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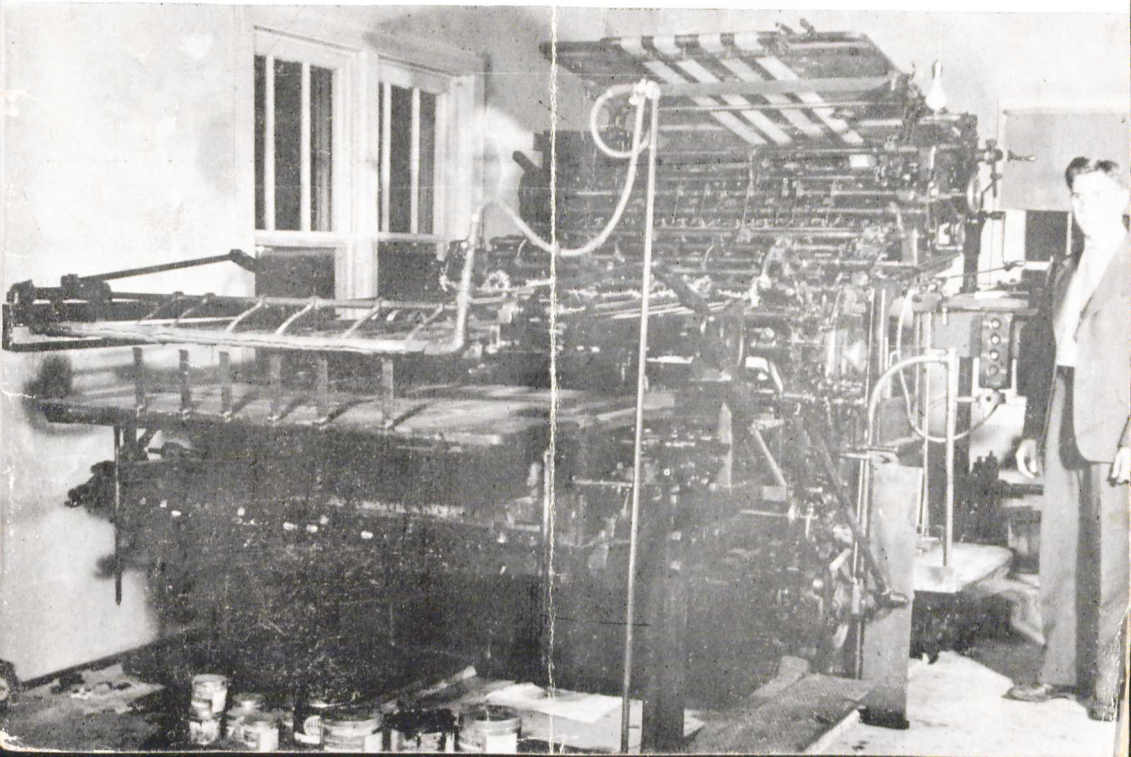
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The National Association

Enterprise Department

Bible School News

Rev. J. R. Davidson, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee

As you read this article the Bible School is in session with a small student body of young men and women of the highest calibre. We are glad to announce the faculty as follows: Rev. L. C. Johnson, teacher of Bible Synthesis, Bible Doctrine, Evangelism, Homiletics, Religious Education and History; Miss Laura Belle Barnard, teacher of English and Worldwide Missions; Rev. Henry Melvin, teacher of Music.

Those who anticipate enlisting for training for the first semester should plan to do so by October 5. We realize that our announcement of the opening of a Bible School was necessarily made so late that a number of prospective students have found it difficult to make satisfactory arrangements for entering school by September 15. So we feel it is wise to make this concession and hold our rolls open for the benefit of those who may yet be able to enroll.

The expense for students is: Room and board, \$126.00 per semester or half school year; matriculation fee, \$10.00. Books may be estimated at about \$10.00 per semester, and incidental expenses will depend upon the needs of the individual student.

Even though we have no definite plans for employment for the students who need to work, we are located in a city which offers great opportunities in this respect, and students with initiative should find no difficulty in getting work.

We do rejoice in the financial support which our people have given through the year. It represents the greatest manifestation of interest in an educational program known for many years. But inasmuch as the major part of this support has been in foundation fund, the many obligations in the opening put the management to great disadvantage in meeting the many calls for



Rev. J. R. Davidson
Business and Financial Manager

finance. We have kept to a minimum the expenditure for furnishings which had to be supplied throughout, but the draw on the treasury has been very great. We are happy to say that some churches and auxiliaries have sponsored such projects as the equipping of the school office and bedroom facilities. We consider this a marvelous Christian example to others. The price of equipping one bedroom is approximately \$105.00. Although the opening of the School has made it necessary to go ahead and purchase the equipment, any church or auxiliary organization would yet have the privilege of turning in the amount of cash and the furnishing of a room would be

credited to that organization. This would relieve financial pressure and enable us to proceed with the purchase of other needs. We are yet without a piano, there are no rugs on any floors, and a reception room is yet to be furnished. Our school library, which is essential to our work, is at present only in our dreams and plans. Any of these needs might be interesting to groups as projects, and it would be a boon to the School to have them supplied in this way. We are facing the problem of being unable to secure table silver on the markets and it occurs to us that possibly there are numbers of Free Will Baptists who have

sets or partial sets of silverware not being used and which would be of great use to us. If so, such gifts would be deeply appreciated for use in the School.

Since this is the season when district and state associations convene, it is a wonderful opportunity to get the plan of our educational work fairly before our church in assembly, so that it may be taken back to the local church and individuals. Funds that have been raised and awaiting something visible in an educational program may now be wisely put to use through our Bible School.

Bible School News

Rev. L. C. Johnson, 3609 Richland, Ave., Nashville, Tennessee

OUR Bible School is entering upon its second week of actual classroom work. Students and Faculty alike are sharing the joys of something visible in the way of an educational program. We opened Tuesday, September 15, with a very impressive devotional service. Students and visitors expressed their praise to the Lord for the hour that brought to us the opening of a school for which we have long prayed. We only wish that all of you might have shared with us the blessings of that opening hour. We feel that this was only the beginning of a great stream of blessings which will come as a result of our Bible School. We thank everyone for past support in the way of finance and prayer, and we know that you will continue to support this cause in the same manner.

It has come to our attention that there are many Foundation Checks which different churches, unions or associations have partially raised but have never been completed and sent in. May we ask you to finish these checks at the earliest possible date and get them into the hands of our Treasurer, so that he may have them on hand by October 5. This date is set because we are planning the dedicatory service for October 13. At this time we expect the entire indebtedness on the School property to be retired.



Rev. L. C. Johnson
President of our Bible School

The following is the program for the Dedication Service of the Bible School, October 13, 1942, at 10:30 A. M.

Music The Entire Group
Scripture Lesson Rev. G. D. Dunbar
Prayer Rev. K. V. Shutes

Talk by Board Member, Rev. Melvin Bingham
 Remarks Mr. W. O. Terrill
 Special Music To be Arranged
 Dedictory Sermon .. Rev. Charles Porter
 Dedictory Prayer Rev. J. E. Hudgens
 Music To be Arranged
 Historical Sketches Rev. L. R. Ennis
 Presidential Address .. Rev. L. C. Johnson
 Benediction Rev. J. R. Davidson

We trust that many of our friends over the denomination will make plans to be with us on that day. If you plan to come, please let us know as soon as possible.

As stated in a previous article, we have set the late entrance date as October 5, for the benefit of students who could not, on such short notice, make arrangements to be here earlier. We have had many letters

from young men and women stating their desire to enter school. Many of them say they cannot enter because of financial problems. It will be of interest to all such prospective students to know that all of our young men in school have secured employment in less than one week's time, with salaries sufficient to pay all their obligations to the school, as well as their incidental expenses. Jobs seem to be wide open to anyone having the initiative to secure them. The School will not guarantee employment but we can say with the utmost confidence that you will be able to secure work. This applies in a special way to young men. So let us hear from you immediately with your application, if this is the only difficulty standing in your way.



Missionary Department



Rev. Winford Davis, Chair.-Treas. National Board, Monett, Mo.

Letter From Native Cuban F.W.B. Preacher

My Brethren:

To speak of this great event, so great and marvelous in my life, the work of the Lord, I am not able to say other than the words of the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord O my soul. Bless the Lord and all that is within me bless his holy name."

As a youth I was completely emeshed by my vices and dispatons. I was a gambler, I loved to dance and drink and sought all the diversions of the world. Hearing the Gospel for the first time, I resented it; but the Lord who is all love and mercy overshadowed me. He who pours out His love upon us illuminates and opens our eyes spiritually so that we are able to see the way, and we are arrested even on the brink of the eternal abys. My soul received a joy great, sublime, as I never found in the pleasures of the world, never in gambling and dancing. I adore and glorify His holy name.

My Call to the Ministry

From the moment that I received Christ as my Saviour, so great was the joy I experienced in my heart that I felt an over-

whelming desire that other souls living in error as I had might recieve the light as I had. I went from house to house giving my testimony, inviting others to accept Christ that they might have a joy equal to that in my own heart. So time passed thus and I continued in my work. I began to study the Bible. The church then called me to be a teacher in the Sunday school, but still I had not surrendered to full time service. During a convention the 9th of September, 1934, I felt the direct call of the Lord while listening to a hymn "Christ is seeking workers today that will be willing to follow Him. Who will say, Lord with Thee I will go?" I said, "Oh, Lord, the labor is great and there are few to do it, make me strong and ardent, and abounding in faith." In that memorable convention, I promised the Lord in a complete surrender to glorious service, later understanding that the work would necessitate that I get some preparation most necessary in the service of God is the power of the Holy Spirit. I sought entrance into the interdenominational Bible seminary at Los Pinos Nuevos.

They accepted me but I suffered many difficulties because of poor health. I finished the first year and went into missionary work during the summer. The following year I entered school sick. The third year I suffered but still continued until at the end of the third year I was compelled to give up, but not my studies. I enrolled in a correspondence course in the Spanish American Baptist Bible Seminary of Los Angeles, California. In the mean time I was appointed to work with the Cuban Baptist Church. This is an independent Cuban Baptist group. Then later I began to preach in the small villages, praying all the time that God would open a large field of service to me. In answer to that prayer I received a call from Rev. Thomas Willey, a representative of the Free Will Baptists of Cuba. The Lord led me to work with you my brethren and in this choice I have found a profound joy.

