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The Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, celebrate its first anniversary on September 15, 1943. The College has launched its second year with more than a 100% gain over last year with reference to the Student Body. The annuouncement of the President on page 10 gives fuller details of the status of the seconds year's work.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Baby is Here!

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Mark M. Lewis of 2043 Sidney Street, St. Louis, Mo., a baby girl on September 21, 1943. She weighed eight pounds and ten ounces, has blonde hair and blue eyes, and has been named Sandra Sue.

The proud parents say, "This is a New Free Will Baptist."



GOSPEL SERMONS



The Love of God

Rev. George Waggoner, Student Minister in Free Will Baptist Bible College
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"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inward man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and height, and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:14-19. (R. V.)

TEXT—"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.



Rev. George Waggoner

This simple subject is probably the most difficult to present of all subjects in the Bible. There are passages in the Bible that rise so high that we are lost in their glory. They are more than our finite minds can comprehend or understand. Certain books, chapters, and verses reach that height. This one (John 3:16), called the "Little Bible," "the most loved verse in the Bible," or "the Golden Text of the Bible," is probably the summit of all those glorious heights. Known by even the smallest child, yet unknown by the most learned man or woman, John 3:16 stands out so high above all other glorious truths that we are lost in its dazzling brightness as we try to know "the breadth, and length, and depth, and height" of God's great love for us. But, although we can only "scratch the surface," let us try to examine the love wherein He loved us.

The Quality Of God's Love

"I in them, and thou in me, that they

may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, AND HAST LOVED THEM as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world." John 17:23, 24.

God's love for us is as His love for His Son, Jesus Christ, infinite in its character. Even the fact that we are saved we become new creatures, or a new creation, perfect, holy, and as if we had never sinned IN THE SIGHT OF GOD, cannot explain His love for a fallen race and His desire to restore it to its original state. God does not love sin, but sinners and desires to see them saved. Just how much we cannot

know; but enough to "give His only begotten Son."

Constraining in its Power

This love is constraining in its power, "For the love of Christ constraineth us." 2 Cor. 5:14. Had it not been for the love of God, we could and would have been in the very gutter of sin and disgrace. We were as sheep going astray, lost and without hope in the world; but now children of the King, thanks to the constraining love of God. It was our lot to die and go to a Christless hell, but God sent Christ to take our place, and with His blood He willingly paid the price. Time and again God speaks to the unsaved and in many different ways. He does not withdraw the convicting power of the Holy Spirit after a few attempts but keeps on until many are "constrained" to come in and to stay in the fold. *O love that will not let me go!*

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ—Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Rom. 8:35-37. Nothing can separate us from the love of God because it is inseparable in its object. Tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword cannot do it. It is not only inseparable but is everlasting. The atonement is just as real today as it has ever been. God's love does not stop when we are saved but it keeps on and if possible, becomes greater. Nor is He satisfied with the ninety and nine. He wants to see all saved and provision has been made for all. 1 John 2:2 shows that it is universal in its extent. "He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also the sins of the whole world."

Individual in its Choice

It is individual in its choice, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20. God loves each individual with all His love. Because He loves so much does not indicate that He loves you any less. It is my personal belief that had you been the only sinner in the world, God would have given Christ for the redemption of your soul. That soul of yours is worth more than a

world because of its divine origin, and the destiny awaiting it.

Unchanging in its Purpose

It is also unchanging in its purpose—"having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." John 13:1. Probably you have noticed a certain poster that is being used to make America war conscience and stir people to do their part on the home front. The one I am referring to shows the graves of some boys that gave their lives in the Pearl Harbor attack with the famous words of Abraham Lincoln written across the top, "that these honored dead shall not have died in vain." That poster reminds me of another honored dead, Jesus Christ, but who is now alive forevermore. (Rev. 1:18), and He did not die in vain! He gave His life that we might live. That love that caused Him to give His life is just as effective today. Whosoever that believeth on Him shall be saved.

We cannot fully understand why God did love us so much. Certainly we do not deserve it. It is only through His grace and mercy that we can claim His promises through salvation. We know that He hates sin and it grieves Him to see us commit sin. Probably one reason for His love is that we are His own creation—His highest creation. Man was made in His own image and likeness, and God wants to restore him to that likeness (which was lost through sin), by salvation. Not only in salvation is God's love shown but in His daily keeping of us. He stays with us through trials and temptations and directs His wayward children back to Him.

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We need to know this love that we may be:

(1) Strengthened by His Spirit in the inner man. How much we are strengthened when we know and realize that God cares! He cares about the big things in life, He cares about the smallest matters of life. When we realize this we are strengthened to do His will by His Spirit.

(2) But first of all that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith. He can dwell there in no other way than faith. After we have been convinced of sin by the Holy Spirit (John 16:8), then we are shown a Saviour, (convinced of righteousness). *Love* paid the price for that Saviour!

(3) That we may be rooted and grounded in that love. The one theme of The New Testament is LOVE. We are not under law, but grace, and all that is done is through love. We want to be made steadfast and sure by knowing that love.

(4) Be filled with all the fullness of God. Through love for God and gratitude for His love, (not merely as a fire escape), we can strive and desire to be filled with all His fullness.

We can know in a little measure the love of God, but the height is too high, the depth is too deep, the length too long, the breadth too wide to know the full love of God which passeth all knowledge.

This story will illustrate the point:

There was once a young man passing through a small town. He noticed a large building on fire and from somewhere within he could hear screams of a woman trapped by the flames. Disregarding his own safety, he rushed in and found the woman, unharmed but surrounded by flames. He put his coat around her body and covered her face and carried her to safety. She was taken to a hospital and found unharmed, while the burned man went on his way unnoticed. Years later the man became a beggar because he could not get a job, burned and scarred as he was, and one day knocked on the back door of a very rich home. After the woman gave him something to eat, she said, "If I'm not too inquisitive, would you mind telling me how came those scars on your hand?" He told her the story and she said, "I'm that

woman. You may be an honored guest in this home as long as you live."

How much is this man a type of Christ? When we were lost, in a fire trap going to hell, without hope, Christ "rushed in and saved us" by His death on the Cross. He was not only scarred and beaten but actually died. He saved us, not physically, but eternally, spiritually. Today He is begging to save the unsaved. He is knocking at their hearts door, begging to save their souls. They alone can open the door. Many are turning Him away, more ungrateful for His love, than would the woman in the story had she kicked the beggar in the face and slammed the door. Are you, unsaved person, thus showing your ungratefulness to this Saviour? If you are saved, are you ungrateful enough to withhold your time, your talent, your money, your service, **YOUR VERY LIFE?** Give it to Him now and in a small way try to show God how thankful you are for His love toward you as shown in His "*so loving* the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have ever lasting life."

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The Ideal Soul Winner

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Of all men who lived on earth that proved to be an ideal soul-winner, Jesus Christ is our example. He had a complete knowledge of God and was submissive to His divine will. As Christ came to earth, it was God's plan for Christ to live and give His life for the redemption of all mankind from sin. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Jesus Christ said "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish His work." To be a real soul-winner, we must have a knowledge of God and be submissive to His will.

Jesus Christ had a compassion for the lost as shown by his sacrificial life. Christ was never too tired to help some poor needy soul. He realized man's condition, need, helplessness, and impending doom. Christ died in order that man might live. Jesus Christ showed to the world that His love was for them by His tender words and mercy. In showing the lost soul his condition, Christ led him to repentance and confession of his sin instead of accusing him with harsh words. Christ used tactful methods in His soul-winning effort. He used both the direct and indirect methods of approach. Our Saviour was careful not to offend those that were interested in their soul's salvation. In His illustrations and teachings used to show the sinner his lost condition, Christ went from the natural to the spiritual and from the simple to the complex. Jesus Christ was not vague or indefinite in telling the awfulness and doom of sin. His teaching was full of love and mercy, but was also scathing and blistering. In leading the lost to be saved, Christ was tactful. We have this perfect example of our Savior as one whom we can pattern our life-service after. We can be soul-winners for Christ.

To be a soul-winner our lives must be a life of intercessory prayer. Our perfect example, Jesus Christ, was a life of intercessory prayer. His heart was broken



Mrs. Marie Thomas Hyatt

because of the sins of the world. His love was and is for all mankind. To be a successful soul-winner, we must have a love for the lost and live our lives as intercessory prayer for them. God does hear and answer prayer when we pray in faith believing, "Therefore, I say unto you, when ye pray, believe that ye receive, and ye shall receive."

A soul-winner must have unction from on high. "But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is came upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8. A compassion for the lost will generate power. An experience at Calvary will be followed by an experience at Pentecost. An ideal soul-winner must have holy unction. Luke 24:49. "I will send the promise of the Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." 1 John 2:20—"But ye are endued with power from the holy one, and ye know all things." With power from the Lord

in one's life, the lost can be led to Christ. A person which is not filled with the Spirit cannot lead the unsaved man to repentance. Eph. 5:18—"But be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

Jesus Christ was endued without measure by the Spirit of God. We have the same Spirit to fill our lives today. When we have holy unction from on high, the Holy Spirit will lead us out into the great service of winning souls for Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us power in our praying, preaching, and soul-winning.

The life of Christ was one which was holy before man, angels, and God. Our lives are not perfect, but we can strive to be more like the Master. Our lives being

lived day by day before the lost, means more than words to the lost world. We can strive to live better lives so that our influence will be the means of leading the lost to Christ.

We have a Perfect example, Jesus Christ, as a soul-winner. In following His divine teachings, we can be soul-winners. Gal. 2:20—"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." An ideal soul-winner is one that follows the leadership of the Holy Spirit; has a compassion for the lost world; and who is like the Master. "For me to live is Christ." Phil. 1:21.



Our Boys in the Service



The Army Way

A SOLDIER at Fort Bragg, N. C., writes, "We are told in camp that there are three ways of doing a thing—the RIGHT way, the WRONG way and the ARMY way—and we must do everything the Army way or else!...."

That is good Army training, for if soldiers did things the wrong way, the loss of time, money and material would be staggering, since so many millions of men are concerned. If the soldiers did things according to the way which SEEMED right to them, the confusion would be appalling.

The Army must exert its authority and insist on things being done the "Army way" for efficiency and victory. Obedience, therefore, not argument, is the wise attitude of the soldier when he is commanded to do things the "Army way."

In spiritual things dealing with eternity there are also three ways:

There is the WRONG way, or Satan's way. It is a Godless, Christless, Spiritless, Worldless and bloodless way (John 8:44). It will lead man only to death and destruc-

tion.

There is also the RIGHT way—in the eyes of each individual. "There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12). That is the way of self-righteousness, self-help, self-reliance and self-satisfaction.

