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GOSPEL SERMONS



Faith and Works

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I asked a person the other day, "If we were saved by works?" They replied "partly." This particular person happened to be a minister and is teaching to wit: That Salvation is to be had partly by works and partly by Grace. As this teaching is an open and flagrant violation of the teaching of Holy writing, I pray that God, through the medium of the Holy Spirit, in his wisdom and power guide my thoughts and pen as I prove that Salvation cannot be attained unto by works. Whether the works be prior to or after conversion. Of course I will in no-wise be able to prove anything to the man or woman that will not be guided by the Holy Scriptures. Which same are our infallible rule to be guided by. Dear reader if you are one of those who believe and teach that Salvation is attained by works, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." The apostle Paul writing under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in Rom. 11:6, "And if by Grace, then is it no more of works; otherwise Grace is no more grace. But if it (salvation) be of works, then is it no more grace; otherwise work is no more work." The inspired apostle is speaking unto Israel or if you please, of Israel, and is teaching of the grace of God working salvation. Note that he says very plainly that if salvation be of God, then man has nothing to do with it. Otherwise we would not be saved by grace. By the same token if we are saved by works, God has nothing to do with it. Otherwise it would be no more works. The persons that teach salvation by works almost invariably quote

James in the 2 ch. of the book bearing his name. If we accept the teaching there at its face value and rest in it, we are made to see, that there is what appears to be a contradiction in the Bible. Every Christian knows that this could not possibly be so, for all scripture is given by inspiration, i. e., it is "God breathed." God, the Holy Spirit, having written it. So we see that if we accept the statement of James 2:24 at its face value and compare it not with other scriptures we are disregarding the statement of Paul, wherein he says, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Rom. 3:28 also verse 27. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay; but by the law of faith. Rom. 4:5-6. But to Him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith, (not works) is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness with out works. You may say that Paul's teaching here is confined to the Jew only and that he is speaking of the ritualism and ceremony of the law of Moses, but dear friends let us not forget that Abraham of whose faith and works he is speaking, lived 430 years before the law of Moses was given. When Paul answered the question of the Philippian jailor, as to what he could do to be saved, he didn't say, do this, observe that, or keep this or that, but simply "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

There is no contradiction in God's word. Faith has its place and so has works, when each is put in its place, then we readily

see that Paul and James both magnified the same faith and both taught salvation by grace thru faith plus nothing. So let us proceed to reconcile this seeming contradiction.

In James 2:24, James is not speaking of the "Doctrine of justification," but of a man justifying himself before men. For purposes of illustrating his teaching to this effect he refers unto Divine history, Gen. 22, Abraham was saved, Gen. 15:6 before God commanded him to offer Isaac upon the altar of sacrifice. He had faith in God, but the men dwelling around him couldn't see his faith in God. The only way that his faith could become visible unto those around him was through or by his works, so God commanded him to offer up his son Isaac. The works wrought by Abraham did not have anything to do with his salvation, but his works did bare witness that he had faith in God. So James says, 2:23, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. With the heart man believeth unto righteous, Rom. 10, we don't attain unto righteousness by any other method, an unsaved person cannot stand in the congregation of the righteous, (saved). Psal. 1:5. A righteous person is a justified one, a guilty person pardoned by God, not because of his works, but because of his faith in the works of God. This is the work of God that ye believe on him (Jesus) whom He hath sent, John 6:29. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. Heb. 11:6. If you do not have faith in His works (not yours) that He suffered and bled and

died in your stead then you have not been forgiven. For with out the shedding of blood there is no remission (pardon or forgiveness) Heb. 9:22. Abraham had true faith as the apostle shows in the illustration he offers. God had told Abraham that the promised seed (the Messiah, that was to be the seed of the woman that would bruise the serpent's head (satan), was to come through Isaac, then He next commanded Abraham to offer him on the altar of sacrifice. How perfectly awful and dreadful this command must have sounded to Abraham, such thoughts as this must have flashed across Abraham's mind. Dear Lord you told me that the Messiah the Great Redeemer was to come through Isaac and now you tell me to take his life. In all probability God, to Abraham's way of thinking, (he would probably have worked it different) was going about things in the wrong way, but what saith the scripture, it says that Abraham did this work or that, no! no! my friends, the scripture says that Abraham did no works of his own. God had promised and it is impossible for God to lie. Abraham said in effect, Lord I was an hundred years old and Sarah was seventy five, both of us well past the time and unto us thou didst give Isaac, you gave him to us once and I believe if I take his life yonder on the mount, you are perfectly able to resurrect him from the dead and give him back to me. Gen. 22:5, compare with Heb. 11:19, Heb. 11:17. Says that Abraham's faith in God caused him to work, not to work for salvation, but his works were in obedience unto God and were a testimony before all men that he was saved, that he was a stranger unto the world and that he was just a pilgrim journeying through (this wilderness of sin) world. Heb. 11:13-16 compare Heb. 11:13-16 with John 17:16 and Gal. 6:14. Reader note with me in James 2:14, the key that unlocks this chapter, its teaching concerning faith and works. It is this phrase, though a man say he hath faith, the whole argument of James is to the effect that if a man has faith (a saving faith) in God he will bow the knee unto Him, receive Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord and work the works that He commands. He said in effect Abraham believed in God and his works were evidence that he had faith,

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because they were works of obedience (not his own) neither were his works essential unto his salvation, further more James said (2:18) I'm a Christian like Abraham, I have faith in God, you follow me around and you'll see my works in obedience to my Lord's commands and they will testify in my behalf that my faith in God is a saving faith.

He that saith, I know Him, (have faith) and keepeth not His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 1 John 2:4. By His commandments is not meant the ten commandments, 1 John 2:5, tells us the commandments we are to keep, who-so keepeth His word in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him. Some one may say I know that we don't work to be saved, but we work to keep saved. Did Abraham's works help God to accomplish his salvation? His works testified that he believed that God had already saved him, for God had promised, his works did but testify for him before men.

In order to show the relation of works to faith, James ends by saying "For as the Body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also," that is to say is dead faith, for if a man does not make his faith visible by his works it is a question whether or not he has any faith at all. Please note that Paul uses this same great Bible character and the same incident, Abraham and Isaac, to prove that Abraham was justified by faith without works.. If Abraham was justified by works, he hath whereof to glory, but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Rom. 4:2-3, also see Gen. 15:6. If we are not biased or prejudiced concerning our view point and will accept the plain teaching of God's word we are made to see that it was Abraham's faith that justified him before God and his works that justified him before men, but you may question thusly, does not the Bible say that we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling? it (the Bible) goes on to say "For it is God that worketh in you (after salvation) both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Dear reader a man cannot work out that which he has not got. A person must first have salvat-

ion before he can work it out, if one had no sum to work on there would be no figuring to do. Paul in Phil. 2:12-13 is writing to the church over at Philippi unto people already saved, saints of God, born again Christians. The teaching of Paul was to this effect, that salvation included more than escaping from the penalty of sin, it meant also that if one had escaped paying the penalty of sin, they were to escape from the power of sin and the presence of sin and this meant that they must strive (work) with fear and trembling to overcome indwelling sin, for it was God who would work in them, if they would let him, to make the fruits of salvation complete in their lives. So we see that according to scripture we are saved by faith and not by works.

The best definition of faith is found in the Bible. Heb. 11:1, from the first verse after giving the definition of faith, the writer through out the rest of the chapter illustrates his definition, God promised, Noah believed and built the ark, Noah invested in God's promise when he built the ark. Moses invested in the Divine promise when by faith, when he was come to years he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater than the treasures of Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompense of reward for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. Heb. 11:24-26. We as Christians should invest in the divine promises, concerning our present salvation. A saving faith is composed of three essential (very much so) elements.

1. Knowledge, a person cannot believe in something he does not know anything about.

2. Belief, it is possible for a man to know about a thing, but not believe in it.

3. "Dependence", A man may know about a thing and believe in it, and yet put no dependence in it.

For example a ship was sinking and you were aboard. A rescue boat starts out from the shore and a companion passenger comes to you and tells you about it, that is knowledge. The rescue boat takes load after load of people safely to shore while you watch, you are convinced of its saving power, that is belief, but your know-

ledge that a rescue boat exists and your belief as to its ability to save you, will not save you unless you got in the rescue boat and depend on it to save you, that is faith. The scriptures say, For as in Adam (the sinking ship) all die, even so, in Christ (rescue boat that put out from the heavenly shore) shall all (who depend on His works) be made alive (carried safely to shore). James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man that faith with out works is dead? verse 17, Faith without works is dead, being alone, faith and works belong together, and they should always be found together, whenever faith is without works and whenever works are without faith, there is only death there. There can be no life in either faith or works whenever they are separated from each other.

James 2:21, was not our father Abraham justified by works? verse 22, seest thou a faith who ght with his works, and by works was faith made perfect.

In Rom. 4:1-5, Paul teaches that Abraham was justified without works, James says, Abraham was justified by works, there is no contradiction here, Paul is teaching about justification before God, Rom. 4:2. James is teaching about justification before men. Paul quotes from Gen. 15:6, James quotes from Gen. 22, between the time the scripture says, Abraham, believed in God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness, Gen. 15:6 and Gen. 22, where Abraham offered up Isaac there was a period of time consisting of over 40 years.

James says, look at Abraham's works over this period and behold how perfectly they manifested before all men that he had faith in God, if mankind is to see anything, it has to be something outwardly manifest. God can see the heart, but man has to depend on what he can see (an outward manifestation). James says, Abraham was called the friend of God, 2:23. Who called him God's friend? God Him self said, Abraham was His friend, men too called Abraham God's friend, why? How did they know he was God's friend? He professed to have faith in God, men heard him make the testimony, but they didn't know for sure it was true until they observed his Godly works over the years. The tree is known by its fruit, Abraham was justified both before God and men. The justificat-

ion before God is what saved him and the justification before men gave him a testimony among men and what a testimony. Abraham said men, Is the friend of the almighty High God. Dear reader, is God your friend? All men can say, yes, in answer to that question, but can you say yes to this question "Are you God's friend?" Are you doing your works that you think should be right or are you doing (as Abraham) the works that He said do (His own righteous works)? Jesus did not say if you put your works together with mine then God will be able to save you, rather He said, ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14. So if Abraham was the friend of God, his works were acts of obedience unto God an outward expression before men of an inward faith. He glorified God before men, how? By saying that He was working to be saved or working to keep saved? No, my friend a thousand times no, His works were the works of God through him, men saw his works of piety and love and knew he was acting in obedience unto God, the Lord. here comes Abraham the Hebrew, the friend of God. Reader are you one that makes a Christian profession? Have you a testimony among men? Do men call you the friend of God? If not, what is the reason? Really friends the answer is simple isn't it? You are His (Jesus) friend, if ye do as He commands, before men. Simply work as He commands before men then you will have the same testimony be-

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fore men that Abraham enjoyed men will see your faith expressed outwardly and men will call you a real Christian, a friend of God.