It has not been many days since I arrived here in the Province of Pinar del Rio to work as a missionary under the Free Will Baptists I wish to say that never in all the missionary fields I have worked have I ever experienced what I have in this new field. I have seen the power of the Lord working and have felt his presence in our hearts. There is a great revival movement in all these fields here. The Lord is working marvelously, souls are moving forward with joy in the services. I was caused to rejoice in a great tobacco warehouse where there were working four hundred people to whom we had the privilege to preach. There is a great thirst for the Gospel and God is working. The field is great and white unto the harvest, but we lack workers. Pray the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into this great white harvest field. Glory to His holy name! Amen.

— Blas Serrano

This letter is from Brother Blas Serrano, a man of large and varied experience who came to us with a very fine recommendation. He is a printer by trade, a fine musician and a good typeset, of which I am greatly in need. Blas is bubbling over with enthusiasm at the way God is working here. There is a remarkable spirit of joy upon

the people and a live vital testimony one cannot wait for the other so great is their desire to tell forth His praise.

New places are opening every month now, souls are being saved continually. There are six full time Cuban preachers now on the field and two more coming to work with us.

We are making all preparations possible to start the Bible training school for our preachers this fall. Our people in the States have responded to our need for horses. Brother Dunbar from Chuckey, Tennessee sent in \$45.00 for a horse, I went right on to San Juan and bought the horse for Luis Diaz, Louis only has eight places to preach in every week and to some places he had to walk sixteen miles there and back. I mean to tell you he was one happy boy. Bro. Dunbar is in for getting his neck hugged when he comes to Cuba. The horse money was made up by Brothers Rosco Tolley, Hubert Tolley, Haxen Anders, Joe Thomas, J. R. Dunbar, Jewel Dunbar, Bro. George Dunbar and Sister Mary Garland. We are looking for brother Dunbar down here before long. Up to date, Bro. Winford Davis informs me that \$93.50 has been sent in for horses. Bro. Raymond Sassar of North Carolina sent in \$25.00, Bro. Will Price of Neola Church in Missouri sent in \$22.50, Bro. Griffin sent in 46.00, Sister Clements of the Durham Church, North Carolina, sent in \$20.00, Sister Oliver of Kinston, North Carolina, sent in \$25.00. This makes considerable more than \$93.50.

Horses and saddles as all other things have gone up in price just like they have in the States. There is no more gas so people are riding horses. Horses that would have cost us from \$30.00 to \$50.00 now cost from \$50.00 up. Saddles that were \$8.00 are now from 16.00 to \$25.00. The situation we face now at the lowest estimate on prices is:

Santiago Delgado of St. Andrews	has horse but no saddle	\$16.00
Pedro Oliva of Vinales, no horse	or saddle	65.00
Luis Diaz of St. John, has horse but	no saddle	16.00
Blas Serrano of Sabalo, no horse or	saddle	65.00
Pedro Rojo, no horse or saddle		65.00

We have on hand to meet the situation \$183.50. As you see, if we can get horses and saddles at the above prices we need at least \$50.00 more.

Last year Sister Ogelsby of North Carolina bought us a horse and saddle, but he was not big and strong enough to carry me so I sold him realizing \$25.00. I paid \$30.00 for him. With this money I bought a fine young filley and broke it to saddle. This is Mrs. Willey's mount. The Foreign Mission Board realizing my need and responding sent me sufficient to buy a fine Arabian mare with the stama to take me places. These horses are here in Sabalo cared for by our Free Will Baptist people.

When we get the horses we plan to send

a picture of each horse and his rider. We will name the horses so you can recognize them. Santiago's horse is "Durham Junior", Luis Diaz "Kinston", and as we get them each will be named.

We want you, our people, to pray earnestly that this revival may reach out and on through the Island. We are praying that some representative might come from our denomination to witness this that God has put in our hands as a people. My New address is now Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Tommy is returning this week to Orlando, Florida for school. We are expecting Mrs. Willey back the 18th of this month.

—Thomas Willey.

Our Definite Needs in Cuba

By Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

We are very grateful to our people for the way they have responded to the call for horses and saddles in Cuba. It displays a fine interest in our foreign mission program. I think we have had money enough designated for this purpose to buy a sufficient number of horses and saddles; but there are other needs pressing. Brother Willey tells me that the most urgent needs at the present time are furniture and cooking utensils for the Free Will Baptist Bible School he is opening there this fall. He says beds will cost \$10.00 each, mattresses \$4.00 each, and chairs \$1.50 each. We trust a number of our people will take it on themselves to furnish funds for some of

these needs. If you desire to buy a bed, a mattress, a chair or cooking utensils for the school just send it in to us and tell us what it is for. Don't let this interfere with the regular giving; but let this be aside from the regular giving to foreign missions. In other words let's make this just that much extra.

Our work is moving forward in Cuba in a wonderful way. The Free Will Baptists are definitely established as a church in this Province of Pinar Del Rio. Let us be very thankful, and prove our gratitude to the Lord by giving freely of our means to keep this good work going.

The Great
Commission
— Our Mission



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole
World
For Christ



The love of Christ constraineth us — 2 Cor. 5:14.

A Message to all Fifth Vice Presidents

Evangelist Elsie M. Curtis, 1104 S. 12th Street, Herrin, Illinois

SOMEONE has said, and rightfully so I think, that back of nearly every great man's success and worthwhile achievements, is a

good woman; and back of every man's downfall is the wicked influence of an evil woman. On the pages of God's Word stands

out in bold relief such names as Hannah, Ruth, Esther, Deborah, Mary, Eunice, Lydia, Phoebe Dorcas and others too numerous to mention. Among Free Will Baptists of today could be called out the names of many women who stand as a *bulwark of strength*, supporting our glorious structure of denominational organization. May our Woman's Auxilliary ever be composed of such, and God forbid that there should ever be one selfish motive; one un-Christlike ambition, but that "constraineth by the love of Christ" from the National President, to the smallest, weakest, member in the Local Auxilliary, our predominating purpose, shall be to win the lost for Christ whether these lost be at our door, or in the far flung regions beyond.

I am directing this message especially to particular department of work, and I am the fifth vice presidents regarding their intensely anxious that our department shall labor with more zeal, and shall accomplish a greater service for the Master this year than in all years past, but I should be unworthy of any office if I were not also vitally concerned that my sisters in the other departments of Enlistment, Education, Missions and Stewardship should equally share in the power and blessing of God upon their work. In the very beginning of this year's Labor of Love let us set ourselves to give ourselves to one another and to the lost world that this may be the greatest time of ingathering of souls in the history of Auxilliary work.

Suggestions for Benevolent Work

I am quoting first of all the two points recommended by our national committee on the plan of work:

1. That we intensify our efforts to carry out monthly, the activities printed in the personal service calander of the Year Book.
2. That every Auxilliary have a personal service committee whose responsibility it is to direct these activities.
3. Since our country is at war and it is our direct responsibility to reach our boys with the message of Christ's love and great salvation, I suggest:

(1.) That a prayer band be organized in each local auxilliary and a list of the

names of the boys from the community who have been called to the service be presented to the Lord in prayer each day by this band of prayers. Such prayers will reach the throne of God and He is able to take care of those boys whether they be on the land or sea, or in the air

(2.) That tract containers, or boxes, be placed in railroad stations, filled with good tracts that contain a message pertaining to the salvation of the soul. It would prove a great blessing also, I am sure, if the personal service committee, or some appointed persons would visit some incoming trains and personally hand out tracts to the soldiers who might be on board, or changing trains at your station. Such tracts are available from The Free Will Baptist Gem. Monett, Missouri. These tracts are written by Free Will Baptists and therefore need no censuring as other tracts should be before we give them to our boys, otherwise we might be distributing poison among them. All reading is not fit reading. Beware lest you, with the little tract, are responsible for a lost soul instead of a saved soul. Read yourself whatever you give another to read. Order your tracts from Free Will Baptist publishers and then you will be safe.

Let all our work this year be directed by the supreme desire to take the message of Christ's love to the lost. Let us "go forth with weeping"—compassion—tenderness, and doubtless "we shall come again with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves of precious souls with us" in the day of the appearing of our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In one of the classes at the Christian Workers' Institute this summer one of the students asked this question; "Brother . . . when do you expect Jesus to come?" and for a moment it seemed every heart stood still, and a peculiar sense of the very near presence of the Lord was felt, as there came from the lips of the instructor the one word, "TODAY". Is it not true that as laborers in His great harvest field we should live, pray and work though He were coming TODAY?

The Missouri State Association

Business Transactions

Foreign Mission Items Adopted

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg to submit the following report:

We are glad to note the marked increase in foreign mission interest in our denomination. We are gratified to notice that Missouri has given more the past year for foreign missions than any year previous; the total amount being \$1,565.98. This is to be appreciated; but yet we can do even more if we will. The way the Lord is opening doors for us in Cuba spells increased responsibility for us as a people. God is giving us the missionaries and the fields therefore may we not fail to arise to the challenge.

We wish to recommend the following:

1. That one evening service during the setting of this association be given to the foreign mission program; in which service we have a stirring message on missions, and invite Rev. Kenneth Turner to show his motion pictures of the tour of the deputation party in Cuba.

2. That each church, which does not already have such, institute some plan of weekly or monthly giving to foreign missions. We suggest the drill offering, a designated Sunday school offering, or some other plan which will mean a regular systematic giving to this worthy work.

3. That each church avail themselves of the opportunity to purchase the missionary pictures of India and Cuba to place on bulletin boards in their church so as to create interest in foreign missions. The pictures are to be ordered from Rev. Marle Thomas at two cents per print.

4. Noticing that the quota for foreign missions for this state was set at the National Association to the amount of \$1200.00, and taking notice that this state has given nearly \$1600.00 during the past twelve months, therefore we recommend that our quota be raised to \$2,000.00.