Then, there is GOD'S way, which is "the Way."

Lest there should be any difficulty regarding "the Way," the Lord Jesus Christ said, "I am the Way ... no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). One has not found "the Way" if the Lord Jesus Christ is not the beginning, the course and the end of it.

What the Scriptures say of His deity, His humanity, His words, His miracles, His death for our sins, His resurrection for our justification, His exaltation, His intercession, His return and His reign, is the true faith and the true Way.

Since Christ is God, His authority is supreme. He has a perfect right to press His claim and to insist that one abandon

everything and everybody else—including one's self—for "the Way." Obedience, not argument, is wise for every man in the presence of Christ when He says, "Come unto Me."

ObeY His call today! Recognize in Him God's provision for man's salvation, the only Way to Heaven and eternal life. Trust Him as your personal Saviour today. "Whosoever shall call on the name of the

Lord shall be saved."—Tom M. Olson

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Interesting People

An Editorial Feature

The most unusual of the class of unusual is to be found living in the foot hills of the Ozarks in that narrow strip of country that lies between Missouri and Arkansas known as "lap land." Coming under the spot light in this issue is one of the most unusual characters identified with Free Will Baptists. He is Brother Ralph T. Hoyt. He comes from a very consecrated family preceded by three generations of ministers. Brother Ralph changed the course by desiring the honorable office of Deacon. He was ordained as a Deacon of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Oregon County, Missouri, in 1918, where he still lives and takes an active part in all the services of that church and of the Cave Springs Association. He is now seventy-two years of age.

Hoyt has given books to every preacher with whom he has come in contact; and, upon my visit to his upper room in 1937, he gave me a large volume of the famous Lydell-Scott Greek-English Lexicon, which is worth more than a gold mine to a diligent student of the Word. In the associational gatherings and in the quarterly meetings of Free Will Baptists in Oregon County, Brother Hoyt is respected and generally accepted as being in possession



He is one of the best informed men concerning Bible doctrine. In an upper room in his home is to be found one of the most complete libraries I have ever seen to be in the possession of one man. This library was handed down to him by his ancestry of ministers. It is one large room literally lined with book shelves from the floor to the ceiling, in every square inch of wall space except the windows and one door. In the center of the room stands a library table in which is also a shelf full of books, and on it is writing material in abundance and other books which are being put to immediate use. In addition to this abundant supply of books, Brother

Ralph T. Hoyt

of the final word of authority on the great questions of spiritual truth.

Along with his studious life, he is also very diligent in his devotion to the Lord. He has always maintained family worship and is very reverential and faithful in his service to the Lord. During the years I have known him, his soul has always been aflame with expectance of a great national revival for which he daily prays and allows nothing to discourage him in his belief that the Lord will hear and answer.

It is said of his father's ministry that when something arose that prevented him from filling his appointment, Brother Ralph

would carry on in his absence in the ministry of the Word.

In the life of Brother Ralph T. Hoyt is found a living testimony of two great truths. One is the second Commandment where God has promised to visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate him and show mercy unto thousands of them that love him and keep his commandments. This is literally true with the Hoyt family. The second testimony lived in the life of Brother Hoyt is "Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."



GENERAL ARTICLES



Free Will Baptists in Houston, Texas

We are very thankful to our Lord that He has been so gracious to us as to permit the organization of a Free Will Baptist Church here in Houston. The church is going forward in every respect and the membership consists of a very faithful and spiritual group.

The organization of this church is the outcome of much effort having been put forth in previous years as well as that of recent months.

Our first service was held February 7, 1943, and after having held services for one month, on March 7, the church was organized with a representation of fourteen charter members. The organization was completed and a committee named to study and recommend to the body a church covenant, this, also, has been done. The pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. H. Ray Berry, is a young man, whom some of you readers will recall having met at the National Association. The church has great hopes of advancing with much haste through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since the organization we have enjoyed a continued increase in membership and if it be the Lord's will this membership will continue to grow not only in numbers but in the grace of our Lord and in Spirit. We

have had an increase in membership as follows: On April 4th—two, April 11th—two, April 18th—two, June 27th—six, August 8th—three. All the above with the exception of two have come into the church either by letter or statement, two



Rev. H. Ray Berry

having come by baptism.

Prayer meeting is now being held each Wednesday in the various homes from which a great blessing is being received. We seek the prayers of each reader for the success of our church here in the name of our Lord and Master, who has been so gracious to us and who has promised that he will continue to bless so long as we continue steadfastly in righteousness.

As yet we do not have a building purchased, nor do we have a building which can be used except on Sunday. We seek your prayers that this feat might be accomplished in the very near future. It is our request to each reader that you pass the information on to your church that we have a Free Will Baptist Church in Houston and ask your people to advise us the name

and address of any of our people who might be in Houston and think they are without a church here. Let us know who they are and we shall be happy to contact them informing them of our location and services which are for their benefit.

God has wonderfully blessed the work here and I feel sure, in fact He has promised, that where a few are gathered together in His name He will be present.

Please address all communication to Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1008 Peddie Street, Houston, Texas. Please send us any names of our people which you might have or might learn.

May God's blessing abide with you forever. Please pray for the success of our Master's work here in Houston.



Our Bible School

Rev. L. C. Johnson, President

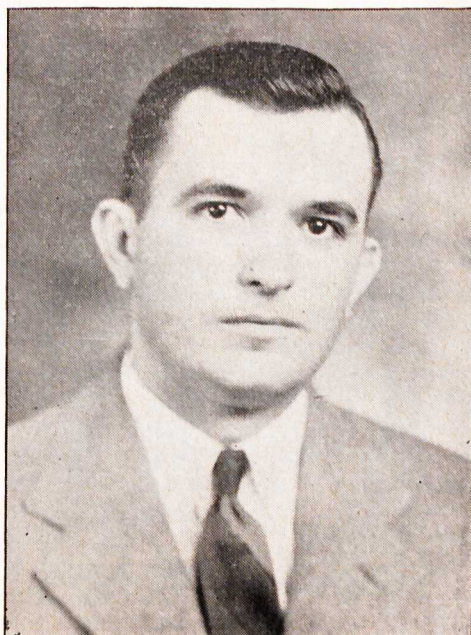


The Free Will Baptist Bible College opened its second session on September 8 with a capacity enrollment of thirty students coming from seven different states. Our present facilities are about taxed to the limit. Up until the present time we have sixteen men students and fourteen lady students. The students make up one of the most congenial and high type groups that you find in any school this size in America. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in sending to the College just the students we believe He would have here. We are looking forward to this year being a great year in our school work.

Everyone of the last year students are back in school along with seventeen new students. We still have room for a very few more students and if you would be interested in enrolling immediately, we will make some special provision to accept you.

There are quite a few who have already made inquiries concerning entering for the second semester's work. If you are contemplating coming for the last term of this year's work, the earlier you let us know the better it will be in order that we may make the necessary arrangements.

Address all inquiries to the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, 5, Tennessee.



The Missouri State Association

Enterprises Sponsored by the Thirtieth Annual Session

The Story of the Association

Rev. Winford Davis, Secretary, Monett, Missouri

The 30th Annual Session of the Missouri State Association is now a matter of history. To say it was victorious is putting it mildly. It was indeed a glorious event from beginning to end. The Woman's Auxiliary meeting on Monday night and Tuesday morning, The Free Will Baptist League opening Wednesday at eleven o'clock and continuing through Thursday afternoon, the association proper opening Wednesday night and continuing through Friday including the Sunday School Session Wednesday afternoon, all was glorious in spirit and progressive in procedure.

We were blessed in having with us Bro. J. R. Davidson, who is Business Manager and Financial Agent for our Bible School in Nashville, and Sister McAdams, who is National Promotional Field Worker promoting all phases of our work. Both of these were a blessing to the Sessions. Sister McAdams preached for us on Wednesday night and Bro. Davidson Thursday at eleven o'clock. Other ministers who filled the stand during the week were Mark Lewis, Harry Beatty, Cecil Campbell, F. C. Zinn, Woodrow Matthews, and the writer. The Lord blessed wonderfully in every preaching service. One soul was saved during the sessions, and ten came forward to the altar and dedicated their lives for Christian Service.

As to the financial side of the meetings, we are happy to report that \$77 were given for the school and turned to Bro. Davidson, \$45.19 was given to apply on Sister McAdams travelling expense, and an offering of \$207.35 was given for Foreign Missions. A number of endowment checks were signed and turned to Bro. Davidson for the support of the school. As to the finances turned in from over the state during the past year, see elsewhere in this issue the annual report of the Missouri State Treasurer. Let me explain, however, that the

amount shown as received for education is by no means complete because hundreds of dollars have gone to the school directly from this state which did not go through the State Treasury.

I want to remind you that the offering of \$207.35 for Foreign Missions was the largest ever given for this special purpose at any one time in the history of the Free Will Baptist denomination. The offering at Columbus, Mississippi, last year, of \$175 was the largest up to that date, and now this offering has reached a new high. The missionary service on Thursday night was indeed glorious. The Holy Spirit was so very near after Bro. Zinn brought such a powerful message, it was wonderful to see the ten precious souls on the altar for service. Then following the consecration prayer, the March offering was laid on the altar which amounted to \$181.70, and it was decided to make it up to \$200 the next night. Even then, it went over \$200 by \$7.35. Praise the Lord that our people are awakening more and more.

A great deal of important business was transacted among which was the acceptance of the National Superannuation plan, and a State Superannuation Board was elected. A step was taken toward securing an Editor-Manager for The Free Will Baptist Gem so as to relieve Bro. Rollins from a state of being over worked. The plan is that he shall become foreman of the Machinery department. The Executive Board was charged with the responsibility of securing an Editor-Manager. The matter of electing a state Executive Secretary was considered, and a resolution was passed suggesting the Executive Board be prepared at the 1944 Session to present a man for the office together with a plan of work.

The Monett Church entertained most royally. The basement, cooking, and serving facilities of the Masonic Temple were

secured, and James Alyea was employed as head cook. Even the refreshment periods proved to be blessed times of fellowship. The people of Monett, as a whole, were very co-operative with the church in helping make the Association a success.

It was voted to meet next year with the Green Grove Church in North East Missouri Association, so get ready Green Grove, the Lord willing, we will be there.

"Thanks be unto God which giveth us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"

The Missouri Treasurer's Annual Report

Foreign Mission fund

Brought forward from last year . \$ 10.21
Received during past year 2,638.00

Total \$2,648.21
Paid out during past year \$2,648.21

Educational fund

Brought forward from last year ... \$ 22.50
Received during past year 219.83

Total \$242.33
Paid out during past year \$237.61
Balance in treasury \$ 4.72

Budget fund

Brought forward from last year \$ 23.93
Received during past year 218.91

Total \$242.84
Paid out during past year \$171.99
Balance in treasury \$ 70.85

Unified Program fund

Brought forward from last year \$ 17.56
Received during past year 294.44

Total \$312.00
Paid out during past year \$312.00

Benevolent fund

Brought forward from last year
(for Superannuation) \$ 2.00
Received during past year
(for Tennessee Orphanage) 74.85

Received during past year

(for Superannuation) 3.00

Total \$79.85

Paid out during past year

(for Tennessee Orphanage) \$72.60

Paid out during past year

(for Superannuation) 5.00

Balance in treasury

for Tennessee Orphanage \$ 2.25

Jehoida Chest fund

Brought forward from last year \$ 4.00

Received during past year 44.00

Total \$48.00

Paid out during past year \$45.00

Balance in treasury \$ 3.00

New Machinery fund

Received during past year \$288.94

Paid out during past year 266.19

Balance in treasury \$ 22.75

Entertainment fund

Received during past year \$250.00

Paid out during past year 250.00

Total brought forward last year . \$ 80.20

Total received during past year .. 4,031.97

Total \$4,112.17

Total paid out during past year .. \$4,008.60

Total balance in treasury \$ 103.57

Winford Davis, Treasurer.

The Editor's Annual Report

The Free Will Baptist Gem has engaged in another year of successful operation with large gain over any year previous. The financial assets have been one continuous rise during the past fifty-one months of my services as editor. In 1940, the annual income was \$1,775; in 1941, \$2,500; in 1942, \$3,016.76; this year, \$3,554.43.

These figures tell a wonderful story of progress.

Busy times, changed living conditions, prosperity, and forgetfulness of God has caused many to leave the church and its institutions. The ingulfed people in industry are, rather, withdrawing their support to the Publishing House. Virtually,

half of the subscribers have failed to renew their subscriptions during the past year, which leaves us with a circulation, at the present time, of a bare eleven hundred. This is a decline of eight hundred during the past year. The Gem office is capable of caring for a far greater volume of business.

The financial income for the year is as follows:

Income

Subscriptions	\$788.86
Sales:	
Auxiliary Literature	574.03
Books	84.02
Supplies	126.80
Treatise	129.52
Printing Minutes	758.42
Printing Other Material	545.73
Miscellaneous Income	324.13
Loans	200.43

Social Security	3.59
Victory Tax	3.90
20% Withholding Tax	15.00

TOTAL \$3,554.43

Expenses

Benefits to Denomination \$342.58
Salaries:

The Editor	918.00
Others	532.71
Postage and Freight	170.65
Printing Supplies	633.60
Utilities	206.56
Fuel	67.95
Repairs	98.18
Office Supplies	74.50
Miscellaneous Expense	477.60
Social Security	124.62
Victory Tax	7.50

TOTAL \$3,654.45

John B. Rollins.

Missouri Stands for Christian Education

EDUCATION—We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report:

In gratitude to God for His having given to us, as a denomination, our splendid Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee, which now stands free of indebtedness, and realizing the necessity of preparation on the part of young ministers and all who desire to specialize in any line of Christian Service, we are therefore happy to recommend our Bible School to any and all who will take advantage of the blessings in spiritual training and growth which this institution offers. We urge our pastors to constantly keep before the minds of our people their responsibility toward the support of our school, especially the endowment check plan as has been presented to Free Will Baptists by the Business Manager of our school, Bro. J. R. Davidson.

May we keep before the Lord in prayer those of our own state who are in attendance at the school, together with all the student body, faculty members, and business manager.

We are eager to give approval to the Christian Workers Institute which has been carried on so successfully, and which has

been such a means of inspiration to those in attendance. We heartily commend the move on the part of the National Association when they voted to continue the Institute work believing it to be a work under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

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Missionary Department



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

Some Outstanding Missionary Services

The Lord has lately been blessing in such a precious way in our missionary program that we feel we must tell you about some things which are taking place. On Thursday night of the Central Western Missouri Association which was held near Stockton, Mo., the week following the third Sunday in August the service was given over entirely to foreign missions. At the close of the message we made an earnest appeal for those who would come to the altar and consecrate their lives for the foreign fields; or whatever the Lord might wish to use them in this great work. Eight fine young people came forward and laid their lives down, all-out for the Lord. During the consecrating prayer we asked the Lord for \$100.00 in the offering. At the close of prayer we just set a box on a table and set the table out in the altar, and said, "Just come on folk and lay your offering in the box." They flocked up there and placed \$191.25 in the box. Later another man added to the offering enough to run it on up to \$105.75. All this was done while the Spirit of the Lord was falling everywhere. It was indeed great to be there.

One week later, on September 1st, at our Indian Creek Association, Rev. Kenneth Turner brought the missionary message, and at the close of the message the same proposition was made as before, and again six or seven young people came and laid

their lives down to the Lord for the foreign fields or wherever God in His providence may call them. At the close of the consecration prayer another offering of \$103.46 was received in cash, and pledges in the amount of \$260.00 to be paid within ninety days. This again was experienced during a great outpouring of the Spirit. It is wonderful how our people are awakening to the foreign mission call. We are so very thankful for it. This all becomes more striking when we take into consideration the fact that Central Western Missouri Association only has seven small churches, and Indian Creek Association eleven or twelve churches.

I trust that as you read this it might awaken in you a greater interest in missions.

National Foreign Mission Treasurer's Report for the Month of August

Missouri	\$414.90
North Carolina	313.91
Tennessee	185.60
Texas	13.00
Oklahoma	10.00
Michigan	5.00
Illinois	5.00
South Carolina	2.00
National Womans Aux. Convention,	122.42
Total	\$1,071.83

Miss Barnard's Soon Return to India

Our Free Will Baptist representative to India, Miss Barnard, is expecting to be granted passage any day. It might be some time, and it might be any time. Indications are that it will be soon. Miss Barnard is hastily making all preparation for the journey. It means something to even make preparation for a trip like that, to say nothing of actually making the voy-

age, and all the more in these times in which we are living. While we do thank the Lord the waters are not so dangerous now as in times past.

We, as a denomination, are confronted with the financial responsibility of Miss Barnard's return trip to the mission field in India. When we consider the necessary baggage she will have to ship across, the

fact that India is in distance practically on the other side of the earth, and that travelling in these war times is extremely high, we are compelled to be awakened to the fact it is going to cost something for her to get to her destination. Very likely it will make a thousand dollars look small before it is finished. Some one may say that sounds like lots of money. Yes, but you must take into consideration the things I have mentioned above, and even many, many more which is not mentioned here. I repeat, it means much to make a journey like this in these times.

I am appealing to our people every where to do their best in these next few months, especially. Right now is a needy time in our foreign missions department. We are confronted with Miss Barnard's trip to India and the founding of the Cuba School of Missions at the same time. You have built up a splendid treasury during the past year; but it is being of necessity drawn on heavily at this time. However, I have no doubt but that you will faithfully

rally to our every need. We are depending wholly upon you, and so are our missionaries. We are trying to spend as cautiously and as wisely as possible; but of course, it just takes funds to do these things. Please in all your associational gatherings and meetings, every where, bear in mind the imminence of Miss Barnard's return to India and the present need of funds.

I appreciate so much the good work our Womans Auxiliary is doing for our missionary department. Ladies just keep the good work going. Let's send Miss Barnard to India with every need met in good shape and at the same time establish our school in Cuba in due time so as to not hold up the good work in that ripened field. We are depending on you, and of course upon the Lord above all. But remember, He only has you as a channel through which He may work.

Yours for the faithful carrying out of the great commission, "go ye into all the world."

Willey's Visit to America and Return to Cuba

These past months have been days filled to overflowing. It has been a great joy to visit with many of you, even though for but brief moments, at the National Association.

Our last report was on our visit to Tennessee, then we went over into North Carolina and had some wonderful days at High Point; some great congregations, and opportunities over the Radio broadcast from the High Point Gospel Tabernacle each night at five o'clock and Sunday morning.

Then on to Durham, first having a meeting at Sharon Acres, these folk are back of us in a way that puts feet to your prayers. They gave us a good offering and have provided for a horse, and now want to support a native Cuban preacher. We had a great crowd at Durham and a fine response. It was a great pleasure to visit our home church once again and also a great pleasure to meet Brother Wooley, who is at present serving as pastor.

Our next stop was Goldsboro with Brother Jorden and a good meeting and an

opportunity to fellowship with both Brothers Jorden and Ennis and their lovely families. My trip to Davis Shore was one that I had anticipated for many years and as any one who has ever been there will verify the Davis folk are tops. The only regrettable fact about these visits were we had so little time to get acquainted. The Church at Davis Shore is one of the most attractive and spiritually alive. I trust the dear Lord will permit me to visit there again. Davis gave one of the largest single offerings I have received outside Swannanoa, N. C., for the missionary program.

Our trip home this time was out of necessity to present the only adequate solution for a rapidly expanding mission field, the movements of which reads like the Book of Acts, simply because the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit, permeates the activities of that field. The solution for the whitened harvest fields is in the Cuban Bible College of Missions, the training of our own native converts. As we faced the necessity God answered to our needs and sent us a highly qualified Cuban minister, and Bible teacher,

who shall serve in the capacity of Principle. Joshua is now on our fields outlining the course for the insuing year, we are hoping to open the school during the month of October.

Our group of Cuban students and young people are mentally alert, deeply spiritual, and personally attractive. These young Cubans filled with the Spirit cause our hearts to rejoice as they testify and preach to their fellow country-men. It is amazing to us to see the ease and naturalness with which these boys and girls, who have been saved but a short time, present the plan of salvation clearly and with power. In them we believe is the answer to the need of evangelism.

Our plan is to buy a farm on which we shall build up our school and mission center. The students will plant a large part of the food necessary and raise our own stock. They will work a half day and study a half day on an intensive course in evangelism then over the week end go out

into all parts of our fields on preaching missions.

There are over fifteen of these boys who show marked ability and talent. The support of these boys in the form of tuition and board shall have to come as our people shall get under the burden to help them.

Tommy and I are leaving within two days on our return to Cuba. Mrs. Willey and Barbara will come later. The following are a few prayer requests much upon our hearts:

1. Pray that we might find the farm property or buildings adequate for the school.

2. Pray that we might continually have wisdom from above in dealing with the many problems arising on the field.

3. Pray for a young woman fully consecrated who might come down to teach our children in the mean time getting the language.

4. Pray for an intensifying in soul winning during the coming months.

The National Association

Enterprise Department

Superannuation Comes to the Front

Rev. J. O. Fort, 808 West 27th Street, Bryan, Texas

Our National Superannuation Program has now developed to the stage in which it is beginning to take shape, and the outlook is bright for its becoming one of the outstanding accomplishments of our church. The National Association, in its 1943 session, adopted a constitution and by-laws to govern the National Superannuation Board, together with a proposed constitution for adoption by the different State Superannuation Boards throughout the nation. The Board has had these documents printed in pamphlet form and they are in my hands for distribution to State Association officials and others who are interested.

Since I am not in possession of the names of Moderators and Superannuation Board Chairmen, I am somewhat handicapped, and

I realize that these pamphlets must be in their hands by the time their State Associations meet so that they can bring the proposed constitution before the body for its adoption. However, I have already mailed out copies to officials in some states whose addresses I have managed to get here and there. I have already sent copies to officials, or other leaders, in the following States: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Michigan, Ohio, and Oklahoma. I have not been able to find addresses of leaders in other States, but am anxious to get pamphlets in their hands immediately. If all State Association Moderators will write me a card at the address given above, giving me your

name and address, I can make up a mailing list so that I can contact you as the need arises. There will be developments in the program which you will need to know about, and there will be requests we will need to make of you if this program is to go forward as it ought, for this must be a co-operative effort, with everyone of us making his contribution to its success.

Now for a word about the superannuation program. It is the suggestion of something definite and constructive. It is all inclusive in that it provides protection for the active minister by giving him the opportunity to share equally with the National Board in paying premiums on a policy that will give him superannuation at the age of retirement, and at the same time, it provides for the minister who has

already preached a lifetime and is now in need of superannuation. We believe it is the solution to the serious problem of security in old age of the ministers of our denomination.

Moderators of State Associations, will you urge the adoption of the proposed State Constitution, set up your State Board, and begin to urge upon your people the need for giving to the cause of superannuation. Send your offerings to your State Chairman (who may also act as Treasurer), then he will send the National Board twenty-five percent of the funds coming to him to be used in protective superannuation for active ministers, while your State Board will use the remaining seventy-five percent to superannuate the ministers with in your State who are past insurable age.

The Board of Publication and Literature

Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 2043-A Sidney Street, St. Louis, Missouri

I would like to call your attention to the National Board of Publication and Literature as elected by the National Association at Columbus, Miss., July 15, 1942.

As you will surely recall, this board has done very little so far, but certainly it is not the fault of the Board. Probably some may not know that, as yet, we have had no funds with which to work. It is the desire of the Board to give full and complete co-operation to every department of the work. When we are able we shall be happy to have you put your Literature problems in our hands, and we shall assure you that every detail will be given prayerful attention. We are now making plans for funds with which to really function, and when these plans are complete we will notify all through the channel of the church papers.

I am sure that the brethren of the National Association recognize the need of a better literature department and more wholesome literature to be given to the general public and to our own denomination. I am sure that if we would stop and think that we would know that the Devil isn't short on literature for the advancement of his cause.

As for me, I feel that it is the bounded

duty of the church to carry the Gospel to all. Some folk do not go to church, so we must reach them by personal work, and the printed page. Thank God for the printed page, and for two Free Will Baptist publishing houses. There is a desperate need among Free Will Baptists for more FREE WILL BAPTIST Literature. Our denomination has borrowed from other sources too long in the literature department. I feel that we are now making some far reaching steps in this field.

Of course we know that it will take some time to get the Board in complete operation. We are planning on your complete co-operation and prayers. There will soon be a plan before you for financing the Board's work. No, we are not going to start a "begging" program. We know that God will finance His own.

I want to make this statement about the Board's action concerning the Literature department of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention. We feel that it is in very capable hands, that of Mrs. Agnes Brinkly Frazier, and we have not tried to take it out. For this year, we have given Sister Frazier the privilege to handle it to her own desire, under the leadership of the Lord.

Your Board as elected by the National Association: Rev. J. C. Griffen, Newbern, N. C., chairman; Rev. L. C. Johnson, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn., assistant chairman; Rev. Mark Lewis, 2043 Sidney St., St. Louis, Mo., secretary-treasurer; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., member

executive committee; Rev. Chas. Porter, box 391, Sesser, Ill.

I shall be happy to call to the attention of the rest of the Board any matters you would like for the Board to consider.

Yours for better Literature,

Rev. Mark Lewis, sec.-treas.

EDITORIAL

The Editor Resigns

I hereby offer my resignation as Editor and Business Manager of The Free Will Baptist Gem. I have faithfully served the Missouri State Association in this capacity to the very best of my ability for the past 51 months. The work has been the very height of my glory, and these have been four years of my life that I shall never regret. The time has come and conditions have developed, however, which make it necessary for me to vacate my office in lieu of the election of proper officers for the continued successful operation of our Publishing House.

The real cause for my resignation is that I have been forced to carry on, not only as Editor-Manager but also as Foreman of the Printing Department and other duties necessary to keep the Publishing House

going. This has somewhat over taxed me and has been the cause of my neglecting the Editorial Department and allowing the business management to go without attention.

The design of my resignation is that I am willing to become Foreman of the Printing Department and keep the wheels rolling for the successful advancement of the cause of publication, and that another person be elected as Editor and Business Manager of The Free Will Baptist Gem.

The Missouri State Association has accepted this plan of procedure and has accepted the responsibility of electing an Editor. This is to be done within a reasonable period of time not to exceed ninety days. This is to strengthen our services to the denomination and make it possible for us to properly care for our growing business.

WANTED-SERMONS & LETTERS

There has been several complaints coming in to the effect that The Free Will Baptist Gem does not contain the proper diet of spiritual food in these perilous times; that the contents are somewhat one sided, and it does not contain enough sermons and reports of activities from the churches. We are making this plea for our ministers to write sermons for *The Gem*, for they have, more or less, neglected this ministry in the printed page. We also urge that our churches everywhere throughout the several states come along with reports of their activities. We have not printed more sermons because we have not had them to print, but we confess that we have more

or less crowded out Church Letters through the neglect of the Editorial Department. During the remaining months that I shall serve as Editor, more time shall be given that this may not be the case any more. With the election of a new Editor, surely we will be able to serve well in this department of the work.

We have not solicited any manuscripts for *The Gem*. They all come voluntarily, and those who write of denominational enterprises send in better manuscripts. So, in our neglect of the Editorial Department, We have naturally turned to them for use in *The Gem*.

We do not advise that the denominational enterprises be curtailed. We would, however, point out three examples which have

proved to be of great benefit. The National Foreign Mission Board, The National Superannuation Board, and the Missouri State Superannuation Board have had printed and are printing, in special folders, vital material concerning the advancement of each of these enterprises and took upon themselves the responsibility of their distribution. This relieved the congestion in the Denominational Enterprises Department in The Free Will Baptist Gem. Other enterprises may profit by these examples, especially in the matter of making direct appeals for financial support. It is necessary, however, to carry on this department in *The Gem* as information for the denomination at large, but we are going to want more room for sermons and Church Letters. This will be some fine work for the new Editor to accomplish.

May I stress, again, the overwhelming desire of the great Gem family for good sermons and church reports.

ATTENTION AUXILIARY WOMEN

This is to call to the attention of all auxiliary women that The Free Will Baptist Gem is not distributing Auxiliary Literature this year. You are advised to send all your orders for Auxiliary Literature to Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 East Cahal Avenue, Nashville (6), Tennessee.

Some auxiliary women have not observed the advertisement in the back of The Gem concerning the Auxiliary Literature and have been sending orders to The Free Will Baptist Gem. We have, in turn, been sending them on to Mrs. Frazier, but this is a delay which is unnecessary.

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Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole
World
For Christ



A Message on Missions

Mrs. Sylvia Dodd, National Third Vice President
3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville (5), Tennessee

It was voted by our N.W.A. Convention that the National vice-presidents present to our women of the denomination a definite plan of work to follow. Since I was elected third vice-president, I contacted our Missionaries to Cuba concerning the great need there. The most imperative need now is supplies for the school which they plan to open there in September. In this school our native workers and preachers will receive the necessary training which will equip them in a better way to carry on the growing work of Free Will Baptists on the island of Cuba.

Following is a list of articles which will be necessary for the operation of the Bible School:

- 24 single sheets
- 3 dozen pillow cases
- 2 dozen dresser scarfs

- 24 single mattresses at \$8.00
- 3 dozen table knives
- 3 dozen forks
- 3 dozen teaspoons
- 2 dozen tablespoons
- 2 dozen Spanish hymnals at \$1:00
- Used piano at \$100.00

We are making the allotment according to states and are depending on the third vice-president of the various states to apportion them out to the district associations. We would suggest that the district vice-president gather the things together and send them to the third vice-president of the state and that she in turn send the package as soon as possible to the following address:

Dr. Lydia Mason
120 N. W. 8th Avenue
Miami, 36, Florida

Dr. Mason is Bro. Willey's sister and she will ship the things to Cuba for us by boat.

At the National Association the women of North Carolina were asked to give 12 blankets, 12 single sheets, 12 pillow cases, also 3 dozen knives, forks and spoons. We are asking that South Carolina give 12 sheets and one dozen tablespoons; from Tennessee \$35 on the piano and one dozen single sheets; from Oklahoma \$32 on mattresses; from Missouri \$32 on the mattresses; from Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky and Michigan \$32 for mattresses; from Mississippi 2 dozen dresser scarfs, 1 dozen teaspoons and one dozen single sheets; from Georgia 12 single blankets; and from Texas, Florida, and West Virginia we're asking the first two mentioned (Texas and Florida) give \$25 each on the piano and that West Virginia give \$24 for the Spanish hymnals. Mrs. Willey also stated that

second-hand suits, dresses and children's clothing are badly needed.

We are trusting that the state district vice-presidents will not delay but will get to work right away and make it possible for the women of the National Association to have a part in the opening of the Cuban Bible School this fall. The Lord, the Cubans and the Willeys are depending on us. By the grace of the Crucified Savior, let's not fail them. Get your allotment to Dr. Mason by the 10th of September. At this date they will be late so if you can send them sooner we urge everyone of you to do so. After your state has sent their allotment, please notify me so that I may keep tab on the progress of the campaign.

My address is for the coming year,
3609 Richland Ave, Nashville, 5, Tennessee.

Your third vice-president,
Mrs. Damon C. Dodd.

Church Letters - Field Reports

Union Free Will Baptist Church Thompsonville, Illinois

It has been about a year since we have had a church report in The Gem.

I am glad to report the Lord still blessing us in many ways. In the last two months, we have had about \$400 worth of remodeling done on our church inside and out. The church really looks nice and we are praising God because we believe His smiling approval is upon it. We are praying God to bind us closer together in the Christian tie of His pure love. In unity we are strong against sin and the devil's work.

We have elected a new pastor for the ensuing year. He is Rev. Claude Childers, Marion, Ill. He is a young minister of the gospel and is a Spirit filled and God-sent man. He is a capable speaker and singer, and is taking a great interest in the young folk of the church in training their voices in singing, and we are all interested in the salvation of their souls as they rise to the year of accountability.

We have a revival to start next Sunday evening, August 23, with Rev. Mrs. Pearl

Slusher of northeastern Missouri. We are praying for a great time in the Lord and every lost one will find Him as their Savior and all the Christians will experience a deeper consecrated life in Jesus.

Our Freedom Quarterly Conference convenes this week-end here at Union Church and we are hoping and praying for a good delegation and a great service in the Lord, and He will crown the Conference by saving some unsaved soul.

Our church is like the many others, it has been effected by this terrible and sin-caused war. Several of our young men have been called into the armed forces. We have four silver stars on our service flag, but thank God, we have no gold ones and we are trusting we won't have, and that all of our boys may soon be permitted to once more be free and return to their homes and loved ones. A few of our boys have gone as unsaved and we covet an interest in everyone who knows the worth of prayer.

I will close praying God to bless us all and speed Victory in His Glory and Honor. May the blessing of the Lord rest and abide with each one.

Opal E. McClerren, reporter.

Pleasant Ridge Church Urbana, Missouri

On the 26th of July our revival meeting at the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church near Urbana, Mo., started with Sister Marie Thomas Hyatt as evangelist, accompanied by her husband. The services continued for two weeks with good interest.

We had street services in several of the towns near by, with the aid of the public address system.

The last night of the meeting there were eight precious souls came to the altar and prayed through to victory. There were six added to the Church and seven baptized. There are others to come in later.

Bro. and Sister Hyatt are fine young people with their time and talent in the service of the Lord. We can highly recommend them as good servants of the Lord.

Frank Linton, pastor
Tunas, Mo.

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The Free Will Baptist Church Hannon, Missouri

The church year of the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church has ended for 1942-1943 with perfect harmony existing in the church with all debts paid.

We were very much surprised and grieved when Rev. Cecil Campbell, who had pastored the church so faithfully and efficiently for four years, tendered his resignation to accept the Flat River Church for full time. This church is near the Mississippi River and is one of the outstanding churches of the Missouri State Association.

Rev. Campbell and family are loved by the church and community of Hannon. Our prayers and good wishes go with them for a happy successful year in their new field of labor.

The church feels very fortunate in securing Sister Lowell Martin of Greenfield, Mo., as pastor for the ensuing year. We are acquainted with her and her success as pastor and evangelist and know she will be self-sacrificing to her work with us.

The local association of this district has also completed the year's work.

The association convened with the Independence church near Stockton, Mo.,

August 17, in a four day session. The delegates privileged to attend, report it to have been the best association they were ever in. Upon arrival they found a church prepared in every way to entertain the association.

Food in abundance with a plenty of ice was on the ground. A World War 1 cook was hired to prepare three meals daily. Good beds were enjoyed in many homes.

As they sat together in Godly council, brotherly love existed through the entire business sessions.

The congregational singing and many specials portrayed wonderful talent, seldom found in any church.

The devotional services were soul inspiring. A middle aged man knelt at the altar and was wonderfully saved. The house was full at all sessions especially at the preaching hours.

The ten ministers present gave such sweet out pouring of the Spirit through their sermons. On Thursday night Rev. Winford Davis preached on Missions, which was a masterpiece. He gave an opportunity for those that would yield their lives to any work the Lord laid on their hearts to do. Nine people bowed at the altar for consecration of which four were from the Hannon church.

An offering for missions was taken which amounted to \$101.50.

This association will ever be a sweet memory with all that attended. They bade each other goodbye to meet next year with the Waggoner church, also near Stockton.

A number of our members will attend the State Association, which convenes with the church in Monett, Mo., Sept. 13-17.

Mrs. L. C. Wade, Reporter.

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Ruthdale Free Will Baptist Church South Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am happy once more to tell you about some of the things God and His people have been doing out in this country. As I said once before in *The Gem*, God has done a lot for His people at Ruthdale where a fine church has been recently completed. The people are proud of the building and also of the membership of the church. A good Sunday school along with a good

prayer meeting each week, is helping men and women to live better lives each day. The church is having a singing school at this time and we hope it will be a great blessing to us all. Also, the people at Ruthtdale are looking forward to a good old-time Holy Ghost revival meeting before long.

I would like to say to all our big family of Gem readers, let us keep on sending in our reports of church work. I am always looking and waiting for *The Gem* to come to my box. I don't think we could get a better paper of its kind.

George J. Childers.

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Scioto Yearly Meeting Portsmouth, Ohio

Dear Bro. Rollins and Gem Family Greetings to All;

The Scioto Ministerial Conference met with Union Church in Scioto County, near Portsmouth, Ohio, on the 2nd and 3rd of September, 1943. There were 47 preachers examined and cards of good standing granted for the coming year. The Holy Spirit was present in every service.

J. A. Kemper was chosen moderator, Bro. Ed Carter, assistant. Preaching was by Elder Horten Davis and Walter Ketter. Both preached great sermons and God's power was felt by the great throng of people present.

On the 4th and 5th of September the Scioto Yearly Meeting convened at the same church with a great delegation present. Reports from the three quarterly meetings, comprising the yearly meeting, were very good. Preaching was by Elder Sidney Crabtree, Elder M. Ridleberger, Elder J. Beasley, and Elder Wilber, was all good.

In the mean time I got a few subscriptions for *The Gem*.

May the dear Lord bless you all. Please pray for us.

Your brother in the Master's service,

J. A. Kemper.

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Report of National Promotional Field Worker

Dear Co-Workers:

As we failed to report last month, we

sure want to be on time for this issue of *The Gem*.

Much has already been said about the wonderful things that were accomplished at the National Association, but we too, must join in and say a few words, especially concerning our Woman's Auxiliary Convention. It was the very best yet. No doubt, many of the good pastors have reported what was done and how our work for the year had gone far beyond other years. Then, many will be pleased to know that our auxiliaries have pledged themselves to support three native workers in Cuba. What a privilege we have in carrying the gospel to the lost in Cuba through these workers. Many of us will never be able to go in person, but we can go with our prayers and our means.

We have another good surprise for you. We have a young preacher from North Carolina, Mrs. Gladys Deane, who is to start to our Bible school in September. She is going out by faith and I am asking our auxiliaries to pray with me, that her every need will be supplied. She has been with me since the National Association. I was in her home in North Carolina. She is a member of our Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina. She is a very devoted soul and will make good. She has already been doing some preaching and desires to do mission work along with her ministry. So, dear sisters, if only a few auxiliaries could send \$1.00 per month to help, it would be a great work.

We have visited a few churches in Texas since the National Association and now are in Oklahoma. We had a wonderful day with Bro. Rogers Sunday and the church at Drumright has done a wonderful work. We feel that Bro. Rogers will continue the good work that Bro. Stairs has left. The Church was built up in a marvelous way, under Bro. Stairs' leadership and we know that he will do a great work now in Oklahoma City. God bless him. Bro. Rogers is very much interested in our National Program and has assisted in a wonderful way in our itinerary.

We have some fine work in Oklahoma. It was a joy to be in Bro. and Sister Eppersons home again, in old Tecumseh, where we have had the privilege of conducting

nine revivals in the past years. It was also a great opportunity to visit Bro. McClain and his Church in Shawnee, Okla. These dear pastors have received us in the Spirit of Christ and they all seem eager to hear more about our National Program.

I am happy to tell you dear women that we have a new Jehoiada chest that will soon be ready to get a patent on. The chest is very attractive with the shape of a real chest and a slot in the lid. This was voted on at our National Convention.

We will visit churches here in Okla., for this week, then go to Missouri for the State Association and visit other churches.

God bless our great work everywhere and make this the best year yet.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams

P.S. You can send any funds you feel led to give for Sister Beane, to me at Huntsville Texas, or Sister Fannie Polson, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn. Then we will get credit from the auxiliary.

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Free Will Baptist Church Leadington, Missouri

We have just closed a two weeks meeting at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. The evangelist was Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo. He brought some wonderful messages and we had the privilege of seeing six souls profess faith in the Gospel of our Lord. In addition to seeing the six souls saved we feel that the church was strengthened. Our prayers are that the Lord might bless Bro. Turner in his ministry.

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Halbrook

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Portia, Arkansas

The Free Will Baptist Gem and its Readers:

I have been in the evangelistic work for the past year, and have traveled over quite a large territory. I have been in some good revivals. The Free Will Baptists in Arkansas are pushing forward to the goal.

I just returned from the Union Association of Missouri which was held with Mountain Grove Church, Mountain Grove,

Mo., last week. We found a live people working for the Lord.

Our Association convenes with O'Kean Church, O'Kean, Ark., on the 16th of this month (Sept.). We are looking for a good meeting.

We closed a meeting at Carson Lake in Mississippi County, owing to the harvest in the cotton fields. We just got to hold a week there, but with good results. Nine were saved and eight united with the Church.

We have been in three revivals this summer with good results. Would like to hold several meetings yet this fall. If any one should want a meeting, would be glad to get in touch with them, in any community desiring my services. Write to me.

Eld. D. C. Jones

Portia, Arkansas

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Free Will Baptist Church Richwoods, Missouri

Dear Co-Workers:

I guess every one is wondering about our church in Richwoods. We are all fine and happy in the service of the Lord.

We have just completed a years work with Bro. Harvey Hill as our pastor. We had a successful year. God blessed in a wonderful way. There were 21 conversions, 5 baptized, 4 united with the church during the year. We all enjoyed the work with Bro. Hill. We know he is a real man of God and a good preacher, and was so faithful to the cause of Christ. We all learned to love him very much.

We had our Sunday School Convention the 27th of June at our church and had a wonderful time in the Lord. Our next convention will be the 26th of September at the Berkley City church near St. Louis.

Bro. Willard Halbrook is our pastor for the coming year. We desire the prayers of all the Christians, everywhere for our Church and that we will have another successful year in the Lord's work. Pray also for our young people. There are so many temptations and sinful things to hinder the young people from living for the Lord.

May God bless all every where

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson. (church clerk)

Caldwell, Idaho

Dear Bro. Rollins:

I am very happy indeed to say I really enjoyed reading the July copy of *The Gem*. Proud of the swell report from The Free Will Baptist Orphanage in North Carolina. I think they are doing fine.

I also enjoy reading the sermons from different preachers. My heart goes out for our preachers that still preach the truth. If more preachers would preach like God wants them to, we would see more souls saved and this war would soon come to an end, but it will last till we humble ourselves before God and do His will. He said if we would call on Him that He would hear our cries and heal our land.

I will really be proud when this war is over and all we boys can be home and work in the church like we use to. With God's help I intend to do more for Him than ever before.

I am here in college learning to fly the airplanes for our Country, but praise God I am looking for the time when I can ride the wings of Glory. There will be no more wars or conflict, but all will be peace and happiness.

I desire the prayers of each and every Christian and pray for all the boys in the Armed Forces.

Your brother in Christ

A-S J. C. Armstrong
311th College Ing. Det.
Caldwell, Idaho

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**Program ..Oklahoma ..State ..Auxiliary
Convention, Ada Church
Fifteenth & Ash Sts., Ada, Okla.,
October 18-19, 1943.**

Theme: "The Great Commission —
Our Mission."

Monday Night

Song and prayer service.

Testimony service.

Introductory message, Rev. Hattie Newman.

Tuesday Morning

9:00 — Song, "Wonderful Story of Love."
Devotional, Pres., Rev. Cleo Pursell.

Song, "I Love to Tell the Story."

Letters called for, delegates seated.

Welcome Address, Mrs. Valeta Hileman.

Response, Mrs. Roland Shinn.

Election of officers.

11:00—Hymn, Prayer.

Vocal Solo, "Is Your All on the Alter?" Rev. Elva Tuttle.

Sermon, "Obedience to the Great Commission," (1 Sam. 15:22), Rev.

B. F. Rogers.

12:00—Lunch.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:00 — Songs, Prayer.

Reports, Plan of Work.

"The National Auxiliary Work,"

Mrs. Opal Bingham.

Installation Service (arranged by ladies of First Mission Association).

Short program, Wewoka Church.

Adjournment.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists is to meet with Molone Free Will Baptist Church, Dwight Ave., Alabama City, Ala., November 11, 12, 13, 1943.

To my friends in the state of Alabama and the adjoining states: I wish to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend our State Association, that is to be held at Alabama City, Alabama. The gasoline rationing, I know will hinder much, but this city that we have chosen has bus lines, and two railroads. Any one coming on the Southern railroad get off at Attala, Ala., and catch steet car. The L&N comes to Alabama City, also the bus comes to Alabama City.

Come one, COME ALL.

J. J. Staab, moderator Alabama
State Association.

PROGRAM**Thursday Night**

7:30 Devotional Rev. T. L. Walker,
Gordo, Ala.

8:00 Sermon Rev. W. M. Bevins,
Berry, Ala.

Appointment of Credential Commit-
tee.

Friday Morning

9:00 Devotional .. Rev. W. C. Patterson,

- 9:15 Reading of Letters; Seating of Delegates.
- 10:00 Partial Report of General Business Board.
- 10:30 Moderator's Message Rev. J. J. Staab, Birmingham, Ala.
- 10:45 Report of Christian Workers' Institute .. Rev. W. H. Ryland and Rev. K. V. Shutes.
- 11:00 Song and Devotional Rev. W. S. Thomley, Robertsedale, Ala.
- 11:20 Sermon Rev. H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Ala.
- 12:00 Dinner.

Friday Evening

- 1:30 Devotional Rev. Leslie Pinson, Sylacauga, Ala.
- 1:45 Discussion of Our Women's Work .. Mrs. K. V. Shutes and Mrs. J. B. Bloss.
- 2:30 Report of Credential Codmittee.
- 3:00 Some of Our Greatest Needs .. Rev. J. S. Frederick, Covin, Ala.

Friday Night

- 7:30 Devotional Rev. J. T. Quick, Gardendale, Ala.
- 8:00 Sermon and Our National Program Rev. Robert Crawford, Nashville, Tennessee.

Saturday Morning

- 9:00 Devotional Rev. J. L. Lavender, Millport, Ala.
- 9:15 Final Report of General Business Board.
Report of Statistician Rev. K. V. Shutes.
- 10:00 Final Report of Credential Committee.
- 10:45 Devotional .. Rev. Douglas Harris, Rt. 7, Birmingham, Aal.
- 11:15 Sermon Rev. D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.
- 12:00 Dinner.

Saturday Evening

- 1:30 Our Orphanage .. Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. P. J. Box.
- 2:00 Report from the National Association.
- 2:15 Appointment of Delegates to the 1944 National and Sister Associations.

Stockton, Missouri

Dear Gem:

I am sending seventy five cents for The Gem.

Sister Lowell Martin is our pastor. I wish I could go hear her more.

I wonder how many believe we should be Spirit-filled Christians? I believe it is going to take it to be able to stand in the last days. You know some of us which are Spirit-filled almost quench the Spirit for fear some one will call us crazy or fanatic, but you know, folks, if we are real born-again Christians and filled with the Spirit we are not going to do any thing for a show. You remember on the day of Pentecost how people were amazed how they acted. They said, what meaneth this? You will find this in Acts 2:12-13. "Others mocking said they are filled with new wine." In Acts 2:15-16 Peter said, "For these are not drunken as ye suppose seeing it is but the third hour of the day, but this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." Read the rest of this scripture. I believe this is a prophecy and will be or is being fulfilled.

Pearl Pruitt

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Cave Spring Fifth Sunday Meeting Thayer, Missouri

The Cave Spring Fifth Sunday Meeting was held with Mt. Zion Church, near Thayer, Mo., August 28, 29, 1943. Ten churches were represented which is less than half our churches. Elders Billie Rogers and Dale Williams preached at 11:00, with Rom. 5:19 as text. A Spirit filled message was delivered. Officers for ensuing year were elected: Moderator, Eld. E. E. Simpson; Clerk, Elgin Williams; Assistant Clerk, Eld. J. E. Rolan; Statistician, C. H. Crews; Evangelist, E. E. Simpson.

Bethany Church was chosen for the next meeting. On Saturday night, the sermon subject was 1 John 3, God will keep His children safe and secure from all alarms.

Ministers present: E. E. Simpson, Sam D. Johnson, Billie Rogers, Dale Williams,

Elmer Hodges, Harry Beaty, Sam W. Bell, J. E. Rolan, and Roy L. Crook. Visiting ministers: John H. Talley, General Baptist; Wayne Tucker, Free Will Baptist, from Social Band Association of Arkansas, who has been holding a revival at Myrtle. Deacons: Noah Hollis, Dave Bowers, Johnnie Pingleton, Robert Worel, L. A. Martin, Griff Harrison, J. W. Jewell, S. E. Coble, W. E. Crews, C. H. Crews, Finis Johnson, and Elgin Williams. Church Clerks: Elizabeth Holmes, N. H. Rhoades, Jettie Bowers, Elsie Worel, and Issie Pingleton.

Sunday morning was the ministers' meeting. Eld. Talley, Eld. Beatty and Eld. Rolan preached on the promises of God. None of the promises are to any body but the overcomers. Are you an overcomer, or do you only overcome a little now and then, and backslide between times?

After dinner an interesting League rally was held, by members from two churches, and a plan is afoot to organize Adult, Junior and Little Folks' leagues in all our churches in Cave Spring Association.

Only children raised on family prayer, Bible reading and asking God's blessing on the food which He has given us and the countless blessings He is constantly bestowing upon us, can make a nation which God will own and bless. What are you doing about it?

Eld. E. E. Simpson, moderator

Ralph Hoyt, clerk

Eld. J. E. Rolan, ass't clerk

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Free Will Baptist Church Ina, Illinois

Dear Gem Readers:

Our Church is progressing so rapidly under the leadership of the blessed Holy Spirit that we feel that we would like for others to know what the Lord is doing for us. In recent months, we have had a number of conversions during our regular services. We praise the Lord for these souls that were born into the Kingdom of God. One was an aged man of 74 years.

We have preaching services on the first and third Sundays, and on Saturday nights preceding these dates.

Rev. W. R. Spurlock is our pastor, a Godly, Spirit-filled servant of Jesus Christ.

We have a very progressive Sunday school, under the capable leadership of Bro. Ray Settle, as superintendent. We are fortunate in having a group of efficient, consecrated teachers for the various classes, as follows:

Adult Bible Class .. Sister Nannie Taylor
Junior Bible Class Sister Sarah Kirk
Young Peoples Class .. Sister Ophal Hale
Jr. & Intermediate Class, Sister Helen Settle
Primary Class Sister Lelah Book
Beginners Class Sister Betty Adams
Sister Thara Hale is our secretary and Sister Ella Odle is our treasurer.

Our Auxiliary which was recently organized by Sister Emma Moore is going forward in a splendid way. Each member is interested in the work for which the auxiliary represents. Our hearts are aflame with a love for our Christ and His lost world.

We earnestly pray for our missionaries, Bro. and Sister Willey, Sister Yeley and Sister Barnard, and glad to support them with our prayers and offerings. We can truly say the Great Commission is our mission.

The officers of our Auxiliary are as follows:

President Mrs. Helen Settle
1st Vice President Mrs. Nannie Taylor
2nd Vice President Mrs. Sarah Kirk
3rd Vice President Mrs. Myrtle Pulley
4th Vice President Mrs. Ella Odle
5th Vice President Mrs. Opal Wells
Recording Secretary Mrs. Ophal Hale
Corr. Sec. Mrs. Margaret Frasure
Treasure Mrs. Minnie Tyler
Margaret Frasure, corresponding secretary

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. Editor and Friends:

Just thought I would drop a line or two to say 'hello', and let you hear from this part of the world again.

You know Solomon said once, "As fresh water is to a thirsty man, so is news from a far country," and I am sure he was quite right. For awhile back, I was to be transferred to a different country and station, so I sent the new address back on my mail. My transfer was rescinded, and I've been sorta thirsty to hear again from some of the Christian youth I used to hear from. I

wonder some times about men who seem to never hear from any one, hardly at all. I wonder if that leaves a place dark in their lives. It seems to me as though no one ever thought of them enough to write just a few lines and, more or less, to console themselves they turn to drink. Yes, I really do think, at times, that is the reason for so many of our boys throwing away their lives on things of that sort, but there are some who do it for the effects that it contains.

There is a song which says, "don't grieve your mother," and in St. Paul's gospel we find him saying, "don't grieve the Spirit, and don't quench the Spirit." Again he says for us to think of the former days, in which you knew, and and enjoyed its presence, and were made a gazing stock before the world.

In the post war days to come, I think there will be quite a bit of work for honest, sincere preachers, for you will find so much that have never been to turn people's minds in a whirl.

I bought a Bible, called "The Complete Bible," of modern version, and I can't get from it what the old version has, and I wonder just what is ahead of us.

I believe we that live, in a few years, will see people running to and fro, seeking the preaching of sound doctrine, and today, it is seldom you find a man who will preach his convictions, for fear he will loose his congregation, but, wouldn't it be

much better to preach to a few people, sound, God given sermons. Not one to please people that are thinking, "where, or what shall I do as soon as the service is over."

This war will be over soon, and if I am not mistaken, the preacher is going to have to preach sound, heart convicting messages. I've learned this in the two and one-half years of service I've seen in the army.

Truly, I somewhat dread to think of the days ahead, of the millions of boys from service, turned loose for home, and women as well. You know, it's almost going to be like being lost, and there are going to be "Multitudes in the Valley of Decision." And oh, I do hope and pray, that, the times of tribulation that now is, has learned people that, "every offence, shall bring a just recompence from the Lord," and live before Him a life lit up with power of God.

Did not Stephen's face shine of that glory and power? So get thy house in order, and clean out those shelves behind the doors, to welcome the multitudes back to a better way than we've seen in service.

I'm a very poor explainer of what I was trying to say, so friends, pray for a soldier, trying to hold to the faith that comes from Christ, and the other men in service, all over the world.

Your brother in the bonds of Calvary

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Poems by T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Tex.

The 139th Psalm in Rhyme

O Thou Eternal, Triune One:
Almighty Father, Only Son,
And Holy Spirit, most Divine,
Let Thine effulgence ever shine;
That I may know that Thou dost see,
All that pertaineth unto me.

All wisdom doth inhere in Thee,
Thou searchest out and knowest me;
My secret acts to Thee art shown;
My inmost thoughts to Thee are known;
Where-e'er I go, where-e'er I be,
By Thy right hand, Thou leadest me.

No sound escapes Thy listening ear;
No word I speak, but Thou dost hear;
The secret intents of my heart
Are known to Thee, Thou surely art
Conscious of all my thoughts and ways,
Thou hast a record of my days.
Such knowledge is too high for me,
'Tis only understood by Thee.

Though I should cleave the vaulted skies
And to the utmost height arise;
Though from Thy presence I should flee
To distant islands of the sea;
Be I on land, on sea, in air,
Thou art still with me, every-where.

To Thee, the darkness of the night
Is luminous with radiant light,
So, that, from Thee, I ne'er can hide,
For, with me, Thou dost e'er abide.
Thou are not bound by time nor space
But dwelleth in the secret place.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Let not my thoughts from Thee depart;
Try me, and see if I be true,
And every wickedness eschew.
Lead me, O God, from day to day
In Thine own strait and narrow way.

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23rd Psalm in Rhyme

The Lord is my Shepherd, no wants have I,
That from His bounty, He doth not supply,
In greenest of pastures, He leadeth me;
Beside the still waters, He feedeth me,
He restoreth my soul from day unto day
In paths of righteousness, He leadeth the way.

Through the valley of death, though I
should walk
Where greatest of dangers, about me doth
stalk,
No sense of evil, then, will I fear;
Thy presence, I know, shall ever be near,
And I shall trust implicitly in Thee
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table, at which I may eat
In the presence of enemies, I fear no defeat,
With the oil of gladness, Thou anointest
my head;
My cup runneth over, I am bounteously
fed,

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
ever

I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

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What Shall We Do?

What shall we do, Dear Brother?
Dear friend, what can we do?
Yield to the powers of evil
Or evils, all, eschew?
Trust not in man's inventions,
However great they be;
But put your trust sincerely,
In God's supremacy.

God still is in His heaven,
He sits upon His throne,
Just rest upon His promise:
"I'll leave thee not alone."
Fear not what's in the future,
Though dark the clouds may be,
If He is present with us
What cause of fears have we?

Dear Father, then, protect us
Beneath Thy sheltering wing;
Thy Spirit e'er direct us
And lead in every thing.
In times of danger, hide us,
Ncath Thy protecting hanh;
Then, Holy Spirit, guide us
To Cannan's happy land.

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Majesty

O, Thou Majestic, Triune One,
Father, Spirit, and Only Son;
For whom God's family is named,
By saints and angels, Lord, acclaimed.

Creator of the universe,
Upon the tree became a curse;
Gave up Thy royal throne on high
To come to earth, for man to die.

Thy love transcends the finite mind,
Without its light, we all are blind;
In midnight darkness, doomed to grope,
'Twere not for faith and love and hope.

Dear sin-sick soul, a radiant light,
Whose beams dispel the darkest night,
Shines through this dark, chaotic earth,
Glad to impart a Spiritual birth.

Will you not let this lustrous light,
Shine in your heart, so clear and bright?
That others, through its brilliant ray
May worship God from day to day.

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Dear Lord, I Give Myself To Thee

Dear Lord, my life I give to Thee,
Mold me according to Thy will;
I, of my-self, cannot please Thee,
Nor with out Thee, my mission fill.
The flesh is weak, I am so prone
To fall into the tempter's snare,
If you should leave me all alone,
'Tis more than I, alone, could bear.

But with Thy help, I know that I
 Can do all things required of me.
 If with Thy Word, I do comply,
 I will be justified of Thee.
 The task that seems too hard for me,
 With Thy aid, easily, is done.
 The heaviest load, when shared with Thee,
 Is lightly borne by any one.

Help me to be as potter's clay,
 Like as the potter, mold Thou me.
 Upon the wheel, place me I pray,
 A goodly vessel may I be.
 My chief desire is to be used
 Just as Thou would'st have me to be.
 Forbid, Dear Lord, I be refused,
 A vessel disallowed of Thee.

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Help Me to Love Thy Word, Dear Lord

Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 And read it every day.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 Make it my guide, my stay.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 Its truths to understand.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 Comply with its demands.

Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 It is my daily food.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 It is supremely good.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 The life, the truth, the way.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 Its precepts, all, obey.

Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 When all's so dark and drear.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 It banishes all fear.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 It fills my soul with joy.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 Rapture with out alloy.

Chorus

Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 Most cherished, sweetest Word.
 Help me to love Thy Word, Dear Lord,
 The sweetest ever heard.

Resignation to God

Is the thing that you are doing
 In accordance with God's will?
 Is it constantly renewing
 Divine strength your soul to thrill?
 Does the Master look with favor
 On the the task at which you work?
 If He does, then, never waver,
 Never falter, never shirk.

Are you busy every hour
 Through-out all the live-long day?
 Do you muster all your power
 To accomplish all you may?
 Is the work which you are trying
 To perform, that which is best?
 Are you constantly applying
 All your powers, fully stressed?

Are you willing to deny your-
 Self the pleasures of this life?
 Are you seeking worldly treasures
 Which so often lead to strife?
 Is the height of your ambition
 To win lost men to the Lord?
 Then whatever the condition
 Live according to His Word.

If you love the Lord supremely
 And man-kind with all your heart?
 If with God you walk serenely,
 From His law do not depart?
 If your life is just and holy,
 And your thoughts are clean and pure?
 Then you have a home in glory
 Where your title is secure.

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Meditations

Mrs. Edith Blair, Buffalo, Mo.

Christ needs your hands to work today,
 So do not let them idly play,
 There's work for every one to do.
 So find your place and then go do,
 What ever task He sets for you.

The Harvest fields are white today,
 The Laborers are few.
 The souls that should be led to Christ.
 Now wait for me and you.

The Lord saved us that we might win
 The wanderers to Him.
 So work and pray while it is day,
 For the night is coming soon.

Pray On!

BY ROBERT HARE

No, not today, nor yet perhaps tomorrow,
The prayer that throbbing lips repeat in
vain,
Will find its answer, but some coming
morning,
After the weary night of pain.

Tuned to the wisdom God alone can offer,
Thy heart's desire is hallowed in His sight.
Pray on! He hears, and every true petition
Offered in weakness waits His might.

Pray on! Deem not the days and hours of
waiting

Are lost below, to either life or love;
Grief finds an echo by the throne eternal,
For all your needs are known above.

Touched by your sorrow, still the Saviour
watches,

And by devotion's shrine He finds a place.
High Priest for all His weak and earthly
children,

He prays before the Father's face.

Then make His service ever thy delight;
And as the passing hours pass by, pray on,
Maybe He waits until the shadings vanish,
That eyes may see in clearer dawn.

Know that God lives, and He will surely
offer,

All that is best your life need to supply;
He knows, He feels, and with a Father's
kindness

He ever notes the feeble cry.

"Thy heart's desire"—be sure that self is
banished

And the soul temple fit for service sweet;
Then love will pray, and every heart
petition

Will, through His Spirit, be complete.

SAVING

Talk at National Sunday School Convention held with the East Nashville Church July 12, 1943, by Trula Gunter of the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Greeneville, Tennessee.

The Sunday School Convention voted to ask her to prepare the talk for publication in the Church Papers.

The mission of our Master was to seek and to save the lost. He came to save the lost. He lived to save the lost, He died to save the lost, He arose to save the lost. Everyone that has been saved, is being saved or will be saved was saved for the purpose of saving others.

The church of Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the Gospel to the world. The obligation rests upon all Christians. Everyone, to the extent of his talent and opportunity, is to fulfill the Savior's commission. The love of Christ revealed to us makes us debtors to all those who know Him not. He has given us light to shed upon them. God might have committed the

message of the gospel, and all the work of loving service to His heavenly angels or He might have employed other means of accomplishing His purpose. But in His infinite love He chose to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, and the spiritual uplifting that results from this unselfish ministry.

If the followers of Christ were awake to duty, there would be thousands where there is one today, proclaiming the gospel in heathen lands and there would be far more earnest labor for souls in our own land. All would be on the lookout for souls to save as the miner is on the lookout for new veins of gold.

We need not go to heathen lands or even leave our own homes or church to save, if it is there our duty lies. The important thing about the place is being sure you are in the place that God would have you.

The Sunday School holds one of the top ranks in the saving of the lost. It is an organization of the church which should be made up of those who have been born again. Each member of the Sunday School should be a potential son or daughter of

Christ. Otherwise the church is divided against itself and therefore cannot stand. Every Sunday School should have for its goal the salvation of each and every student. If attendance in Sunday School does not bring about a closer knowledge and walk with the Master, something is radical wrong with the whole set up.

An unregenerated church member is by far worse than no church member. A church of unregenerated members is a distinct liability to the cause of the Kingdom, and will do more harm than any number of scoffers and infidels. Likewise a Sunday School that has been in existence any length of time and still numbers the majority of its members among the unsaved is no longer an asset but a liability to the community and to Christendom.

The Sunday School has been called "the noblest development of the nineteenth century." The past hundred years have seen the origin and development of more agencies for human betterment than any preceding century since the Christian era. In the long list of these worthy organizations and institutions, the Sunday School holds imperial rank; and as an agency for far-reaching reformation and affective training, its possibilities have not yet been realized. Born of a moment which gave unusual attention to the salvation of young lives, the Sunday School has developed rapidly and now more than ever does the responsibility of saving rest upon it.

Is it not better to give a whole life to Christ than a mere portion of it? Then if that is true, is it not more important to the Kingdom to save a child than an adult? Why should we lend our most valuable and precious jewels, our children, to the devil until they become tarnished and tainted with sin and then ask Christ to begin a refining process? Young life is the beginning of that serious and responsible reality we call life. It is the bud from which are to come blossoms and fruit. It is the early light which detects the sunrise, the mid-way, sunset and evening. It is the first few steps of a long journey.

What a young life makes of itself determines very largely what later life and old age are to be. The molds of character

are laid during the first twenty years of one's life. Today makes tomorrow.

It is a mistake to leave young people to the play and power of circumstance. They must wait for years to mature and for experience to give wisdom; but they must wait actively. Thus it is the duty of the Sunday School to direct these young lives.

The conversion of the boys and girls, who are being taught and their development and growth into intelligent Christian characters, are, therefore, the ends for which the institution exists. It should be the aim of every Christian worker to make the high ideals and noble characteristics of Bible characters a part of the lives of those with whom they come in contact. They save the wonderful lessons of truth for the boys and girls to be used in their lives and to be handed down to their children. The Church that saves the children will be the Church that will evangelize the world.

Saving is a complete and all inclusive process. Not only is the soul saved; but the mind, body, talents, ambitions, hopes, and even the possibilities of life are saved for service in the vineyard of the Lord and for the benefit of the human race.

The mind is saved from corrupt and evil thoughts, destructive in their nature and ruinous in their results, for a work that is noble in character and constructive in every detail.

The body is saved from a possible life of destitution, degeneration, shame and pollution for a life of service, gloriously dedicated to the care and uplift of the race.

The soul is saved from eternal night for one eternal and happy day.

The talents are saved from use in the increase of crime, destitution, poverty and the enlargement of hell to the glory of God, the extension of His Kingdom and the salvation of the lost.

Hopes and ambitions are saved from selfish and low uses which are injurious to both the individual and society, to the higher use of unselfish and sacrificial service to one's fellow-men.

Let all Sunday School Workers remember that "he who winneth souls is wise."

History of Sophia Free Will Baptist Church

Sophia, West Virginia

In July 1941, Rev. D. W. French and Rev. Bob Doan came to Sophia, W. Va. and held a revival tent meeting. On July 29th, 1941 a few Christians met at the tent and organized the Sophia Free Will Baptist Church. The church began with only seventeen members.

Rev. D. W. French was elected Pastor for one year and Rev. Bob Doan as Assistant. Tom Reid and Berkie Hill—Trustees. The deacons elected are: Raymond Priest, James Akers, Tom Reid and Berkie Hill. Church Clerk—Mrs. Grace Carter, Church Treasurer, Mrs. James Akers.

August 18th, 1941, the church lot was bought from Mr. J. H. Farley for \$500.00. Work started on the lot the following week. August 20th, 1941, construction on the church began. The building was completed December 17th, 1941, costing about \$2500.00.

The building was under the supervision of the building committee: James Akers, Berkie Hill, Estelle Lambert and Rev. D. W. French. The money for building the church was raised by the members' pledges and freewill offerings.

Prayer Meeting was held on Saturday night in the homes of the members while the church was under construction.

The members worked on the church at evenings after their days' work was done until dark and after the lights were put in, until midnight.

November 30th, 1941, Brother Bob Doan

preached the first sermon in an unfinished church.

On December 18th, 1941, Brother Doan preached and many new members were taken in the church. On December 21st, Brother French, our Pastor, organized Sunday School with 63 enrolling.

Sunday School Superintendent .. Tom Reid
Secretary and Treasurer .. Mrs. Mae Hill
Bible Class for Men .. Mr. O. B. Sturgill
Bible Class for Women .. Mrs. James Akers
Young People Mrs. Grace Carter
Junior Boys James Akers
Young Girls Alice Priest
Card Class Jewel Lambert

January 18th, Brother Bob Doan held the first revival. It lasted four weeks. Had 30 candidates for baptism and were baptized. On February 15th, 48 members were added to the church roll. The Sophia Free Will Baptist Church has grown in membership and fellowship. The church has progressed very nicely under Rev. D. W. French's leadership. We have now on roll 120 members and 228 on roll at Sunday School.

We hope by God's help to reach greater heights soon. We believe by working and doing His will that He will bless us continually in faith and increase in number to our church which is Jesus Christ. "AS THE LORD HATH CALLED EVERYONE, SO LET HIM WALK."

Points For Preachers

There is only one thing that I dread more than self-important learning, and that is self-important ignorance. I dread the minister to whom preaching is easy. I hate, with religious and even holy hatred, the sermons that are shaken out of the coat sleeve on a Saturday night. We do not want such men in the ministry of the gospel. Preaching should be a shedding of blood.

— Joseph Parker.

Under no juniper tree canst thou sit which has not overshadowed Him; no

thorn can wound thee from which His heart has not bled; no fiery dart can hit thee which has not been shot at His sacred head.

— F. W. Krummacher.

1. Have I prayed sufficiently about this sermon? Is God in it?
2. Is it the theme my people need?
3. Is it a message definitely scriptural, or merely the product of philosophical reasoning?

4. Has this subject got a hold on my own soul? Has it started a fire that will progressively grow until in the pulpit I become a "flaming fire" for my God?

— J. Huber Dixon.

Saints of the Lord Going Home

JACOBS — Willie H. Jacobs son of the late Stephen H. and Mary Roush Jacobs was born in Gallia County (Old Kyger) July 21st, 1871, and died July 19th, 1943, at the age of 71 years, 11 months and 28 days.

He was married to Zella May Boice, December 13th, 1890, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 3 years ago. To this union was born one child, Fredah, wife of Charles Thomas who preceded him in death. He is survived by, besides his devoted wife, two granddaughters, Vera and Mary Elizabeth wife of Marion Darnell and a great-grandson Thomas Lynn Darnell.

Death came like a flash to Willie, a leading farmer and church worker and lifelong resident of Old Kyger community.

While riding in a truck with his son-in-law, Charles Thomas, he suddenly succumbed without any outcry. Charles thought at first he had fallen asleep, touched and spoke to him then suspected he had suffered a stroke. He drove on hurriedly

to the Jacobs home. After the limp figure had been carried indoors, a doctor was called. Death was due to a blood clot.

Mr. Jacobs had worked in the field all morning. Though he had lost weight recently he appeared to be in normal health. Only last week he attended a Free Will Baptist National Association at Nashville, Tenn., doing some of the driving.

Yesterday, Wednesday July 21, Willie would have been 72 years old, born a fourth of a mile above the Old Kyger church, lived near after he built his own home. His interests and activities to a marked degree were centered in his home and family and church.

He was terribly saddened 3 years ago by the death of his daughter Fredah.

Willie was converted in early life, and united with the First Kyger Free Will Baptist church September 21, 1902 and lived faithful to his Lord and took great pride in church until death.

He will be greatly missed by all especially



Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jacobs

his wife. During their 53 years of happy married life, where you saw one you saw the other. They enjoyed each other's company and worked side by side for the interest of each other.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and was always glad to see and hear from his neighbors and friends. But the loss of his presence in his community is his gain as he is at rest with his Lord.

Besides the above mentioned he leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Though he has gone to his reward, the inspiration of his Christian life will remain with all who knew him, pointing to higher and nobler things.

Beautiful toiler thy work all done
 Beautiful soul into glory gone,
 Beautiful life with its crown now won
 God giveth thee rest.
 Rest from all sorrows, and watching and fears
 Rest from all possible sighing and tears
 Resting through God's endless, wonderful years
 At home with the blest.

Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased: Ira, Elza, Ilza, Bert, Henry and Charles Scott.

Songs were "Goodnight Here, Goodmorn-ing There;" "Old Rugged Cross;" "When I Come to the End of the Long, Long Road."

Rev. Melvin Dunn preached the funeral sermon, Rev. F. Vanhooose offered prayer, Rev. W. J. Sheppard read the obituary, Rev. J. A. Kemper read the scripture. Other ministers assisting were: Rev. B. L. Darst, Rev. W. B. Maye, Rev. Hutchinson, Rev. Carter, Rev. Ralph Zundel, Rev. Raymond Fife and Rev. Julius Chandler.

GROVER—Marietta Rice was born May 3, 1847 at Somerville, Maine, where she grew to womanhood, and served her community as a school teacher. On January 2, 1873 she was united in marriage to Wendell P. Grover. To this union four children were born: Warren E., who died at the age of 18 years; Mrs. Melissa McGregor of Morrowville, Kansas; Mrs. Isa-

bell McGregor of Lincoln, Nebraska; and C. Edgar Grover of Holbrook, Arizona.

With their first born son they moved to Washington County, Kansas, where she spent the remainder of her life. Her husband passed away February 8, 1920. After that time she resided in Morrowville for a few years, then in the homes of her daughters. On August 27, 1943, just as the shades of evening were drawing near, her bodily strength failed, and her spirit returned to God who gave it, having sojourned here 96 years, 3 months, and 24 days.

A daughter of a Free Will Baptist minister, she in early life professed faith in Christ and became a member of a church of that denomination. She was a charter member of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Haddam, Kansas, in which she held membership at the time of her death. Her faithfulness and devotion were shown in her services in all of its activities, and her memory will ever be cherished by those whose lives she lovingly touched and deeply enriched.

Mrs. Grover loved nature, beautiful things, and all humanity, and readily made many friends. She was active in the W.C.T.U. and was honored with a life membership. She took great joy in her Bible, quoting chapters and many passages for any occasion. It can truly be said of her—She has fought the good fight, she has finished her course; henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness.

Services were held at the Hickory Grove church August 30. The pastor, A. H. DeWeese, had attended the N. W. Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists, and not having returned, the services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Snare of Washington and Rev. V. J. Holland Vernon of Morrowville. She was laid to rest in the Hickory Grove cemetery. With her passing a beautiful life with its courageous example of Christian virtues has closed on earth and she has joined her loved ones on the other side.

Rev. A. H. DeWeese, pastor

The first blessing contains any amount of further blessings. It is one seed-pod with many seeds in it.

—C. A. Fox.

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