoted servants of the Lord, unable to labor as in former

years, are still as strong in their zeal for the Lord's work as ever before. They will soon be done with their earthly abode. They executed their deed giving their home to the National Association to use its value in the work of the Bible School.

This is certainly noteworthy and may be rightfully proclaimed from the house tops. These highly useful servants unable to serve any longer say, "Take such as I have and use it for the Bible School".

## Church and Pastor

*Rev. James M. Herrald, Tad, West Virginia*

HAVING considered the many needs of our beloved denomination, I have come to the conclusion that the greatest of these is full time pastors for our churches. I speak especially for our people here in West Virginia, also, for others who may be included in this summary.

According to my knowledge, the church at this present time, is engaged in the most progressive effort ever put forth in our state in behalf of the Free Will Baptist denomination. The effort of the denomination cannot be accomplished without the co-operation of the church and its leaders. To gain that co-operation between laity and leadership, every church should have its pastor on the job.

Come, let us reason together. The fair minded will not be hard to convince. Can a pastor do justice to his pulpit, when he is privileged to occupy it one week-end each month (customarily our pastors visit their churches once each month)? Can he know the heart of his church? Can he know and take care of the many little fractions and troubles that so often keep the churches divided? Can he discharge his duties to his people when he is not permitted to be with them long enough to learn about their needs? To these and many other questions, which your mind may suggest, the answer is *no*.

We most assuredly can agree that the pastor should be over his church and its every enterprise, Sunday school, prayer meetings, Bible classes, young people's meeting, financial programs and what-so-ever; not to boss and dictate, but to keep his

church and its every arm functioning properly, in order and in fellowship.

I want to commend the brethren in West Virginia for their co-operation with the programs and enterprises of the National Association. Let us not over look the fact that we must continue to labor and pray for solidarity in our beloved denomination.

My dear brethren, "I beseech you, by the mercies of God," get His ministers out of the factories and mines and send them forth to "preach the gospel", and, to "take heed of the flocks of God, over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers". Can any one deny the doctrine, "They which preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel"?

"Will a man rob God? Yea, in tithes and offerings, ye have robbed me." Our denomination is not prospering in West Virginia because He is being, and has been, robbed of His tithes and offerings. "The tithe belongs to the Lord." You cannot give God the tithe, it is His already. He has trusted you with the tenth that belongs to Him. Will you use it for His glory and the upbuilding of His kingdom.

Friends, pay your tithes. Your pastor will be provided for, he'll be able to discharge his pastoral duties, and also, evangelize. Every financial program of the church will be provided for, The church will prosper and God will be glorified.

"Our Father, we beseech Thee, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, to bless these lines to the furtherance of thy cause and kingdom and to thy glory, both now and forever. Amen."



## Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation

Whereas the pastor of the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. J. R. Davidson, has tendered his resignation in favor of entering service in other fields, therefore, Be it Resolved:

That the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church extend a rising vote of thanks to Brother Davidson as an expression of its appreciation for the services rendered our church, and community, during the five years in which he has faithfully served in this capacity.

That we commend him to any congregation of Free Will Baptist order which might be interested in securing his ser-

vices as pastor as one whom we deem worthy of any such congregation.

That a copy of this resolution be filed with our church clerk to be recorded in our church minute, and that copies be forwarded to the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C. and the Free Will Baptist Gem of Monett, Mo. for publication.

*Signed*

N. T. Kinne, Ch. Board Deacons

T. A. Cloud, Sec. Board Deacons

The above resolution was passed by the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church in regular conference on the night of May 13, 1942.

## News and Views of our Young People

*Mrs. Gertrude Ballard Field Secretary in North Carolina*

**WANTED**—More Spirit-filled and Spirit led young people to enlist in the ranks of the Free Will Baptist League.

Everywhere the cry is that there is a falling away in interest among our young people. Hark! We hear the Master say, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." It is true that we need organization, but we need something more. We need a real heartfelt revival among our young people, which will cause them to say with the rich young ruler, "What must I do to be saved?" Then the preacher or personal worker should, with the wisdom and power that can be had only through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, be ready to answer in such a convincing manner that they will be willing to forsake all and take up the cross and follow Christ. Oh, Youth may we rally to the Master's call and give our hearts, our time and our talents to His service.

### Corinth

We had the glorious privilege of spending a week with the people of the Corinth Church, near Jamesville, North Carolina, April 6-11. There we found much interest on the part of the young people as well as many of the Adults.

The most enjoyable evening of the institute was the "Spiritual Clinic" evening. Our subject for discussion was, "Youth's

Greatest Trial". After which we sought to help them by searching out the answers to questions they asked relative to a Christian and his conduct. We were exceedingly proud of the interest on their part in asking well prepared questions vital to their spiritual growth. They showed (as do a majority of our youth) their desire to grow in favor with God and Man.

### Western District League Convention

Inspired! Indeed we were, at the Western District League Convention, which was held at the orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, Sunday, April 12, 1942. The quantity was not great, but oh, the rich quality of Spirit that was here in ten or twelve leagues represented at this meeting. The theme for the afternoon was "conquering through Youth". The main Bible character used in the address was David, the youth, who conquered for a whole nation. Surely the youth of today can help to conquer the enemy, Satan, which is assailing the Church as never before in history.

The Junior League of the orphanage gave a very helpful playlet, "The Ideal League". Then two of the seniors gave an illustrated dialogue on "Opportunities of Christian Education".

Due to the resignation of the corresponding secretary, Mr. Frank Barnes, of Lucama

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# High Lights From Science



Herodotus (450 B. C.) in the dawn of history, wrote and described the oil pits of Babylon; how a stick was dipped in heavy residue and how it was used as a torch. Pliny, in 50 A. D., mentions its use in Sicily. Marco Polo describes the oil fields of Baku in the 13th century—all written records of the past. Today our civilization depends on oil. Records of the production of each well, each cracking still, each shipment, each sale, are kept on paper. Paper plays an interesting part in the world's commerce today.

Yes, indeed, paper plays an interesting part in civilization, and that part is an all important part, because it is on paper that the Standard of Life is set forth. Far more important than oil is the knowledge of how to live "soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world". In addition to the Bible which told us there was oil in Egypt (in the story of Moses in the Bulrushes), there are publications which are dedicated to the work of the

church on earth in the intensified proclamation of the Good News that makes men free. These publications, when properly managed, are a potent force and a right-arm exponent of the agency which sets forth the Standard of Life to the glory of the Lord and the blessing of mankind. There is every reason to believe the Free Will Baptist Gem is such publication. Its management is zealous and aggressive in the proclamation of a unified program for the extension of the Kingdom of God.



## EDITORIAL



### JUNE IS EDUCATIONAL MONTH

Last year, and the year before, maybe years before, the month of June has been designated among Free Will Baptists as Educational Month during which time a lot of talk (and maybe some action) was set forth. June may really be a real Educational Month this year. Our Christian Educational Program has proceeded along an ascending line, and now we are really doing things in a definite way.