We present the following as prayer needs, for which may we pray daily: Rev. and Mrs. Willey who are laboring so tirelessly in Cuba, Rev. Paul Woolsey who at this time is endeavoring to get passage to India for Miss Laura Belle Barnard and Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd, for Rev. and Mrs. Dodd who have entered school at Nashville looking forward to entering the field in India, for more workers on the field in Cuba, especially for a man and wife and a teacher for the Willey children, for our native workers in Cuba who are leading out and organizing Free Will Baptist churches there, for our National Foreign Mission Board who have such a great responsibility resting on them, and that our home people may get a greater and broader vision of our opportunity and responsibility to carry the gospel around the world.

6. As touching Home Missions may we bear in mind that we cannot have and support a foreign work unless we have a lively and established home work. Since there is a plan outlined by our National Home Mission Board we recommend that the recommendations of this board be read to this body for consideration and adoption.

There is no such thing as support of missions either home or foreign without vision. God said, "Where there is no vision the people perish". Therefore may we, His people, catch a greater vision of a world dying without God, and in turn make a far greater effort than ever before to get the gospel to them.

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Majestic sweetness sits enthroned

Upon the Savior's brow;

His head with radiant light is crowned,

His lips with grace overflow.

No mortal can with Him compare,

Among the sons of men;

Fairer is He than all the fair

That fill the heavenly train.

Educational Items Adopted

We, your Committee on Education, prayerfully submit the following report:

Whereas, in the providence of God, He has made possible the opening of our Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee, on the 15th day of September, 1942, and whereas our hearts have been made to rejoice in the accomplishment, be it therefore resolved, that the Missouri State Association pledge our full support and cooperation to our Bible School.

1. We recommend that in co-operation with the plan submitted by the National Board of Education every church adopt a

system of giving monthly to the School fund.

2. We recommend that the first Sunday of each month be set aside as a special day of prayer for our Bible School, remembering our president, Bro. Johnson, the faculty, business manager, and board of education, together with all the students who may be in attendance that the Lord will supply all their needs.

3. We recommend to this body that they encourage young men and women who are contemplating entering fields of Christian service to take training in our Free Will Baptist Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee.

The Editor's Report Received

The Great Commission given by our Lord to Christian disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" cannot be obeyed by any one Christian. The co-operative engagement of large groups of Christians who will dare to crucify themselves is required. Even they must have a mind to work and a vision of a lost world to be won for Christ. Such enterprising cannot succeed without a firm understanding which is made possible only by a good system of communication.

The Free Will Baptist Gem is thus employed in the Service of Christ to make known the possibilities of obeying the Great Command of Christ by the flaming souls of our brotherhood throughout our entire connection. God has graciously given our denomination unusual privileges of rendering acceptable service in these days of crisis. Thank God, we are rising to the occasion.

As recent as five years ago, the circulation of the *Gem* was only 700. Two years later, when we moved into new quarters, the circle of readers had enlarged to 1088. Another year saw the advance to 1200. Last year we enjoyed a Family Circle of 1600 readers. Today we stand with 1900 paid subscribers in thirty-three states and three foreign countries. Of these 1900, only 578 are living in Missouri. This is a loss of 200 Missouri readers during the past 18

months. While we have lost ground in Missouri, we have more than regained it in other states.

Financially, we have gained. The last report that our former Editor submitted to the Missouri State Association showed the annual income to be \$800.00 at that time, which was the best report ever submitted. In 1940, another "best" report revealed an annual income of \$1775.00. Last year, the very finest report thrilled all of us in the matter of \$2500.00 income. Today, we are privileged to speak in terms of \$3016.76 annual income.

These blessings, as roses, have not been picked without the resultant effect of the "thorns". We suffered one serious setback during the year just past. Providence thrust upon us the responsibility of installing modern equipment in the time of the very climax of our busiest season. The result was a loss of shocking proportions. Within the next few days, the war clouds swooped over our nation and national regulations stiffened, and we are content to know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Today, we are equipped and have already more than regained our lost prestige and are moving out into the almost unlimited possibilities of serving Christ for the benefits and blessing of His people.

<i>INCOME</i>		
Subscriptions	\$ 817.80	Employ (Herbert) 480.94
Sales, Work, etc.	2125.36	Employ (John) 643.00
	<hr/>	Employ (boy and girl)..... 320.35
Total	\$3016.76	Postage 165.32
<i>EXPENSES</i>		Printing Supplies 955.11
Gift to the Denomination	\$140.69	Utilities 142.61
		Fuel 81.20

The Missouri Treasurer's Annual Report

Foreign Mission Fund

Amt. brought forw'd from last year \$	46.28
Amount received during past year	1,519.70
Total	\$1,565.98
Amount paid out during past year	1,555.77
Balance in treasury	\$ 10.21

New Machinery Fund

Amt. brought forw'd from last year \$	109.00
Amount received during past year	1,713.66
Total	\$1,822.66
Amount paid out during past year	1,822.66

Educational Fund

Amt. brought forw'd from last year \$	114.41
Amount received during past year ..	755.20
Total	\$869.61
Amount paid out during past year ..	847.11
Balance in treasury	\$ 22.50

Allocation Fund

(Penny-A-Day)

Amt. brought forw'd from last year \$	13.84
Amount received during past year ..	339.21
Total	353.05
Amt. paid out during past year	335.49
Balance in treasury	\$ 17.56

Jehoida Chest Fund

Amount received during past year ..	\$82.52
Amount paid out during past year ..	78.52
Balance in treasury	\$ 4.00

Budget Fund

Amt. brought forward from last year \$	77.41
Amount received during past year ..	85.13
Total	\$162.54
Amount paid out during past year ..	138.61
Balance in treasury	\$ 23.93

Benevolent Fund

Amt. received during past year	\$293.43
Amount paid out during past year	as follows:
For Tennessee Orphanage,	\$280.43
For Kentucky Orphanage,	5.00
For Superannuation	6.00
Total amount paid out	291.43
Balance in treasury	\$ 2.00

Entertainment Fund

Amt. received during past year ..	\$536.86
Amount paid out	536.86

Totals

Amt. brought forward on all funds, \$	360.94
Amount received on all funds	5,325.71
Total	\$5,686.65
Amount paid out on all funds ..	5,606.45
Balance in treasury on all funds ..	\$ 80.20

— Winford Davis, Treasurer.

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TAIL FEATHERS

"Some ministers use big words," said Uncle Eben, "de same as a turkey spreads his tail feathers. Dey makes an elegant impression, but they don't represent no real meat.



GENERAL ARTICLES



NOTICE

To Free Will Baptists, everywhere, who have friends or relatives living in, or working in the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri: Would you please send them the address of the Third Free Will Baptist Church, which is 1330 Geyer Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Or send me their address and I will give them a personal invitation to come to the church. My address is Rev. Mark Lewis, 2043 A Sidney Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Please state whether the one to be visited is a Christian or not and what relation you are to them, together with your local address.

We believe our church is qualified to meet the spiritual need of all, and all shall receive a real Christian welcome.

Please respond to this Call in the interest of your friends and loved ones.

Yours in His Service,

—Rev. Mark Lewis,

2043 Sidney, St. Louis.



Rev. Mark Lewis

Program For Alabama State Association

Friendship Church, Pell City, Alabama, November 5, 6 and 7th, 1942

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:30 p. m.

Song Service, Eld. A. J. Lambert, Parrish
Devotional, Eld. C. R. Allen, Birmingham
Message....Eld. G. W. Nobles, Cottonwood

FRIDAY MORNING

9:00 a. m.

Song Service .. Bro. Troy Carroll, Cordova
Devotional Eld. V. F. Boner, Cordova
Credential Committee: Elders J. T. Quick,
C. R. Allen and A. J. Lambert.
Reports.

Letters read, received and delegates seated.

11:00 a. m. Service

Song and devotional, Eld. D. H. Davenport,
Cullman, Alabama, Route 1.

Message, Eld. J. R. Davidson, Chairman of
National Board of Education, 3609 Rich-
land Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
Noon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p. m.

Song and Devotional, Eld. W. H. Ryland,
Margaret, Alabama.

Partial reports of all committees.

3:00 p. m.

Woman's Auxiliary Work, by Mrs. Lizzie
McAdams, National Promotion Worker.

Recess.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30 p. m.

Devotional and Song, Eld. K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Alabama.

Message Eld. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 a. m.

Devotional and Song, Eld. T. M. Mullinax,
Corona, Alabama.

Final report of all committees.

11:00 a. m. Service

Devotional and Song, Eld. M. E. Carpenter,
Vernon, Alabama.

Message "What We Believe" by Eld. J. B.
Bloss, Columbia, Tennessee.

Noon,

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p. m.

Devotional and Song, Eld. P. J. Box, Addison
Discussion on Orphanage for Alabama.

Appointment of delegates to National Asso-
ciation.

Appointment of delegates to sister associa-
tions.

Election of officers.

Selection of next conference.

Adjournment.

Program for Mississippi State Association

Lovewell Church, Green County, October 15-16, 1942

THURSDAY MORNING

10:00—Devotions Bro. W. A. Mason

10:15—Welcome Address Pastor

10:20—Response Bro. W. G. Prude

10:25—Business Session Delegation

(a) Organization.

(b) Election of officers.

11:25—Recess

11:35—Sermon Eld. George Lee

12:30—Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotions Bro. D. Hollis

1:45—Business Session Delegation

(a) Committee Appointments.

(b) Report of Northeast Miss. Ass'n.

(c) Report of Zion's Rest Association.

2:45—Recess.

3:00—Business Session: Committee Reports

4:00—Home Assignments, Local Committee

4:30—Adjournment.

THURSDAY EVENING

7:00—Devotion Eld. G. M. Pearson

7:30—Sermon Eld. M. L. Hollis

FRIDAY MORNING

8:20—Devotions Eld. C. M. Jenkins

9:45—Business Stssion Delegation

(a) Miscellaneous.

(b) Appointment of Delegates to the
National Convention.

(c) Selection of host for 1943.

10:45—Recess.

11:00—Testimonial Service, led by Moderator

11:30—Sermon Eld. J. M. Haas

12:30—Lunch.

Adjournment.

Program for Oklahoma Woman's Auxiliary Convention

To Be Held Tuesday, October 20, 1942, at Wewoka, Oklahoma

The introductory sermon Monday night
will be brought by Eld. Cleo Purcell.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9:00 O'CLOCK

Our Subject for the day: "Extending God's
Kingdom Through Witnessing".

