

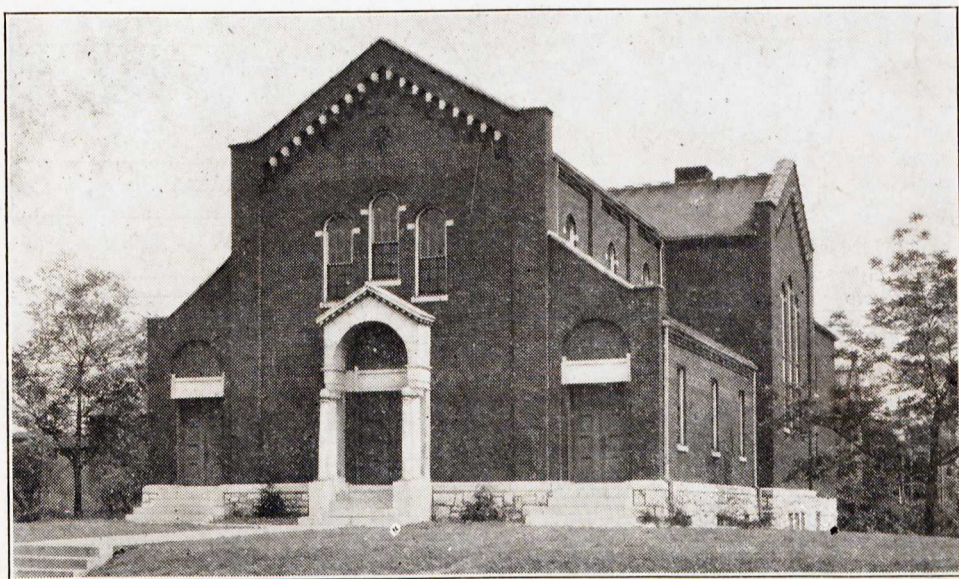
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# GOSPEL SERMONS



## The why of Worldwide Mission

By Rev. Raymond Riggs

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*Text; Matt. 28:19 Go ye therefore and teach all nations.*

These are days in which the true disciples of Christ feel the tremendous responsibility of carrying out the Great Commission that the Master gave to the Church just before He went back to the Father. We realize that this command was given in infinite wisdom and infinite love and therefore demands our serious consideration. Many are asking both by word of mouth and by attitude, why the church of today should be concerned about world wide evangelism. We hope to show in the light of the scriptures, by historical facts and the present need, that the present day church is under divine command and obligation to carry the Gospel message to the ends of the earth.

### I. A Look at the Commission. (Command)

Matt. 28:19 —“Go ye therefore and teach all nations.

This is an all inclusive statement made by the Lord Jesus Christ to the Apostles. Some might dare to say that this command was meant only for the apostles and does not apply to us today, but not so. The apostles were the pillars of the church. The brevity of life would not permit them to fully carry out the command. The generations to follow must also accept the challenge. The command was given to the present church and her successors. In other words it is a responsibility that is charged to every Christian person. “Go ye” and teach all nations. This command has never been repealed, neither has it been amended it

still stands and rings out in tones clear and strong, “Go ye and teach all nations.” It is just as binding today to the church as it was the day it was uttered by the Lord Jesus Himself.

Another expression of the “Command” is found in Mark 16:15; “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Not merely in our home community, state, or nation, but to ALL the world, and to EVERY Creature. Meaning, of course, those created in His own image and likeness. All mankind. Also in Luke’s Gospel we have the phrase, “Among all nations.” In full it reads: (Luke 24:47), “And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” Of course, we must begin at home (Jerusalem), but too many people want to stay at home. Another passage that emphasizes the fact of missions is found in Acts 1:8, “But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

These passages surely are proof enough that we need to carry the glorious message to all men everywhere. But some will say:

### II. Are the Heathen Lost?

Some have declared that God would be unjust to condemn a man who had never heard of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Others have said, “He has a law of His own by which he will be judged.” Shall we look again for the correct answer in the word of God? On first

thought we would say: 'Surely they will be saved.' or 'It doesn't seem right.' But let us search the Scriptures and find out why we are to evangelize the world.

### 1. Jesus is the Only Way.

Acts 4:12, "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

We are told that in Hinduism alone there are more than 300,000,000 gods. Any, or all of these will not suffice for salvation. Only Jesus can save.

The way in which God deals with all classes of people is very definitely described in the book of Romans.

In chapter one, directly following the Apostle's great statement of missionary obligation and the power of the Gospel (vs. 14 to 17), we find a terrific indictment of the heathen world and an appalling picture of its spiritual wickedness and moral filthiness. The heathen are declared to be without excuse as to their idolatrous rites and abominable practices because of the measure of light which God has given them, even apart from the Gospel, through nature and conscience (vs. 19, 20). In chapter two the cases and the Jewish legalist are taken up, and their guilt is shown to be aggravated by reason of the added light and privilege. The absolute firmness of God's judgement of all men, whether the heathen under conscience, the Jew under law, or the hearer of the Gospel under grace, is made clear (vs. 6, 12, 14, 15). In chapter three the argument leads on to a final verdict of guilt against the whole human race (vs. 2, 9, 12), culminating with the words, "that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God" (v. 19).

The world's guilt and need thus established, the Apostle thereupon proceeds at once to introduce God's great plan of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. When chapter ten is reached, a clear and beautiful summary is given of the equality before God of Jew and Gen-

tile.

"How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (vs. 14, 15) HOW? HOW HOW? HOW?—Unanswerable questions these, constituting one of the most convincing arguments for missions!—What solemn responsibility do they lay upon all those who have the only remedy for the condemning sin of the heathen world!" —Dr. Glover.

So we can readily see that the responsibility rests upon the home church to send the messenger, that the lost may hear the Gospel story, and hearing and believing, he can be saved from his sins. No other way has God provided. God's love and of his abounding grace toward all alike, so that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (vs. 12, 13). But immediately afterwards come those convicting words: he's so ordained it that human instrumentality is used in the ministry of reconciliation.

### 2. The Heathen Conscious of Lost Condition.

Eph. 4:17, 18. "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles (heathen) walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, be-

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ing alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

These verses present a deplorable picture of how low humanity will go without God. This is the condition of heathen lands today.

Our own missionary, Miss Barnard, tells of talking to a man in India who had returned from one of the great festivals of which large sums of money had been received and thousands of fowls and animals had been sacrificed. He described it as a big affair as they worshipped their gods. The man was asked if he had not returned with a light heart and a light spirit, seeing all this was one to atone for sin. The man hung his head in shame and confessed, "Ah, M'ssi—Amma, alas, alas, how I wish your words were true! There is still no peace in my heart, for my sins are yet with me." So we see they are conscious of their lost condition—and millions of them are crying for the Truth.

If the Bible teaches anything, it teaches that there is only one way to be saved, one standard of judgment for all men, and only one Redeemer for all races of people. Unless the multitudes of the world hear, and believe the Story, surely they are lost. They are already condemned. We read in John 3:18, "He that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Comparing this Scripture with Romans, chapter ten (how can they believe in whom they have not heard), we are compelled to admit that they are LOST, LOST, and that we are under obligation to go or send some one with the message of light. **A Look at the Fields—Ready for Harvest**

Below are some startling facts and figures, that should arouse every Christian to the point that we could say with the one of old: "Here am I, send me."

#### Latin America

Population, 126,000,000;  
60,000,000 still unevangelized;

One missionary to 40,000 population.

#### Africa

Population 150,000,000.  
50,000,000 to 70,000,000 unevangelized.  
One missionary to 18,000 population.

#### India

Population 350,000,000.  
200,000,000 still unevangelized.  
One missionary to 71,000 population.

#### China

Population 475,000,000.  
200,000,000 or more still unevangelized.  
One missionary to 77,000 population.

#### Japan

Population (inc. Formosa) 75,000,000.  
40,000,000 still unevangelized.  
One missionary to 83,000 population.

#### Central Asia

Population 35,000,000.  
Almost wholly unevangelized.

#### Island World

Population 76,000,000.  
Consisting of—  
Melania 61,000,000.  
Philippines, 13,000,000.  
1,500 Pacific Islands, 2,000,000.  
27,000,000 still unevangelized.

#### IV. What Shall We Do?

Luke 10:2: "Therefore said he unto them. The harvest truly is ripe, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into the harvest." Yes, let us pray, let us go if the Lord calls, and let us give. We are faced with a challenging responsibility. We need workers, and more workers: there are places open for you now—Will you go? Is the Lord calling you? Not only do we need workers, but we need money. We must raise \$40,000.00 for Foreign Missions the next year. Would that every Free Will Baptist in U. S. would give to this worthy cause. Would that every pastor would get the vision and start now on a plan that would help in this big job. Sounds like a lot of money, but among so many people it is little. Come on folks, let's keep our Foreign Mission money going to our Foreign Mission Chairman and Treasurer, Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri. Let's go over the mark in carrying out the command of our Lord.

# The Precious Blood

1 Peter, 1:18-19.

"For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Today, men are seeking redemption and are thinking that they are going to be saved by following the insignificant things of the world. Some seek silver and gold thinking that they can pay the priest and he will pray and make their hope for eternity secure. While these are depending on silver and gold, there are others that think there there morality and good deeds will be accepted in the sight of God. Then still others are saying, dad and mother were good Christians when they lived, they told me that I was christened when I was a baby. I'll be all right at the judgement because I belong to the church.

But while men are seeking to get into eternal rest and happiness by their own merits, I want you to read again with me, 1 Peter 1:18-19.

"Forasmuch as ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb with blemish and without spot."

It seems to me rather foolish for some one to try to do otherwise than the plan that God, the creator of this universe has laid out as a blue-print for our lives. Yet so many men have the twisted idea that they are pretty good fellows and that God will just look over their little sins and permit them to enter heaven without ever having the blood of Jesus Christ, the perfect offering for the sins of the world applied to their souls. Listen though! don't get the idea that you are righteous and Holy, because your righteousness is as filthy rags in the sight of God.

It is necessary to have that blood applied to your soul so that your sins are under

the precious blood, for Christ's words tell us that without blood there is no remission of sins. Then if there is no remission of sins without the precious blood, there is no admittance to heaven and eternal rest and glory, for God has said in His word that no sin shall enter heaven. A man will be sinful as long as he does not have sin covered by the blood. Just saying in short what we have already said. You are bound to a Devil's Hell of fire and brimstone forever if you don't accept the precious blood of Jesus, to cover your sins. When this precious blood has been applied, this person becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus.

We remember the case of a woman, who had stooped to almost the lowest standard that a woman could stoop, when she had come to Jesus and had been enlightened of His way, went away a changed person, one who would have been a good example for others to have followed. God had cleaned up her life and she had been a recipient of the great Salvation and had followed Jesus and ministered to Him even until death to show her gratitude for His miraculous power that He had used to cast seven devils from her. Yes, Mary Magalene received the precious blood and was used of God as a messenger after His resurrection to tell the first account of this to the disciples. (Mark 16:9).

Another character who was changed by the precious blood was a man that had been educated in the highest courts of the land, a man, who knew the laws almost by heart even though he was comparatively young. He is on his way to Damascus with legal papers in his tunic pocket to persecute all of those people who call themselves Christians and are following this strange religious movement that has been started by a man named Jesus Christ. He is thinking that this movement would have died, had they killed the rest of the disciples when he had seen them stone Stephen. He is still pondering why these so called Christians continue to follow Christ's teaching in spite of persecutions, when suddenly (the Scripture says) a light shone from heaven

and he is blinded by its rays, dumfounded and helpless, he falls to his knees and cries out, "who art thou, Lord?" Only to hear a voice ringing and rebounding on his ears, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" It is hard for thee to kick against pricks. When he arose he saw no man had to be led under the direction of God to an old prophet by the name of Annanias, who opened his eyes with a touch. God after having applied His own Son's precious blood to Saul, not only changed his personality but changed his name and made Paul His first missionary. Another new creation in Christ Jesus. Old things had passed away and behold all things had become new.