Our enterprise has advanced upward from the foundation stage. We have a very commendable and substantial foundation of the necessary wind-work. We are, figuratively, upon the walls of our own institution.

The front page of this issue gives us a clearer view of our Bible School property in Nashville, Tennessee, than anything we have printed. Your editor revisited the property in May and is more deeply impressed with its value, its adapt-



ability, its location, and what it creates within him in the capacity of a vision of what will be accomplished in the souls of men when young, devout, consecrated, equipped students who have become scholars go forth as "flaming evangelists."

We look forward to the opening of school. We must pay for the property first, but we are paying for it. Read Brother Davidson's financial report on pages 3 and 4 which is not a complete report because the Unified Program Fund of the National Association and other gifts have supplied the treasury with more than \$2,000.00. We promise ourselves that we will pay for it in time to open school in September. Will all you join me in this promise? We have it almost done, let's finish it!

## MANUSCRIPT REGULATIONS

The manuscripts coming to the Gem Office are very good. But we still wrestle with our old problem.

Send your articles and reports early — at least by the 15th. If possible, have them reach us by the 15th. We are on a faster schedule. The *Gem* must go out of here by the 1st and we would like for it to reach your mail box on the 1st.

Give your reports, don't sacrifice any valuables trying to be brief, but be intelligible in as few words as possible. Don't destroy the life and vitality of your articles and reports, but remember others are writing also. It pulls on our hearts to have to leave one of them out, but we are forced to do so this month. They may feel — well you know how you would feel.

We are doing our best, and we think we are doing well. At least, we are enjoying some mighty fine co-operation.

## GOOD BOOKS

Of recent date, Dr. John H. Wolfe and his co-worker, Rev. G. S. Latimer, discontinued the SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE which has operated in Pawnee City, Nebraska, for the past 45 years as the "only Free Will Baptist Correspondence School". Dr. Wolfe proposed that the remainder of the books which was used in the school of which he was dean be offered

for general sale through the office of the Free Will Baptist Gem. The books consist of the following:

- 70 copies "A History of the Bible".
- 200 copies "Ministry of the Word".
- 800 copies "Butler-Dunn Theology".

The History and the "Ministry of the Word" sell for \$1.00 each and the Butler-Dunn Theology is \$2.00 per copy. Orders must be sent to the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Dr. Wolfe very graciously offered these books to the Gem at a sacrificed price. Since he and Sister Wolfe have given their entire life of usefulness and all their earthly possessions to the Christian Education Program of the Free Will Baptist denomination (see article on page 15), it is only fitting and proper that the entire profits from the sale of these books be turned over to our Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee, dedicating the same to the fine Christian spirit of devotion and the inspirational example set forth by our worthy and beloved Brother and Sister Wolfe. This fund shall be kept separate and turned in as a memorial to Brother and Sister Wolfe.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SOON

The National Association of the Free Will Baptists of the United States will convene in annual session, with its two major sub-ordinate conventions, in Columbus, Mississippi, July 12-17. Rev. M. L. Hollis is pastor of the entertaining church.

In the face of a tire shortage, a general delegation is expected from all the states comprising the National Association.

A registration fee of \$2.00 is assessed by the National Association to help the Columbus church entertain the 1942 session.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, whose address is Red Eay, Alabama, would appreciate advanced information as to the number who plan to attend. If you are going, write him a letter and give the names of those who will be in your party. Let's co-operate with Brother Hollis and his church.

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was elected to fill this place. Much interest was manifested in the discussion about plans for this year's camp. Pate, the recording secretary was elected as delegate to represent at the state convention, to be held at Edgemont church in Durham, July 3rd and 4th.

At the close of a most enjoyable convention,

presided over by Dr. Jack Avery, Mr. Evans, Crphanage Superintendent, invited all the visitors to go on a tour with him over to the dining hall. We were met there by lovely hostesses of the Senior League, who served us punch and nabs. After this we departed feeling refreshed both in Spirit and body to meet again July 6th with Rain's Cross Road Leagues.

## Brother and Sister Zinn in Action

*Rev. F. C. Zinn, 700 S. Hickory St., Bristow, Oklahoma*

After some time of silence, I would like to report one of our best revival meetings. We were called to the Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri for a revival meeting which began on April 13th and continued for four weeks. We found the church anxious for labor, and we all know that it takes labor to have a revival meeting. Souls were saved from the beginning of the services. There were 27 souls saved and a number were taken into the church.

As is usual in my preaching, I bore down on the doctrine of tithing in a rather heavy capacity, and we began to see results before we left. We kept a close tabulation on the offerings while we were there, and altogether during the four weeks we were there, the church treasury received something over five hundred dollars. I am made to think that if that church can do that well, and its membership is not nearly as large as some other churches I know, what is the matter with our Free Will Baptist churches? There is just one thing wrong, the tithes are not brought into the treasury.

The Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis has the general treasury system, and also the Six Point Record System for the Sunday School and the Woman's Auxiliary according to the National Auxiliary plan of work. They are handicapped a little by not having a regular church building of their own, but God is going to see to it that they have that. I have never worked with a more consecrated pastor as we found Brother Mark Lewis to be.

After the meeting in St. Louis, we came by Flat River on our way home, and of course we had to stay there a spell. We preached for them on Thursday night, and

also on Sunday night. We have a lot of friends in the Flat River Church. Brother Damon Dodd was in a meeting at Union Light Church, and we had the privilege of being in that service one night. We saw a number of friends there. We thank God for all our friends and sometimes I get hungry to go around and see all of them. On our way back to Bristow, Okla., we stopped at the Gem Office and looked over the new equipment. We feel that we have been away from home so long that we will have to get acquainted with our folk again. Pray for us that God's will may be done.



Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn





# GOSPEL SERMONS



## House Cleaning

*By Emma Moore, 327 N. Grand East, Springfield, Illinois*

"Cleanse thou me from secret faults, keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgressions.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord my strength and my Redeemer." Psalms 19:12-14

**T**HIS IS The time of the year for general house-cleaning; of putting our homes in order for the months ahead. We want everything in good order, and as lovely and attractive as we can afford. We are very particular about the excellency of our house-keeping. We want everything swept and garnished, even the attic comes in for its share of a general clean-up.

I wonder if we give as much thought and effort to the care of our spiritual house? Do we, ever so often, have a time for spiritual house-cleaning?

"We also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto God by Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5.

We need to take the cleansing water of the Word and allow it to wash away the worry that has made the whole place dingy and appear drab.

Our windows of faith are film covered and our spiritual view is dim. Our "Looking unto Jesus" is given a clear vision if the windows of the soul are kept clean. We should polish them up with prayer so the righteousness of God may be revealed in us, as Paul tells us in Romans 1:17.

The precious Holy Spirit is the telephone by prayer for all the help we need, and we never get a "busy" signal. Heb. 7:25.

Our zeal for the Lord is the broom with which we can sweep the cobwebs of fear and doubt from our hearts and minds; also by which envy, hatreds, backbiting, fault-finding, strivings, slanders, criticism and

all such conversations that are not chaste may be cleaned away so as to leave us free, indeed. Phillippians 3:20.

