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## The Overflowing Well By Vernon W. Patterson

I've drunk the wormwood and the gall,  
I've tasted somewhat of the sweet;  
In nectar's cup tears swiftly fall,  
And bitter dregs its sweetness cheat.

My inner thirst of soul and heart,  
My spirit's yearning, silent cry  
Can ne'er be quenched by earthly art;  
Earth's best can never satisfy.

In Christ alone life's well is found,  
Look, see Him hang on yonder tree!  
The cross that lifts Him from the ground  
Pours forth a living fount to me.

I drink by faith. My thirst departs;  
Within, a living well springs up;  
Its flowing stream new life imparts;  
With joy it overflows my cup.

    , my need. It gushes out;  
From barren, inner self, it flows—  
O wond'rous grace! and all about,  
The desert blossom is the rose.

Let whosoever will partake;  
This fount is free to all who thirst;  
Its waters will forever slake  
The thirst of all my sin accursed.

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# New Testament Church Ideals

## A Special Editorial Feature

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AMES, "The Just," that "doing" disciple whom Paul included among those who were "pillars" in the church at Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9), wrote his general epistle on the theme "Religion" (Greek *threskeia* "outward religious service") as the

expression and proof of faith and inward purity. "Be ye doers of the Word," he proclaimed, then shouted from the house tops, as it were, "Faith without works is dead." He did not exalt works above faith, but rather, faith produces works.

Christianity calls for action on the part of its constituency. No individual, no church, no denomination can sit still "on the stool of Do Nothing," remain silent and dormant without suffering great loss, even exposure to possible ship-wreck of faith. Action is the order of life. As the boy who does not exercise himself becomes dwarfed and useless and thereby subjects himself to preying diseases and possible death, so does the inactive Christian. Works is the order of faith—"I will show thee my faith by my works." If there are no works, faith will die, being alone.

**IT IS AN UNQUESTIONED FACT THAT ANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEEDS TO BE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY SUITABLE TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND BECOMING TO THE PRESTIGE WHICH THE CHURCH ENJOYS IN THE COMMUNITY.**

But a question is often raised as to what extent, what velocity and volume, to what point of progress should this activity be confined? Just what should the church do? How much should the church do? Is there a gauge? Is there an ideal to govern the course of activity for the church?

Happily, there is. Thank God! ONE

all-sufficient Gauge which serves as a speedometer, a barometer, and a thermometer—three-in-one. It registers the speed and force and power with which activity may be engaged; it registers the pressure and weight involved in the height and depth of passionate, New Testament witnessing; it registers the temperature of spirit—hot, cold, or luke warm—which burns in the heart of Jesus' disciple. That Gauge is the Great Commission!

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15-16.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

The Great Commission should be the ONLY motive for every activity and enterprise in the church. That which has any other motive is unworthy of its place in the church. Thus every enterprise can be measured by the Great Commission. It is of great interest to measure the enterprises in the Free Will Baptist Church by the Great Commission.

What about Home Missions and Evangelism? A true register! It is the first part of the "Go Ye"—preaching, teaching, witnessing at home and in the home land. Every church and every Christian is directly responsible, personally, for the suc-

cessful promulgation of the gospel in the homeland.

What about foreign Missions? A perfect register! It is the ideal and finished work of the "Go Ye." Preach in all nations to every creature, baptize all who will believe, witness for the Lord Jesus unto the uttermost part of the earth—this is Free Will Baptists' responsibility. Each church and Christian is as much responsible for this enterprise as he is for homeland evangelism. Everyone MUST be a foreign missionary—at least by proxy. Those who cannot go to the remote parts of the earth must support and pay the way for those who go. To neglect or fail to do this is sin. Who would dare insult the Person of Christ by assuming that foreign missions is not a responsibility laid upon every church and individual in the church?

What about Christian Education? A measurement unexcelled in accuracy! "The call to the ministry is a call to preparation. God requires of His servant the best of which he is capable at the time the call is extended, and his increasing best, which is the product of diligence and self-application along the way." These are the words of our National Executive Secretary at the dedication of the Free Will Baptist Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee. More efficient and effective "witnessing—preaching—teaching" in the homeland and abroad is the ideal of Christian Education. May it remain uppermost in the hearts of Free Will Baptists. Sunday school is also included in this measurement, for it is the church's Bible school and is a teaching part of the Great "Go Ye."

Then Benevolence? Yes, pure religion, undefiled, is a ministry of preaching, teaching and witnessing for the Lord through the administration and visitation of the widows and orphans (James 1:27). Administering to the needs of people without witnessing for Christ is far from the ideal, for good intentioned sinful people can do that much. Superannuation, or the care of ministers of superior years may also be done with a view of loyalty to the Great Commission. "Teaching them to observe ALL things whatsoever I have commanded you" included the appreciative, compassionate kind spirit which Christ possessed

and displayed. It is a noble thing to remember those who have ministered about holy things (1 Cor. 9:14). Such a ministry will not go unrewarded in this world, nor in the one to come.

Thank God for the Woman's Auxiliary, the church's help-mate, so to speak. She is almost the Great Commission personified. "The Great Commission is Our Mission" is a favorite saying of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists has provided a means to an end whereby churches and individuals may support ALL the enterprises, sponsored by the denomination, proportionately and fairly, without neglect of any: That is through the praise worthy Unified Program Program. This program provides equitable support to Missions, both home and foreign, Christian Education and Benevolence, particularly Superannuation, on the following percentage basis: 10% to Superannuation, 20% to Home Missions, 30% to Foreign Missions, and 40% to Christian Education. The Unified Program is gaining momentum each day for Free Will Baptists are seeing its value and are adopting it as the fairest means of carrying on a whole program without impairing one while another is being pushed forward.

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### Cannot Ration Our God

Ration our boots, our gloves, and our hat,  
Ration our this, or ration our that;  
Order our duties, our struggles, and toil;  
Ration our tires, our door mats and oil;  
Ration our noodles, our loaf, and our bun;  
Ration our pleasures, our sport and our fun;  
Ration our sugar, our coffee and meats,  
Ration our onions, our cabbage and beets;  
Order our gardens, our field and our sod,  
But no heard on earth can ration our God.

— Selected.

"Never alone is the Christian  
Who lives by faith and prayer,  
For God is a friend unfailing—  
And God is everywhere."

— Selected.





# GOSPEL SERMONS



## The Sons of God

By John B. Rollins

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14.