Jesus said in John 15:13, Greater love hath no man than he who layeth down his life for his friends. Note the last word of this verse, He says in effect, if you are not His friend, He did not die for you, but if you are His friend (doing as He commands) He died for you. Seest thou O vain man how that faith without works is dead, being alone. A Christian's work Paul said was a labor of love, Heb. 6:10. A Christian works because He has faith in God, because he loves God, because he has been saved, because he trusts God. Trust in God, looks forward unto what God will do. Faith looks backward and sees what God has done. Here is a question, Can works of supererogation obligate God? We all know the answer to be in the negative, if I cannot obligate God (through works) and cause Him to save me, neither can I (through works) obligate God to keep me saved. No where in the New Testament (no not one) is it said, this do and live, but it does say, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord Rom. 5:16; 6:23. Are you teaching salvation through good works? What saith the scriptures? They say, God gives, God so loved the world that "He gave". The only condition imposed by God is faith, a man is justified by faith, only by faith.. Paul did not tell the Philippian jailor, do this or that and you'll be saved, but rather believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. You say one must repent and have faith, yes indeed friends, that is very true for except ye repent you'll perish, Jesus said also that it is impossible to please Him (God) without faith, but did you ever stop to think that within the heart of the penitent that is the very condition which will exist ere they can believe on Jesus Christ. In Heb. 11:31 it is said, by faith the harlot Rahab perished not. James 2:25 says, likewise also was not Rahab the Harlot justified by works. Rahab acted by faith and the faith was visible only to God, but that faith manifested itself to the spies when she acted upon it. Faith caused her to hang out the scarlet thread, her faith was made

visible by her works. God knew she believed the very first monument when she believed, but men could only reckon she believed when they saw what she did about it. Read the great proof text on the doctrine of justification by faith. Gal. 5:6. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor un-circumcision, but faith which worketh by love. Its time that we should study to show ourselves approved of God and begin to preach the scriptures rightly divided and cease to preach such and such a way because we have heard others preach it that way, there is many an evangelist on the field today, that is not in demand because he preaches the Bible rightly divided and they refuse to preach the way the pastor and his board of deacons believe.

So we learn that salvation is by grace through faith, but we also learn that salvation is not by that dead faith that abides all alone. There must be more than a mere profession, there must be a real possession, one is not saved because they say, I believe, it is not enough to be baptized. To become confirmed is not sufficient, neither is joining a church sufficient. Ye must be born again, the gift of God is eternal life even though salvation is a free gift it must be definitely received, one must lay hold on it, there must be a very definite transaction between God and man. God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners and as many as receive Him are born again, made possessors of eternal life. There are two kinds of justification, but just one kind of salvation and that is the kind of salvation that will save and also show itself in the conduct of the person that is saved. By grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

How anyone can in the face of Eph. 2: 8-10, teach that salvation is through doing of good works or that salvation is partly by grace and partly by works, is more than I can understand.

Dear Reader, are you one that is working to keep saved, can you not see and un-

derstand that you are not depending on the work of God but rather you are depending on your own works and Heb. 11:6 says "It is impossible to please God with faith. Faith in what? Just this, that God did send His Son into the world to save mankind and that by and through His works and His alone salvation is provided for whosoever will believe in and receive Him.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word 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. Dear reader have you placed dependance in Christ or self? Have you invested in His promises? We must not only invest in the Divine promises as to our salvation, but we must traffic in them, conduct Christian work and service in dependence on them. If God has promised to supply all our needs in Christian service, according to His riches in glory then let us bank on that promise and we will never lack the means to carry on His work.

While a Christian is not saved by works, he is to be rewarded for his works. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father, with His angels; then He shall reward every man according to His works. Some declare the rewards one is to receive when Jesus comes is eternal life, I don't believe this teaching to be scriptural. Take the word according in the verse before us, it rules out any such an interpretation, how would this sound, because thou hast worked just a little, I will give thee just a little of eternal life, that's the way it would be doled out isn't it? If we believe their teaching, the word according is there also. To his works, little work, just a little life, big works, a big life, I believe just what the scriptures teach that salvation and rewards are to be distinguished, salvation is a present possession, rewards are yet future. The believers sins have been atoned for and are not remembered no more forever, but every one of the believers works must come into judgement. Salvation is a free gift, rewards are earned by works. To a lost person God offers salvation, for faithful service, He promises a reward. Believers will be rewarded at the judgement seat of Christ, many misquote this scripture and cause their hearers to

place a mis-construction upon their teaching, they quote, for we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ to give an account of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or bad. The scripture does not read like that, here is the way it reads, "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ: (why) that every one may receive the things done in his body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. The good things the believer has done, after he was put in the Body (Church) God will reward him for. If we accept the teachings of some there is only one thing (eternal life) that God has to reward believers with, but we cannot reconcile their teaching with the scripture here, because God said believers were to receive (then) the things and that they were to be measured unto each believer according as his works that he had merited, all believers know that they did not merit salvation. Reader turn in your Bible unto 2 Cor. 5: and count and see how many times the pronoun "we" occurs there, it occurs 26 times in this chapter and in each instance it means the believer, and the entire epistle is addressed to the church and saints at Corinth, so the judgement here spoken of is for believers only. It is not judgement for sin, but for works. If one will carefully peruse they will see that even the works of the believer are not all good or worthy of reward.

Some will be found to have worked with the wrong motive, some worked for hire, and works of this sort will be consumed as wood, hay stubble, while the good works likened unto gold, silver, precious stones, will pass the Holiness test and be rewarded. Our God is a consuming fire, fire is typical of God's Holiness, therefore every work will be rewarded, will pass the holiness test.

Rev. 22:12, And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Here Jesus says, He will measure rewards unto every man in the exact proportion that his works merit. Yea, according to his works shall man receive.

Remember dear reader, prove all things, hold fast that which is good.

Sacrificial Grace

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TEXT. 2 Cor. 8: 9.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich".

We have heard of many instances of sacrificial giving. There is the story of the little boy who gave his lunch to the strange Galilean so Jesus could feed the multitude.

And then there is the beautiful story of the maid who bathed the feet of Jesus with a precious ointment which perhaps cost the savings of a lifetime.

And also of the widow who gave her mite, which was all she had. And many others which, are recorded in the Bible. But the greatest instance of Sacrificial is the giving of Gods Son Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross. John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

OUR CHRIST WAS RICH, BUT WAS MADE POOR.

(1) He was Rich in possessions. Before Christ came to this earth. He was the owner of all things "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof". He was not a pauper when He left the glory world to make His sojourn on earth. All the wealth, all the grain, the rivers, the mountains, the trees, and these were His.

(2) RICH IN PERSON.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God". John 1: 1. He was God Himself glorified in Heaven. When on earth He said, "He and His Father were One".

(3) RICH IN POSITION.

He was with the Father in Heaven before He came to give Himself to the world.

"The same was in the beginning with God". John 1: 2.

He enjoyed the highest position in glory. The angelic host adored and worshiped Him. Heavenly choirs sang their anthems

to Him. He was the "Most High One", "The exalted One", "The Almighty God".

(4) RICH IN POWER.

All things were created by Him. He had the power to speak the word and the worlds would take shape and spin into space. He could speak the word and chaos became order. He could breathe into the dust and a living soul came into being.

"He was rich yet for our sakes He became poor".

But it is not the will of the Father for Christ to remain rich. He had other plans for His Son. So in the words of our Text. "He became poor". How was this, poverty manifested?

(1) POOR IN POSSESSIONS.

After growing into manhood He had to leave all the home He ever knew and go out into the world penniless and with out a home. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nest, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head". Because of the great change in His fortunes He often had to seek rest in the homes of His friends, or out on the mountain side or in a boat on the turbulent waters. He had become poor.

(2) POOR IN PERSON.

We are told He "emptied Himself". To understand what He meant here, we must remember that He had given up former personality as the reigning of God in Heaven and had come to earth in the form of man, although He was really God incarnated in human flesh, recognizing that He had left His Father above. In other words "emptied Himself" of His former personality to assume it after His work was finished.

(3) POOR IN POSITION.

..He not only "emptied Himself" but He also "humbled Himself" Man in his highest perfection is infinitely inferior to God. While there was found no sin in Jesus, he yet humbled Himself, became poor in

position. When He took upon Himself the form of sinful man, having to live with man, work with man, see man in all his sin and watch all the evils and weakness of man.

(4) POOR IN POWER.

Much of His former power was removed. Never before had He known hunger. But He experienced it now as the forty day He fasted in the wilderness and was tempted by Satan. He had never known pain, but He experienced it now. Though He performed many miracles in His later ministry. He had no power to perform them before He was baptized in Jordan. At least we have no record of them. It was here that He was endued with special power by the Holy Spirit. After the resurrection all of His pre-having finished His work here. He ascended to His Father.

Why was all this revolution made in the life of Jesus? Why was He made poor after being so rich?

Once more we look at our text for the answer. "For your sakes he became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich". He knew we were poor, poverty stricken human beings in need of His riches. In His great unselfishness He thought of us and on Calvary He gave Himself that we might share His wealth.

Christ had no other purpose for coming to earth. He had no motive other than to remember each of us. He made the supreme sacrifice that we might be rich in Him.

These are some of the riches we receive from accepting Christ.

(1) RICHES IN SALVATION.

We receive salvation when we trust in Him, repenting of our sin. This salvation means the forgiveness of sin, our justification before God as though we had never sinned, and strength to overcome sin through Christ as day by day we live closer to Him.

(2) RICHES OF LIFE.

We shall have in this life riches which we shall never know of except as we grow more and more like Him. In Christ we have many riches. He supplies our every need. These riches may be ours, or we may neglect them as some people neglect their riches on earth.

(3) RICH IN GLORY.

We shall be heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. We shall reign with Him in glory. We are adopted into the family of God as we come into Christ. We have abundant riches in glory.

How many who read this article can say? "I really know that the sacrificial grace of Christ has been experienced in my life."

The Sunday School in the Light of the Great Commission

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of the Nashville College

Matthew 28: 19-20 "Go ye therefore, and TEACH all nation, TEACHING them: to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The Sunday School is the TEACHING agency of the church. Does that statement startle you? Probably not, for you have more or less always known it. But do you realize the full significance of heart aches as mine when you stop to ponder the lack of efficiency in so many Sunday School.

Would you want to send your child

to a public school, where you know the teachers had received no training themselves? You would not want your child to be trained by one who himself had not been trained. And yet, some will send their children to Sunday School never once taking thought or interest in who teaches them. You know, it is the church's place to select teachers for the Sunday School (in many instances the parents of the children who attend the Sunday School); and I am ashamed of the wisdom shown in some places by the selection of teachers. In some cases, of

course, they have no choice and we allow for that.

I'm glad for the statement in our Sunday School Manual which says in effect that the first requirement is that ALL officers and teachers shall be Christians. That, of course, is only logical, and I hope we have no Free Will Baptists who would consider using as a teacher anyone who himself had never experienced the saving grace and power of our Lord.

