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## The Free Will Baptist Church Monett, Missouri

A \$2,000.00 remodeling has recently been completed, and the church is quite proud of its building. The greatly beloved Reverend O. T. Allred has been pastor of the church ever since its organization in 1932. A brief history, accompanied by a picture of the pastor and his wife, is on page two of this issue of "The Free Will Baptist Gem."



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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF MONETT CHURCH

The Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri was organized on January 7, 1932 during a wonderful revival meeting conducted by Rev. Winford Davis and Rev. O. T. Allred. Twelve charter members formed the church and members were added daily until the close of the meeting when a total of 26 members were on record.

The little church elected Brother Allred as pastor, and he has served well in that capacity ever since. Marie Atwell was the first clerk and Myrtle Alyea treasurer.

The church purchased a church building on the corner of Third and Bond Streets. God so wonderfully blessed, spiritually and financially, that the church was soon paid for, and only recently about \$2,000.00 has been spent remodeling the building. The church now has a very nice place to worship and an ever growing interest and progress is maintained by the worshippers.

The names of those who have served as church clerk are: Mrs. Marie Massey Atwell, Mrs. Elsie Keeton Kennedy, Mrs. Marguerite Metcalf Swaffar, Mrs. Bertha Hunt, and the present clerk, Mrs. Flossie Jones.

The present trustees are Will Gates and Eddie Jones, however Rass Matthews, and J. M. Alyea have served in this capacity in the past.

Elisha Eagle and Archie Calton were ordained as the first deacons, and later Ben Hunt, W. K. Weston, W. B. Fredrick, and George La Shum were ordained. The present board of deacons are: Ross Thomas, Will Gates, Dave Phillips and Eddie Jones.

Five members of the church have been ordained to the gospel ministry, four of whom are still active members. They are: W. B. Fredrick, W. K. Weston, Claude Timmons and Charles Hatfield. Lucy Deckard Friend has removed her membership. The following ordained ministers have joined the church by letter, and are now active members: O. T. Allred, John B. Rollins, Kenneth Turner, Frank Linton, and Rowena Thomas.



Reverend and Mrs. O. T. Allred





# GOSPEL SERMONS



## Christ for the Youth

Gertrude Bowe, 123½ Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Washington D. C.

NOTE—This message was delivered to the Young People's Group at the National Tabernacle 6440 Piney Branch Road, N. W., Washington D. C. on the evening of March 28, 1943.

My message tonight is divided into two parts. The setting of the first is found in the fourteenth through the nineteenth chapters of St. John. We will touch very lightly on the points in these chapters for time will not permit studying them thoroughly. We could stand here all night and not be able to fully sound the depths of the wonderful message contained therein.

We will take up where Jesus' ministry on earth is almost completed—. He walked the shores of Galilee healing the sick, raising the dead, opening the eyes that could not see; and now He is almost ready to return to the Father. His purpose on earth is almost finished—He has been tempted, and has suffered all things in order to help us when we are tempted, and now we see Him the night before His entanglement with those who sought to take His life.

We read in these chapters those wonderful words He spoke to His disciples—especially that wonderful prayer, in the seventeenth chapter, just before Judas came with those who were to take Him. There is something about that chapter that touches our very heart strings. In the opening of the eighteenth chapter, we see Him crossing the brook Cedron into the garden where He often went. Shortly thereafter came Judas with those who were to take Him. Nay, with those with whom He was to go, for no man could take Him. At any time during His ministry here, He had the angels at His command, but He went willingly because He was dying for lost men. Dear friends, it was for us that Jesus was going that night to Pilot's Hall to be accused un-

justly—it was love that made Him do it. Look at Him going out to meet those whom He knew were to beat Him, scourge Him, and even spit upon Him; but He went willingly for He had already won the real battle on His knees in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was there the real fight had been fought and won when He sweat "as it were great drops of blood."

Judas betrayed Him with a kiss, and they led Him away. All of His disciples, excepting Peter and one other, had forsaken Him. Peter only followed Him afar off, and in the end denied Him. Look at Him, young people, as He faces the angry mob—earthly friends had turned Him down but He never hesitated. The purpose for which He came must be accomplished. They spit upon Him, they whipped Him, they mocked and scourged Him, and then crowned Him with thorns, but He uttered not a word. "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5). When they started to climb to Golgotha, they compelled Simon to bear His cross. Today, dear friends, we as young people have a cross to bear for Jesus.

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone,

And all the world go free,

No! there's a cross for everyone,

And there's a cross for me."

Now, we come to the second part of my message in which I will present to you some Bible characters who are excellent examples of serving God in their youth. No doubt, you are familiar with these persons, so we will not take up too much time with them but will just bring them to your mind at this time. It seems to be a common error among young people to feel that it is all right to put off salvation until one is old

or ready to depart this life, but the examples I shall bring to you all served the Lord while they were young.

Our first example is Solomon, the man who wrote that very familiar scripture, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Eccl. 12:1) And in the chapter preceding that, "Rejoice, O Young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment" (Eccl. 11:9).

Another example from the Old Testament is found in 2 Kings 22:1. Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years. "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."

You may ask why we are using examples from the Old Testament. Our answer will be found in Hebrews 10:11, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." But we also present to you two examples from the New Testament, our first one being Timothy. Paul, in writing to Timothy, instructed him thus: "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1st. Tim. 4:12). Timothy was a young man that had been converted under Paul's preaching. (1st. Tim. 1:2, 18).

Our last, but by no means the least example is Jesus Himself. At the early age of twelve, we find Him in the temple talking with the Doctors of the Law. But, you say, we read nothing more of His life until He enters into His work at the age of thirty — what did He do all those years in between? We have no information concerning those years. Jesus said of Himself, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." (Matt. 5:17). A man could not become an high priest until he

was thirty years old, and Jesus had come to be our High Priest. I believe He returned to the carpenter shop with Joseph and worked until He was thirty years old, for we read, "And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them." He was obedient unto Mary and Joseph, and I am sure, He served the Lord diligently during those years until He set out to accomplish the purpose for which He came.

Jesus became our High Priest — today He is interceding for us because He understands every temptation, every burden. He is able to help us when we are tempted, discouraged and almost overwhelmed with the cares of life. We should think of Him as One who understands and wants to help, for is He not that? Yea, and more — Jesus is all that we require, as we often hear Dr. McNeil say.

I trust this message has in some measure brought the blessing to you that it brought to me while preparing it. If it has accomplished that in a small measure then the time spent in preparing and bringing it to you has not been in vain.