God needed business men too. We remember, when He called Matthew a tax collector, who accepted the challenge at once; leaving his table of money he went, at Jesus' call, "Follow me," to do business for God.

Too, you remember, when the precious blood had been applied to the heart of Zaccheus that he wanted to repay four-fold anyone he had wronged in return for his wrong doing. This precious blood makes you want to pay your debts, friends.

But, Oh! if we refuse this blood, it can only mean one thing and that is an eternal death in a never ending tomorrow. Not just a physical death, but an eternal death in a never ending hell. If we refuse the precious blood we are to miss heaven; and if we miss heaven, it means eternal separation from God.

Even refusing to follow the leadership of God in the placing of a few worldly pos-

sessions meant death to Annanias and Saphira.

Judas a man who was in the inner circle with Christ. The man, who had carried the purse of the twelve disciples, the treasurer of the first group of followers of Christ, before his physical death suffered misery untold. He sold his Christ for a few dollars. He was ashamed to follow anymore; afraid to stand the test. He was a follower who had forgotten the sureness of a promise from Jesus Christ.

Too, we remember the story of the rich man, who refused Lazarus, the poor beggar, the crumbs that fell from his table. The Bible tells us that he lifted up his eyes in hell. He knew nothing of experiencing the precious blood. While Lazarus, even though a beggar in this life was happy in Abraham's bosom. Silver and gold, worldly possessions, nor fame mean nothing toward your salvation. Only the precious blood of Jesus will save you.

Sinner friend, it is needless to ask in which place you desire to spend eternity. We know that you prefer heaven. You can have an eternal home in heaven by accepting the precious blood. Remember, you reach heaven through acceptance of the precious blood, and you are to be thrown into an eternal, misery-ridden hell if you reject that blood.

Will you accept the precious blood of Jesus Christ now?

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## A Christian' Walk

Rev. Noel Greenway, Pastor Carterville Church.

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Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Col. 4:5.

First I take the term outsider in its broadest sense. I mean not merely the people who stand without all our church organizations, but those who are without Christ; ones who do not submit to His authority nor consult His will. There are

such people both within our churches. It is necessary for us to call our minds to the great simple fact that all the people about us are either in Christ or out of Christ. And to this fact also, that all the people who are in our churches are supposed to be in Christ. They join our communion on profession of their faith, which means the definite entrustment of their

lives to the saving grace and authority of Jesus, and acceptance of Him as their Saviour, Lord and King. The church as we understand it is a community of regenerate and believing souls who have not a definite relation to their Lord and each other, but also a definite relation and responsibility toward them that are without; and there are few things that need more careful consideration than this relation.

There are perils of which we need to be aware, and duties to be intelligently attempted. One of our perils is that we shall be afraid of the outsider, of his opinion and judgement, his criticism or disapproval. And there is a person known today as the man in the street. His opinion on the beliefs and practices, the policy and duty of the church have almost been thought to be inspired. He has been credited with special illumination; his taste has been consulted, he has been thought by some to be perfectly competent to instruct the church in the conduct of its sacred business. The estimate of his qualification has endowed him with the power to judge the saints, if not angels. The church has sometimes been in awe of him and afraid of his sneers. And if we alter the term and speak in scriptural phrase of the men of the world, I would like to say that we are not to be afraid of them. We are to love them far too well to be afraid for they are neither competent to rule nor judge the saints. We have only one ruler and judge. We study them, we may learn from them, but we may not pander to them, nor lower the door or widen the threshold at their demand. They are not to determine our faith or our policy. We are never to sue for their patronage or modify our principals in order to gain their support. We are not to be cast down when their judgement goes against us, nor puffed up beyond measure when they approve and speak well of us. It is possible for the church to pay too great a price for the applause of the outsider. We may be quoted by him with approval and be all wrong with our only Master and Judge. The church of God should carry herself with a certain self-respect and dignity. As the elect bride of Christ she should refuse to give herself away; in a sense, the world's opinion of us should be a matter of no importance. It is possible

that when we are persecuted we are nearest Christ: if you be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye.

The opposite peril is that of indifference to the outsider on our part. Not that we care little for his opinion but that we are little or nothing for him; that we go on our way as if we had our life to live and he had his, and we had no responsibility. The teaching in the New Testament clearly states that our neighbor who is outside is our responsibility and a part of our entrustment. My own conviction is that in many instances the outsider knows that, and wonders that we take our responsibility so lightly. We may not allow the world to rule us and we may deny its right of power to judge us.

There is something supernatural about the true Church of God. It is a part of his mystical body and it has spiritual illumination which the world has not; a closer relation to Christ than the world can know. It is the authoritative organ and instrument of his will and grace, the channel of his word and power, his visible witness in the world. The outsider is an inevitable part of our stewardship. For him Christ died, him Christ loves. The church is set in the world to lay siege to him, to care for him, to witness to him, to win him. We are the living epistles of the church. My dear friends, we shall not arrive at the duty of the church to the outsider save as we see the duty of the individual Christian. We come together in part to know, to be in-

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structed and stimulated. I urge that our work must be done, our influence exerted and our impression made.

There is a third grave peril besetting us today. It is the peril of thinking that it does not matter whether the outsider is won or not. There is no denying that we have lost in great part the horror that our fathers had of the future state of those who are disobedient and who went down to the mysteries of death unreconciled and a stranger to God. We think we have a broader and loftier conception of the Divine Mercy. Whether it be true or not, some of us have gone so far as to think it does not greatly matter whether men are brought to Christ or not. It may be we have ceased to read our bibles, and so have created for ourselves a good natured Deity who will suspend all the laws that bind together cause and effect and make it his business to see that nobody is allowed to suffer, whatever his condition or character. We are taking our ideas of God from the man in the street rather than from the New Testament. We are adopting current ideas too much, instead of discovering truth and declaring it. May we ask this question, does it matter, does it make a vital deep cleaving difference in childhood and youth, in middle life and old age, in the hour of death and in the day of judgement, whether a man fears God or not; living day to day without acknowledging Him. If it does not matter, why did He come? Why did He plead with men? What is the meaning of His agony and passion? Why does He speak the parables that search our hearts and fills us with awe, of the unprofitable, the wretched and slothful servant, the foolish virgins, the woe of those whose doom is the shut door, the outer darkness, the worm that dieth not and the fire that is not quenched? What does He mean of the great division between the wheat and tares, and the sheep and goats? We know that men are lost now, and the business of the church is to get men to build on the eternal rock, to seek to lead men out of one condition into the other; and failing to do so the church will surely be guilty to a great and holy trust. How can we discharge our trust? What can the church do as a body, with respect to the outsider? I hope it will not seem unrea-

sonable if I suggest as one most important thing that we should take care that their numbers are not increased from our own ranks. I would be an immense gain if we could keep and increase our hold on what we have there, if all our scholars in Sunday School were prevented from ever becoming outsiders. This is a great message, "be not forgetful to entertain strangers"; let there be no difference between the rich and poor. There must be more than a welcome, of course, there must be a living message; a message received from the living Christ. My dear friends, the church has a great business in hand and there is a grave danger that we may be slothful in it, that we hurry our talents for witness bearing in the earth and trifle with a great opportunity. Even that we be found sleeping at our post by our Lord when He comes. I pray that we may all be aroused to a keener sense of our responsibility for those who are without Christ, and that there may come upon the whole church a baptism of holy passion and desire for the winning of the world to the feet of our Master.

## THE LIQUOR PROBLEM

B. F. Brown Cassville, Mo.

### Liquor Men as Patriotic Citizens

Liquor dealers raise the flag, make public speeches and parade the streets in celebration of news from the liquor front, the liquor industry is "almost all out" for the war. Almost 7,000 men and women are employed in making alcohol for war purposes, and we have nothing to say against that; but we cannot help being somewhat disturbed about the more than 800,000 men and women who are engaged in making, importing and selling intoxicating liquors.

The liquor dealers claim to be engaged in essential war industries. They parade with the flag in one hand and a bottle in the other. In their estimation they should be given the Victoria Cross and the Congressional Medal; for they are very patriotic. How they love their country!!

### AN ABUNDANCE OF BOOZE

Yes, there is and will be plenty of booze, and it is not rationed. August 1, 1941 was

a red letter day for the liquor industry; this is the merry month of August for them. On this date (Aug. 1, 1944) the War Production Board turned them loose with 11,000,000 bushels of grain to produce 50,000,000 gallons of whiskey and rum. Mr. Roosevelt ordered this done, perhaps, figuring that it would help him to be elected for a fourth term in the White House. And an editorial of one of the big daily papers has the gall to say: "This new whiskey may enable the nation's tipplers to put on a better quality celebration on V-Day." And what will all this whiskey do on election day this fall? It makes us shudder to think about it. The tipplers will roll in the gutter, while the liquor industry will roll in the profits.

It is reported that our enlisted soldiers, sailors and marines will get an estimated one billion cans of beer. Government authorities urgently said: "Save your tin cans for the war!" "Tin is a war essential!" And the people have obeyed in this as in other things necessary to winning the war. Then the brewers come along with the gall to tell us that one billion of those "saved" cans will hold their product. We save the tin, which is made again into cans, which the brewers fill with beer, which Uncle Sam ships overseas to debauch our boys who are giving their lives to save America. I say it is deplorable.

#### CASUALTIES

Government reports show that from Dec. 7, 1941 to June 13, 1944, American casualties in the war amounted to 55,206 killed, 99,991 wounded, 55,033 missing, and 40,928

prisoners of war, a total of 251,158 war casualties. But during the same time (2½ years) there were at least 125,000 deaths in U. S. attributed to alcohol and during the same period of time (2½ years) at least 125,000 people, who didn't die, became chronic alcoholics. War is bad and very bad, but intemperance is much worse. Alcohol kills and disables more people than war, even the awful war that now rages.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK

The liquor business is legal under our civil law; but do you think it ought to be a legalized business? Does the law of the Lord sanction such a business? Do you think a Christian can sanction and support such a business and not violate the divine law? Do you think that a Christian can patronize a place of business that sells intoxicating liquor and still be a good Christian? Who is to blame for more than 50,000 deaths in U. S. A. each year, which are directly attributed to alcoholic liquors? Perhaps we'll say, "The liquor industry is guilty of killing 140 people in U. S. every day." But is the liquor industry alone to blame for 140 deaths each day? It took millions of votes to legalize the liquor industry; the wets won because so many thousand church members voted wet. The New Deal Administration and its supporters are responsible for the present liquor industry which they fully intend to perpetuate. The 500,000 deaths during the eleven years since liquor traffic is responsible for at least repeal of the 18th. Amendment. Can any Christian, in any way sanction and support the liquor traffic, which destroys so many lives, and not to be guilty of murder along with the worst of them?