But there is more to being a Sunday School teacher than being saved. Being saved, naturally, is the first and foremost requirement; but we need informed and trained teachers as well as devout Christians. We need teachers who know God's Word (the Sunday School's textbook), teachers who are also informed and interested in all points of our Denominational Program. A Free Will Baptist who knows more about another denomination than he knows about his own needs to join the others. Therefore, in my estimation, the next requirement should be that the teacher not only be a consecrated Christian, but a devoted Free Will Baptist as well.

You remember that the Great Commission was given to the eleven disciples after Christ had risen from the dead. He had been with them for three years, and it was nearing time for Him to return to the Father. He had TAUGHT them, and now in Matthew 28: 19-20, we hear His words commissioning them to TEACH others. We realize, of course, that while this commission was given to the eleven disciples, that its claims rest upon every one who accepts Christ.

"Go TEACH" and what shall we teach? "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you". What has He commanded? That we TEACH His WORD the saving and keeping power of God through Christ. A child, and we think of children in connection with the Sunday School, should first be taught salvation, and then be GIVEN an opportunity to accept salvation offered through Christ. In my opinion, the next thing is for the teacher to use the opportunity which he has to TEACH that child the work of Free Will Baptist Denomina-

tion that is to say, TEACH him concerning Christian Education, Foreign and Home Missions, Stewardship, etc. If Free Will Baptists expect the next generation to be devoted (active) Christian workers in the Free Will Baptist Denomination, "unto the uttermost part of the earth," carrying, as Jesus commanded, the gospel (then the children which you face Sunday after Sunday must be TAUGHT first how to be saved, and given an opportunity to be saved. Next they should be, and must be if it is accomplished, TAUGHT how to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord". Then the next important thing is that they be TAUGHT Free Will Baptist Doctrine and Program of Work. When this is done, our next generation will be strong, fervent, sincere, active Christians that God can use though the Free Will Baptist Denomination to carry out the Great Commission in the truest sense of its meaning.

Unless the children are SAVED and TAUGHT the future is without hope. Unless the young people are prepared to carry on, there will be no one to do so after our elders are gone. Time is fleeting the elders are passing, and the children are soon to be the elders we must TEACH them NOW or never.

"Go TEACH" "How important the service, how high the mission of the Sunday School teacher!" has been said by someone. "All who have the privilege of touching young lives should recognize how serious and solemn is the responsibility. Life and destiny itself are both in the making when those youngsters carelessly drop into a chair at Sunday School". You may be facing a Judson or a Moody every Sunday. One missionary has said, "One seldom meets a missionary who cannot say, 'A Sunday School teacher helped me to be what I am'". Will some boy or girl say that of you or me sometime?

Deuteronomy 11: 18-19 "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, And ye shall TEACH them to your children".

A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.

Men said as they saw its beauty
 "It never shall know decay,
 Great is thy skill, O builder,
 Thy fame shall endure for aye".

A teacher builded a temple
 With loving and infinite care,
 Planning each arch with patience,
 Laying each stone with prayer.
 None praised his unceasing efforts,
 None knew of his wondrous plan,
 For the temple the teacher builded
 Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
 Crumpled into the dust;

Low lies each stately pillar,
 Food for consuming rust.
 But the temple the teacher builded
 Will last while the ages roll,
 For that beautiful unseen temple
 Was a child's immortal soul.

Gertrude Bowe,

*Student in the Free Will
 Baptist Bible College.*

NOTE: This message was delivered to the District Sunday School Convention of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee, and is published at the request of the convention.

The Lord is My Shepherd

The 23rd. Psalm is a favorite chapter among so many. The comfort brought from this chapter in times of greatest sorrow could not be estimated, and in these days of unrest, fear of the things that are coming on this earth, let us look deep in this Psalm.

The "Lord" who made heaven and earth and all things therein. Who is over all, the self existing one, Eternal, Immutable, Omnipresence, Omniscience, Omnipotence. All-wise, Holy, Truth, Justice and Goodness.

What joy to know that such a one is positively no guess so, hope so, maybe so; but is my Shepherd.

Notice the possessive "my" it may be true of all who come unto God, by Him the Good Shepherd that gave His life for the sheep. His sheep are those who enter into His fold, through the door that His sacrifice on the cross opened up. John 10: 11-15.

Because the Lord is my Shepherd I am "Feeding on the word," Verse 2, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. Fellowshiping in His Spirit, He leadeth me beside the still waters.

"Being renewed day by day." 2 Cor. 4:16

Verse 3. "He restoreth my soul." Surrendered in will. "He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His name sake.

Verse 4. Tho I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Notice the word "shadow" and know that your great Shepherd is there and you are close to Him in the secret place in the shadow of the Almighty. "Trusting His promises," I will fear no evil.

Verse 5. Thou preparest a table before me, supplies our every need, the bread of life.

Thou onointes my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Filled with thy Spirit till all may see Christ only, always living in me.

My cup runneth over, doing service, in seeking to give joy to others. Our own joy is made full.

Verse 6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. How can it follow as all our days unless we leave some behind us every day? Possessing hope, full assurance, I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. I shall not want for the Lord is my Shepherd, Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

Emma J. Moore

Halt! and Turn Back to God.

Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the in-

habitants thereof, Isaiah 24:1. Yes truly this verse of scripture is true of today, and sin is causing it all. People have won-

dered away from the straight paths our Godly grandparents lived in. Our faith has grown weak and we forget to read and pray and commune with God as we should and when we do this we soon grow careless and the things of the world crowd in and little by little we partake of things that displease God, until in these days of trouble there are all too few of the Christian people that have the faith and courage to stand firm for God in the face of so much the world calls up to date and modern, to be sure there are some good yet everywhere.

So many today consider it alright to play cards, dice, drink and our young girls smoke, all go swimming together and many other modern things that I wonder, should Jesus suddenly come, as He says He will and we know His word is true, could they face Him with glad hearts and receive Him with joy. I don't believe they could, I think they would want to hide from His face. I feel that we Christian people are to blame for a lot of this, because we scarcely ever hear anyone say a word a-

gainst some of these things. I feel that preachers and Christians should with love and the word of God try more to tell the people of the evil of these things and of the joys of the ways of God. I wonder if our young people today realize the sacredness of marriage as they should and what God says about it and about divorce and re-marriage? Preachers think about it, God said "Feed my Lambs," do you feed them so that they may know these things? Lets leave off so much discussion about when, how and where Jesus is coming and where and how long He is going to reign and so on, and preach to get folks saved then teach them how to live, for after all isn't it enough for us to know that He has said, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also."

I am sure we have lots of fine young people that would live better lives had they been taught better ways in their childhood.

May God help us one and all to live nearer God and to try to walk in the way He would have go. Pray for me.

Mrs. Edith Bagwell

PRAYER

Rev. Horton T. Davis, Pastor

First F.W.B. Church of Hazel Park Mich.

"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Tim. 2:8."

In our text we have the subject of prayer.

Prayer we find is very important in a Christian's life.

It is the breath of the new man, the evidence of the spiritual life. As we approach God's presence, we talk to Him through prayer. As one has said, "it is the spirit speaking truth unto truth." Prayer is the earnest desire of the heart, and without prayer there is no existence of a spiritual life.

The great men we read of in the Bible, who walked with God, were all men of prayer. We read of Ellgah who prayed on Mt. Carmel; of Daniel who prayed in Babylon; of Christ who prayed in the garden; of Paul and Silas who prayed in the Philippian jail with fervant spirit.

It is not the well worded prayer that is heard of God, because He looks upon the heart and knows the intent thereof.

There's a sacred and hallowed retreat, where my soul finds a fellowship sweet, and that is in prayer. Many times when we ask, we don't receive because we ask amiss that we may consume it on our own lusts. But if we ask anything in Christ's name God will hear and we may be assured of an answer. God does not answer prayers for our sake, but for the Son's sake. Christ must be acknowledged, "for there is none other name given under heaven whereby we may be heard but through the name of Christ."

Our prayers must be without wrath and doubting. We must pray for our enemies and those that despitefully use us. When we pray we should kneel, as kneeling describes an humble state of the heart. In our prayers we should not doubt, but be

as those who come unto Him, believing that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him. Our sincere and earnest prayer should be in secret and God who sees in secret will reward us openly. Some contend that a sinner does not have to pray in order to be saved, but Paul says, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

When a soul is seeking God, it is no longer a sinner but a penitent, for God is dealing with him. The text of a sinner's prayer is, "Lord be merciful to me a sinner."

We must of necessity show penitence before God will hear our prayers. When we are born praying, and if we live true to Christ in life we will pray without ceasing. When we do not intend to do God's will our prayers are the same as that of a sinner, and God does not hear us at all. "Prayer pulls the rope bellow and the great bells above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell for they pray so languidly; others give an occasional pluck at the rope; but he who wins with heaven is the man who grabs the rope boldly and pulls continually with all his might." C. H. Spurgeon.

A story is told of a minister's little daughter who always said prayers and had been told that she could add anything that she pleased. In the late fall, one night at the close of her prayer she added; "and dear Lord please send the beautiful snow to keep the little flowers warm through the winter. "Climbing into bed she confid-

ed:" that's one time I fooled the Lord. I wanted the snow so I can go sliding on my new sled."

Many like the little girl, try to fool the Lord in their prayers.

May we have a heart searching and ask God to deliver us from all efforts to lie to Him in our prayer. Charles Finney once told a church that they could not have a revival until they (the elders) stopped lying to God.

Let us do the little things God has commanded us to do and we will have a happy landing.

A crumb will feed a tiny bird
O thought prevent an angry word.
A seed brings forth full many a flower,
A drop of rain foretells the shower.
A straw the wild wind's course reveals,
A kind act an old grudge heals.
A beacon light saves many a life,
A slight word offends kindles a strife.
An humble hand may alms bestow
A Godly life makes heaven below
A little child confounds the wise
A lark sings nearest to the skies
A sun beam makes the earth rejoice
A flower will teach without a voice
A brave man's arm will right the wrong
A simple prayer will make us strong.



Missionary Department



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

Peter is twenty years old and a senior at Wheaton College. He felt definitely led of the Lord to spend this year with us on the field to acquire actual experience by which he will know better how to complete his last year of college work.

Peter is the son of Colonel and Mrs. P. E. Skanse who have their home at Wheaton, Illinois. At present Colonel Skanse is commanding the 49th. Bombardment Wing, composed of all U. S. A. bombers based in

Italy. Colonel Skanse has been in the U. S. A. Air Corp for 28 years. During these years of army life he has faithfully served and testified for the Lord.

Since Peter has known the Willeys in Panama he has had a desire to labor with them. He has gone to Cuba paying all of his own expenses. While staying at the Bible School he will pay board, and when at the mission station in Pinar he will pay for his days lodging and food as do the

other missionaries when they come in for a visit. He will also pay for all of his own traveling expenses while on the field. Outside of help which his mother and father will send him from their tithes, Peter is trusting the Lord for his support. Shall we pray with him that his needs might be met for the glory of God.

Mrs. T. H. Willey

I was privileged at one time to visit in the home of Colonel Skanse, when they were stationed near Detroit. On this visit I became acquainted with Peter. He is a very likeable boy, has a splendid Christian background in the life of his parents, and I am thinking the Lord may use him as a great blessing to our work in Cuba.

Rev. Winford Davis

I left Miami at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, the thirteenth of September, 1944, by Pan American Airways Clipper. Our departure was two hours later than scheduled due to the uncertainty of a hurricane headed for Miami, which the Lord graciously turned away. The take off was a little bit rough, but as soon as we got out over the Gulf, it was very smooth flying; that is, until we got near to the coast of Cuba, and then, although the weather appeared to be beautiful and sunny to the naked eye, the ship tried to do a rumba or something very athletic, as the whole ship bounced up and down, while first one wing, then the tail, then the nose, and then the other wing took alternate turns in showing off how well they could do the stall dive and the "cannonball". But it only lasted for the last ten minutes before we landed, so I lived through it, although in recalling, I do not see how, except, of course, by the grace of God. I am not a good sailor, but I am a fair flier if I don't eat breakfast before I fly, although I have flown many times in army and navy planes, that landing was the worst that I have ever made, however, such is not usually the case, and most of the time, the trip is very smooth and pleasant, the whole way. When we were landing, I kept repeating to myself, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and He truly did. That verse is very precious to me every time I find it necessary

to endure anything unpleasant or difficult.

We arrived in Cuba at 12:15 p.m. and had a pleasant ride into Havana, where I was met by our beloved director, Thomas H. Willey. It had been five years since I had seen him. He was the same forceful, admirable personality, but the poor man has poured out his life's blood for the Lord's work in Cuba, and not having sufficient helpers, has severely overworked. May the Lord provide us with some more capable assistants.

I first met Mr. Willey in the Balboa Heights Baptist Church, Balboa Heights, Panama Canal Zone, in 1937 in the company of one of "his own people" the Darien Indians. Since then the Willeys have been very good friends of ours.

The Willeys in Panama had their headquarters in El Valle, where they lived in a mud hut, with a corrugated tin roof. Their furniture was very rustic. For example: their clothes-closet was a packing case from their kerosene refrigerator; Mrs. Willey's dressing table, she had concocted from two orange crates and a plank; their bed was a spring and mattress upon two trunks; for their spare bed, Mr. Willey occasionally used the two cushions from their old car. They bathed, drank and swam in the creek.

Mr. Willey worked among the Darien Indians who live in the southern most part of Panama and the northernmost part of Columbia. The Indians are an extremely honest people who have never been reached by the Gospel. They wear g-strings and loin cloths, and were untouched by the white people they have very high moral ideals, but they have no one to tell them of Christ since Mr. Willey and his family were forced out of Panama by the Catholic controlled government, on the pretext that they were starting a revolution. Oh, that the Lord may open this door to this country once again, and lay it upon the hearts of many Americans to go to this needy field of service to him in Darien.

My first impression of Cuba, after I recovered from the affects of that landing, was very pleasant. It is definitely tropical, and yet the country, as a whole, is very much cleaner than Panama, or any of the tropical countries in which I have been. I was much surprised upon arrival

in Pinar del Rio to find that they have electric lights, tile bath rooms, running water, sometimes telephones, and quite a variety of things may be purchased in the stores such as scotch tape, kleenex, that even war plants in the United States have difficulty in getting. I do not mean to imply that anything may be purchased here, or very inexpensively, but little luxuries that are hard to get in the States are easy to get here, while many necessities are more difficult to obtain. The price of imported foods and other things is oft-times prohibitive. Nevertheless, our God is able to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. We do have a great prayer answering God, and a wonderful Lord!

I was quite happy to get back to a tropical climate and to the many delicious tropical fruits. Cuba is really quite an improvement over Panama. I am happiest to be in the center of the Lord's will and to have the privilege of winning souls for Him and to train other soul winners in the Bible School. The Cubans are a very dear people. Many of them white and hard to tell from Americans. The people of Cuba are crying for the Gospel, and the workers are so few! Each of us must carry a heavy load, and our dear director is, by the grace of God, carrying a superhuman load, and doing the work of literally eight men, with oft-times only five or six hours of sleep in the night. Oh, that the people of America would so hunger after God, and not go whoring after other gods of their own self-made pleasure. The greatest idol and god of America is "I". Oh, that the Lord may awaken America, and first the Christians, that a mighty revival may sweep America and the World, that many more precious souls may be saved before Jesus comes! Oh, that Christians at home in the States would awaken to their responsibility to lost souls when they themselves have received the priceless gift of salvation, and that they may, without any reservation what so ever, give themselves completely to the Lord, "to go where He wants them to go, and to do what He wants them to do," willingly: whether it be to go to the foreign field, or to stay at home, and to leave self and personal desires out of the decision.

Cuba is one of the most receptive fields with the most visible results, and yet one of the least reached fields that I have seen any place that I have lived or been in Central and South America, the West Indies, the South Pacific, the Orient and the Philippines. One of the greatest needs here now is for several consecrated Christian nurses, to start an evangelical school of nursing, to train native nurses of whom there is a great shortage.

I used to speak Spanish quite fluently, and I have studied it quite a bit in school but have had no real use for it during the last five years, and was afraid that I would have quite a bit of difficulty with it, but due to the Lord's goodness, it is coming back swiftly, for which I truly do praise His name.

Your Bible School in which I have the privilege of teaching is one of the most important parts of the ministry here, as in it are trained native pastors and Christian workers who are able to reach far greater numbers of their own people than we are able to do, and so their training is very important.

Do not think that we always have the luxuries of electricity, etc., for they are only in our headquarters of the Province in the city of Pinar del Rio. Our other stations, as a whole, are much more crude, but the Lord is blessing the testified word and for that we are thankful.

Christians: Please, pray mightily in intercessory prayer for the spiritual and physical health of the missionaries. I do praise the Lord for this privilege of laboring here in your work and with your missionaries. I covet your prayers that I might be used of Him this year to be a blessing and help in whatever capacity I might fill.

Peter I. R. Skanse

Foreign Mission Fund

Receipts for the month of Sept.

Missouri	\$755.10
North Carolina	421.75
Ohio	255.00
Michigan	209.73
Oklahoma	124.25
Texas	107.98
Arkansas	103.61

Georgia	43.19
South Carolina	22.00
Florida	16.42
Kentucky	4.00
Refund by Miss Barnard	5.00
National Treasurer from U. F.	306.89
National Auxiliary Convention	41.54
Trinity Church of Nashville Tenn. .	25.00
Total	\$2,441.46

HOME MISSIONS

Aims And Purposes Of The National Board Of Home Missions
by Jas. F. Miller, Chairman.

The Board of Home Missions, offer their service to any community, needing the help of such an organization. The board purposes, to go as far as our funds will allow. While at the National Association at Flat River Mo., the attention of the board was called to certain communities where there had been one, are now Free Will Baptist Churches, that have gone down, and are in need of help. Some need pastors and others need evangelists. In some of the communities, the work could be revived. It is not the purpose of the Home Mission Board to try to go into all of these needy fields, and do the work needed. It is our aim to work through the help and cooperation of the State Home Mission Boards. In cases should there be such, where there is no Home Missionary Organization in the state, the National Home Mission Board hopes to help organize a Home Mission Board, and let the State Board supervise Home Mission in each state. The National Home Mission Board serving with the State Boards in any way possible for the successful promotion of the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist Denomination. Already there has come calls like the Macedonian call. People saying, "Come over and help us." For example over at Kansas City, Mo., there is a possibility of organizing a good Free Will Baptist Church, if a suitable place can be secured. We have a number of our own people living in Kansas City, who, if they

had a little help, would soon become a church that would be supporting every phase of our work. This is just one; there are many. We are informed that there are possibilities in Ohio, Michigan, Texas, and other states. To carry out such a program of Home Missions, the board is in need of such information as; who is available to do work of this type. If ministers will write to us, and give us information about yourself and your ministry. Then when people write to us, we will be able to help them, and you.

The National Association, upon the recommendation of Home Mission Board, adopted the following financial plan for the present time. The recommendation was; that each active church in the connection of the National Association, make a special offering for Home Missions, quarterly. Said offering to be divided between the State Home Mission Board and the National Home Mission Board as follows: 75 per cent to be kept in the state where it is given and used at the discretion of the State Board, and 25 per cent sent on to the National Board for the promotion of the activities of the National Program of Home Missions. These offerings are to be taken in the months of Oct., Jan., April, and July. The State Board and the National Board can only progress as the local church makes it possible, so do not fail us. We know of one association, that has advertised for an evangelist, and we will be most happy to help some one get in touch with the officials of that association and arrange for some revival meetings.

The members of the Board of Home Missions wish to be your servants, and may we all be laborers together with God.

Prayerfully Yours,

SNAKE CULTISTS

There are in the south several congregations of people who demonstrate their faith by letting poisonous snakes bite them. Recently one of their preachers died as a result of snake bite, and it is reported that 30,000 members of what is called "Holiness Faith Healers" met together to hold a memorial service for him, considering him a martyr to the faith.

EDITORIAL

INCREASED PERSONNEL

The Lord is wonderfully blessing us here at the Gem Publishing House, for which we are indeed thankful to Him.

We have with us a fine young man in the person of Bro. Roy Alyea, who united with our church here at Monett a short time ago and since that time or perhaps even before, the Lord laid it on Bro. Roy's heart to do more for Him, so he is rendering his service to the Lord in this way. He is also a good singer, is helping in a great way in spreading the Gospel of our Saviour by his singing, he is at this time directing the singing at the Aurora church where we are engaged in a revival at the present time.

Roy is really learning the printing business rapidly and I am sure that in a short time he will be able to do most any thing in the shop.

Betty Rose Frederick another member of the Monett church has joined the happy staff of the Free Will Baptist Gem. Betty Rose is a High School girl, she attends school in the forenoon and works here in the afternoon, her duties are varied sometimes she is typing and sometimes folding and part of her time is spent practicing on the Linotype, we hope to round Betty into a Linotype operator.

NEW HEATING SYSTEM

We are very happy to report to you that the O.P.A. approved our application for a gas heating system, which we told you about some time ago.

The men from the gas company has been busy the last few days making the installations.

We trust that you read in the Gem the proposed plan of finance that is offered by the State Association and we are trusting that you will come along with your part and I know you will.

I don't want you to think that we are beggars and that we are continually pleading for money, we are not, and when these things we have purchased recently are paid for, which is just as much your obligation

as it is ours, we will not be asking for financial aid, only be asking that you be loyal to your Publishing House and patronize it with your business. Boost the Gem, we ought to raise the subscription list of the Gem into the THOUSANDS.

I am sure that the Lord is going to continue to bless the work for His glory, this has been a very busy year. There hasn't been any slack time this year for which we thank the Lord and I am expecting this place to continue to grow until we will have to enlarge the force more.

MANUSCRIPT

I feel sure that the reason why some of you regular contributors to the columns of the Gem have failed to send us your articles, is because of this busy season of the year, when there is so many associations convening. Now they are over and we want to be hearing from you, with your sermons and church activities and articles of interest. You preachers write us some good spirit filled sermons for the Gem, if we get so many we can't use them all now we will later. Church news, people like to read about what you are doing at your church.

MINUTES

You people that have sent us your minutes for printing and haven't received them yet, just be patient a few days, we have already printed several associational minutes and yours will be printed and mailed to you before very long. We have also been attending associations, is partly the reason why we are behind.

ATTENTION

Dear Subscriber, when you move will you please supply us with your old and your new address, carefully written so that we may keep the Gem coming to you.

Every time we mail an issue of the Gem, in a few days we begin to receive cards from the post office, informing us that you have moved, a lot of these cards we can't read, some do not give any new address.

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GLEANINGS

By the Editor

SOWING AND REAPING

A young man who had been living a dissolute life was asked if he was still getting a "kick" out of the "free and easy" life of immorality he had been living. He replied, "A kick? Yes, I'm getting a kick-back!" The kick-back of sin always comes; and how terrible it is!

Christian Victory

WORLD REFORMATION?

"World reformation without regeneration is doomed to disappointment. The explosive vices of man's heart will wreck the most perfect human institutions. Peace must come down from God out of heaven, based upon reconciliation of man with God.

..... L. E. Maxwell

THE GREATEST PLAGUE OF ALL

"The four great scourges of mankind have been drink, war, pestilence and famine, and drink has been more destructive than war, pestilence and famine combined."

Gladstone.

ALCOHOL IS A POISON

"Alcohol is a poison, absolutely, essentially; in a drop or in a gallon, in all quantities and in every quantity, it is a poison. Plainly, the quantity cannot alter its chemical constitution." —Journal of American Medical Association.

LACK OF RESISTANCE

"A river becomes crooked by following the line of least resistance. And so does man!" —The Sunday School Times.

THE POPE'S REMEDY

Not long ago the Pope issued the following solution for the world's ills: "Let us turn again to the Virgin Mary on the day that is sacred to the Immaculate Virgin, and that public prayers be held all over the world." It is the Virgin's Son and not the Virgin that holds the solution of the world's ills.

The Gospel Minister

A FAULTY SOLUTION

Juvenile delinquency is alarming the

people of the United States, and means are being taken to correct it. Dan Gilbert, in "King's Business" says: "In one large mid-western city, dancing was officially introduced into the school program. Never before had dancing been permitted in the tax-supported high school. But in the face of the emergency, the school authorities reversed this policy. Prominent ministers withdrew their objections to school-sponsored dances, "In view of the emergency." The idea that dancing will cure delinquency is on a par with the contention that getting one's feet wet will cure a cold, or that contracting a cold is a safeguard against pneumonia. The dance hall has always been the gateway to delinquency."

The Gospel Minister

A BETTER JOB

We read in the "Herald of Holiness" that the youthful pastor of the First Christian Church in Oklahoma City, Okla., was offered \$1,000 by a movie firm for a picture contract. He formerly had been a Little Theatre actor and boxer. Red-headed and twenty-nine years of age, he gave a very polite answer, "No thanks I have more important things to do."

THE FUNNY PAGE

Of newspapers, it is estimated is read by four out of five people who buy newspapers. The New York Times exists without funnies, and has a circulation of about 420,000, while the New York News, with eleven comics has a circulation of over 2,000,000. Surely the American people are a silly lot.

A RELIGIOUS BROADCASTER

Was embarrassed by a liquor broadcast over the same station just before him. The beer man closed by saying, "Think before you drink—and you will select....beer." One day the religious broadcaster began by saying, "That's right, my friend, think before you drink—because it is a sure thing you can't afterward." What was done to the minister after that remark is not reported, but perhaps he was reprimanded.

Adapted from Dan Gilbert.

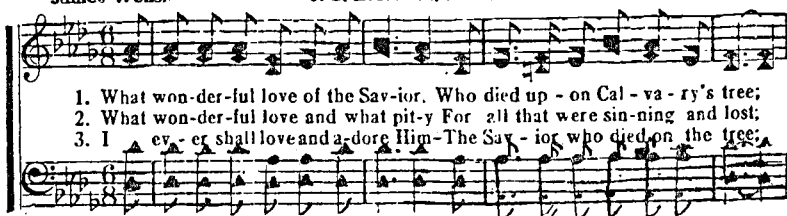
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What Wonderful Love.

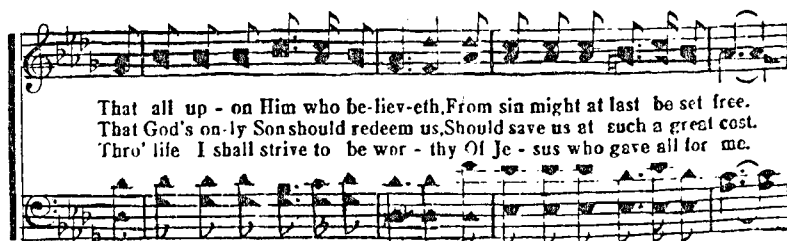
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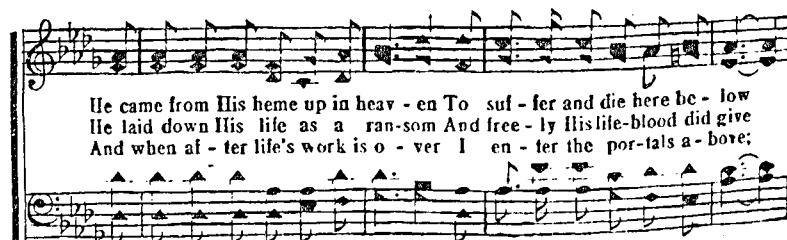
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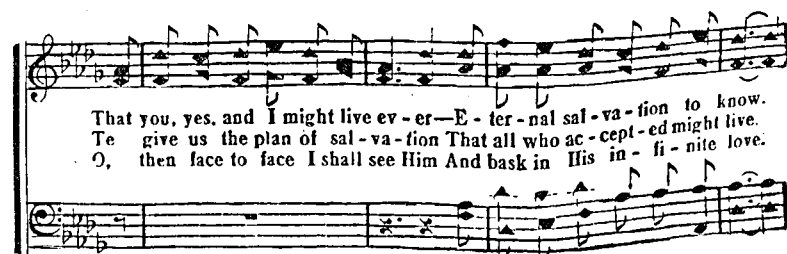
1. What won-der-ful love of the Sav-ior, Who died up - on Cal - va - ry's tree;
 2. What won-der-ful love and what pit-y For all that were sin-ning and lost;
 3. I ev - er shall love and a-dore Him - The Sav - ior who died on the tree;



That all up - on Him who be-liev-eth, From sin might at last be set free.
 That God's on-ly Son should redeem us, Should save us at such a great cost.
 Thro' life I shall strive to be wor - thy Of Je - sus who gave all for me.



He came from His home up in heav - en To suf - fer and die here be - low
 He laid down His life as a ran-som And free - ly His life-blood did give
 And when af - ter life's work is o - ver I en - ter the por-tals a - bove;



That you, yes, and I might live ev - er - E - ter - nal sal - va - tion to know.
 To give us the plan of sal - va - tion That all who ac - cept - ed might live.
 O, then face to face I shall see Him And bask in His in - fi - nite love.

REFRAIN.



Love, love, won - der - ful love, Love of the Sav - ior di - vine;

What Wonderful Love.

Won - der - ful love of the Mas - ter - a - bove, Love that made Je - sus mine;

O, what a Sav - ior to die for me That from my sins I might be free;

O, that such won - der - ful love could be, Won - der - ful, won - der - ful love.

No. 61 AM I A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS?

Dr. THOS. A. ARNE.

1. Am I a sol - dier of the cross, A fol - lower of the Lamb?
 2. Must I be car - ried to the skies On flow - 'ry beds of ease,
 3. Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood?
 4. Sure I must fight if I would reign; In - crease my cour - age, Lord;

And shall I fear to own His cause, Or blush to speak His name?
 While oth - ers fought to win the prize, And sail'd thro' blood - y seas?
 Is this vile world a friend to grace, To help me on to God?
 I'll bear the toil, en - dure the pain, Sup - port - ed by Thy word.

Inspirational Poems

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Texas

I Love To Be Alone With Jesus

Alone with Jesus, in secret prayer,
Alone with Jesus, just anywhere,
Alone with Jesus, His glory share,
I love to be alone with Jesus.

Alone with Jesus, free from all crime,
Alone with Jesus, O how sublime,
Alone with Jesus, all the time
I love to be alone with Jesus.

Alone with Jesus, I'd ever be,
Alone with Jesus, continually,
Alone with Jesus, what ecstasy,
I love to be alone with Jesus.

Alone with Jesus, divinely sweet,
Alone with Jesus, I would repeat
Alone with Jesus, joy is complete,
I love to be alone with Jesus.

Alone with Jesus, when life is o'er,
Alone with Jesus, to sin no more.
Alone with Jesus, on Canaan's shore,
I love to be alone with Jesus.

I Love To Sit At Jesus' Feet

I love to sit at Jesus' feet,
As many did of old,
And listen to His message sweet,
He doth to me unfold.

I love to drink in every word,
The Master speaks to me,
Tis' sweetest music ever heard,
Replete with melody.

I love to have Him walk with me,
And gently hold my hand,
I love to have Him talk with me,
In terms we understand.

I love to feel His tender touch,
And gaze into His face,
There's nothing thrills my soul so much,
As His divine embrace.

I love to know He'll ever be,
My best and truest friend:

His loving fellow-ship with me,
Shall never, never end.

I love to think of that sweet home,
Prepared in heaven for me,
Where from Him, I shall never roam,
Through all eternity.

Repent, Repent, Repent, Repent.

When Peter was preaching at Pentecost,
A cry arose from many lost,
"Men and brethren what must we do,
To be saved like unto you?"

When John the Baptist came to earth,
Announced to all, the Saviour's birth,
This theme through him the Father sent
Repent, Repent, Repent, Repent.

When Paul and Silas were in jail,
It seemed their works were doomed to fail,
They prayed and sang to God on high,
An earth quake was the Lord's reply.

The prison walls began to shake,
The earth also began to quake,
The prison doors were flung aside,
And fetters all were laid aside.

The jailer was filled with alarm,
But Paul said, "Do this, if no harm,
We, the prisoners, all are here,
Have no misgivings and no fear."

Knowing, by sin, he was enslaved,
He cried "How may I now be saved?"
Paul, seeing that he did relent,
Said, "Trust in Christ. Repent, Repent."

Salvation is through faith by Grace,
Confession, also, has its place,
Further I also would comment,
Repent, Repent, Repent, Repent."

Chorus

The Apostle answered without delay,
Repent, Repent Repent I say.
Turn from your wickedness away.

Repent, Repent, Repent, today.

Bless Thou Jehovah O My Soul

Bless Thou Jehovah, O my Soul,
Praise ye the Lord, from pole to pole,
With anthems sweet His name extole,
Praise ye our Lord and King.

Praise Him with golden deeds and voice,
Make Him, the Holy One, your choice,
In Him, you ever may rejoice,
Praise Him, our Lord and King.

Praise Him, each night;
Praise Him each day;
Praise Him, who washes sins away,
Praise Him, your firm support and stay,
Praise Him, our Lord and King.

Praise Him, ye Angles upon high,
Praise Him, ye hosts of earth and sky,
Praise Him, all people far and nigh,
Praise Him, our Lord and King.

Chorus

Bless, Thou Jehovah, O my soul,
O may His praises ever roll,
Until they're heard from pole to pole,
Praise Him, our Lord and King.

Protect Us Lord

Dear Lord you've promised you will be,
With us unto the end;
In times of trouble you'll still be,
Our best and truest friend.
You'll never leave, nor ne'er forsake—
Us in the darkest hour;
Of all our sorrows you'll partake,
And comfort with your power.

If e'er there were a time on earth,
We needed help 'tis now;
The world is cursed with spiritual death;
To Thee, it will not bow;
Nation 'gainst nation is engaged,
In conflicts fiercely fought;
A constantly struggle being waged,
And awful carnage wrought.

O Lord descend in mighty power,
And bid this war to cease;
We need Thee in this awful hour,
To give us love and peace.
May we love Thee with sincere heart,
Also our fellowman,

From hatred help us to depart,
Yield humbly to Thy plan.

Chorus

O God of mercy and of love,
Hear Thou our humble prayer;
Send Angels from Thy Throne above,
Commit us to their care.
Help us submit ourselves to Thee,
Completely, all resigned;
Submissive to Thy will e'er be,
Do what Thou has hast designed.

TWO WORDS

Somewhere along the New England coast there is a simple little gravestone which has on it two words, "God Knows." It is said that many years ago a baby's body was washed ashore from a wreck. The baby was nameless, so far as human identification was concerned; but the simple, direct confidence of the New Englanders was expressed in the two words on the stone.

Men watch for the fall of a nation; God notices the fall of a sparrow. Men calculate the wealth of a man; God measures the worth of each man. In a day when government and religion are shuffling souls as some shuffle cards, when men are only numbers, we need to be taken back to the Bible conception of human personality and to repeat again and again, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". (John 3:16).

And YOU, whoever you are, have an interest in God's thinking and a part in His plan of redemption. "God is not willing that ANY should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance". Christ died for the sins of the whole world, but He would have needed to die had the world been only YOU. God knows your need, and He has provided for it in Christ. Trust Him as your Saviour and Satisfier today!

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There is several that have moved, they are entitled to more issues of the Gem, but I can't locate them, please co-operate with us if you move.

TEXAS

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in our Master's name, since we wrote last, the dear Lord has wonderfully blessed. It was my privilege to visit the State Association of North Carolina, and meet the many co-workers in the Lord's vineyard. The people of North Carolina are really doing things for the Lord, and all their reports were good. Our Executive Secretary was present with a splendid report concerning our National work. During the Convention, Sister J. C. Griffin called the women together and instructed them in carrying out the Co-Laborer Board Program and also gave leaflets to be distributed in every district convention and we praise the Lord for Sister Griffin who is wide awake on our Women's work. It also was our privilege to visit a few churches in North Carolina and then on my way to Virginia, I visited the new church in Norfolk which is doing a splendid work and we have some good workers that mean to go forward in the building of a real church in that city. The fine spirited ministers and their congregations from North Carolina have been coming in groups and assisting this church, others take a lesson and reach out in the home mission field, let's put churches in our cities.

At present we are in a few days meeting in Coeburn, Va. where Bro. Ben Powers is pastor, up to date we have had 11 conversions and the meeting is running good. We have also visited a number of other churches and have stressed the importance of carrying out the Co-Laborer Band Program and these dear people are already working it. We are asking again that you dear pastors work with our auxillary and help them get every church member to become a Co-Laborer member and as you take on new, drop me a card and I will add to the honor roll all the new members and also what you have paid in, my home address is still Huntersville, Texas. Some have asked if we still use the Jehoada Chest, yes our chest is doing a great work and we can't afford to stop it. Let's pray everywhere for this to be our greatest year in soul winning. It can be done. I would like to mention every church and pastor

separate, but my article would be too long, so God bless each one that has so wonderfully co-operated with me in my field work. May Heaven's richest blessing abide with you.

Lizzie McAdams

Honor Roll for 50,000 Co-Laborer Band.

Tenn.

Columbia, 100 members \$100.00

Mo.

Fredricktown, 32 members \$15.00

Flat River, 22 members 20.00

Desloge, 7 members 5.00

St. Louis, Third church, 20 members 11.00

Mission, St. Louis, 19 members 13.00

Okla.

Wewoka, 100 members, pay later

Tecumach, 7 members \$7.00

Earlsboro, 4 members 2.00

Texas

Bryan, 7 members \$7.00

Houston, 5 members 5.00

Pine Grove, 15 members 15.00

Fla.

St. John, 17 members \$10.00

Piney Grove, 150 members, pay later

Poplar Head, 9 members, pay later

Ala.

Slocumb, 4 members, pay later

N. C.

Bethel Church, 20 members \$18.00

Greenville Church, 11 members 1.00

Elizabeth City, 12 members 7.00

Va.

Norfolk, 10 members

Davis' Chapel, 60 members \$5.00

Wilson Chapel, 39 members 13.00

THE COST OF KILLING

When Julius Caesar went forth to war, the average expense involved in killing an enemy soldier was 18 cents. In the first World War, the average cost of killing a combatant was \$18,000. At the beginning of the present World War, the cost was estimated to be \$52,000—hundreds of times as much as it costs to have revival campaigns to get souls saved in our churches.

Exchange.

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Our Boys in the Service



Dear Gem Readers:

There is a first time for everything and this is my first time to attempt a letter to the Gem.

I am a member of the Mine La Motte F. W. B. church. Sorry to say I am a long ways from there, although my thoughts are there and hope to be back soon.

I am very grateful for the "Gem" and surely do get a blessing from reading it. I have been receiving my Gem alright and waiting for the next issue.

I am glad to say there are some wherever we are that are carrying the cause of Christ in spite of the turmoil and strife of today, but there are many who never give a serious thought of spiritual welfare of man. If ever there was a time we should be up and about our Master's business it is today.

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

Pfc. O. D. Matthews

SO THIS IS A MAN

Two young men, visiting Washington, D. C., went into the National Museum. On one of the cabinets was a label with these words: "The body of a man weigh in 145 pounds."

"Where is the man?" asked one of the young men. No one answered him. In the cabinet were two jars of water and other jars in which were phosphate of lime, carbonate of lime, potassium, sodium and other chemicals. Another section held a row of clear glass jars filled with gases—hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen. The materials in these cabinets were given in exact proportions as combined in an ordinary man.

After looking at the assortment for some time in silence, one of the young men said: "And that is what I am made

of? That is all that goes to make me?"

"That is all," said a bystander as he smiled and walked on.

But the young man did not smile. "If that is all that is needed," said one, "—so much lime, so much gas, so much water—we should be exactly alike. There is something more which they cannot put into cabinets."

"Yes," said the other, "that which is added by God, who puts into these senseless elements that which makes a living soul."

Man's body is worth less than \$1, but it is his soul which God has created and which He values at more than the entire world. What have you done with your soul? Have you committed it to Christ, your Saviour, or have you neglected it? "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

Youth's Companion

LIFE'S LIKE A HARP

The French composer Saint-Saens wrote some of the most beautiful melodies that exist for the harp. How can all that harmony come out of the harp? Without the artist it is dead. Life comes to the strings only through the trained fingers of the musician. Only then can the true function of the harp be realized.

The human life is equally dead, and nothing but a discord can be plucked from its strings until the instrument is turned over to Christ. When He puts His hands upon a life the eternal harmony of God's plan begins to make music within. God has a plan for each Christian life, and the lordship of Christ sets the melody free. This alone can bring fullness of joy (I John 1:4).

Revelation

The Bible is the only book that has no success in it.

Church Letters - Field Reports

Dear Gem Readers:

I am sure that it will make all Christians happy to know how the Lord has blessed us in a revival meeting. The meeting began the fourth Sunday in September. And run on until October the 15th., three weeks all told. The Lord blessed from the very beginning and thirty eight precious souls were saved, with twenty five of them uniting with the church. We plan to have the baptizing service soon, about eighteen of these will be baptized, some had already been baptized.

Rev. Ralph Lightsey of Bristol Georgia was the evangelist. We surely do appreciate Bro. Lightsey as a man of God and as a messenger for the Lord. We found him to be sincere, consecrated, with a heart filled with a compassion for lost souls, and ready to spend and be spent for the salvation of the lost. We can truly recommend him to any church considering an evangelist. As pastor of the church I can truly say that I have never worked with a more co-operative evangelist.

May I also take time and space to say that the Lord has really been good to us in many ways. In the last year and one half we have purchased the building that we worship in, however it is not a regular church building, but, we have remodeled it throughout. Spending nearly \$1,000. The inside is nice and the out side is nice and clean and repainted all over. It is our desire in the post war period to sell the building and erect a regular church building. Our Sunday School has grown to just about as large a number as our building will hold. With other services being well attended and the Lord has blessed us abundantly with finance.

I would like also to pay-tribute to the men of our church in a special way. None of the labor for the entire job was hired. Except for the plumbing and the city requires a licensed plumber to take care of that. We worked for eleven months on the building and as the labor shortage here is very acute, we worked after the regular working hours of the factories. The men came directly to the church after they had

worked all day in some factory, not even going home for the evening meal. Some ate in restaurants and others only a cold sandwich. Then worked until a late bedtime, spending many hours at the job. Deacon Carvie Warden was elected by the church for the overseer, Bro. Hurbert Parrot for his assistant and the rest of us came in and worked under their direction as though we had hired out to them, thus the work progressed and we now have a nice place to worship.

We desire the prayers of all that we may continue to progress for the Lord and go forward under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Mark Lewis, Pastor

Home Coming and Dedication Service Program

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell 11:00 a.m.
Rev. W. P. Scott 11:30 a.m.
Basket Lunch in basement 12:00 noon.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalms 133:1.

Special singing 1:45 p.m.
Welcome by pastor 2:00 p.m.
Introduction of charter members and officers of the church..... 2:10 p.m.
Rev. W. H. Carter 2:15 p.m.
Mrs. C. R. O'Donnell, History .. 2:45 p.m.
Rev. B. F. Rogers, Dedicatory .. 3:00 p.m.
Burning of mortgage 3:45 p.m.
Prayer of dedication 4:00 p.m.

We are enclosing a cut of our church at Wewoka, Okla. which we dedicated to the Lord on Oct. 8, 1944.

God has blessed us with finance to pay \$3100.00 in the past fourteen months. We had a great day with sixteen ministers present, also many former members. All the former pastors brought short messages, and Rev. Bert F. Rogers preached the dedicatory message.

The former pastors were as follows: Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. W. P. Scott, Rev. W. H. Carter and Rev. B. F. Rogers.

John H. West

F.W.B. Mission Pastor
Rev. Harvey E. Hill.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers.

This is my first letter to you of the Gem family. My Mother subscribed for the Gem a few months before her death in June of this year and each of us have enjoyed every issue of it. You know it gives us more courage and determination when we read a message from some brother or sister in Christ, especially those in the service of our country.

The mission here at 5418 Idaho Street is still progressing nicely which is far against Satan's plan. We appreciate so much the prayers that have went up for its progress and those who contributed financially.

In response to Bro. Turner's report in the October issue of the revival meeting which he conducted here in August, we wish to say that the meeting was a great success with three souls converted and a greater determination in the hearts of each Christian. Each of us certainly enjoyed having Bro. Turner with us and are looking forward and welcoming him back when it is convenient for him.

The Young People's Willing Workers Group which was organized a few months after the mission opened in Jan. of this year has been organized into a League. We met for the first time last Saturday night, October 14th. There were nineteen present and seemed very much interested and we certainly received a blessing in the discussion of the lesson.

We also wish to mention our Service Boys Memorial which stands out above everything in our Mission Hall. There are about twenty-four boys pictured on the memorial and as far as we know God has spared each of their lives. Those boys and every boy and girl sacrificing their time and life for our freedom are remembered in a special prayer in each service.

Tonight as I sit here writing, my prayers go out to those who are neglecting giving their lives and heart to God. As I look back on my life I'm so thankful I had a praying Mother. I shall never forget the last time she prayed as we knelt around her bedside in our home, she pray-

ed that each of us would ever be found doing the will of the Lord. Bro. Maxfield and my Dad took her away to the hospital then, never to return to be with us again. But we have "Precious Memories" of her and if we do the will of the Lord we will meet her in Heaven. It certainly is a blessing to look back on her life. Tonight if you are an unsaved father or mother wouldn't you like for your child to be able to look back on your life and say they had a christian father or mother and if you are an unsaved boy or girl show your appreciation to your parents while they are living.

When you pray remember the Little Mission needs your prayers May God's blessings rest upon each of you is our prayer.

Reporter- Julia Devenport

Financial Statement of Free Will Baptist Bible College for Month of Sept. 1944, by J. R. Davidson, Treasurer.

Receipts by states in Annual Endowment and gifts as follows:

Alabama	\$16.50
Florida	43.92
Georgia	46.00
Illinois	11.00
Kentucky	22.50
Michigan	81.50
Mississippi	5.00
Missouri	219.50
North Carolina	153.00
Ohio	10.00
Oklahoma	36.50
Tennessee	155.00
Texas	52.74
Virginia	9.50
West Virginia	30.00
Total by States	\$892.66

Allocation from Unified Program F.	\$409.18
J. R. Davidson, salary	187.50
Miscellaneous income	33.58

Receipts on room, board, matriculation and registration fees by students ..	\$698.49
Total	\$1328.75

Grand Total \$2221.41

Disbursements for month of Sept., 1944
 Room rent \$114.98
 Groceries and Kitchen Supplies ... 152.44
 Heat, lights, water, etc. 79.99
 Telephone and telegrams 13.99
 School supplies 53.74
 Traveling expenses 40.75
 Maintenance 416.94
 Salaries 448.00
 Labor 55.70
 Miscellaneous 14.20
 Total \$1290.73

It may be observed from this statement that our cash balance left in the treasure for the month of September is \$830.68. A further interesting item may be observed in the fact that the gifts and Annual Endowment run even only for the fact of sixty-six cents more in gifts.

Cash balance on first day of Sept. \$7091.72
 Present cash balance \$7,922.40

PROGRAM

Alabama State Free Will Baptist Association, will meet with the Cordova Church, November 9-10-11, 1944.

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:30—Devotional by local Pastor.
 8:00—Sermon by Rev. Harry L. Mitchell
 Appointment of Credential Comm.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:00—Devotional by Rev. I. K. Boyett.
 9:20—Welcome address by Rev. V. F. Boner
 9:30—Response by Mrs. J. B. Bloss.
 9:40—Reading of letters and seating of Delegates.
 10:00—Partial report of General Business Board.
 10:20—Moderators message.
 10:40—Report of Christian Workers Institute by Rev. K. V. Shutes.
 11:00—Devotional by Rev. George Kelly.
 11:15—Sermon by Rev. Damon Dodd.
 12:00—Dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotional by Rev. J. E. Hodgens.
 1:45—Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Shutes.
 2:45—Partial report of Credential Comm.
 3:00—Our Greatest Needs as F. W. B., by Rev. R. B. Crawford.
 3:30—Gathering Orphanage Funds, by Rev. P. J. Box and Rev. H. M. Black.
 4:00—Report of all Boards, Unified Program, Superannuation and Missions.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30—Pictures of our Mission Work in Cuba, by Rev. Kenneth Turner, Missionary Appeal by Rev. Winford Davis

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00—Devotional by Rev. Vester Burkett.
 9:15—Final report of General Business Board and Statistician.
 10:00—Final report of Credential Comm.
 10:20—Election of Officers.
 11:00—Devotional by Rev. John Golden.
 11:20—Message by Miss Laura Bell Barnard, Missionary.
 12:00—Dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Financial report of Orphanage.
 2:00—Report from National Ass'n.
 2:30—Appointment of Committees and delegates to National and Sister Ass'n.

ILLINOIS DIST. WOMANS AUX.

The Womens Auxiliary met, October 20th. 1944, With the Union Free Will Baptist Church, located near Thompsonville, Ill.

Our President called us together with congregational singing. Devotional led by Mabel Kettelman, followed by prayer by Sister Nancy Fryer

Welcome address, Sister Opal McClarren
 Response, Sister Emma Moore.

Requests for prayer were made, we then gathered at the altar for a season of prayer led by Sister Emily Malone.

Next we had the Secretary and Treasurer report.

Release of program committee, Sister

Jaunita Smith and Sister Eunice Molone being selected to take their place.

Awards were presented to Bear Point Auxiliary for securing the greatest number of subscriptions to our Free Will Baptist paper, by our President Sister Emma Moore, Which was a beautiful painting of Christ.

Rev. C. J. Ketteman preached at the 11 o'clock hour, using as his Subject, "The Five Stones".

A delicious dinner was served at the noon hour on the church lawn.

The afternoon devotionals were led by Sister Zola McClerrin.

Sister Mary Jane Mayo gave a talk, "United States as a mission field, which was well rendered.

Sister Emily Malone gave an interesting talk on "F. W. B. responsibilities," at this time the "\$50,000 CoLabor Plan" was presented, which was favorably accepted.

A mission play was presented by the women of Union church. Sister Myrtle Jones gave a reading entitled, "A Miracle."

An old fashioned praise service was conducted by our President, Sister Emma Moore, almost every one in the house testified to God's wonderful answer to prayer.

An offering was taken for home mission, which amounted to \$41.82. Plans were made to sponsor a 30 minute radio program in the near future.

Bear Point church was selected for our next meeting place, which will be held on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April 1945.

Mabel Ketteman, Corr. Secy.

NOTICE

To whom it may concern:

To all Free Will Baptist or those that believe the Free Will Baptist Doctrine, which is the Bible Doctrine and any other Christians that do not have a church home where you can worship God in the old fashioned way, that would be interested in the organization of a Free Will Baptist church in Compton, Calif., please contact the party below.

Bert Bagwell, %F. M. Lockhart, 16140 Haskin Lane, Compton, Calif.

STATE UNIFIED PROGRAM FUND

Since the Missouri State Association while in regular Annual Session at the Green Grove Church in September this year, adopted what has been named the State Unified Program Fund in supporting our Denominational Work and charged me with the responsibility of having published and distributed literature explaining this plan. We have called to our assistance, Rev. Mark Lewis, who will give the plans for State Sunday School Work; Rev. Cecil Campbell who will explain our State Superannuation Work; Rev. James Miller will write an article explaining our State Home Mission Work. We are preparing this manuscript now and expect to have it printed and ready to distribute soon. We have been delayed some, moving from Monett to our new work with our Berkley City Church. Also spent several days by the bedside of our father-in-law, who went to Glory, Oct. 13. Each of our ministers should be getting this literature soon.

The plan simply is this, all funds collected for Denominational Work (except special offering for stated purposes) will be mailed to our state treasurer, Rev. Winford Davis, he in turn will mail 75% of such offering to our National Unified Program Fund and 25% to stay in the State Fund for promotion of Superannuation, Home Mission, maintaining of building and equipment of Gem office and operating expenses of the Missouri State Association. In order to make this a success it will be necessary for every church to adopt a systematic way of raising money for Denominational Work.

We recommend: First, the tithing system, each church tithe their regular income of the church to Denominational Work. Second, to those who as yet do not as yet do not see their way clear to tithe their income, a special offering will be taken once every month or a special sum be given each month out of the treasure of the church.

Pray with us that our people will get the vision and see the opportunity of service through this plan.

We are now with Bro. James Miller in a revival at his church here in Desloge.
O. T. Allred, 9469 Rose Mary Lane, St. Louis 21, Missouri.

REMEMBRANCE

DADDY HAS GONE

In remembrance of my father, Reuben T. Broyles, who passed away one year ago, Aug., 1943.

There is a city supernal
God has prepared for His own
We read that it is eternal
That's where our loved one has gone.

Daddy, you're gone to that city
Where there's no sorrow or care
Surely you know that we miss you.
Some day we'll meet you up there.

Since you have left us, dear daddy,
Days are so dreary and long
We promised we'd be ready
When God says "Children come home."

Father has gone on to heaven
Circles are broken down here
Soon mother's prayers will be answered
We'll be to-gether up there.

A son, Lawrence R. Broyles

Dear Readers of the Gem:

My beloved husband, Rev. T. H. Newsom, passed away the 24th. of July. He had been in very bad health for the past two years, but he enjoyed reading and writing. He has sent a number of poems to the Gem and I promised him just before his death that I would continue to send them. His prayer was they would cause many to turn to God and live for Him. His thoughts were of the soldier boys so much, especially the ones he knew and had the Gem sent to. As you read them think earnestly and if not a Christian, may you put your trust in God and live for Him forever. Pray for me in my loneliness.

Mrs. T. H. Newsom

NOTICE

I feel the Lord has called me into this field of service, and I am offering my service as an evangelistic singer to any preacher or church that wishes my services in revival efforts.

Edward Simmons, 2632a Allen St., St. Louis, 4 Mo.

PAST RECORDS BROKEN FOR FOREIGN MISSION'S

There is not a gift to this worthy work even to the very smallest amount that is not duly recognized and highly appreciated. There are some outstanding gestures to the support of the Foreign Mission cause, which are surely worthy of honorable mention. The mention of which should inspire others to fall in line and do likewise. The church I especially have in mind is the Rescue Church of southern Illinois. On the 16th. of this month, Oct., I was pleased to receive a check from the Rescue Church to the amount of \$650.00. I am quite sure the like was never done before anywhere in the bounds of the Free Will Baptist denomination. This church makes an offering quarterly to the foreign mission cause. June 29th. we received a check from them to the amount of \$450.00. Then when the writer was with this church in the month of July they laid down another nice offering to the amount of \$154 and now their last quarterly offering has reached a new high above anything, or any other organization either local, state or national, has ever done throughout our denomination. Rescue is just a rural church, Rev. W. R. Burton is their faithful pastor. They are not so large in membership as some churches; but they with their pastor have a deep passion for souls and a world wide vision. It is marvelous what we can do if and when we will. The Rescue people will realize I am not writing this just to praise them above other supporters, the praise is all due the Lord, but we do thank the good people of Rescue church and Sunday School that they are willing to obey the word of the Lord as given in the great commission. This church is certainly living true to its name, surely this consecrated money will be the

means of "rescuing" precious souls from sin in foreign lands.

Another church which has been a very unusual supporter to the foreign mission cause is the Amity church of Missouri. This another country church with a very small membership comparatively speaking. They give a monthly offering, their offering for this month, October, was to the amount of \$40.00. At one time this church was giving only \$2.00 per month to foreign missions, but under the leadership of their faithful pastor, Rev. Frank Linton they began to raise their offerings for this good work. First it went up to twenty and twenty five, then to thirty, then thirty five and now in this month an offering of forty dollars. Such increased giving as this is going to reach that figure of \$40,000 in spite of all the devil can do. The devil doesn't want money to go into the Lord's cause, no indeed not, but thank the Lord some of it is going there.

There are a number of other churches and organizations for whom we could certainly speak a very favorable word of commendation for what they are doing for foreign missions if we had the space; but after all the Lord knows what we all are doing, and you may rest assured your faithful support is appreciated with all the appreciative ability we have as a Board. My mind goes to the Hazel Creek Union church, the Independance and Neola churches, the Flat River and Desloge churches, also other churches in Missouri, the many churches in North Carolina which I do not even know, the loyal supporters in Michigan, others in Illinois, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, especially the Tulsa church, and some fine support from Ohio, the recent trend in Arkansas, and all over. Praise the Lord for the general awakening among our people in the interest of missions. The Lord is opening marvelous new doors before us in our missionary department. May we not fail to meet the challenge, why not let us hear from you dear reader with a nice offering for missions.

Winford Davis

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Deceit Of Modern Evils

Old Satan called a meeting of all his motley crew,

To tell him all the news of what the people do.

Some reports were good and made old Satan grin,

And show his satisfaction, that so many lived in sin.

At last a little Imp, so clever, slick and sly,

Slipped right up to Satan and winked an evil eye.

"Dear Satan, our Lord and Master, father of all sin,

There is just one more place I'd like to enter in".

"There's a people on the earth, that really get my goat,

They go to church on Sunday, and from

the Bible quote.

They are so well contented, I'd really like to try,

To give a pill of discord, I'd do it on the sly."

I'd enter through a woman, I'd whisper in her ear,

That I had a little secret, if, she'd really like to hear.

I'd slip right up to her and tactfully, I'd point out

She had a charming daughter, of that, there is no doubt."

"And with a little training to give a touch of grace,

None would be her equal in figure, or in face.

There's just one way to gain it, whatever people say,

It is a kind of dancing; It really is the way."

"At first you must be careful and do it on the sly,

Or some of the good church people might ask the reason why.

Sometimes you must be firm and take a little chance,

Tell the finicky church people, it's only a "Folk Dance".

Then old Satan laughed loud and long, "Go my child", he said, "and make your plea so strong;

That the preacher, and the people, can preach and pray and talk,

About the different sins and the vilest "Honky Tonk".

"But the sinners will just laugh, and say it's a lark,

For some of the Church Members are dancing "Old Joe Clark."

The music and the dancing, it is all the same,

It is not made better, by just the change of name.

"When I am in their heart, and my music in their feet,

Why is it that they think, they'll walk the Golden street?

Old Satan was thoughtful, then gave a loud, shrill yell,

"Go break up the church with dancing, and we'll soon fill up our hell.

Mrs. D. E. Scott, Fort Worth, Texas

Gambling

"All gambling," said a British leader. "Since it desires to profit at the expense of another, is a breach of the tenth commandment, which says, 'Thou shalt not covet.... anything that is thy neighbor's.' Another leader, in the Church of England Archbishop Sinclair, has said, 'Gambling bears the same relation to stealing as dueling does to murder. In dueling each combatant is necessarily prepared to have his life taken, and gambling each is similarly prepared to lose, or to take what is not properly his own. This is unChristian. This authority connects gambling with the eighth commandment: 'Thou shalt not steal.' (Exodus 20:15,17).

One can see the enormity of the sin of gambling when it is realized that around ten billion dollars change hands annually, through gambling: bets on horse races, money that passes across gambling tables, "crap" games, bingo, and many other forms of gambling.

One of the worst forms of gambling, because it feeds the gambling fever and desire, is the use of playing cards. In normal times Americans buy about 42 million packs of playing cards annually.
How Playing Cards Lost A War!

At a crucial time during the Revolutionary War, Washington and his army surprised the Hessians at Trenton on the morning of December 26, 1776. Johann Rall, the Hessian commander, was playing cards while the Americans crossed the Delaware the night before, Christmas night. A Tory spy appeared at Rall's headquarters, to warn them that the Americans had crossed the Delaware. Col. Rall was too busy with his card game to let him in; so the spy wrote the message down for him. Rall thrust the note in his pocket and forgot about it! Before long he was startled by the shots of his pickets. It was too late; the entire army was cap-

tured and Paul himself was mortally wounded. Just before he died he confessed that if he had read the spy's message instead of going on with his card game, the calamity would not have befallen his army. Thus a card game cost that British-Hessian commander his life and a battle that proved to be the turning point in favor of the Americans, in their war for independence!

Card playing is always costly, because it is always wrong. Card playing is a game of chance, and so it breeds the gambling fever, and must, itself, be classified as gambling. All who want to do right will not get their recreation from games of chance. Try reading the Bible and a host of harmless games that are not contaminated with the virus of gambling. Young people of both sexes need recreation and play; but it should be of the wholesome, harmless type. Sin, Sin, is our worst enemy; always avoid sin. A Christian should be careful at all times to avoid the "questionable" amusements. (1 Cor. 10:31).

Selected

Our All-Sufficient Lord

The Lord Jesus Christ is an Armory, in which hang armor for defense and weapons for attack. Happy is he who has learned to enter the sacred arsenal, to gird on the breastplate, and to lay his hand to spear and sword.

Christ is a Banqueting House, in which the tables groan beneath the weight of all that is needed for supply of appetite and gratification of taste.

Christ is a Surgery, stored with all manner of restoratives and blessed elixirs, and is a storehouse for every wound and cordial for every faintness, a remedy for every disease. Happy is he who is well-skilled in heavenly pharmacy and knoweth how to avail himself of His healing power.

Christ is the Jewel Room, in which the graces of the Christian are held in strong and safe keeping. Happy is he who knows the key to the massive doors so that he can go in and out at will and array himself in "whatsoever things are lovely and of good report!" With burning words

like these the saintly heart dwells on the fullness of Christ.

But how inadequate the words are to express all the rapture, the strength, the grace which becomes the spending money of the man who has learned to appropriate the Lord Jesus! He moves from the attic into comfortable apartments. He becomes a first-class traveler by the most luxurious route. He cries with new hope, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me!"

F. B. Meyer in Christian Living.

HOW GREAT SALVATION!

1. Great because of the great love that provided it (I John 4:9,10).
2. Great because of the great price paid for it (I Peter 1:18,19).
3. Great because of the great transformation wrought by it (II Corinthians 5:17; Acts 9:25).
4. Great because of the great multitude redeemed by it (Luke 2:10; Romans 1:16; Revelation 5:9).
5. Great because of the great blessings included in it (Romans 9:32; Ephesians 1:3; 3:8; 2:7).

THE ARMENIAN BIBLE

Although the Bible was the first book produced in the Armenian language, and although it has largely influenced Armenian literature today it cannot be printed in Soviet Armenia nor imported into the country. The first translation of the Bible in Armenian was made in the fourth or fifth century, and the first printed copy appeared in 1666. To the Bible Armenians give the beautifully descriptive name "the breath of God."

—Europe's Millions.

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FARMER—Lathé Danic Farmer, son of Henry and Susan Farmer, was born in Pade County, Mo., Aug. 14, 1875, and departed this life Oct. 17, 1944, at the Springfield Baptist Hospital, being at the time of death 69 years, 2 months and 3 days of age.

In 1898 he was married to Mahala Coat-

ney. To this union were born three children. One daughter, Minnie Blecher, preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and two children, Mayme Cannon, Tunas, Mo., and Odus Farmer, serving his country overseas in England. He has seven grandchildren: Noel Johnson, U. S. Army stationed in Oklahoma, Bert and Bee Blecher of Oakland, Calif., Walter and Ivella Blecher; Junior and Ortha Cannon, of Tunas, Mo. He also leaves three sisters: Ida Carothers of Wichita, Kan., Artie Smith of Joplin, Mo., and Retta Methopoulos of Miles City, Montana.

Some years ago he professed a faith in Christ and two years ago joined the Free Will Baptist church at Hopewell. He remained a faithful member until death. He was always for the advancement of the church and community and did all he could for its cause.

He was sick for several months and had to have one leg removed. He suffered greatly but always bore his suffering with patience and often spoke of his being ready to go to meet his Lord.

Funeral services were held at the Hopewell church Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1944, at 11 a.m. Burial was in the Hopewell cemetery with Rev. Frank Linton officiating. Pallbearers were Ode Lee, Hulah Miller, Ralph Hack, Frank Johnston, Walter Starkey and Charles Stidham. Music was furnished by the church choir. Services were in charge of Hutcheson-Turpin and Company Funeral Home of Bolivar, Mo.

FINN—Ulysses Ervin Finn, born May 1, 1871 at Frankfort, Kentucky. Departed this life at the family home, 405 Central Avenue, Monett, Mo., Oct. 13, 1944. At the age of 73 years, 5 months, 12 days. He moved, with his parents, at the age of 7 to Carroll County, Ark., where he grew to manhood.

He was married to Alice Scott, Dec. 11, 1892 at Mundell, Ark. To this union was born 8 children, 4 of which have preceded him in death. Namely, Elvis, Charley, Iva and Clyde Finn. Those living are Jess Finn, Fresno, Calif.; Pearl Allred, St. Louis, Mo.; Herman Finn of Siloam Springs, Ark.; Mabel Miller of Monett.

He moved to Monett in 1921, where he was engaged in grocery business for many

years, retiring from active business in 1935.

He professed a hope in Christ in 1912 and united with the Free Will Baptist church, Clifty, Ark. At the time of his death he was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church of Monett, having been a member since soon after its organization in 1392.

Besides the wife and four children he is survived by two brothers, G. W. Finn of Monett and D. H. Finn of Rogers, Ark.; 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; many other relatives and a large circle of friends.

To know him was to love and appreciate him. While he will greatly missed here, we know where we can meet him again.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon, Oct. 16th. from the Monett Free Will Baptist church under the direction of Rev. W. K. Weston assisted by the Pastor, Rev. C. B. Dees. The Macedonia Quartett, composed of Rev. Winford Davis, Chalmer Medlin, Mrs. Lawrence Davis and Rev. Noel Greenway furnished the singing. Mrs. Ruby Rickman at the piano.

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