We are His temples, His abiding place, 1 Cor. 16:17. What kind of a home does He have? What kind of furniture? Are there beds of patience for rest and comfort? Rugs of charity? Footstools of humility? "Blessed are the poor in spirit." "Blessed are the meek."

Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. We are sure it is a glorious place of splendor and perfection. It will be all that a perfect heart could wish for or visualize, and even better than we can think.

Are our tables spread with a feast of the gospel so that we may be refreshed? Are the lamps of God's Word lighted? David said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee."

Phillippians 4:8 "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely *THINK ON THESE THINGS*"

"If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

God is not at fault if we are not filled with His Holy Spirit, but I am to blame if I do not grow in grace. "Be filled with the Spirit." To disobey is sin. God will grant this gift in answer to the prayer of His child.

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# The Lord is my Shepherd

*By V. S. Versnick, 18020 Fleming Street, Detroit, Michigan*

**T**HE Lord truly is a shepherd to the believer. This short psalm is a true testimony of every child of God, expressed or not. He really is our shepherd. Leading us through this life, protecting us from all harm and provides our every need. He does not say, anywhere in the Bible, that we will have all and everything that we want, but what we need. Most of us want more than we need. We are selfish, and selfishness is not of God. It is Satan. God is love. A heart filled with love can not, and will not, be selfish. He says in the first that we will not want.

What is want? Do we understand by that, that we will not have a desire for anything that, so far, we do not possess? No. If that was so then there would be no progress, no ambition. He means that our necessities will be provided. A man of the open range wrote these verses, having in mind himself and other shepherds as they led their flocks into green pastures until the sheep were so full that in contentment they lay down to rest. Some of us, unlike the sheep while there resting, filled not of their own will alone but by the leadership of the shepherd, thereby growing in quality and quantity, enriching their owner, are led by the deceiver to lust after other things, other places, seeking amusements and all the things that are contrary to His will. His purpose in blessing us is that we may have more time for His service, but the more blessings the average person receives, the less time he has for God. The dumb sheep returns more to their owner. We even fail to give thanks and praise His holy name.

Besides pastures or food there is water also needed. So in our lives the Living Water is essential. A man is not an animal. He must have spiritual food or the living water that he may live on and on. This fountain is free for all who will come and drink. It is not handed down to us with pomp and ceremony, we must, in humility, bow down to receive this living water. We cannot receive it in haughtiness but in humble submission to His will. We

are weak human beings full of errors and mistakes, even after we have surrendered our lives to His keeping, we still will err and need help which God alone can give.

There is a promise, "He restoreth my soul." How many times we need to be restored, brought down to where God wants us, in His service, in praise, with prayer. There is the ever present Third Person of the Trinity leading us through paths of righteousness for His name's sake for thereby is His name glorified. How wonderful to live such a life. To glorify His name and be a blessing to all we come in contact with as well as ourselves.

Then through service, our faith will be such that we will banish all fear from our lives, even when walking through the valley of the shadow of death, that we will fear no evil, knowing that God is with us and knows what is best for us. All is done to strengthen us and that His power may be manifested for us in our lives alone so others can see His love and greatness. He is like a mother bird with her wings sheltering us from all harm, even when surrounded by enemies. If we are true to Him, do His will, He will prepare for us a way out of all difficulties. All these things will fill us with divine love and our cup will be running over. There will be reason for joy, we will praise His sweet name. We will have a song in our hearts.

Goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. Oh there will be trials, but, if we seek His face it is there even when it is almost too dark to see. His eye is there, watching us, guiding us and we will dwell with Him in that beautiful city of gold and precious stones on high, where there will be no sorrow, no temptation, no worry, no sin, no darkness, no sea. All will be love, peace, joy, and gladness. We will be like Him and see Him as He is. That not for a day, month or year but forever and ever without end.

Won't it be wonderful there?  
Having no burdens to bear;



A Christian life is not hard when we have trusted Him so far that we actually believe these six simple verses just as David did. He should have known. He has been down the road and experienced both of the paths. But he found that God was there all the time, only God does not force His Holy Being upon a creation full of sin. Man must come first to Him, empty his heart of all unrighteousness and then He will come and dwell within. Soul and mind have a lot in common. Only one thought can be in our mind at a time. So it is with our soul. Either God or Satan will rule it. There is not room for both. So

let us, as David of old, acknowledge the blessings we have already received, trusting in child-like faith that He is able to carry us through to the end and that we will be with Him through countless ages. How sweet our Christian experience will be; how great our testimony; how much greater our influence over the unsaved that we come in contact with daily.

We could go on and on for we know His greatness is unsearchable.

May God bless you and may you be inspired by this humble message to trust in Him more each succeeding day is my prayer.



## Church Letters - Field Reports



### District Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Illinois

Dear Gem Readers:

Here is a report of the district meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in Illinois which met with the Stockwell Free Will Baptist Church, near Ewing, Illinois, Friday, April 26, 1942.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. The president, Sister Elsie Curtis, read the scripture lesson followed by a short review of the manual. Reports from the different churches were read and received.

Officers for the coming year were then elected and installed by the retiring president, using the installation service outlined in the Year Book of Programs, "Laborers Together With God". The officers elected are as follows: President, Miss Opal McClerren, Thompsonville, Ill.; First Vice President, Mrs. Lois Sneed, Whittington, Ill.; Second Vice President, Mrs. Emily Malone, Mulkeytown, Ill.; Third Vice President, Mrs. Mable Kettelman, Macedonia, Ill.; Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Junita Smith, Whittington, Ill.; Fifth Vice President, Mrs. Eunice Malone, Mulkeytown, Ill.; Recording Sec'y., Mrs. Posie Conner, Whittington, Ill.; Corr. Sec'y., Mrs. Zola McClerren, Thompsonville, Ill.; Treasurer; Mrs. Lula Schracder, Sesser, Ill.

We were then dismissed for the noon hour

and a bountiful dinner was enjoyed.

Coming together for the afternoon sessions an offering of \$16.00 was taken for Bro. and Sister McAdams to help them in the work for the Lord which we feel is very necessary in the trying days ahead of us. The remainder of the time was spent in a real spiritual praise service.

The next meeting will be held with the Bear Point Free Will Baptist Church, near Sesser, Illinois, October 23, 1942.

Miss Opal McClerren, President  
Mrs. Zula McClerren, Cor. Sec'y.

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### Central Avenue F. W. B. Church Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Rev. George McLain, Pastor Mrs. Gladys Shinn, Reporter

To Editor and Gem Readers:

I look forward to getting my *Gem* and reading the good reports from other churches. I am glad to send in our report.

God wonderfully blessed in the service Sunday and Sunday night. Three souls were saved and we thank God for them. Bro. O. H. Staires preached a wonderful sermon in our pastor's absence.

I would like to report that our pastor, Rev. George McLain, is in a two weeks' revival at Noble, Illinois. We miss him so much while he is away, but we thank God for a pastor that is willing to go and preach to the lost that may be saved. We

pray that God will give souls for his labor.