Upon this text is based great Christian doctrines authorized by the divine inspiration of God. Also upon this text is staged great and bitter controversies authorized by none other than the Devil. Human language is exhausted in its attempt to describe the relationship which exists between God and His worshipers. The great Fatherhood of God and the son-ship of His created subjects is the highest conception that the limited mind of man can grasp. Jesus taught the disciples to say "Our Father which art in heaven," when they pray to God. John said, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." Paul said that in separating ourselves from the world, God would be a Father unto us and we should be His sons and daughters. 2 Cor. 6:18.

In the beginning of this topic, a distinction needs to be made. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, referred to in the singular and with a capital letter, thus S-o-n, the Unique Son, that is, the only Son of his kind which is the only begotten Son. John 3:16. In hundreds of other texts in the Bible, the plural is written with no capital letter to emphasize a unique importance, simply s-o-n-s of God. Who are the sons of God?

Some have misunderstood, and, as a result, have misinterpreted the very first text in the Bible that speaks of the sons of God, consequently the whole subject is a conglomerated jargon to their benighted understanding. The sons of God who looked upon the daughters of men are considered by some to be fallen angels who wooed human women. Such grossness! Angels are spoken of in the masculine gender as is also the Holy Spirit called

"He" yet sex, in the human sense, is never ascribed to angels—"In the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, *but are as the angels of God in heaven.*" Matt. 22:30. See Mark 12:25.

The Hebrew tongue alone will not admit such an interpretation in error concerning the sons of God. The Hebrew word for "son" is *BEN*. The root word from which it is derived is *BANAH* which means "To Build." Therefore *BEN* or son is "the builder of the family name." Now that is simple. When my sister married, she gave up the Rollins name and ceased to be called by it. Her children have a name—but it is not Rollins. Here is the truth, my sister is not *BEN* or son of our parents for she isn't building our family name. On the other hand, my brother is *BEN* or a son, for in his marriage, he retained our family name, and his children promise that there will be some Rollins people in the next generation. In the original language of the Bible, the idea of sex is not included in "sons" but simply "the builder of the name." We mortals have narrowed and limited that language until with us a son means only the male child. We overlook the greater significance, yet it



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is in the male child that the family name is propagated. With God, such mortal limitations does not exist. The sons of God are the builders of God's name in the earth, and is not limited to the male division of humanity, but includes men, women, boys and girls and is qualified in the broad sense in Romans 8:14 "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the builders of God's name in the earth."

The sons of God who began to backslide and apostatize, of Genesis 6:2-4, were the "Builders of God's name" who were descendants of righteous Seth, the son of Adam, whom God had chosen to use for a natural lineage for the birth of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

The sons of God of Job 1 and 2 were "builders of the name of God." They came together to worship and as they presented themselves to God, Satan was there. Show me a group of the sons of God who worship today that the spirit and power and influence of Satan is not there! The Devil himself, in spirit and influence, attends every church, he sits in the pew, he stands in the pulpit, he is present at an altar of prayer. I have known and felt his presence at an altar of prayer when the people of God were consecrating themselves to the up-building of the cause and name of God. Satan may and does attend the prayer service, but he cannot touch those who pray in the Holy Ghost. See Jude 20.

The first chapter of Job is interpreted to be a scene in heaven and that the sons of God were angels, but why draw far-fetched conclusions? Job was not the only man on earth at that time who loved God. There is nothing strange about Satan in his spirit and influence, and he himself if we could see him, coming into the very presence of the Spirit and power of God, for we see that very thing every time we go to church. Sinners are there inspired by the spirit of the Devil. There are those present who are led by the Spirit of God and are therefore the sons of God. "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them." The language here is not strange and unearthly. Why run off into another world for an

explanation when we have it before our eyes in this present world?

I have found one text in the Bible that speaks of the sons of God which might have been angels, before the world was created—Job 38:7. I do not have divine light on this text, and will not discuss it here, only to say it is possible that these were angels.

The sons of God in the Old Testament are definitely stated to be people (Isaiah 43:4-7) who had faith in, and looked forward to the coming of Christ, the Son of God, in all the power of his atoning efficacy and wondrous saving grace. The sons of God in the New Testament are those who receive Him and His saving grace. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them which believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the flesh, nor of man, but of God." John 1:12-13 Those who received Him then, or should afterward receive Him are given the privilege of a Born-Again experience which makes them obedient and true worshipers of God, being led by His wonderful Spirit. They obtain this sonship not by virtue of ancestry, nor by any affinity, or connection of human descent, but as a free gift from God.

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# The Tennessee F.W.B. Orphanage

Important Questions Answered regarding the Tennessee F. W. B. Orphanage

Rev. Paul Woolsey, Superintendent

## Where is it Located?

Nine miles southeast of Greenville, Tennessee, on a good improved road which is a nearer route from Greenville, Tenn. to Ashville, N. C. and connects with Greenville-Ashville Highway at the state line. The Home is at the very foot of the Great Smoky Mountains in one of the most beautiful and picturesque places in the country.

## In What Type of Community?

One of the oldest communities in the state, populated by old families of Anglo-Saxon ancestry. Both dormitories are within 200 yards of a good state-accredited and state-maintained elementary and high school with one of the best vocational agricultural and manual training units in the state. The Harris Memorial Free Will Baptist Church sits on Orphanage property and has a membership of eighty-eight (88).

## What Kind of Buildings?

A large three-storied dormitory with a full sized basement, twenty-nine rooms beside four baths, four hall ways, large linen clothesstand, some twenty-six wardrobes and closets; the basement consists of tool room, laundry room, room for canned goods, two furnace rooms, potato room, play room and general storage room. This is a frame building on a concrete foundation with a metal roof.

The boys' dormitory or cottage is a modern seven room frame building with bath, large basement and furnace.

A large dairy feed barn (75 x 36 feet) with concrete stanchions, rat-proof cribs, large hay mow, etc. A tool and cow shed 75 x 29 feet, and several smaller buildings.

## What About the Church?

The Church is built of native stone, with asbestos roof, full sized basement, six class rooms, colored stained windows. The entire architectural design is inductive to divine worship.

## What Kind of Land is There?

There are ninety (90) acres of farm land.

It has been tended by tenants for more than forty years and was badly in need of a wise soil building and soil conservation program when we obtained possession. The land is responding rapidly to care and treatment. The remaining hundred and sixty acres has not been cleared, the soil is rich but rocky, it will make excellent grazing land. Some timber is to be found on it.

## What Crops are Grown There?

The land is excellent for the growing of hay, corn and vegetables. Small grain can be grown but the yield is not as large as on some soils. This year we had some forty loads of hay, twenty-four loads of corn, about a hundred bushels of wheat, about the same amount of rye, and most of our vegetables.

## How Much Live Stock is Kept?

We have two young horses and an old general-duty horse for the boys; eight milk cows and two young heifer calves; two brood sows, one stock hog and fifteen pigs and other hogs. We have butchered a beef and three large hogs so far this winter.