## Missionary Department



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

### CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS

Have been very busy in the foreign mission interests since the National Association. To date, Sept. 18, I have spent three

weeks and three days on the field in itinerate work and have taken in as a result of this work a total sum of \$1,074.67 as follows:

Hickory Grove Church, Harrisonville, Mo. ....	\$27.06
Hannon church Hannon, Mo. ....	29.62

Franklin Co. Quarterly Meeting, Ill.	106.00
Rescue Church, Ill. ....	154.10
Ray Settle, Ina, Ill. ....	30.00
Merls Chapel, Cassville, Mo. ....	10.50
Old Mt. Zion Ass'n., Ark. ....	59.01
Central Western Mo. and S. E. Kan.	116.60
Indian Creek Association .....	71.00
Rock Chapel, Mo. ....	36.17
Hartville Church, Hartville, Mo. ....	64.00
Burk Shed Church, Ark. ....	60.36
Cottage Hill Church, Ark. ....	36.75
Free Will Baptist Rogers Ark. ....	6.50
Offering Mo. State Association ....	267.00
Total .....	\$1,074.67

We are very grateful for all these fine offerings and especially so for these from sections which before were not doing anything for missions. It is so encouraging to not the new interest. You will notice carefully the fine offerings from Arkansas. Until late the Free Will Baptist of Ark. have been manifesting but little concern in the missionary cause. But they are now showing very definite signs of a missionary revival. For this we are indeed grateful. It only shows what people will do if given an opportunity.

My wife and I attended the Franklin Co. Quarterly Meeting in Illinois latter part of July, also held one service with the Rescue church. I must say Illinois Free Will Baptist hospitality is surely unexcelled anywhere. We were never treated more lovely and to see those good people walk up and lay their offerings on the Bible for this missionary cause, well, it just made me wonder if I could believe my eyes. They are certainly not afraid to give of their money in Illinois. We enjoyed some splendid visits in the homes of three Brother Preachers while there: Rev. Kettaman, Rev. Burton and Rev. Harpole. Praise the Lord for the Free Will Baptist of Southern Illinois.

As to Missouri of course they are lining right up with us on this \$40,000 campaign. Which is no more than I knew they would do. We can always depend on Missouri. The offering taken at the Missouri State Association last week for foreign missions was, as far as we are able to determine, the largest offering ever taken for foreign missions at any one time in the history of Free Will Baptist's. So we have cause to be proud of the liberality of our good peo-

ple in Missouri.

By the loyal help of Brother Kenneth Turner we have the motion pictures which were taken on the Cuban Mission field last spring all lined up and have been presenting them in several places. They are proving a blessing and we received some film from Brother Parsons of Nashville a few days ago which we will add to them. Calls are coming in much faster than we will ever be able to fill with the picture machine, but will do our best. We have a number of places on our list to try to make in the coming months, among them is a picture tour in Illinois, and the Alabama State Convention. I see already we will never get around to all the places during the coming year; but will go as far as we can.

Miss Barnard has been doing some splendid itinerate work during the month of August among some of our untouched churches in the mountains of western North Carolina. Also contracting some Associational meetings along the N. C., Tenn. State line, and the Chattahoochee Ass'n. of Ga. As a result of these contacts I received a nice check from her to the amount of \$260.80 and another for \$38.19. This is very good considering the fact that most, if not all, of these churches were never touched before in the interest of foreign missions.

Also had a fine report from Bro. Bert Rogers of Drumright, Okla. Bro Rogers has recently made a tour down into Texas where he has contacted a number of places and a nice check comes in with his letter to the amount of \$144.00 Bro. Rogers has introduced a plan among the people out there in our western ranks which he says is working very fine. We are proud of this fine piece of work by the Recording Secretary of our Board.

Very favorable reports continue to come in from the field in Cuba. Souls continue to be saved there. The students from the Cuban School who have been preaching over the field during the summer vacation months have reported some splendid results. Our missionaries are improving in health over that of a few months ago; but we urge you to please continue to pray for them, and for the work in general.

In closing will say we are highly on-

couraged with the progress being made in the foreign mission program. We urge you to please come along and line up with us in our \$40,000 campaign. You will be blessed to know you have had a part in it.

Winford Davis

### Receipts for the month of August Foreign Mission Fund

National Woman's Convention .....	\$68.95
Pleasant Mound Church, Texas .....	10.00
Geo. Wagoner, Mt. Vernon, Ill. ....	5.00
Ruth Sweetin, Ina, Ill. ....	5.00
Turners Chapel, Georgia .....	5.00
Mrs. E. F. Traut, Iola, Texas .....	10.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C. .	2.00
Pikeville Church, Pikeville, Ky. ....	5.75
Old Mt. Zion Ass'n. Ark. ....	59.01
First F. W. B. Church, Houston, T. . .	3.00
Union Meeting, S. C. ....	40.00
Ina Church, Ina, Ill. ....	20.00
Rev. O. Stalcup, Okla. City, Okla. ....	7.50
Higgins Church, N. C. ....	.57
Bald Mountain Church, N. C. ....	7.87
Big Creek Church, N. C. ....	9.60
Pensacola Church, N. C. ....	21.00
Low Gap Church, N. C. ....	10.00
Green Mountain Church, N. C. ....	11.00
Youngs Chapel, N. C. ....	6.65
Bowditch Church, N. C. ....	5.20
North Bend Church, N. C. ....	12.00
Averys Creek Church, N. C. ....	12.58
Cedar Creek Church, N. C. ....	30.01
Woman's Aux. Union Ass'n Tenn. ....	37.00
Toe River Ass'n. Tenn. ....	45.00
Y. P. L. Ina Church, Ina, Ill. ....	15.00
French Broad Ass'n. N. C. ....	52.32
Mo. State Ass'n. ....	426.28
Total .....	943.29

Offering at C. W. Mo. and S. E. Kan.	116.60
Connelsville S. S. ....	5.00
Myrtle Long, Patton, Mo. ....	1.00
Amity Church .....	35.00
Offering at Indian Creek Ass'n. ....	71.00
Sublette Church .....	6.00

### Benevolent Fund

Merls Chapel Aux. Superannuation ..	5.00
Fredricktown Church, Superannuation	13.45
Mt. Olive Aux. Superannuation .....	10.00
Mt. Olive Aux. Tenn. Orphanage ....	15.00
Ottis Martin for Tenn. Orphanage ...	2.00
Indian Creek Ass'n. Tenn. Orphanage	30.48

From a friend, Tenn. Orphanage .... 5.00

### Jehoida Chest Fund

New Harmony Mission .....	3.00
Coper Mines Church .....	1.00
Macedonia Church .....	1.00
Hickory Grove Aux. ....	1.00

### Unified Program Fund

New Harmony Mission .....	6.75
Mt. Olive Aux. ....	1.78
S. E. Mo. Aux. Convention .....	4.50
St. Louis Third Church .....	27.86
Copper Mines Church .....	1.00
Merls Chapel .....	5.35
S. E. Mo. Aux. District Convention ..	4.50
Hickory Grove Aux. ....	.91

### State Entertainment Fund

St. Louis Third Church .....	\$5.00
Independance Church .....	10.00
Hickory Grove Church .....	2.00
Flat River Church .....	25.00

### Home Mission Fund

S. S. of St. Louis Third Church ....	\$16.35
Merls Chapel Aux. ....	5.00
Hickory Grove Aux. ....	1.00

### Educational Fund

Merls Chapel Aux. ....	\$5.00
Fredricktown Church .....	13.45
Mt. Olive Aux. ....	10.00

### Budget Fund

C. W. Mo. and S. E. Kan. Ass'n. ....	\$18.25
S. E. Mo. Yearly Meeting .....	.85
Flat River Church .....	34.60
Indian Creek Ass'n. ....	28.60

### \$50,000 Aux. Membership Campaign Fund

Woman's Aux. St. Louis, Mo. ....	\$15.00
F. W. B. Mission, St. Louis, Mo. ....	20.00

REPORT FROM THE TREASURY  
Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

### Foreign Mission Fund

Shibleys Point Church .....	\$1.00
Fowler Union Sunday School .....	4.51
Connelsville Sunday School .....	5.00
Merls Chapel Aux. ....	5.00

Merls Chapel Church .....	5.50
Fredricktown Church .....	13.45
T. B. Class, Mt. Olive S. S. ....	1.00
Mt. Olive Aux. ....	15.00
Mt. Olive Church and S. S. ....	4.34
Independance Church .....	17.06
Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo. ....	5.00
Monett Junior League .....	2.21
Garfield Church, Couch, Mo. ....	5.00
Verdella Church .....	14.50
Pleasant Grove S. S. ....	9.50
Little Folks group, Myrtle League ..	5.00
Hickory Grove Church .....	7.70
Woman's Aux. St. Louis Church ....	6.00
Monett Church .....	6.57
Aux. Flat River Church .....	15.00
Hannon Church .....	5.00
Blue Eye Church .....	2.22
Aurora Church .....	2.42
Bluff Spring S. S. ....	2.50
Lt. Loyd Jeffries, (service) ....	40.00
Hopewell Church .....	1.50
Macedonia Church and S. S. ....	2.22
Independance S. S. ....	4.05
Mt. Olive Church and S. S. ....	\$6.93
Golden Oak S. S. ....	4.25
Mt. Olive Aux. ....	1.00
T. B. Class Mt. Olive S. S. ....	1.00
Rock Chapel .....	36.17
Hartville Church .....	64.00
Hazel Creek Union Church .....	36.34
Shibleys Point Church .....	1.00
New Harmony Mission .....	2.12
Fowler Union S. S. ....	5.62
Twin Oak Church .....	2.06
Mt. Zion S. S. ....	9.44
Monett Church .....	8.90
Niangua Church .....	15.00
Buffalo S. S. ....	2.03
Buffalo League .....	1.75
Niangua Quarterly Meeting .....	1.00
N. E. Mo. Mission John W. Adkins ..	25.00
Hickory Grove Church .....	7.94
H. C. Class, Hazel Creek Union S. S.	6.50
Mo. State League Ass'n. ....	10.00
Mary Wellbaum, Pattonsburg, Mo. ....	.50
N. W. Mo. Ass'n. ....	2.00
New Harmony Church .....	9.50
Offering, Mo. State Ass'n. ....	267.00
Sgt. and Mrs. Lee Roy Miller .....	20.00
Macedonia Church and S. S. ....	6.74
Rock Chapel .....	10.00
Amity Church .....	35.00
Aux. St. Louis Third Church .....	6.00
Independance Church .....	14.26

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Williams ....	10.00
Merls Chapel S. S. ....	7.14

### Home Mission Fund

S. S. St. Louis Third Church .....	\$11.44
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### State Unified Fund

Golden Oak S. S. ....	\$4.50
Mt. Olive Church .....	2.15
New Harmony Mission .....	1.78
Oak Grove Church (Cave Spring A.)	5.00
Myrtle Church .....	3.00
Harmony Ass'n. ....	5.00
Richwoods Church .....	2.00
N. E. Mo. Ass'n. ....	5.15
Liberty Ass'n. ....	3.00
F. W. B. Mission St. Louis .....	33.30
Y. P. L. Myrtle Church .....	25.00

### Jehoida Chest Fund

Golden Oak S. S. ....	\$1.00
Twin Oak Church .....	3.00
Macedonia Church .....	1.00

### Publishing House Fund

Offering, Mo. State Ass'n. ....	\$191.00
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### Educational Fund

Hazel Creek Union Church .....	\$150.00
Offering, Mo. State Ass'n. ....	42.00

*Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer*

## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE REPORT

**J. R. Davidson, Business Manager**

Before you read this communication the third year's history of the college will be in the making. Surely the eyes of the denomination will be focused on this project this year expecting another eventful year. We would do well to designate some special hour each day as prayer hour for the school.

Present prospects bid for an enrollment at the opening this week of around 35 students, who hale from at least ten states. Some of the outstanding talent in the nation has been enrolled and we are looking forward to a liberal response on the part of our people in every way. Surely the purse strings will be loosed in every sect-

ion where our people reside, hence we are expecting to realize quite an increase in financial income each month. Our monthly disbursements will be a great deal larger than at any period since the launching of the Educational Program. However we do not call upon you to give of necessity, but cheerfully, according as the Spirit causes the purpose in your hearts; remembering the fact that "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Any one needing materials with which to align your church, auxiliary organizations or individuals in the support of the college write me at the college address, or at P. O. Box 147, Ashland City, Tenn.

The following is a financial statement for the first two months of the present National Association year.

#### RECEIPTS

North Carolina, gifts .....	\$486.42
North Carolina, Endowment .....	157.50
Missouri, gifts .....	61.29
Missouri, endowment .....	152.50
Tennessee, gifts .....	51.28
Tennessee, endowment .....	306.00
Tennessee, J. R. Davidson, salary ..	150.00
Texas, gifts .....	31.90
Texas, endowment .....	96.00
Oklahoma, gifts .....	40.00
Oklahoma, endowment .....	69.50
Georgia, gifts .....	17.50
Georgia, endowment .....	91.00
South Carolina, gifts .....	100.00
Illinois, gifts .....	14.00
Illinois, endowment .....	42.00
Kentucky, endowment .....	27.50
Virginia, gifts .....	5.00
Virginia, endowment .....	18.50
West Virginia, endowment .....	12.50
Michigan, endowment .....	53.00

Florida, endowment .....	19.50
Alabama, endowment .....	54.00
Mississippi, endowment .....	64.00
Arkansas, endowment .....	1.50
Kansas, endowment .....	1.00
National Woman's Aux. Conception ..	100.00
Room and Board .....	76.00
Gifts .....	3.44
Registration fees .....	6.00
Refund on traveling expenses, J.R.D. ..	20.00
Total Receipts .....	\$2,328.83

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and services .....	\$753.15
Promotional service, N. ss'n. ....	560.00
Traveling expenses .....	127.50
Rev. L. R. Ennis, miscellaneous ex. ..	64.48
Milk bill .....	5.43
With Holding Taxes .....	83.55
Telephone, telegraph, etc. ....	20.03
Coal on winter supply .....	16.00
Electric bills .....	11.24
Water bill for quarter .....	9.24
Gas for cooking and water heating ..	9.62
Printing receipt cards .....	6.75
Petty cash .....	13.00
Purchase of lighting equipment and ..	
electric bell .....	102.57
Total disbursements .....	\$1,782.56

No doubt many will take note of the fact that our monthly cash reserve above expenses fell to \$329.38, two things contribute to the fact: July and August are usually lean months in finances and our allocations from the National Unified program Fund did not come in during these months, yet the draw on the treasury was quite a bit up for Promotional services through the National Executive Office.

Being away from the office in revival work at this time, I am unable to give the present cash balance.

The Great  
Commission  
— Our Mission



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole  
World  
For Christ



## AND HE TOUCHED THEIR EYES

That Jesus went about doing good is nowhere declared more emphatically than it is in Matthew 9, inasmuch as this chapter is a record of one incident after another of

works of mercy and compassion. Jesus was concerned primarily about men's spiritual welfare but while ministering to their spiritual needs He ministered also to their temporal and physical needs. The poor in spirit and the sick in body or mind always

found a loyal, sympathetic friend in Jesus. And as our Master went about seeking occasion to do good, so should we concern ourselves with the immediate task at hand, that of being a friend to those who are in need.

Jesus had spent an exhausting and exasperating day. He had been invited to leave Gadara after having healed the demoniacs, the people having declared by their actions that they loved their hogs more than they did men's souls. Undaunted, He came over the Sea of Galilee and once on this side He healed a paralytic man. Passing on He must needs go by the toll office where He called Matthew to the discipleship. Having grown weary, Jesus sat and ate with a group of tax-gatherers and sinners and was taken to task by gain-saying Pharisees. In the course of time Jairus came to Him saying, "My daughter is dead; but come put your hand on her and she will return to life." Jesus rose to follow but even in going He was besieged by those who were in need and He healed the woman who had been afflicted for twelve years. Once in the house of Jairus He soon banished death and restored the daughter to life while doubters and scoffers looked on amazed.

Thus it was that while many remained in spiritual blindness, two men who were actually, literally blind hailed Jesus as He left the house of Jairus with, "Thou Son of David, have mercy." It was no uncommon thing to see blind men in that country as there was a peculiar disease that affected the eyeball causing sudden blindness. It was, however, a rare thing to hear men thus crying to another man to heal them. These men, though, were men of no ordinary intentions. They had heard of Jesus and out of their deep need they were seeking aid. And they sought one who would not fail, Jesus, the wonder-worker. So the order follows: In the first place, the men recognized their needs. Again, they recognized the ability of Jesus to meet that need. Further, they called on Him to perform the necessary work, at the same time exercising faith that they would be heard and healed.

And what a lesson we should get just here. At our best we are needy creatures, blinded to the fullest magnitude of the task. How we need to recognize as Free

Will Baptist that we are merely scanning the surface, to see that there are deeper depths and higher heights!! That there are paths of service as yet untrodden, alpine heights as yet unsurmounted, human suffering as yet unrelieved, lost souls as yet unrelieved, lost souls as yet unreached, children yet homeless and hungry. **GOD HELP US\*\*\*THOU SON OF DAVID!! PITY US!!!**

Thus out of the realization of our needs we will be driven to our knees and our hearts will pour out as a flood to Jesus, and He will hear us and "OPEN OUR EYES." And more than that, He will **THRUST US OUT INTO SERVICE**. So women, if you do not want to serve, you'd better not pray. For before you get up off your knees The Master will give you a job.

Jesus did not heal the blind men until He had asked, "Do you believe that I can do this?" When they answered "Yes" He touched their eyes. The actual touch was probably unnecessary, they could have been healed without it. But what an impression that touch must have made. And so when Christ touches us and opens our eyes, we will do as did these blind men when they were healed. "And they went out and spread His fame."

May we Auxillary women over the states pray the Christ to touch our eyes so that we will be able to see the fields that need harvesting. Many times we are able to help bring in the harvest through the printed page. Let's work this year for a bigger and a better Literature Department that we may be able to spread His fame.

Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, 1st. Vice President of the N. W. A. C.

### "A NEW VISION"

So much to do and I'm so small,  
"O Lord, I cannot do it all.  
I'm weak and helpless, halt and blind  
My zeal is lost, and dark my mind.

"Twas thus I musel. The burden great  
Had crushed me down with its weight.  
And since I could not do it all,  
I vowed I'd let the whole thing fall.

My fervor ceased, my interest waned,  
My love for Christ and His Church seemed  
vain.

I drifted away from the Cause sublime,  
 'Til to all that was Holy and true I was  
 blind.

One day with a call that my heart did rend.  
 The Spirit said, Who will go? Whom send?  
 And I knew I was blind and wretched and  
 lost,  
 And I said, "Lord cleanse me, regardless  
 the cost."

So He touched my lips and opened my eyes,  
 And lo! to my great and wondering sur-  
 prise,

Were paths of service I'd never seen, ....  
 And the rough ways were smooth and the  
 deserts were green.

Now I serve with a vigor before never  
 known,

The load's never too great, the path never  
 is lone.

For I have a Friend who walks by my side,  
 Redeemer, Companion, Load-lifter and  
 guide.

*Damon C. Dodd*

## FAITH

"Faith" Eph. 2:8.

"For by grace are ye saved through  
 faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the  
 gift of God." (Eph. 2:8)

Shall we read this verse again? "For  
 by grace are ye saved through faith, and  
 that (that faith) not of yourselves: it  
 (that faith) is the gift of God." We are  
 saved by Grace through faith and even that  
 faith is not of ourselves but is the gift of  
 God.

In the light of this verse then we may go  
 further to say, that faith is fundamental  
 in the Christians creed and conduct. We  
 are saved through faith and further, we  
 walk by faith in our Christian experience.

I'm sure you have heard this illustration  
 given in defining faith: A small boy was  
 atop a high fence. His father was standing  
 beneath and when all other methods had  
 failed to get the boy to descend from his  
 precarious perch, his father called to him,  
 "Jump, I'll catch you." Whereupon the  
 child immediately jumped into his fathers  
 out stretched arms. This illustration is  
 given oftentimes to show the penitent that

he must accept Christ by faith and that he  
 will not let him fall. It is a very good il-  
 lustration, but the one point often over-  
 looked in the story is the fact that the  
 child knew his father.

Faith is not believing without evidence;  
 it is not a blind leap into nothingness;  
 true faith is based upon knowledge, that  
 God is God and His Word is true and will  
 be true forever and forever. We cannot  
 believe in God without knowledge, but  
 knowledge is not altogether sufficient by  
 itself.

We have a world full of people who be-  
 lieve that God is God; that He is omni-  
 potent, omniscient, holy, just and all these  
 things, but they only believe with their  
 heads. They do not believe with their  
 hearts, in that they have not surrendered  
 their love and devotion unto Him and the  
 scriptures say, "As a man thinketh in his  
 heart so is he." It isn't enough to acknow-  
 ledge Christ as the Saviour of the world,  
 but there must also be the assent of the  
 heart to this knowledge. "But as many as  
 received him, to them gave he power to be-  
 come the sons of God even to them that be-  
 lieve on his name." John 1:12.

Further there must be an appropriation  
 unto ourselves of all we know and assent  
 concerning Christ and His work. There is  
 such a thing as saying "Amen" without  
 surrendering the hearts affections and de-  
 sire to Christ. I know that water will  
 keep me from dying of thirst; my heart  
 can yearn for water, but until I reach out  
 and take and drink. I will not have been  
 benefited. Faith always has in it the idea  
 of action!

Faith is the work of the Triune God.  
 Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 12; Phil. 1:29; Gal. 5:22;  
 1 Cor. 12:9.

Are you asking, if faith is the work of  
 the Triune God, why am I responsible for  
 not having it? Because you will not allow  
 God to create faith in you and because you  
 will not use faith He has already entrusted  
 to you.

Remember the time when the Spirit whis-  
 pered to you, to speak to that one about  
 his soul; to teach that Sunday School class,  
 to pray in public or whatever the task may  
 have been, but you would not, do you re-  
 member? You failed to grow in faith be-  
 cause you would not yield yourself to the



bidding of the Holy Spirit and do the task assigned to you.

Had you obeyed, your faith would have been strengthened and made stronger for the next task. There is a human side to faith. Rom. 10:17; Acts 4:4; Eph. 1:13; Gal. 3:2-5; Rom. 4:19. The reading of God's Word is an instrument in the development of faith. Also the power of prayer in the development of faith must not be under-valued.

I could go further here and give you some Bible results of faith, but I shall not take up the space and too, to impose upon our good editor, but I do wish to bring this to your attention:

We are saved by faith; we walk by faith; and our faith is not based on nothing. God is expecting us to use our faith and put it to work in the salvation of the lost and the edifying of the saints. We have a full year ahead of us. There are many, many souls without hope in Christ, that is our first task, then we are asking for 50,000 co-labourers. Will you help us? You are saying, that is impossible. And he said unto them, why are ye fearful? How is it that ye have no faith? (Mark 4:40) But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (James 2:20).

*Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo*

## A CALL TO MISSIONS

"Christian Missions" is the proclamation of the Gospel to the unconverted everywhere according to the command of Christ. Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The word "proclamation" carries the idea of publicity and also of authority. The missionary message is an official declaration of supreme authority; therefore, it should be sounded forth in trumpet notes.

The "call to missions" comes to the women of the Free Will Baptist denomination. To you, as Third Vice Presidents, it is your responsibility to keep the mission cause before your Auxiliary. The unconverted are those which have not turned to Christ and hence signifies they are in a lost condition. The terms "home" and "foreign", commonly applied to missions, are not

scriptural, they are merely human terms of convenience. Unconverted men are lost whether in home or foreign lands. Christ has commanded us to "go" and "preach the gospel to every creature." Such is His final, imperative command, and it is binding upon His followers everywhere and for all time.

As for a special work for the ensuing year in the mission department of our auxiliary organization, the call to missions comes to use through the channel of the stewardship department. As we launch forth in His great work through the "50,000 Co-Laborer Band," we will be sponsoring each phase of our denominational program, which includes missions "As laborers together with God" "the love of Christ constraineth us" to "be ye stedfast" in the work of the Lord. May we, as third vice-presidents, be true to the trust and responsibility which the Lord has given us in the department of missions. 1 Cor. 15:58. "Therefore, my beloved, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

*Marie Hyatt, Third Vice-President of W. N. A. C., Centerville, Missouri.*

## Fredricktown Auxiliary

Dear Gem Readers:

We are again reporting for the ladies Auxiliary work, we are very sorry to report the illness of our president Sis. Belva Zinn. We ask you all to pray for her that she will soon be back with us again.

As in any other work the absence of the president will cause the work to drag to some extent, but we are trying, with the help of God to carry on the work by ourselves.

We ask you all to pray for our Auxiliary for we feel a great weakness in the work and desire to do more for the Lord. May God bless the ladies everywhere in the work is our constant prayer.

President, Sis. Belva Zinn; Corresponding Secretary, Oletha Chapman.

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# EDITORIAL

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## MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Wish to inform you of our State Association which convened Monday night, Sept. 11th., at Green Grove church about 12 miles from Kirksville, Mo.

We suffered some, because of rain Tuesday and Wednesday, but in spite of this we sure had a wonderful time.

Our attendance was somewhat less than in years past, all because of traveling conditions, the church was not close to a bus line or railroad, thus prohibiting a lot of our people from attending.

Our Association opened with the Woman's Auxiliary in charge Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Young People's League, the 11 o'clock service and afternoon. These were both very inspirational.

Tuesday night marked the beginning of the Association proper, which indeed was a real beginning.

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## STATE UNIFIED FUND

I shall mention briefly some of the transactions: one I want to mention first is our Unified Plan, which I think is the greatest move we have made in many years, our goal for the ensuing year is \$10,000. YES WE CAN raise that much, 25% of this to be used for our State work, the balance going to the National Ass'n. Unified Program Fund, this is a splendid plan, come on folks and give to this worthy plan.

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## MISSIONS

Thursday night was Foreign Mission night, pictures of the Mission Field was presented, after which a missionary message was delivered and a missionary offering was taken to the amount of \$261.00.

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## PUBLISHING HOUSE

Since we have installed the additional equipment here, namely another Linotype and job press and a new heating system is yet to be installed, which altogether will amount to \$800.00. This was made known to the people and they gladly contributed \$186.50 in cash and other pledges to the amount of about \$200.00.

Pastors and those that are interested in the Master's work are to take this proposition back to those who were not present and give them the opportunity of helping to raise the needed amount. To you that have not heard of this need, I am now telling you, and soliciting your contribution. This is a work that is carried on for the cause of Christ and not a profit making business.

We will be expecting a contribution from you soon, send to the Gem or Rev. Winford Davis, outstate dollars will be accepted, thank you.

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## CHINESE PREACHER'S PARABLE

In urging the sacredness of and gratitude for the Lord's Day, a Chinese preacher said: "It came to pass that a man went to market, having a string of seven large copper coins. (Chinese coins are carried on strings, over the shoulder.) Seeing a beggar crying for alms, he gave the poor creature six of his seven coins. Then the beggar, instead of being grateful, crept up behind the man and stole the seventh also. What an abominable wretch! Yes, but, in saying this you condemn yourselves. You receive from the hands of the gracious God six days, yet you are not content. The seventh also you steal."

—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

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## LOVERS OF PLEASURE

The Wall Street Journal reports that a survey reveals that Sunday has ceased to be the day of rest of other years, and has become the one big day for entertainment.

# GLEANINGS

By the Editor

## CHURCH ETIQUETTE

If possible, be on time. You need at least five minutes after coming in, to get warm or cool, compose your mind, and whisper a prayer before service. Never pass up the aisle during prayer, or the reading of the Holy Scriptures. If you do, your presence will distract the minds of many in the congregation. If the sermon has begun when you enter, take a seat near the door, but not otherwise, never occupy a back seat when a front one is empty.

Be thoughtful for the comforts of others. Take the inside of the pew if you are the first to enter, and leave all the vacant space at the end, and next to the aisle. Be devout in every attitude. Find the hymn, sing it if you can. Share the book with your neighbor.

Have your Bible with you, and take part in responsive reading.

Give a hearty handshake and speak a bright cheery word to as many as possible at the service. Greet the strangers with a most cordial welcome and, if possible, introduce them to the Pastor.

Never put on your coat or wraps during the closing hymn, and do not make a rush for the door immediately before or after the benediction is pronounced. Go quietly to your home. Loud talking or jesting is out of place after service. It robs you of the blessing—Selected.

## THE BIG BOSS

There might be more truth than fiction in the story that is going the rounds about a conversation between Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin. Said Roosevelt: "I dreamed a dream last night that I was made president of the world." Churchill demarked: "That's queer. I dreamed that I was made prime minister of the nations. Whereupon Stalin said: "I had a dream last night, too, but I don't remember appointing either of you gentlemen to those jobs."

—Prophecy Monthly.

## THE POWER OF HIS PRESENCE

Napoleon once said, "I could get thousands to follow me; but I had to be there." It was not a mere figure of speech when our resurrected Lord said to His disciples, just before His ascension: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:17-20). The whole missionary program of His church—and that includes the work of His myriads of servants in the "homelands" as well as foreign missionary work, is based on the resurrection of Christ! Since HE LIVES He can and does personally accompany His servants where ever they go with His message; and He personally supervises their work—that is, as far as they yield to His Lordship.

There isn't any other movement or organization in the world that has such Power, such Possibilities of blessing from God, as the church of the Living Christ, in its world-wide ministry!

## DESTINATION UNKNOWN

In a cemetery in Nova Scotia stands a tombstone reared over the grave of a sea captain. The inscription on it reads: "Departed on his voyage; destination unknown." Evidently the old captain did not bear positive testimony, and his life must have been punctuated with question marks. How will it be with your epitaph, reader? Will the people who bury you have doubt as to your destination?

## WASHINGTON STATE

Has a law forbidding the reading of the Bible in public schools. An effort is being made to have the law changed.

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**Wiley Auxiliary**

Report for the Wiley Auxiliary from the Flat River Church:

Enrollment .....	36
Regular Attendance .....	15
New Members .....	8
Number of tithers .....	20
No. of subscribers to F. W. B. Gem ..	100%
Amount for special offerings .....	\$153.68
Amount for Orphanage .....	17.50
Amount for dues .....	18.10
Amount for Missionary offering ....	188.68
Amount for Education .....	60.00
Amount for Unified Program .....	30.00
Amount silver offerings .....	171.18
Amount payed out for flowers .....	15.00
Amount of clothing given .....	55.00
Amount of food given .....	5.00
Aid to Bible students in this district	22.00
Mailed 85 get well and sympathy cards.	
Amount paid out .....	\$616.18
Amount received .....	\$638.26
Total in treasure .....	\$18.08

Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen— President, Mrs. Mildred Hildebrand.

**Aux. of the First Mission Ass'n.**

Ladies Auxiliary of the First Mission Association of Okla., held their Annual meeting at the camp ground near Bristow. They gave a good report of their year's work.

Elected the following officers for the coming year:

President, Sister Melvin Bingham, Tulsa.  
1st. Vice President, Hattie Newman, also Field Worker.  
2nd. Vice President, Bessie Stairs, Tulsa.  
3rd. Vice President, Sister John West.  
4th. Vice President, Sister Bert Riggers.  
5th. Vice President, Sister Fay Brookout.  
Sec. and Treasurer, Sister Rex Weatherman.

Corresponding Secretary, Sister Anna Manning.

Bro. J. R. Davidson brought a wonderful message at the eleven o'clock hour.

Anna Manning, Corresponding Sec., box 355, Oilton, Okla.

**Florida**

Dear Co-Workers:

I will try to write to you like I had you every one in a large auditorium some where looking right into your faces, telling you of our wonderful plans for another year. Wish you might have been with us in the greatest National Association ever held. Many of you who read this were there, but to those who could not attend will be interested in our next years program. First our dear women have just finished the greatest years work ever witnessed by Free Will Baptist women, since the Auxiliary Convention was organized in 1935. When I first reached Flat River and got on the church ground I met a dear sister from the state of Mich., bringing a report of their new Auxiliary, that Sister Frazier had organized a few weeks before, oh! how eager the dear ones are in Mich. to get their women ready for another year and bring in an Aux. Convention, join us in prayer, that we can get thme organized. Then a group of women who had been praying for sometime felt that the time had come for us to step out by faith and launch a 50,000 membership campaign and ask each member to pay \$1.00 per member, sometime during the year. This was received with great joy by the entire congregation and Rev. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tenn. quickly rose to his feet lifted his hand and also with it a \$1.00 bill and said put me down for the first member and in a few minutes, numbers rushed to the front wishing to join.

With Christ our leader and fifty thousand members praying and fifty thousand members paying, the church will reap the greatest harvest ever seen.

Put are devil on the run and see the greatest "Soul Winning Campaign ever begun." At this writing we are in Fla. and will visit a group of churches here and then be in Alabama for a short time. Pray for us and any state wishing to be placed on the honor roll send me your number of members and you will be put right on..

Tennessee

Columbia, members 100, paid in \$100.00

Missouri

Fredricktown, members 32, paid in \$15.00

Flat River, members 22, paid in \$20.00  
 Desloge, members 7, paid in \$5.00  
 St. Louis, members 20, paid in \$11.00  
 Mission, st. Louis, members 19, paid in \$13

#### Oklahoma

Wewoka, members 100, pay later  
 Tecumseh, members 7, paid in \$7.00  
 Earlsboro, members 4, paid in \$2.00

#### Texas

Bryan, members 7, paid in \$7.00  
 Pine Grove, members 15, paid in \$1.00  
 Houston, members 5, paid in \$5.00

*Lizzie McAdams*

## EAST NASHVILLE CHURCH

Sunday July 30, 1944 marked a red-letter day in the history of East Nashville F. W. B. Church, for it was on that day that the church plant was dedicated, debt-free to the Lord and His cause. On the fourth Sunday in June of this year the final goal had been reached when the congregation responded with an offering of \$2,209.00. Plans were made then and there for the dedication service and these plans were carried out the fifth Sunday in July, thus bringing to a climax many hard and discouraging years of labor and toil. We can rejoice greatly in the Lord because only His mercy and goodness made such an accomplishment possible. Following is a portion of a talk delivered by Mrs. J. E. Frazier on dedication day which gives some of the highlights of East Nashville church.

"In the fall of 1923 a small group of zealous women residing in East Nashville, but attendants at Cofer's Chapel church in north Nashville, asked permission of Cofer's Chapel to start an organized work in East Nashville. The permission was granted and the work was launched by Rev. J. L. Welch on Jan. 10, 1924 with twelve members who had assembled at the home of Mrs. Fred Polston at 318 Woodland St. At first this branch work was known as the East Nashville Workers, but on Sept. 7, 1924 it was duly constituted "East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church," with 19 charter members.

For a few months all the services were

conducted in the homes of the members. Later a hall located over a grocery store at 12th and Woodland Sts. was rented and worship services were begun there on the first Sunday in Sept. 1924. Rev. Henry Oliver, a student as S.P.U. located then at Clarksville, Tenn., was the first pastor. He pastored the church until the fall of 1926, when he accepted a teaching position in Eureka College at Ayden, N. C.

Rev. M. S. Harris was the second pastor. He served one year and was succeeded by Rev. Loy E. Ballard of North Carolina. In 1930 the second home, our present building, was purchased and on the second Sunday in May, 1930, it was formally opened. On July 30, 1944, it was dedicated free of any debt and with a substantial amount left in the bank for future needs.

The same year that our church was purchased, Rev. J. L. Welch, the organizer, accepted the pastorate and remained with us five years, when he accepted a call to Cofer's Chapel Church where he had formerly served as pastor.

The next pastor, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, also served the church five years, then resigned, taking with him thirty members with whom he organized an independent work in northeast Nashville. In January 1941, Rev. Henry Melvin, of Durham, N. C. and two years later he resigned to return to his church in Durham.

The members of East Nashville church have always and still do "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." So all the way the Lord has led us and crowned even some bitter years with His blessings. To Him be all the glory and honor and praise. True, the task has been great and at times quite discouraging even to the faithful few. But the unfaltering faith and the unquenchable zeal of her charter members and those faithful and loyal members added from year to year have resulted in the achievement of this time and other great blessings of the past.

"Faith without works" is just as dead today as it was when James first made the assertion. It is still true that dead things do not grow. The rule in heaven is: you grow or go. East Nashville church has grown from 19 members to 164 members; from an offering of \$2.00 on Jan. 10, 1924

to an offering of \$2,209.00 given worshipfully on June 25, 1944. She has grown until among her children are members of leadership ability, initiative, consecration and generosity of time, talent and money. With everyone of these sharing his and her best in the Master's service, East Nashville can expect even greater achievements as the days come.

Before I close, I must say that much credit for this debt erasure plan is due the official board whose chairman is Mr. E. D. Parker and to the newly elected pastor, Rev. Damon Dodd of Missouri. Both the Board and the Pastor have done a praiseworthy piece of work in the few months given them to work the plan. Rev. Dodd's soul winning spirit, courageous

heart and Christian patriotism are in harmony with East Nashville's character of progress and unselfish devotion to truth and to God. The Spirit of God is among us and there are many reasons for rejoicing. Surely there is a glorious day ahead for East Nashville and the F. W. B. cause in Nashville, Tenn.

Work away East Nashville Church  
For the Father's eye is on us,  
Never off us, still upon us  
Night and day, work and pray.  
Work, and prayer will be the sweeter,  
Pray, and work will be completer,  
Love, and prayer and work the fleeter  
Will ascend upon their way, Work Away!



## Our Boys in the Service



### END OF THE ROAD

WHAT WILL HAPPEN to Hitler and some of his associates when the United Nations have won the war? James McClincy, in a Chicago Sun article, "End of the Road," speculates:

**HITLER**—Der Fuehrer is capable of suicide, since he is an hysterical mystic at times. He might be more useful alive, though, and his generals might persuade him to accept martyrdom in the hands of the Allies.

**MUSSOLINI**—Would take his life if he could work up the intestinal fortitude, or could be sure that he would see the headlines in the spirit world. Actually he will probably surrender to his country.

**HIMMLER**—Has burned all his bridges. Cannot flee anywhere in the world where relatives or friends of his victims could not get him. Most Allied nations have large scores to settle with him.

**Goebbels**—Has made more enemies than entire Nazi hierarchy and might be killed by another Nazi when the final bars are down. He is ruthless, introverted and embittered.

**Goering**—Has safely provided for him-

self to live comfortably in one or another neutral country. Is convinced that war guilt won't take place, and that he can get away with anything.

Although Roosevelt and Churchill have assured the world that a criminal record of these international outlaws is being kept for future prosecution, just what will happen to them is pure speculation. But whether suicide, execution or assassination, one thing is sure: That will not be the "end of the road." Death is not the end of the road; it is but a brief bridge from time to eternity.

More pointed and pertinent is the question for these men and all to face: "After death, what?" The Holy Scriptures say, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement" (Hebrews 9:27). Yes, judgement—judgement for crimes, atrocities; in fact, all sins committed in life.

And there will be no chance of escape, for God too keeps a record of men's sins in a book of deeds, from which some day all men will be judged unless their names are written in another book which God calls the Book of Life.

How can one know that his sins are not awaiting judgement in God's record book, but that his name is in the Book of Life?

That the "end of the road" for him will not be judgement and eternal Hell? Christ said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My words and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life" (John 5: 24).

Yes, God has provided a way to escape the judgement which He must otherwise justly impose upon all men for their sins. Jesus Christ died to save sinful men from the penalty of their sins, and to give them eternal life. When a man by faith trusts Christ as his Saviour and hope for eternal life, God wipes out his sinful record and writes his name in the Book of Life, guaranteeing him everlasting joy and blessedness in Heaven. The stars will fall before this promise of God can be broken to those who put their faith in Christ.

*When the choir has sung its last anthem,  
And the preacher has voiced his last prayer;*

*When the people have heard their last sermon,*

*And the sound has died on the air;*

*When the Bible lies closed on the altar,*

*And the pews are all empty of men;*

*When each one stands facing his record,*

*And the Great Book is opened—WHAT  
... "THEN?"*

"He that believeth on the Son (Christ) hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

—James F. Spink

Tract of the Month Club—Folder No. 106

Copies of this tract may be secured from Tract-of-the Month Club, 322 West Washington, Chicago (66), Illinois. 100 for 35c; 500 for \$1.60; 1000 for \$3.00. Add 10% for postage on orders less than \$2.50.

## SIX MEN

Hold more power, and control more lives, than any other group the same size anywhere in the world today.

THEY ARE:

**C HURCHILL**

**H ITLER  
R OOSEVELT  
I L DUCE  
S TALIN  
T OJO**

But if even these great men were to be taken away, we would still have **CHRIST!**

Christ died for our sin. He was buried, and...rose again the third day according to the scriptures. I Cor. 15:3-4.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus (Christ) and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new. 2 Cor. 5:17

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow...and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Philippians 2:11.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him. Col. 2:6

## TO MY SOLDIER MAN

In my heart memories deeper swell  
Than the tinkle of a bell,  
From an altar or a shrine  
Where snow drops in meekness shine  
Or pansies spread their luster in the stream  
Mingled with the pebble's sparkling beam.  
From my heart the major key has flown  
Far across the raging sea.  
You are no longer in our home  
To cheer and comfort me.  
I have but sweet memory of you  
To ease the throbbing pain  
That tires my aching brain.  
I miss the cuddling in your loving arms,  
To tousel your locks of jet again,  
While we talked of God and future life,  
Of faith and hope in Jesus Christ.  
Of a crib for the son yet to come,  
To share with us our humble home.  
Cherishing the thought of what you are to  
me,  
I pray on and cling to hope that  
You will return and daddy be,

To our little son so sweet, and me.  
That right and freedom be not cowed  
By Hitler and his fiendish crowd,  
Who murder liberty and rape the truth  
That makes men fall.  
So, far away from battles din and roar  
Upon our sweet native shore,

I'm longing for thee.  
Trusting only in God on high,  
That He may hear and make reply,  
For baby's sake—and you.  
With God's blessings and love—Lou.

*R. D. Foster, Aurora, Mo.*

## The League Department

### Oklahoma City League

We the Central Ave. F. W. B. Senior League of Okla. City would like to report on our League work for the past year. We now have 32 young people enrolled in the Senior League. We feel our League is making a great progress in its growth and we have a grand group of boys and girls who are willing to work in unity for the Lord. We have also been able to build a new League room for which we are very thankful.

We presented two plays this year at our District League Rallies, the Parable of Debtors and The Symbol of the Cross, the latter with which we won the District Program Banner. We also took this play to the Tecumseh church and after our play an altar invitation was given and four souls were saved.

Ten of our members got to attend the State League Rally at the Mission Camp Ground near Drumright this year and all reported a grand time.

We feel that God is being given glory by our efforts in our work. Pray that we may work harder and do more for our Christ.

A letter from one of our League members who is now in the Armed Forces, we thought others might receive a blessing from it:

Dear League Class:

I received your nice letter concerning the encouragement of a man in uniform. It was an inspiration and also causes one to think as to what he might do to cause a greater zeal to be put forth by his fellow buddies also in the uniform who haven't had the enjoyment of a full salvation.

Truly, you spoke correct when you stated the fact of the Christian life the only way.

Today, yesterday and more tomorrow I want to be like Him, who died for me.

Moses under the leadership of God led the people of Israel into the Canaan land. Christ by the Holy Spirit and through His glory has translated me out of the darkness into His dear light and now all is peace and a greater joy than one can tell abides within. These things and many more, are the thoughts that arise and tend to keep me cool in the darkest part of the battle.

No thoughts are so dear, as the ones of knowing that people of home like you, are still carrying on and keeping the church warm with the love of God, until there is other help to do so, as will be when the boys from every corner of the world come home again.

When they stoned Stephen to death as related in 1 Cor. he died with a smile on his face and said God receive my spirit. I am not afraid nor do I fear man who is only able to destroy the body, but rather I'm happy and fear God who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell forever.

Pray for us, and we will remain yours for the cause of Christ.

*PFC Othel Dixon*

### Tulsa League

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been quite some time since we have reported the progress of our League.

We feel keenly the loss of so many of our fine boys and girls to the service of our country. However we younger ones are by the help of our parents and the grace of God carrying on until our brothers can come home.

We are studying the League Manual



and trying to become a Standard League.

Our quarterly Associational Rally convened at Turley Church, Sunday, July 2. Our League won both program and attendance banners for which we are thankful.

Friday night, July 7, we had our annual election of officers. The following were elected:

General Sponsor, Bro. J. E. Renegar.

President, Harold Hancock.

Vice President, Margaret West.

Recording Secretary and Treasurer, June Wagoner.

Chorister, Bertha Kieffer.

Pianist, La Wanda Bingham.

Quiz Leader, Alveta Hancock.

Senior and Intermediate Sponsor, Mrs. Melvin Bingham.

Junior Sponsor, Mrs. S. L. Hancock.

Story Hour, Mrs. Bertha Wagoner.

Adult League, Rev. Melvin Bingham.

*Barbara June Hancock*

### Center Ass'n. League Rally

Dear Gem Readers:

When a person is born into the Kingdom of God, he usually wants to tell the world about it. So it is with our young folk in our Association.

This League has been organized a little over a year. Five churches are enrolled with a total membership of about 150.

We meet the second Sunday of every third month. We have preaching at 11:00, dismiss for lunch, then we have our programs in the afternoon.

Our young people enjoy this so much that we urge every church to organize a League for their young folk. Our League is growing. Pray for us and all other League rallies.

*Mignon Wood, Sec.*

### Monett League Report

As I was reelected League Reporter I

feel it my duty to send you a report of our work.

As I sit here on this fine autumn day trying to treasure up the blessings, we've received from the Lord, I feel it would be an endless task.

During the summer months our attendance isn't as much as other times but the Lord is with us in a way.

The Lord has said "where two or more are gathered together in my name I will be in their midst. So it isn't always the largest crowds that receive the most blessings. I sometimes wonder if His presence was felt only in large audiences in the church, if the nation as a whole wouldn't feel His presence but very little.

The more we put into League service the more we're going to get out of it. I'm made to believe if each of us would spend fifteen minutes on our League lesson each day, we would see great changes in our League work.

The Junior Department are really building up their League. Their attendance is growing and more interest is being created. One Sunday night they had a mission lesson, an offering was taken of \$2.25. They are always eager to give for the Lord's work to advance.

The Senior League still working for God. We are having a larger attendance since the weather is getting cooler, we hope and pray our League will continue to grow, as it makes our heart rejoice when we see people come and take an interest in our League work.

As we close our report, we want to extend an invitation to each and everyone to our League Rally which is being held here, Oct. 29, 1944. If you are a Leaguer come and if you are not, come anyway, maybe you'll be converted into a Leaguer.

Add our League to your prayer list that we may be laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

*Dorothy Lovell*

## Church Letters - Field Reports

### Revival at St. Louis, Mo.

We just closed a 2 weeks revival at the F. W. B. Mission located at 5418 Idaho St.

St. Louis, Mo.

Last January, Rev. Harvey Hill started a mission work here. I found a number who were really eager to do something for

the Lord. Bro. Hill is doing a good work for the people at this place. During the 2 weeks we were there, we found the people anxious to carry on the work of the Lord. They are so willing to co-operate and each do his part. The work here has not been going long, but the prospects are favorable for a real good future.

We could only be with them for 2 weeks. During this time there were 3 professions and on the last night of the service, 9 bowed at the altar for consecration. We would like to have stayed longer, but could not at this time, we plan to be with them again in the near future for another weeks service, the Lord being willing.

*Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.*

### St. Louis

Dear Gem Readers:

It fills my heart with joy, in that Christ has given me the privilege to try to bring to you some of the wonderful blessings that he has bestowed upon this writer and our church and its people. We are having wonderful services each Sunday, also on Wednesday night and the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. We shall begin our fall revival on 9-17-44. We ask that each of you pray for us. Our evangelist will be Rev. Ralph Lightsey of Bristol, Georgia. We want to give to everyone a welcome not only in our revival but at each service. We are sure to make you feel at home in some way and we know that you will be blessed by coming, we especially invite people who live in St. Louis and surrounding towns.

Your writer has just returned from 5 weeks in the south being choir director in 4 wonderful revivals and some 60 souls prayed through to victory, (Praise the Lord).

Since I feel that this is my work that God has given me, I would like to offer my service to those who would like to secure this kind of service in any denomination.

I am a sinner saved by grace and if you wish any information you may write the Editor, Rev. C. B. Dees or Rev. Mark Lewis 2043 Sidney St., St. Louis, Mo., or to Rev. Dan W. Malor, Sharon, Tenn. R.2.

Pray for me in this work, may the Lord bless each reader is our prayer.

*Edward Simmons*

### Hickory Grove

The revival held by the Rev. Frank Linton of Tunas, Mo. closed on Sunday night Aug. 6. We had good services and the Spirit of the Lord was with us. There were four precious souls saved and united with our church. They that come were saved, but so many of the unsaved don't attend church. We heartily recommend Bro. Frank as a man of God, very able and willing to preach the gospel. There was a vacation Bible School conducted by Sis. Thora Arbogast of Greenfield, Mo. and Sis. sisted by our pastor Rev. Alice Dickey of Kansas City, Mo. We were glad to have Bro Raymond Dickey and daughter, Betty Alice, also Bro. Myron and Rev. Marie Hyatt of Centerview, Mo. with us.

On Aug. 3, Rev. Winford Davis, wife and daughter and Rev. Kenneth Turner of Monnett, Mo. were here in the interest of our Foreign Mission Program. The mission pictures were shown and Bro. Davis delivered a very timely address.

There was a shower for the Davis' the following evening.

We extend our love to God's people everywhere, asking an interest in your prayers for our church and in the great cause of our Lord.

*Mrs. Pauline Warren, Church Reporter*

### Shawnee, Okla.

Dear Gem Readers:

This is my first attempt to write you. but as corresponding secretary I would like to make a report on our First Okla. Ass'n. Camp Meeting and Yearly Conference which was held at our church here in Shawnee. We are just a young church the youngest in the state, but God has richly blessed us with finance and spiritual things.

We have seven churches in our Ass'n. we had a collection of \$277.00 in our Camp Meeting paying our evangelist Rev. Harry Stairs and Rev. Orbin Doss \$106.00 each.

The resignation of Rev. A. E. Dearnora, who has been an active officer of the Ass'n. for twenty nine years was accepted. The Camp Meeting was a great blessing to all, several were converted and the spirit of God was richly felt in our meetings.

The young people and Ladies Auxiliary are really encouraged to work. Rev. A. B. Epperson, another pioneer in our Association delivered the introductory message, it was a soul inspiring sermon. The Ass'n voted to purchase ground for the centralization of Camp Meeting here in Shawnee. we feel this will be of great benefit to all especially during this rationing of every thing as it is convenient to get here by train or bus. Pray for us that God will continue to bless and we will continue in His good work.

*Mrs. Mildred Cash, Corr. Sec.*

### Silver Point and Twin Oak Churches

We had the privilege of working with Rev. Albert Tucker in a revival meeting at the Silver Point Church of Womack, Mo. The revival meeting continued two weeks, resulting in the professions of twelve souls, five of whom were baptized. We enjoyed being in the homes of these fine people of Womack.

We closed this meeting on Sunday night, July 30, and began a meeting at the Twin Oaks church. God's Spirit fell in an unusual way on the third week of this meeting and twenty four souls were saved in one week. A total of thirty souls were saved at the close of a four weeks meeting. Twenty three were baptized.

We enjoyed working with Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Matthews and visiting in the homes of the members of their church.

We are rejoicing to know the days of revivals aren't past, but that God still honors His word.

*Rev. and Mrs. Albert Halbrook*

### Northwest Mo. Association

The Northwest Missouri Association convened with the Union Third Fork Church, near Easton, Missouri, August 24 and 25. Sister Melba White, pastor of the local

church, delivered the introductory sermon, using for her text, "We Would See Jesus."

Friday morning Brother W. R. Rush was elected moderator, and routine business was transacted. A good delegation from the churches was present, and three corresponding delegates from the Northeast Mo. Association were received, who assisted in the deliberations. Bro. Rush filled the stand at eleven o'clock, delivering an inspirational message.

Business was resumed at one o'clock, and because of rain that was the last session held. However, all necessary business was attended to. Brother Archie Cooper, of the Northeast Mo. Association, filled the stand at four o'clock, and every one regretted that that was the close of the meeting.

The Association is composed of six churches, with eight ordained and two licensed ministers.

The next Association will be held with the Hickory Grove Church near Haddam, Kansas.

### Union F. W. B. Church

Greetings to God's Family:

Just a few lines to let the rest of our family know how we are enjoying the precious blessings of our Heavenly Father.

The last few months, since we last reported, we have been receiving wonderful blessing in our spiritual lives.

Have just had the wonderful privilege of assisting my pastor in a grand and glorious 2 weeks revival, about 5 miles south east of Carbondale, Ill., which the Lord gave us utterance of the Spirit, and sent His convicting Spirit to arrest and convert seventeen precious souls. The convicting Spirit also stirred the hearts of several others, but they failed to heed the call of Jesus Christ to save. We left that place very much moved for all concerned and with joy and sorrow in our heart, joy for the seventeen souls who very brightly confessed my Christ and much burdened for the estimated number of fifty who still don't know Him. Somehow after the two great weeks spent in the meeting God strangely moved us to close it.

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No. 72

What a Morning Glad

J. M. Henson

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J. G. Henderson

1. When the Lord shall come ..... from the lof-ty skies, .....  
 2. When no more we bear ..... earth-ly bur-dens great, .....  
 3. When the cold dark grave ..... shall give up its prey,.....

To re-ceive His own ..... in - to par-a-dise; .....  
 When we all march in ..... to the soul's estate; .....  
 And with Je - sus we ..... shall all speed a-way;.....

What a morn-ing glad ..... for the saved by grace.....  
 Then we all shall cease..... to be lone or sad,.....  
 What a morn-ing glad ..... it will sure - ly be,.....

D. S. - There to sing His praise ..... with the ransom'd throng, ..... FINE

When with rap-ture we ..... shall be-hold His face. ....  
 And shall rest and sing ..... on that morn-ing glad. ....  
 When we gath-er there ..... by the crys-tal sea. ....

Ev - er - more to swell ..... an un-er-d-ing song;.....

REFRAIN

What a morn-ing glad, ..... what a hap-py day,.....  
 What a morn-ing glad, ..... what a happy day,.....

These Songs are from Columbian Carols

## What a Morning Glad

When to that sweet home..... we shall speed a-way;.....  
When to that sweet home we shall speed a-way;

*D. S.*

No. 73.

## He Is Not Here

MATT. 28.

J. M. Henson

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1. At the dawn Ma-ry came seeking Je-sus, To the grave where He once was lain;  
2. Go and tell His di-ci-ples He's ris-en, And He go-eth to Gal-i-lee;  
3. As they went then to tell His di-ci-ples, Je-sus met them with joy that day;

Lol an an-gel from heaven de-scend-ed, And proclaimed Je-sus lives a-gain.  
They departed with joy from the grave-bed, Lol the Lord from the tomb is free.  
And they fell at His feet there and worshiped, For the stone had been rolled away.

*D. S.* — And shall reign thro'an end-less day.

REFRAIN

He is not here, but is ris-en, The angel rolled  
He is not here, but is ris-en, The an-gel rolled.....

the stone away, stone away, He is not here, but is ris-en in-deed,  
the stone away, ..... He is not here, but is ris-en,.....

*D. S.*

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The church is moving along splendidly with its growth in number and interest much increased. We are very proud of every activity of our church and feel that God is blessing in all of them.

We have a good number attending Sunday School including both young and old and the interest and practice of the lessons before us is good.

The Woman's Auxiliary is meeting next Wednesday and we are expecting a grand time in the Lord. We have planned a good program and pray God to give us more of a missionary vision as we study the desperate needs of India.

We would like to especially request that you all help us pray for some of our F. W. B. churches that their women will catch a glimpse or vision of how much more of the Lord's work can be carried on through a Woman's Auxiliary and get organized and go to work and the Lord will certainly bless them in their efforts for Him. In this request of our ministers that they'll also get the same vision and encourage their churches.

We have a splendid young people's meeting who are so willing to freely give of their service, in the way of time, talent and money. At the present time we are under a heavy burden for a God called leader for them. We are expecting God to answer our prayers for one and lay it on some one's heart to lead and direct our young people, who needs training for the kingdom work.

We are praying for the time when we shall soon have victory in this war and our young men can soon return to us to help us carry on for the Lord. May the Lord bless them all over the world and comfort and cheer, guard, guide and keep.

I must close now as I have made this longer than I'd hoped to when I begin to write.

God bless everyone and remember to pray for us.

*Miss Opal McClerren*

## From a Soldier

Dear Brothers in Christ:

At this time I will take the joy and great pleasure of writing to you tonight.

The "Gem" was introduced to me by our faithful brother, Justin D. Campbell and since then have become very much interested in it. I really think it's wonderful. I've already received the first issue of the subscription, that my mother sent me. I really enjoy the blessings that I receive when I read it.

I enjoyed the sermon very much, "Divine Fellowship" by Rev. J. R. Davidson and the Gem letter section and inspirational poems, in fact I enjoy every word of it.

God sure has done wonderful things for me, but the greatest thing He did in my life was about a year ago when He accepted me as one of His children. I'm very thankful for His saving power in a war torn world full of sin, as this one is.

I have never known the love and joy and peace that our Father gives to those that love Him.

I wish to ask your prayers, that I might be drawn nearer and stand faithful and steadfast with our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Cpl. Cullen*

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### Notice of Time Change

The Board of Publication and Literature has announced a meeting for Tuesday following the third Sunday in October, (Oct. 17). That time has been changed to one week later. Tuesday following the fourth Sunday in October, (Oct. 24th.). As announced we are meeting to pass on manuscript that has been submitted to us and to make plans for the publication of the same. Again may I urge, that all who have manuscript in the form of books, pamphlets, periodicals, or any other, please plan to have them finished and in our hands by that time.

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# Inspirational Poems

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Texas

## If To God You Would Be True

If to God you would be true,  
Let His will be thy will too  
And His Spirit direct you,  
Each and every day.

With clean thoughts employ thy mind;  
Feed thy soul on bread divine;  
Dwell in atmosphere sublime,  
Each and every day.

If you'd be completely whole,  
Clean in body, pure in soul.  
Let Him lead you to that goal,  
Each and every day.

May the Holy Spirit's power  
Flood your soul each passing hour,  
With a Pentecostal shower,  
Each and every day.

Hold communion with the Lord;  
Make a study of His word;  
Weild the Holy Spirit's sword,  
Each and every day.

Lend a helping hand to all;  
Ne'er refuse to heed the call,  
Of the weak about to fall.  
Each and every day.

Strive to save all that are lost.  
Rescue them at any cost;  
Helping those that need thee most,  
Each and every day.

Happier, then you'll daily grow;  
Brighter, still, your path will glow.  
As toward heaven, on you go,  
Each and every day.

## What Does The World Now Offer You

What does the world now offer you?  
Riches and honor, fame and renown;  
A warrior's praise and a victor's crown,  
What does the Lord now offer you?  
Riches and honor in heav'n above;  
A glorious prize! bright mansions above!  
What does the world now offer you?  
A glamorous career, the praise of men;

A life of pleasure, the pleasure of sin.  
What does the Lord now offer you?  
A life of service, which brings great joy;  
A crown of glory without alloy.

What does the world now offer you?  
A few fleeting years of toil and care.  
With troubles and trials, most everywhere.  
What does the Lord now offer you?  
Eternal life that never shall end.  
Where saints and angel's voices shall blend.

### Chorus

O glorious gift, the gift of God's love,  
O glorious prize, bright mansions above,  
O glorious gift, the gift of God's grace,  
How glorious to look on His face.

## In The Lord Refuge I Find

When the storms of life are raging,  
Evil forces warfare waging,  
Satan's hosts against me raging,  
In the Lord refuge I find.

Sore temptations oft assail us,  
Fondest dreams oft times do fail us,  
Wrong 'gainst right oft times prevailleth,  
In the Lord refuge I find.

Oftentimes we're sad and lonely,  
Looking at the dark side only.  
Duties to us may seem homely,  
In the Lord refuge I find.

Oft' times the way is dark and dreary  
And life's burdens make us weary,  
Prespects seem no longer cheery,  
In the Lord refuge I find.

### Chorus

In the Lord refuge I find  
Leaving worries far behind  
I press along with joyful song  
In the Lord refuge I find.

## He Saves and Keeps My Soul

My earthly friends are dear to me.  
In trouble they console

Jesus is dearer than they can be,  
He saves and keeps my soul.

He is my best and truest friend.  
None other is like He,  
He'll be with me until the end.  
He is the dearest friend to me.

When I was wretched and cast down  
By sin and misery  
He laid aside His royal Chown  
And bore it all for me.

He'll be with me when I shall come  
To cross death's turbid sea  
In triumph He will bear me home  
He is the dearest friend to me.

Chorus

He saves and keeps my soul,  
He is the dearest friend to me,  
He saves and keeps my soul.

Through Jesus' Precious Blood

Vile and filthy though we may be  
Polluted by contact with sin,  
Our hearts filled with iniquity,  
Unclean without, corrupt within.

Separated e'en though we are  
From the children of the Lord,  
Borne down neath a load of care,  
Condemned by His holy word.

Our atonement's in the cross  
In Mount Calvary's crimson flood.  
There we're cleansed and freed from dross  
By the Saviour's precious blood.

Though my sins like crimson be  
Red like scarlet they should glow.  
Through the blood of Calvary  
They shall be as white as snow.

Precious thought to me today  
That through Calvary's crimson flow,  
All my sins are washed away  
Made as white as driven snow.

Chorus

Alienated though we may be  
From all that's pure and good,  
From all our sins we are made free  
Through Jesus' precious blood.

## LOST IDENTITY

Please turn to Matthew 10:39 and read:  
"He that findeth his life shall lose it: and  
he that loseth his life for my sake shall  
find it."

To me, this is one of the most precious  
statements made by our Lord.

Notice in this instance He used the word  
life. There are two ways to lose ones life  
for Jesus: First one can give up the physi-  
cal life, in martyrdom and gain eternal,  
but I believe here Jesus was speaking of  
the giving up of things or even persons  
whom we cherish, if their friendship inter-  
feres with our ability to perform God's will,  
for He demands that our love to Him ex-  
ceed love to parents, children or brothers  
and sisters.

This losing of life is only a continuation  
of the very thing we promise to do when we  
come to Him, but Satan steps in and asks  
us to not lose our identity with the world  
and by letting our hopes center in this life  
we make ourselves "of all men most mis-  
erable."

In trying to save our lives we lose, and  
that is not merely a figure of speech but  
what actually takes place.

After "old things have passed away" and  
all things become new, don't fear to let  
those old things slip away, let them go,  
and get lost in the love of Christ so you  
can find the life He has promised you.

If you find it difficult to understand,  
think now: "What do I most cherish and  
would be hardest to break away from?"  
Oddly enough people like to be remembered  
for some peculiarity or accomplishment  
that does them no credit. For what do you  
wish people to remember you?

Would it be "Weldon the wise Guy,"  
"Sammy the Sport," "Frank the Fighter,"  
"Ted the Tough," "Fred the Fisherman,"  
"Rob the Rip-Roaring Rounder?"

Or maybe you are "Gloria the Glamour  
Girl," "Sylvia the Sophisticated," "Mabel  
the Ultra-Modern," or "Hedda, the Heart  
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Are you still playing an imaginary role,  
or are you just plain Jim Jones, a Christ-  
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*By Martha Dalton*

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## OBITUARIES

**MCKEEL**—Funeral services for Jimmy McKeel, 2½ years old, who died Wednesday of last week at Eurge hospital in Springfield, of peritonitis, were held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at Amity church, east of Niangua, with the Rev. Frank Linten officiating. Burial was in the cemetery there under direction of Rainey funeral home.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oral M. Keel, one sister, Joyce, 10, and one brother, Darrell 12; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joda McKeel, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Vance, all of Niangua.

**GCOLSBY**—Rhoda Malinda (Butcher) Goolsby second daughter of Lew and Minerva Butcher was born November 8, 1886,

in Wright county, Missouri, and passed on to her reward September 6, 1944, being 58 years, 9 months and 28 days of age. She spent her entire life time near her birthplace, with the exception of a few months in Arkansas and a motor trip to Calif.

She was converted at an early age and united with the Free Will Baptist church to which organization she devoted much time and effort during the remainder of her life. She derived great pleasure from her attendance at church and Sunday School, and she considered every issue, local, state, or national, under discussion, from the standpoint of what it's spiritual effect would be upon her home community. She would support nothing that she thought would lower the moral or spiritual standard of life.

She was united in marriage with Lee T. Goolsby in February, 1908. Four children were born to this union, 2 of whom died in infancy. Bertha Mabel died at about 2 years of age. Paul B. now serving with the U. S. armed forces survives. She is also survived by her husband, her father, and one sister Zona Smith, and many other relatives and friends.

Although she endured physical pain, sorrow and disappointment over a long period of years that would have tried the soul of a less sturdy individual, she went uncomplainingly about her daily tasks, a medium of comfort to the sad, a tower of strength to the weak and a source of hope for the despairing. Her example of patience and fortitude will be remembered throughout life by those who knew her.

She had a rare sense of the proper evaluation of the things of life. Being very ambitious, she thought the possession of lands and cattle and worldly goods desirable; yet, to her way of thinking the babble of a brook, the beauty and perfume of a rose, or the happy laughter of a little child were transcendent in value compared with material things.

In her last moments, realizing that the end was near she asked her husband and others not to weep if they could avoid doing so. 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. Rev.

21-4.

Funeral services were conducted at the Rock Chapel church Friday afternoon with the Rev. Frank Linton officiating assisted by the Rev. Homer Smith. Interment was made in the Oak Grove cemetery under directions of the Bouldin funeral home of Norwood.

**SHAFER**—Richard Allen (Tom) Shaffer, son of the late John and Naomi Shaffer, was born near Rolla, Mo. on May 22, 1885 and departed this life on July 5, 1944 at his home in Flat River, Mo. at the age of 59 years, 1 month and 13 days.

He went from Rolla to St. Louis in the year of 1900, there he took a course in barbering and graduated from the Molar Barber College in 1902.

He worked in St. Louis at the barber trade a few years and then came to the Lead Belt in Jan. 1906, where he obtained employment with the St. Joseph Lead Co.

On August 1, 1907 he was united in marriage to Jennie M. Link of Elvins, Mo. To this union three children were born: Melvin of Cantwell, Mo., Harold and Thelma (Mrs. Cruise Hopkins) of Flat River, and 6 grandchildren.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, children, a nephew, Carl Lee, who made his home with Bro. Shaffer, and three brothers, D. B. and J. C. Shaffer of Omaha, Neb. and D. F. Shaffer of Los Angeles, Calif., beside a host of other relatives and friends who will miss him so very much.

He was converted at the age of 22 years united with the Free Will Baptist church where he lived a devoted christian life until the time of his passing.

He was a loving husband and father, a good citizen and was loved by all who knew him.

He was ready and willing to share his love and hospitality with his loved ones and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Flat River Free Will Baptist church by his pastor, Rev. Cecil H. Campbell assisted by Rev. K. H. Ladman of Esther.

Interment was made in the St. Francis Memorial cemetery under the direction of the Caldwell Bros. Funeral Home.

The ladies of the "Woman's Auxiliary"

acted as flower girls and pall bearers were from the Men's Bible Class.

A quartet composed of Bros. John Keeny, Percy Henson, Ben LaBrot and Cleo Black furnished the singing.

### Southeast Mo. Yearly Meeting

The following are the names of our deceased brethren and sisters for the year 1944. Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst the following:

Sister Mary Price, Bro. Raymond Martin, Sister Nellie Matthews, Rev. S. V. Simmons, Bro. Perry Clubb, Sister Sarah Ferguson, Sister Ruth Francher, Sister Thelma Matthews, Sister Mary Glove, Sister Bessie Davenport, Rev. J. D. Flannery, Rev. L. N. Beard, Bro. John Patterson.

We bow our heads in humble submission to God's will, and rest assured of the following, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from hence forth yea saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

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