Song, "To The Work".

Prayer.

Scripture reading by the State President,
Eld. Hattie Newman.

Prayer.

Song, "Here Am I Send Me".

Letters called for from different conventions.

After seating of the delegates, Sister Mary

Rogers will give the welcome address.

Response by Sister Margie Weatherman.

Election of officers.

Special Song by Sister Pat McLain and
Sister Earleen Paris.

Message at eleven o'clock by Rev. Melvin

Bingham of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Subject,

"We Will Be Extending God's Kingdom
Through Our Women".

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK

Song, "I Will Go Where You Want Me to Go"

Prayer.

Installing service for our incoming officers.

Sister Winnie McLain in charge.

Report on National Work by Sister Opal Bingham.

Special Song.

Short program from Central Avenue Church of Oklahoma City.

Short program from Tulsa Church.

Dismissal by prayer.

We are looking forward to a good association that it will be a spiritual feast to all.

Pray for us.

— Vicie Hopkins, State Correspondent

Evangelistic Report

Rev. Raymond Riggs, 1373 1/2 John R., Highland Park, Michigan

Early Friday morning, July 10, 1942 Rev. N. P. Gates and family, my wife and I, and also Brother Lehman Riggs (our chosen delegate to the National Association) left our homes in Detroit, Michigan for a tour toward Columbus, Mississippi to attend our national meeting. The new car of Bro. Gates' very efficiently performed with Craydon at the controls, and late Friday afternoon we found ourselves entering the city of St. Louis, Missouri. It was our privilege to visit one of our Free Will Baptist Churches in suburban St. Louis where a quarterly conference was in session, and enjoy the fellowship of many of our dear people in and around St. Louis. I believe I speak the sentiment of the entire party when I say the Gates' Gospel Quartette really enjoyed this visit.

Saturday, July 11, found us still rolling and Saturday night we were in a concert program with our many friends in Pocahontas, Arkansas. We also remained in Pocahontas for services Sunday July 12 and attended a singing convention at Maynard, Arkansas, and then from the convention back to Pocahontas for a radio broadcast conducted by our good friend in the ministry, Rev. Ralph Staten. The quartet did some extensive (and good) singing after the broadcast to an appreciative audience.

Sunday night, we visited a revival at the Pirtle Free Will Baptist Church near Peach Orchard, Arkansas. After some much needed rest in the home of Brother and Sister I. C. Staten, we started on our way again Monday morning, July 13, still headed for Columbus, Mississippi.

After spending some time with some old friends and loved ones of Bro. and Sister Gates in Ripley, Mississippi, we left their home (Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson) about midnight Monday night and drove to the suburb of Columbus where we rented some cabins and got some sleep before going to the church the next morning. By this time we knew that we were in the heart of the good "Ole South" by the generous hospitality and that spirit of friendliness and pleasing dialect. I believe we were in the Eden of America. Personally I can say I enjoyed every service and the harmonious spirit that seemed to prevail throughout the meeting. There is an air base near Columbus, and being a good size little city, there were many things of interest to we who were visitors. I had an opportunity to witness to several soldier boys who were there from the air base.

The Gates' Gospel Quartette appreciated the response we received from our singing and also enjoyed being with Rev. Hollis on his radio broadcast over station WOMI (I am not sure of that station.)

I can truthfully say that our stay in Columbus was a pleasant one and may the Lord bless Bro. Hollis in all his efforts.

And now begins my personal report. At 6:00 a. m. Friday July 17th, I said goodbye to the Gates' Gospel Quartette and my wife. I boarded a bus for Arkansas for my revival work as they in turn headed their Chevrolet toward Tennessee and Kentucky enroute back to Detroit. Somehow, my heart was heavy as we parted that morning, but many times we have to sacrifice our own personal will to be in the will of God.

I would much rather have had my family with me but the Lord knows best how to use us, and so we went on our different ways.

Saturday night, July 18th, we started a revival at the Cache Hall Free Will Baptist Church, near Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, where Rev. R. S. Shelton is the pastor. Due to prearrangements I could only stay one week but the Lord graciously blessed, and in that one week 17 precious ones found new life in the Lord Jesus. The pastor and Eld. D. C. Jones continued for another week in the meeting and I understand four other souls were saved. I shall never forget the good people at Cache Hall and how pleasant you made my stay with you. I also want to thank God definitely for answering prayer and saving my cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thurlo Davis. Also for answering my prayer in regard to the offering. Our God is able.

Sunday, July 26th, I came to the Grandview Free Will Baptist Church, near Supply, Arkansas, and engaged in a two weeks revival effort. Eld. G. W. Million of Poca-hontas, Arkansas, is the pastor of this church. Even though there were only six (6) souls who professed a hope in Christ I'm sure that eternity alone will reveal the full results of the revival. We had day service in this revival and many times the Lord did bless our hearts. This meeting and the dear people was a special blessing to me. I shall never forget the kind homes and especially the faithfulness of the old people and the deep impres-

sion they made on my heart. Brother L. C. Parish and others who labor to carry our rural churches certainly deserve credit and they need our prayers. Thank God today for victory! I have the utmost confidence in the souls who found Christ in these meetings. Some marvelous workings of God's grace is apparent but for lack of space I can't tell you all.

After the baptismal service at Grandview Sunday August 9, Bro. Minton, a man who came back to the Lord, brought me in his car to Tucker, Missouri, where we had an appointment for 2:30 in the afternoon. We preached to a big crowd at Tucker and it seemed that the Lord did bear the message home to hungry hearts. We have many friends at Tucker for which we are thankful.

Even though I had conditionally promised Bro. Ralph Staten that I would help him the week of August 9th in a revival at Poca-hontas, I felt led of the Holy Spirit to grant Rev. George Cramer and Bro. Chester Pulliam's request and come to New Home, Mo., five miles west of Tucker and conduct a series of meetings. This is a community of mixed faith, but has no duly organized church and really stands in need of the Gospel. I think it is about the most rugged country I have ever seen and certainly seems to be the most isolated. About the only things you can see are hills and rocks, dotted over with timber. You should take a ride with us in the missionaries' "ole Chevy" and see how he has it trained to jump gullies etc. Bro. and Sister Cramer, a young couple who prepared themselves as missionaries for the foreign field, but due



The Free Will Gospel Quartet heard each Sunday at 7:15 p. m. from the auditorium of Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, Highland Park, Michigan.

We appreciate hearing from our friends and we solicit your prayers and support.

We want to be a blessing.

to certain conditions did not go, are certainly doing a great work for the Lord in this and surrounding communities.

It takes courage and faith to do the work that they are doing and they seem to have what it takes. I wish some preachers I know could make better progress in advancing the kingdom of God.

Thursday night, August 13th, was my last service at New Home. This was indeed a good spiritual meeting and even though I hated to leave the meeting as we had just begun to have good interest, I was confident that I was leaving the service in good hands as Brother Cramer intended to carry the meeting on through Sunday, August 23rd. I hope to hear from the meeting soon and learn that many have accepted Christ.

Bro. and Sister Cramer brought me to Pocahontas, Ark., after the service Thursday night where I boarded the midnight bus and started the long journey back for Detroit. It is needless to say how glad I

was to get started home. Even though I enjoyed those five weeks of work more than I can describe, and many rich experiences came to me, I was really glad to get started toward home and to my family. I love the evangelistic work and can really see a need for it today. I arrived home in Detroit (Highland Park) early Saturday morning August 15th. We are home now, with a new year ahead of us as pastor of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church. I ask our friends everywhere to pray for us as we labor here in this wicked city that many souls might be delivered from sin. We would be glad to hear from any of you and promise to answer all mail received.

In four weeks of revivals, with three (3) different churches we give the following report:

Preached 41 sermons; conducted one funeral; baptized four; witnessed 24 conversions; received contributions for my services, \$156.87.



Our Boys in the Service



THE September issue of *The Gem* carried this department for the first time. This department began with a feature of two brief letters from two of our very fine Free Will Baptist boys in the armed forces of our nation. The editorial last month appealed for the names of our boys from the various states who are themselves members of the Free Will Baptist church who are now serving our country. The response has been gratifying with names coming from Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, and Tennessee.

The letters which brought these names were, as a whole, very pathetic indeed. Each expressed deep gratitude for this service afforded by Your Publishing House. A great number of the brethren, when renewing their subscriptions sent more than the subscription price (a bill or check) with this sentence attached, "Keep the change

and send our soldier boys *The Gem*."

The boys herein listed are to be honorary subscribers to *The Gem*. They shall be mailed a copy each month for the duration. We earnestly ask the co-operation of the parents or friends of these boys in keeping us informed when their address changes. We also ask every Christian to join the Editor and his family in daily prayer for The Boys that God may keep them within His will, for we know it is no greater distance to Heaven from the middle of the Pacific Ocean than from the streets of our cities or the lanes of our country.

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Camp Roberts, California
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654th T.S.S. A.A.F.T. S.S. Bks. No. 911
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EDITORIAL



The Missouri State Association

THE Twenty-Ninth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association was as successful as we had all hoped it would be. The delegation seemed to be as large as in previous years, in spite of the tire shortage. The only difference being those who did attend did so at a great sacrifice, prompted by hearts over-flowing with gratitude to Christ and with a strong, definite determination to promulgate the Cause of Christ regardless of the cost. Then, it goes without saying, the Lord graciously poured His Spirit and blessing upon every session and service throughout the week of September 14-18, 1942.

The sermons delivered throughout the week were of such composition and power, tying one into the other which made *ONE* sermon one week long, which was absolutely beyond human wisdom. This feature was so noticable and so remarkable that it was the subject of comment as the people continued to enjoy the sweet Christian fellowship and the blessings of God.

The *ONE* sermon was delivered by Sister Alice Dickey of Kansas City, Mo., Sister Marie Thomas of Arcadia, Kans., Brother Frank Linton of Tunas, Mo., Brother Mark Lewis of St. Louis, Brother J. R. Davidson of Nashville, Tennessee, Brother Cecil Campbell of Carterville, Mo., Bro. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo., and Brother James F. Miller of Flat River, Missouri.

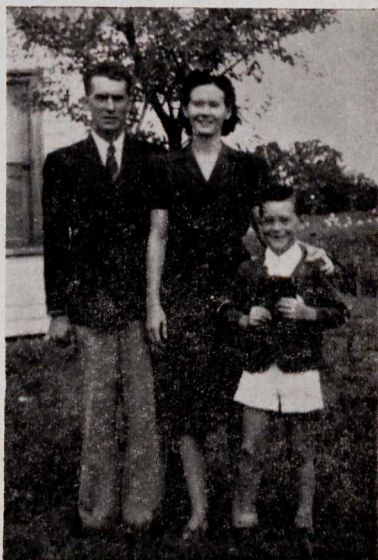
The night services were attended by such large crowds that they could not all get under the large tent which was 40 by 72 feet. It is estimated that 1000 were in attendance several times during the week.

The Missouri people characterized this

session of the Missouri State Association in the usual way of giving an offering and shouting over it. A few years ago, they gave a \$1400.00 offering in one day then shouted all over the camp. Ever since, they come prepared to give an offering — they are disappointed if the privilege is denied them. This year the offerings were as follows:

To Foreign Missions	\$ 36.39
To Christian Education	41.20
To their Publishing House	159.69

This is in addition to the subscriptions given to the *Gem* and the plans of regular monthly giving to Missions, Education, and the Unified Program which was taken back



Rev. Harry H. Beatty and Family

home to be worked throughout the coming year.

The entertaining church at Myrtle, Mo., certainly entertained royally. They fed three sumptuous meals daily at the Church. Their friendly people gained many friends over the state. They went to every measure to make all of us comfortable, even furnishing a public address system for the meetings in the tent. The entertaining pastor, Brother Harry Beatty, kept wanting to jump as high as he could jump and hollow "Glory!"

The next annual session will be held in Monett, Missouri, subject to the Lord's will.

THE FRONT PAGE

The front page of this issue carries a picture of our Miehle Automatic Press. There are two good reasons for us giving you this picture. First, this issue is a special

feature of the Missouri State Association, and this organization "talks" for Christ the year around with a printing press. Second, there was nothing else for us to use on the front page.

The front page is open for any church or enterprising group who has something worthy of the interest of the brotherhood at large. Our charge for a front page display is only \$3.00, and this pays the cost of the photo engraving only. If the cut is furnished, then well and good.

We can think of so many items of interest for front page pictures. Here are a few suggestions:

1. The Tennessee Orphanage Family Group.
2. The North Carolina Orphanage Group.
3. Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.
4. Educational and Missionary Scenes.
5. Active Church Groups, etc.

We trust that we will not lack for good front pieces.



GOSPEL SERMONS



Do We Really Believe?

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

WE know that unbelief is a sin and shame anywhere or anytime that it exists. In Christ's day in the flesh, using in his means and methods only those available to man, although he was God, "He could do no mighty work there because of unbelief" Mark 6:5.

In conversion to God, the moment I let loose all doubts and trusted Christ His everlasting arms met around me. If I had trusted him sooner I would have been spared deep grief. God's word was filled with promises for me but I had not taken them by faith. Until one of God's saints, just a lay member, repeated to me "Now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation" did I take God at His word and His promise. He saved me.

"Faith came by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

As Christians, we have no right to doubt

God's word. We have so many promises and so many witnesses of His love to us. And yet, as in Christ's day, we can do no mighty work because of unbelief.

God has always used human beings, those who will be used, and made provisions for His work on our faith. We, by our faith in Him, can be a channel of blessing by allowing Him to work in us to will and do of His good pleasure.

OUR PART IS FAITH. This being true, let us look into God's word and see if we really believe it.

Phil. 4:19, "For my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

If some loss comes to us, do we not worry about how we will meet the expense of something which we may not need at all?

Do we really believe Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"? or do we complain if the missionary cause is

stressed especially if foreign missions is mentioned?

Romans 13:8, "Owe no man anything save to love one another." Yet we mortgage or sign contracts that keep us in an effort to rise above it. God's injunction is that we love everyone. But do we really?

Psalms 96:8, 9, "Give unto the Lord the glory due his name, bring an offering and come into his courts. Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Yet if we are asked to give a testimony to the goodness of God toward us, we sit dumb and speechless tearing what some one may think when we know God has said, "Whatever you do, do heartily as unto the Lord."

II. Cor. 9:7. Do we believe the Lord loves a cheerful (hilarious) giver? I have seen people hilarious over a good sermon or song. Rarely do we see folks getting hilarious over the offering. Are we inclined to doubt God when He says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house? And prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the window of heaven and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" Malachi 3:10. Some are saying they can not afford to tithe. They make God a liar. When God makes a demand upon us He makes us able to fulfill that demand.

Again in 2 Chron. 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name (Christians)

shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their hand."

We know we have failed in obeying much of God's word. Isn't it a tragedy that men can hinder God? The blessings of God upon the land awaits, as always, the consecration of His people. Let us bring ourselves to God and His service. He has promised rich blessings for faithful giving.

Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white unto harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto eternal life." God is never our debtor. He rewards abundantly above all that we deserve.

In the early church they went preaching the Word everywhere. It is still expected of us. We are told to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Do we believe God will do what he says. May God search the heart of every Free Will Baptist and reveal to us our selfishness, and renew a right spirit within us and make us by the power of His Holy Spirit true examples of believers in our homes. In our work, in our church and in our national program.

Our giving represents, in a great way, our selves. Our money represents our work. Our work represents ourselves. Every lay-member and minister can have a part.

Separation From Evil Associations

Rev. Raymond Riggs, 1373 1/2 John R., Highland Park, Michigan

IN my travels and experience and by what I can detect from observation, I believe the unconverted part of civilized mankind really expects the Christian to be true to his God, and if he is true to his God he will be true to his religion. Friends of the wrong type really sneer at you after you have yielded to their desires and have made yourself a partaker of ungodliness. Your chums and pals would have much more respect for you if you would just give them a flat no when it comes to going to the places of the world and being a participant in evil acts etc.

There has been many a young Christian

who have been led astray, simply because they could not, or did not resist evil associates. Nobody likes a hypocrite. Yet if you yield to bad company and evil influence, your friends are sneering at your back because they know you are steeped in hypocrisy. If we are to be fishers of men we must be out and out for God and refuse to compromise with the Devil on any terms. May I ask you, Christian lady, if you expect to win your unsaved husband to the Lord when you refuse to go to church but will willingly go with him to the theatre, or smoke and drink with him, or just sit by, and by your silence consent to him going

ahead and living a sinful life. Ah, listen here, you had better get closer to the Lord yourself and live up to the Christian standard, or he will stumble over you and both of you will go to hell.

We could win a lot more souls for Christ if our influence wasn't tainted with worldliness and hypocrisy. We are commanded to separate ourselves from the world.

Listen to the Word: Isaiah 52:11, "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing: go ye out of the midst of her: be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." If we are saved we are bearing about the vessels of the Lord (our bodies).

John 15:19, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own, but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

If we refuse to come out from the world and denounce sin and worldiness, and the world still fascinates us to the extent that she loves us because of the support we give her, I sometimes wonder if we are really saved. Has Christ chosen us out of the world?

Acts 2:40, "And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation." I tell you the fellow that is all mixed up with the evils of this day sure is in a stinky mess. Filth, fuss, adultery, fornication, drunkenness and unbelief is the order of the day. The reign of the Beast seems to be very near, and unless we are vessels of honor unto the Lord we cannot escape the terrible wrath of God.

Eph. 5:11, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

Our silence many times regarding evil is merely consenting to the wrong. The Word said we should rebuke and reprove sin wherever it may exist. I believe it is high time for God's people to raise their voice in unison in opposition to the many evils that is polluting our fair land today. But first we must separate ourselves from among them.

2 Thess. 3:6, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."



Church Letters - Field Reports



Mt. Harmony Church Near Strawberry, Arkansas

Dear Gem Readers:

Several members of our church have been subscribers to the Gem for the past two years. We all enjoy reading the magazine very much, but we have never sent in a report from our church.

We have a large membership, probably 150 or more, but so many have moved to other parts of the country. We have only about 60 or 75 active members.

We have Sunday School each Sunday the year around, and have a young people's meeting each Sunday night. We are so thankful for the boys and girls who help

carry on the work and render the programs.

We don't use any literature but each person who has part in the program selects his or her own piece. We have some real good readings, recitations, Bible stories, Bible questions, solos, duets, trios, quartets, and class singing.

Our revival meeting closed the fourth Sunday in August. We had a two weeks meeting and were wonderfully blessed. We had 16 conversions and 16 additions to the church. Eld. George W. Scott, a very able preacher of Mountain Grove, Mo., did most of the preaching. He was assisted by our pastor, Elder H. A. Lewis. We have selected Brother Lewis as our pastor for another year.

We hated very much for the meeting to close when there are so many who need Jesus, but all good things must come to an end so on Sunday we bade Bro. Scott goodbye and he left for his home in Mountain Grove, Missouri. Brother Lewis had left a few days before.

We are all looking forward to the next year's work and asking God for guidance and a greater harvest than ever before.

— Mrs. M. B. Williams

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Revival at Glenwood, Arkansas

The Rev. M. L. Hollis of Red Bay, Alabama, nationally known Free Will Baptist preacher, was here for his third time in a series of revival services, from the 11th of August through the 19th. In that short time the church was revived and wonderfully blessed. Large crowds attended the services. There were five conversions and six additions to the church, and there will be much yielded yet from the seed planted in those gospel messages, I'm sure.

Following the last service a large crowd gathered on the bank of the river for the baptismal service where a semi-circle of cars threw their lights upon the beautiful scene.

Not only the church, but the entire town was happy to have Bro. Hollis come our way, and we hope that it will be our privilege for him to come this way again.

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Report of Fifth Sunday Meeting Held At Picher, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

I will try at this time to give a brief report of our wonderful fifth Sunday meeting which convened with the Northwest Picher (Blue Front) Church. Truly the presence of the Lord was manifest throughout the day. Bro. Hatfield, from Pierce City, Missouri, delivered an inspiring message at eleven o'clock. We were happy to have Bro. and Sister Hatfield with us at this meeting, and hope they will come again.

A basket dinner was served at the noon hour which was indeed a feast to the body.

At 1:30 o'clock the congregation assembled

for the afternoon service. Bro. Pat Stinson of Picher led the singing; scripture reading read by our moderator, Rev. T. E. L. Curry of Picher. Prayer was offered by Bro. Bill Johnson also of Picher.

Special singing was rendered by the Good Will Quartet of Picher; also Sister Ada Rogers and Elda Crain of Miami.

The following ministers were chosen to preach ten minutes each: Elders F. E. Crain, Bill Johnston, W. L. Easterly, M. Wright, Chas. Hatfield, Clara J. Taylor and Elda Crain.

Rev. T. E. L. Curry was chosen moderator for the coming year. Bro. Curry has truly been a wonderful moderator for the past several years and I feel sure he will continue to be the same this year.

The next fifth Sunday meeting will be held with the South Picher Church. The introductory sermon will be delivered by Elda Crain of Miami, Oklahoma.

The praise service was conducted by Bro. Curry. Sister Grooms of Picher made a brief report of the Ladies Auxiliary of the South Picher Church of which she is president.

The meeting closed with an old fashioned hand shake and everyone left in good spirits looking forward to the next fifth Sunday meeting.

Eld. T. E. L. Curry, Moderator.
Eld. Elda Crain, Clerk.

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Alma, Georgia

Dear Gem Readers:

The word of our Lord says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," and behold how encouraging it is to read your columns of the work in the field and to know that we are progressing on all lines of our work.

Our folks of the South Georgia Association of Georgia have done more this year than ever before, I think, in a general way. We have about 20 churches in our group, but only about half of that number are active in the union meeting work. Nearly a thousand dollars has been raised for our cause this year from this active group. Revivals this year were very good but the increase of membership is below our expectation.

Our Auxiliary work in this group is really doing great things. I don't see how churches can do without them. I long to see the time when all churches will be thoroughly organized in this work. We can do things if we will. One dollar from every member would put us over the top, if we could just get them to see this, and it would not be hard on any one.

Our Association will convene with Corinth Church, Bacon County, Georgia, Thursday night before the four Sunday in October, 1942.

— E. B. Joyner.

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Free Will Baptist Church Drumright, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

As we again attempt to report for our home church, we are so glad we can say that some souls are still being saved here in Drumright. We hear good preaching every Sunday at 11:00 o'clock and Sunday night.

I have also been told that each member from our church that is in service will receive the *Gem* each month if their names are reported. So far I have one: Pvt. L. L. Mitschele, 89 Air Base Squadron, William Field, Chandler, Arizona. Each name that is given to me will be sent in to the *Gem*.

Our Sunday School is also improving, which we are very thankful, and our prayer meetings are just wonderful.

May God bless each and every one of His children in these trying days.

— Lydia Robinson, Reporter.

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Report of H. M. and Lizze McAdams National Field Workers

Dear Co-workers:

It is always a great joy to come to you in the name of our blessed Master and tell what great things He is doing for us in the ranks of Free Will Baptists.

We went from the National Association to Columbus, Tennessee and conducted a few days meeting for Bro. J. B. Bloss, who is their faithful pastor. With the splendid co-operation of both church and pastor a real revival was soon in full harvest. The

Lord gave 45 conversions. The last night was very stormy and raining hard and the crowd was small, but 15 united with the church and others to come in later. We found Brother and Sister Bloss to be real people of God. We spent a week in their home and we can say it truly was home sweet home to us. Bro. Bloss has done a great work in South Tennessee and North Alabama, and we thank God for his good consecrated life.

We have two churches in Columbia. Bro. Gene Chance is pastor of the first Free Will Baptist Church, and it was our privilege to visit him and his good church. Both of these churches accepted the "Unified Program and the Jehoiada Chest.

We next visited all the Free Will Baptist churches in Nashville with good interest. We will not take time to name them separate as we have a number more to follow. We also visited the school and it is indeed a beautiful building. We hope to return to be present at the opening. Wish all of our people could be there to rejoice with us.

We next visited churches in south Tennessee and North Alabama with good results. We organized four local auxiliaries and put the penny banks and chest in all the churches. We visited 13 churches in Alabama and was as far down as Parrish, Alabama, when the institute opened. It was indeed a sweet service, with deep spiritual interest. Students from several states were there. Sister Barnard was on the floor when we walked in. Also, Bro. K. V. Shutes, from Cordova, Alabama, was there with nine to enroll. Bro. Melvin had not yet arrived but was expected every minute to take his place. Bro. A. J. Lambert, the pastor, was there getting things over in a splendid way and we feel sure the Institute was a great success.

We went by Tounly, Alabama for two services. They are without a pastor, so please help us and them pray that they may get one. We stopped a few minutes and visited Bro. Jesse Pike, one of our dear ministers who has been afflicted for several years and hasn't walked in four years. Let's all remember him in prayer.

We then came on to the State Association of Tennessee and enjoyed a splendid time

in the Lord. Tennessee, along with our other states, is falling in line with our National Program. Bro. Robert Crawford, pastor of the church where the association convened, did his part to make the meeting a success. A number of worth while things were brought on from the National Association and presented to the people of Tennessee. We thank God for the great progress that is being made everywhere. The visitors were all made to feel welcome. The last night Brothers Ennis and Davidson visited the meeting and we had the privilege of hearing one of those soul stirring messages of Bro. Davidson. We were told Bro. Ennis gave out a powerful message the night before we reached the association. At the close of the session an itinerary was arranged for us in the Cumberland Association and up to date we have visited eight of the churches, and have put on the Unified Program and Jehoiada Chest in the ones that didn't have the plans. We find all the pastors splendid to work with and wish we could name them all, and all the churches and every home we have visited, but it would take too much time and space.

We are urging our presidents of the different Auxiliaries to order the Jehoiada Chests and stickers for the penny banks. The penny banks help take care of all phases of the work—missions, Christian education and the old ministers. Let's make this a great year for our beloved denomination.

Our next address will be 6301 Penn. Ave., Nashville, Tennessee. We will be in a few days meeting with Bro. C. A. Craft and his church. Pray for us to have a great victory and that souls will be saved.

Yours for Jesus,

—H. M. & Lizzie McAdams

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First Free Will Baptist Church

Porterville, California

Rev. Emet Clagg, Pastor

Miss Della Ryan, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

I am a girl of eighteen years and this is the first time I've ever done anything like this and I would like the prayers of

every Christian person that I might do this as it should be done, and that I might live a better and stronger life for God.

I have been a Christian since I was eleven years old, and I have been awful low in the spirit at times. But I feel much better in my soul since I started this letter.

I have enjoyed church much better since I came out here, because every time I step in the door of our little church, I can feel the presence of God.

At this time many of our members are up north working and our number is few but they are a faithful few. We still have some good meetings and hear some good sermons. We have a good Sunday School and we have prayer meeting each week.

Our pastor's wife is just home from the hospital. We hope and pray that she will be well soon.

There are several unsaved boys and girls come to our church and I pray that the convicting power will come on them so heavy they can't say no to it anymore. I pray that they will come to the Lord soon.

In closing I ask the prayers of the Christian people again that I might ever be found ready to do His will.

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Report of the Northwest Missouri Association

Dear Brother in Christ:

I am sending you a brief report of our Northwest Missouri Association which convened with the Mt. Zion Church near Plattsburg, Missouri, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August.

We had six churches reporting by letter and delegates. There are nine ministers who belong to our association. We licensed Sister Vera Dowdy of Haddam, Kansas. We adopted a new constitution and by-laws.

Good sermons were enjoyed and a wonderful spirit of the Lord was manifested in every session.

The Ministers' Conference was very educational and will meet on Thursday afternoon at the next session of the association.

The next Association will be held at the Philadelphia Church near Pattonsburg, Mo.

Yours for the Master,

—Melba White.

Attention: Missouri Sunday Schools

Dear Sunday School Workers:

Lets make this year worthwhile for our Master in His service by putting our shoulders to the wheel. We have a wonderful opportunity to go over the top in our Sunday School work this year. We are working on some plans to offer you soon.

We want to meet with each Sunday School Convention and if you don't have a convention we would like to help you organize one.

Let's all pray that God will bless in a marvelous way. We read in God's word that where there is no vision people perish. So come on Sunday schools with your ten percent to your local convention so the local convention can send 10% to the state convention, then we can send 10% to the national convention. God will bless you and your Sunday schools and conventions. Let's follow our national plans.

Let's launch out into the deep and let down our nets for draught and watch God fill them.

— Rev. H. Albert Tucker, President
Missouri State Sunday Schools.

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Report From Kanawha Quarterly Meeting of West Virginia

This session convened with the Slaughters Creek Church on Saturday morning of August 29, 1942. The building was filled beyond its seating capacity, while some remained on the outside.

Rev. John Henson of the Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting, who is one of our regular visitors and a beloved co-laborer, was honored by being elected to serve us as moderator.

After the election and appointment of committees the church letters were called for and read. We had a wonderful response from the churches this quarter. Twelve active churches reported themselves as being in good and very good circumstances. Financially the churches are prospering, their pastors being paid up and money sent to the Conference ranged from two dollars to fourteen dollars with each report.

We have twelve active churches with a total membership of 522. We have eleven

Sunday Schools with 734 enrolled members, and 508 in average attendance. There were sixteen ordained ministers reported by the churches.

We feel that our people are responding nobly to the call for more financial aid to our work and in support of the programs of the state and National Associations with whom we are trying to co-operate to the fullest extent of our ability and resources.

Our total contributions from the churches, ladies' auxiliary, ministers and deacons offerings, Mission and Unified Program offerings, as well as individual offerings and gifts amounted to \$93.55. Our total disbursements and expenditures for this session amounted to \$52.98.

We have a balanced treasury of \$371.60. Our thanks, praise, and prayers are to Him who giveth all good gifts liberally to all those which love and honor Him. Be it the will of God our Father, to purpose in our hearts to soon have a program of constructive enterprise and efforts to the furtherance of His Kingdom and our beloved denomination.

We are sending delegates to represent us at the State Association which convenes in Logan County on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September.

In regard to the State Association, we take advantage of this opportunity to invite every Free Will Baptist to meet with us that they may see for themselves and learn the true purpose and plans of the association. May God bless our people to know our hearts desire to have a progressive unified church which will concentrate its efforts to Glorify God our Saviour by perpetuating things holy, sanctified unto Him.

— Rev. James M. Herrald, Clerk.

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Portia, Arkansas

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I have written to the *Gem*, so I thought I would write a few lines.

I have been very busy for the past eight weeks in revivals; some have been good, some not so good. I have been some places where they are alive and wanting to do more, but some places seem dead. I have been working with the little folks training

them to sing and teaching them the Bible books.

I hope to do more this coming year for the Lord than I have in the past year. If anyone should want me for a revival, they can contact me at Portia, Arkansas.

Your Brother in Christ,

— Eld. D. C. Jones.

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Dedication of Okean Church Okean, Arkansas August 23, 1942

This church was organized several years ago in a school house, but this past summer the school board sold the building so we had to build a new building. We now own our building.

There is only one charter member now living, Sister Rosa Martin. She is still active and is a good Christian.

The morning service opened by singing followed with prayer by Eld. Charles Staten, after which we entered into Sunday School. At eleven o'clock Eld. Ralph Staten brought us a good message, preceded by a good devotional. Eld. R. S. Shelton gave a short talk. At 11:30 the dedication took place. We were dismissed at noon by Bro. Carl High.

We met at 1:40 p. m. with singing by the choir, after which the following program was given:

Prayer by Eld. Thurman Johnson.

Praise Service.

Sermon by Eld. Ira Gates.

Short talk by Eld. Thurman Johnson.

Song by the Martin girls.

Singing by the choir.

Song by the Martin Sisters and Carl High.

Singing by the choir.

Dismissal by Eld. Thurman Johnson.

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Union Free Will Baptist Church

Thompsonville, Illinois

Rev. W. M. Jones, Pastor

Opal McClerren, Reporter

Greetings in the Name of our Lord!

I again, in a very humble way, report to you the workings of our church. We are still moving on in the strength, name, and

honor of our Lord who is all power, strength and gives courage for each struggle and trial that we may have. We have a blessed assurance that we will never fail if we abide in Him and He in us and we keep holding to His unchanging hand.

The Woman's Auxiliary met this afternoon in their regular monthly meeting. We had the last meeting of the year today. Our lesson topic was "Overcoming With Christ In India". While in lesson discussion the Lord's presence was felt in our midst in a most wonderful way. We, as a band of women, seemed to catch a broader vision of the work in India, which Miss Barnard has done and is so much burdened for. It was in this discussion that tears of neglect and regret begin to flow because we, as a denomination, had failed Miss Barnard in this work, largely because of neglect. During the program Sister Naomi Logsdon sang "When I Walk Up the Streets of Gold", which increased the joy of our salvation. We entered into the business part of the service with the election of officers for the coming year. Our regular offering for the orphanage was taken.

The other activities of our church are moving right along.

At the present we are in a revival conducted by Rev. Jack Kettman. These meetings have started off with the Lord leading and we are hoping and praying that He can continue to do so, by us yielding and submitting ourselves wholly on the altar for the last souls that we desire to see saved.

I realize that all churches are laboring under some handicaps now. That is, people are so widely scattered and their minds are in a wondering state. But amid all this God requires us to watch, work and pray until Jesus comes. We should be working harder because the time of His coming is drawing nearer. God's people need to be alert to make good obedient children.

Can you sincerely say, "I know God's love destroys all selfishness in my human mind and fills my human mind now with the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as I would have others do unto me".

Pleasant Mound Church
Buffalo Springs, Texas
Rev. Tiff Covington, Pastor
Mrs. Ruby Lamb, Reporter

Dear Bro. Rollins:

It is a noble and generous offer for you to send a copy of the *Gem* to the soldier boys. Here are the addresses of two of our boys. I have not been able to secure the address of the others to send in for next month's issue.

I wish to correct or make plainer an announcement that was in the August issue of the *Gem*. The Texas State Convention meets with the Pleasant Mound Church located at Buffalo Springs, Texas, instead of Bellevue, Texas. Although our pastor and a majority of the members get their mail on the Bellevue Route is reason of the misunderstanding.

I would love to tell you about some of the work our church is doing. We have a good pastor who brings us wonderful messages, three services, each week-end, three Sundays out of the month. Our members work in unity.

We experienced some glorious revivals this summer with 21 additions to the church. During one of the revivals a young man surrendered to the call to preach the gospel of our Lord. He has been given his certificate of license and will preach his first sermon this month. This makes three young men from our church, in the last three years, to answer the call into the ministry, and they are trying to do the Master's work wherever He bids them go.

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Darkness and Light

These are days of tribulation
 And of darkness near and far;
 We are apt to loose our moorings
 And forget the morning star.

'Tho we may get discouraged,
 And darkness gather around,
 So let us keep faith in God
 And the light from heaven will abound.

There is wars and rumors,
 And fighting on every hand;
 We will never loose our way
 If we hold on to God's hand.

For God is strong and mighty,
 Always full of truth and light;
 No matter how fierce the battle,
 He will lead us through the fight.

God is a dear merciful Father,
 Always lovingly and mild,
 And He will be our loving Father
 If we will be His dear child.

War planes may roar above us,
 Bombs may fall quick and fast,
 But if we have faith in God
 We will win the victory at last.

— By Eld. J. H. Roberts,
 Springdale, Arkansas

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Will They Ration The Booze?

They rationed the sugar, our clothes and shoes,
 But I hardly think they will ration the booze.

Oh people awake and see what's ahead,
 We are sure to win if by God we are led.

So don't get discouraged, down hearted and blue,
 And don't forget Jesus whatever you do.

This world is full of trouble, sorrow and sin,
 Hold fast to Jesus I am sure we will win.

Young people beware of the things you do,
 Never start dancing or drinking home brew.

Cf course folks will tell you it's no disgrace,
 But heed what I say and shun such a place.

'Tho you may be poor and your friends
 be few,
 But live for the Savior whatever you do.

Be honest, faithful, true and kind
 And leave the old beer joints and whiskey
 behind.

Sure, the devil is in town with all of his crew;
 I am for Jesus, and how about you?

—Composed by Mrs. Claudia Hilton,
 Monett, Missouri.

Report of Missouri Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Foreign Mission Fund

Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting for horse and saddle in Cuba	\$47.12
Shibleys Point Church	4.53
Hannon Church	6.50
New Harmony Mission	4.15
Gladys Keeland, New Castle, Calif. ..	5.00
Merl's Chapel Sunday School	10.15
Rev. C. M. Hatfield, Pierce City, Mo.	1.00
Aurora Church	6.88
Independance Church	26.25
Clara S. Bright, St. Louis, Mo.	1.00
Amity Church	2.00
Leadington Sunday School	5.10
Flat River Auxiliary (Willey Circle) ..	15.00
Mildred Hilderbrand, Flat River, Mo. ..	1.00
Mine La Motte Sunday School	2.90
Desloge Church	15.94
Monett Church	2.95
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warren, Archie, Mo.	1.00
Hickory Grove Church	3.10
R. J. Wisheart, Myrtle, Missouri	7.50
Offering at Missouri State Association	36.39
Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.	5.00
Mrs. Levi Goins, Myrtle, Mo.	1.00
Caroline Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo.25
Millie Coble, Alton, Mo.25
Millie Coble, Alton, Mo.35
Blue Eye Church72
Niangua Church	3.00
Rock Chapel	2.09
Wagner Church	8.75
Edith Marbut, Monett, Missouri50

New Machinery Fund

J. B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri	\$26.99
Offering at Missouri State Association	159.69

Budget Fund

Flat River Church	\$35.00
Northeast Missouri Association	5.10
Northwest Missouri Association	2.00
Liberty Association	5.00
Missouri State Auxiliary Convention ..	5.00
Indian Creek Association	21.85

Educational Fund

Leadington Sunday School	\$4.17
Woman's District Auxiliary Con- vention of Southeast Missouri	5.00

Missouri State Auxiliary Convention ..	5.00
Offering at Missouri State Association	41.20

Jehoida Chest Fund

Monett Church	\$2.01
Fiat River Auxiliary	1.00
Hickory Grove Church	1.00
Verdella Church	1.00
Hannon Church	1.00
Macedonia Church	2.00

Benevolent Fund

Mt. Olive Church, Seneca, Missouri, (for Tennessee Orphanage	\$3.45
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(Penny-A-Day) Allocation Fund

Monett Church	\$3.46
Aurora Church61
Merl's Chapel	6.80
Hannon Auxiliary80

Entertainment Fund

Monett Church	\$5.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	7.50
Desloge Church	10.00
Northeast Missouri Association	12.50
Flat River Church	23.81
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	10.00
Mrs. T. F. Lewis, Freeman, Missouri ..	1.00
Paid in direct to Mill Creek Church which amount was practically all from Cave Spring Association ..	467.05

— Winford Davis, Treasurer.

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SOME BIRD!

When some churches want a new minister
they want one with

- the strength of an eagle,
- the gentleness of a dove,
- the grace of a swan,
- the eye of a hawk,
- the friendliness of a sparrow,
- the night hours of an owl,
- the industry of a woodpecker,
- the attractiveness of a peacock,
- the tough skin of a gander,

and when they get that bird they want him
to live on the food of a canary.

— From The Free Will Echo

Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

W. J. Gibbs, Pamplico, South Carolina, \$10.00	Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C., 2.00
Young People's League, Tulsa Church, 10.00	Missouri State Association 215.21
From North Carolina (Paid to	Martins F. W. Union of Georgia 5.00
Mrs. Willey) 26.94	Nat'l. Woman's Auxiliary Convention, 21.66
Moseley's Creek Church of N. C., 6.30	State of North Carolina 202.53
Fifth Eastern Sunday School Con-	Eastern Union of South Carolina 50.00
vention of Eastern Ass'n. of N. C., 14.30	Mr. and Mrs. George Webster,
Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Bennett,	Washington, North Carolina 15.00
Bridgeton, North Carolina 10.00	Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Buellville, N. C., 15.00
Bownmont Sunday School and Bro.	F. W. B. Church, Ft. Worth, Texas .. 20.54
and Sister Nicholas of Tad W. Va., 5.64	Sarecta L. A. S., Kennassville, N. C., 5.00

Hypocrites in the Church

The presence of hypocrites in the church is sometimes given as the reason for not becoming a Christian and taking part in the work of the church. We wonder if those who stay away from the house of the Lord on this ground are as careful to avoid other places where hypocrites might be found.

The derivation of the word hypocrite suggests one place that a hypocrite and the hypocrite-hater are frequently found on the best of terms. Hypocrite comes from the classical Greek, and it meant an actor, or one who plays a part on the stage. Dare we suggest that hypocrites are more abundant in the movies than in the church? The professional and private lives of actors as a whole are of such a character that

their indecencies are forever filling the papers. Their only defense against the charge of being hypocrites might be that they make no pretence of decency.

Perhaps, at any rate, now and then plays of definitely high moral order are said to be produced and some of religious character and certain actors play the part of noble and even sacred personages. When their lives in no way correspond to the part they play, they become guilty of hypocrisy. You that won't come to church because of the hypocrites there, have you thought of the hypocrites in the theatre? And have you thought how ridiculous you will look trying to sneak into heaven hiding behind a hypocrite? Think and Pray!

—From *The Free Will Echo*.

Outline of the Lord's Return

Personal Return of Christ

- The Lord's Own Promise. (John 14:3) (Heb. 10:37).
- A Personal Return (Acts 1:10, 11) (Rev. 22:12).
- The Lord Himself (1 Thess. 4:16).
- The Christian's Hope (1 Tim. 1:1)

The Believer's Attitude

- Waiting for His Coming (1 Thess. 1:9, 10).
- Looking for That Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13) (Phil. 3:20).

The Sleeping Saints with Christ (Phil. 1:23) (2 Cor. 5:8).

Its Practical Power (1 John 3:3).

Christ's Coming for His Saints

- The Lord Descends in the Air (1 Thess. 4:16).
- The Dead in Christ Are Raised (1 Cor. 15:20-23).
- The Living Saints Are Changed (1 Cor. 15:51).
- Incorruptibility Given the Dead (1 Cor. 15:51).

Immortality Given the Living (1 Cor. 15:53, 54).

Caught Up Together (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).
Received by Him (John 14:2, 3).

Gathering and Presentation

Gathered Together Unto Him (2 Thess. 2:1).

Welcomed to the Father's House (John 14:2).

Presented the Church Glorious (Eph. 5:27).
Presented Faultless in Glory (Jude 24).

Judgment Seat of Christ

The Lord's Promise (Rev. 22:12).

The Reckoning Day (Matt. 25:19) (1 Cor. 4:5).

The Manifestation of Works (2 Cor. 5:10)
(Col. 3:23, 24).

Motives and Manner (1 Cor. 4:5) (2 Tim. 2:5).

Reward and Loss (1 Cor. 3:13-15).
Crowns (2 Tim. 4:8).

Marriage of the Lamb

A Scene in Heaven (Rev. 19:7) (Matt. 22:2-4).

The Bride Prepared (Rev. 19:7).

The Guests Invited (Rev. 19:9).

The Joy in Heaven (Rev. 19:7).

The Bride's Attire (Rev. 19:8).

Manifestation in Glory

The Manifestation of Christ in Glory (Titus 2:13).

With All His Saints (Col. 3:4) (Rev. 19:14).

In Public Glory (Matt. 24:30)

To Overthrow His Foes (2 Thess. 1:6-8).

To Establish His Kingdom (Zech. 14:9).

The Day of the Lord

A Period of Judgment (Isaiah 2:12-21).

It Will Come Suddenly (1 Thess. 5:2-3).

Judgment on Christ Rejecters (2 Thess. 1:7-10).

Destruction of Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:8).

Satan Cast into the Bottomless Pit (Rev. 20:1-3).

Restoration of Israel

The Promise of God (Rom. 11:26).

Conviction and Conversion (Zech. 12:10-11).

Return to Their Land (Isaiah 11:12).

The Center of Government (Micah 4:2).

The Millennium

The Reign of Christ Predicted (Isaiah 32:1)

Its Postponement (Matt. 23:37-39).

Its Certain Fulfillment (Heb. 1:8).

Its Characteristics (Isaiah 11:1-9).

Its Blessings (Isaiah 2:4).

Its Heavenly Sphere (Rev. 21:10-27).

Its Earthly Aspect (Rom. 8:20-21).

The Final Judgment

Satan Loosed, the Last Great Rebellion,
His Doom (Rev. 20:7-10).

The Heavens and Earth Pass Away (2 Pet. 3:10).

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God Still Loves On.
His love will never let thee go,
Though all else fail;
He still loves on with overflow,
Love shall prevail;
His love is faithful evermore—
Ten thousand times;
Its music charms me o'er and o'er—
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—Selected.

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I SAY WHAT I THINK

There is a class of people who boast of their honesty and frankness because they just say what they think, flinging out the words right and left as they come, no matter where they strike or whom they wound. Call it not honesty, this boasted frankness; call it rather miserable impertinence, reckless cruelty. We have no right to say what we think unless we think lovingly and sweetly. We certainly have no right to unload our jealousies, envies, bad humors, and miserable spite upon our neighbors' heart. If we must be ugly-tempered, we should at least keep the ugliness locked up in our own breast, and not let it out to mar other people's happiness. Or, if we must speak out the wretched feelings, let us go into our own room and lock the door and close the windows, that no ears but our own shall hear the hateful words.

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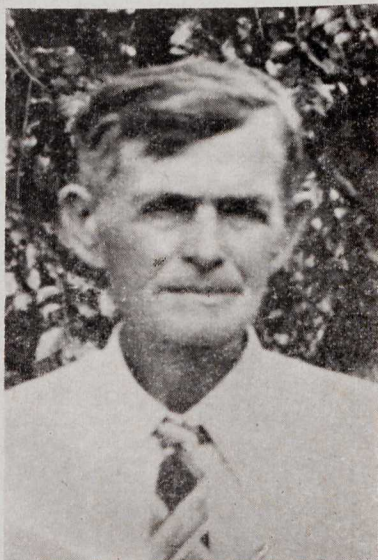
DAVIS — Lundy McPharis Davis was born August 31, 1870, at Berryville, Carroll Co., Arkansas, and departed this life August 28, 1942 near Monett, Missouri at the age of 71 years, 11 months and 28 days. He was the son of Ewin and Anna Tennis Davis. At the age of five he went with his father and family to California where he spent seven and one-half years, coming back to Carroll County, Arkansas, and spending two more years there. From there the family moved to Barry County, Missouri where he spent the remaining part of his life.

He was married to Susann Curtis June 10, 1893. To this union was born nine children; five boys and four girls, namely: Caldona, Everett, Millard, Randall, Janie, Marvin, Beulah, Lawrence and Charlotte. The two first named, Caldona and Everett, preceded him in death by a number of years. Millard and Randall have of late months been living in California. Charlotte has been living temporarily at Warrensburg, Missouri. Lawrence, Marvin, and Beulah are all of Monett address, and Janie is yet at the home.

Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his passing twelve grandchildren, four brothers, one sister, a large number of nieces and nephews, and many other relatives, and a host of friends. The brothers and sisters are: Asberry, Luther, Ephraim, all of Monett address, Horace of Tulsa, Okla., and Deborah Lance of Monett.

He was converted to Christ in the year of 1916 and united with the Pisgah Methodist Church. He has lived a consistent Christian life since that time. He was not so inclined to take a public part in service but was known to live a daily life of prayer.

Besides his ordinary life and work on the farm he was a professional cook. He has worked more or less at that trade all his life. He has cooked for so many religious gatherings, associations, Christian Training Institutes, etc. He will be greatly missed in these circles.



Lundy Davis

Besides the great vacancy in the life of the companion and children, he will be missed throughout the community at large, as he always had a friendly and jolly word for everyone. But we bow in submission to the Father's will knowing that He doeth all things well, and we are consoled in knowing our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mr. Davis was driving toward Monett on highway 37, one mile south of town. In attempting to make a left turn he evidently was much concerned about some cars behind him which had been trying to pass, and therefore failed to properly judge the distance of a truck heavily loaded with hay which was coming meeting him. Turning in front of the truck, his little pickup was run over and torn to shreds. Mr. Davis was killed instantly.

This man was widely known among Free Will Baptists, especially our people of the west, because of the fact he has cooked for so many of our associations. He was also head cook during two of our Christian Workers' Institutes held in Missouri; the

one held at Flat River and the last one held in Monett. He was engaged to cook at the Indian Creek Association and at the Missouri State Association at the time of the tragedy.

We will miss him greatly in this capacity at our religious gatherings. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family.

THOMAS — Ora Jane Stokes was born March 4, 1906 near the present Stokes home and departed this life August 20, 1942, being 36 years, 5 months old.

She was united in marriage with Gilbert Thomas October 1, 1924. Early in life she embraced the Christian faith and joined the Amity Free Will Baptist church of which she was a member at the time of death. She was a consistent, faithful Christian, and companion and though her latter years were spent in almost constant suffering, she was triumphant in suffering and death, and many were inspired by her faith and patience — serving her Lord while she lived — "come weal or woe" and will long remember her happy testimony and declaration of being ready to go.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Gilbert Thomas, Springfield, Missouri; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stokes, and five brother, Everett, Walter and Ova of Spring-

field, Mo., Alpha of Sedalia, Mo., and Clarence of Detroit, Michigan. She was preceded in death by one brother.

Funeral services were at Amity, near Niangua, Missouri, August 24, 1942, conducted by Rev. John C. Swaffar, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas.

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IN MEMORY

In memory of my mother, Mrs. Anna Niskern, who passed away October 6, 1936.

Dear mother of mine,

As we see your vacant chair,
We can't see why we have been left to pine;
Our home is now so empty and lonely.

Your smile brightened our home so much,
Your love turned all darkness into day;
Now that we are left all alone,
I pray we won't falter by the way.

Your loving arms we miss,
Your loving words are heaven's bless;
We miss so much your guiding prayers,
As we view your vacant chair.

But some day we'll understand
When we've reached that golden strand;
When we have united with you up there,
Then we'll understand why your vacant
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What Victory — "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Not only here, not only after death, but here and then also. What a wonderful gift of God to those that trust Him.

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