We have a revival starting May 31 with Rev. H. E. Staires of Drumright, Oklahoma, as the evangelist. Pray that Oklahoma City will be awakened by the great power of God, and many souls will be saved and each church member will be brought closer to God.

We also have a league rally at our church Sunday, May 31. Service will be all day. We are looking forward to that day. We would like to say we have a good group of young people in our league, and they, too, love the Lord and His cause. Please pray for them that God will keep them true to Him and His cause.

We have a wonderful church and God has blessed it in so many ways, and we do give Him the praise for it. We have singing every Tuesday night, and God is there. We also have prayer meeting every Wednesday night and God always gives us a blessing. It is wonderful the way the Lord will bless when we will let Him.

The ladies' Auxiliary held a pre-Easter prayer week at our church. We had prayer meeting each afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and we had good meetings. It was spiritual food and one soul that we had prayed for so long was wonderfully saved.

We would like to say that Rev. O. H. Staires and his good family have moved to the city and have united with us to help us keep house for God. They have already been a blessing to our church.

Mr. Sanford Wilson of Oklahoma City and Miss Thelma Bashara were united in marriage April 16. They are making their home in the city. It was our privilege to have them in our service Sunday and Sunday night. We pray that God will bless them in their married life.

We ask anyone when in Oklahoma City to visit our church at 1815 South Central. Remember us when you pray and may God bless you all.

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### Woman's Auxiliary Report Flat River, Missouri

Dear Bro. Rollins and Gem Family:

I am sending in a small report of the Willys Circle of the Ladies' Auxiliary work from January 2, 1942 to April 23, 1942.

Money taken in .....\$97.50  
Paid out for:

Tennessee Orphanage	....\$23.80
Kentucky Orphanage	..... 2.50
Candy, Cookies, Cakes for	
boys in camps	..... 7.00
Field and Evangelist	..... 7.50
Other donations, Bible school	
trays for the sick, and	
Grocery showers.	

Total amount paid out .....\$67.24

We want to encourage all the Auxiliary workers to go forward in the work. The Lord promised if we would be faithful in taking care of the little things then He would remember us and take care of the big things. If we are 100 per cent Auxiliary workers we are good stewards for the Master. We read in the scriptures where the Lord said "occupy until I come". The motto of the Auxiliary ladies is "Laborers Together With God". Then if we are faithful to our church, Master, and to our Auxiliary work, then we will be laboring and occupying our place when our Master comes to claim us with the redeemed saints of God.

— Gussie Hamblen, Corr. Sec'y.

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### Cheshire, Ohio April 20, 1942

Dear Editor:

As I am sending our subscription for another year for the Gem, I thought I would tell you how we are getting along at Old Kyger Free Will Baptist Church. We have a Sabbath School, not so largely attended as formerly, and have preaching every Sunday night by our pastor, Rev. Melvin Dunn, of Wellston, Ohio, whom we believe to be a real man of God. He held a revival the first of the year, and had baptismal services Easter Sunday. Seven were baptized and received into the church. We had a sunrise service Easter morning, which was enjoyed by those that attended. That night, we had communion service, of which thirty took part in the services. We ordained one deacon, Bro. Lewis Spires.

We haven't forgotten our short visit to the Gem Office in Monett, Missouri, last year on our way home from the National Association held at Drumright, Oklahoma., accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. W. J.



Sheppard and our grand-daughter, Vera Arretta Thomas. We are looking forward and trusting we will be privileged to be at the National Association in Mississippi this year.

Our Ohio State Association will be held at our pastor's home church in Wellston, Ohio, June 2, 1942. We hope to see some of our Free Will Baptists that read this present with us.

Yours for Jesus and His Cause,

— Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jacobs.

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### Ladies' Auxiliary of Paintsville, Kentucky

Dear Gem Readers:

We, the women of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Paintsville, Ky., wish to inform our brothers and sisters in all parts of the country that we have an active organization in our town. We are indeed thankful that God has sent Bro. and Sister McAdams to us. We had long felt that in the great work of spreading Christ's kingdom upon earth we were to have a part, but we were at a loss as how to go about it. This brother and sister opened up the way.

We have met opposition on every hand and several of our good sisters have fallen out because of a few people in the church who have not as yet seen the light. We are compelled to have our meeting in our homes, but nevertheless we are still pressing along and we never let a month pass that we don't do something to help our neighbors or someone a little less fortunate than we.

We have just finished our week of prayer in various homes in our community. We had wonderful prayer services every night and we are sure that every one attending were wonderfully blessed. We are thanking God for the homes that have thrown their doors open to us. We know God will reward them. We are constantly praying for those who oppose us. We desire your prayers for us and for them. We will not forget to pray for you and yours.

— Mrs. Crider.

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### Comanche, Texas April 20, 1942

I am pastoring full time, and have a

fine young church on the firing line for the Lord. We have a live Sunday school and doing fine work. We have a real prayer meeting weekly, on Wednesday night. Everybody enjoys themselves in the meetings.

We think we have the best singing choir of any church and most of them are young people.

We had a real revival last summer. Souls were saved and twelve added to the church. I did the preaching myself.

Our Church is here in the town of Comanche. We need more Free Will Baptist preachers here in this part of the state. I am the only one in this county doing any preaching to speak of.

We are very thankful for the copy of the Gem. We enjoyed reading it very much. We are glad to know that our Free Will Baptist people are waking up to the realization that we should come together for the salvation of lost souls.

— Rev. M. R. Gaines.

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### Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Mrs. A. F. Fipps, Reporter,

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor

Dear Gem Readers:

During the past month we have enjoyed the wonderful blessings of God. What a glorious time we had during the National Prayer Week of Woman's Auxiliary and the observance of communion. There was singing and shouting in the old time way and the Spirit of the Lord was greatly felt.

Our church is growing day by day, and our desire is to live according to God's will and be a soul winning station for Him. We are so grateful for our new building and all its comforts.

We are looking forward to the Bible Institute to be held in June. This school will be another great blessing and will be the means of our growing closer to God through the study of His word. We thank Him for each member of the faculty and pray that each of them will be able to meet with us during this session. Those of you who cannot attend, we ask your prayers that a great work will be done.

We enjoyed so much the report of our missionary work in last month's issue of the *Gem*. We want to say to our editor of this fine publication that it is one of the best pieces of reading material we know of. It is some times called the "Little Gem," but to us it is far more than that. we enjoy so much the pictures of co-workers in the last issue. We know it takes hours of hard labor to get it ready for the press but it spreads sunshine in many homes and at such a low cost.

We are praying for a revival. There is much work to be done and the way seems harder for those that are lost to surrender all to God.

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### GIFTS FROM HEAVEN

*By Clell Preston, Seco, Kentucky*

How many little gifts from heaven  
Are you sheltering in your home?  
Do you know just what would happen  
To these gifts if you were gone?  
Do you have a friend or neighbor  
Who would take these gifts with care,  
And would be to them a daddy  
Just the same if you were here?