## What is the Source of Income?

By far our largest source of income is the monthly contributions from our churches in the different parts of the country. At first, the larger per cent of this income came from Tennessee, but for the past few months, fully half has come from outside of the state of Tennessee. Virginia and Illinois leads with fine support from West Virginia, Missouri, Oklahoma, Alabama, and Georgia.

As we become better equipped with farming instruments and better live-stock, we will derive an ever increasing part of our income from the farm.

We receive some income from a ten thousand dollar endowment fund, endowed by the late George T. Harris and his widow.

Business firms, organizations and individuals have contributed in various ways. (A hardware firm in Greenville gave a



\$25.00 check to one of the workers only last week). Many discounts on articles purchased and outright gifts of commodities have been received.

Several hundred dollars were given this last fall in the form of canned fruits and vegetables, grain, fruits and vegetables, quilts, towels, clothes, etc.

Most of the children are clothed or partly clothed by some church or church group.

### **Who are Eligible for Admittance?**

Children without living parents, or only one living parent whose earning capacity is insufficient to provide adequately for the children, and if there are no local, state, or federal aid sufficient to meet their needs are eligible for entrance into our Home. No one with both parents living will be permitted to make application. The age limit for girls is from three to twelve, and for boys from three to eight. No child who has a venereal or communicable disease will be admitted. Those who are subject to reformatories are not eligible.

### **How is Application Made?**

The legal guardian or nearest kin should get in touch with the management of the Home. The Superintendent will make investigation, and if the case is worthy and meets the general requirements of the Board of Control, he will help by seeing that the application is properly filled out and sent to the members of the Board. The Board has the sole and final disposition of all applications. The application may meet every requirement but the Board may reject it on the grounds that it is not wise to accept any more children at that particular time, or for any similar reason. Anyone making application may rest assured that the Board will give careful and prayerful consideration of all applications. There are local, state and federal laws governing the admission of children into institutions of this type.

### **Does the Location or residence of the Applicant Influence the Decision?**

The two paragraphs above contain all the references and rules applicable to this question. Five children, which is 25.4% of our children, are from associations of other states—four of these are from the Southwestern Association in Virginia, and one

from the Jack Creek Association in Tenn.

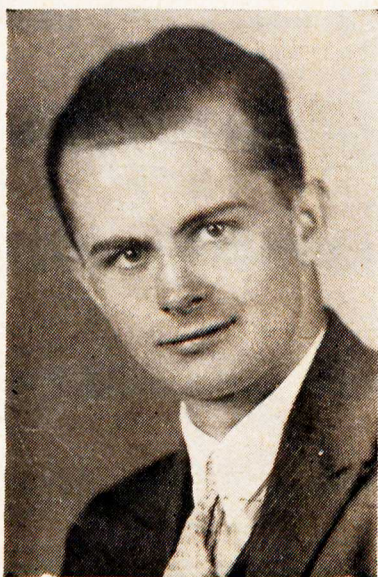
State laws are very strict concerning the conveying of children across a state line to enter them into institutions. The laws of the different states vary. The Board under ordinary circumstances would probably favor the application of a child from Tennessee, if other things were equal, in preference to one from another state. It is my hope that the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage will always serve the entire denomination in every manner possible.

### **Must Children be of Free Will Baptist Parentage?**

No. Most of our children came from homes where there were no direct church connections. Fully 50% of our children came from homes which had leanings to other religious affiliations. In these cases, we ask that some Free Will Baptist Church and pastor sponsor the application.

### **Can Children be adopted Out of The Home?**

No, children are not let out for adoption. We consider the work here as a denominational enterprise. We do not only provide food, clothes and shelter, but we are undertaking to develop our children socially, mentally, and spiritually as well as in a physical sense; Our aim is training for



**Paul Woolsey**



Christian service and our hope is that at least a large part of that service will be on the behalf of our beloved denomination. We desire, as much as possible, to turn out the finished product. It is our desire to have one big family with the family ties unbroken in this life or the life to come.

### **How Long Can Children Remain in The Home?**

There is no set rule or regulation covering this question. After all, members of a family usually remain at home until such a time that they must leave to better prepare themselves for their life's work or to enter that work. It is our desire and hope to give each one of our boys and girls at least a high school education, and if they care for further training, we hope to be able to interest some church group in at least lending temporary aid in the form of loans. Some one may ask, "What if they cannot or will not learn?" I believe that any boy or girl of average intelligence, with proper guidance, understanding, encouragement and help can and should complete high school work.

### **What About Their General Education?**

This question is partially answered in the paragraph above. Our first step is to form that triangle of pupil-parent-teacher relationship. The three must work in complete harmony and accord. If any child needs tutoring or extra help we drop our work to meet this pressing need. Our boys and girls know that if they are lax and slothful about their school work that they cannot expect to participate in the special attraction and wholesome amusement that is provided for the children from time to time. We do our best to see that only the teachers of highest professional, moral and spiritual standing are employed as teachers in the school. Several of the teachers are members of the Harris Memorial Church; others are regular in attendance.

### **What About Cultural Developements?**

We are old-fashioned enough to believe the old adage: "Handsome is that Hansome does." Therefore the rudiments of simple courtsey and politness are emphasized. Reading of good literature by all our chil-

dren is encouraged. Games that demand thought and initiative and encouraged. The boys and girls in turn take charge of devotional hours. Seven of our boys and girls are taking music lessons. We are planning on increasing the number soon.

### **What About their Spiritual Training?**

If we should fail here, we have failed in the task assigned us. Our boys and girls come to us with very little knowledge of God or His Holy Word; they have had little or no religious training. Our goal, in the spiritual developement of the children, is three fold: to bring about their reconciliation with their Creator through the "New Birth," to increase their personal knowledge and love of God and the Bible, and to help them prepare themselves for useful service in the Master's kingdom. Seventeen of our boys and girls have confessed the Lord Jesus, followed Him in water baptism and united with Harris Memorial Church. They are among the leaders in Sunday school work, league activities, and the Junion Woman's Auxiliary. At the present the official church roster includes the following from the children here at the Home: A Sunday school teacher, Sunday school secretary, vice-president of the league, league pianist, league choister, treasurer, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and one vice president of the Junion Woman's Auxiliary.

### **What About their Physical Care?**

Due to lack of care, improper food, clothes, and shelter; exposure, unfavorable environment, contact with communicable diseases and other unfortunate conditions, many of our boys and girls are handicapped by poor eyesight, bad tonsils, impaired hearing, decayed teeth, weak stomachs, and bodies that are easy victims of colds and other common ailments. It is our policy to right these conditions just as quickly as their general condition will permit. At the present, our boys and girls are in as good physical condition as the average boy and girl. We emphasize bodily care and cleanliness.