## SOME FINE SERMONS

### An Editorial

While the Editor was in Nashville, he arranged with the students of our Free Will Baptist Bible School to submit written sermons for publication in The Gem. In a certain class, the ministerial students are required to write a sermon each week. After careful grading, these sermons are being filed in The Gem Office for appearance in future issues of The Free Will Baptist Gem.

This plan promises to produce some very fine reading material from the inspired pens of some of our very finest young ministers. These ministers accepted the plan eagerly and some of them submitted their sermons at the time, and some have sent in sermons since that meeting. Damon Dodd, Rashie Kennedy, Sam Kennedy, Jack Kettelman, George Wagoner, Chester O'Donnell, Marie Thomas, and others are the students who have and will submit sermons for The Gem.



# The National Association

## Enterprise Department

### Financing Our National Work

**Reverend L. R. Ennis, Executive Secretary, 709 Park Ave. Goldsboro, N. C.**

At the 1941-Session of the National Association there was reported a total of \$7,414.98 received by all departments of the organization. A year later in the annual session of the Association which was held in Columbus, Mississippi, a total of \$15,260.33 was reported—a gain of more than 100 per cent over the previous year. At the end of the first half of the present year the receipts to all departments amounted to \$15,985.46 which is an increase of \$725.13 over the previous year's receipts. There is however a concession to be made: Of the amount received for the first six months of this year, \$950.00 of the amount was collected for room and board from students in the Free Will Baptist Bible School. But this amount subtracted from the total receipts for the half-year places us within \$224.87 of the goal attained in 1942. Free Will Baptists are really beginning to do things.

As one studies, however, the financial report published herewith, he will find many gaps which challenge, if not reproach, us. Many of the states show no contributions whatever to Home Missions and Superannuation. These two departments call for earnest and thoughtful consideration. Those blank columns in the report will doubtless depress the hearts of many loyal Free Will Baptists. There is no use to say that the Home Mission Board or the Superannuation Board deserves censure for the nonsupport of these phases of our national work—the responsibility is with the Denomination. The Denomination has produced these boards, and these boards will come to their own in the leadership which they will offer our people in their respective phases of work. The present year is destined to mark the beginning of greater

things for Superannuation and Home Missions.

The Foreign Mission treasury shows receipts for the first half of the present year in the amount of \$4,139.82 which is only \$425.51 short of the goal of last year. Free Will Baptists everywhere are awakening to the world's need of salvation. Many insist upon promoting Home Missions, but those who are really missionary obviously abound in the support of Foreign Missions. There is no phase of our work which is fraught with greater quickening power than our Foreign Mission program.

The Bible School of Nashville, Tennessee, is now a historic fact. The Free Will Baptist Denomination owns the property totally free of encumbrance. In the advancement of this cause, we have spent \$14,354.76 during the first six months of the present associational year. The present enrollment of students is fifteen. We couldn't have asked for more. All of these are first year students in every sense of the term. Next year, these students will advance to second year work and others will come in for first-year training. Free Will Baptists are conservative people, and our Bible School is definitely conservative. It is conservative doctrinally; it is conservative socially; it is conservative financially. An investment in the training of Christian workers is the best investment any Christian can make.

The Unified Program Fund and the Auxiliary Fund will be recognized as a source of support to all of our enterprises. From these two sources, there has gone during the first six months of the year \$2,085.09. Please observe that most of the states have contributed some amount through these

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**A Semi-Annual Financial Report of the National Association**  
**July 1st, 1942 to December 31st, 1942**

Receipts from States & Treas.	Unified Progr'm Fund	Wom'n Auxil- iary	Superan- uation	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Bible School	Total
North Carolina	\$353.13	\$107.44	\$9.25	\$15.00	\$875.12	\$2,029.25	\$3,389.19
Missouri	75.67	24.01	7.60	24.00	1,111.73	518.14	1,761.15
Tennessee	218.98	14.60			516.00	1,401.71	2,151.29
Ohio	31.82	10.00			155.00	200.00	396.82
Michigan			15.00		150.00	146.89	311.89
South Carolina					116.00	12.00	128.00
Georgia	173.25		13.81	5.10	102.55	496.50	791.21
Texas	129.00	5.00	4.00		99.81	1,076.75	1,314.56
Oklahoma	30.00	6.00			78.00	119.00	233.00
Illinois	250.80	20.25			43.00	375.65	689.70
Florida	24.23	9.00			25.00	22.00	80.23
West Virginia	29.35	7.00			13.89		50.24
Alabama	11.05	2.04			10.10	309.16	332.35
New Mexico					10.00		10.00
Arkansas					1.25		1.25
Virginia	7.64	12.77				10.12	30.53
Mississippi		2.00		12.00		125.71	139.71
Kentucky	25.88	12.00				230.00	267.88
Maryland	37.75						37.75
Unified Fund			\$132.20	\$256.32	\$362.56	\$571.08	\$1,322.15
Other Sources	307.16	101.42	18.30		469.81	1,649.87	2,546.56
Total Receipts	\$1,705.71	\$333.53	\$200.16	\$312.42	\$4,139.82	\$9,293.83	\$15,985.46
Bal. Bro't For'd.	114.50	316.96	1,063.85	246.05	837.93	6,150.27	8,729.56
Grand Total	\$1,820.21	\$650.49	\$1,264.01	\$558.47	\$4,977.75	\$15,444.10	\$24,715.03
Disbursements	1,734.77	350.32	120.00	300.00	3,486.85	14,345.76	20,337.70
Cash Balance	\$85.44	\$300.17	\$1,144.01	\$256.47	\$1,490.90	\$1,098.34	\$4,377.33



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channels. On a comparative basis, it should be noted that our National Treasurer, Brother Van Hoose, paid to the treasurers of those boards which received the Unified Fund last year \$2,169.95 and that he has paid to those treasurers during the first six months of this year \$1,322.15. (For whom it may concern, May I report that the Executive Department received a total of \$1,200.00 during the half-year.) The Auxiliary Treasurer reported receipts in the amount of \$977.42 last year, and \$333.53 for the first half of this year. I have no doubt that the amount raised last year

will more than be equaled this year. Blessings on woman's work.

As one reviews the last item in the financial report, a worthy sense of achievement may justly be enjoyed. A credible balance is found in all of our treasuries totaling \$4,377.33.

Free Will Baptists have a plenty of money, and they are revealing their Christian devotion by the use of which they make of it. The place and right to live as a Christian denomination is exhibited in our services to a lost world. Money is a means to an end, and not the end in itself.