Would they come with smile to greet them  
At the ending of each day,  
Or to kiss them in the morning  
Just before they went away?  
Would they love and caress them  
Or pat them on their little heads;  
Or would they just be another stranger  
From door to door begging bread?

Do you know that just a dollar  
That each Christian man will give  
Will build a home in old Kentucky  
Where some orphan child will live?  
You may not think that while you're giving  
That the orphan may be your own;  
To be left here among strangers  
Or to dwell in that good home.

So get behind this program, brother,  
Help these orphans in time of need;  
We all must reap what we are sowing  
So do your best to sow good seed.  
Give and give until it hurts you  
Give it all in the name of the Lord;  
For blessed is the cheerful giver,  
He will receive a just reward.

Dear Brother and Sister, while you meditate upon the lines of this true poem, won't you place an offering in an envelope and mail it to The Reverend F. S. Van Hoose, treasurer of The Kentucky State Free Will Baptist Orphan's Home, and God will surely bless you.

F. S. Van Hoose, Treas., Paintsville, Ky.  
Walter L. Hooper.

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### A GOSPEL POEM

*By Panzy Alexander, Monett, Missouri*

Have you followed the steps of Jesus?  
Are your sins all washed away?  
Jesus saves, and He will keep you  
Safely 'till another day.

Jesus is calling, "Come, follow me."  
Heed His warning right away;  
Can you not hear His hopeful plea?  
He calls, "O sinner, be saved today."

Be saved and join this heavenly band  
That'll march to Heaven's golden shore,  
Let Jesus take you by the hand  
And lead you up to Heaven's door.

Sinners listen to my warning,  
Can you walk the narrow way?  
The end may come before the morning,  
Are you ready, any day?

Editor's Note—The above poem was written by Panzy Alexander who is eleven years of age and is in the sixth grade. Panzy was converted one night during the revival conducted by Evangelist Elsie M. Curtis.

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### Free Will Baptist Church Pikeville, Kentucky

*Rev. Millard Vanhose, Pastor  
Mrs. Albert Webb, Reporter*

Dear Gem Friends:

We want to thank God for this another opportunity of reporting to this good paper. It has really become to mean a great deal to each one of us. We believe that each issue is getting better and it inspires us to the very depths of our hearts to see the good works that our brothers and sisters in Christ are doing.

We very much regret to report that our dearly beloved pastor, who has served us



so faithfully since our church was established, and who was one of the men to begin the move for a Free Will Baptist church in Pikeville, moved to Ashland, Kentucky. Brother Jackson was loved by all who knew and heard him. We feel that our loss is someone else's gain. We believe that this man of God will always hold up the blood-stained banner of King Emmanuel wherever he may be. We pray that the blessings of God will ever be upon him.

We are very thankful and grateful to God that Brother Millard Vanhooose of Paintsville, Kentucky, has accepted the position as pastor of our church. We realize more each day as we go along that God will supply our every need. We want the prayers of all who are interested in this warfare of our Master.

Sunday, April 19, was the second quarterly meeting of our Johnson County Sunday School Quarterly Conference at our church. There were about one hundred and fifty or two hundred delegates present. Each meeting is enlarging and the sweet spirit of God is felt throughout our meetings. You know when we are working for the Lord there is a blessing that we never receive any other way.

People are at last beginning to wake up to the reality that better Sunday schools will make better communities and a better world to live in. Nowhere can our efforts count far more toward the building of a better world and towards the furtherance of the aims of God's kingdom than in Sunday School. Let us make every part of its work more effectively. Let us pray about it, think about it, confer about it. Let us plan it, begin it and see it through. Let us build a better Sunday school; build it well upon the solid rock!

At the last Sunday school conference there were seven Sunday schools that had joined. At this meeting two others were accepted. One of these new Sunday schools was the Toms Creek Sunday School, the one we reported last month that we had just organized and some of the people said it couldn't be done. But to show you what God can do with men and women when they have really surrendered their lives for His service. This Sunday school has a present enrollment of 100 scholars and an average attendance of 65.

From the splendid results of the Floyd County and Johnson County Sunday School Conferences other counties are seeking to learn more and to follow the same method in their Sunday schools. There was one delegate from the Letcher County Quarterly Conference with us at this meeting and said he would also try to be at our June meeting at Seco, Kentucky.

When we stop to consider this big world we are living in, it makes us to appreciate more this Great God we are serving. The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only solution of this world's ills. We believe this enough to be active workers in the church and Sunday school. Do we believe it enough to make maximum use of the means at our disposal? Don't your Christian convictions give you a sense of the urgency of the Christian message? Let us introduce and maintain in our schools wholehearted evangelistic emphasis.

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### Washington, D. C. May 3, 1942

I am glad for another opportunity to write a few words to let you know we are still at the front line of battle for the Lord. Since I last wrote you, reporting for the home church at Sandy City, I have come to Washington, D. C., to work. I have been here two weeks and like my work fine, but I sure miss being in the good prayer services, Sunday school and Sunday evening worship, and auxiliary work. As yet I have not found a church to worship and work in but I am trusting God to lead me to one where I can enjoy meeting with the people. I know I'll never find a church that I shall enjoy working in as I did in the one back home, but I know, too, that I can't afford to quite just because I am not at home. Nay verily, wherever God's children are there is work for them to do. As I look on the masses of young men and women that are so unconcerned about the most important thing in life—Salvation—I yearn to tell them about Jesus—One who can give them real joy, peace and happiness, and He will give it to them if they will only accept it.

"Whosoever will let him come." Thank God that included me, and one night almost eight years ago on my knees at an

old fashioned altar God sweetly kissed away my sins. Praise His name tonight for old-time heartfelt salvation—something you know you have! Bless His name! Oh, if I only had a voice like a trumpet and ten thousand tongues to tell the world of Jesus!

Christians everywhere, remember me in your prayers, and also Miss Laura Ann Prince, who is here with me. We earnestly covet your prayers in our behalf that God will lead and have His way in our lives.

We were glad to hear the good news about Brother Collier's revival at the Blackfork Free Will Baptist Church, Blackfork, Ohio. It always does us good to hear that souls are being saved.

Praying God's richest blessings on His children, we again ask you to pray for us.

Yours for Jesus,

Gertrude Bowe,  
123½ Carroll Aven., Takoma Park.

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### Revival at Glenwood Christian Church in Oklahoma

One of the greatest revivals in the history of the Glenwood Christian Church closed Sunday morning. This church came into existence in 1898. We have had a great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in this revival conducted by Rev. George McLain of the Free Will Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

This community has been greatly revived; fathers and mothers have been converted in an old-fashioned altar of prayer, have shouted and praised and glorified God. In this great crisis when our nation is at war we need more old-time gospel preached as Rev. McLain has done.

Some have said Bro. McLain is another Billy Sunday, others another Sam Jones, but Bro. McLain says he just preaches as God places it upon his heart. Everyone says that they have been helped to a better Christian life by the inspiring messages they have been privileged to hear. The wonderful flower service Sunday morning will not soon be forgotten. After Bro. McLain had delivered his stirring sermon on "Giving Our Bouquets to the Living," all parents and children presented to their loved ones a flower of love and appreciation.

This community has witnessed a revival

different from what it has been used to, people have become humble before God. Those who were unable to find seats inside gathered at the doors and windows to hear the message, personal discomfort would not let them miss. The entire church was moved with a desire to follow more closely the perfect example and their testimonies proved their sincerity. Much joy was expressed around the altar as sinners knelt in humble prayer to God.

At the close of this meeting 43 people had dedicated their life to the glory of God. We do not consider this a two-weeks revival but a revival which will be continued by our pastor, Rev. Jesse Kindred. All praise and glory be to God who has been with us throughout this revival.

—Miss Audrey Eagleton, Reporter

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### Sandy City Woman's Auxiliary Catlettsburg, Kentucky

Dear Gem Readers:

I am happy to report the work of our Woman's Auxiliary, and we are thanking God for everything He has done for us.

We have our regular meeting the last Tuesday in each month. We are happy to report a membership of 66 and also report 35 of our members as subscribers to the *Gem*.

Our April meeting proved to be a very interesting meeting and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Our meeting opened with a hymn, "To the Work" by the congregation. Sister Kenneth Russell gave a most interesting discussion on "Real Home Missions" which proved a real blessing to each one present. A poem "The Eyes of Youth" was given by Helen Hicks. Thelma and Norma Gene Conley sang "Where He Leads Me" and "Footsteps of Jesus". Sister Zella Brown gave a very interesting discussion on "Paths of Direction Through Paths of Service". The business was then taken care of and each vice president gave a very encouraging report.

On Sunday afternoon we visited the County Home and had services. Rev. John Hicks brought us a wonderful message and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

In the near future we are planning on having a mission study class and also a class on stewardship.



Pray for us that we will stay where God can use us for His glory.

— Mrs. James K. Maynard, Cor. Sec'y.

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### First Free Will Baptist Church Flint, Michigan

*Maurice W. Roach, Pastor*

*Vera Roach, Reporter*

Dear Readers:

Although I've been far too lax in my reporting, the Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way in His vineyard here.

The quarterly meeting was held at our church here in Flint, March 26, 27 and 28th. How the Lord did bless. The Saturday morning service proved to be the service that will be long remembered. The young people of the churches had charge and what an inspiration to us, who are older in the Lord, to see these fine young men and women take the stand for God.

Now comes a big piece of news that we are all rejoicing over. Two beautiful lots have been donated to us for a church site. The deed is already made and recorded. How we have prayed for that to happen. The building where we are now having service is the Township Hall and sometimes we are not privileged to use it as long or as often as we would like. Now we are raising money for a building fund. The woman's prayer band has a miniature church drawn on a large piece of card board and it is bricked off. Each donor's name is written in a brick and the amount given. Do you want to buy a brick? If so, send your donation to my husband, Rev. Maurice W. Roach, 2134 E. Kenneth Street, and say "building fund". Your name will be entered in your brick and when all bricks are sold and the church erected we are going to store the bricks for future history of The First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint. There are restrictions in the section where our lots are and we can't build anything less than fifteen hundred dollars. We realize we can't build for that but we know our Father will supply our needs. Isn't He rich in houses and land? How we pray to have a building of our own by the latter part of July for a revival that we hope Bro. Winford Davis will be able to hold for us.

Friends, do pray for this new field here and if God puts it on your heart, HELP!

### Turlock, California

Dear Gem Readers:

As I was elected as a home missionary, I guess I had better make my report.

I landed at Turlock, California, January 3rd, and since that time I have traveled 1500 miles in California.

I have located about 18 Free Will Baptist preachers. We have organized one church at Turlock and expect to organize a church at Firebaugh, California, next Sunday.

I have been asked to go 100 miles north of here and help organize a church there.

As I have not been able to preach in revival work, we sent for Rev. M. M. McKee of Soper, Oklahoma, to do most of the preaching. At this time he is in our meeting at Firebaugh, and we are having an old time meeting there.

This is not a big report, but since I am sick, maybe it will get me by.

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### Fredericktown F. W. B. Church

#### Fredericktown, Missouri

*S. A. Hand, Pastor*

*Loy Smith, Reporter*

Dear Gem Readers:

As we read our soul-stirring Gem paper we love to read how God is wonderfully blessing other churches as well as our little church here. We are thankful that the Lord is still hearing and answering prayer.

I would love to report the wonderful revival meeting we have just been blessed with. Rev. Marie Thomas of Arcadia, Kansas, was our evangelist. Sister Marie sure preached the old-time gospel of our Savior. There were six souls born into the Kingdom; four young men and two young ladies. We thank God for sending Sister Marie our way. Pray that our young people will continue to be true and consecrated to the Master. God is blessing us on our new Red Granite church building we have started to build. We hope some time after our new church is completed we can have the State Association here.

Remember us in your prayers that the Lord will find us true to His calling and that we will be a soul saving station.

### Wagoner F. W. B. Church Near Stockton, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Although we have not reported from the Wagoner church for some time we are still serving the Master the best we know how.

Sister Lowell Martin filled her regular appointment at Wagoner Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. We were few in number but the Lord was with us and we had very good services. Sunday being Mother's Day we gave a program Sunday night in honor of our mothers. We also had a flower service which honored all of our mothers who were there, or away, or had passed away, or the ones who had son's in military training. We were all richly blessed in what little we were doing for our Mothers. Sister Martin gave a talk on "The Mothers of the Bible". It showed us what a perfect mother is like.

We have Sunday school every Sunday morning and young people's meeting every Sunday night. We are few in number, but we love to work for the cause of the Lord.

May God bless everyone is our prayer.

— Ina Belle O'Connor

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### Woman's Auxiliary Report Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., met the week preceding Easter for a week of prayer starting on March 30. We met each day at 1:30 o'clock.

Monday, being the first day, we had for our speaker, Sister Evelyn Miller, President of our Auxiliary. Following her was Bro. Bingham. Both gave us a wonderful talk.

Tuesday our speakers were Sister Hamilton and then Sister Katherine Hendricks, a missionary from China, who now resides at Skioak. She gave us a wonderful talk and we hope and pray where ever she goes or what may come that she can still feel our church praying for her.

Wednesday our speakers were Sister Opal Bingham, Second Vice President, and Sister Elva Tuttle. Both talks were inspiring.

Thursday the speakers were Sister Ethel Renegar, Secretary, and Sister Susie Lindle.

Friday the speakers were Sister Mildred Asham and Sister Cherry Fipps, Fifth Vice President. We enjoyed these talks also.

Brother Bingham made a talk to the Auxiliary in connection with the National work.

We gave an offering of \$6.45 for the unified program fund.

The Lord met with us each day and every one who attended felt up-lifted, more ready and with a determination to go on for God. We were thankful that our pastor, Brother Bingham, was able to attend all of our meetings.

— Mrs. Madge Phelps, Cor. Sec'y.

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### Neola Woman's Auxiliary Report Near Greenfield, Missouri

Dear Gem Friends:

The Woman's Auxiliary of Mt. Olive (Neola) meets in all day session each Tuesday after fourth Sunday.

Our last lesson was "Overcoming With Christ Through Our Youth". The leader stressed the fact that the youth of today is the church of tomorrow. We feel the need of a service for our young people. Prayers were offered in their behalf. It was decided that we make plans for a vacation Bible school in the near future.

The Auxiliary also met in the home of one of our aged and most faithful members, Mrs. Nannie Martin.

We had prayers, songs and scripture reading from which all were spiritually blessed.

We plan to meet with Bro. and Sister Willie Green, two more aged members who are not privileged to attend church.

At these meetings each time there will be an offering for some phase of the work. We desire your prayers.

— Velma Smith, Ass't. Cor. Sec'y.

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### Young People's Auxiliary Report of Fredericktown, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

It is with great pleasure that we can report the re-organizing of our young people's mission into the young people's auxiliary on the 14th of March, 1942.

Our state field worker, Sister Marie Thomas, was present and a great help in assisting us in getting organized. We truly believe that our auxiliary will be a success.

The Auxiliary officers are as follows:



President, Herbert Hole; First Vice President, They, too, gave an interesting talk. dent, Bill Wilson; Second Vice President, Iona Murray; Third Vice President, Doris Hand; Fourth Vice President, Helen Mc-

Graw; Fifth Vice President, Margie Sharpe; Recording Secretary, Harold Baldwin; Corresponding Secretary, Glenda Smith; Treasurer, Emma Bell McGraw.

## Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury

*Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.*

(Since taking over the work May 1.)

Amount turned over by former  
Treasurer, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder,  
Nashville, Tennessee ..... \$306.30  
Turned in by Rev. F. S. Vanhoose,  
National Treasurer, from Allocation Fund ..... 133.16  
Davis Shore Church, by Rev. L. R. Ennis, pastor ..... 14.05  
Turned in by Miss Laura B. Barnard 80.66  
Turned in by Missouri State Treasurer, Rev. Winford Davis ..... 166.78

Flat River Christian Workers Institute,  
Turned in by Rev. L. R. Ennis .. 52.00  
Turned in by Rev. L. R. Ennis, which  
amount was received from a  
church in Arkansas ..... .68  
Pearsalls Chapel Sunday School Class  
of North Carolina ..... 2.00  
Turned in by Rev. Marie Thomas from  
sale of missionary pictures .... 6.00  
From young people of Tulsa church  
for native Cuban worker ..... 10.00

## Report of Missouri Treasury

### Foreign Mission Fund

Flat River Church .....\$25.50  
Rock Chapel ..... 4.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Byran and  
Family, Stockton, Mo. .... 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brinson,  
Columbus, Texas ..... 1.00  
Mt. Clive (Neola) Auxiliary ..... 1.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Martin,  
Greenfield, Mo. .... 5.00  
Will Price, Arcola, Mo. .... 1.00  
True Blue Class, Mt. Clive (Neola) S. S. 1.00  
Woman's Auxiliary and Young  
Peoples Class of Tulsa Church, for  
Cuban native worker ..... 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Dunn,  
Hartville, Mo. .... 10.00  
Merl's Chapel Sunday School ..... 3.44  
Shibley's Point Church ..... 1.40  
Oak Grove Church, Stella, Mo., from  
money received from the government  
for their church property  
in Camp Crowder area ..... 50.00  
Verdella Church ..... 3.00  
Monett Auxiliary ..... 5.00  
Hazel Creek Union Church ..... 14.37  
Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo

Springs, Texas ..... 15.00  
Mine La Motte Sunday School ..... 2.26  
Pleasant Grove Sunday School ..... 3.25  
Flat River Auxiliary ..... 10.00  
Edith Marbut, Monett, Mo. .... 1.50  
Free Will Baptist Church, Buffalo, Mo. 1.50  
Aurora Church ..... 3.86  
Blue Eye Church ..... .65  
J. K. Stephens, Stockton, Mo. .... 1.00  
Wagoner Church ..... 1.00

### New Machinery Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Dunn,  
Hartville, Mo. .... \$15.00  
Oak Grove Church, Stella, Mo., from  
money received from government  
for their church property in  
Camp Crowder area ..... 750.00  
Edith Blair, Buffalo, Mo. .... .50  
Rev. W. M. Gardner, Lockwood, Mo. .. 5.00

### Benevolent Fund

Oak Grove Church, Stella, Mo., from  
money received from government  
for their church property in Camp  
area (for Tennessee Orphanage) \$250.00  
Hickory Grove Auxiliary (for Tennessee Orphanage) ..... 3.00

**Jehoida Chest Fund**

Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	\$1.00
Flat River Auxilliary .....	8.00
Monett Church .....	1.00
Hickory Grove Auxilliary .....	1.00
Macedonia Church .....	1.00

**Educational Fund**

Oak Grove Church, Stella, Mo., from money received from government for their church property in Camp Crowder area .....	\$500.00
Mine La Motte League .....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brinson, Coleman, Texas .....	1.00

**Allocation Fund  
(Penny-A-Day)**

Macedonia Church .....	\$ 6.95
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	3.77
Monett Church .....	5.64
Merl's Chapel .....	9.00
St. Louis Third Church .....	1.00
Leadington Church .....	.92
Aulsbury Chapel .....	1.10
Wortham Church .....	*. 1.46
Carterville Auxilliary .....	2.00
Jones Chapel (by Margaret Turner) ..	1.60
Aurora Church .....	4.46

## OBITUARIES

**BROWN**—Percey Leo Brown was born in Burton, Kansas, March 25, 1892, and died at Burbank, California, March 9, 1942.

He was married to Edith Alfry, March 1, 1916, at Bentonville, Arkansas. To this union five children were born, John Alfry of the U. S. Army, Tarvis, Laura Mildred, Pauline Louise, and Kathleen Fay of the home. His aged mother still lives at Burbank, California.

His wife and children were all present at the funeral which was conducted by Rev. C. E. Mann on March 15, 1942, at the Black Oak Church near Marshfield, Missouri.

Mr. Brown professed faith in Christ a number of years ago.

**JONES**—Mary Susan Jones was born July 22, 1857, in the state of Illinois and departed this life March 19, 1942.

When 11 years old she came with her parents to Oregon County, Missouri. She was united in marriage to Ransom Hollis, March 3, 1885. To this union two children were born, Mrs. J. E. Rolon of Thayer, Mo.; one boy, Revil Lee, and her husband preceded her in death.

She was converted in August, 1882, and united with the Missionary Baptist church at New Salem and later united with the Free Will Baptists. She was a charter member of the Oak Grove church. In 1939 she moved her membership to pleasant Hill church. She lived a true Christian life from conversion until the Lord called her home.

She leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one niece, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at New Salem church by Rev. H. C. Crase. Burial was made in the New Salem cemetery under the direction of Leo Carr Funeral Home.

**WHITLEY**—Adam Eugene Whitley, age 40 years, was born July 16, 1902, at Piney Creek, North Carolina. He passed away March 26, 1942.

Surviving are his widow, Sister Merle Hale Whitley, and four sons, Grayson, Billie, Glen, and Loyd Dean Whitley all of Shady Spring, West Virginia.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Crab Orchard, West Virginia.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. D. W. French of Crab Orchard, W. Va. and Rev. Cal Sexton of Simms, Virginia.

Our beloved brother has passed on; it's our loss but heaven's gain.

—Sent in by Rev. D. E. Workman.

**MARTIN**—Sister Charles Martin, the wife of Deacon Charles Martin of the Bethel church of Crab Orchard, West Virginia, passed away on the 10th day of February, 1942.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. D. W. French and Rev. R. H. Doan of Crab Orchard, West Virginia.

She is survived by her Husband, Charles Martin, of Crab Orchard; one son, Cecil J. Martin of Crab Orchard; three brothers,

King Blankenship and Annon Blankenship of Blackley, Va., and Noah Blankenship of Litwar, W. Va.; one sister, Mrs. Lottie Aldrich of Berwind.

Active pallbearers were Bert Aldrich, Johnson Meadows, Paul Moore, Social Brooke, Ernest Elkins, and Ray Bare.

— Reported by Rev. R. H. Doan.

**INMAN**— Isaac Cooper Inman, son of Andrew and Mary Ann Inman, was born February 2, 1867, and departed this life May 11, 1942, at the age of 75 years, 3 months, and 9 days. At the time of his passing he resided on his farm four miles west of McDowell, Mo., where he was born and where he lived all his life. Being the last survivor of the Inman family.

He was married to Miranda Jane Marbut, October 10, 1886. To this union was born nine children. One son, Wilmer, preceded him in death, March 10, 1928. Those surviving, besides his wife, are four sons and four daughters: Floyd, Denver, and Cleaton all of Monett Address, Arlie of Cassville, Mrs. Certe Henderson of Monett, Mrs. Grace Hughey of Carthage, Mrs. Mintie Hughey and Mrs. Reta Thomas of Purdy. He also leaves 34 grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was converted many years ago and united with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, remaining a true Christian and a faithful member of the church until his death.

The family has lost a dear father and companion, the church a substantial member, and the community a kind neighbor and friend. He will truly be missed but the loss here is the gain to heaven.

When shadows fall about us  
And sad hearts are alone,  
There is a strength that comes to us  
Far greater than our own.  
There is a love that comforts,  
There is a light that leads,  
There is a heavenly Father  
Who understands our needs.

Funeral service was conducted at the Bethel Church by Rev. Winford Davis and Rev. O. T. Allred, assisted by Rev. C. F. Siler. The body was laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery.

**TUCKER**— Mrs. Wayne Tucker suddenly passed away after a few hours' illness, Friday evening, April 3, 1942, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Palmer, near Peach Orchard, Arkansas. She was 54 years 8 months, and 1 day of age.

She was united in Holy Wedlock to Eld. Wayne Tucker on July 15, 1903. To this union was added seven children, three of whom preceded her in death.

She professed a hope in Christ August 14, 1914, and united with the Free Will Baptist church and has lived a good Christian life. She was baptized by Eld. Thomas Pridemore.

Funeral services were held at the Pirtle church by Elders Ralph Staten and R. S. Shelton. Interment was made in Pirtle cemetery, with Irby funeral directors in charge.

Flower girls were: Martha Owen, Alma Palmer, Ester Lee Barnes, Nellie and Virginia Martin, Beatrice Marie and Bonnie Schimming.

Honorary pall bearers were: Roy Hopkins, W. M. Palmer, I. E. Triplet, Wm. Hummer.

Active pall bearers were: Richard Schimming, Joe S. Smith, Booth Carroll, Wiley Ricker, Drew Clark, and Carl High.

She leaves, other than her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Frank Palmer and Mrs. Edward Gates; two sons, E. W. and Wayne Jr. all of Peach Orchard; two sisters, Mrs. T. W. Ratliff of Corning and Mrs. W. R. Wise of Peach Orchard; one brother, Wallace Pugsley; and grand children; a step-mother, Mrs. Tom Whitson, of Knobel; and a host of friends to mourn her departure. To know her was to love her.

We have missed you dear wife and mother  
Since from us you went away;  
But in heaven where comes no parting  
We hope to meet you some sweet day.

When the evening shadows gather  
For you we do sigh;  
While your loved ones you'll be watching  
From the portals in the sky.

You are gone but not forgotten  
Tho the tears flow from our eyes;  
We shall meet to part no never,  
In that home beyond the skies.



**LAWSON**—John Jackson Lawson was born in Dade County, Missouri, June 25, 1868, and departed this life April 21, 1942, at his home on East Myrtle Street, Aurora, Missouri, at the age of 73 years, 9 months, and 26 days.

He was united in marriage in 1893 to Mary Beverage who has preceded him in death. To this union was born nine children, two having preceded him in death. The seven children who survive are Florence Allsup of Mt. Vernon, Charlie Lawson of Clansey, Calif., Roy Lawson of Aurora, Mo., Josie Good of Modesto, Calif., Fred Lawson of Mt. Vernon, Mo., Alice Williams of Chickasha, Okla., and Anthony Lawson of Reedley, California. He is also survived by

one sister, Flora Lawson, of Aurora, Mo.; three brothers, George of Verona, Mo., Tom of Riverdale, Mo., and Jim of Fresno, Calif.; fifteen grandchildren; two great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted in early life and has lived a devoted Christian life until the end. He joined the Free Will Baptist church of Aurora, Mo., of which he was a member at the time of his death. Our loss is heavens gain.

Funeral service was conducted in the Free Will Baptist church in Aurora by the pastor, Rev. Winford Davis. The body was laid to rest in the Maple Park cemetery.

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## A Special Honor

*By Mrs. Melvin Bingham, the pastor's wife*

We have a member in Tulsa church, his  
hair is white as snow,

His voice has weakened with the years,  
but has not lost its power;

His face beams with God's glory, a light  
to young and old,

He does not waver in God's faith, but stays  
within the fold.

Since this saint came to Tulsa church,  
twenty years we hear folks tell,

Many have come and shone a while then  
wandered, faltered, fell.

This saint is not loud or boastful, sometimes  
a tear we see,

Or hear a soft amen, or word encouraging  
or sympathy.

Don't look for weak ones in the church  
when satan's fierce storms beat,

But look for pillars who stand erect,  
throughout storm and cold and heat.

Many times our cross is heavy and the  
way seems rough and steep,

And some prove false and shallow, we're  
made to pray and weep,

But just one word from one that's true, and  
we rise with hope anew,

Take on new strength and hasten on with  
the prize, heaven's in view.

Written in honor of Bro. J. O. Parker, choir leader twenty years in Tulsa church, also men's Bible class teacher a number of years; also his faithful wife, and all the dear old saints whose prayers and encouragement has meant so much to us in our battle for God and right.

—Mrs. Melvin Bingham



**J. O. Parker**



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