

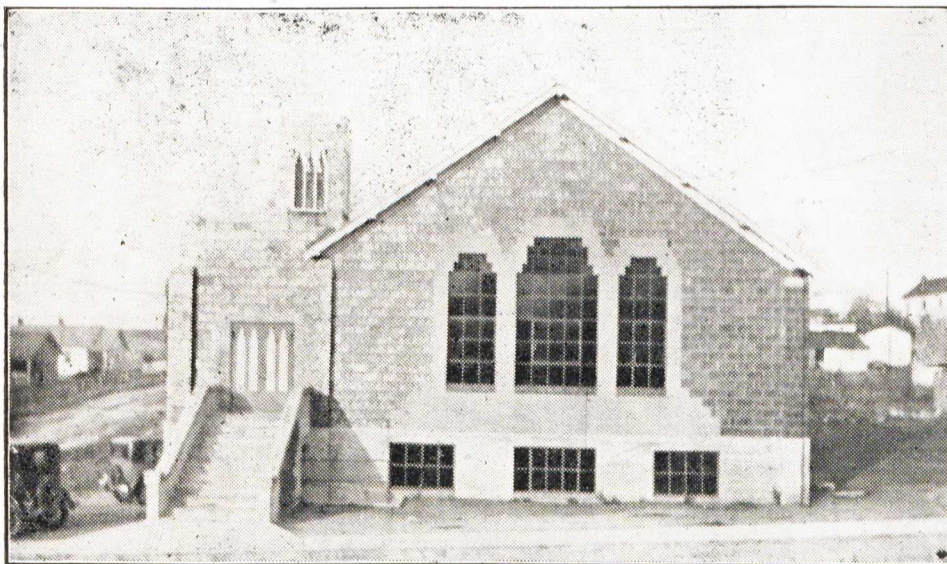
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# GOSPEL SERMONS



## Be Wise and Shine

Rev. Frank Rice Evansville, Ind.

**Text: Daniel 12:3.**

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmaments; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever. That was the testimony of Daniel when he was an old man. Daniel had the greatest experience of any man living on earth at that time. He was taken captive when he was young and if any man would have said that Daniel would out shine all the mighty men of his day, no one would have believed him. Yet for many years no one's life is recorded that shone like Daniel's did.

His wisdom was much greater than Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Daniel and all the mighty men of that day and age. We are not told at what age Daniel took his stand for God, but we know some good man probably Jeremiah the prophet helped him to believe in God and he began to shine. Think of the field in which Daniel had to work, as the language was unknown to him and he was among idolaters and everything probably seemed dark to him, but by being wise and taking God as his guide he came off all hard trials more than conqueror. Daniel was a praying man and when he asked God for anything he got an answer. By being too religious he was cast into the lions den, but God took care of him. Dear reader do we live as close to Christ as we should? Do we get our prayers answered as we should? Are we wholly consecrated to God? Have we lost the joy of our salvation? If we have let us return to an altar some where and have our joy restored and again begin to shine and there is blessings in store for us as

there was for Daniel.

Think of Joseph, he had about the same experiences in his day. As Daniel, Joseph was the son of Jacob who rose from slavery to be the premier of Egypt. He was the favorite son of his father and on account of this his brothers hated him and could not speak peaceably unto him. Joseph dreamed a dream, he told his brothers and they hated him yet the more. He said unto them, hear I pray you this dream which I have dreamed and after he told the answer they hated him still more. He dreamed another dream and after telling this dream his brothers envied him, but his father observed the saying. Why? Joseph took his stand for God in his young days. God helped him to be wise enough that his dreams were properly answered. He began to shine, God is always ready to help His faithful servants. After his brothers wanted to kill him and cast him in a pit, calling him a dreamer. Reuben his brother said let us not kill him, cast him in this pit. They stripped him of his clothing and cast him into an empty pit. They set down to eat and along came a company of the Ishmaelites, they sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. Now Joseph was brought down to Egypt, Potiphar an officer bought Joseph from the Ishmaelites. The scriptures say the Lord was with him and Joseph found grace in the sight of the Lord and the Lord was with him. But now Joseph is getting into trouble, Potiphar's wife who at first was very friendly with Joseph afterwards became his enemy because Joseph would not do wrong to please

her. She told her husband a lie and he believed it, he charged Joseph with a great crime and thrust him into a dark prison, among wicked people. Joseph had faith in God that at sometime all would come out right as he had done no wrong. Yes we read in different chapters where good men had been put in prison by persecutors and liars.

Paul and Silas are examples because they were preaching Christ to people traveling from place to place. We read of a place where a damsel was freed of an evil spirit which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. Charging them of being servants of the most high God. Paul and Silas was brought before the magistrates charging them of troubling their city. The penalty was to strip them of their clothing, whip them and cast them in prison. At midnight Paul and Silas sang praises to God. Think what it takes to stand such treatment and still rejoice.

Luke 16:17 "Pray for them which despitefully use you, and for every thing give thanks." Yes I am sure the only source of comfort for us is to pray and let God intercede for us, as God was with Daniel, Joseph, Paul and Silas I am sure they were serving the same God that we are serving

today. God's power has not weakened and will never fail.

I notice that Joseph forgave his brothers for doing him wrong and took care of the family. Kissed them and rejoiced when his brothers ask him to forgive them. Joseph was taught to do good for evil in his early life. Dear readers we have the same scripture to follow today. Do we have the forgiving spirit as the prophets of old had? If not we must get closer to God, if we shine. God said let your lights shine and that is what we should do mind God. Daniel's light and influence is still traveling on, so is Joseph, Paul, Silas and all the old prophets of earlier days are shining. One thing you cannot bury with a good man is his influence.

Name some millionaires in Daniel, Joseph, Paul and Silas day if you can. No they lived and died, that is all we know about them, but I will tell you who are dead, the enemies of these servants of God. Yes they will shine in another world as their smoke of torment ascendeth up for ever. They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

## The Pre-eminence of Jesus

Pfc Johnny Noll, Hawaiian Islands

*Text, The Pre-eminence of Jesus.*

He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence. Colossians 1:18.

God the Father stated in this passage of scripture that it pleased Him for the Lord Jesus Christ to explain this word in order for all to understand, it means the Lord Jesus Christ would be first. He should be first in all things, for this is His rightful place as the Eternal Omnipotent Son of God. In speaking to you on the pre-eminence of Christ, I want to say that Jesus demands first place in your

life, in the life of every individual, in the life of our nation. He demands first place in all things and He has many claims on this exalted place.

Jesus demands pre-eminence, because of His own glorious person. Oh! what a wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord. Words fail us when we begin talking about the glory and majesty of our Lord.

We find in Col. 1:17, Paul presents the first claim for the pre-eminence of Christ, on the basis of His own person in this verse we read; "and He be for all things," this is the reason Jesus demands the pre-eminence. He is before all things How true it is, He was in the beginning with

God the Father and before all things so He rightfully deserves first place.

In Pro. 8:22-30, we read "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting from the beginning or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet He had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens I was there: When He set a compass upon the face of the depth: When He established the clouds above: When He strengthened the fountains of the deep: When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment: When He appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him;" Since Jesus was before all things, He rightfully demands the pre-eminence, in John, 1:1-3 the writer states "in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made." In Col. 1:15, Jesus is called, "The first born of every creature," meaning He is the first one who was created, by God the Father.

In Rev. 3:14, we read the same thing repeated telling us Jesus Christ is the first born. These things saith the amen the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God and because of this He demands first place in all things.

The next claim made for the pre-eminence of Jesus is in Col. 1:15; "who is the image of the invisible God." Do you recall the wonderful passage of scripture, over in Hebrews the first chapter, where Paul says: "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoke unto us, by His Son whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of the person." Paul said the Lord Jesus Christ is the express image of the person of God. Over in John we read: "Philip said unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us, Jesus saith unto Him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then shew us the Father." Yes, Jesus demands the place of pre-eminence because He is before all things. He is the first born of every creature. He is the image of the invisible God. I want to point out once again the Lord Jesus Christ demands the place of pre-eminence, because in Him lies the very fullness of the God Head. We read in Col. 1:19 "for it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell." That is the reason Jesus demands the place of pre-eminence because of His own glorious person. He is before all things, He is the first born of God, He is the image of the invisible God, all things were created for Him, He is the fullness of the God Head it is dwelling in the Lord Jesus Christ. You ought to give Him first place, no one else can make these demands, the Lord Jesus Christ demands the place of pre-eminence because of what He has done, because of His work. First I would mention His work of creation. The one who spoke, brought the world into being demands first place. The one

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who spoke and established the sun, the moon and the stars in their orbits, He demands first place in all of our lives.

In conclusion let it be forever remembered that Jesus demands the pre-eminence in all things, because of His work. The turmoil of this present hour is caused by the attitude of the world toward Jesus. He must be given His rightful place if the world wants peace, He must have the place of pre-eminence, He must have first, if you want your life to be blest put Jesus first.

Thank God the time is coming when Jesus will return to this earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lord's. He will then by power take the place of pre-eminence and then all the universe shall lift it's

voice and sing: All hail the power of Jesus name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the Royal Diadem, and crown Him Lord of all. Makes no difference what people say about us, should tell the world about it and not be ashamed of it. As in Matt. 10:32, "Whosoever there fore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Mark 8:38 "Whosoever there fore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." Which can be applied to our lives in this day. Heb. 13:8, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever.

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## As one Mother to Another

Mrs. Martha Dalton Cassville, Mo.

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Come mothers, let us reason together. Let us decide which are the right places to go and the right places to take our children. If it pleases the Lord to grant America another period of peace let us begin some post-war planning within the Master's will.

Some of you will remember the wave of utter unconcern and reckless abandon that followed the war preceding this one. In Proverbs you will find these words, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." This is applicable both to nations and individuals. As individuals, few people had vision—certainly, many parents took the easy way out. American youth was glorified. The well earned dignity of middle age was sold out for a few days of cheap worldliness.

Are we going to be blinded again? Assuming that God wills to grant us victory, are you expecting everything to continue even as well as before this war began? Are you looking forward to a time when you can relax and "take things easy?" There are many who have earned an easier life it is true, but I'm certainly hoping that this war will not be dismissed as

merely a bad dream and people take up where they left off. The seeds of another war are perhaps already sown and it is not within our power to stop wars, but it is up to us, what benefits youth is to receive, if and when peace reigns again. Be certain, it cannot be a lasting peace, but let us as women of the church use what is perhaps our last opportunity to work for youth. Before the light is removed may it flare once again with such illuminating brilliance as to turn many hearts to God. Even though the world may walk in darkness many hearts might know from whence cometh the Light and look above.

How are we to face these problems? Begin now to prepare ourselves by a deeper consecration, offer yourself continually to God. Has the abounding of iniquity caused the love in your heart to wax cold? Remember from whence you have fallen, ask the Lord for renewed fervor and don't fear self-denial, you know that goes with bearing the offense of the cross. Make sure you are within the will of the Lord for "without Him ye can do nothing."

Now you are prepared for the arrival

of Johnny Doughboy, but do not forget that he may not be so well fortified, your self-denials may seem petty to him who knows what hardships in their cold reality mean. If you are tired of war, how tired do you suppose he is? He has known the meaning of violent and relentless death. He will be looking for appreciation, having seen his comrade's blood shed to give America a freedom she scarcely deserves.

What is he going to see in us that bespeaks a realization of the sacrifice of our youths? Begin now to build a memorial within your lives by living the life of a free and unafraid Christian. This is a fearful thing to think about, but I'd like for you to read, I Peter 4:3 where you will find these words: "For the time past of our life, may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles when we walked in lasciviousness, lust, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings and abominable idolatries." "The will of the Gentiles" was to do evil having not the knowledge of the Truth. The "will of the Gentiles" is now being manifested in the European war and did it ever occur to you that all of us, wherein we have failed to live up to as high a standard as was our privilege, have contributed that much unwittingly or otherwise to this wave of lawlessness?

Shall we look into the past and weep?

If our tears would wash away this that has overtaken the human family, I'd say "Let our tears forever flow," turn weeping hearts from this that has engulfed us to the One whose Blood can cover the contribution we have made. That blood was shed to cover our sins.

But if tomorrow brings peace? How to celebrate? Will you give a huge party? Why not a prayer meeting? Will the praise of our great God be upon your lips? Or will you breathe a sigh of relief, thank the "powers that be" that it is over and get on the band wagon that will lead this world to it's utter destruction?

I believe my Saviour when He said, "Greater works shall ye do than these." It was He who advised the reading of Daniel. There you will find that in a time near the end, when the forces of evil are great, they that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits (deeds). Of course they will be good deeds. Is that time yet to come? What can we still do? Good deeds—that's what the Master did. Use the same good advice He gave "Take up your cross daily and follow me. If God gives you any of the conveniences that might follow this war, use them to glorify Him, not your self. Let us set a better example than was set two decades ago.

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## Christian's are You Friendly

Mrs. Henry Moore

When some one strange comes to your church, do you speak to them and invite them to come again or do you feel backward about going to strangers? Do you sometimes just neglect to welcome them or do you think that is the Pastor's job?

I am not saying this to hurt or rebuke anyone as I have been guilty myself.

In the past two years we have been the visitors instead of the visited ones and we know how it is. We have gone to churches where we were made to feel almost as though we were in our home church. How good it makes one feel when

they are far from home. In others, I'm sorry to say we have not found it that way. We have gone to churches where no one spoke a word to us not even the pastor. Just what the reason was I do not know. We have not let this hinder us as we are determined to worship the Lord where ever we may be.

The thing I'm trying to say to you is this. There may be some who are new in the work. Maybe there are those who are not Christians, but for some reason have decided to attend the services. If they are made welcome perhaps they can

be led to the Christ. If they come to your church and do not find a welcome they may not return. Christian are you doing your best? Are you being friendly?

I pray God when I return to my home that I may never forget the lesson I have learned from being a visitor.

*Mrs. Henry Moore*

## What is Man

Edith Mayfield Iantha, Mo.

**Text: Psalms 8:4.**

Gen. 1:27: "God created man in His own image. Gen. 2:7. "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living soul." God's word says man is a poor lost sinner without His Holy Spirit. We're made to wonder with amazement when the (natural man) will put up their puny ideas, thoughts and self-righteousness against the inspired word of God, all our righteousness is as filthy rags before Him, says the word. There is no righteousness only the righteousness of God. The natural man can not understand spiritual things because they are spiritually discerned. As man is born in this world he also must be born of God's spirit to have eternal life and enter into Heaven. The exalted, self righteous spirit in man makes him think he is good enough with out God. Morality, going to church or trying to be good will not take any one to Heaven. A boat without a pilot would not get you any where, also our life without the Divine leadership will be a complete failure and sad to say will send your soul to eternal punishment forever and forever. Man is a free moral agent to choose life or death. The wages of sin is death, but the Gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death. Jesus said He was the way, the truth and the life. What real joy there is in surrendering our will into the Lord's will and living devoted and righteously before God.

Every truly born of the Spirit, child of God knows that he is saved, for God's spirit bears witness with our spirit that

we have passed from death unto life and are the sons of God. Those that know the Lord knows life isn't worth while without Christ. God loves us, wants our heart, demands our love and devotion to Him at all times and to lay aside all the weights and sin which so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame and is now set down at the right hand of God.

Dear Christians what a wonderful privilege we have in prayer and may we pray that effectual fervent prayer of righteous people that availeth much. May this be a message of love, cheer, comfort and salvation to some lost soul that Christ gave His life for, also a prayer and love to our soldier boys and girls that are in the armed forces, that so much need our prayers for their protection and safe return home.

The Bible is the only book that tells us about man and the creation of all things, we are saved by grace through faith in God by believing what God says.. Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shall be saved. I earnestly plead with you, one who loves the salvation of your soul in Jesus Name, consider your ways, ask yourself what road you are traveling. Man is as one on a journey traveling the broad road that leads to hell or on the straight and narrow way that leads to heaven. Ask your self the question, whom have I in heaven but Thee? And who on earth that we desire beside our Lord? No matter how deep in sin we have gone there is One that loves your soul and longs after you to see you saved. Those that are children of God, whatever



your problem is, whatever your trial is in this life, trust Jesus, cast all your care upon Him for He cureth for you. When we get discouraged there is something wrong, because there is no discouragement with God. His grace is all sufficient. He says He will not allow us to be tried above what we are able to bear, with our temptations make a way to escape. If you need help read or study God's word, pray earnestly and fervently. He says He can give us abundant, for more than we can think

or ask. God is a God of love and mercy and full of compassion. When we set our heart on material or temporal things in this world they perish away with the hope man has when he trust in his own ideas and righteousness to save his soul. If man will trust in the Lord, he will find all he needs in this life and in the life beyond the grave, where there will be no sad good bye. Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man.

## Good-Night or Good-Bye?

Dr. Langdale, of New York, tells of a devoted Christian business man who was struck by an automobile and rushed to the hospital. He was informed that he had only two hours in which to live. His faith was implicit in the goodness of God and in the future life. To him, death was only a gateway leading to a higher world. He had his family called and thus addressed them:

"Wife, you have been to me the greatest woman in all the world—through sunshine and shadow we have walked together. You have been my inspiration in everything I have undertaken. Especially has this been true in reference to my religious life. Many times I have seen the Spirit of God shining in your face. I love you far more than I did the day you became my bride. Good-night, dear; I'll see you in the morning. Good-night!"

"Mary, you are our firstborn. What a joy you have been to your father! How glad I am that you have looked so much like your mother. In face and spirit you have always reminded me of her. I see in you the sweet, beautiful young woman who left her home to become the builder of my home. What a Christian you are! Mary, you will never forget how your father has loved you. Good-night, Mary; good-night."

He then turned to his eldest son. "Will, your coming into our home has been an unmixed blessing. You were a manly boy,

you have become an exemplary man. You love God and His Church. How proud I am of such a son! You will continue to grow in every Christian grace and virtue. You have your father's love and blessing. Good-night, Will; good-night."

Charlie was next. He had fallen under evil influence, and had grievously disappointed his father and mother. The dying man skipped him and spoke to the youngest child, a beautiful young girl:

"Grace, your coming was like the breaking of a new day in our home. You have been a song of gladness—a ray of light. You have filled our hearts with music. When not long ago you surrendered your life to Jesus, your father's cup of happi-

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ness was full and overflowing. Good-night little girl; good-night!"

He then called Charlie to his side: "Charlie, what a fine, promising boy you were! Your father and mother believed you would develop into a great and noble man. We gave you all the opportunities that we gave the other children. If there has been any difference, you yourself must admit that such difference has been in your favor. We have done the best we could for you, Charlie—but you have disappointed us. You have followed the broad and downward way. You have not been guided by our advice. You have not heeded the warning of God's Holy Word. You have not hearkened to the call of the Saviour; but I have always loved you, Charlie, and I love you still. Only God knows how much I love you. Good-bye, Charlie! Good-bye, good-bye!"

Charlie seized his father's hand, and, between sobs, cried out,

"Father, why have you said 'Good-bye' to me?"

"For the simple reason, Charlie, that I will meet the other members of the family 'in the morning'—but by all the promises that assure us of a reunion, and give me hope of having them with me again, by those statements of God's Word, I can have no hope of seeing you over there. It's 'Good-bye, Charlie; good-bye.'"

Charlie fell on his knees by his dying

father's bedside and cried out in the agony of his soul, praying God to forgive his sins and allow him the hope of meeting his father again.

"Do you mean it, Charlie, Are you in earnest?"

"God knows I am," said the heart-broken young man.

"Then God will hear you, and save you, Charlie, and it is not 'Good-bye,' but 'Good-night,' Charlie. Good-night. I am grateful to God that it is not 'Good-bye,' but only 'Good-night.' Good-night, my boy, and he was gone.

Charlie is now a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and is looking forward to the time when he will hear his sainted father exclaim—

"Good morning, Charlie! I am so glad the night is done and the day has come. Is it not a glad, glad hour! Good morning, Charlie, good morning!"

O members of the same home circles: husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, loved ones—you who are bound not only by the ties of blood, but the stronger cords of a love that is sweeter than life—the day is ending; the morning is coming. They are making for you a little bed yonder in God's acre. When the shadows fall and you go to sleep, to those who love you will it be "Good-bye," or a short "Good-night?"

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## Missionary Department



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

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with the opening this fall. I am very pleased with the movement of things about the school. Of course the buildings are only provisional at present; but they are serving the purpose very well and will have to serve until the war is over. They expect to add more room during this summer. The buildings are covered with leaves off the royal palm trees and are constructed of other timbers cut mostly

there on the farm. The school chapel is very nice and a church organization is very imminent there. Already there is an average attendance of 60. Bro. Josue is the pastor of the group. Certainly our hope of evangelizing that province and also of reaching on out, lays in the success of our school.

Having been raised on a farm I felt that if there was anything upon which I might pass good judgement it would be the farm. I am pleased with our 18 acre

tract of land. It is located about six miles out of Pinar Del Rio and one half mile off the pavement. There is a bus about every three hours on this highway. Just a little work on the road leading in from the highway and this location would do very well. Of course a little closer into town might be desirable in some ways while on the other hand this location six miles out is more desirable. Any way land close into town is beyond our reach financially at this time. Land is high in Cuba. Our farm lays rolling, all tillable and apparently is good soil. There is a number of things to be done on the farm; but we must remember we have only owned it a short time. Many things have been done and these other things will be done in course of time. The history of our well on the farm is very interesting. The natives said they would have to dig 80 to 100 feet to find water there. Bro. Willey and some of the students went down below the school about 75 yards at the foot of an incline, kneeled down and asked God to guide as to where they should dig and arose, started digging and found an abundance of water at 15 feet. They had the water analyzed while we were there and the report was that no better water had been found no where in the Province of Pinar Del Rio. It is very fine in medical value. They were starting another well the other direction from the school when we left. Our 550 orange trees, and the 200 royal palms are very beautiful and very valuable. On the farm is two cows with calves, some milk goats, some hogs, chickens, a few turkeys, a few ducks, one yoke of oxen and some of the 13 head of horses which we own over the field. We also have two nice two year old heifers on pasture north of Vinasel. It had been extremely dry in Cuba for several months and the stock everywhere was suffering for the need of grass. However the rains were just beginning to fall when we left. We enjoyed our stay at the farm and school very much. One night while the students were singing some of the beautiful hymns of the church as they were practicing for convention day, we noticed the Catholics over on the ridge marching

over the country carrying their lights and images of the saints thinking that by such carrying on they might persuade God to send rain. It created a noticeable contrast as the students were singing the joys of salvation while the other sect were carrying on this next thing to a heathenish custom. Miss Olive Van Syoc's birthday and the thirty day wedding anniversary for my wife and me came on the same day. They made us a fiesta at the school. A nice and typical Cuban meal was spread, our cakes were before us with candles accordingly. Miss Olive was presented with a nice purse and we were presented with a large five foot picture of the beautiful valley of Viñales. How much we appreciated this was more than words could express.

#### SUMMARIZING THE WORK

We have the Pinar Association of Free Will Baptist's composed of five organized churches with a total membership of just about 100. In addition to this there is 35 preaching stations. Three chapels built and paid for. Seven deacons, seven Sunday schools. The school and 18 acres of land paid for. Four native pastors and three of them have wives. Four American missionaries. We are covering an area of about 120 miles in length and fifty miles wide laying in a north east and south west direction with Pinar Del Rio and the school and farm in the center. We have a lot of splendid possibilities to say nothing of the many tangible realities already existent. What we need is workers and funds. We keenly need a man and wife to go over so the man can be a help to Brother Willey. He is working too hard. There are too many things for one man to have to do. It isn't right to lay too much on one man. He is serving faithfully and enjoying it; but he needs help. Then we need native workers. Of course the school will eventually solve this problem; but it takes time. The work our missionaries are doing is strictly a pioneer work. They are indeed doing a great work. We found Miss Van Syoc very happy in her work, the children love her dearly and she is getting the language very

readily. Sister Willey was not so well when we arrived, but was greatly improved when we left. Miss Yeley is not too well and so we planned a trip home for her this summer, in which time she expects to attend the National Meeting at Flat River, Mo. The visible results we saw while there amounted to 80 professions, 31 baptized and one church organized with 24 charter members.

#### OUR TRIP HOME

We had a marvelous time, a splendid visit and stay with our missionaries which we enjoyed so much and they were all so dear to us; but now the time had rolled around for us to take our departure. We took the bus to Havana the day before we were to take the plane next morning. Bro. and Sister Willey came with us to Havana and assisted us in our procedure necessary to getting back across. We had a very nice stay over night in Havana. Bro. and Sis. Willey were to attend a fundamental missionary conference there the day of our departure.

It was storming over the ocean as we came back across. The rain was falling, the clouds were thick and dark. The lightning reflected several times in the plane. The plane had to turn and go back into port as it got just out of Havana and have one of the motors worked on for an hour and forty minutes, as it was not working just right. Yet we made it fine and landed in Miami without any difficulty what ever. We spent a few hours with Dr. Mason and then caught the bus out at midnight; as there was no reservation to be had on either plane or train. We had

a thirty six hour ride to Nashville where we spent two nights, then took the train on home, arriving home 10:00 P. M. Tuesday May 16th. We were indeed tired and ready for some rest.

#### Foreign Mission Fund

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer  
Monett, Missouri

April, 1944

Missouri .....	\$407.73
North Carolina .....	171.24
Texas .....	74.50
Michigan .....	61.12
Georgia .....	47.02
Illinois .....	43.11
Tennessee .....	26.75
Alabama .....	5.00
Oklahoma .....	4.90
South Carolina .....	2.00
Total .....	\$843.37

May, 1944

North Carolina .....	\$514.83
Missouri .....	286.52
Oklahoma .....	68.99
South Carolina .....	42.00
Tennessee .....	26.00
Texas .....	23.37
Kentucky .....	6.25
Ohio .....	5.00
Georgia .....	5.00
Arkansas .....	2.50
Refund by Laura B. Barnard .....	5.32
Refund by American Express Co. of money which failed to reach India	48.38
National Auxiliary Convention ....	92.10
Allocation Fund by National Treas.	124.41
Total .....	\$1,250.67



## Our Boys in the Service



### Under Pacific Stars

On November 22, 1943, under the stars States Marines, breathed his last. Mother of an alien sky some where in the South and Dad and beloved home were far away; Pacific. Philip Welshe, 22, of the United States, horror, violence and devastation were all



around. But Phil was "looking up," far beyond the stars, into the face of his Saviour.

Phil's last message to his Mother and Dad (5049 W. Crystal St., Chicago) was written more than a year before his death. His pals found it among his few possessions and mailed it home at once, in accordance with the request found on the envelope. He wrote:

Somewhere in the Pacific  
September 16, 1942

Dear Folks:

I am writing this letter in the hope that after my death it will be forwarded to you. My purpose in writing this is twofold. First, that you may be assured that, while we are temporarily separated, we know that we shall soon be joined together with Christ in the presence of God. As I write this I am in very little danger, but who can tell what the morrow may bring? We simply trust God to give us the victory in temporal things as well as in spiritual matters.

As I pass on, I wish to leave behind me a testimony to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that God may be glorified in my death more than He was in my life. Today, knowing that I may very soon be called to give an account of myself, I can say that I am trusting only in Jesus Christ, who died as a sacrifice for my sins that I might have eternal life. He paid the price with His own precious blood, and by simple faith in Him I am cleansed from all unrighteousness.

I am now with Jesus, and all is well with my soul. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die" (John 11:25,26).

My second purpose in writing this letter, Dad, is that you might make the way of salvation clear to a friend to whom I have written a similar letter. Give the message as from me that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Say, also,

that in Him we shall all meet again.

Dry your tears, Mom; a son has been called Home, where he waits to be joined by the dearest parents a boy could have. Perhaps consolation may be found in knowing that when we shall again be together, it shall be even as He has promised: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

My life and the lives of my buddies have not been given in vain. We have fought and died to maintain those God-given liberties with which we have been blessed. Now, for just a little while, I would say, good-bye, and God be with you till we meet again.

Your loving son, Phil

Phil had something the world doesn't have. Would you like that same peace, confidence and satisfaction he had? Then put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died and rose again that you might be forgiven, delivered from sin and eternally saved.

By receiving the Saviour through that old familiar text "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16), Phil was saved by Christ. But he was also secure in Christ, who said, "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish" (John 10:28). Now he is in the presence of Christ, for he has departed "to be with Christ, which is far better" (Philippians 1:23). All this may be yours, too. Commit your heart and life to God's Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Tract-of-the Month Club—Folder No. 118

Copies of this tract may be secured from Tract-of-the Month Club, 322 West Washington, Chicago (6), Illinois. 100 for 35c; 500 for \$1.60; 1000 for \$3.00. Add 10% for postage on orders less than \$2.50.

**\$ 18,000 FOR MISSIONS**

Dear Gem Readers:

As it has been several months since I last wrote to the church paper, I will try to do so at this time. I am very grateful for the "Gem" and surely do get a blessing from reading it. I have received several issues since being over seas and am always waiting for the next one to arrive. It is natural for a person to read some kind of literature, whether good or bad and religious papers should top the list. There is a great need today for the Gospel to be spread and by getting the proper religious material to the boys in the service is a great step in doing so.

I am glad to report that the cause of Christ is still being carried on in places as we are in here, in spite of the turmoil and strife of today. I have never failed in all of my travels to find some boys who were willing to put forth a great effort to advance the cause of Christ. Still there are so many who never give a serious thought about the spiritual welfare of man. We have our Sunday services and when possible we have mid week prayer meetings.

It matters not how many changes there may be in our surroundings or where we may be, the Master of all never changes. It is a wonderful thing how the spirit of

God can change a man and make a new creature of him. It has been my happy privilege to witness a number of my comrades, who have turned from the path of darkness and sin unto the way of life. It does my heart good when I, in my weak way, can speak a word of cheer to those who are in need of encouragement. If ever there was a time we should be up and about our Master's business it is today. A best opportunity never comes in the same manner again so we as Christian people must be constantly on the watch.

I would like to express my thanks to those fine people who have written me such encouraging letters in the past. It is food for the soul to receive such inspiring words from those who know the real joy in serving the Lord. To the ones in Highland Park, Mich. and Englewood, Colo. I want to apologize for not answering back, but in some of our movement, of which is very often, I have misplaced the addresses, but the letters are always gladly received.

In closing may I say to each believing person to put forth a greater effort to advance the cause of Christ. Always remember us in your prayers that we may do our best in the service of the Lord.

*Sgt. J. D. Campbell*



## GENERAL ARTICLES



Dear Friend of the Home:

We are now starting on the sixth year of our Orphanage Work. There is some danger that many of you who have talked and worked for the Orphanage may feel that the Home does not need your efforts as much as it did in the beginning. The need is greater now than ever before. It is true that there is more money in circulation than ever before, but there are more demands upon our money. Also there are drives of all kinds. If we let up now the Home will not only suffer, it's very existence will be threatened.

God has blessed the Home in such a wonderful way, because each of you have

constituted yourself as a worker in behalf of the Orphanage. Some of the churches started out by sending an offering each quarter. Most churches now send monthly contributions; but a few still send quarterly. We are thankful for any amount whenever sent. However, if we are to operate on a business bases we must have a steady consistant income.

Some churches began sending a monthly amount some years ago when there were only a few children and the demands on the Home were few. At that time the cost of living was low and our staff small. A large number of these churches have increased their monthly offerings. We

trust that others will prayerfully consider doing so.

We find that people not even connected with a church, to say nothing about a Free Will Baptist Church, are easily interested in the Orphanage and will gladly contribute if given the opportunity to do so. Since present conditions make it impossible for us to work the field as we should, we must depend on you more than ever.

July has always been one of our lowest months. Let's work to make June and July the best months so far this year. One good way to increase your Church's contribution to the Orphanage is to see if there are not individuals in your church and community who will give so much every month, add this to your regular offerings and you will help to meet the increased expense at the Home.

If you know of any churches, Q. M. S. Associations or individuals that you can interest in the Orphanage, we will greatly appreciate anything that you can do in this line. Let's all get busy at once. Thanks for the way you have always responded to all our needs.

*Paul Woolsey, Supt.*

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## CHRISTIAN WORKERS ASSOCIATION

Among the organizations within the College, one of the most aggressive groups is the Christian Worker's Association. This Association is composed of the men of the College and its purpose primarily is to get the Gospel to the "man on the street."

The Christian Worker's Association was formed during the early days of present school year at the suggestion of President Rev. L. C. Johnson. Every man in the College expressed a desire to become a member and the above mentioned name was chosen by the group.

There has been an outstanding piece of work done throughout the year by these men. Services have been held on the streets, in homes, at housing projects, in

the state penitentiary, in mission halls, and in churches. In addition, every member has been actively engaged in carrying personal testimony to individuals where ever and when ever the opportunity presented itself.

Eight gospel tracts have been written by members of the Association and more than 7,000 have been put into print from these. This work has been sponsored and financed largely by the Christian Worker's Association.

During the last semester of the school year, the Association inaugurated a street preaching campaign in two nearby towns, Franklin and Dickson, Tennessee. Each locality was visited every other Saturday and tracts were distributed, homes visited, and preaching service was held on the street. This has proved to be a most successful ministry.

The following set of figures will serve to sum up the work of the Association for the year, 1943-44.

Total number present in all congregations 4,413. Number of professions reported 37. Number of pieces of literature distributed 25,000. Estimated number of contacts made through tracts, personal contacts, preaching, letters and etc. 25,000.

The officers of this organization are elected semi-annually. The officers who served in the past and the officers now serving are as follows: from Oct. 1943, date of organization, to Jan. 1944. President, Damon Dodd; Vice President, Rashie Kennedy; Treasurer, Paul Boggs (now in our armed forces); and secretary, L. D. Nance. From Jan. 1944 to Sept. 1944, President, Rashie Kennedy; Vice President, Luther Gidson; Treasurer, Albert Halbrook; and Secretary, L. D. Nance. The officers for the coming year of Sept. 1944 to Jan. 1945 have been elected as follows; President, L. D. Nance; Vice President, Luther Gidson; and Secretary-Treasurer, Albert Halbrook.

*Reporter, Albert Halbrook*

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## Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole  
World  
For Christ



Dear Co-Workers:

It is my hearts desire to touch you through our papers, like I was speaking to you face to face. The year is almost up and this is the last letter you will receive through the Gem before our National Association convenes, in Flat River, Mo. It has been a great joy to visit the many churches, conventions and associations during the year. The shortage of gas has hindered some, but with all of that God has blessed and new auxiliaries have been organized. The Unified Program has been placed in different churches that never had it before. It was indeed a blessing to visit the Women's State Auxiliary Convention of N. C. and enjoy the sweet fellowship with the people of God. Those dear women are really behind the National Program. They are not for just one special phase of the work, but for all. For the last few years a number of us have watched them progress in their convention. It was also a great privilege to meet a number of our dear ministers, who are heart and soul in the work too, while in N. C. I visited several churches and received splendid co-operation from each dear pastor.

It would take too long to name all the churches out in this letter, but the results were wonderful and best of all souls were saved at most of the churches, each church gave liberally to the cause of Christ. After leaving N. C. the next stop was Colburn Va. Where we found a group waiting in the home of Sister M. A. Culberson our field worker in Va., a splendid woman of God.

Next morning several cars loaded with delegates drove to Dungannon, ten miles from Colburn to their Auxiliary Convention. This band of dear women have not been organized quite three years yet. They are doing a wonderful work it went

beyond what we expected to find, praise God for victory, I felt more than paid for the long journey and especially riding around those short cut curves. It seemed some times that the "Old Gray Hound" couldn't make it, but the drivers were good and we made it safe. I wish many of you auxiliary workers could have been with us and witnessed how they went forward with their business. Sister Culberson presided over the meeting in a splendid way. They gave us an offering of \$15.00 to carry on our work with, we thank God for this fine group of women. Bro. E. J. Kilgore is a great blessing in Va. to the auxiliary work his car goes far and near to help promote the work and we thank God for such splendid men that co-operate in the work. These women are planning another year to have the vacation bible school in their churches.

From the convention we visited a number of churches around, Norton, Va. and in the local auxiliary work, the women are going forward. The last church to make was where Sister Della Salyers, worships. She is our auxiliary president, who is doing a splendid work with the women, it was a great joy to visit in her home too.

From Va. I came on through Ky. and by missing the bus in Pikeville I met Bro. and Sister Roach, who are some of the "salt" of the earth. We expect to return and visit their church later, God bless them. It was late Sat. afternoon before the second Sun. in this month that we stepped off the bus in Ashland, Ky. and visited the Sandy City church over Sun. this church have some real folks of God in it too and we rejoiced to meet them again. It was a great privilege to be in the home of Bro. and Sister Ernest Griffith some of the faithful members of the church, their hearts are really in the work.



How we did miss dear Bro. and Sister Colliver who were away to the funeral of her brother. Early Monday morning we went on our journey to Ohio to attend both the Auxiliary Convention and their State Association. God's power was felt from the first song to the last amen. The women of Ohio are also going forward in a wonderful way. It would have rejoiced every auxiliary worker to see and hear their reports. I was asked to speak at the night service which closed the convention and when the altar call was given an elderly man came forward and prayed through to victory and then a great rejoicing come to pass.

Most of the officers were retained and Sister Alice Childres of Long Run was

put in for field worker. Dear women much depends upon your field workers. The Association was a great success from the first to last. One day during the meeting Bro. S. F. Vanhooose and several of the brethren from Ky. came but on account of a message that Bro. Vanhooose' brother had passed away, they left before the Association closed. We feel that much was accomplished. The auxiliary gave an offering of \$22.00 for our work and around \$20.00 was received in the Jehoida Chest to be sent Sister Polston for Missions.

Dear field workers send me your reports from the various states right away, so your state will be in our report at the National Association.

*Lizzie McAdams*

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## Flat River Church Welcomes YOU to the National Association

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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 Mem-

phis, 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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Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

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# EDITORIAL

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## TWO SIDES

Which side are you on, as June is almost gone, July will be next, which is a month that causes a lot of trouble in churches in some places.

Because of the two sides, Christ's side and the Devil's side, the devil in the latter years has found out that this is a good way to retard the work of Christ, by having a campaign at preacher's election time, it has already started in some places.

There is some people (and their names ought to be published) that are so full of the devil that they will do just as bad in the church election as if it was a political affair and after all that is what it is in some sections. The campaigners will tell lies and make house to house calls in their endeavor to defeat a real man of God.

The Holy Spirit of God doesn't get much consideration at a time like this, personal feeling gets the consideration, not the Holy Spirit, if the church would come together and pray, earnestly pray, and ask the Holy Spirit to direct them, there wouldn't be a half dozen candidates running for a church.

Some so called Christians are so hard to please that it would take a new preacher each month for them, unless they get one that will justify them in all their ungodliness.

Now which side are you on, if you are a genuine Christian and you have a pastor that preaches the full Gospel, you ought to be satisfied.

There is one solution to stop this group of the Devil's Agents and that is to elect your pastor for an indefinite period, with a provision the church or the pastor may make a change by giving notice a reasonable time before the change is made.

## SUBSCRIPTION

Let us make July a subscription month, see how many of your friends and neigh-

bors you can get to subscribe.

Say! they don't have to be Free Will Baptist either to read the Gem.

Every Free Will Baptist ought to be a subscriber to their church paper. Some of these days I am going to tell you what a Free Will Baptist is that doesn't take the church paper. So come on folks, let's boost the subscription list while we can.

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Just a few days until the National Association convenes at Flat River, Mo. right in the heart of the Lead Capital of the world.

I trust that a large number of you good people are planning to attend. I realize that we are in a war, there is a scarcity of gasoline and tires, travel is congested on trains and busses and for that reason many will say, Oh well! I'll just stay at home. Say! listen that is what is the matter with the world today, because too many have stayed at home in the past, when they should have been up and out in the work of the Lord.

We were engaged in a war against Satan and his forces before this war started. Shall we stop fighting sin, to fight the Germans and Japs. Come on lets go to the Association and lay some real plans for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

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## A NEW SET OF TEN COMMANDMENTS

Prepared by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for soldiers in China's armies, is as follows: "Thou shalt not covet riches; thou shalt not fear to die; thou shalt not advertise thyself for vain glory; thou shalt not be proud; thou shalt not be lazy; thou shalt not commit adultery or gamble; thou shalt not smoke; thou shalt not drink wine; thou shalt not borrow money; thou shalt not lie." — Gospel Messenger.

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# GLEANINGS

By the Editor

## ENGLISH PROTESTANTS AROUSED

English Protestants have organized a "National Union of Protestants," the avowed object of which is "to arouse and unite Protestants of all the churches to defeat the Anglo-Catholic conspiracy to force Romanism upon this country through the medium of the Established church." In the London "Christian" they say, "It is known beyond any doubt that thousands of pro Romish priests have secured ordination in the Church of England by perjured oaths and vows of fidelity to the Protestant religion and that they remain with the express intention of bringing the Church of England under the domination of the Pope of Rome." — Gospel Minister.

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS

In session in Columbus Ohio, sent the following petition to Secretary of State Hull: "We respectfully submit to you as the Secretary of State of these United States our most earnest petition to maintain the historic policy of our nation regarding religious liberty, and the right of Evangelical Christianity to propagate its faith throughout the world, and that full permission (by the issuance of passports, etc.) be continued to Protestant missions to promote their work in Latin America."

*Gospel Minister*

## PURGATORY DETOURED . .

The Gospel Witness of Toronto gives the following information, of great interest to all Roman Catholic parents of sons in the overseas conflict. The Archbishop of Winnipeg, Canada, writes a letter to all R. C. mothers who have sons in the war to tell them that simply by paying \$40 "your son if killed in action will detour purgatory and go straight to his maker, to be with him for all eternity."

## ON THE CHURCH SIDE

A milliner says that one day a woman came into the store and wanted the trimming on her new hat changed, saying that it had been trimmed on the wrong side.

"But," said the saleswoman, "the trimming is on the left side. That is where it ought to be."

"It doesn't make any difference where it ought to be; it's got to be on the church side."

"Church side!" gasped the astonished saleswoman.

"Yes, I sit next the wall. I want it on the other side so that the whole congregation can see it."

And that hat applies to many other things, in men as well as in women, that distract from true worship, says the Sunday School Times.

## REASONS FOR DECLINE

Among reasons for the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" historian Edward Gibbon mentions: The rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of society; the mad craze for pleasure; the decay of religion, faith fading into a mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide it.—Read that list again and then survey the American scene. History only teaches lessons. What we DO with the lessons will be recorded by future historians. Parents, day by day even now we are writing the history of our children and of our country.—Christian Parent.

## THE TELL-TALE HOUSE

A certain well known evangelist has said "Tell me what you have in your house, and I'll tell the world what kind of parents you are, what kind of children you have, what kind of a home you have, and what kind of influence you exert on your community." — Gospel Herald.

# 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 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. Flat River, Mo.  
July 10-11, 1944.**

Program Theme: Steadfast Witnesses in Today's World.

Watchword for Convention: "That all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only."

Executive Committee Meeting ..... July 10 at 2 P. M.  
(Sessions of National Convention Departmental Chairman with all State, and local Departmental Chairman present at 10:00 A. M. for the purpose of discussing plans of work accomplished in 1944, and work to be accomplished in 1945. All Departmental Chairman are urged to attend these sessions.)

**MONDAY EVENING**

7:30 Hymn, Prayer, Devotional: "We have Heard the Joyful Sound"

Mrs. Alice Diekey, Kansas City.

Special Music.

Organization:

1. Enrollment of Delegates.

2. Appointment of Committees.

Welcome Address: Mrs. Cecil Campbell, President of Mo. Auxiliary Convention. Presentation of Local Auxiliary Committees.

Response ..... Mrs. Ernest O. Griffith, Ky.

Special Music

8:30 Convention Message: Mrs. Marie T. Hyatt, Tenn.

9:00 "Ye Shall Be My Witnesses" Playlet presented by the Flat River Aux.  
Benediction.

**TUESDAY MORNING**

9:30 Hymn, Prayer, Devotional.

"Spread the Tidings all Around" Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Ala.

Fellowship Greetings: Rev. J. F. Miller and other Ministers.

Reading of Executive Committee Minutes, Mrs. Lupton, N. C.

Hymn.

10:15 Message of the President, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Mo.

Special Music.

10:45 Steadfast Witnessing through General Activities of W. N. A. C.

Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Field Worker.

11:00 Steadfast Witnessing through Christian Education of Our Young People, Mrs. Opal Bingham, 2nd. Vice President.

11:10 Steadfast Witnessing through Missions.

Mrs. Sylvia Dodd, 3rd. Vice President.

11:20 Steadfast Witnessing through Stewardship.

Miss G. Baxter, 4th. Vice President.

11:30 Missionary Address: "Personal Experiences in Cuba."

Rev. Winford Davis, Chairman, Foreign Mission Board.

12:00 Benediction.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

1:30 Hymn, Prayer, Reading of Minutes.

Devotional: "Sing Above the Battle Strife."

Mrs. J. C. Griffith, N. C.

Special Music.

Steadfast Witnessing:

Through W. N. A. C. Literature, Mrs. Agnes Frazier.

1st. Vice President.

Through W. N. A. C. Plan of Work, Miss Rebecca Stewart.

Cor. Secretary.

Through Personal Service Miss Tommie Franklin.

Acting 5th. Vice President.

Through Observance of the Seasons of Prayer, Speakers to be selected by state delegation in attendance.

Through Gifts, Report of Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Polston.

Through Plans for 1945 Seasons of Prayer, Missionary and Stewardship, Education of F. W. B. Women and Young People.

Chairman of Plan of Work Committee.

Special Music.

2:50 "Sing in Triumph O'er the Tomb." Memorial Service.

3:00 Miscellaneous Business.

4:30 Closing Hymn.

Benediction.

(Phrases from the Hymn "Jesus Saves" have been selected to form the basis for the annual Convention devotionals.)

Mrs. Marie Hyatt will have charge of all music for the annual meeting.

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**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, Fredriectown, 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

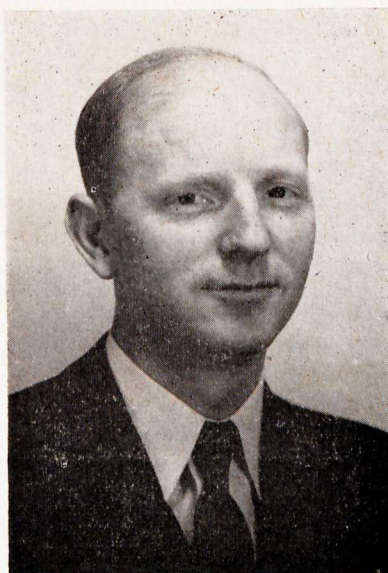
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9:15 Report of Free Will Baptist League Board. Rev. Henry Melvin,  
Durham, N. C.  
9:40 Miscellaneous Business.  
11:00 Song and Praise.  
11:15 Closing Message. Rev. L. E. Colliver. Ashland, Ky.  
12:00 Noon—Benediction.

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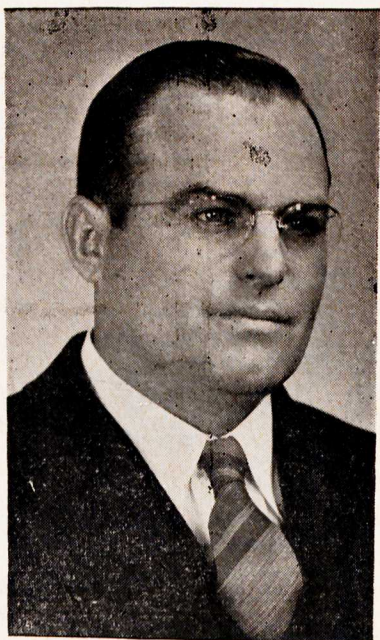
For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.



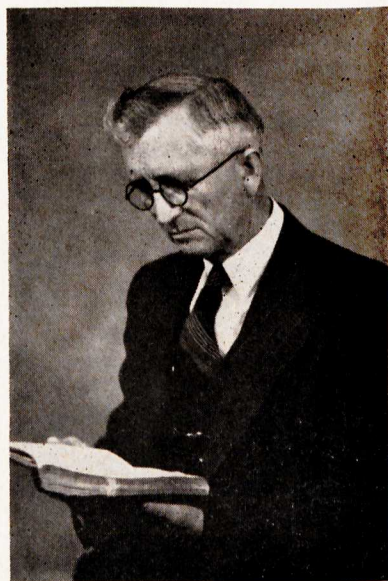
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of Tulsa, Oklahoma



Rev. L. E. Colliver  
of Ashland, Kentucky

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### Bereavement and Resignation

JESUS, while our hearts are bleeding

O'er the spoils that death has won,

We would, at this solemn meeting,

Calmly say,—Thy will be done.

Though cast down, we're not forsaken;

Though afflicted, not alone:

Thou didst give, and thou has taken;

Blessed Lord,—Thy will be done.

Though to-day we're fill'd with mourning,

Mercy still is on the throne;

With thy smiles of love returning,

We can sing,—Thy will be done.

By thy hands the boon was given;

Thou hast taken but thine own:

Lord of earth, and God of heaven,

Evermore,—Thy will be done.



Miss Laura Bell Barnard  
of Glenville Georgia

# Inspirational Poems

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Texas

## God's Beautiful Rainbow

The rain has ceased falling, the sun shines again;  
The rain-bow is kissing the hills;  
Surpassing in beauty, the flowers of the glen,  
E'en lilies by the side of the rills.  
Mankind had forsaken and turned against God,  
And refused to obey His commands;  
The earth was accursed according to His word;  
The waters covered all of the lands.  
When the waters subsided, dry land did appear,  
And the earth was replenished once more;  
God's promise to all creatures, gave comfort and cheer,  
Because the floods, forever are o'er.  
So He placed in the sky, His beautiful bow,  
As a token He'll never forget  
That promise He's made with all people below,  
Who by doubts and by fears are beset.  
When I see that bow, with its colors so gay,  
I know that the Lord's thinking of me;  
He'll protect and comfort me all of the way;  
My companion and pilot He'll be.  
No promise He's made has e'er been broken,  
If, only we comply with His will;  
His bow in the sky is positive token,  
We may trust Him implicitly still.

## I Sing Because I'm Happy

I once was alienated from God and liberty,  
But now I'm recreated;  
Through Christ I now am free.

Chorus

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free;  
I sing because in Jesus;  
I've life and liberty.

Dark clouds once hovering o'er me,  
Filled me with dread and fear;  
Dear Lord I now adore Thee;  
Thou art to me most dear.

I once was lost and lonely,  
In darkness I did roam;  
Through Christ and through Him only,  
I now am safely home.

Dear Lord I love Thee dearly,  
Thou art my truest friend;  
Help me that I sincerely,  
Trust Thee unto the end.

O sinner now surrender  
To God who reigns above;  
He'll be your great defender,  
And fill you with His love.

And when your race is over  
And you have reached your goal;  
He'll dwell with you forever,  
In the sweet home of the soul.

## Keep Me Dear Lord I Pray

While on life's long and toilsome way,  
Be Thou my guide each day;  
Lest from Thy presence I should stray,  
Keep me Dear Lord I pray.

Chorus

Help me to walk the narrow way,  
Be guided by Thy hand each day,  
Lest from Thy presence I should stray,  
Keep me Dear Lord I pray.

If to Thy trust I have been true;  
To Thee commit my way;  
If daily I have walked with you,  
Still Keep me Lord I pray.

If in Thy presence I abide,

And stray not from Thy way;  
If with Thy will I have complied,  
Still keep me Lord I pray.

When I have reached the last mile post,  
Along life's great high way;  
May I have still the Holy Ghost,  
To guide me, Lord I pray.

### Yes Jesus Always Helps Me

My griefs, alone I cannot bear,  
But Jesus always helps me;  
He doth with me all burdens share,  
Yes Jesus always helps me.

#### Chorus

Yes Jesus always helps me, Yes Jesus al-  
ways helps me,  
In all of my need, He's a help indeed.  
Yes Jesus always helps me.

He helps me in all times of need,

Yes Jesus always helps me;  
He helps me when for aid I plead.  
Yes Jesus always helps me;

He helps me when all others fail,  
Yes Jesus always helps me.  
He helps me that I may prevail,  
Yes Jesus always helps me;

He helps me in the darkest hour,  
Yes Jesus always helps me.  
He helps me in sunshine and shower,  
Yes Jesus always helps me;

He'll help me while this life shall last,  
Yes Jesus always helps me.  
He'll help me till all trials past,  
Yes Jesus always helps me;

He'll help me till my race is o'er,  
Yes Jesus always helps me.  
He'll help me land on Canaan's shore,  
Yes Jesus always helps me.

## Church Letters - Field Reports

### TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

Since we last reported, a good number of Tulsa church members were privileged to attend the Quarterly meeting of our 1st. Mission Association at our camp grounds, with each church giving in good reports of God's work and good preaching each day and night. A sweet fellowship prevailed through out the 3 day session.

Sis. Eunice Edwards of Desloge, Mo. the National President of Women's Auxiliary was visiting in Tulsa and was present at the Quarterly Meeting and brought a good message on Auxiliary day as well as lots of valuable information concerning Auxiliary work.

At the end of the 2nd. week of our good revival, Bro. Riggs felt lead to close and return back to Detroit to make preparations for the Christian Workers Institute which opened in his church June 5.

Bro. and Sis. Bingham, Bessie Stairs and Joe Wilson from our church attended this Institute, having just returned they reported a fine school and a good spiritual time,

they saw souls saved during their stay. During Bro. Bingham's absence, Bro. Ralph Brown of Tulsa, Bro. Bennett, former pastor of our Berry Hill Church and Bro. Coursey also of Tulsa occupied our pulpit with soul stirring messages at each service.

Also we enjoyed a feast of good singing, when the County singing convention met with us with a large number present and wonderful songs were rendered.

Our daily vacation bible school opened this A. M. with an enrollment of 70 eager children, that wants to learn more about the Lord.

In bringing our report to close, we want to pay tribute to one of our beloved members who has just passed on to his reward. Bro. J. O. Parker, whose picture appeared in the Gem last year with a poem composed in his honor by Sis. Bingham. Bro. Parker had been a member of Tulsa church around 20 years and a faithful supporter of same, had taught the men's Bible Class, as well as being choir director during most of this time. A devout christian, unshakeable and unmoveable and much loved

by all who knew him. I'm sure he heard his Master say, Mat. 24:21 "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." A great pillar has been moved from our church, but we must submit to the will of our Father and say, our loss is Heaven's gain.

*Reporter, Mrs. Evelyn Miller*

save us all where we can meet again, where there will be no war or heartaches. For we know if the poor boys that give their lives for freedom and are safe in the arms of Jesus, then we live as He commands us, we will get a furlough and go see them some day. The best of it is we will not have to come back. Sometimes Heaven seems so real to me I just want to go now, but God knows best.—Mrs. Ora Wischart.

### Myrtle Church

Dear Gem Readers:

I have never written to this paper, but I am trying, as I feel if more christian people would write it would help our Editor. I am a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Myrtle, Mo., have been since I was 13, but as so many of us have done not lived as close to the Lord as I should have in the past. But He always whips His children when we neglect to do His will and our duty. As we grow older and near our journey's end the way grows brighter for Heaven and it's beauties. We have a little rosebud there that God saw fit to pluck from our home, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

We are thanking God for our church, He has blessed us with material things to build a new church house. We want the prayers of all that our church will be much more perfect than the house and that each member be a willing worker for our Lord. We are thankful for our pastor who is so faithful. We have a good Sunday school every Sunday and League Sunday night. We have been neglecting one thing, Prayer Meeting once a week in our church. We are having prayer meeting next Wednesday night. We do ask that every christian who reads the Gem to pray that we will continue and grow and prosper in God's work, which is needed in our community and all over this land of ours.

There was one of our young men a member of our church who is starting over seas and has asked the church for special prayer. May God bless him and his loved ones. If we never see him here may God

### Amity Church

Dear Gem Readers:

I will endeavor once again to let you in on the doings of the Amity Church near Niangua. Since I last wrote we have had three or four regular appointments and our Pastor, Rev. Frank Linton brought us a good message each time. On Mother's Day he did extra well, the spirit of the Lord was sure there. We had several aged mothers with us, our oldest mother was ninety five years old. Then on Monday night after the first Sunday in June, Bro. Linton started a weeks revival. It was truly a great success. The Lord was there all through the meeting and there was three precious souls brought to Christ. I didn't get to attend the meeting, but I was told by our pastor and others that attended that they had a good time in the Lord. Then the meeting closed on our appointment time, which was our time to have our all day services with basket dinner. Bro. Linton brought a wonderful message, both morning and evening, we had our communion and feet washing service. I am sure every one got a blessing and wasn't sorry they came. Remember to pray for our church when you pray.

*Miss Nina McClanahan, Reporter*

### Cross Roads

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been several months since I attempted to write to you, but I'd just like to say "Hello" again and send a little re-

port of the doings of God's people around here.

We as God's people at Cross Roads are still steadily marching forward, trying to keep a light to the last, shining from the little country church.

Death has been in our church to call from labor to a sweet reward several of it's worthy members.

One year ago Aunt Jane Lewis, a real example of christian faith and trust, one of our best left us to be with Jesus. Just six months later Sister Eula Lewis Adams, our faithful clerk, answered her call and now sleeps in our church yard, but their Christ like lives still live on in the neighborhood and church where their lives were spent in the service of God.

Some are too old to come, as the gas is rationed, many have moved away seeking employment and good wages, but there is still a faithful few. More have been added to the number, God is able and I believe He will stand by the church, where a few gather together in His name.

I do know this, that God is still blessing us at Cross Roads, altho there is not always a house full, as in the days of long ago. We have a good Sabbath school and have never failed our regular meetings.

Brother Curtis L. Wilson is still the pastor, has been for the past 8 years and probably will be first choice, until he decides to quit us. Sunday June 11th. is the day set to take communion and wash feet and all day services.

We are planning some repair work on the church house in the next few weeks, God being willing.

We were blessed with meeting with the Children of God at Sunnyview, Sunday 5 in an all day service, communion and feet washing with more than 25 taking part. The little church only organized a few years ago has grown and prospered in Jesus name. Eld. Roy Jones is at this time their pastor.

As time passes I feel that these golden opportunities of gathering at a public place of worship are a blessed privilege, for it may be in the near future we cannot. Many war torn nations do not have that blessing now, so dear children of God

everywhere, lets work while it is yet called day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

My heart is full of praise to God that we can be able to possess that sweet peace and enjoy the fullness of His love, be overshadowed by His presence made to rejoice in our Saviour, even in these days of sorrow sin and distress and know that tho this house, this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have a house a building not made with hands, eternally in the heavens.

*Alpha Jane Wilson*

### From The California Messenger

A Free Will Baptist Association organized in California.

On May 6, 1944, the Free Will Baptist Churches met at Turlock, California and organized an association.

God wonderfully blessed us and I believe everyone went home feeling that God's approval was upon this great move.

The first Quarterly Meeting will be at Winters, California in August.

We hope that our Ministers out here in California will follow the example of the early Christians and if they cannot get Churches to worship in they will organize churches in their homes, (See Rom. 16:5; I Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philemon 2) and send delegates to this meeting.

The Scriptures say that "If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied faith, and is worse than an infidel." I Tim. 5:8. You say that you believe the Free Will Baptist doctrine, but are you helping make it possible for your family to have the old-time gospel preached to them? If not, I am afraid you have failed in the most important thing.

Since we last wrote I went to Richmond, where I met Bro. E. A. Russell, Frank Purses, Bro. Moore, and a number of other Free Will Baptist people from the east. I hope we may soon have a church there.

May God bless all our General and Free Will Baptist people and give us many more churches.

*A. B. Talbert*

Dear Friends in Him:

Since the last issue of this little paper we have had another grand Fifth Sunday Meeting. This was held with the Ocean-view Church. Two carloads of the folks from the Free Will Church in Porterville came down to be with us and we certainly enjoyed having them. Our next Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Church in Porterville in July. Please come and be with us.

I received a nice letter from Mrs. Hartfield of Los Angeles this month and she enclosed an offering for the paper. Also a nice letter from Bro. Findley saying that Bro. Clagg had been down to Porterville from San Francisco and had preached for them.

Do you know what I would like to see? I would like to see all our General and Free Will Baptist people in California together for an old time camp meeting some time this fall. Would you like that? I knew you would. Well, if we could find a place to have it, would you make plans to attend for about three or four days. Write and let me know. I think it could be arranged.

*Leonard Felton*

### The Master Is Coming

Jesus said: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

They said: "The Master is coming

To honor the town to-day,

And none can tell at whose house or home

The Master will choose to stay."

And I thought, while my heart beat wildly,

What if He should come to mine?

How would I strive to entertain

And honor the Guest divine!

And straight I turned to toiling

To make my home more neat;

I swept, and polished, and garnished,

And decked it with blossoms sweet;

I was troubled for fear the Master

Might come ere my task was done,

And I hastened and worked the faster,

And watched the hurrying sun..

But right in the midst of my duties

A woman came to my door;

She had come to me her sorrows,

And my comfort and aid to implore.

And I said: "I cannot listen,

Nor help you any to-day;

I have greater things to attend to;"

And the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another—

A cripple, thin, pale and gray—

And said: "Oh, let me stop and rest

Awhile in your home, I pray!

I have traveled far since morning.

I am hungry and faint and weak:

My heart is full of misery,

And comfort and help I seek."

And I said: "I am grieved and sorry.

But I cannot help you to-day;

I look for a great and noble Guest,"

And the cripple went away.

And the day wore onward swiftly,

And my task was nearly done,

And a prayer was ever in my heart

That the Master to me might come.

And I thought I would spring to meet Him

And serve Him with utmost care,

When a little child stood by me,

With a face so sweet and fair—

Sweet, but with marks of tear-drops,

And his clothes were tattered and old;

A finger was bruised and bleeding,

And his little bare feet were cold.

And I said: "I am sorry for you;

You are sorely in need of care,

But I cannot stop to give it,

You must hasten elsewhere."

And at the words a shadow

Swept o'er his blue-veined brow;

"Some one will feed and clothe you, dear,

But I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended,

And my toil was over and done;

My house was swept and garnished,

And I watched in the dusk alone;

Watched, but no footfall sounded.

No one paused at my gate,

No one entered my cottage door,

I could only pray and wait.

I waited till night had deepened,

And the Master had not come;  
 "He has entered some other door," I cried,  
 "And gladdened some other home!"  
 My labor had been for nothing,  
 And I bowed my head and wept.  
 My heart was sore with longing,  
 Yet, spite of it all I slept.

Then the Master stood before me,  
 And His face was grave and fair:—  
 "Three times to-day I came to your door,  
 And craved your pity and care;  
 Three times you sent me onward,  
 Unhelped and uncomforted,  
 And the blessing you might have had was  
 lost,  
 And your chance to serve has fled."

"O Lord, dear Lord, forgive me!  
 How could I know it was Thee?"  
 My very soul was shamed and bowed,  
 In the depths of humility.  
 And He said: "The sin is pardoned,  
 But the blessing is lost to thee;  
 For, comforting not the least of Mine,  
 Ye have failed to comfort Me."

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## MONKEYS

Three monkeys once up in a coconut tree  
 Were discussing something they had heard  
 true, to be.

"What do you think, now listen you two.  
 Here, monkeys, is something that could  
 not be true,  
 That humans descended from our pure  
 race.  
 Why, it's simply shocking, a fearful dis-  
 grace!

Ever hear of a monkey deserting his wife,  
 Leaving baby to starve, and to ruin it's  
 life?

Have you ever known of a mother monk  
 To leave her darlings with others to bunk?  
 Their babies are handed from one to  
 another,  
 And scarce ever know the love of a mother.  
 Ever know of a monkey so selfish to be  
 As to build a fence 'round a coconut tree  
 So all other monkeys can't get a wee taste,  
 But let all the coconuts there go to waste?  
 If I built a fence 'round this coconut tree,

Starvation would force you to steal them  
 from me.

Think a monkey would dress up in dia-  
 monds and pearls,  
 And strut into church like they owned  
 the whole world?

With an air of devotion take the loftiest  
 pew,  
 (Then live like the devil all the week  
 thru.)

No, monkeys, none of us ever pose as a  
 saint,  
 Or try to make out that he is what he  
 ain't.

Ever know of a monkey to fill up his face  
 With poison and squirt it all over the  
 place?

Or stay out to frolic the most of the night,  
 Then sleep like a sluggard 'til way past  
 daylight?

No, monkeys all know when slumber  
 should follow,  
 And never chew up what they know they  
 can't swallow.

And here is one other thing monkeys  
 won't do,

Seek a bootlegger's shanty and get on a  
 stew,

Get drunk and make whoopie, disgracing  
 his life,

Then reel madly homeward and beat up  
 his wife.

They call this all pleasure and make a  
 big fuss.

They descended from somewhere, but never  
 from US."

*Rev. Raymond Riggs*

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## "Hello God"

God I have never spoken to you,  
 But now I want to say, "How do you do."  
 You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,  
 And like a fool I believed all this.

Last night from a shellhole I saw your  
 sky;  
 I figured right then they had told me a  
 lie.

Had I taken time to see the things you  
 made,  
 I'd known they weren't calling a spade a



spade.

I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand;  
Somehow I feel you will understand.  
Funny I had to come to this hellish place,  
Before I had time to see your face.  
Well I guess there isn't much more to say,  
But I'm sure glad, God, I met you today.  
I guess the zero hour will soon be here,  
But I'm not afraid since I know you're near.

The signal: Well, God, I'll have to go;  
I like you lots—this I want you to know.  
Look, now, this will be a horrible fight;  
Who knows, I may come to your house to-night.

Though I wasn't friendly with you before,  
I wonder, God, if you'd wait at your door  
Look, I'm crying! Me, shedding tears;  
I wish I'd known you these many years.  
Well I'll have to go now, God, good-bye,  
Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die.

Anon

## A LOOK AT THE BOOK

By Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

Pres. Bob Jones College

I have watched a scientist as he lectured on the wonders of botany tear a flower petal from petal, part from part until there was no flower left. That which had been beautiful was destroyed. Instead of the perfect loveliness of the blossom there were scattered petals and yellow pollen. In his efforts to discover for himself or point out to others the intricate structure of the flower, he had destroyed it. Vivisectionists have cut up living bodies trying to discover the secret of life and in the process they have destroyed life.

The so-called higher critics remind one of the botanist and the vivisectionist. They seek to tear apart the WORD of GOD. Verse by verse, chapter by chapter, book by book, author by author, they untwist and unwind and pry apart. They dissect that which is a living whole.

Of course, man cannot destroy the Bible. God's Word is forever fixed in heaven. Higher criticism, which never takes into account the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

and the supernatural character of the Scripture, can never destroy the Word which is as eternal as the God who gave it. In their effort to prove their own theories as to authority and to discover contradictions in the Word where no contradictions exist, they only dull further the blunt blades of their own intellectual instruments.

The sad part about the whole process, however, is this. As far as their own perception is concerned they miss the beauty of the flower which they seek to analyze and divide part from part. Though they can never destroy the living Word, they are unconscious that it is living and vital, and as they cut out a fragment here and a fragment there they fail to find the eternal life which God's Word offers to them, for this book from Genesis to Revelation speaks of Him who is the Life of God, the One who is the Author of Eternal Life, the One who came that men might have life. The Word of God is a whole. To the believer each portion is precious and each promise is sweet. The analysis of all the higher critics in the world cannot explain it. The wisdom of man cannot reproduce it any more than the botanist can make a flower or the scientist give life.

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## IN MEMORY OF BUDDY RAY MIZER

The little bed is empty now;  
The little clothes laid by;  
A mother's hope, a father's joy;  
In death's cold arm doth lie,  
Go, little pilgrim to thy home,  
On yonder blissful shore;  
We miss you here; but soon shall come.  
Where thou has gone before.



### Mother

Many miles separate us  
In this fair land of ours  
Time to be remembered  
How she watched us hour by hour.  
Heart o'er burdened with heartache and  
care  
Always mother standing there  
Out stretched arm to draw you in  
From the wicked ways of sin.  
May God watch over her while I'm away  
Take care of her from day to day  
So when the great battles' won  
To mother's arms I can run.

*Written by Sgt. Robert Colliver*

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Sister Eula Lewis Adams was layed to rest March 12, 1943, in memory of our faithful clerk.

Today we met at Cross Roads  
A place we all hold dear  
Our hearts were broke and bleeding  
Our eyes were filled with tears.  
A face we loved was missing  
A voice we loved was stilled  
A seat is empty in our church  
That never can be filled.  
We missed her sweet voice singing  
We missed her earnest prayer  
A link was missing in our conference  
We missed her everywhere.  
The day before around her casket  
Stood a mourning funeral train  
For her redeemed so early  
Tears were falling down like rain.  
We are so sad and lonely  
With out her smiling face  
But God needed another blossom  
And took Eula to fill the place.  
We loved her yes we loved her  
But the angels loved her more  
And they have gently called her  
To that bright shining shore.  
The golden gates were open  
A gentle voice said "come"  
And with fare wells unspoken  
Eula calmiy entered home.  
We wonder why she had to go  
So sudden to depart  
But Jesus bids it must be so  
Tho it sadly grieves our hearts.

Eula's presence was a pleasure  
Day by day we loved her more  
But to God she was a treasure  
Angels took her from our door.  
Long long days we will miss you Eula  
Long days for you we'll weep  
Through many nights of sorrow  
Precious memories will we keep.  
Altho Eula had to leave us  
Soon we will meet her again  
To us it made heaven more precious  
When she entered in.

*Cross Roads Church*



Mr. J. O. Parker

### Obituary

Parker—Mr. J. O. Parker was born at Freeman, Mo. May 13th., 1874 and departed this life May 30th., 1944 at the age of 70 years and 17 days.

He was married to Miss Charlotte Jane Bishop in 1894 at Persake, Mo. Rev. T. C. Mouzer officiating. To this union was born four children; One daughter, Mrs. Grace Baumgardner, preceeding him in death fourteen years ago. Surviving, his wife, Mrs. J. O. Parker, three sons, Mr. Jim Parker, Mr. Marvin Parker of Tulsa, Okla. and Lester Parker, serving with the

United States Army some where in England. Eight grand children and one great grand child.

Three brothers, Mr. George Parker of Cheyene, Wyo., Mr. John Parker and Mr. Robert Parker of Freeman, Mo., one sister Mrs. Myrtle Bybbe of Freeman, Mo., many other relatives and a host of friends.

Bro. Parker was converted at the age of nineteen and united with the South Fork Baptist Church in Cass Co. Mo.

In 1918 he moved to Tulsa, Okla. and was an employe of the Sin Clair Oil Co. In 1926 he united with the First Free Will Baptist Church and has been music and choir director from the time he united with this church, until his death, he also was the men's Bible Class teacher.

Bro. Parker was loved by every one he came in contact with. He lived a faithful consistant christian life, he was considered a foundation stone in this church, a pillar that could not be moved.

Our loss is Heavens gain, we humbly bow to our Heavenly Father's will.

His funeral was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. Friday June 2nd. 1944 at 3 P. M. Rev. Melvin Bingham officiating.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Missouri State Association

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Green Grove Church near Novinger, Mo. beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September 1944.

The Auxilliary Sermon on Monday night will be preached by Rev. F. C. Zinn of Frededicktown, Mo., Rev. Lowell Martin, alternate.

The League Sermon at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday will be preached by Rev. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo., Mrs. Roena Thomas, alternate.

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be preached by Rev. J. R. Davidson of Nashville, Tenn., Rev. O. T. Allred, alternate.

### Indian Creek Association

The next annual session of the Indian Creek Association will be held with the Aurora Church, Aurora, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the first Sunday in September 1944. The introductory sermon is to be preached on Tuesday night by Bro. Paul Williams; Bro. Frank Linton, alternate. Ministers' Conference on Monday night and Tuesday. Everyone is welcome.

### Central Western Missouri and South-eastern Kansas Association

The Thirty-sixth annual session of the Central Western Missouri and South Eastern Kansas Association will be held with the Wagoner Church, ten miles southwest of Stockton Mo., beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1944.

Eld. Frank Linton will preach the opening message to the Minister's Conference on Tuesday night August 22.

The introductory sermon to the Association proper will be preached by Eld. Lowell Martin on Wednesday night, Aug. 23. Everyone is welcome.

*Thora H. Arbogast, Clerk.*

### The First Oklahoma Association

Will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Shawnee, Okla. instead of North View, as was previously announced. Beginning, Thursday morning Aug. 17, 1944, this will be the 47th. annual Association. The location of the church is as follows, 11th. and Shawnee, Okla. Just two blocks north of East Main Street.

W. E. Dearmore, Moderator.

### Zion Hope No. 2 Association

The next Annual session of the Zion Hope No. 2 Association will be held with the Mountainburg Church beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1944. Elder Ben Pixley to preach introductory sermon followed by Elder Glenn Dipboye. Elder Charles Graham to preach the memorial sermon followed by Elder Rubert Pixley.

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