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"I'd rather be the least of them,

Who are the Lord's alone  
Than wear a royal diadem,

And sit upon a throne."

### How Are They Disciplined?

Each boy and girl is taken as an individual. We strive to make each correction of a positive nature. The simple rules of obedience, respect for authority, the cheerful performance of assigned tasks and regards for the rights of others must be adhered to without the loss of love, admiration or respect on the part of the children, and without nagging, losing of temper, or display of impatience on the part of the staff. "Correction" and not "punishment" is our goal. The method calculated to obtain the best results is used in any given case.

### Do the Children Have Special Jobs?

Yes. The privilege of honest toil should be denied no one. Every child should have time for play, for personal and private use, for friendships and for cultural and spiritual development.

### Should Churches Adopting Children for Clothing Send Clothes or Money?

We are always glad to receive anything that can be used in any way. Both the churches and the staff find that the sending of money usually works to the mutual advantage of all concerned. We buy at a discount. The sending of clothes often works a disadvantage, for example, there are several garments laid away now awaiting the arrival of some child into the Home that they will fit. The climate, the type of community, the individual child all should be considered to obtain the best possible results.

### Name Some Outstanding Needs

The enlargement of our endowment fund. No institution can be assured of its continued existence or service without a regular, stated and dependable income. How can this fund be increased? By gifts earmarked for that purpose, by including that fund in wills and last testaments, by taking out insurance and annuities with the Home as beneficiary.

We need a tractor. Most of the land could be tended with a tractor. One team of horses cannot do all the work, however, there will always be a need for the team. We should increase our milk herd by three cows this coming year. If 20 or 30 acres

not under cultivation could be developed into pasture or grazing land (a tractor would be of great help here), several head of Herford steers could and should be bought. A corn planter is needed. I am not sure that a carriage for short trips will not come in fine if this war continues.

The boys' quarters are not adequately equipped and furnished. The plaster overhead in the main dormitory is pulling away from the ceiling in places and should be replaced with something better suited to this windy country. There are eight rooms that have not been repaired nor furnished. Churches have been taking a room to paper and furnish, the cost is from \$60.00 to \$80.00. The bath room on the third floor needs repairs. We need a large electric washer and ironer. There will be need of additional chairs and tables.

One piano is not adequate for our needed music program. We could use another piano to a great advantage. Our library should be improved, a good encyclopædia, a good but simple Bible commentary for older children, classics and good works of modern writers.

We hope that before long a good music teacher (both vocal and instrumental) who could also serve as stenographer and bookkeeper can be employed.

If we are to continue to expand, we must have an ever increasing monthly income.

Three of the children have not been adopted for clothes. Since shoes and clothes have advanced so in cost and at the same time their quality has decreased, funds from the general treasury have been used from time to time to supplement the amount sent by the churches for this purpose.

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## A "LITTLE" GEM

The *Gem* is thort this month, but it was planned and is intentional, however, we are feeling the effect of a labor shortage. The war is on, but the *Gem* has been on the war path against the Devil for fifteen years. It is not our plans to surrender or abate the fury of the attack. It is planned for the *Gem* to resume its normal size of 36-pages.

— Editorial

The Great  
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## Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole  
World  
For Christ



# The Hour of Prayer

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama

Prayer is absolutely necessary for a happy, strong, victorious, prosperous, and effective spiritual life. Much of the success of a Christian life depends upon prayer. When we pray, we are speaking to God. When we read His Word, He is speaking to us. Thus prayer and Bible study should go hand in hand. j

Earnest and sincere prayer brings rich spiritual blessings to the spiritual life. Prayer strengthens and encourages the believer, and enables him to do "great and mighty works" for God who "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think." Eph. 3:4.

When we neglect prayer, many spiritual blessings are lost. We miss much good through this neglect that God has in store for us. The scripture plainly declares, "Ye have not, because ye ask not." (James 1:6). In other words, we rob ourselves of many blessings because we fail to ask for them. "Ask and it shall be given unto you." (Matt. 7:7). "If we ask anything according to his will he heareth us." (1st John 5:14). The Christian may be assured that it is God's will for him to live a happy, victorious, prosperous, spiritual life. Thus let us "ask" that we may receive.

We should not be mislead, however, into thinking that prayer is merely for the purpose of asking God for things, to see just how much we can selfishly receive for ourselves. Some are of the opinion that prayer is merely for the purpose of asking God for something. This is not true. Our prayer should not be confined to continual "asking". Our prayer should include "praise and thanksgiving" for His goodness to us. Much spiritual joy is received from praise and thanksgiving. Paul said, "With thanksgiving, let your request be known unto God." (Phil. 4:16). "Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving." (Col. 4:2). "In all

things give thanks." (1 Thes. 5:18). "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works."

Many spiritual blessings are lost because we fail to give thanks, and praise God as we should. Praise and thanksgiving enable us to experience deep fellowship and communion with God. As we come to offer up our petition to God, may we not forget to offer our praise and thanksgiving for blessings already received. Ungratefulness is one great hindrance to prayer.

This month in the Woman's Auxiliary, we will be studying "Carrying Out the Great Commission in the Homeland." Since this is our topic for the month, I think it would be good for us to pray for God to help us carry out this great commission which is "Our Mission." There is so much sin about us on every hand, and I think I have never seen such a great falling away. So many who once had a beautiful, ringing testimony have gone the way of the world. There seems to be such little sin consciousness among the lost. Let us pray that God will awaken the lost to the fact that they are lost, doomed, and condemned without the Lord Jesus. Pray for a mighty wave of pungent conviction to sweep this nation of ours. I believe that God is still able to give a revival in America. Don't you? If so, pray for one. Pray for a revival to sweep our Army Camps. Pray that God will help each of us to realize that we are our brother's keeper, and help us to be witnesses for Christ right where we are. Let us make this a month of prayer, witnessing, and soul winning. Pray for our Home Mission Board of the National Association. Pray also for our National Field worker, Sister Lizzie McAdams. Let us pray for America using the words of Paul, "My hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel (America) is, that she might be saved." (Rom. 10:10)



## To Fifth Vice Presidents

Elsie M. Curtis, National Fifth Vice President, 1104 S. 12th., Herrin, Ill.

In cars, busses, on street cars and trains; everywhere we go these days are men in uniform; soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guards, those wearing the insignia of air service. And *WOMEN* in the uniform of the WAAC and the WAVE. Always it spells the fact that those who wear the uniforms are "in the service." Many are employed in the factories and defense plants, men and women alike, doing war defense work. There is a real foe that the nation must fight; a power that threatens to overthrow that which heroes of past battles died to preserve for us as a nation. Proudly, unfalteringly, uncomplainingly, sacrifices are made; sons, brothers, sweethearts and husbands are sent away while brave smiles conceal bleeding hearts and keep back flowing tears. It should rightfully be so as long as a righteous cause supports the conflict.

I should like to remind the women of the Free Will Baptist denomination that we as "Soldiers of the Cross" are in a great spiritual conflict. The community in which you live is your battle ground, and the enemy seeks to destroy and bring misery and woe, and sickness, and death to both soul and body. We are engaged, not in an effort to destroy lives, but to save souls. Are we faithful to the great cause? Is our service such that it is worthy of commendation from our Commander? Have we been victorious?

About half of the year of service since we met in the National Convention at Columbus, Mississippi last July lies behind us. If we have victories to report, battles have been won and the enemy defeated, Praise the Lord! Let us press forward. There is much to be done and no place to halt. There is no time, now, to rest; no time to evade the issue, or for any to say, "There is nothing for me to do." Buckle on the armour; take the sword of the Spirit and "fight the good fight of faith" not for a day, week, month or year, but "Till Jesus Comes." "Look All Around You, Find Someone in Need, Help Somebody Today." See the dying, suffering, sin-sick

world; then go to the great source, the Fountain Head of Divine Love, and fill your soul with compassion, and pity and tenderness until you are "constrained," "forced, compelled," "impelled forward" to faithful service.

I trust our women are faithfully keeping a list of the boys from your community that are in the service and continually remembering them in prayer. It would be a good thing for each woman to place the list before her at "the Hour of Prayer" and take time to call their names to the Lord. Surely no one needs prayer more than our boys, not nearly so much for protection from the physical danger that confronts them, as for protection from the wicked environments into which they are constantly thrown. Keep giving out, when opportunity offers, tracts, gospels, and Christian literature. Send such literature to them in camp. Some lonely hour may cause some boy to read a *Gem* or a *Baptist* or a good tract when at home he would not have given such reading a thought.

Fifth Vice Presidents of district, state and local Auxiliaries, I am calling on you to be "good soldiers." See that the plan of work is faithfully carried out. I earnestly pray that the last half of our year's work will count even more in manifest results of loving service than the past six months have done. I offer no new suggestions; if the Fifth Vice Presidents are consecrated and "on the job", if the personal service committees are performing their duties, and if the entire plan of work is carried out, there is plenty of work for all to do, and surely we shall "come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." May the blessings of God attend every act of service done in His blessed name who loved us, and saved us by His Grace.

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"Sullied snow is never whitened —  
Never can be pure again,  
Yet there IS a purifying  
For the sinful souls of men."

— Selected.



# Our Boys in the Service



Btry. C. 128 Armd. F.A. Bn. A.P.O. 256  
Desert Maneuvers, Los Angeles, Calif.

My Dear Brethren:

I was so glad to get the Free Will Baptist Gem. It made me feel good to read and know that there are so many good Christian people praying for us boys while we are away from home and loved ones doing our part. I am thankful that I am privileged to go to church every Sunday and listen to the good words spoken. It is not like good old Church at home, but the Lord is with us where we are.

I have been in the service about 4½ months, but I am proud that I got to attend the Missouri State Association at Myrtle, Mo. before I had to come to Uncle Sam's Army.

When I get lonesome and blue, I get my blessed old Bible out and read it. I find that it is the only thing that cheers me up. I am proud that I learned to know and love God before I left father and mother and loved ones. If I cannot see them again on this side, I will meet them all in a better world to come. I am praying that we can all return home when this war is over, and I hope and pray that this will be a short war.

P. V. E. Jesse M. Cockman, A.S.N. 37383897  
Btry. C. 128 Armd. F. A. Bn. A.P.O. 256  
Desert Maneuvers % Postmaster  
Los Angeles, California.

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Fort Ord, California

My Dear Brethren:

I am very glad to get the Free Will Baptist Gem each month. It sure is a moral builder to me. I rejoice to read of the good work the Christian people are doing back home. I miss my home church very much, but we have church every Sunday for which I am glad. We have a wonderful chaplain, and he delivers some very good sermons. I sure like to read the letters

from the boys in the service that are printed in the *Gem* each month.

I have been in the service for twenty months, and I still find the Lord very near. I find a few boys who like to read about God and His work, so I will pass the Gem paper on to any of them who want to read it.

I am praying that within a short time I will be back with all you again.

P.F.C. Robert F. Anderson (37009338)  
Co. A. 159th Inf. Reg. U.S. Army A.P.O. 7  
Fort Ord, California.

## REVIVAL AT ROCK CHAPEL

On Monday, February 1st, the Editor stoled away from the Gem Office and went to Rock Chapel, near Norwood, Missouri to conduct a two weeks' revival meeting. The community maintained good interest in the meeting throughout the two weeks, and there was a marked interest when the meeting closed. There were three professions and some additions to the church are prospective. The pastor was left in charge of receiving members into the church.

Rev. Henry Higby, the pastor at Rock Chapel, was present throughout the meeting. He was of real valuable assistance and his companionship was highly enjoyable.

The people of the community were wonderful: their fine hospitality, whole-hearted co-operation in the meeting, and their great liberality certainly commends them as praise worthy devotees of the Lord.

Rock Chapel is a fine, new, stone church with full basement, built of native stone and is very beautiful. A few finishing touches need to be made on the building, after which a picture will be forth coming to grace the front cover of the *Gem*.

— Editorial



## Missionary Department



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

### Thanks To Missouri

At the National Association last July, when the various financial quotas for foreign missions was being set for the different states, the quoto for Missouri for the year ending June 30, 1943 was set at \$1200.00 But when the Missouri State Association convened last September, this quoto was reconsidered and the State Association proceeded to set its own quoto at \$2,000.00 for the National Associational year ending June 30, 1943. After six months of the associational year was gone, I proceeded to compile a semi-annual repart on he foreign mission receipts and expenditures. I found in compiling this report that Missouri had paid during the first six months \$1,111.73 of the suggested \$2,000.00 for the year. So we say thanks to Missouri together with thanks and praise to the Lord. Our people are doing well in in their response to the foreign mission cause. Please keep the good work going. Yea, let us even make it stronger. To you who have not yet fallen in line with those who are gladly giving to this worthy cause, let us persuade you to come along and help us. Does your church or Sunday school give a regular monthly or weekly offering to foreign missions? If not; why not? Will you be the one to talk it up? You could, couldn't y-u? Don't you really believe most all the congregation would be interested if you would just dare to bring it before them? Oh, to be sure they won't all be for it; but don't you really suppose a surprising number would be with you? Give it a try any way.

Free Will Baptists are doing things on foreign soil. We have not done nearly what we are going to do if the Lord tarries. Why not you and your church fall in line at once and be one of the number who are really putting things across. May the Lord continue to bless all you who are being so faithful to this cause which is so near to my heart. I

trust He will make this great department of our denomination near and dear to each and every one of our hearts. If you can't go, then give and pray. If you can't give, then pray. Above all pray. Pray for our missionaries. Pray for your foreign mission board. Pray for the entire work of the missions department of our church.

### THE GEM REPRESENTATIVES

#### An Editorial

In compliance with the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Gem, three of the strongest and finest churches in Missouri have appointed Representatives of the Church Paper. Those churches are: Monett, St. Louis, and Fredericktown. The Representatives of the Free Will Baptist Gem are:

Mrs. Rowena Thomas ..... Monett, Mo.  
Edward Simmons ..... St. Louis, Mo.  
Harold Baldwin .... Fredericktown, Mo.

The pastors of these churches are: Rev. O. T. Allred, Rev. Mark M. Lewis, and Rev. F. C. Zinn. These are fine men, but these are not the only fine men there are who are pastors of fine churches. Our Board of Directors still urges that we go in the direction indicated—A Representative of the Church Paper in every church. The Board reports pleasure in the results thus far.

The work of the Representative is to serve his church people in behalf of the church paper. The church is asked to cooperate and give the Representative all subscriptions and renewed subscriptions, and he will send them to the Gem Office. The representative will be furnished with "inside" information concerning the Church Paper, and he will be enabled to represent the Church Paper to the best interests of his church people. If anyone forgets when



his subscription expires, let him ask our representative in his church.

There are other churches known to be planning on this procedure, but could not announce the work done in time for this issue of the *Gem*. We will all be watching

—And come on, pastors and churches everywhere. Appoint a wide-awake person who will serve willingly and send his (or her) name to us, and we will make personal plans for effective work for the Lord and our church people.

— Editorial

## Church Letters - Field Reports

### ATTENTION

#### Alabama Free Will Baptists

We are planning to have Session No. 2 of the Christian Workers' Institute at the Free Will Baptist Church at Leeds, Ala. on June 7th to 18th, 1943. Rev. W. H. Ryland of Margaret, Alabama is the pastor. We hope you will write him at an early date and tell him you will be there. Book this date, and do not put any other meeting on it.

The Christian Workers' Institute is one of the greatest moves of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, bringing within reach of the pastors and Christian workers a portable Bible School. A small fee will be charged for board and room, but announcement will be made later about this.

At the Institute session last year, we had above forty, as I remember, but only two were preachers. This is our greatest need today, so come, preachers and Christian workers.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.

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#### The Free Will Baptist Church Des Plaines, Illinois

Dear Brother Rollins:

As we have been asked many times why we have not sent a report to the *Gem*, we wish to do so now. On October 12, 1911, we started first to have Sunday school and church in our home. God led us to rent a building, which was done in January, 1942 when a store building was secured. We have held Sunday school and church there ever since for which we praise God.

The rent on the building is \$25.00 per month. We receive some donations, but

not enough to meet the expenses. We praise God, however, for He gave us enough for our living and for the rent on the church building too.

My husband, Rev. Chas. Osborn, was converted December 14, 1940. Soon afterward, he felt called into the ministry, and we felt urged to start this work. We have had eleven conversions, and have organized the first Free Will Baptist Church of Des Plaines, Illinois on January 15, 1943 with seven charter members.

Rev. Chas. Osborn was elected pastor, and our church was accepted by the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting of Southern Illinois on January 30, 1943. At the same time, I received a license to preach from the same Quarterly Meeting.

We have fair crowds on Sunday nights. We want all you good people to remember to pray for our work here.

—Pauline Osborn (Church Clerk)

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#### The Free Will Baptist Church Hannon, Missouri

Dear Brother Rollins and Gem Readers:

It has been many months since the Hannon Church has submitted a report for the *Gem*. The absence of a report has not been entirely from neglect on our part. On account of valuable space in the *Gem* and the precious time of our editors, and most of all, a desire for the people to enjoy sermons more than church reports, we have refrained from sending reports at various times.

We were happy for the privilege of reading so many good sermons in the February issue from many of our friends with whom we have worshiped in days gone by. Many of the laity can write reports, but only the divinely inspired can write sermons.

This is a challenge to the ministry to continue the good work.

As most of you know, we are a rural church and are enduring many trying experiences as all communities are. So many of our membership have moved away, but we pray they are doing their duty in their new locations. 'Almost all of our dear boys are in the service of our country fighting to protect the freedom of their loved ones. Death has also entered our ranks and taken some of our life long friends. These things have made serious inroads in our attendance and all church activities. We are glad, however, to report 83 in attendance at Sunday school and more for preaching service last Sunday, February 7th.

Our pastor, Rev. Cecil Campbell, is faithful in his labors with us, helping the church in their spiritual needs. Perfect peace and harmony prevails between every member and our pastor and one another.

The sorrows which has entered most every home in this community is very hard to bear, but it seems we are being more closely drawn together in our love and sympathy for one another. We are admonished to "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." We as a church do feel the burden of each other's sorrows and trials. We are led of the Spirit to believe that when this terrible conflict is over our people will still be found faithful to the trust our Lord has entrusted to our care and keeping.

Remember us in your prayers as a small band of Christian laborers.

— Mrs. L. C. Wade, Church Reporter.

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### A Revival at Macedonia Church Near Purdy, Missouri

I have recently closed a five weeks' revival at my home church, Macedonia. The meeting resulted in the salvation of 14 souls, and 11 additions to the church. I have been closely connected with this church since I have been preaching, which has been 17 years, and I can truthfully say this was one of the best meetings we have had there for many years. We are noticing a great difference in the prayer meeting and Sunday school. We are praising the Lord that He has one time more passed

this way with revival power.

It looked very discouraging when we started the meeting. The weather was cold, the community was cold spiritually, people were out of tires, gasoline had just been rationed, and everything was against us except the Lord. "If God be for us who can be against us." We stepped out on the premises of God, and He gave us the victory. The Devil would have us think that we cannot have revivals because the war is on, or because we are so strictly rationed in vital materials, but bear in mind that the Word of God standeth sure. When we trust in the Lord, He will do the rest. One may have to spend most of the winter or most of the summer in one place; but if we prove ourselves determined before God, He will cause the walls to fall, the lions' jaws to lock, the prisoners' bands to be loosened, the stocks to fall off, a Holy Ghost bomb shell will fall from the vaults of heaven, and the Christian's persecutors and Christ-haters will be falling at your feet and crying, "Sirs, what must we do to be saved?" They will be washing your bleeding stripes and submitting to the will of your God. Don't forget, if you would experience this, you must be willing to sing and pray though it is dark as the midnight hour, and when you feel yourself in the darkest dungeon. Paul and Silas were referred to as those men who had turned the world upside down. Certainly they were men of marvelous power. God used them, because they would be used. No Roman prison or Roman scourge, no ruler in Israel or any threat of the religious bigots could cause them to stop proclaiming the Word. Neither could they take the joy from their hearts, the praise from their lips nor the sweetness from their souls. Their invincibility astonished the world. Isn't it true that we are dying today for the need of just such powers as these men in the vineyard of God?

— Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

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### Woman's Auxiliary, Tulsa, Okla

The monthly program of the Woman's Auxiliary was given at the prayer meeting hour, January 27th. The girls of the "Go

Tell Band" were greatly responsible for the success of the program. They have taken a sincere interest in the Auxiliary work. We are very proud of their efforts.

A military touch was given to the service. Our service flag, with thirty-two stars, hangs from the front of the church. As the audience sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" two small boys, each carrying a flag, came and stood under the service flag. One was dressed as a soldier and the other wore the navy uniform. Then our pastor, Rev. Melvin Bingham, offered a special prayer for all our boys in the armed forces.

The ladies of our Auxiliary are now sending letters monthly to our boys who have gone from our church to the service. We feel this is a very worthy work. The letters we receive from them in return are read at the Auxiliary meetings. We cannot tell you how much enjoyment this gives us.

We appeal to all Auxiliaries everywhere to join us in prayer for our boys.

—Mrs. Lynn Hamilton, 1st Vice Pres.

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### Revival at Hazel Creek Union Church Near Kirksville, Missouri

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the privilege afforded me recently of laboring with the fine, whole souled, consecrated people of the Hazel Creek Union Church, near Kirksville, Mo. in a two weeks' revival effort. From the very start, the weather was most unfavorable for large attendance, but it did my heart good to see those faithful folk come in cars when roads would permit; otherwise in carriages, and wagons drawn by tractors or horses, and sometimes on foot. In spite of the weather which included snow, ice, mud, and sub zero temperatures, the meeting continued.

The membership of Hazel Creek Union is not large, indeed it is small, but some of our large churches would do well to copy their devotion and faithfulness to both local and National work. They do not know that I am writing this, but I do not feel it would be amiss to commend them for their accomplishment. In the past year they have redecorated the church, dug a basement, and installed a furnace.

Every month, they have a missionary march for the support of our foreign mission cause. In April, they gave a Foundation Check to the school at Nashville. They are paying \$5.00 per month into the Annual Endowment Fund. On the last day of the revival, with faces shining, tears running down many faces as they worshiped the Lord with their substance, that little handful of ordinary farmers laid \$102.00 on the altar for the evangelist.

I have never preached to more receptive, or more deeply spiritual people. Not many sinners attended the services, but all who came showed deep conviction. It seemed to be more of a meeting for encouragement and strength for the Christians, and some who had grown a little cold in the Master's service. There was much re-dedicating and re-consecrating of lives to the service of the Lord. They may forget the evangelist who spent such a short time in their midst, but I shall not soon forget the blessings enjoyed in the homes and in the church services while there. May the richest of God's blessings be upon them in the days to come, is my prayer.

Evangelist, Elsie M. Curtis, Herrin, Ill.

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### A Fifth Sunday Meeting Near Stockton, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

We are a month late with a report, but we are anxious for all to hear of our gathering in the Lord at the Independence Church on the fifth Sunday in January.

After Sunday school, Mrs. Floy Hartley brought us a powerful message on "Good Neighbors." Her text being St. Luke 10: 30-37. We enjoyed a fellowship handshake.

At the noon hour, a bountiful table was spread.

Our song service was very inspiring, having Thora Arbogast as pianist and Waldo Kicenski song leader. We enjoyed a program by the children and a play by the adults, after which Sister Thora Arbogast gave a talk on Auxiliary work.

Let us pray that all churches may work more closely united in this worthy work of spreading the gospel.

Beatrice Bough, Secretary



### Third Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

I count it a blessing from the Lord and a privilege to be selected as correspondent to this good paper, and appointed to work with our brother in Christ, the Editor.

I am glad to report a great Spirit in every service, and souls are being saved. Our church has grown so much in number that we hardly have seating capacity, but praise the Lord, we are taking care of them. Our financial work has grown in abundance, both in our building fund and our general church funds. At present, we are investigating a church building. Please pray that God will bless us in our selection.

We are thanking the Lord for our pastor, Rev. Mark M. Lewis, and our Sunday school superintendent, Rev. Chas. Miller. We are glad to report that the Lord has blessed us in that we still have a Sunday school convention of Free Will Baptists which was recently organized here in the vicinity of St. Louis. Since gas is rationed, we could not go so far to attend the St. Francois County Sunday School Convention. On January 31, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Mo., the St. Francois County Convention granted us permission to withdraw and organize a convention in St. Louis so we may continue this good work. The churches involved in the new convention are: Third F. W. B. Church at 1330 Geyer Avenue in St. Louis, Rev. Mark Lewis, pastor; First F. W. B. Church at Berkley City, Mo., Rev. Baldwin, pastor; and the Richwoods F. W. B. Church at Richwoods, Mo., Rev. Harvey Hill, Pastor.

Plans are being made for an annual meeting of all Sunday school and league conventions throughout this district so that we may continue the sweet fellowship with all our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

May the Lord bless our ministers and Christian workers our nation over, and our fine Editor is our prayer.

Edward Simmons, 2632 A. Allen Ave.

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### A Fifth Sunday Meeting Cave Spring Association in Missouri

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Cave

Springs Association in Missouri met with the Walnut Grove church in Arkansas on January 30. Only nine churches were represented at the opening hour.

Elder W. P. Stogsdill and Elder C. A. Bryan gave a splendid message based on John 3:3 "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Piney Church was chosen for the next meeting.

Very many parents have boys in the armed forces, and probably more mothers' prayers are going up to the Lord than for many years past. May they continue to ascend until overwhelming victory is won on land, sea and in air, for that time should find us alive spiritually as our nation has not been for ages.

Elders Harry Beatty and J. H. Tally gave vital uplifting messages on the importance of going to God for guidance in doing His will, and giving Him the glory. Most people are seeking their own glory and that is why there is so much turmoil and uncertainty in the world today.

At the Ministers' meeting, Bro. Tally gave a startling explanation of when there was silence in heaven for the space of half an hour.

An offering of \$18.01 was taken for the Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee.

Elder J. E. Rolan gave a clear and interesting explanation of the difference between Abram and Lot.

Elder Harry Beatty made an important message on "Regeneration". What a wonderful country our own dear U. S. A. could be if it went through a real spiritual revival, for which thousands of us have long been praying, and it really is coming! watch for it!

May the Lord richly bless the Gem Family  
Ralph T. Hoyt, Clerk.

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### A Fifth Sunday Meeting Picher, Oklahoma

The fifth Sunday meeting met at the Northwest Picher (Blue Front) church on January 31. The moderator, Rev. T. E. Curry, was in charge. The opening prayer was offered by Bro. Martin Dunn. In the absence of Bro. W. L. Easterly of Miami who was to have brought the eleven o'clock

message, Sister Elda Crain was elected to bring the message. Her message was St. John 21—"Come and Dine." A Divine Service Committee was appointed for rearrangement of the afternoon program: Bro. Perry Anderson, Sister Taylor and Bro. Martin Dunn.

After a fine basket dinner, an enjoyable program was rendered, after proper devotionals, as follows:

Rev. F. E. Crain, Eph. 3:3 "He made known unto me the mystery."

Rev. Boyd, Eph. 4:11 "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord."

Rev. Richard Dearing, Heb. 13 "Here we have no continuing city."

Song, Sister Rogers, her own composition Trio by Pat Stinson, Tommie Goodwin and Bro. Kelley. "Farther Along."

Song by congregation, "Ready to Go or Ready to Stay."

Songs by choir, "When the Morning Comes," and "Come Angel Band."

Quartet, "It's a Lonesome Road." Tommie and Hattie Goodwin, Pat Stinson and Sister McCoy.

There were four preachers who did not get to speak. Bro. Dearing led the praise meeting, and everyone told why we wanted to go to heaven.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be held with the South Picher Free Will Baptist Church, May 31st. Rev F. E. Crain is to bring the eleven o'clock message. Everybody is invited.

The meeting closed while singing "Amazing Grace" and shaking hands.

Rev. T. E. L. Curry, Moderator.  
Elsie Dunn, Clerk.

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### Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Indian Creek Association

We are so happy to report another quarterly meeting of our District Woman's Auxiliary Convention which was held at the Jones Chapel Church near Stella, Mo., on February 17th. Representatives from Monett, Carterville, and Jones Chapel were present.

The morning program consisted of talks on their departmental work by each of the vice presidents:

"The Love of Christ Constraineth us to

Enlist All Our Women" by Mrs. Opal Williams of Carterville.

"The Love of Christ Constraineth us to see the Spiritual Needs of the World." by Mrs. Loris Rollins of Monett.

"The Love of Christ Constraineth us to be 100% Stewards" by Mrs. Alta Powell of Monett.

"The Love of Christ Constraineth us to Personal Service" by Mrs. Jewell Turner of Monett.

Also there were other discussions of our educational and missionary programs.

The afternoon was given to Mrs. Eunice Edwards of St. Louis and, to be sure, she used the time most profitably. Mrs. Edwards is the first vice president of our Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. We feel that she was a great inspiration to us, and pray God's blessings upon her and her work.

Our next meeting will be the second Wednesday in June at the Carterville Church.

We earnestly ask the prayers of our women that our convention may grow, both in spiritual power and usefulness.

Mrs. Jewell Campbell, President  
Mrs. Mildred Millard, Secretary.

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### OUR CHURCH TREATISE

The Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists is a beautiful booklet of 80 pages, size 6½ x 4½ inches, setting forth the doctrine (with Scripture references given) and all the practices of Free Will Baptists in the local church, quarterly meetings, yearly meetings and annual associations, state associations, and the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States.

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## Emporia, Kansas

I am writing you a few lines for the Gem. You may be interested in learning that we have organized an independent Baptist church here in Emporia. We call our church "Tabernacle Baptist." We have a fine organized Sunday school and Young Peoples work. We call our young peoples work "Young Peoples Fellowship League or Y. P. F. L. for short. Brother Ivan Gilbert is leader of the League, and Orval Hopkins is Sunday school superintendent.

We had our first quarterly meeting on January 3rd. It was an all day meeting, and our guest speakers were Brothers Frank Parker and Cecil Haun from the Union Baptist Church at Parkerville, Kansas. These men of God brought us some fine sermons. We had three services and a special service for the young people.

Our next quarterly meeting will be the first Sunday in April, and we are hoping

to have as a guest speaker one of our Free Will Baptist brethren. We will pay the expenses of the trip.

We are about ready to build a new church and expect to have the ground breaking soon. We are hoping for a strong fellowship with all the Baptist people of like faith near us. We are just one of them.

We extend an invitation to any Free Will Baptist minister who may be coming our way, and if in our vicinity, drop in for a visit with us any time. Our regular meetings at present are Sunday morning and evening, and Thursday evening.

We hope that our Editor or Brother Allred or Brother Winford Davis can come for the first Sunday in April. It will be an all day meeting with the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing in the evening. We ask an interest in all your prayers.

Rev. and Mrs. Everett Wilson  
33 State Street, Emporia, Kans.

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# OBITUARIES

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**COLES** — George W. Coles, son of John and Mary Coles, was born September 4th, 1851, and died December 26th, 1942, age 91 years, 3 months, and 20 days.

At an early age, he was converted at the old Providence Free Will Baptist Church in Jackson County, Ohio, where he was a member for many years. Later he moved his membership to Bethesda Church, and was a faithful member the remainder of his life. Of late years his eyesight was gone, and his hearing very poor, but he would sing many of the old hymns and thank God for being so good to him. He spent all his life at the place of his birth.

He was married to Matilda Crabtree on October 5th, 1876. She preceeded him in death. Surviving are three children, Frank, John, and Mrs. Henry Crabtree who with her husband have cared for him since the death of his wife on April 11, 1929. He was a loving father and a good neighbor.

### IN MEMORY

In memory of our only son, Webster Thomas who passed away one year ago,

February 27th, 1942, and left us very sorrowful.

The golden gate was opened, and a gentle voice said "Come." With farewells unspoken, you peacefully entered. We know that you are enjoying heaven and all that it means which is All in All. Just inside that gate you will be standing waiting for us to come, and by the grace of God, we are daily traveling that way. There are so many things here that we see your loving hands have done, and there is a vacant place in our home that never can be filled. We heard you say so many times that you loved your home and your family even though your home was poor. You also assured us that you had a better home above awaiting you. There is not a day that we do not think of you, but we are awaiting the day when we shall come to you and your sisters, Ina Burl and Anna May.

Sadly missed by father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Thomas; and sisters, Lettie Murree Stephens of Purdy, Iva Murl Crawford of Grass Valley, Calif. and Dollie Faye Thomas of the home.