## Joint Sessions of National Boards

Rev. John B. Rollins, Secretary of the General Board, Monett, Missouri

A group of important boards of the National Association of Free Will Baptists met in Nashville, Tennessee, April 13th and 14th which conferred in a joint session regarding matters of our common cause, then each board held separate sessions for the advancement of their respective departments of activity.

The Executive Committee of the General Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Board of Education, the Chairman of the Board of Superannuation, the Executive Secretary of the National Association, and Miss Yeley, a returned missionary from Venezuela, made up the personnel of the general session. Also Miss Barnard, missionary to India, was an active counsellor in the meeting. The membership of all these boards was a widely scattered representation of our entire National Association. Those in attendance were: Joe Fort and C. B. Thompson from Texas, Chester Pelt and L. R. Ennis from North Carolina, Bert F. Rogers and Melvin Bingham from Oklahoma, Mrs. Elsie Curtis from Illinois, Miss Bessie Yeley and W. J. Sheppard from Ohio, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Henry Melvin, J. R. Davidson, J. E. Hudgens, and L. C. Johnson from Tennessee, and F. C. Zinn, James F. Miller, Winford Davis and John B. Rollins from Missouri.

A consideration of the 1943 Session of the National Association resulted in the

conclusion that regardless of all the adverse circumstances which tend to discourage it, the National Association should not be postponed this year. The East Nashville Church was deeply embarrassed to be forced to revise its invitation to the National Association to include lodging and breakfast, only, to the delegation which will be done gladly, without the \$2.00 registration fee for each person receiving entertainment. Concerning this, the following measures were drafted and adopted:

"Whereas the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church invited the National Association to hold its 1943 Session within her sacred precincts, and finds, in consequence of the national food rationing program, that lodging in the homes of her members together with breakfast served each morning is necessarily and regrettably the extent of those courtesies for which her gracious members have become known, this Executive Committee does hereby advise:

1. That visitors requiring entertainment by the host church be requested not to attend.

2. That district delegates be requested to assign their power of representation to their state association delegates, except in those states in which there is no state organization, such district delegates being requested to attend as formerly.

3. That all delegates and ministers be



advised through our church papers to assume financial responsibility for their dinner and supper, daily, in the eating places of the city."

Superannuation was discussed at length, and some very acceptable plans were analyzed. The Executive Secretary was authorized to work with the Board of Superannuation to draft the plans for presentation at the 1943 session of the National Association. The general plan is to direct state associations in the charitable superannuation service to aged and retired ministers of their respective states, and that the Superannuation Board of the National Association will meet the younger and active ministers on half-way ground in its offer of protective service in the form of annuity against a future day of disability and retirement. The Board of Superannuation is destined to create some very keen

enthusiasm at the coming session of the National Association.

The Executive Committee drafted a program for the 1943 session of the National Association, and left it in the hands of the Executive Secretary for literary completion and to otherwise prepare it for publication. The program calls for the association to close Thursday noon of the week of the session, and it will not be a preaching parade, but will include only three sermons and a short inspirational message with each major report. The sessions will proceed for the best interests and the advancement of the cause of our Lord.

The departmental boards held their sessions separately and will report their counsels under the auspices of their departments of work.

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## The Christian Worker's Institute

Leeds, Alabama, June 7-18, 1943

Rev. L. R. Ennis, Executive Secretary of the National Association

Among the states of the South is the great State of Alabama. It is great because of its geographic situation, its climate, its industries, and its people; but most of all because of its religion. And after all, there is no factor or potency which more vitally affects the life of a people than does their religion. Religion is the highest exercise of the soul in quest of God, and those who through God's perseverance and their own persistence have immersed by the light of the Scriptures into His fullness are destined to rule the world. They are now by Jesus Christ its light. Among these are about 20,000 Free Will Baptists in Alabama. How great is their light? How mighty their power?

The Christian Workers' Institute is committed to the hope of a revival through teaching the Word, witnessing to the Spirit's fullness, and communing with the saint. It is in this interest that this second session of the Institute is to be held in Alabama. That fellowship which is essential to power among all Christian bodies is greatly needed among Free Will Baptists,

and this training school affords it as nothing we have found. Our general associational meetings are too soon over and too much occupied with business to admit of those heart-searching discourses at Jesus' feet.

Please come to Leeds June 7-18. Those from junior age (12 years) up will find classes planned especially for them. Free Will Baptist League, Sunday School, Evangelism, Missions, Bible Survey, Bible Doctrine, Public Discourse, and Free Will Baptist Organization—all will be offered according to a daily schedule by a select group of teachers.

The town of Leeds, Alabama, is situated nineteen miles east of Birmingham on the Bankhead highway, and those traveling by bus or automobile will find no difficulty in locating the town and the Free Will Baptist Church. Reverend William H. Ryland is pastor and will be on the grounds to show every courtesy to students and visitors.

Applications for enrollment should be attended with the required registration



fee of \$1.00 and sent to the pastor of the church at the earliest possible date. Reservations for lodging will thereupon be made in the homes of the gracious members of the host church. Everyone is requested to bring his ration stamps, in order that food may be pooled sufficient for the required meals. It is estimated by brother Ryland that the cost of board will be approximately \$1.00 per day. Should it be less only the actual cost would be required. The host church and

pastor are making every essential preparation for the comfort of the faculty and student body, and it is hoped that this second session in Alabama may mark the beginning of a great spiritual awakening among the people of our beloved Denomination.

All correspondence and applications for enrollment should be forwarded to Rev. William H. Ryland, whose home address is Margaret, Alabama.

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## Final Report on the Foundation Check Plan

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**Rev. J. R. Davidson, Financial Secretary Bible School, Nashville, Tenn.**

Doubtless, some have been wondering when this report would come, and I regret the fact that conditions have made it necessary to defer it until this time. Several checks were applied for, but had not been completed, and we hated to cut any one out who had made an investment in one. There are a few which are still in process of completion, but we have decided to arrange a few blank pages in the memorial book for the purpose of taking care of these. My report is being made by states with itemized checks from each state, and names of pastors of churches giving checks, in so far as our information in hand will allow.

### Foundation Checks given by Alabama

1. Charles Hollis

2. Cordova Church, Rev. K.V. Shutes, pastor

### Foundation Checks given by Florida

1. J. S. Howard

2. C. L. Brown

3. J. M. and A. E. Howard

4. W. Y., J. L. and S. M. Brown

5. B. E., Eurie, Hollis and Mary Brown

Note—All the above are members of the Harmony Church, Dukes, Fla., and Rev. L. C. Johnson was pastor.

