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## The ★ of Bethlehem

### THE ANCIENT PROMISE

"I see him, but not now  
I behold him, but not nigh:  
There shall come forth a \* out of Jacob  
And a sceptre shall arise out of Israel." Num. 24:17

### THE FUNDAMENTAL FACT

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews?  
For we saw his \* in the east,  
And are come to worship him." Matthew 2:2

### THE BLESSED HOPE

"We have the word of prophecy made more sure;  
Whereunto ye do well that ye take heed,  
As unto a lamp shining in a dark place,  
Until the day dawn, and the day \* arise in your  
hearts." 2 Peter 1:20

### THE COMING KING

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify  
Unto you these things for the churches.  
I am the root and the offspring of David,  
The bright and morning \* Revelation 22:16

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# **GOSPEL SERMONS**

## **THE ★ OF BETHLEHEM**

**MATTHEW 1:18-25** — "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as He's mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Ho'y Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from his sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife.

And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

These wonderful words confirm the prophecies of the Old Testament concerning the virgin birth of Christ. There is one other thing I would like to impress upon your mind concerning Jesus, and that is, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea it was the Christ of eternity who became the Christ of history. Jesus himself said before Abraham was I am." In Micah 5:2 the prophet

said: "But thou, Bethlehem, Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; who's goings forth have been from of old from everlasting." These words speak to us of the eternal nature and the true character of Christ. The Christmas Story therefore has to do with the glorious event of the virgin birth of Christ, when the Christ of eternity became the Christ of History.

### **The Shepherds Were First to Hear The Good News**

It is interesting to note that when Jesus had been born in Bethlehem this glorious fact was made known, first of all to the shepherds, who were watching over their flocks by night. The announcement was made unto them by the angel of the Lord, who was soon joined by a multitude of the heavenly host, as confirmed in Luke 2:8-13, where it says: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night, and lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: For, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto you is Born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger, and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass as the

angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which the Lord hath made known unto us."

### How the Wisemen Found the Christ Child

While God used the angels to announce the birth of Christ to the shepherds he employed a different means in making this same event known to the wise-men. God employed what we often speak of as the Star of Bethlehem. According to the Scriptures however it should be called the Star of the East, because that is where the Wise-men first saw it, as confirmed in the divine record of this event recorded in Matthew 2:1-12: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.

When Herod the King had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all of the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea; for thus it is written by the prophet,

And thou Bethlehem in the land of Judaea: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced

with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

"And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way."

We cannot read this passage without realizing that God performed a miracle in the heavens to make known to the wise men the spiritual wonder of the virgin birth of the Christ child.

There is no question in my mind but what the star, which appeared unto them, was the star of Messiah, because you will notice from the record given that the wise men referred to it as "His Star," saying, 'Where is He that is born King of the Jews for we have seen His Star in the east and are come to worship Him.' This star therefore, was His Star in a very particular sense. To the wise men it was a symbol of the new born king of the Jews, and to them a guiding star, for it went before them and stood over where the young child was.

### The Star of David

It is very interesting to notice that the Star of David, which appears on nearly all the Jewish synagogues is a six pointed star. The six pointed star is made up of two interlaced triangles. One of these triangles is supposed to represent the triune nature of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The second triangle is supposed to represent the triune nature of man as spirit, soul and body. When these two triangles are interlaced they form a six pointed star, which make a composite symbol, representing the unification of God and man. In other words they symbolize the incarnation of Christ, who was God manifested in the flesh, or in other words, the God-man.

The incarnation of Christ is beautifully taught and confirmed in Isaiah 9:6, where the prophet said: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:—This

was not a needless repetition, as some may suppose. On the contrary when the prophet said "unto us a child is born" this expression had reference on the humanity of our Lord, for he took upon Himself the seed of Abraham, and having been conceived by the Holy Ghost was born of virgin mother.

When the prophet said "unto us a son is given" he had reference to Christ as the divine Son of God, whom God gave as His gift unto men. Therefore the child born and the son given were expressions used to represent the Mess'ah, who was God manifested in the flesh. Jesus therefore was both human and divine.

The results of this divine incarnation are beautifully expressed in the complete reading of this same verse which says: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and His name shall be called: Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

### The Star Out of Jacob

Prophetically Jesus was referred to in Numbers 24:15-19 as a Star out of Jacob. This prophetic title occurs in the prophecy of Balaam, which is recorded in this passage. In Numbers 24:17-19 Balaam said: "I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold Him, but not nigh, there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

"Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city."

That Jesus was the fulfillment of this prophecy is confirmed in Luke 1:30-33 in the divine annunciation which the angel Gabriel gave to Mary the mother of Jesus, even before he was born. In this passage it says: "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: For thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou

shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Another passage confirming the fact that Jesus was to have power and dominion is found in Isaiah 9:7 where the prophet said "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this."

After reading such passages, such as these no earnest student of the scriptures can deny the earthly Messiahship of Jesus and that some day He will be the Messiah of Israel, accepted by them, and that He will then be King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and rule and reign in righteousness over the nations of the whole earth.

### Christ, The Day Star

No doubt, that is the reason in II Peter 1:19 He is spoken of as the Day Star. In this passage it says: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise

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in your hearts."

From these words we see that Jesus is a Star of Hope to all those who believe in Him. We, who are Christians therefore, can rejoice in Him, who is our Star of Hope while we are waiting for the sure word of prophecy to be fulfilled.

### The Bright and Morning Star

Last of all in the Bible, in Revelation 22:16, Jesus referred to Himself as "The Bright and Morning Star." In this passage He said: "I, Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star."

With such a vast number of Scripture passages, which confirm the virgin birth of Christ and which set forth prophetically the true nature and person and office work of the Lord Jesus Christ, we who are Christians should rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, and thank God for His "UNSPEAKABLE GIFT."

Christmas has been set aside that we might rejoice together over that most costly Gift ever given--the greatest conceivable love. Think what it would mean should the whole record of this Unspeakable Gift be blotted out. Will you at this Christmas time pause to consider what this Gift means to you? What are you doing about receiving personally, Jesus Christ Himself, God's great love gift to men.

Jesus gave Himself for us (Galatians 2:20). This means that as the Infinite Son of God, He gave all—"For our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9).

He gave His head to wear the thorns for you. (John 19:2).

He gave His eyes to weep over your sins. (Luke 19:41).

He gave His cheeks to be smitten for you. (Lamentations 3:30).

He gave His tongue to pray for the lost. (Luke 23:34).

He gave His back to be scourged for you. (John 19:1).

He gave His side to the spear for you. (John 19:34).

He gave His hands to the cruel nails for you. (Psalms 22:16).

He gave His blood to redeem your soul. (Acts 20:28).

He gave His soul an offering for you. (Isaiah 53:12).

He gave His life for the sheep. (John 10:11).

Christ--the first Christmas Gift hung on the cross for you.

If you have not yet received this greatest Christmas Gift, will you not today ask Christ to be your Savior from sin? Will you not receive Him into your heart and have Him bestow on you the gift of Himself and of eternal life? (John 1:12 Romans 6:23). ---Selected.

## The Birth of Jesus

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal

of the Lord of hosts will perform this. Isa. 9:6 and 7.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.—Luke 2:8-10.

"Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour, promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.

He comes, the pris'ner to release,  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
The wounded soul to cure,  
And, with the treasures of his grace,  
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy beloved name."

It is natural, at this season of the year, that we who are Christians should rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, because of the birth of Christ which occurred in Bethlehem, nearly two thousand years ago. His coming at that time was and is still the "glad tidings of great joy that shall be to all people." Wars and rumors of wars do not and cannot change the plans and purposes of God in redemption. In other words, the purposes for which Christ came are just the same today and mean as much to the world as they ever did.

#### WHY JESUS CAME

It will do all of us good, I am sure, to study and meditate upon some of the rea-

sons why Jesus came from heaven to earth, and was born of Mary in Bethlehem.

First of all, I would like to suggest that He came as the Divine Son of God to fulfill the prophecies, which had been recorded in the Old Testament, concerning His coming as the Messiah of Israel, and as the Saviour of the world. For example, in Isa. 7:14, the Prophet spoke prophetically of Christ and His coming, and the manner of His appearance, when he said:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Again, in Micah 5:2, the Prophet spoke of Christ's coming, and the place where He should be born, by saying:

"But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

And thus, my friends, we see that Jesus came to fulfill these and many other prophecies, which had been recorded concerning Him.

#### TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

That Jesus came into the world to bear witness to the truth is confirmed in John 18:37, where it says:

"Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

#### TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

When Jesus came at His first advent, the world was filled with spiritual darkness, and He came to be a light to the Gentiles, and the glory of His people Israel. In John 8:12, it says: "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

No one can doubt but what Jesus was and still is the light of the world, but the trouble is that men love darkness rather

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than I'ght because their deeds are evil. The fact that so many people are still walking in spiritual darkness, therefore, is because they have rejected Jesus, the light of the world.

#### TO DO HIS FATHER'S WILL

We know also from the Scriptures, that Jesus came, not to do His own will, but to do the will of God. In John 4:34, it says:

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

We know that God's will and purpose was to give His only begotten Son, as a sacrifice for sin, so that whosoever believeth upon Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

#### TO DIE UPON THE CROSS

Few people realize that it had been prophesied that Jesus would come and die a sacrificial, atoning death but in Isa. 53: 7-10, it says:

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand."

The four gospels of the New Testament give to us an historical confirmation of the death of Christ, and in Philippians 2:5-8, it says:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death

of the cross."

#### TO RISE AGAIN

That Jesus came not only to die a sacrificial atoning death upon the cross, but to conquer death and rise again is confirmed in the statement which He made to Martha, as recorder in John 11:25, where it says:

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"

#### THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

The above statement is the caption of a little tract concerning God's Christmas Gift to the world, as published by The Gospel Fellowship, of Salina, Kansas, in which it is pointed out that: "Jesus gave HIMSELF for us (Galatians 2:20). This means that as the Infinite Son of God, HE GAVE ALL "For our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be RICH" (II Corinthians 9:8).

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He gave His HANDS to the cruel nails for you (Psalm 22:16).

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He gave His SOUL an offering for you (Isaiah 53:12).

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#### WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH HIM?

Christ was given that sinners might be saved. He died on the cross for any one who will receive Him as their substitute. The Gift God has given is His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and if you will receive



Him now He will give you another gift: eternal Life. Will you receive God's gift now? 'As many as received Him to them gave He power to become the Children of of God.' John 1:12.

#### JESUS TO COME AGAIN

Many scripture passages could be given to confirm the fact that Jesus, who came and was crucified and buried and rose again, and ascended into heaven, will come again, to fulfill the purposes of God, as set forth in the prophetic scriptures concerning His second advent. For instance, in Acts 1:9-11, it says:

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up; behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

To every truly born again Christian, the promise of Christ's second coming is a blessed hope, which gives to us faith, and hope and courage in these dark and trying times. In Titus 2:11-14, it says:

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that

blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Therefore, my friends, while we are remembering with thanksgiving, the birth of Christ, those of us who are Christians should rejoice also at this Christmas time in the hope that our Lord and Saviour will soon come to deliver us who belong to Him, out of this wicked world, and to judge the wicked of the whole earth, after which He will establish His own messianic kingdom of righteousness over the nations of the whole earth, as prophetically foretold in Isa. 9:6 and 7, where the Prophet said:

"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN: AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER: AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE. OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEACE THERE SHALL BE NO END, UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, AND UPON HIS KINGDOM, TO ORDER IT, AND TO ESTABLISH IT WITH JUDGMENT AND WITH JUSTICE FROM HENCEFORTH EVEN FOR EVER. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL PERFORM THIS."

*The Gospel Messenger*

## The Remedy For Fear

On that sacred night when Christ was born a great thing was said to the shepherds abiding with their flocks in the fields. It was a glorious statement, made by an angel, a statement which touched one of the deepest needs of human nature.

"Fear not," said the angel, "for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.... for unto you is born this day a Saviour..."

This Saviour was to save men from many things—from sin, from weakness, and also from fear. No one, before or since, has been able to do so great a service to humanity. Only Jesus Christ has

the skill necessary to save people from the grievous burden of fear.

The importance and far-reaching effect of this aspect of the Saviour's work is indicated by the statement of two scientific men:

"Fear is one of the most common and most subtle of all human diseases," says a famous American physician.

"Fear is one of the most disintegrating enemies of personality," declares an outstanding psychologist.

Obviously, these scientific men are referring to abnormal, not normal fear.

Normal fear is healthy and wholesome. It is a mechanism for the protection of the individual. A certain amount of caution is necessary to the safe conduct of a man's life. But abnormal fear is something quite different. It is an agency of disunion, and it is productive of complexes. It is a deep, dark terror in the mental and emotional life. It disrupts happiness and frustrates cherished ambitions.

One of the greatest of all blessings is the fact that fear can be cured. A physician relates his personal experience as follows:

"I was a victim of fears from childhood. Fears consumed my energy and drew off the power which I needed to do my work efficiently. I knew that I must find a cure for fear or face failure and ruin. I searched far and wide for that cure, and one glad day I found it."

And where do you think this physician found the cure for fear? It was in a text, a text from the Bible: "But God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love, and of a sound mind."

"This text I took as a medicine," he declares, "and it cured me. Now my practice has become largely one of delivering burdened men and women from their fears. Eagerly they fill my office, and in addition to the medicine which I give them for their bodily ailments, I also prescribe for their minds and souls this other medicine which cured me. It cures many of them, also."

The first ingredient in this formula for the cure of fear is power—the power of faith. Faith may be described as a medicine—a healing medicine of the mind, of the spirit and even of the body. It may be received into the consciousness as a therapeutic agent, the curative potency of which can reach even the most obscure centers of consciousness.

How does one take medicine? One method, of course, is by the mouth. Medicine is also taken intravenously, as an injection into the blood stream. But these are not the only ways by which one can take medicine. Medicine may be taken through the eye or through the ear. For example, if you are afflicted with the malady of abnormal fear, place a Bible before

you. Open it to a passage which tells of the power of God. Your eye looks upon these words. This causes a reflection upon the retina of the eye. Thus far, it is purely a mechanical reaction. The image reflecting on the retina of the eye produces a concept or idea which, if received and believed, will pass through the ramifications of the mind until it comes to the diseased area where it throws around the center of infection its benign and healing influence. If this dosage is repeated consistently, the disease germs of fear will presently be driven off by the health-giving power of the faith which plays upon the center of infection, and one will ultimately be cured of fear.

Again I would remind you that faith as a medicine may also be taken through the ear. Go to church and sit in a pew. There you listen to the reading of the Scripture, to the prayer offered by the minister, to the hymns of faith, courage and affirmation. The minister preaches, and sound waves are set up and fall upon your ear drums. So far, as in the case of the eye, the process is mechanical. But as you continue to listen, the sound waves falling upon the ear drum are transformed into an idea. You receive this idea. You believe it. You act upon it. You allow it to proceed farther into your mind. It makes its way through the brain to the center of consciousness—to the area of infection. And if this dosage is continued,

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in due course a cure will be affected.

This healing goes even farther, however. If it becomes an habitual attitude of mind so that faith is allowed to develop into a dominating influence in the consciousness, one will gradually attain within one's self a positive immunity to fear. In a crisis, this immunity will react as an automatic protective device. "If ye have faith.... nothing is impossible."

The second element in the medicine advocated by the physician as a cure for fear is love. "Perfect love casteth out fear." Love always leads to trust, and trust has an astounding way of driving fear from our minds.

If you really wish to be delivered from fear you must develop in your own mind that same attitude of trust and love that a child entertains for his father. We are the "process is mechanical". But as you continue to listen, the sound waves falling upon the ear drum are transformed into an idea. You receive this idea. You believe it. You act upon it. You allow it to proceed farther into your mind. It makes its way through the brain to the center of consciousness—to the area of infection. And if this dosage is continued, to trust God, because we first are taught to love God, and our attitude toward God should be the same attitude that a little child has for a human father. This is one of the basic teachings of Christianity, and it is of very great importance in the curing of fear. When people have the native childlike genius to rest their burdens, their troubles and their fears upon God, they find through this interchange of love and trust that the burden of their fears is removed.

It is strange that it is so difficult to persuade people to adopt this mental attitude. There is a curious twist to the mind by which men are reluctant to let go of their fears—fears which they, nevertheless, hate and which make their lives miserable. Perhaps long-continued association with fear has the same effect that makes men love their chains.

I have often thought that in our church services we ought to have a second collection—but not for money. Every church, it seems to me, ought to be equipped with huge baskets which at the conclusion of

a service—just before the benediction—would be passed down the aisles. The people would hand along their fears to the end man, who in turn would put these fears in the basket, until all the fears in the church had been collected, whereupon the ushers would bring the baskets forward to the pulpit. The minister, acting in the name of God, would say, "I hereby declare that you are freed from your fears. Go in peace, and may the peace of God go with you."

One can well imagine how released the members of such a congregation would feel. They would stand to their feet and sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" with such vibrancy and earnestness that the very rafters of the roof would shake. Do you know what would happen then? The people would start to file out, but before they would get to the door, nearly every one, with a sheepish smile, would turn around, hunt out the basket where his fear had been deposited, and fish down and recover his fear.

Perhaps this seems a rather foolish suggestion, but we must come to the point of realizing that if we are ever to be cured of fear we must trust God enough to leave the fear with Him—and have strength to walk away released.

The final element in the formula for being cured of fear is to have a "sound mind." That is surely one of the greatest blessings any human being can have—a sound mind. It is very easy for the human mind to become tangled. You have seen a kitten play with a ball of yarn. It is amazing how many knots it can create—and in a very short space of time. Life does the same with the mind. A sound mind is, without any question, the greatest blessing that a human being can have.

Many factors combine to tangle men's minds. Tension stops the free flow of power, as does also the chill of anxiety. A grudge, long-sustained, creates blockades in the emotional life which cloud judgment and distort the possibility of rational thought. The sense of guilt is perhaps the most insidious of all the entanglements of the mind. This, in reality, is a wound in the mind. Sorrow is a wound—but a clean one.

Sense of guilt, though it is also a wound

in the mind, is nevertheless an unclean wound and therefore, the healing process is never concluded unless forgiveness is attained.

These wounds may, perhaps, be more or less successfully carried for a period of time, but eventually the poison disseminated through the emotional and even the physical system manifests itself in many ways—in nervousness, instability, irritability, tension, high blood pressure, rapid heart action, panic, restlessness, sleeplessness, and in other maladies often attributed solely to overwork or to organic disease. These are manifestations of what St. Paul refers to as the unsound mind, in the fogs of which fears are generated to float across the surface of the mind like ghosts, as Ibsen in powerful allegory once described them. Lady Macbeth, you remember, desperately attempted to erase a spot of blood from her hand, but no matter how vigorously she washed her hand, the spot remained—for the reason that the spot of blood was not upon her hand, but was in her mind.

The process of untangling a mind is a long and tedious one; and it requires skillful treatment. It can be accomplished by a wise psychiatrist or physician or pastor, but there is one sure method of untangling a mind, thus eliminating this source of abnormal fear.

A noted editor tells us that from infancy he had a withered leg and was forced to wear a brace. Being unable to run and play with the other boys, he developed a feeling of inadequacy and inferiority. The acids of bitterness began to develop. Fear laid a cold and crippling hand upon his mind.

One day his father, a devout man, told

the lad that he was going to take him to a great cathedral where God would heal him. Dressed in their Sunday best, father and son walked reverently down the vast aisle, the boy trailing his poor shriveled leg. They stood, presently, before the great altar. They knelt in prayer. After a while the father lifted his face. The editor said that he had seen his father's face under many circumstances, but never this look before. It was as if a light streaming from Heaven illuminated his strong face. It was the exultant look of the believer.

"God has answered; you will be healed, my son," whispered the father.

But as they walked down the aisle the leg was as before. There it hung, limp and pathetic, enclosed in the hateful brace. As they neared the great doors of the church, suddenly the boy stopped. It was as if something had broken within his brain—as if a great hand had touched him. He was aware that something tremendous had happened. He felt released, free and wondrously happy. Boy that he was, he knew the meaning of the experience—God had healed him. He had taken a brace—not from his leg—but from his mind! Personally, I have no trouble in believing that if God had so willed it the leg could have been healed, but it is far more important to take a brace off a man's mind than a brace from his physical body. He was freed from the bitter tyranny of his thoughts.

Little wonder, then, that people celebrate the glorious day on which was born this Saviour with healing in His touch. We give thanks for Jesus, who is able to lift from poor human beings the fears in which they have become entangled.

*The War Cry*

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## The Nativity

### The Creator Becomes Creature

Let us consider the condescension presented to us in the incarnation. There are a number of steps. First, what condescension that the Creator should become a creature. What condescension

that He Who is the First-born, the Originator of all creation, should Himself be brought into being as a creature. The Maker is here Himself made. The infinite One becomes finite. It is a tremendous condescension, then, for the Creator

to assume creaturehood.

### He Became Man

But, secondly, if He is going to assume creaturehood, it might be thought that He would assume that form of creaturehood which is the very highest. One would expect Him to become angel and not man. Man at his best is likened to angels. It is said of David, "And my Lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God" (2 Sam. 14:20); and of Stephen, "And all that sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel" (Acts 6:15); and Paul says, "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels..." (1 Cor. 13:1). Thus angels are viewed as above men in some important respects. Yet He did not become an angel; He became man—a still lower step.

### In Likeness of Sinful Flesh

Thirdly, when He became man, it might have been expected that He would have become man in a state of glorification, such as Christ's state now at God's right hand. One would expect Him to become man in his highest condition. But not so. He assumed the nature of man without glory. When man was created, he had a certain degree of glory. It was not that state of glory which characterizes Christ now at God's right hand. Man in Eden possessed a measure of glory, but it was not the measure which we shall possess ultimately. Therefore, if the Son of God in the incarnation did not take man's nature in its highest possible condition, we might have expected Him to take it in its next condition, that of man of Eden. But not so. He took that nature as it was found after the Edenic glory had been stripped from it, "was found in fashion as a man." "He came in the likeness of sinful flesh"—not even with the Edenic glory. He assumed our nature in its state of poverty; not depravity, but poverty.

Further, he did not only take the nobler part of man's nature, the spiritual part, that part which knows and loves. But He also took the lesser part, the outer man, and "was made flesh."

### As an Infant

Still lower He came, because when He was made man, He did not assume manhood in a state of maturity, such as Adam possessed to begin with, but He became an infant, needing to grow to full manhood. He became, as some one long ago said, "The Word unable to speak a word."

### But Man Forever

Did He come into this estate just for a time, in order that then He might later lay aside creaturehood and revert to His eternal glory? No, He entered into an everlasting state. He took the nature of man to retain it forever; our manhood became His nature no less than Godhood itself.

### Born Among Beasts

Finally, not only did He come to dwell amongst men, amongst sinful men, but He came to represent them. And that is a step lower yet. Sinful men—to what a level have they sunk? They have sunk, says the psalmist, to the level of beasts. Man is "like the beasts that perish" (Psa. 49:12, 20). Representing men who have become as beasts, He was born amongst beasts.

### Representative of Sinful Men

O, the condescension of the incarnation! What condescension to become a creature; to become anything less than the greatest creature; to become man instead of an angel. And then, to become man not in the state of glorification, not in the state of partial glory even, but in the state of poverty. To become man as to the baser element, the flesh, as well as the nobler element, the spirit. And to become an infant, needing time to develop. And in all this to be the Representative of sinful men. To be as though He were a beast. Thus in His condescension He came down, down, down, to the very lowest level possible, all for love of us. No wonder Bernard said in this connection, "The lower, the dearer."

### Born in Bethlehem

In order to set off the condescension the better, He was born in Bethlehem. Micah tells us that Bethlehem was little.

and the literal rendering is, "Thou... art too little to be among the thousands of Judah" (Micah 5:2). There is a great deal wrapped up in that. At the time of the Exodus, we read in Numbers, the tribes of Israel were broken up into thousands; and each thousand had a prince or head. Joshua tells us that this arrangement continued when the nation entered into Canaan (Joshua 23:11). However, if there was a group in Israel too small to make a thousand, it was consolidated with another group. Bethlehem was so small that Joshua does not even list it when he enumerates the cities in Canaan. Yet it was in existence long before that. Nor does Nehemiah list it when Israel enters the land the second time, after the captivity. In Nehemiah's time the citizens of Bethlehem were so few that they, together with a neighboring village, made less than two hundred. Yes, this Bethlehem was too small to be among the thousands of Judah. It was too insignificant to be mentioned in any part of Judah's polity.

### An Out-of-the-Way Village

As it was insignificant in size, so Bethlehem was insignificant in its location. It was an out-of-the-way place. There is a road that runs from Jerusalem to Hebron. Four miles out, there is a side road to the left which goes over to Bethlehem, a distance of two miles. So Bethlehem was insignificant as to its size and also as to its location. Did He come down, down, down? Then how fitting it was that He should select this place in which to be born. Behold, the greatest has become the least! The highest has become the lowest. Transcendent humility!

### As He Was—So May We Be

And shall we who bear His name be characterized by pride? In His life in us, the life of Him who is so humble? Then how can we be at the other pole? Cyprian, who was converted about the year A. D. 245, referring to Christ's humility and birth, says, "He would have us first to express in our life what He first showed us in the very entry of His life—humility." Especially so, since it was pride which made necessary His humbling. For it was pride in Adam which ruined us all. Now that pride must be reversed. Did Adam doubt God? That doubt must be reversed by faith. Did Adam eat? That eating must be reversed by fasting. Was Adam's heart lifted up with pride? That must be reversed by humility.

### In Superlative Humility

Something more than that reversal is necessary in order to our salvation, but the reversal itself is indispensable. The pride of the first man must be reversed, and therefore the Second Man came in superlative humility. Because the pride of the first man was so high, the humility of the Second Man was so low. In Eden, man aspired to be like God; and in Bethlehem God became as the beasts.

"Because we children of Adam want to be great—

HE BECAME SMALL.

Because we are always seeking to climb higher—

HE STEPPED DOWN.

Because we will not stoop—

HE HUMBLING HIMSELF.

Because we want to rule—

HE CAME TO SERVE."

The Gospel Messenger

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## My Christmas Wish

You might say to me, "I wish you a merry Christmas." Then I would say right back to you, "I wish you knew my Jesus," for that is my Christmas wish.

Here are two wishes expressed by two

different personalities—one a wish for a happy day and the other a wish for a happy life.

But in the final analysis a wish is a pretty empty thing, isn't it? No one has

ever been helped by wishes only. Wishes never brought wealth, fame, happiness.

Now think of my wish for you, expressed in the song. "I wish you knew my Jesus." Just wishing that for you isn't enough... it wouldn't help you to know Him. So let me tell you how you can come to know personally the Christ whose birthday is being celebrated.

In order to meet and know a person you must have contact with that person. For instance, just believing there is a General Eisenhower doesn't mean that you know the General. Just believing there is a Christ who was born on the first Christmas doesn't mean that you know Him. You see, there is a big difference between believing there is a person and knowing that person.

No doubt you believe there is a Christ. You believe in Christmas, but you do not know the Christ of Christmas. Knowing Christ is the allimportant thing.

Here, then, is the way you can come

to know Christ:

The Holy Scriptures declare that "Christ Jesus came into the world, to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). Since "all have sinned," He therefore came to save you.

You say, "How can He save me? How can this be?" The answer comes from the Word of God: "For Christ also had, once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). He gave His life, shed His precious blood, and was accepted by God as the believer's Substitute for sin, for God raised Him from the dead.

"But what am I to do," you ask. You have nothing to do but repent (which is a heart sorrow because of sin, with a sincere turning to God), believe the good news about the work of Christ for you, and receive Him as your Lord and Saviour. And you are invited to do this now!

by William S. Dillon



## Missionary Department



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

Greetings to the members of our Free Will Baptist family:

Just a few days past we suffered one of the most severe hurricanes in the history of Cuba, resulting in unestimable damage. Fortunately, our property and people were not in the vortex, as was Havana.

The storm has been the means of a real testimony to the people of the surrounding villages. Our houses at the school, in the first place, were built on the same order as the Cuban tobacco barns, good targets for the hurricane. While all the tobacco barns are leveled to the ground, our houses stood. This caused our people to marvel. They came the next day expecting our teachers and students to be in the open, but they left saying, "Surely God is with this people."

Out of our two hundred beautiful royal palms, only ten were down. These can be used as planks for bridges and fences.

Everywhere the orange crop was completely whipped from the trees by a hundred mile gale. In the favor of God, over half our crop is still on the trees and those are sold to one of our American Camps in Cuba, at a reasonable price.

All about us we see devastation, which should be a lesson on the uncertainty of life. Some classes of people have enjoyed a wave of prosperity and gain. The tobacco farmer has received large prices for his tobacco, but the gains of the last year must be invested in new tobacco barns and they are costly.

Our responsibilities are almost unbearably heavy with the problems that naturally arise in dealing with an undisciplined, unevangelized people, who know not how to do the most common tasks because they never have had with which to do. The call is for great patience. We need your prayers that we might be equal to the



task.

We must labor in the farm and school under great handicaps. Living facilities are very difficult. Water must be dug from the well in barrels by teams of bulls. Lights are the poorest type to study by, but all this is borne cheerfully by a very fine group of students.

We are encouraged by the unusual response that is coming from our people. To know that one rural church in Illinois gave \$650 to missions is an inspiration to us on the field. I hope some day to visit and know these people of the Rescue church.

Due to the difficulty of transportation and the slowness in getting harness and wagons we have been forced to make them ourselves. One, to be a missionary, must be very practical, ready not only, to expound a text but to build a house or a wagon, and make the harness to pull it.

We are grateful to God for a goodly measure of health and with the coming of our Cuban winter an increasing challenge presents itself to us to reach out to these, who by unpassable travel conditions have been closed in from the outside. Pray with us for faithful consecrated Cuban missionaries, also, pray for the fine student group we have with us this year.

We wish you could listen in on their joyful testimonies and hear them sing. Altogether God has favored us in a marvelous manner, for which we give Him praise.

*Thomas H. Willey*

### Revival And Missionary Campaign In Kentucky

Have just finished a very interesting revival and missionary campaign in eastern Kentucky. I took advantage of every opportunity during the revival to make contacts in the interests of missions and am happy to say I am highly pleased with the fine reception I received from the Kentucky Free Will Baptists.

I was engaged in the revival with the Free Will Baptist church in Pikeville; which church is pastored by Rev. Maurice W. Roach. It was indeed a pleasure to work with Bro. and Sister Roach a-

gain. Having formerly worked with them in a revival campaign when they were pastor of the F. W. B. church in Flint, Michigan. Bro. and Sister Roach have a fine group of people to work with in Pikeville. I was never treated more kindly nor entertained more royally than by these good people; together with their good pastor and wife. The city of Pikeville is a beautiful little city of about 4500 located in the heart of the Kentucky mountains on the Big Sandy river. I left there feeling that I have many newly made friends among those I did not know two weeks ago. Rev. Roach has regular weekly periods with the schools in Pikeville in which he teaches the Bible to the students. He kindly gave this time to me and I enjoyed these visits with the school more than I can find words to express. We only had two souls saved in the meetings at the church; but I am confident a great good was done in many ways other than the direct results in the salvation of souls.

Turning our thoughts to the missionary contacts made during the two weeks I can say the results are indeed gratifying to the highest degree. How grateful I am to Rev. Roach for the initiative he has taken in arousing the Free Will Baptists of Kentucky to an interest in our great foreign mission program. Bro. Roach aided me greatly in making as many contacts as possible while there. I was privileged to present the missionary cause as follows: the Johnson County Quarterly Meeting held at the Thealka Church. Here we received an offering for missions to the amount of \$55.75. The Free Will Baptist church at Betsey Layne, Ky. with an offering of \$4.82. Rev. Carl Layne is pastor of this church. Bro. Layne attended our meetings a great deal, and gave to us full co-operation in every way. We learned to love Bro. Layne and the good people of his church; the Free Will Baptist church at Lackey, Ky. with an offering of \$24.75. I was not privileged to meet the pastor of this church; but I met a number of other ministers who were with us in the service there, and must say I never saw more interest aroused in hearts for missions than I saw at



Lackey. I learned to love the ministers I met from the first acquaintance. Bless their hearts. I feel sure we are going to hear from them now as the months go by with some fine offerings for foreign missions; the church at Pikeville with an offering of \$33.76. The Pikeville church has been sending in nice monthly offering for missions ever since Bro. Roach took charge of the church, and at the special missionary service I held with them last Sunday morning they layed this nice offering on the altar in addition to what they have been doing monthly. Untill now Kentucky has been doing but little for the missionary cause; but I am sure we are going to hear from Ky. from this time forward in a very definite way for missions. I was received most cordially at the Johnson County Quarterly Meeting and I shall

never forget the dear brethren I met there as well as those at other places. We have a lot of fine people in Kentucky who are capable of doing much for the cause, and I left the state assured in my heart that we will be hearing from Kentucky. Praise the Lord for further steps of progress, and definite signs of closer cooperation and denominational awakening among our people.

As Bro. Roach receives the cooperation of others, which cooperation I feel sure he is going to have, he will soon have a burning missionary zeal aroused in the hearts of our people throughout eastern Kentucky.

May the Lord bless you dear workers at Pikeville, and all others we were privileged to meet.

In His service  
Rev. Winford Davis



## Our Bible School



Rev. L. R. Ennis, Acting President

Free Will Baptist Bible College find it either difficult or impractical to visit the institution, it seems appropriate that we employ the columns of our denominational papers as a medium by which we may introduce the College personnel. Our procedure may appear to some rather formal, certainly none would term it arrogance, but what we are really eager to do is to promote a warm fellowship between Free Will Baptists and their Bible College. This quality of fellowship will bless our educational training program because it abounds in a mutual understanding of the functions and aims of the institution.

Our Bible College is dedicated to the gracious work of training those who are called of God for Christian service as Free Will Baptists; and to this glorious ministry the entire personnel of the college is consecrated. It is the atmosphere of this ideal that our students "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord," while they learn how to

Since so many friends of the Free

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# EDITORIAL

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Since this will be the last issue of the Gem before Christmas and we are endeavoring to make this a Christmas issue, we wish to take this means to express our appreciation to you for your patronage and your co-operation, you have given us since we have been trying to prepare the Gem and send it to you, we have made many mistakes, some we have noticed after it was too late, perhaps some that we do not know about even yet, and only a very few have made any complaint. We are indeed thankful to you, that you have been tolerant with us, our aim is good, for we intend to bring a blessing into your home every time the Gem comes to your home, and I'm sure that it does carry a blessing with it to many hearts, because of the many wonderful testimonies that we receive telling us how much they enjoy the Gem, especially the young men that are in the service.

We wish everyone of you that read these words a MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS, amidst all of the heart aches and the loneliness of many hearts because that loved ones are away, to the ones that are children of God through the blood of Jesus Christ, we have much to say MERRY CHRISTMAS for.

Let us pray to Him who is the Christmas that before another anniversary rolls around that we may be enjoying a temporary reign of peace in our land, I realize that we are not going to have peace of any consequence here in this world that is dominated by sin, but praise be unto Him who bought us, that on the other side of all this there is peace.

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## A GOOD CHRISTMAS GIFT

You couldn't give a more appropriate, nor a more lasting Christmas gift to that friend or loved one of yours, than a year's subscription to the Free Will Baptist Gem. If you have a dear friend that is unsaved, or a loved one that is unsaved, and you haven't been able to convince them of their

need of Christ as their Saviour, maybe you can't get them to attend church, why don't you send them the Gem for a Christmas present, maybe some sermon they read will be the means of them being saved. TRY IT.

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## SUPERANNUATION

I want to make special mention of the article that is in this issue under this caption, will you not try to co-operate with this group of men that are trying to set in operation a movement that is really worth while. I want you to notice particularly the number of policies that can be issued to each state, and when you say why don't they issue a policy to every preacher, the answer is, somebody is not doing their part.

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## GOOD ADVICE

"Baptist in Colorado, in their annual Convention voted to sever all relations with the Federal Council of Churches." Its time for those who are Fundamentalists to take a stand for the things that are pleasing to God, and we know that God is not pleased with a dictatorial form of government in His Church, and neither will a church be a soul winning church that has a dictator running it.

There are two federal movements under way now that are most dangerous and we must stand out against them. One is known as the Federation of the World, or World Federation, which is destined to destroy democracy, and give way to a dictator, will you believe me? One of our states has voted in their general assembly to extend to this bunch of DEVILS an invitation to establish their capital in their state.

The other, Federation of Churches, or have one Federal head, or dictator, which would destroy Christianity. The Federal Council of Churches is a part of this movement, beware, there are a lot of things presenting themselves to us that appear

# GLEANINGS

By the Editor

to be alright on the surface, but be sure they are alright within, the danger of these things are, that you can get in the boat and ride with them, thinking that it is alright, and after you are too far from the shore to swim back, you find it isn't alright, and you have to continue with them and suffer the consequences along with them.

Free Will Baptist, Fundamentalist and all that believe in regeneration be careful of every move you make in this day that we are living in, the Devil is doing all he can to deceive us.

Just a few lines from the Woman's Aux-

## HOW TO KILL A PRAYER MEETING

1. Forget all about it until the hour arrives.
2. Come ten minutes late, and sit near the door.
3. Drag the music. Sow, painfully sow singing is so appropriate for a dead meeting.
4. When the meeting is begun wait for others to speak and pray.
5. When you do take part occupy about twenty minutes.
6. Be sure to bewail the low spiritual condition of the church.
7. When meeting closes, go out as a funeral. You can speak with your brethren or the stranger at some other time or place.
8. If you mention the meeting during the week, tell how dull it was.
9. If this does not kill the prayer meeting, stay away entirely for six months of the year.

Bible News Flashes

**EFFECTIVE BROADCASTS**—Some radio stations have refused time to Sam Morris of Louisville, champion of temperance, because his broadcasts contain arguments against drinking liquor and this interfered with the sale of beer and wine ad-

vertising sold by them.

Gospel Minister

**THEN AND NOW**—I rode many thousands of miles on trains in the first world war and at no time did I see liquor on the trains. But today liquor is carried on trains and men and women of all ages are drinking, getting drunk and indulging in ungodly practices that will surely be disastrous for years to come.

—C. E. Murray.

**FATHERS, MOTHERS**—watch your children. In order to curb juvenile delinquency, now it is proposed and may be enacted into law by some of the states, that parents who permit their children to run wild may be punished instead of the children. Court action against parents whose behavior directly caused delinquency, is already producing results in some cities.

—Herald of Holiness.

**DESERTED CHILDREN**—It is reported that unwanted, neglected and abandoned children are becoming Chicago's biggest headache. Social workers admit they are almost licked. Police can do little. The courts fume, but are impotent to halt the wave of derelict mothers who leave their children with neighbors, bar tenders, and strangers, while they drink and flirt their way to disaster. Shocked neighbors have found children chained to beds, left alone in telephone booths, neglected at home, whimpering with fear and loneliness.—Selected.

**VISITING SOLDIERS' GRAVES**—If present legislation goes through Congress, war mothers, or near relatives, will be permitted to visit the graves of soldiers who have been killed or died in foreign lands, and this at government expense.

—Herald of Holiness.

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praise God most with their best service.

**Rev. L. R. Ennis, Acting President**  
Graduate, Moody Bible Institute, 1922;  
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26; Student, Duke University, 1927-28;  
Summer School, 1928; President, Eureka  
College, 1928-29; Pastor, 1930-40; Ex-  
ecutive Secretary, National Association,  
1940-42; President, Free Will Baptist  
Bible College, 1944.



**Miss Laura Belle Barnard**  
Instructor, Worldwide Missions

Summer School, South Georgia Teachers  
College, 1924; The Business Institution  
of Mich. 1924-25; Summer School, Whea-  
ton College, 1932; A.B., Columbia Bible  
College, 1932; Summer School, Columbia  
Bible College, 1944; Missionary to India,  
1935-40; Missionary Deputation Service  
among F. W. Baptists of the United States,  
1940-42; Instructor, Free Will Baptist  
Bible College, 1942-43; Instructor in  
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1942-44; Instructor in Worldwide Miss-  
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1944.

#### **Miss Barnard Returns to India**

The college considered itself thrice  
blessed in the prospect of having the

efficient service of Miss Barnard as tea-  
cher of Worldwide Missions this year;  
but when God intervened and presented  
our missionary with her passport to  
India, we were both disappointed and  
happy. We are expecting to lose her  
service here in the college very soon but  
gain the joy of her missionary victories  
in India. The preliminary details to her  
departure are complete save one, the date  
that passage is made available.

Miss Barnard came to the college at  
the opening of the present school year  
and, for the succeeding two weeks, led  
us in a gracious missionary revival.  
She will continue here as an instructor  
until her passage to India has been made  
available. We are happy in her service  
and feel that the present conclusion of  
her ministry among Free Will Baptists  
in the United States could not have been  
placed at a position of greater advantage  
to the cause of foreign missions.

Our students love and respect her most  
highly and will follow her with earnest  
intercessions back to her chosen field of  
service. It is also our hope that some-  
one, or more, of our students will soon  
join Miss Barnard in India; and to that  
end our prayers are constantly uplifted  
to God.

#### **Rev. Jesse P. Barrow** Dean of the College

Graduate, Moody Bible Institute, 1924;  
Th.G., Northern Baptist Seminary, 1928;  
Th.B., 1929; Ph.B., Wheaton College,  
1934.

Rev. Jesse Parrotte Barrow has ac-  
cepted the position of Instructor in  
Bible and related subjects. Brother  
Barrow is a native of North Carolina, a  
son of devoted Free Will Baptist par-  
ents, and a faithful student and teacher  
of the Word. As a Free Will Baptist  
minister, he is loved and respected.  
His gentle and quiet spirit are rarely  
equaled among Christians. Brother Bar-  
row began his long and well defined  
training program in the Free Will Bap-  
tist Seminary, of Ayden, North Carolina.  
He later entered, as a biblical student,  
the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago.



Illinois, from which institution he graduated in the year, 1924. Feeling the need of further training, Brother Barrow continued his work in the Northern Baptist Seminary, where he received graduate and bachelor degrees in theology in the years, 1928 and 1929, respectively. By this time, training for christian service had evidently become exceedingly fascinating to Brother Barrow; so he next enrolled in Wheaton College and remained until the year, 1934, when he received the Bachelor of Philosophy degree. Free Will Baptists are blessed of God in the life and qualifications of this good man, and it is predicted that his employment by the college marks the beginning of an excellent teaching ministry.



Mrs. Homer E. Willis  
Instructor in English

Student, Orono Bible Seminary, 1931, seven years; Trevecca Nazarene College, 1944.

Mrs. Willis is the wife of Rev. Homer E. Willis, one of our fine young ministers from the state of Michigan. Brother and Sister Willis came to Nashville for further training in preparation for a pastoral and evangelistic ministry. While Brother Willis studies in the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Mrs. Willis is pur-

suing an English major in Trevecca Nazarene College. It is accepted as an act of divine providence that God directed this fine young couple to Nashville at this time. Mrs. Willis has kindly consented to reduce her schedule at Trevecca that she might teach two classes in English for us, one pre-college and the other on the college level. The personality, culture, and devotion of this fine Free Will Baptist woman inspire predictions of a useful if not indispensable service.



Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Sawyer  
Instructor in Piano and Voice

B. A., Ward Belmont College, 1933; M.A., 1937; Certificate Music Evangelism and Choir under Edwin E. Young, American Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois; Voice and Chorus, seven years, Helen Todd Slean; Instructor in Piano, fourteen years; Instructor in Public School Music, six years; Instructor in Piano, Voice, and Church Music, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 1943.

It is remarkable how God has provided for this young institution. At the time the college property was purchased, and even at the opening of the school, September 15, 1942, no one of our connection suspected that there resided next



door to the college a master of music of the highest Christian character and consecration. A humorist goes about the school that "we bought the property and thereby inherited Mrs. Sawyer."

In addition to instructing voice and piano pupils, Mrs. Sawyer teaches the classes in the Rudiments of Music, Hymnology, and General Chorus. Young men and young women who come to us for training for Christian service find our Music Department to be a source of great inspiration and joy. It is expected that many will be attracted by this specialty in the field of Christian training, and that they will avail themselves of the preparation which they may receive as an equipment for a ministry of music.



Miss Lillie Herring  
Household Supervisor

Miss Herring is a native of Greene County, North Carolina. She united with Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church at the age of fourteen under Elder A. E. Rouse. This great church is near Snow Hill, North Carolina, and has been regarded as the home church of the Herring family for many years.

Miss Herring attended the Free Will Baptist Seminary, of Ayden, North Carolina, and East Carolina Teacher's Col-

lege. After her training period she taught in the public schools of her native county for several years. Being recognized as a Christian lady of culture and ability, she was employed as household supervisor and instructor in her alma mater, the Ayden Seminary.

On leaving the Seminary, Miss Herring turned to the field of business for a number of years, during which time she was employed by the Branch Banking and the National Bank, of Greenville, North Carolina, and subsequently by Hay Brothers and Reynolds, of Raleigh, North Carolina.

But native endowments, education, and Christian devotion seemed to forbid a business career of indefinite duration; consequently Miss Herring turned to orphanage and social rehabilitation work where she found congenial employment with the Methodist Orphanage, of Raleigh, North Carolina; Washty School, of Thomasville, Georgia; and the North Carolina Industrial School for Women, of Winston, North Carolina. It was from this latter institution that Miss Herring came to the Free Will Baptist Bible College as Household Supervisor.

We are assured of an indispensable service in Miss Herring to the faculty, student body, and guests who may from time to time pass in and out this institution. Her character, disposition, training and experience equip her for the place which she holds and--may I say--glorifies.

Brother Davidson is a native of Wilcox County, of the state of Georgia. He united with Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church at the age of fourteen. He is of Free Will Baptist parentage and has continued steadfast in the faith and service of Christ to this day. He attended Eureka College, of Ayden, North Carolina, 1926-30. Brother Davidson was ordained to the ministry at twenty-nine years of age and has to the highest degree fulfilled the confidence and expectations of those who set him apart for the work of the gospel. Subsequent to his completion of a training course for the ministry, he began a very prosper-





Rev. J.R. Davidson  
Treasurer and Business Manager

ous pastoral and evangelistic work, which continued for the succeeding twelve years. In the year, 1928, Brother Davidson was elected chairman of the National Board of Education and, in the discharge of the duties of this office lead F. W. B. in the establishment of the F. W. Baptist Bible College. Upon the opening of the College September 15, 1942, he was called to Nashville to assume the duties of treasurer and business manager of the institution, which position he still holds. Due, however, to the increasing obligations and responsibilities of his office as Treasurer-Business Manager, he resigned as chairman of the College Board at a called meeting in Flat River, Mo., during the sitting of the 1944-session of the National Association.

Competent secretarial service is of major importance both to the business interests of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and the promotion of public respect and confidence. Mrs. Welch is well adapted to this service and abundantly capable of keeping the books of the College in strict business order. She came to the office at the opening of the present school year, and those who com-



Mrs. John L. Welch, Secretary

municate with the institution from time to time are by her service assured of competent and immediate consideration.

Mrs. Welch is a native of the city of Nashville. She was educated in the schools of the City, including Sewritt College. She united with Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at the age of sixteen, of which Church, exclusive of six years, she has remained a member to this time. At the age of twenty-two, Mrs. Welch was married to the Rev. J. L. Welch to whose ministry she has remained a continuous source of inspiration and help.

Much of the early history of Woman's Auxiliary work is connected with Mrs. Welch. As First Vice-President of the National Auxiliary Convention, she published the first Year Book for use in auxiliary work throughout the Convention; and for eight consecutive years thereafter continued its publication, when she was succeeded in office by Mrs. J. E. Frazier. Mrs. Welch is not only acquainted with Free Will Baptists and their work; she is a devoted friend to their common cause.

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# Superannuation

Rev. J. C. E. o. t, National Secretary-Treasurer Superannuation Board  
808 West 27th Street, Bryan, Texas

At the 1944 session of the National Association in Flat River, Missouri, the National Superannuation Board authorized its administrative office to offer fifty (50) protective superannuation policies to insurable ministers of the denomination. These policies were to be allocated to the several States according to the relationship that the Free Will Baptist population of each State bore to the total population of all the States. The figures given below, based upon statistics in the 1944 National Association Minute, are the work resulting from our authorization by the Board.

Alabama; population, 9563; % of whole, .097; policies, 4.85 or 5.  
Florida, population, 2012; % of whole, .020; Policies, 1.00 or 1.  
Georgia; population, 6206; % of whole .063; policies, 3.15 or 3.  
Illinois; population, 1500; % of whole, .015; policies, 0.75 or 1.  
Kentucky; population, 4555; % of whole, .046; policies, 2.30 or 2.  
Michigan; population, 1500 (established); % of whole, .015; policies, 0.75 or 1.  
Mississippi; population, 2464; % of whole, .025; policies, 1.25 or 1.  
Missouri; population, 5581; % of whole, .057; policies, 2.85 or 3.  
North Carolina; population, 28,000; % of whole, .285; policies, 14.25 or 14.  
Ohio; population, 1532; % of whole, .015; policies, 0.75 or 1.  
Oklahoma; population, 20,000; % of whole, .203; policies, 10.15 or 10.  
Tennessee; population, 6363; % of whole, .064; policies, 3.20 or 3.  
Texas; population, 3473; % of whole, .035; policies, 1.75 or 2.  
Virginia; population, 2973; % of whole, .040; policies, 2.00 or 2.  
West Virginia; population, 1595; % of whole, .016; policies, 0.80 or 1.  
Totals; population, 98,317; % of whole .996; policies, 49.80 or 50.

We have forwarded this information on to the States which have Superannuation Boards and have tried to get the information to the other States from which there has been no report of the election of a Superannuation Board. However, there are several States that we have not been able to contact because we did not know whom to write. We hope every State Association, that did not have a Superannuation Board, elected one this year at its annual meeting, because we do not see how we may administer the program in a State except through its Superannuation Board. There is so much work to be done in every State which we as a National Board cannot do but which may be done easily by a State Board. Therefore the program is going to be hindered in those States which do not have an active Superannuation Board. It is our purpose to prevent any minister or group of ministers from being discriminated against, or deprived of the benefits of this program. Therefore we urge that each State Board give us its maximum co-operation for the sake of the benefits its ministers may receive.

The policies allocated in the table above will be held in reserve for each State until its board is organized or until we see that the allocation is not going to be used by that State. Then we shall re-allocate these policies to those States who want them.

We are very anxious to have this program operating in every State, and as you read this article we hope you will determine to find out if your State is co-operating in this most important program. If your State Association does not have a Superannuation Board, urge your moderator to call an executive session to elect a temporary board to serve for this year so that your State will not be behind others and your ministers will not be deprived of the benefits that others are receiving.

The policies we are offering are one thousand dollar Retirement-at-age-70 endow-



ment policies. The National Board will pay one half the annual premium and the insured minister will pay the other half. We believe this offer on the part of the Board will enable every minister to have protection for his family should he die before retirement age or money to live on in his old age should he live to retire.

The program generally is moving along nicely in many of the States, but the ministers are not returning their filled-in survey blanks in every instance as speedily as we had hoped they would. Ministers, this is your program and will be of inestimable value to you and all others who may be called to carry the same cross you are carrying. Let us plan for ourselves and those who come after us as we, through our benevolent Superannuation program, plan to care for those who are still living and who carried the cross before us.

### Financial Report National Foreign Mission Treasurer

Receipts for the month of Oct. 1944

National Woman's Auxiliary Convention .....	\$162.80
Rev. J. H. C. Jordan, Winslow, Ark. ....	11.00
Jasper Association of Alabama by Rev. Raymond Riggs .....	112.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bagwell, Springdale, Ark. ....	10.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals S. C. ....	2.00
Hickory Grove Church of Florida .....	10.20
Pikeville Church, Pikeville, Ky. ....	5.25
Cumberland Association of Tennessee .....	146.00
Rescue Church and S. S. of Illinois .....	650.00
Prospect F. W. B. Sunday School of Alabama .....	5.50
Wolverine Association of Michigan .....	125.68
Johnson County Quarterly Meeting of Ky. ....	55.75
Pikeville Church, Pikeville, Ky. ....	8.15
Betseylayne Church, Betseylayne, Ky. ....	4.82
Lackey Church of Lackey, Ky. ....	24.75
Pikeville Church of Pikeville, Ky. ....	33.76
Missouri State Association .....	647.11
Jack McCoury, Johnson City, Tennessee .....	1.00
Mrs. E. F. Traut, Iola, Texas .....	10.00
Arapahoe Church of North Carolina .....	6.25
Salem Association of Florida .....	12.00
Rev. George Waggoner, Columbia, S. C. ....	5.00
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention .....	81.91
Cumberland Association of Tennessee .....	73.70
Refund on freight charge .....	.19
Total .....	\$2,133.34

### Financial Report Missouri State Treasurer

Receipts for the latter part of Sept. and month of Oct. 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Williams .....	\$10.00
Merls Chapel S. S. ....	7.14
Hickory Grove Church of Haddam, Kansas .....	2.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church and S. S. ....	5.82
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary .....	1.00
Blue Eye Church .....	3.90
Offering taken at service in Niangua, Mo. ....	47.00
Connelsville S. S. ....	5.90
Albert L. Cullen in Military Service .....	5.00
Fredricktown Church .....	11.64

Leadington S. S. ....	5.19
Shibleys Point Church .....	2.42
Offering at Arcola, Missouri .....	43.21
Independance Church .....	12.01
Fowler Union S. S. ....	4.43
Willey Auxiliary of Flat River Church .....	15.00
Blue Eye Church .....	5.28
Monett Church .....	10.00
Twin Oak Church .....	2.60
Hickory Grove Church .....	4.80
Offering taken at Carterville, Missouri .....	31.30
Golden Oak Church .....	2.36
Offering at Pattonsburg, Mo. service sponsored by the Philadelphia F.W.B. Church	35.76
Offering at Santa Rosa, Mo. service sponsored by the Philadelphia F.W.B. Church	28.25
Philadelphia S. S. ....	15.99
Myrtle Long Patton, Missouri .....	2.00
Walnut Grove Church .....	7.00
Desloge Church Desloge, Missouri .....	46.72
Amity Church .....	40.00
Macedonia Church .....	6.35
Auxiliary of St.Louis Third Church .....	6.00
Flat River Church .....	55.73
Hickory Grove Church Haddam Kansas .....	6.75
J. K. Stephens Stockton, Missouri .....	2.50
Willey Circle of Flat River Auxiliary .....	15.00
Mine La Motte Church .....	4.30
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church and S. S. ....	10.84
True Blue Class Mt. Olive (Neola) S. S. ....	1.00
Mrs. Curtis Royse La Plata, Mo. ....	10.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary .....	1.00
Fowler Union S. S. ....	6.32
Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Martin Greenfield, Missouri .....	4.00
North East Missouri Mission Band by John Adkins .....	50.00
New Harmony Mission .....	5.44
Shibleys Point Church .....	2.59
Green Grove Church .....	9.43
Golden Oak Church .....	1.65
Sublette Church .....	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Los Angeles, California .....	50.00
Mrs. R. L. Farris Doniphan Missouri .....	2.00
Hickory Grove Church .....	11.38
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hartfield Los Angles, California .....	50.00
Connelsville S. S. ....	5.00
Pleasant Grove S. S. ....	13.25
Blue Eye Church .....	3.50
Offering at Winston, Mo. service sponsored by the Philadelphia F.W.B. Church	27.27

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### Fifty Thousand Dollar Auxiliary Campaign Fund

Marie Hyatt Centerview, Missouri .....	1.00
Myron Hyatt Centerview, Missouri .....	1.00
Rev. B. F. Brown Cassville, Missouri .....	1.00
Ralph Stout Monett, Missouri .....	1.00
Mrs. S. A. Davis Monett, Missouri .....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis Purdy, Missouri .....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis Monett, Missouri .....	1.00

### State Unified Fund

Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	.66
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	1.85
Southeast Missouri District Auxiliary Convention .....	4.50
Garfield Church .....	10.00
Hannon Church .....	3.45
Merls Chapel .....	5.00
Golden Oak Church .....	1.74
Northwest Missouri Association .....	2.00
Myrtle Church .....	3.00
Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	.25
Macedonia Church .....	1.81
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	1.62
Flat River Church .....	38.72
Buffalo Church .....	1.60
New Harmony Mission .....	2.15
Golden Oak Church .....	1.92
Southeast Missouri Auxiliary Convention .....	4.50

### Jehoida Chest Fund

Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	1.00
Twin Oak Church .....	1.00
Golden Oak Church .....	1.00
Macedonia Church .....	1.00
Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	1.00
Hazel Creek Union Mission .....	3.00
Copper Mines Church .....	2.00
New Harmony Mission .....	2.00
Golden Oak Church .....	1.00

### Publishing House Fund

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lewis Freeman, Missouri .....	10.00
Monett Auxiliary .....	5.00
Hannon Church .....	10.00
Mrs. Grace Lawson Brasher, Missouri .....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Matthews Desloge, Missouri .....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hyatt Centerview, Missouri .....	10.00
Desloge Mission .....	5.00
Desloge S. S. ....	5.00
Delbert Pettis Desloge, Missouri .....	5.00
Rev. J. F. Miller Desloge, Missouri .....	5.00
St. Louis Third Church .....	40.93
Rev. and Mrs. Winford Davis .....	10.00
Flat River Church .....	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Missouri .....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Los Angeles, California .....	5.00
Carterville, Church .....	5.00
Rev. T. C. Ferguson Weatherby, Missouri .....	2.00
Mrs. Ada Brendlinger Monett, Missouri .....	1.00
W. E. Sponsler Kirksville, Missouri .....	5.00
Rev. B. F. Brown Cassville, Missouri .....	5.00

### Educational Fund

Fredricktown Church .....	\$11.64
Leadington S. S. ....	3.15
O. D. Matthews in military service .....	3.00
F. W. B. Association of Texas .....	9.25
Carterville Church .....	12.50

### Orphanage Fund

Rev. C. M. Hatfield, Pierce City, Mo. ....	\$10.00
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### Superannuation Fund

Woman's Auxilliary of East Texas .....	\$5.20
East Texas Quarterly Meeting .....	1.50
Fredricktown Church .....	11.64
Hickory Grove Auxilliary .....	1.00

### Financial Report, