

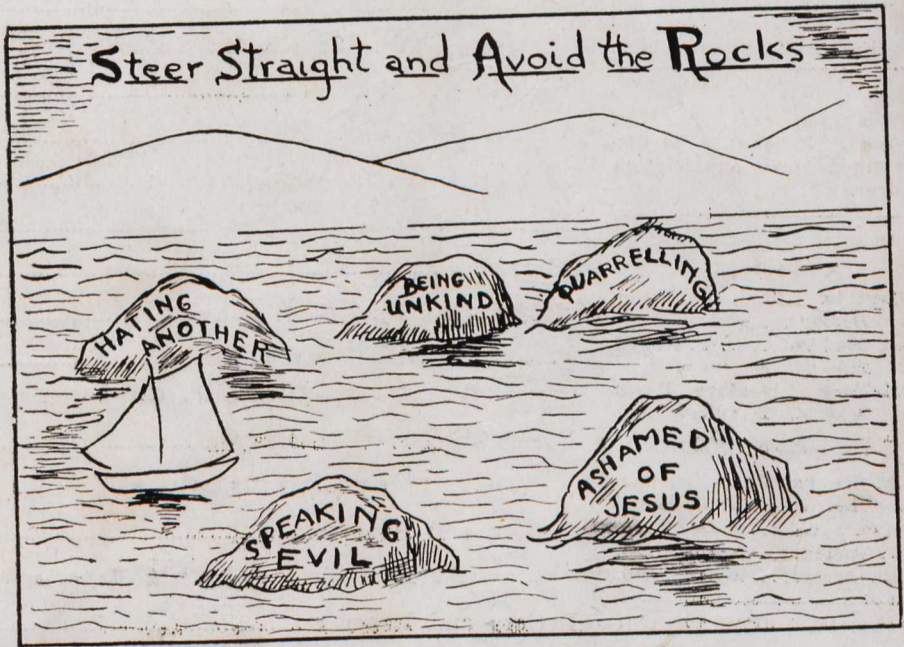
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And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and  
satisfy they soul in drought, and make fat thy  
bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden,  
and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

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# GOSPEL SERMONS



## Divine Fellowship

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Text: First John 1:1-7.

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us). That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The Book of First John is a family letter from the Father to His children. It is one of the most intimate communications in the entire Bible, the Song of Solomon alone being equal. The world is viewed as without with no legitimate inroads, while the sin of the children is treated as the child's offence which was answered by the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross.

Some difference may be recognized between the writings by John in the Gospel that bears his name and those of this Book: In Saint John we are led across



J. R. Davidson

the threshold of the Father's house, while in First John we are made at home there. Hence, the fellowship of the Father's House is made the privilege of His children.

### Conception of This Fellowship

No doubt this fellowship is one of the privileges which the Triune God had in view when the plan of redemption was conceived. Note the record of this conception in Ephesians 1:3-12. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ." Thus God through His perfect foreknowledge, wisdom and power conceived a production, even before the foundation of the world, which wrought a redemption with such wonderful fellowship as a fruit thereof.

### The Spring of This Fellowship

The very spring of this fellowship is revealed as in the Son of God in First John 1:1-2. "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto you;)" The greatest price ever paid for anything was sacrificed in the deal through which the spring of this fellowship is made possible through the spring of life opened in our hearts. Speaking relative to this spring in His message to the woman at Jacob's well Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whoso-

ever drinketh of the water that I shall give Him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE."

### Circumference of This Fellowship

Only for the truths revealed in God's Word we would be compelled to strain our imagination to conceive anything of the bounds of this fellowship. Verse 3a of First John one tells us that that which has been seen and heard by others is declared unto us in order that we might have fellowship with them. The thought carries our minds into history of the former redeemed, hence we come to a comprehensive appreciation of the Divine Fellowship as it associates us with the saints of history. Other portions of the Word emphasize the relationship of the present redeemed, and of those who are to be redeemed; and John tells us as he speaks further in verse 3 that, "our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. We thus accept the quality of our fellowship as pre-eminent.

### The Endurance of This Fellowship

The very eternity of the Father and the Son as declared in the Word are readily revealed as tied up with this Divine Fellowship. The last clause of First John 1:3 declares the following: "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." There being no grounds to fear a cessation of the sundry activities of the Triune God. Which is eternal in nature, there certainly is no reason for any one questioning the perpetuation of this fellowship. Other fellowships are of short duration, and in reality come to an end, but our fellowship with the Father and the Son, consequently with each other, is an eternal reality.

### Visible Fruits of This Fellowship

No doubt there are many fruits which might be pointed out as products of this fellowship, but I am thinking in particular of that which is declared in First John 1:4. "And these things write we unto you, THAT YOUR JOY MIGHT BE FULL." Much of this fruit is not utilized because of the fact of our failure

of appreciation of this fellowship, and of our failure in appropriation of the things which associate therewith. Of all classes of people in the world true Christians should reveal fullness of joy. An experience with God, and with each other, which makes for happiness will produce fruit in this world which cannot gainsay.

### The Model of This Fellowship

Since earth could not, and can not now, furnish a model there was no other source to which God could go but to Himself for the model of such fellowship, thus we hear His offer of Himself in First John 1:5. "This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." Note the declaration, "GOD IS LIGHT, AND IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL." It certainly follows that if He, in Whom is no darkness at all, lives in us as He desires He expels the darkness which was in us and we become surety to the fact that the "True Light Now Shinneth."

### The Test of This Fellowship

The two laws known as negative and appositive, known to operate in every revealed thing, play up in this test of the Divine Fellowship portrayed in First John 1:6-7. The negative law says, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." Further light may be seen in the

admonition recorded in the second chapter and the fifteenth and sixteenth verses. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." This world system is declared to be against our fellowship with God, and surely it makes definite inroads into the fellowship one with another, when we give room in our hearts for the world; and this world may be fairly represented in our selfwill.

But looking to appositive side we hear John say, in the seventh verse, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." Do we get the real truth stated here? "IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT" (FOLLOW THE PATTERN) "AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT," fellowship with each other is the result. That is, said John. "WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER." This is seen to be in harmony with the law of the Light of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 5:16. "Let your Light Shine," said Jesus. Do we not see that He means for us to allow the law its course in operation, and that we are not called upon to force its operation. It follows, that, if we walk in the light as directed the law of fellowship with each other, and of communication to others, is in full process of operation.

Relative to our fellowship which is the fruit of oneness with the Father, and the Son, and, which carries over in its effects, concerning our relationship one with another, Jesus gives vent to His heart's pulsations in this very thing as His ideal. Let us look at John 17:11-13. "And now am I no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom Thou hast given me. And now come I to Thee; and these things speak I in the World, THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE MY JOY FULFILLED IN THEMSELVES. So we see that our fellowship

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with the Father, and the Son; and with each other, was one of the chief concerns of Our Saviour in the final hours of His earthly ministry. No doubt Jesus realized the fact that our successful corporate witnessing depended upon this fellowship, and, no wonder it was of such concern to Him.

I am persuaded that co-operation is an over-worked term among us as we think of our labors together with Him, but if only fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ, and we are

walking in the light as He is in the light we do have fellowship one with another, and, with this type of fellowship all of the enemies' forces can not hinder our necessary co-operation in spreading the message of Christ. May we, therefore, concern ourselves first of all for our fellowship with the Father and the Son, along with our walk with them in the light as led by the Spirit, that we may have cause to rejoice in the fullness of His joy, beholding the fruits of our fellowship one with another.

## God's -- Financial Plan

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



Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Allred

As I have not written anything for publication in our church paper for some time will submit this article in the form of an appeal to our churches to adopt the plan God gave us in financing His work, together with brief report of our work here in Monett. May the Lord bless our hearts together.

God in His infinite wisdom gave us a financial plan that is sufficient with nothing added, nothing to be taken from, that will meet every financial need of the church of today. The Bible Doctrine of tithe and offering, while considerable emphasis has been given this important doctrine throughout our National Association

the last few years, we have not as yet heard much said about adopting the tithe system in the local church, or perhaps better stated the local church tithing their income.

1st. this is God's plan and if He will bless the individual who honors Him with the first fruit of his increase, He will also bless the church that will tithe their income for the promotion of our denominational enterprises. We are truly grateful to God for our school at Nashville, our interest in missions and superannuation, all of these worthy enterprises could be supported regularly, systematically and adequately if each church would tithe their



income. Some will say how can this be done: have one treasure, let all funds go through their hands and the tithe be sent at least once each month through it's regular channel to our unified program fund.

This is not just a new thought, but a Bible plan. Malachi 3:10; God says bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse. Can we who tithe place all the tithe in the local church, unless they in turn tithe to our denominational enterprises?

Does the church have a right to ask it's members to bring all the tithe into the church, and keep it all for local needs? If we all did that how would our denominational enterprises be supported?

Futhermore when our offering goes in from the church, the church as a whole receives the credit and not individuals. If we don't love the church enough to want it to receive credit for what we do, well God knows what is liking. Self isn't being denied that Christ may be exalted.

Since the first of this pastoral year we have been placing our Sunday school and church offering into the hands of one treasurer. The tithe has been sent in to

our Unified Program fund, except one months tithe which was given to our State Association's general fund. God has blessed the church and verified His promise made to those who would bring the tithe into His storehouse.

We are only a small church, but during this associational year, beside special offering to our school, mission, Tenn. orphanage and superannuation, which will run approximately \$100, we have been able to keep up the currant expense of the church. Paid for evangelistic efforts \$135, and \$700 for improvement and liquidation of debt on the property. It probably would be of interest to our friends to know our indebtedness is now less than \$100. All the praise be to Him who giveth us all good things.

As we have been with this church since it's organization in 1932, we feel the church is now in a position to call a pastor who can lead them on upward and accomplish some of the things we have failed to get done. We will be submissive to the will of God as to our future field of service.

## Where Art Thou

*Tests And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou?*

This is the first time God had to call Adam, why? Because he had sinned and had come to fully realize it. The serpent had deceived Adam and Eve to the extent, that they decided to see if the lie he told them was true. They were as the great mass of people today, they desired to be wise and have more knowledge and no sooner had they eaten of the forbidden fruit, the tree of knowledge, they realized sin. But when God came through the garden in the cool of the evening, He called unto Adam, "Where art thou?" The same voice is still ringing down the corridor of time, and He will continue to call, to all men "Where art thou." It's a very personal question and is at our disposal. God is forever seeking and calling

us either for a closer walk with Him or to be saved.

We need to get spiritually located and God's word will locate every man. When we open the Bible and begin to read we will soon learn from the Blessed Holy Word who our Master is. We are either living for Jesus or we are wasting our life in the Devil's game of life. The word of God will locate us and seperat us into four groups.

### 1 CHRISTIAN "WHERE ART THOU?"

In Christ, saved with an everlasting love, resting in the arms of Jesus, leaning on His loving breast, under the hollow of His kind hand and ever willing to be lead by His leading Spirit. We are on our way to heaven, on the highway of holiness, with Jesus as our conductor and the Bible as our map and way-build.

## 2 UNSAVED PROFESSOR "WHERE ART THOU?"

Some are deceived, have deceived themselves by listening to the father of all lies. A proud heart deceives many people, while false teachers are deceiving many people. They have a form of godliness, but denying the power there of. Some are cold and dead, it has been so long since some people have uttered a prayer, gave a testimony for Jesus, or even gone to the house of prayer until they are spiritually frozen over and don't have a spark of fire about them.

## 3 BACKSLIDER "WHERE ART THOU?"

In a worse condition than if you had never known Christ. Your conscience have become seared as if a hot iron and your heart has become harder. You have crucified Christ afresh and are bankrupt, as far as drawing on the Bank of God for peace and love as long as you remain in your condition, but Christ loves you and reaches out a beckoning hand for you,

as the prodigal son to return.

## 4 SINNER "WHERE ART THOU?"

A way, separated from God, and without a ray of hope. You are somewhere between your cradle and death, because we scarcely begin to live, until we begin to die. You are nearing hell day by day. Each day God in His great mercy permits you to live, brings you one day nearer hell. Lost without God and hope, not going to be lost, but already lost, bound for eternity, dark and hopeless.

We have explained briefly the four classes of people in the world today, but we would not feel like closing without telling the sinner that our loving Christ died for them and bore the sin of the entire world and He is constantly asking you the question, "Where art thou?" Let Him have His way with you when He knocks at your heart's door and you'll be made a new creature in Christ Jesus.

*Opal McClerren*

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# Lest we Forget - Let us Remember

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That the purpose of our christian life is the salvation of the lost.

That Christ may be honored and glorified in other lives.

That in all things Christ may have the preeminence (first place).

## IS HE WORTHY

That He has put us in trust with the gospel.

(How that Christ died for our sins, that He was buried and that He rose again the third day, according to the scriptures).

That the gospel is still the power of God unto salvation unto all who believe.

That if the word is sown (some will believe) it will bring forth as promised by the Lord.

His word shall not return unto Him void.

That there is power in the blood to cleanse from every sin.

That to make Him known we must know Him, and must know that all our sins are

gone.

That to make His love known we must have His love as our own possession.

That He has promised to give His Holy Spirit to all who ask Him.

That His Holy Spirit is love possessed manifested in the flesh thru us in His body of believing children, the church.

That the program of the church is that we by all means might save some.

## LET US REMEMBER

That we are dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, and unless we are alive unto God we will not be dead indeed unto sin. A silent christian is usually a weak christian.

Glorify God in your mortal bodies.

Our mouth was made by Him to praise and glorify Him with.

Let us remember the means by which we may save some.

The means of prayer is first of all a means by which more souls have been



reached for Christ.

By telling persons what Christ means to us and how to be saved.

Remember we were once lost. Remember He has trusted you with His word if you are saved. Remember that Christ has given you the most wonderful talent in all the world, His Holy Spirit. Christ in you the hope of glory. Remember those who proclaim this gospel, our own pastors, evangelists, teachers in the home land and our missionaries in Cuba and elsewhere, the chaplains in the service who preach Christ's blood for the cleansing from sin.

Remember the Bible schools where our christians are trained to teach God's word. Remember our orphanages where our children are nurtured in Christ's love and word. Remember our aged ministers who laid up no material for themselves, but treasures in heaven.

Remember our F. W. B. papers and press God's word thru the printed page, and all the means that we have, God will use the means we have to save some.

Let us remember that the fruit of the Spirit is (1) Love, (2) Joy, (3) Peace

(4) Long-suffering, (5) Gentleness, (6) Goodness, (7) Faith, (8) Meekness, (9) Temperance. That He has commanded us to be filled with His Spirit.

This is what Jesus meant when He said, "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly," many have life, but not abundant, Spirit filled, overflowing life and Christ meant for us to. If we are to help save some and be the channel of His blessing and grace we must have abundant life.

Jesus came not to condemn, but that the world thru Him might be saved.

These are the words of life, let us as christians show forth His Spirit.

Remember Jesus came to save the lost, they will never be in the pit of abyss, because they have sinned.

But failure to receive Him, Jesus Christ who is the remedy for sin.

Lest we forget and condemn some weak christian or unsaved soul, let us remember John 3:14-15-16; John 3:36; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Pet. 3:10; 1 John 4:15; 1 John 5:1; Jude 20:21; Rev. 22:12.

*Emma Moore*

## Baptism and It's Necessity

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Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Matt. 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, (make disciples) baptizing them in name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

There are many questions that arise among the many different religious faiths—on the subject of baptism. We will not be able to cover the entire subject because of lack of space—but let us consider some practical points.

### I What is Baptism?

Baptism is the immersion of a regenerated person in water as a token of his fellowship with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. An outward manifestation of an inward work.

Romans 6:4 "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

### II Is it necessary to be Baptized?

Immediately some one may think of the thief that was saved without being baptized. (Luke 23:39-45) Salvation is not



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dependent upon a person having been baptized as there is no saving grace or efficacy in baptism. Remember this, the thief did all that he could do. Therefore if it is humanly possible, it is necessary for you to be baptized as soon after conversion as possible. The thief repented and believed; he asked for salvation and he testified to all could hear him in the way open to him. Notice the great commission. Matt. 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:" MAKE DISCIPLES! But when they are disciples, then baptize them? The command to baptize was given with the command to repent. (Acts 2:38) However, repentance, and saving faith precedes baptism in every case recorded in scripture. We notice that the three thousand converts were baptized. (Acts 2:41) and that the Eunuch wanted to be baptized immediately. (Acts 8:36-38) The disciples seemed to take baptism for granted. Jesus called His baptism a fulfilling of righteousness. (Matt. 4:15).

III What must precede baptism?

By this we mean, what must precede scriptural water baptism.

(1) A Spiritual Baptism.

There is one baptism that is absolutely necessary before—or at the time—we are saved. It is this baptism that is also very much misunderstood. The baptism of the Holy Ghost. This baptism occurs at the time an individual is born, or adopted into the Kingdom of God. In other words we receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost at conversion.

1 Cor. 12:13, For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. We are not saved and then sometime later receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but we receive it at the time of conversion, otherwise we are not saved. Romans 8:9, If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

So we see that regeneration, or the new birth, must occur before water baptism. It requires three things for any kind of baptism. (1) Administrator, (2) Subject, (3) Element. In water baptism, which in every case where at all possible, follows spiritual baptism, the administrator is the preacher, the subject is the believer, and the element is the water. Now notice closely the difference in the baptism that precedes water baptism. The administrator is the Holy Ghost, the subject is the penitent, and the element is the blood of Christ.

Water baptism always was a symbol of what had happened to the individual. Please observe the order in the Great Commission. (Matt. 28:19-20), the baptism of John the Baptist, (Free Will) (Matt. 3:16) the conversion of the Eunuch (Acts 8:36-38) and the conversion of the three thousand. (Acts 2:41). Since baptism is the testimony of salvation through faith in the death of Jesus, only those capable of faith should be baptized. This excludes infants. Baptism may not always be mentioned in connection with salvation but faith is always included.

IV Is Immersion the Only Mode of Baptism?

How can one conceive of being buried or overwhelmed in Christ without immersing the whole body? (Rom. 6:3-4;



Col. 2:12). How could one symbolize the resurrection out of a glass of water? We are buried, why not represent it that way? All the leading scholars of all denominations agree that the original Greek word meant immersion and that immersion was the only practice of the early church. (Liddell and Scott—church of England, Sophocles—Native Greek, Dr. Marcus Dods church of England, John Wesley, Prof. A. S. Peake—Methodist and Calvin—Presbyterian). All admit that Jesus had only immersion in mind or He would have used a Greek word permitting sprinkling.

V Do We Have a Right to Change the Mode?

Remember that Jesus never changed His views or commands because others disagreed with Him. He was the disciple's dictator and He is ours or He is not our Saviour and Lord. He is the legislature and we are the executors of His will. He said to baptize. We must do it. Remember that the northern churches in Europe immersed long after the churches of southern Europe changed to sprinkling. The Greek Orthodox church immerses also. We

must discover His will and carry it out. We ought to do His work in the best way. We tell our children and those who work for us, "I don't want things done a good way, I want them done the best way." Let us be perfectly obedient.

"Must Baptism Precede Church Membership?"

If a man won't testify for the Lord in baptism, does he deserve to be recognized as an obedient disciple? Actions do speak louder than words. Baptism is the first test after the initial "standing up" for Christ. Let us not pick the ways we will testify but take all the means to testify. The three thousand converts were baptized before or at least at the time they were added to the Church. (Acts 2:41).

Are you buried with Christ or are you buried in your trespasses and sins? (Eph. 2:1). Every baptism you see, or hear about, must convince you of your unhappy relationship toward God and the tremendous price Jesus paid for you. Stop just a minute and let Him speak to you. Let Him lead you in the way of obedience to eternal life.

## The Desecrated Day

*The Secularization of the First Day of the Week a Menace to the Future of the Church and Nation.*

SUNDAY as a day of rest and worship is rapidly being made a day of labor and recreation. People are working today on Sunday, who a few years ago would have been to conscientious to do as they are doing today.

### SOME CAUSES FOR DECLINE

The decline in Sunday observance became more noticeable at the time of what we call World War Number One. The emergency connected with the war led people to feel that work on Sunday was justifiable. But the tendency to work on Sunday did not cease with the armistice. The habit had been formed in the emergency and it remained with the people who had excused themselves on that account. They soon found other excuses to work on Sun-

day that partially quieted their consciences.

With the coming of World War Number Two the tendency to work on Sunday has been accentuated. Some have insisted that it is a patriotic duty to work on Sunday. Others have justified themselves in Sunday work to take care of their "victory garden." But when a person has done these things a few times his sense of the sacredness of the day becomes dulled. Sunday soon becomes just "another day."

### SOME INCENTIVES TO SUNDAY WORK

Some say they will lose their job if they do not work on Sunday: that the job they have requires Sunday work, and their boss threatens to discharge them if they do not work on Sunday. This is quite often a threat that is not carried out, as some have testified, who plainly told their boss they would not be on hand Sunday, that their duty required them in

church or Sunday school. They went back to work on Monday and were not discharged. Once their boss knew they meant what they said, threats about discharge ceased.

Others are induced to work on Sunday because of the extra pay promised in case they work that day. The fact that increased pay is offered for Sunday work is in itself a confession that something is being bought on Sunday that is worth more than any other day. The added pay is salve for the conscience. A Christian's time on Sunday belongs to God and His service, and world acknowledges this fact and offers larger pay to buy the man off from his duty. It is a sad fact that so many Christians esteem their Sunday duty so low that they will sell out for double pay.

Some make another excuse by saying that if they do not work on Sunday it will force some other man to work on Sunday and therefore deprive the other man of his Sunday rest and service. Thus they pose as being self-sacrificing to let the other man have his Sunday. But that is far fetched. The other man works anyway whether you do or not. Many men have no conscience in the matter. They are not Christians. This is their world and they will play on Sunday if they do not work. They will not go to church even if they do not have to work on Sunday. Perhaps they might as well work as to ride the highway and drink their beer and attend the ball game on Sunday.

#### SOME LAME EXCUSES FOR SUNDAY WORK

In a conference of ministers recently the question of Sunday work was a live theme. Practically all pastors have the problem on their hands. There are undoubtedly those who feel it their duty to work in a defense plant, at least occasionally, on Sunday. It would not be wise to disown these members in the time of emergency. We feel they are not justified in their stand, for it has been demonstrated again and again that a man, a beast, or even a machine, will do as much work on six days with a rest day

the seventh as they will working continuously without a day of rest.

One pastor said his problem was not members working in a defense plant altogether. He had members who bought their groceries on Sunday. When he admonished them about it, their excuse was that they never saw anything in the Bible to the effect that it was wrong to buy groceries on Sunday, and challenged him to show them where the Bible said it was wrong. Of course such persons are hardly worthy to be called Christians. They could justify themselves in the use of tobacco, going to movies, circuses, having more than one wife at a time, drinking beer, and a host of other evil things that the Bible does not mention. I think he said these persons, in some cases, claimed to be saved and sanctified. Truly, if the Spirit of God dwells in a person he would not be trying to justify himself in a narrow interpretation of the letter of Scripture.

The Bible tells us that grace teaches people some things: "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:12-14).

Again the Bible says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not the Father, but of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 John 2:15-17).

#### SOME PRINCIPLES GOVERNING SUNDAY WORK

Admittedly there is work that must be done on Sunday, and in this dispensation we are not bound by the rules that governed the Jewish Sabbath and the traditions that bound many people in New



Testament times. Jesus broke some of the traditions that had been heaped upon the use of the Sabbath in His day. We have found what we believe to be four guiding principles about the use of Sunday based on the use Jesus made of the Jewish Sabbath.

First—Work that is necessary for the proper conduct of public worship. "Have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?" (Matt. 12:5). It was necessary that the priests on the Sabbath kill sacrifices for the morning and evening offerings, in fact an extra one on the Sabbath. This required hard work. From this we find we can be justified in the janitor building a fire in the meeting house Sunday, in people getting their automobiles out and going to church, and a pastor going to the distant church on his circuit to preach. In fact, as we stated, any work that is necessary for the proper conduct of worship. We hardly think the janitor should put off until Sunday morning the sweeping and dusting of the meeting house, or any other work that could be done on a week day. The building and maintaining of the fire is essential.

Second—Work that is essential for the care of the sick or their relief. Jesus healed the man with a withered hand on the Sabbath (Matt. 12:10-13). And also healed the woman who was bowed down (Luke 13:11-13). He also healed the man at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath (John 5:2-10). He also gave the blind man sight on the Sabbath (John 9:1-16). This may not justify getting the auto out and going a hundred miles to see Aunt Kate who is not sick at all, and who gets the visitors a Sunday dinner while there. Sunday is sometimes the hardest day for a sick person because so many put off their visiting to that day. The nurse and doctor are justified in their hard work. We think, too, Christians may justly help put out a fire in their neighbor's house on Sunday, even if it is hard work to fight the fire.

Third—Work that is necessary for the

care of domestic animals. Jesus made mention of such cases in Luke 13:15 and in Matt. 12:11-12. It is therefore right to feed the chickens, fodder and milk the cows, and see that the horses have feed and water. We hardly think, however, that it justifies making hay on Sunday in July to feed the horses and cows next winter.

Fourth—Work that is necessary for the preparation of food on Sunday that cannot be done before. Jesus justified His disciples in plucking the heads of wheat and eating the grain when they were hungry. We note also that Peter's wife's mother evidently prepared a meal for the guests after she was healed (Mark 1:29-31). We hardly think this justifies getting up the largest dinner of the week on Sunday, and staying away from meeting to prepare it. All preparation that can be made beforehand should be made, and no work allowed to keep the mother of the family or the hired girl away from Sunday services.

A judicious consideration of these four principles and a prayerful determination to adorn the doctrines of the Bible and set a good example to the church and the world ought to guide any wise Christian to a proper and praiseworthy use of the first day of the week.

The Editor

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## Our Boys in the Service



### Global Good News

When aerial gunner Stanley W. Tefft, 25, from Toledo, Ohio, was rescued by natives on a Japanese occupied island, little did he know what was in store for him and seven other Navy fliers. For 87 days they were hidden and protected by the natives, whose first act was to give them a Bible. Though nominal Christians in America, these men never knew they were condemned sinners, without God, and that they needed to be saved from their sin by Christ. This they learned as the natives preached from the Holy Scriptures. After his conversion Tefft said, "You can tell the world that I am a devout Christian."

Years ago, before the outbreak of the war, a global God had sent His missionaries to carry the message of His love to the natives of that Pacific island. Many received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and their lives were transformed. Today this world does not need information, or reformation, but transformation, and only the gospel of Christ can bring this, for it is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Romans 1:16).

This same gospel always will be the only sure basis for a permanent global co-ordination. Now listen to the "global good news" for all men everywhere:

#### A GLOBAL GOD

"Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22).

#### A GLOBAL GUILT

"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become guilty before God" (Romans 3:19).

#### A GLOBAL GOSPEL

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

#### A GLOBAL LOVE

"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).

#### A GLOBAL SALVATION

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:17).

#### A GLOBAL INVITATION

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" ... "and him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out" (Matthew 11:28; John 6:37).

*Compiled by James F. Spink*

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Dear Brother Dees:

Here is a poem I would like for you to print on the service mens page if you have room. The title:

#### I SEE YOU KNEEL I HEAR YOU PRAY

Through clouds of war and miles of space  
I hear your voice and see your face;  
I see you kneel at close of day,  
I hear you softly, sweetly pray.

"O God, please keep him from all harm



Please let him rest upon your arm;  
Protect his footsteps all the while,  
And give him strength to conquer trial."

### HE WAS A JEW

If Jesus lived in Germany and plied His  
craft today,  
Doing His honest carpentry in His own  
way;

Oh, would He find His workshop wrecked  
by some mad Nordic crew?

His windows labeled: "Men beware, with-  
in there works a Jew!"

And if He took those labels down and  
gathered up His tools,

Set the wrecked workshop straight again  
that had been spoiled by fools.

And went on working as before, what  
would the Nazis do?

Would they again insult the Lord because  
He was a Jew?

Or would they take Him from the shop  
and drag Him down the street,

To a Brown House or secret place where  
Nazi Brownshirts meet?

And would they strip His body bare and  
beat Him black and blue

With rubber truncheons—just because He  
had been born a Jew?

And when they had insulted Him and  
bruised Him at their will,

Would they then send His body back,  
when hate had had its fill,

To some big concentration camp, and say  
it was His due

To keep Him from His fellow men—because  
He was a Jew?

He sees the Jewish boys and girls con-  
demned to sit apart

On a back bench in Nazi schools, to feel  
the stinging smart

Of the taunts of their companions, their  
blows and bullying too.

He who blessed children feels their pain;  
their Friend was born a Jew!

Behind the veil hides the Lord from our  
poor human sight

He stands and views with pitying eyes  
the Jew in sorry plight,

Eluted, despised, insulted, scorned, beaten

and murdered too,  
They were His brothers when on earth—  
for Jesus was a Jew.

*Contributed by Pvt. J. H. Langly*

### DON'T FORGET TO PRAY

Son, there isn't much, that we can say,  
Though deep within our hearts  
There's countless thoughts we can't ex-  
press

When it comes time to part.  
Of course we'll tell you to be brave

When you are far away,  
But, first of all, comes this advice:

"Son, don't forget to pray

We won't be with you over there—

Your hand can't touch ours when

You reach for just a friendly clasp,

And comes remembrance then

But up above there's someone who

Hears every word you say;

So when things are the toughest son,

Just don't forget to pray.

There isn't much we can say to help

When times like these arise,

Except to say 'tis best to look

For aid up in the skies.

For He who watches over you

After you have gone away

Will be the One who cares for you

So son, don't forget to pray.

This Bible is the one I took

Along with me that year

When I was fighting over there

For things we all hold dear.

So keep it with you son, and when

There comes your darkest day,

Open it's pages to His word;

Then son, don't forget to pray.

Some day you will be back with us

Some day you'll understand

That pathways leading to the best

Are guided by His hand

And though there isn't much folks like us—

Just plain old folks—can say,

It is with believing hearts we ask:

"Son don't forget to pray."

Yes, my love, I hear you pray,

And though my heart aches to be there,

It's God's wish that it be this way

I know He's listening as I pray.

"Dear God in heaven up above,  
Look down upon the one I love  
Tell her, Lord, she should not fear,  
Though far away, through prayer, I'm near  
"When clouds of war that dim the sun  
Have passed away, and victory is won,  
Protect us all from future strife,  
And give us faith throughout our life."

*Your Brother in Christ  
Pvt. J. H. Langley*

Dear Gem Readers:

My copy of the Gem has just caught up with me. The first I have received since

January. I sure was glad to get it for I am in the hospital for a while and I sure enjoy reading the sermons and the letters from the different churches. I always look for the ones from the Amity church and the Fredericktown church first.

I have been in the army since last Oct., but can't say that I like it, but we have a job to do and by the help of God I try to do my part.

My mother, Mrs. W. I. Jemes subscribed for the Gem for me and I really enjoy reading it. Remember me, my wife and baby in your prayers.

*Your Friend in the Service  
Pvt. Wilbur E. Jemes*

## Report of Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treas. Monett, Mo.

### Foreign Mission Fund

Myrtle Long Patton, Mo. ....	\$1.00
Hulda Slinkard Patton, Mo. ....	1.00
Fowler Union S. S. ....	10.55
New Harmony Church ....	2.00
W. W. Class of New Harmony S. S. ..	5.30
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church ....	5.26
T. B. Class, Mt. Olive (Neola) S. S.	1.00
Ottis Martin Greenfield, Mo. ....	10.00
Designated as from a friend ....	5.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxilliary ....	2.00
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Mine La Motte S. S. ....	7.00
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Mill Creek Church ....	1.00
Hickory Grove Church ....	7.18
Auxiliary, St. Louis Third Church ..	6.00
Monett Auxilliary ....	16.00
David C. England Myrtle, Mo. (army)	10.00
H. C. Class, Hazel Creek Union S. S.	6.00
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Wagoner Church ....	5.20
Ralph Hartfield Los Angeles, Cal. ..	75.00
Myrtle Long & Hulda Slinkard, Patton	2.00
Hope Well Church ....	2.00
Hickory Grove Auxilliary ....	3.64

Willey Circle, Flat River Aux. ....	17.50
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Merls Chapel S. S. ....	8.87
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Rock Chapel ....	10.00
Connelsville Church ....	5.00
Mine La Motte S. S. ....	4.00
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Mrs. Maggie Turner Monett, Mo. ...	17.25
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Mt. Olive (Neola) Church ....	6.30



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Wagoner Church .....	6.25
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Mrs. E. J. Byers Stahl, Mo. ....	1.00

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Myrtle Church .....	3.00
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Fredricktown Auxiliary .....	2.75
Merls Chapel .....	5.60
Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	1.15
Macedonia Church .....	3.27
Copper Mines Church .....	1.50
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	2.14
Mrs. E. J. Byers Stahl, Mo. ....	2.00

### Jehoida Chest Fund

Hazel Creek Union Mission .....	\$1.00
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Copper Mines Church .....	1.00
Hickory Grove Aux. ....	1.00
Carterville Auxiliary .....	1.00
Pleasant View Aux. of Ill. ....	8.03
Hannon Auxiliary .....	5.00
Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	1.00
Macedonia Church .....	1.00
Copper Mines Church .....	1.00

### Home Mission Fund

Monett Church .....	\$7.25
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### Benevolent Fund

Mt. Olive Aux. for Tenn. Orphanage	\$18.00
Ottis Martin for Tenn. Orphanage ..	5.00
Hickory Grove Aux. Tenn. Orphanage	1.00
Carterville Aux. for Superannuation	1.00
Fredricktown Church Superannuation	10.00
Old Mt. Zion Church, Ark. Tenn Orp.	2.50

### Educational Fund

Leadington S. S. ....	\$1.69
Fredricktown Church .....	10.00
Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	3.50

## Flat River Church Welcomes YOU

Time is drawing near when we of the Free Will Baptist Churches of America, composing the National Association of Free Will Baptist, will be preparing to attend another setting of the National Association.

The Flat River Church located in the heart of the worlds' largest lead mining district, is looking forward with much joy to the coming of our delegates from the many states. We are making the last minute plans for the convention, expecting to have one of the greatest meetings that the state of Missouri has ever experienced.

Plans have been made to receive and entertain the delegates and visitors in our homes, with all three meals each day to be served in the basement of the church.

Delegates coming to the convention from the north, west, and the east who come by St. Louis will take the Greyhound Bus Line to the Esther-Flat River station and from there any of the Flat River Taxicab companies will answer your call and

take you to the church, located on the corner of Emerson and Cedar St. Those coming from the south will come to Memphis, Tenn. and then take the Greyhound Lines to Flat River by way of Cape Girardeau.

We would appreciate having those planning to attend the meeting writing us telling when you expect to arrive and how many will be in your party. Send all communication to the pastor of the church, Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, 306 Cedar St. Flat River, Mo.

(Edt. note) Those traveling by auto may reach Flat River by traveling highways no. 61 from the north or south and highways no. 8 or 32 from the west.

Those that would prefer to travel by train will make your connections to Bismark, which is 8 miles away and from there by taxi.

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# EDITORIAL

## BE CAREFUL

This season of the year is a time that church people need to be careful, (not Christians for they love the Lord enough that there isn't anything that will draw them away from the services), but the half hearted type will at this season of the year take so many of the excuses the Devil offers them. Such as going fishing on Sunday, attending family reunions and visiting relatives that you haven't seen for a long time, these are some of the most common practices and the individual that is guilty of doing these things on the Lord's day, had better find an alter some where and repent of this wrong.

One of the most disgusting things in a pastor's life is to see some of his members pass by on Sunday morning (early) with filled baskets, going to spend the day some where else away from the church.

We say we want a Revival in America, if we ever have one, you people that have been doing such things as these, will have to get on the alter for God.

Remember someone is watching you, following you and using your life as a pattern, where are you leading them.

## NEW LINOTYPE

It has been recommended by the board that a new linotype be purchased for the Gem Publishing House. Thought I would mention this so you would not be surprised when you are approached for a contribution for this purpose.

## TREATISE

We have advised you before that we are out of treatise, but orders still come for them, and even more orders than when we had them.

So please folks don't order any more treatise until you are advised thru this paper that they are for sale.

I'm sure the National Association will

authorize the printing of another supply when it convenes in July so at the best we can do there will not be any more for sale before Sept. or Oct.

If you order now it will cost you to send your order, we have to return it to you that will cost us.

## PRINTING

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Patronize your Publishing House, we are here to serve you, let us print your programs, church announcements, letter heads, envelopes and any kind of report blanks. Just send us your form and we will do the job.

## THE PENALTY OF TURNING FROM GOD

"We have preferred motor travel to church-going. Now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

"We have ignored the ringing of the church bells, calling us to worship. Now the bells will not ring except to warn us that the invading enemy is coming.

"We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers. Now they are in ruins.

"We would not listen to the way for peace. Now we are forced to listen to the way for war.

"The money we would not give to the Lord's work now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

"The food for which we forgot to give thanks, now is difficult to get, or unobtainable.

"The service we refused to give God, now is conscripted for the country.

"Lives we refused to live under God's



# GLEANINGS

By the Editor

control, now are under the nation's control."

*Bible News Flashes*

## MORBUS SABBATICUS

Morbus Sabbaticus or Sunday sickness is a disease peculiar to church members. The attack comes on suddenly on Sundays; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well and awakes feeling well; eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner.

In the afternoon he feels much better and is able to take a walk, automobile ride, go visiting, talk politics and read the papers; he eats a hearty supper. but about church time he has another attack and stays at home. He retires early, sleeps well and awakes on Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work. He does not have any return of the symptoms until the next Sunday. The peculiar features are as follows:

1. It attacks members of a church.
2. It never makes its appearance except on Sunday.
3. The symptoms vary, but never interfere with the appetite or sleep.
4. It never lasts more than 24 hours.
5. It generally attacks the head of the family and continues to spread until every member is affected.
6. No physician is ever called.
7. It always proves fatal in the end to the soul.
8. No remedy is known for it except repentance and prayer.
9. Real heart-felt salvation is the only antidote.
10. It is becoming fearfully prevalent and is sweeping thousands every year prematurely to destruction.

—Selected.

AFTER THE JUVENILE DELINQUENTS—"Weary of people who talk much and do little about the juvenile delinquency problem, a Negro preacher at Wilson, N. C. decided to take the matter into his own hands, and his one-man crusade has brought such amazing results that it has won the commendation of city officials. Unable to get help, Rev. C. V. Beaman, who has a small church in a mill district, rolled up his sleeves three months ago and went to work himself. Each day he checks pool-rooms, beer parlors, bowling alleys and motion picture theatres. When he finds Negro youths of school age in any of them he personally escorts the offenders back to school. Negro juveniles found in such "hangouts" or roaming the street late at night, are taken to their homes where heart-to-heart talks are held with both the youngsters and their parents. During the three months the minister has been patrolling the city on foot, juvenile delinquency among Negroes has dropped off sharply, according to police records. At the same time, records show that school attendance has increased. Said a hard-boiled policeman, "Beaman has done more for the Negro young people in town than any one else has done in the past decade."

*Protestant Voice*

MOTHERS IN WAR WORK — The greatest mistake that our Government is making is the taking of our mothers out of the homes and putting them into our defence plants in order to "win the war." As a matter of fact the quickest way to lose the war is in doing of this very thing.

*Dr. Louis Bauman*

FIFTEEN MILLION women are employed in war industries in the United States. Will these women be happy in returning to the common duties of home after the war? Many think not.

# The National Association

## Enterprise Department

**FLAT RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, JULY 9 AND 10, 1944**  
**THEME—EVANGELISM IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY NIGHT, JULY 9th.**

7:45 Song and Prayer Service, Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

8:15 "Evangelism in the Sunday School," Rev. Mark Lewis.

**MONDAY MORNING, JULY 19th.**

9:00 Devotional, "Evangelistic Methods in Teaching Children" Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

9:20 Convention in Session

Appointment of Special Committees

Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates

9:30 Welcome address, Rev. Cecil Campbell

9:40 Response to welcome address, Rev. Paul Kettelman

9:50 General Officer's reports:

1. President, Mr. W. E. Coville

2. Vice-President, Rev. R. C. Wiggs

3. Secretary, Rev. George Waggoner

4. Assistant Secretary, Prof. Wm. Henry Oliver

5. Treasure, Mr. W. L. Williams

6. Director of organization and education, Mrs. L. E. Ballard

7. Director of Denominational Enterprises, Rev. L. C. Johnson

8. Director of Literature, Rev. T. R. Ennis

9. Director of Publicity, Rev. John B. Rollins

10. Director of Records and Reports, Rev. Robert Crawford

10:40 Special Music, From Bible College

10:45 Report of Credentials Committee

11:00 Election of Officers

11:45 Special Music, From College

12:00 Adjourn for noon

**MONDAY AFTERNOON**

1:30 Devotional, "Evangelistic Methods in Teaching Youth" Rev. R. C. Wiggs

1:45 President's Message

1:55 Business Session

1. Reading of morning minutes

2. Enrollment of ministers and delegates

3. Report of Business Resolutions Committee

4. General business items

4:30 Adjournment

NOTE, Rev. Damon C. Dodd will arrange and direct the musical program throughout the session.

Program of the Eighth Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. To be held with the Flat River Church. Flat River, Mo. July 11-14, 1944.

### MONDAY JULY 10

9:00 General Board of the National Association.  
4:00 Close of General Board Meeting.

### TUESDAY

8:00 Song and Praise Service, Local Church.  
8:30 Introductory Sermon, Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C.  
Business Session, Election of General Officers.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:00 Devotional.  
9:15 Welcome Address and Response.  
9:40 Moderators Address.  
10:00 Appointment of Committees.  
10:20 Report of the General Board.  
11:00 Song and Praise.  
11:15 Associational Sermon, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee.  
12:00 Noon

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Song and Praise.  
1:45 Report of Treasurer, Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Ky.  
1:50 Report of Credential Committee.  
2:00 Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention, President, Eunice Edwards.  
2:40 Report of Statistician. Rev. C. F. Bowen, Wake Forest, N. C.  
2:45 Report of Free Will Baptist College. Rev. J. R. Davidson,  
Ashland City, Tenn.  
Address "The Spirit of Knowledge" Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldboro, N. C.  
3:30 Report of the Executive Secretary. Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville  
4:00 Close.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

8:00 Song and Praise.  
8:30 Missionary Symposium, Miss Laura Bell Barnard. Glennville, Ga.

### THURSDAY MORNING

9:00 Devotional.  
9:15 Report of Promotional Secretary. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.  
Huntsville, Texas.  
9:30 Report of Board of Publication and Literature.  
Address "The Power of the Printed Page." Rev. J. C. Griffen.  
New Bern, N. C.  
10:00 Report of Board of Superannuation. Rev. F. C. Zinn, Fredriestown, Mo.  
Address The Support of the Ministry. Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucoma, N.C.  
10:40 Report of National Sunday School Convention. Mr. W. E. Coville,  
Nashville, Tenn.  
11:00 Song and Praise.  
11:15 Sermon Rev. Floyd Cherry, Lake Butler, Fla.



12:00 Noon.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Song and Praise.

1:45 Report of Home Mission Board. Rev. M. L. Hollis, Columbus, Miss.

2:15 Report of Special Committees.

3:00 Final Report of General Board.

3:30 Miscellaneous Business.

4:00 Close

## THURSDAY EVENING

8:00 Song and Praise.

8:30 Sermon. Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.

## FRIDAY MORNING

9:00 Song and Praise

9:15 Report of Free Will Baptist League Board. Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C.

9:40 Miscellaneous Business.

11:00 Song and Praise.

11:15 Closing Message. Rev. L. E. Colliver, Ashland, Ky.

12:00 Noon—Benediction.

# Inspirational Poems

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Texas

## ADULATION

O Thy Eternal, Tri-une One,  
Almighty Father, Only Son,  
And Holy Spirit All Divine!

In Thine effulgence ever shine,  
And manifest to all the earth  
The glory of Thy virgin birth,  
That all may recognize in Thee  
The God of all Eternity.

Jehovah God, Ancient of Days,  
Worthy of Universal praise,  
Majestic Monarch, Royal King!  
Of whom all heav'n and earth should sing,  
Creator of both heav'n and earth  
In whom all nature has her birth,  
From whom all blessings we imbibe,  
To whom all majesty ascribe.

Oh Lord and Saviour, Christ and King,  
In heav'n and earth Thy praises ring.  
Our Counselor, our Prince of Peace  
Bid wars and conflicts all to cease.

Help us to magnify thy name  
Thy power concede Thy grace proclaim  
Thou hath all power within thy hand,  
Purge from all evil every land.

Thrice holy be Thy precious name  
Thy gracious majesty proclaim  
Thou art our fortress and our tower,  
A source of mighty strength and power.  
With Thee forever we may dwell  
In thy sweet presence all is well,  
Before Thee saints and angels fall  
And crown Thee King and Lord of all.

## WILL YOU NOT HELP THEM TODAY

There are people about you, whose hearts  
are aching,  
There are people about you, whose spirits  
are breaking,  
There are people about you, whose souls  
are quaking,

Will you not help them to-day?

Chorus

Will you not help them, yes help them to-day?

Will you not help them along life's way?  
Will you not help them find Jesus, I pray?  
Will you not help them to-day?

There are people about you, who're now growing old,

There are people about you who're hungry and cold,

There are people about you who're out of God's fold,

Will you not help them to-day?

There are people about you who're friendless indeed,

There are people about you, your aid surely need,

There are people about you, whose souls you should feed,

Will you not help them to-day?

There are people about you, discouraged and sad

There are people about you, who need a comrade,

There are people about you, whom you can make glad,

Will you not help them to-day?

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROSS

In a far away land, on a far away mound  
Stood a cross so rugged and so bare;  
No emblem of shame or disgrace was e'er found,

That compares with that cross standing there;

That cross was destined to become so sublime,

In the hearts of saints every where;

'Twas the type of God's love so pure and benign,

Where the Saviour our sins all did bear.

Chorus

Yes, that cross was the emblem of shame;  
Most repulsive e'er known unto men,

Yet by it in Jesus blessed name,  
Atonement was made for all sin.

In that cross so bare was no soul cleansing power,

'Twas the ensign of death and despair;  
On it was suspended in His dying hour,  
One with whom no one else can compare.  
'Twas the dearest and best with which earth was blest

The Son of the ever living God;  
Who was crucified on Mount Calvary's crest,

To reconcile lost man to the Lord.

By this sacrifice made, the world's sins were laid,

On the Saviour who died on the tree;  
'Twas by this atonement our debts were all paid

And believers from sins are set free;  
Hence forever, I shall cherish the old cross,

For in it my salvation I see,  
No more shall I fear disasters or loss;  
Through the cross, the Lord's near unto me.

### THERE'S A SWEET STORY OFTEN HEARD

There's a sweet story often heard,  
Gleaned from the pages of God's word,  
Which deep emotions oft have stirred,  
Within my inmost soul.

Chorus

O praise the Lord, for victory!  
From sins forever I am free,  
From bondage unto liberty,  
Praise Him, O, raptured soul!

Sweeter it grows as time goes by,  
Each repetition brings it nigh,  
To me, it aptly doth apply,  
Yes, to my inmost soul.

'Tis 'bout a man who came from heaven,  
By His own Father gladly given;  
Whose hands and feet and side were riv'n,  
To cleanse my inmost soul.

He gave His life most willingly.  
This Son of God eternally,  
To die upon Mount Calvary,  
To cleanse my inmost soul.

He rose triumphant o'er the grave,  
That world of sinners He might save,  
That satan no more can engrave,  
His image on my soul.

## THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT UNTO MAN

There is a way that seems right unto man  
Which is contrary to all of God's plan,  
And leadeth to death as fast as it can  
Are you walking, Dear Friend in that  
way?

There is just one way that leadeth to God  
This is the way which the Saviour hath  
trod

Beware lest you fall neath the chastening  
rod

Are you walking, Dear Friend in that  
way?

This is the strait and the narrow path

way

From it do not wander nor go astray,  
Trust in the Lord and He'll show you the  
way

Are you walking Dear Friend in that way?

This is the way of mercy and love

This is the way unto heaven above

Follow direction of the heavenly Dove

Are you walking, Dear Friend in that  
way?

Chorus

Are you walking in the strait narrow way?

That leadeth to heaven, today

To our home up above to the God of all  
love

There to dwell eternally.

The Great  
Commission  
— Our Mission



## Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole  
World  
For Christ



### ILL. DISTRICT MEETING OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met April 21, 1944 at Ina Free Will Baptist church for their semiannual meeting.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. Devotional led by Sister Opal McClerrin.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and treasures report was given.

Officers for coming year were elected as follows: President, Emma Moore, 3200 Sheridan St., Springfield, Ill. R. R.

1st. Vice President Opal McClerrin, Thompsonville, Ill. R. 4.

2nd. Vice President Emily Malone, Milkcetown, Ill.

3rd. Vice President Helen Settle, Ina, Ill.

4th Vice President Jaunita Smith, Whittington, Ill.

5th. Vice President Mary Jane Mayo, 1309 Forrest Ave. Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Treas. Mary Rainy Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Corr. Secy. Mabel Kettelman Macedonia, Ill.

Rec. Secy Rosy Conner Whittington, Ill.

Requests for prayer were made and we then met in the altar for a season of prayer. Sister Edwards gave us a very in-

spiring message, using as her text, Gal. 2:20. A bountiful dinner was served in the basement at the noon hour.

Meeting was called to order again at 1:15, with singing and prayer.

Reports of the different presidents was heard. Which were very interesting and very good reports.

A nice offering was given for the unified program.

Delegates were appointed for the National Convention as follows.

Bertha Burton, Jaunita Smith, Claudia Britton, Delphia Nangle, Eunice Malone, Mary Jane Mayo, Opal McClerrin, Mabel Kettelman, Lucille Hall and Opal Wells

A beautiful picture of "Christ at Heart's Door" was presented by our president to the Rescue Auxiliary as a reward for securing the most subscriptions to our Free Will Baptist papers.

Union Church, south of Thompsonville Ill. was selected as our next meeting place which will be held on Oct. 20, 1944.

We were very pleased to have with us, Bro. Davidson from Ashland City, Tenn. who brought us a brief message at this time. Reading 1 John 1:7.

He also gave us a nice talk on the pro-



gress of our college in Nashville. Bro. Davidson is a very able speaker and his heart is greatly in the work. Our District Auxiliary took one of the \$2.50 check books for the benefit of the college.

The women of Pleasant View Auxiliary had prepared a short program on stewardship which was greatly enjoyed by all.

May our women every where get a greater vision of our Auxiliary work.

*President—Emma Moore*

*Corr. Secy.—Mabel Kettelman*

## FREDERICKTOWN AUX.

Dear Gem Readers:

We are glad to report we are still moving forward in our Auxiliary. New members are being added each time we meet. Our women of the church seem to be growing more interested in this work. Each service is a spiritual uplift and we are looking forward to greater blessings from the Lord.

We, of the Auxiliary are thanking the Lord for our new church building and for all we did in helping build it.

We thank God for our Auxiliary women everywhere, especially for those who are leaders in the work. We are very thankful for our president and all our officers.

We ask the prayers of all the Auxiliary women everywhere for our Auxiliary here in Fredericktown, that it might fill the place God has for us to fill as a worker in the church. May God bless you all.

*President of Fredericktown Auxiliary*  
*Sis. Belva Zinn. Corresponding Sect. Sis.*  
*Oltha Chapman.*

## HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord.

This fine spring morning finds us back in Texas. After a glorious victory with Sister Martin and her dear people of Hannon, Mo.

The meeting started the first Sunday in April, with splendid crowds and a good interest. The first few nights the weather was grand and in a few days the heavy

rains set in and kept many away.

Sister Martin and I visited in homes and during the revival we had three conversions in homes, which was such a blessing to those who were saved and to us too.

Nothing gives more spiritual strength and an increase of faith than to start out in the morning and lead some one to Christ, before the day is over. The young people have a good league and we would meet them Sunday afternoons and assist them all we could. Then we met our women twice and gave them a lesson in the manual one afternoon. Sister Thomas very much encouraged to get them lined up in the Auxiliary.

The church was greatly revived and 16 conversions, but on account of the storms the last two nights were almost rained out, but these good people when called on to help on our National Program gave liberally. The night we took an offering on the Unified Program, \$12.08 was given. The night we took our Mission offering, they gave \$32.00 and we wish to explain right here, we just take a mission offering and it is divided at headquarters. We never take just a foreign mission offering, but a mission offering. Then the last night of the meeting the ladies Aux. gave \$15.00 to missions and all this has been sent in. The evangelistic offering was splendid too, and we want to commend the Hannon church for the way they gave during the meeting. We feel this church in the future will be a loyal supporter of our National work in every way. The meeting was deep and spiritual and the offerings would have been even higher figures had the rains not come and kept the crowds away.

I made my home with Bro. and Sis. Ross Thomas, the fine parents of Sister Marie Hyatt and it was indeed a pleasure to be in their sweet home and enjoy the spiritual fellowship that was best of all. God bless them with all the riches of His grace.

I think one of the best nights of the meeting was the night Bro. Martin came up from Neola and brought a bus load. The old time power came down and some were shouting the praises of God. It was

also a great privilege to have Sister Anna Reed with us as she had traveled with us for years in the evangelistic work and is a power in God's hands. God bless her and all the good workers in Hannon church who worked so faithful to make the meet-

ing a success.

To the workers and preachers every where old time revivals can still be prayed down if we have the spiritual "Fire". God bless our dear workers every where.

*Lizzie McAdams*

## Church Letters - Field Reports

### TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

For some weeks back we have been looking forward with great anticipation to the coming of Bro. Raymond Riggs of Detroit, Mich. to hold us a revival and with each report we had asked the readers of the Gem to join us in prayer concerning our revival so now it has been in progress one week and we know now that God has been pleased and heard and answered those prayers, because He has poured out us a blessing at each service and caused our hearts to be lifted up and cups to running over. We praise God for such a wonderful young man that is not afraid to preach straight hard hitting messages and backs them up by the Bible and holds his crowd to a capacity house of interested listeners.

Upon his arrival in Tulsa on May 6th., Bro. Riggs gave a 15 minute message over the air, but beginning his revival proper on Sunday morning, when he spoke on the subject of "How to promote a Revival" using scripture found in Hosea 10:12.

So far, thru this first week 13 have found Jesus precious to their souls. Two of this number being talented young Indian girls who had previously been attending our broadcast. Their conversion brought to our minds Bro. Winford Davis' experience when an Indian girl was converted during one of his revivals here in Tulsa church.

Mother's Day was observed with special singing and musical numbers and Bro. Riggs giving a special message and by the presentation of flowers to the oldest and to the youngest mother present.

While we have been enjoying the blessings of the Lord, sorrow has come into

the home of one of our good deacons and his dear wife, when the death angel took away the most precious flower of the home their only girl.

Wilma Jean Renegar, born Sept. 13, 1936. Departed this life May 3, 1944, leaving to mourn her departure, a mother, father and one brother, to whom we extend our heart felt sympathy.

In closing we are still asking that every one will remember us in prayer and will rejoice with us over our good revival and that the sweet fellowship will continue on and on.

*Reporter, Evelyn Miller  
Pastor, Rev. Melvin Bingham*

### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Dear Gem Readers:

I'd like to make a report on our young peoples meeting on Saturday nights. We were organized at the Free Will Baptist Mission at 5418 Idaho, recently. We have named our selves the "Willing Workers."

Our officers were elected as follows, president, Shirley Hill, vice pres., Bill Hill, secretary, Bonnie Devenport, treasurer Josephine Hampton. We have a membership of 32. Our aim is to interest young people in church work. Each Saturday night we have a program, choir practice, or short religious plays with refreshments afterwards. We sure have a wonderful time we intend to go to hospitals and different churches later on. We also have a string band. Pray for us that we will do the will of the Lord and be instrumental in saving souls.

I also will mention the work of our Mission. We want to thank the Lord for

the wonderful blessings and we are proud to say we owe no debts on the Mission. We also want to thank the Lord and the people for the contributions that have come in for our Mission work. Our Sunday school average is over 60. Pray for us.

*Reporter, Miss Norma Jean Hill  
Rev. Harvey Hill*

### Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Grove F. W. B. church wish to report a good fifth Sunday meeting on April 30, 1944. We are happy to say our people have a greater vision of the missionary work. Rev. Arthur Kicenski of Jerico Springs, Mo. was the speaker at the 11 o'clock hour. A very interesting message was delivered. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour. Program in the afternoon, Rev. Frank Linton of Tunas, Mo. presented some very inspiring thoughts of the missionary and the missionary field. The church then received four new members: Rev. C. J. Joy and wife from Pleasanton, Kansas and Rev. Virgil Mathis and wife. So sorry the flood condition prevented some from being present. While we feel your prayers were with us. May the Lord bless His people every where.

*Church Reporter, Mrs. Loyd Warren*

### Monett League

As we haven't reported our League through the Gem for sometime, we would like for you to know we are still in the battle fighting against the enemy of the soul.

Since our last report we have added some new members to our League which we are thankful for.

We have given some money to the Orphanage and still have money in the treasury.

The Junior Department are really on their toes working for the Lord. They have given some to the building fund and also to the Orphanage. They are always

eager to give to any cause or help in any way that would advance the cause of Christ. They are so interested in League work, that they take their own bible with them, and nearly all are on time.

How we each one need to have that zeal for the work of the Lord, and become so interested in His vineyard that we may be able to say as our Saviour, "nevertheless not My will, but Thine be done."

It's not for us to choose our cross, but to accept the one He gives us. It may be a heavy rugged cross. One that seems to crush us, but when we think of Jesus yonder in the garden agonizing for you and me, then we should be made to realize our need of bearing our cross for the Master.

The lesson He taught to the twelve is for you and I just the same, to help others see their need of salvation; and to call upon His great and precious name.

We are asked to give one tenth of our time and talent as well as our money. We should all be tithers, and I'm made to wonder if we give our time and talents as much as we do our money. Our money is worthless without our time. Time is worthless without our money. So takes both to work together to make a success.

So it is with our League work, a person coming to League without a quarterly can't fully understand the lesson in class, unless he has a quarterly to follow along. Then on the other hand, a quarterly won't do us any good if we don't study. So it takes "all things to work together to the good of those that love the Lord."

Our president Mrs. Jewel Turner was taken to the hospital for an operation. Pray for her that she may be able to return home soon and be in service for the Lord, as we especially miss her in our League work.

*Reporter, Dorothy Lovell*

### Free Will Baptist Gem

I take pleasure at this time in writing your good paper a few lines. This is my first attempt to do so. I enjoy reading the Gem and also the way this little organ



of our Free Will people come to us. I am a native of Illinois and at one time was a member of the Ill. State Yearly Meeting, and yet to-day count that state my home. At the present time we are enjoying a very prosperous pastorate here in sunny Alabama, in the little city of Red Bay, Ala.

We have the distinction here in Alabama as ranking second in churches and membership among the Free Will Baptist movement. We have over one hundred churches in the state and a membership close to ten thousand and I believe that our next state meeting we will show a great gain in our state work.

The church here at Red Bay is on a full time basis and we have a property valuation of close to \$15,000. We have a large brick church with full basement it is paid in full, recently the church bought one of the nicest homes in the city, a native stone structure and this too adds to our Free Will Baptist work in this part of the state.

Now a few words about our soon coming revival, this meeting will begin on the first Sunday night in July, and we are happy to announce that we will have as our speaker, none other than Rev. Marsh Harpole of Mt. Vernon, Ill. We have known Bro. Harpole for a number of years and he is enjoying a blessed ministry, so we look forward to a great revival and spiritual feast. When passing through our little city stop by and visit with us and you will find a hearty welcome at our door.

*Rev. U. E. Hopkins*

### Rev. & Mrs. H. E. Willis

Dear Co-workers:

At this time we would like to report our activities for God, during the past few weeks and request your prayers for us.

In the early part of April we were in a very successful revival meeting, with the First Free Will church of Tarpon, Va. Some twenty five miles from my birth place, this being Mrs. Willis first trip

into the state she surely did enjoy her self. God met with us there in a glorious way, sixteen souls were saved, thirteen were baptized and united with the church. Rev. A. F. Hughes is pastor. It was our privilege to baptize the principal of Tarpon school also a great grandmother, who had never been converted, and was in her late sixties.

While in Virginia we were also with the Valley View church at Clintwood and attended the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference of which Bro. E. C. Kiser is moderator.

Mrs. Willis spoke in the Tarpon school, and gave felt-o-graph messages to the young people, which was graciously received. It was indeed a feast to hear Sister Dye preach the gospel at the Quarterly Conference. We hope to be with her soon, at the First Free Will Baptist church of Cleveland, being one of the three churches which she pastors.

We closed our revival campaign at McDonald, Michigan, Tuesday evening. This is a small community in the extreme western part of the state, known as the fruit belt. We used the town hall while there, and worked with Bro. Lyle, who for some time has been doing missionary work in Van Euren County. While there, we were privileged to visit about fifteen schools, with Bro. Lyle, who goes into the schools once each month with a gospel message.

The past Sunday we were privileged to speak in one of Kalmazoo's larger fundamental churches of which Rev. Kool is pastor, there giving the need for support of home missionaries. Truly as we travel in the various states, and see so much that needs to be done and so little to do with, that it fairly breaks our hearts! (God give us supporters of the Home Missionary program).

The first of June we plan to attend the Workers Institute at Highland Park Free Will Baptist church, then we shall begin revival campaigns in the state of Kentucky. Our first meeting is to begin June 18, at the "Pilgrim Church" in Pikeville, where Rev. C. C. Muzzle is pastor, pray much for this meeting please. We want God to have His way and get glory unto

Himself.

At present (May 20) we are in a revival meeting here in Bavgor, Michigan, at the "Gospel Church" of which Rev. Robins is pastor. We find his church to be on the firing line for God. We are in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Balzer, whose daughter just left for India as a missionary, please pray for her.

At this time we are in the need of a car, so please pray that God may give us the money for one.

(Psalm 63:7 is very precious to us). Because thou hast been my help, therefore under the shadow of thou wings will I rejoice.

He has been our help and we are rejoicing in Him.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Willis, 1417 Youngs St., Owasso, Michigan.

## Free Will Baptist Gem Monett, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I would like to pastor a Church either in Texas or adjoining states, Will you enter my name in your paper as such advise me and I will remit whatever charges there is.

I am an ordained Minister in the Free Will Baptist Church, have been preaching several years.

Respectfully  
Rev. James W. Guthrie

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## Missionary Department



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

Having enjoyed the blessed fellowship, and precious spiritual outpourings at the Bible Conference in Nashville, Tenn. we boarded the plane at Nashville airport at 1:45 A. M. April 13th., and in just six hours and eleven minutes we landed at the airport in Miami, Florida. Three stops were made on the way down, namely: Atlanta, Jacksonville, and Orlando. Dr. Lydia Mason, an own sister to our missionary, Rev. Thomas Willey, was our destination in Miami, and it wasn't long until we were in her hospitable and comfortable home where one always finds it a pleasure to visit. Dr. Mason is serving a great purpose in that her home is always open to our missionaries and workers going to and from Cuba. One must always stop over in Miami for certain routine in getting out of the country, and Dr. Mason always has an open door of welcome. In fact she had made our Pan-American reservations for us ahead of time. However I found a great change in this home to what it was two years ago. When I was there in 1942, Mother Willey

was there, and this time she had gone on to her glorious reward. We visited the resting place of her body while in Miami, and had prayer at the grave. Dr. Mason is very lonely, and stands in need of our prayers. Mother Willey had made her home with Dr. for many years.

Friday afternoon the 14th. at three o'clock we boarded the Pan-American for Havana. It was a lovely trip over the ocean. All was clear and so it was a very quite and pleasant trip. In just one and one half hours we landed in Havana. Bro. Willey was there to meet us with a friend, Rev. Arthur Pain, and in a few minutes we were on our way out to catch the bus to the city of Pinar Del Rio where Brother and Sister Willey live, and which is considered the central headquarters of our mission field which is in the Province of Pinar Del Rio. The capital city and the province have the same name. About 10:30 that night we landed at the home of the Willeys. We were all tired and so was not long getting to our rest for the night. We went to sleep happily

conscious of the fact we were in reality on the F. W. B. mission field in Cuba.

It was my privilege to cover our entire field. This we did by various means of travel. Train, bus, horse back, ox cart, and on foot. Some of this was strenuous indeed to one not accustomed to riding horse back nor wading a great deal; but forgetting that, it was all a great pleasure, and certainly a great privilege. Eating and sleeping in the homes of the native Cubans is sometimes trying; for their customs are very different to that of an American. But one could surely find a more friendly people no where. They did their very best for us where ever we went. The following I give as an example: We were passing through the country on horse back. Were scheduled to take dinner with a certain family on the way. When we arrived at the noon hour he had a hog butchered and dressed. This was all done solely because the Americans were to be there for dinner. After we got the ponies lariatied out on the grass, and this Cuban table was spread with fresh pork, rice, beans, cucua, Cuban coffee, etc., we did not have to be begged to seat ourselves around the table. When the go sign was given by the man of the house we began to devour. When they would pass the bowl and say "mas" (more) we would say "si" (yes). The live hogs running around under the

table did not hinder us from getting away with the one so unfortunate as to be on the table. I assure you when we left there that afternoon there was not as much of that hog left as before our arrival in the forenoon. But truly this is typical Cuban hospitality.

The first place to visit after our arrival on the field was with the church at Sabalo. We made this place by train and ox cart. It was convention day with this church Sunday April 16th. The women folk went with us to this place; though many of the places they were not privileged to go because of the hardships incurred in getting over the mountains on the ponies, staying out at night, etc.

Sabalo is considered the mother church, as this was the first Free Will Baptist church to be organized in Cuba. Pedro Rojo is their faithful pastor. They have a membership of 26, and six others awaiting baptism. A Sunday school of 50, a chapel built and paid for, and this church is beginning to support themselves financially.

There was a large crowd present the day of this convention. Some were there from as far as forty miles. We noticed some of them coming in groups with song books in their hands singing as they gathered. Our people throughout the work are a great people to sing. The climax of the



Our Staff of Workers both American and Foreign





**Group baptized at Rio Seco; with Miss Yeley their Pastor**

day was the profession of nine souls.

APRIL 19th.

The next place to visit was the church at Rio Seco, Miss Yeley is pastor of this church. At Rio Seco we see a beautiful expression of the union of hearts between the church and the pastor. They love Miss Yeley dearly and she is equally in love with them. We had baptizing in the afternoon with eleven candidates, and service at the chapel at night. A large crowd was in attendance, a great interest manifested and fourteen professions.

This church has a membership of 18, a Sunday school of 25 and hold three services each week.

Friday night the 21st. we had service in the chapel in Pinar Del Rio. The front room of the house where Miss Olive Van Syoc lives is used for services. This work has not been started long and is not yet organized; but an organization is in prospect. Service is held here each Friday night, and Sunday school each Sunday. Also Bible study once each week.

Sunday 23rd. Bro. Willey and I took the train for San Julian where I preached at the American Naval Base. This is on the coast at the west end of the island. Bro. Willey has been serving there as chaplain a great deal of the time. We enjoyed the service very much, and of course every-

thing was carried on in English.

Late Sunday afternoon we packed the traveling bags for a trip to the north and east into the mountain country. We took the bus to Vinales, a small town laying in the beautiful valley of Vinales. It is a marvelous sight to look into this valley from the mountain lookout on the highway. It is said to be the most beautiful place in Cuba. I left my wife with Sis. Willey and the others in Pinar Del Rio. because this trip promised to be not too easy. We were away from Sunday P. M. until the next Saturday P. M.

We had service Sunday night in Vinales where Pedro Oliva has been preaching for some time. Pedro, with his little family live in the chapel building which is located on the main street of the town. We had a very nice service, and spent the night in the home of the pastor.

The next afternoon, Monday the 24th., Pedro, Bro. Willey and I climbed on the little pony cart and drove a long way down the valley to a Catholic home where services were scheduled for the night. We had a nice drive enjoying the mountain scenery, stopping at a home for the evening meal on the way, arriving at the place of service in due time. We found a splendid family. Things were very much in trim for a Cuban home, and in the service



that night the spirit of the Lord was very prevalent. Six members of this family professed faith in Christ. Leaving catholicism and coming over to the "Evanhelicos" as they call it; the protestants. The head of this family of fourteen children told us there was a man through the community in the year 1925 who gave him a Protestant Bible. He said the priest tried in every way to get it from him or to get him to burn it; but he held on to it. He showed us the Bible. All these years this family has been reading it, and it has had a great part in their conversion to the Protestant faith. We left this home feeling that a great good had been done.

Tuesday we took the bus out of Vinales going on north. After many miles over roads next thing to impossible we arrived at the farm home of Pedro Betancourt. Some horses had been taken on ahead for us, and here is where we left the motorized means of travel and took to the saddle. Bear in mind this name of Betancourt; for some interesting things took place on his farm of which we will tell you later.

Late in the afternoon we, Pedro Betancourt, Pedro Oliva, Bro. Willey and myself, climbed on our ponies and started across the mountains to the little coast town of Port Esparanza, twelve miles away on the north coast of the island. This was my first horseback ride, and I was pretty tired when we arrived. We have no organized church in this town; but a lot of interest in the gospel is to be found there, a few converts, and so it is considered one of the main preaching points. We had a very interesting service, took the evening meal in one of the homes, and rode back to the Betancourt home after service; arriving there between twelve and one o'clock. There was no moon and some times the mountain trails were very dark. All we could do was just lay the reins on the ponies neck and trust it to take us home. But those little sure feet never made a step amiss, and their judgement of the way never failed them. We could trust the ponies far more than we could ourselves. We enjoyed the ride for it was a clear tropical night with an

unusual number of stars in the elements. We had the north star to our back and the southern cross in the low horizon before us. We talked of the southern cross (la cruz del sur) being a splendid illustration of the cross of Christ and ones keeping their eye on the same.

Wednesday morning we saddled our ponies and started for the little mountain town of La Palma 35 miles to the east and south. After riding about three hours, it was decided in order to save the visitor a little for the preaching service that night, he should catch the bus as it came by, and Bro. Willey would lead the horse over the trail on in to town. So I boarded the bus alone, as far as English speaking companionship was concerned, with a note in my pocket to present upon my arrival ahead of the other two members of our party. I found it would have been as easy to have rode the horse as it was to ride the bus over these unbearable roads. But I held on with a death grip and we arrived altogether about 12:30 noon. One interesting thing to me was that the bus went through two gates on the way to the town. About 5:00 P. M. Brother Willey and Pedro Oliva arrived. I had managed to tell the folk "yo tengo hambre" y "yo tengo sed" (I have hunger and I have thirst). I also managed to tell them, or rather to show them, that I was tired and so I got a good meal and a good place to lay down and rest.

After the others arrived we took a good bath out of a water bucket, shaved up, changed some clothes, and got all ready for service that night. Enjoyed a splendid service with a nice crowd. Slept in the chapel building that night, starting on the trail toward San Andrace, Thursday morning 27th. Stopped at a home for dinner, and stopped at another home for service at three o'clock in the afternoon. The farmers layed down their work, and a large crowd had gathered for the service. In this service several babies were dedicated to the Lord, and I might say this type of service took place in several instances over the field. We took some motion pictures, and then were on our way. Our little ponies did some real mountain



climbing that afternoon. The scenery was gorgeous. We arrived in the beautiful valley of San Andrace in time to have supper and for service that night. Saw 35 professions in this service. I saw great possibilities at all these points we touched, and especially is it true at San Andrace. A large spacious valley with a little town. No road, however, into this valley at all. Only mountain pony trails.

Next morning we were on our way up the valley bearing back to the west before sun up. Santiago Delgado met us at San Andrace, Pedro Oliva having gone on in the night before. We rode into Vinales that day which is 18 miles to the west. Stopped on the way for dinner at a farm home, arriving at our destination about two in the afternoon.

Saturday A. M. we took the bus out of Vinales again to the farm of Pedro Betancourt. Miss Olive Van Syoc came from Pinar Del Rio, and several of the workers and students from the school, and in fact from all over, because this promised to be a great day. A very large crowd was present. Twenty candidates were baptized in the spring branch on this farm, and in the afternoon the Free Will Baptist church of Vinales was organized in the home of Mr. Betancourt with 24 charter members, officers elected, and two deacons ordained. Until this time the work in Vinales was only a preaching station. We were very happy to have part in this organization. In all it was an interesting day. The pig was roasted on the ground, and all enjoyed the roast pig sandwiches when the meal was served.

Sunday April 30th. we took the train to San Juan for another convention. It was another enjoyable day which was characterized by much singing, testimony and preaching of the gospel. We saw three professions at this place. San Juan is an organized church with 26 members, Sunday school and services almost every night. They have a fund started for the erection of a chapel. Again a large crowd was present.

Tuesday May 2nd. Bro. Willey and I started on another trip to the south west part of the province. Stopped over at

Sabalo and held service Tuesday night. Had service in a home on the next day, and arrived at our destination for service Wednesday night down in a section called Ray Martiz. This is a new field, we have no organization; but several preaching stations. This is a very backward part of the island and we found the people very hungry for the gospel. I preached to people down there who had never before heard a gospel message. Our missionaries have been making contacts in this section and we have some splendid prospects there. Slept in a tobacco barn that night after the service and took the bus and train back to Pinar Del Rio next day. The road in to this section is another one almost impassable. Pedro Rojo was with us on this trip.

Saturday May 6th. the last convention which we were privileged to attend, opened at the Cuban school of Missions out on the 18 acre farm and continued over Sunday. This was indeed an enjoyable time. Folk gathered from all over. Services were held in the chapel which the neighbors around the school have erected on our school farm. Rafael Josue, the head of the school, had carefully planned the convention; including the printing of programs, etc. There was some kind of worship service in session nearly all the time from the opening to the close. Sunday morning 12 or 15 came forward in a consecration service. Sunday afternoon a very significant move was launched, that is, a fund was started among those native Cubans for the extension of missions. Thank the Lord for their vision and may this spur us to do more. Sunday night in the closing service there were 13 professions.

Tuesday night May 9th. we took the train to San Luis for service. San Luis is a very beautiful little town. We have an organized church there with only five members; but a very prospective place. At present they have no pastor and the students from the school are supplying. We enjoyed our short visit there very much.

This finished our work of covering the field. The next two days were taken in



preparation for leaving as we were to leave May 12th.



**Rafael Josue**

#### OUR SCHOOL AND FARM

I am very favorably impressed with our farm and school and with the man who heads our school Rev. Rafael Josue. Brother Josue and his fine wife are graduates from a fundamental bible school at Los Pinos in the province of Santa Clara.

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The school opened January 4th, 1944, and had closed a short time before our going down. Plans are that it shall open session again in the late summer or early fall. However there are students there throughout the summer at work on the farm and taking care of the stock. Maximina Sanchez, one of our earnest bible women, is doing the house work through the summer. There were seven students during the winter term; but there are nineteen in prospect for the opening this fall. The students seem to be a fine type of young people. They are indeed very promising. The subjects they have been teaching are as follows, homiletics, hermeneutics, Bible introduction, Bible characters, personal work, false doctrines, writing and language. The plans are that this fall they shall have music, etiquette, and some other subjects such as arithmetic, etc. They go to school one half day and work one half day. The students are to pay a fee of perhaps \$2.00 per month

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