### Foundation Checks given by Georgia

1. H. N. Baxter

2. Pine Level Church, Rev. E. B. Joyner, pastor

3. Glennville Church, Rev. L. C. Johnson, pastor

4. South Georgia Union

5. T. L. Howard

### Foundation Checks given by Kentucky

1. Rev. F. S. Van Hoose

2. Rev. F. S. Van Hoose

### Foundation Checks given by Missouri

1. Christian Workers' Institute, Flat River

2. Third Church, St. Louis, Rev. Mark Lewis, pastor

3. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ricketts

4. Rev. W. K. Weston

5. W. L. Powell

6. Hazel Creek Union Church, Rev. James Miller, pastor

7. Hannon Church, Rev. Cecil Campbell, pastor

8. Neola Church, Rev. Winford Davis, pastor

9. Macedonia Church, Rev. Winford Davis, pastor

10. Rev. C. B. Dees

11. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, pastor

12. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, pastor

13. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, pastor

14. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, pastor

15. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, pastor

16. First Church, Fredericktown, Rev. S. A. Hand, pastor

17. Park View Church, Rev. C. B. Dees, pastor

18. Flat River Church, Rev. Damon Dodd, pastor

19. Mine La Motte Church, Rev. Wm. Reeves, pastor

20. Monett Church and Indian Creek Association, Rev. O. T. Allred, pastor of Monett Church

Note — There is enough cash given by St. Louis and Hazel Creek Union churches, together with cash which has been paid in on checks not yet completed to amount to \$258.50. We regret to say that two checks from this state which were post dated have of necessity been canceled.

#### Foundation Checks given by N. C.

1. Mrs. Sophia Hardee
2. Rev. J. C. Moye
3. Rev. J. C. Moye
4. Mrs. E. B. Deans
5. Mrs. Walter Barnes
6. Marsh Swamp Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, pastor
7. Davis Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, pastor
8. Davis Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, pastor
9. Mr. and Mrs. George Webster
10. M. H. Whichard
11. J. A. Tyson
12. C. G. Little

Note — The first three men named above are members of the Sweet Gum Grove Church of which Rev. J. C. Moye is pastor

13. Eula Mae Hodges
14. Jennie McLawhorn Forbes
15. Mrs. Nora Crumpler
16. Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Rev. James Evans, Superintendent
17. Albemarle Union
18. Trent, Piney Grove, Gum Neck, and Corinth Churches, Rev. E. C. Morris, pastor
19. Sweet Gum Grove Church, Rev. J. C. Moye, pastor
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21. Sweet Gum Grove Church, Rev. J. C. Moye, pastor
22. Hull Road Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, pastor
23. Hull Road Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, pastor
24. Little Rock Church, Rev. M. E. Tyson, pastor
25. Pine Level Church, Rev. M. E. Tyson, pastor
26. St. Mary's Church, Rev. W. B. Everett, pastor
27. Mrs. R. W. Smith

28. Eastern Conference
29. Cape Fear Conference
30. Central Conference

#### Foundation Checks given by Oklahoma

1. Christian Workers' Institute, Tulsa
2. First Church, Tulsa, Rev. Melvin Bingham, pastor
3. D. B. Hilliard

#### Foundation Checks given by Tennessee

1. Christian Workers' Institute, Erwin
2. Rev. J. E. Hudgens
3. D. W. Hudgens
4. E. D. Parker and Wife
5. Mrs. G. T. Harris
6. Ashland City Church, Rev. R. B. Crawford, pastor
7. Young People's S. S. Class of Martin Chapel Church, Erwin, Rev. George D. Dunbar, pastor
8. Wood Dale and Forrest Grove Churches, Rev. E. M. French, pastor
9. Woman's Auxiliary of Cumberland Ass'n.
10. J. E. and Agnes B. Frazier
11. New Hope Church, Rev. Ernest Craft, pastor
12. C. M. Crow
13. C. M. Crow
14. J. B. Redding
15. East Nashville Church, Rev. Henry Melvin, pastor
16. Cumberland Association
17. Cumberland Association
18. Olivet Church, Rev. J. B. Parsons, pastor
19. Sunday School Convention Cumberland Association, W. E. Coville, president
20. Loyal Chapel Church, Rev. Damon Dodd, pastor
21. First Church, Elizabethton, Rev. J. C. Howington, pastor
22. G. E. Gower

#### Foundation Checks given by Texas

1. John Moody
2. John Moody
3. Blue Lake Church, Rev. J. R. Davidson, pastor
4. Bryan Church, Rev. J. R. Davidson, pastor
5. Icey, Clyde and Preston Goen
6. Clyde F. Goen
7. R. C. Cloud
8. F. J. Boone
9. Mrs. Maude Wheeler

Note — The first three persons above are



members of the Bryan Church of which Rev. J. R. Davidson was pastor.

10. J. F. Payne
11. East Texas Quarterly Meeting
12. Keith Church, Rev. Ruel Connor, pastor
13. Mrs. Ethel Carmichale
14. Rev. and Mrs. H. M. McAdams

### **Foundation Checks given by National Woman's Auxiliary Convention**

1. By Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer
2. By Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer

### **Foundation Checks given by Illinois**

1. Webb's Prairie Church, Rev. Harpole, pastor
2. Rescue Church, Rev. Riley Burton, pastor
3. Franklin County Quarterly Meeting
4. First Church, Mt. Vernon
5. Bear Point, Rev. W. R. Spurlock, pastor
6. Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant View Churches and Bear Point Woman's Auxiliary
7. Freedom Church
8. Arnold View, Mt. Zion and Liberty Churches
9. Harmony, Plaster Grove and Oakland

### **Churches**

10. McKinney Chapel, Bakerville and Union Chapel Churches, and Rescue Woman's Auxiliary
11. Union Chapel Church

### **Foundation Checks given by Ohio**

1. Porter Quarterly Meeting, by Rev. W. J. Sheppard
2. Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting, by Rev. J. A. Kemper

The above reveals the fact that 118 checks have been completed up to this time, and the equivalent to 122½. As soon as we shall be favored with necessary information to enable us to so do we shall have the book of memorials prepared. Those who have canceled checks will help greatly if they will mail them to us at once. Write in care of Free Will Baptist Bible School, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. Those who have not finished their checks will aid considerably if only they will finish theirs at once.

Any error reported by any one will be promptly checked.



## **Missionary Department**



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

We have enjoyed a very fine session of our Foreign Mission Board which assembled in our school building at Nashville, Tennessee. We first met in a joint session with the Executive Committee and the Board of Education which was very pleasant, and then we had a fine session of our own. Each member of our Board was present, and stayed until we were entirely through. This is the first time we have had a 100% attendance for a number of years.

Several things of importance was transacted which, I am sure, is of interest to all. Sister Bessie Yeley, our returned missionary from Venezuela, was authorized to go to Cuba just as soon as she can get her passport. She is to assist Brother and Sister Willey in the work there.

We voted to launch an effort to get some native missionaries in India to go into the Purnea District and start a work there.

You will recall that Sister Laura Belle Barnard secured permission, while in India, for the Free Will Baptists to launch an effort in that district, and then while she was home on her furlough and at the same time securing workers to return to the field with her, the war conditions closed the door in our face. We have received information that perhaps we can get some native missionaries to go to work there while we are so hindered from getting our own workers across.

We also heard with great interest the report of Brother Henry Melvin who has recently made a survey of our work in Cuba. His report was most interesting. It was also very inspirational to see the motion pictures of the work which he took while down there. We feel Brother Melvin's trip to Cuba has been of great value to our work. Surely it was timely, and money



well spent. Brother Melvin has returned, as you will notice by his own report in the papers, very enthusiastic over our work in Cuba.

Another matter we are trying to get across to our people is that we might become better organized as to the receiving of funds and the making of our monthly reports to the papers. Each state is requested to have a treasurer of foreign missions. Then each contributor in the respective states will send the foreign mission contributions to the state treasurer. He (or she), will make an itemized report to our church papers each month in which will be stated the name of each individual or organization which gives and the amount given. The state treasurer will then send the entire amount in one sum to me as National Treasurer. My report will be as from the various states. In other words I will say North Carolina, so much, Oklahoma, so much, Michigan, so much, and so on, you see.

Now if you do not have a treasurer of foreign mission funds in your state, then won't you please co-operate with us in doing your best to get one elected? However there are several states which already have their state treasurer, and for this we are glad. We urge you to co-operate with your state treasurer, if your state happens to have one. Although do not

with hold your contribution by any means just because you may not have a state treasurer. Send it right on in to us; but in the mean time let's be working toward this goal as we have tried to explain it to you. So far as we know the states which do have Foreign Mission Treasurers are North Carolina, Oklahoma, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, and perhaps Texas. There may be others we do not know. May the Lord bless in this effort.

Several other smaller items of interest were transacted, and then we adjourned late Wednesday afternoon, April 14th, happy and feeling that the Lord had truly been with us in a most gracious way. Certainly the Lord is blessing our denominational missionary program wonderfully. Oh may we please increase our giving to this worthy cause. God's approval upon it is so very evident may we not fail to be labourers together with God.

It was indeed a joy to have the privilege of visiting the school. Personally it was the first time I had been privileged to visit the school since it was opened last September. We were treated most royally by our school president and wife, Brother and Sister Johnson, by the other members of the faculty, the students and by other of our good Free Will Baptists of the city of Nashville. We returned home feeling it was good to have been there.

The Great  
Commission  
— Our Mission



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole  
World  
For Christ



## The Hour of Prayer

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama

"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him" (Psalms 145:18).

It is a wonderful thought to know that we can call upon God any time or any place. We do not have to be in any particular place or have any specific time, but any time, any place God is nigh unto all those who call upon His name, and His ear is always open to the cry of His children.

Is not this a precious truth?

Paul and Silas prayed at mid-night in the old Phillipian jail, and God heard from heaven and sent an earthquake, and unlocked the old prison doors. "And at mid-night Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison



were shaken: And immediately the doors were open and everyone's bands were loosed" (Acts 16:25-26). No place can be improper, no time unseasonable for prayer. No prison or prison bars can bolt out God, or deprive us of our communion with Him. Thanks be unto God for the privilege of prayer! Prayer will get up to heaven in spite of all opposition either of earth or hell. All the forces of hell cannot keep us from getting in touch with God if our lives are in harmony with His will.

Notice the efficacy of Paul's prayer: his prayer shook the heavens, the heavens shook the earth, and the earth shook the prison even to the foundations. Prayer has a divine omnipotency in it. If the Christians of America would pray as they should, we would witness one of the greatest revivals ever witnessed by any people. We would see men, women and young people who are shackled by sin, and held in the stocks of Satan, loosed from these things, and set free by the power of God, we would witness a mighty spiritual earthquake in our nation. "If my people, which are called by my name, 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 land." (2 Chron. 7:14).

Do you know of anything that we need

in America to-day more than a true "Revival of Prayer"? A real revival of prayer by professed followers of Christ would bring about a revival of salvation. Let each of us start a revival in our own prayer-life, and then intercede with God to show others the extreme need of such in their lives. If our nation does not re-establish the family altars, and humble herself before God instead of bowing our knees to the world we may expect such conditions as exist in Europe to-day. God help us to humble ourselves before Him and seek His face and turn from our wicked ways before judgement is brought upon us by our own wickedness. God has wonderfully, abundantly blessed our nation more than we have been worthy, but let me remind you God will not always chide: neither will He keep His anger forever. We cannot continue to defy God by our words and deeds, and expect Him to continue His favors to us as He always has. Let us pray for a revival of prayer to sweep this nation, and when a revival sweeps our nation some of the fire will spread to other nations. "Prayer changes things", and this is our only hope and remedy for the conditions that exist to-day.

Pray, pray in the old time way

Come Christian gather round:

Pray, pray as they use to pray

When the power of God came down.

## Message From National Second Vice President

**Mrs. Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma**

After a long illness and much loss of time in the Auxiliary work, I am aware that a few short months is all we have of this convention year, and our women have yet the greatest challenge from our youth and young people ever to be placed before us as Free Will Baptist women. Just what are we doing for our young people? Was there ever a field so white? Or laborers so few? How dare we say, "Yet four months and then cometh harvest, when lo, the harvest indeed is plentiful?"

We need but quietly, prayerfully listen to hear the cry for help from our dear boys who are stationed in camps, traveling on

the water, in strange lands—even from hospital beds, we hear the cry. Some write and thank us for remembering them as our band of women meet. Some have asked us to keep faith with them and with God. Are we keeping the home fires burning?

What are we doing for our Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee? Are we encouraging Institute work? Are we helping to sponsor and maintain youth camps where our youth can be trained in Christian service? Oh, may we, as local, district, and state auxiliaries listen to the cry of some young soul who, with our help, could go farther for God!



Have we been prone to say that we have "lost" our young people to the war effort, both as Service Boys and defense workers? Oh, surely not, for there is more to do on our part now than ever before. While comforting those gone by writing, praying and keeping faith with and for them, we yet have a younger group just anxious to do something.

How many have organized Go-Tell Bands in their auxiliaries? If not, don't fail to order the little book, "Working With Our

Youth" by Agnes Frazier. This is indeed a gem of great price, and when carefully and prayerfully studied, it will help greatly in organizing and training our youth.

Auxiliary workers then may well be able to say to our Lord, "Thou gavest me two talents, and lo, we have gained other two; receive thine own with usury" (Matt 25:14-28). Will we be among those who stand in the gap? (Ezek. 22:30). And at last, will we be able to hear our dear Master say, "She hath done what she could."

## "I Will"

**Mrs. Lizzie McAdams**

We always have to have a starting place with everything, so after reading the 116th Psalm, it gave us several starting points upon which a number of good articles might be written. One outstanding declaration made by the Psalmist caused an unusual grip to seize upon my innermost being, and that is when David said, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people" (verse 14).

The first two words "I will" are the ones that I want to stress. First, we thought of the fast approaching "Week of Prayer" which will, no doubt, result into new thoughts, new visions, new aspirations and new goals in the hearts of the women that they might reach or attain greater heights in the kingdom work. Not withstanding the fact that our old program will be the one great aim in which we will be emphasizing prevailing prayer, the new thought will be wonderful as the Holy Spirit fills us with wisdom, vision and understanding. But often we try to do too many things and do practically nothing.

Now, this is what we have in mind: First, "I will" keep the Week of Prayer, whether at the church or at home. "I will" pay my vows—I mean by this for each worker to carry out the great program in prayer and work. Our spiritual side comes first; then our financial side next. Let us stop and think what is embraced in our great program. First, "I will" give of my means to support our Bible School in Nashville, which means giving

to Christian education. "I will" give of my means to missions, both home and foreign. "I will" give to superannuation to bless the disabled ministers.

Now, I have a word to the good women concerning the Chest and the Penny banks. Make this your resolve, "I will" send my dollar monthly through the Jehoida Chest to Sister Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee. "I will" support my Penny bank by dropping in a penny each day, and taking it to my church monthly, and then letting it be sent to Rev. F. S. Vanhooose, Paintsville, Kentucky. "I will" keep the 9 o'clock hour of prayer, set aside by our national auxiliary convention, to carry out our program, and to reach the goal through which we are striving, God being my helper.

Now, dear women, if you will carry out these "I wills" mentioned concerning our work, we will soon see thousands of souls saved, and new churches established in the large cities and towns. Also new mission fields will be opened in all parts of the earth. As Christ has commanded, let us so do, and see how we can reap a rich harvest here and hereafter for the glory of God. According to the Master's own testimony, we will have a short time to finish the work which He has left in our hands. If we can then look up and say with John, "Come Lord Jesus."

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.—Amen.

The property which Alabama Free Will Baptists purchased for an orphanage cost \$7,000.00 instead of \$1,000.00 as stated in the April Gem.





## Our Boys in the Service



### Fort Barrancas, Florida

My Dear Brethern:

I am writing you to try to let you know how much I appreciate our Free Will Baptist Gem each month. It is an inspiration to me to read the reports of dear friends, many of whom I have met and known, while others I seem to know just by reading their spiritual articles. Of course we boys hear from our loved ones through would miss a lot of news from denominational enterprises.

Then I love to read of all the boys in service. I have noticed from the many letters, that we all have about the same purpose and desire, that is to do our part of the job and get back to our loved ones and homes.

I have two younger brothers in service of whom I am proud. I'm so thankful that we are all trusting the Good Shepherd as our keeper, and request your prayers that we may be of much service to our King. God has been so wonderful to me during my past year of service in the Army, and I am thankful for all of my dear friends that have never forgotten to pray for us.

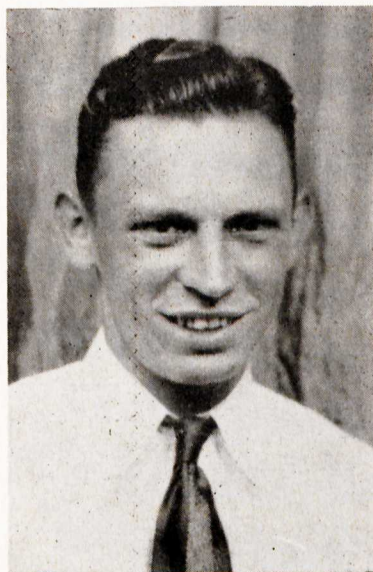
I remain yours in Christ,

Pfc. Hubert B. Smith 37132525  
Anti Tank Co. 166 Inf.  
Fort Barrancas, Florida

### The Supreme Sacrifice

Orville Lee Harbison, son of Elba and Francis Harbison, was born September 3, 1917, and was killed while defending his country somewhere in the South Pacific on December 2, 1942, at the age of 25 years, 2 months and 29 days.

He was converted at the age of 14 and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Myrtle, Mo., and was baptized September 12, 1932. Like many young boys, he became



Orville Lee Harbison

neglectful and spent a few years failing to do his duty as a Christian

He was called to the armed forces on January 6, 1942, and while in training, just before he left the United States, he wrote his parents telling them that he had made a change in his life, and further saying that he was very happy to write the news to them.

He leaves to mourn his passing his father and mother of Myrtle, Mo., six uncles, three aunts, a number of cousins, and his friends were numbered by all who knew him.

He was always a good boy and a willing helper to all who needed help. He will be missed by all who knew him. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Memorial service was conducted by Rev. Harry H. Beatty and Rev. Sam Bell.

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### Newport, Rhode Island

I am very thankful, for the good people who are interested enough in the work

of God to send the Free Will Baptist Gem to the boys in the armed forces. I am happy that I have the love of God in my heart, and my intentions are to get closer to God each day I have to live. I am thankful that I live in a country where I can serve a God that has never lost a battle.

To all my friends and loved ones back home, may I say, "Don't weep for me" but

let us pray for the lost souls that are giving their lives for the cause of our country.

May we have faith and courage to fight the battle for God and rejoice for the victory over sin.

May God bless every one, is my prayer.

Gorden M. England H. A. —U. S. N.

U. S. Naval Hospital

Newport, Rhode Island



The Allred Boys  
are from Monett,  
Missouri



Mr. Everett Allred, Mo. M. M. 2-C  
C. G. 64015 F. U. S. Coast Guard Base  
Charleston, South Carolina

Mr. Kenneth Allred, Mo. M. M. 2-C  
C. G. 64015 F. U. S. Coast Guard Base  
Charleston, South Carolina

### MY SOLDIER SON

*By Grandmother Dixon, Aurora, Mo.*

Son be loyal, son be true,  
Fight for liberty which is for you;  
Trust in God for the sake of His Son,  
He will give you grace till the battle be won.

Fight for liberty on land or sea,  
For your Saviour's sake who died for thee;  
That you may love Him, His face to behold,  
He will keep thee, till you reach the goal.

Son be loyal, son be brave,  
Fight for your country, its land to save;  
Jesus can help you wherever you are,  
Put your trust in Him your soul to spare.

### SUBSCRIBE FOR A SERVICE BOY

#### An Editorial

The Free Will Baptist Gem is being sent free of charge to Free Will Baptist boys in the Armed Forces of Uncle Sam for the duration. There are great numbers of Service Boys who are Christians and would be very glad, indeed, if they were to receive the Gem. Other boys who are not Christians could be influenced to become Christians by some friend who would do a kindly deed by sending a gift subscription to a boy in the service.

The Gem may as well carry its message



of Christian comfort to boys over the Seven Seas in much greater volume than it is. We are asking the friends of our Boys in the Service to send gift subscriptions, and keep the Editor informed of their changes of address. Why not do it now?

## A WIN-ONE REQUEST

### An Editorial

The circulation of the Free Will Baptist Gem has receded a little during these days of national crisis. By all means, the cause of the Religion of the Lord Jesus Christ should be on the upward trend. Greater opportunity for Christian witnessing has never been laid at the door of churches and church people. Free Will Baptists are making progress heretofore unknown by our people. The dreams of the dreamers are becoming historic facts. This is the time to *CHARGE* with an aggressive zeal and Christian testimony!

We kindly request EACH Gem reader to influence one friend to subscribe to the Gem. This will mean a 100% increase in the ministry of the printed page of which each member of the Gem Family will have a part. Ask a friend today!

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Rev. D. W. Jarrett of Mormet West Virginia has been connected with the Free Will Baptist Church of West Virginia for about 15 years. He has been very suc-

cessful in organizing new churches and re-organizing run-down churches.

He completed The Home-Study Course, of the Free Will Baptist School of the Bible which Dr. John H. Wolfe conducted in Pawnee City, Nebraska, and received his Diploma about four years ago. He is well qualified from both a spiritual and practical standpoint, and is available for revival meetings, as he is devoting full time to the work of the ministry.

Any community desiring a real revival, may secure his services, by writing Elder D. W. Jarrett, Mormet, West Virginia.



Rev. D. W. Jarrett

## Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury

### Report for March

Rev. Winford Davis, Treas. Monett, Mo.

Nat'l. Woman's Auxiliary Convention	\$44.86	Ladies Auxiliary, Pleasant View	
National Treas., F. S. Van Hoose	73.73	Church of Illinois	26.50
Wolverine Association of Michigan	62.56	Laura Belle Barnard, Nashville, Tenn.	5.00
Ladies Aid, Bridgeton, S. C.	3.00	Rescue S. S. of Illinois	165.00
State of Ohio by Grace Peach, Treas.	100.09	W. S. Cardner, Springer, Okla.	10.00
Claude E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S.C.	2.00	Missouri State Association	140.41
Young Peoples League, Tulsa, Okla.	10.00	North Carolina, by State Treas.	32.12
George Webster, Washington, N. C.	15.00	Christian Grove Church of Okla.	5.90
State of Okla. by B. F. Rogers, Treas.	15.00		

# Report of Missouri Treasury

Report for March and April

Rev. Winford Davis, Treas. Monett, Mo.

## Foreign Missions

N. E. Mo. Mission Band .....	\$20.00
Hickory Grove Church .....	7.02
T. F. Lewis, Freeman, Mo. ....	2.93
Leadington Sunday School .....	5.24
Eldorado Springs S. S. ....	5.35
Shibleys Point Church .....	1.00
Willey Circle, Flat River, Mo. ....	15.00
Sublette Church .....	4.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	5.83
True Blue Class (Neola S. S.) .....	1.00
Goldia York, Greenfield, Mo. ....	1.00
Pleasant Grove Church .....	7.91
Mine La Motte Church .....	3.25
Rock Chapel Church .....	2.00
Buffalo Church .....	1.00
Niangua Church .....	3.50
Willing Workers Auxiliary Circle ..	5.00
Aurora Sunday School .....	3.43
Merls Chapel Sunday School .....	8.00
Independence Church .....	20.00
Wagoner Church .....	2.25
Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo. ....	10.00
Leroy Miller, Wendover Field, Utah ..	5.00
Blue Eye Church .....	1.50
Myrtle Long, Patton, Mo. ....	1.00
Macedonia Sunday School .....	1.03
Connors Chapel by Callie Achord ....	4.36
Fredericktown Church .....	6.20
Oak Grove Church, Cave Spring Ass'n.	5.00
Richwoods Church .....	3.20
Desloge Church .....	25.30
Monett Church .....	3.75
B. F. Henderson, Monett, Mo. ....	5.00
Verdella Church .....	8.00
Shibleys Point Church .....	1.50
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	4.22
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary .....	2.00
True Blue Class (Neola S. S.) .....	1.00
Edith Blair, Buffalo, Mo. ....	1.00
Northeast Missouri Mission Band ....	25.00
Eldorado Springs Sunday School ....	4.37
Hickory Grove Church .....	3.42
Pleasant Grove Church .....	5.31
J. T. Montgomery, Neosho, Mo. ....	5.00
Mine La Motte Sunday School .....	3.52
Aurora Church .....	4.56
Monett Church .....	6.05
A Friend from Golden City, Mo. ....	1.00

Rock Chapel .....	2.00
Clarence F. Dunn, Hartville, Mo. ....	15.00
Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek Union	5.00
Willing Workers Auxiliary Circle ....	5.00
Willey Circle, Flat River, Mo. ....	15.00
Sublette Church .....	5.00

## Budget Fund

Carterville Church .....	\$5.99
Clarence F. Dunn, Hartville, Mo. ....	10.00
L. E. Nutting .....	6.00

## Allocation Fund (Penny-a-Day)

Willey Circle, Flat River, Mo. ....	\$5.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	2.49
Hickory Grove Church .....	1.00
Merls Chapel .....	5.00
Third Church, St. Louis .....	26.38
Aulsburry Chapel .....	4.00
Carterville Church .....	10.60
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	.78
Merls Chapel .....	6.49
Clarence F. Dunn, Hartville, Mo. ....	5.00
Willey Circle, Flat River, Mo. ....	2.50
Hannon Church .....	1.51

## Benevolence Fund

Undenominational Mission Circle send in by Mrs. H. S. Ford, Treece, Kans. for the Tennessee Orphanage .....	\$6.00
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## Jehoida Chest Fund

Hickory Grove Church .....	\$1.00
Macedonia Church .....	2.00
Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	1.00
General Auxiliary, Flat River, Mo. ..	1.00
Hannon Church .....	3.00

## Educational Fund

Fredericktown Church .....	\$6.23
Leadington Sunday School .....	3.29
Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo. ....	5.00

## New Machinery Fund

Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo. ....	\$5.00
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The June Gem will return to its normal size of 36 pages. Manuscript has not been sufficient to fill 36 pages for three months, but more than enough for 20 pages. Since summer permits more activity among the churches and our Bible School students are creating a substantial reserve, we will resume normal publication.



## OBITUARIES

Reverend C. E. Mann has gone home. He was one of the foremost Free Will Baptist ministers in the state of Missouri, having been engaged in fundamental activity in the organization of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists thirty years ago, and was zealously promoting its cause for Christ till the last.

Gem readers will remember his last two sermons printed in the *Gem*. "Much is Little When God is Left Out" and "Little is Much When God is In It." That was the order of his life. As recently as the April issue (page 19), he reported his "Mission Band" and his missionary tour in northeastern Missouri in which his soul abounded in the joy of service rendered in behalf of Christ who has done so much for us all.

Brother Mann was widely known, and while his soul rests with God, his very able Gospel sermons are very much alive in the hearts of many people throughout Missouri.

Charles E. Mann, son of Nathan and Lareda Charolotte Mann, was born July 8, 1875 at Glenwood, Mo., and passed away March 19, 1943 at the home of his son in Kansas City, Missouri.

He was married to Cara Elisa Hamilton in 1899. To this union three children was born; one dying in infancy; a daughter dying at the age of three; and John H. Mann of Kansas City, Missouri. He was of a family of ten children, of whom five survive. His wife preceeded him in death in 1934. He was married in 1937 to Mrs. Emma Clift of Niangua, Mo., who lived only about a year.

He was converted to Christ at an early age, and has been preaching the Gospel for about forty years in the Free Will Baptist Church. He was the last member of the old original Quarterly Meeting, and along with Brother Posey Veach had laid his hands, in the rite of ordination, on a great number of ministers and deacons in the Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists. He was a member of the executive board for twenty-five years.



**Reverend C. E. Mann**

With his passing, he leaves a host of friends and converts to his preaching to mourn his death. Funeral services were held at the Davis Funeral Home in Kirksville, Mo. on Sunday, March 21st. Rev. C. A. Phillips and Rev. Archie Cooper officiating. Burial was in the Jamestown Cemetery near his former home.

MARTIN—Daniel Otis Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Martin, was born Nov. 19, 1939, and departed this life March 29, 1943, being three years, four months and nineteen days of age.

He leaves to mourn his passing, father, mother, two sisters, Margaret Decker of Arcola, Mo. and Betty Anne of the home, one brother, David, and a little neice, Judy Anne Decker, also grandfather Martin of Chanute, Kans., and grandfather and grandmother Nipps of Colorado Springs, Colo. and a host of other relatives and friends.

Danny, though physically afflicted since infancy, and deprived of the hours of play that many children enjoy, gave out his sunshine to the world through his sweet smiles and sunny disposition. He was an unusal child in that he bore his suffering with so much patience, and he strove so hard to overcome his handicaps. When not in excruciating pain, one of his greatest

pleasures was to sing. His latest favorite song was "Every Day With Jesus is Sweeter Than the Day Before."

Danny's stay here was of short duration, but we are confident that his little life will live on in the hearts of this community and the other communities he contacted, and that Christ is, and will be, exemplified by him having lived this short span of years.

All has been done that loving hands and most efficient surgeons could do, and we find much consolation in referring to the psalmist David when that his little one was taken, he said he could not call him back but he could go to him.

Funeral service was conducted at the Mt. Olive (Neola) Church by Rev. Cecil Campbell, assisted by Rev. Winford Davis.

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**MOONEYHAM**—Gladys Allene Mooneyham was born July 25, 1918, and departed this life March 26, 1943, at the age of 24 years, 8 months and 1 day.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mooneyham of near Billings, Mo., where she resided until her death.

She was converted at the age of 11 years at the Blades Chapel Church where she united and proved a faithful member. When the Methodist churches consolidated, she changed her membership to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Aurora where her membership remained until her passing.

Preceding her in death by 13 years was her mother, Jean. Surviving are her father, Charley Mooneyham; two sisters, Maxine of the home, and Mrs. Ethel Schmidt of Verona; five brothers, Wilbur, Ralph, and Paul of Republic, Neil of Aurora and Dwight of the home.

Gladys answered the call to the ministry while a member of the Blades Chapel Church, and was pastor of the Elsey Church for one year. She preached and conducted revivals in different churches, in which she won a number of souls for the Lord. Her influence for Christ has been great in life, and will be even greater in death. If all mankind possessed the spirit that she possessed, the world picture of today would be quite different. She was loved and admired by all who knew her, and her deep sincerity was readily recognized and highly respected. Her absence will be keenly felt

in the home, community, and the work of the church. She has had a long period of suffering, but has borne it with patience and the manifestation of great grace. Her physician advanced the statement, "She is certainly not getting all her strength from the physical." Our loss is heaven's gain, and we bow in submission to Him who ever doeth all things well.

Funeral service was conducted at the Wade Chapel near Republic, Mo. by Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by the Reverends Frank Hall, W. K. Weston, Lloyd Bowling, and Albon Erickson in the presence of a very large audience of relatives and friends.

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**ALEXANDER**—Panzy Ruth Alexander daughter of Floyd C. and Pearl Alexander, was born December 2nd, 1930, and departed this life March 30th, 1943, at the age of 12 years, 3 months and 23 days.

Beside her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Wanda and Nancy.

Panzy was a sweet little Christian, very devoted to the work of the church.

Her untimely departure was a great shock to her family and many friends, yet her life, though short here on earth, will no doubt be an inspiration to many who knew her.

Panzy will be remembered by many readers of the Gem for the song which she wrote and was published in the June, 1942 issue of the Gem.

Written by Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.

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**LANCE**—Mrs. Debora Lance, wife of the late Tom Lance, departed this life March 9th, after a very brief illness. She is survived by one son, Ermel, and two grandchildren; four brothers, Luther Horace, Asburry and Ephrim Davis.

She was converted early in life and united with the Baptist Church at Bethel, near Monett. She recently changed her membership to the Free Will Baptist Church at Monett, where she was a loyal member until death.

Her funeral was conducted by her nephew, Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by Rev. Allder.

Her body was laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery by the side of her husband and son, Hershel, to await that day when the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptably.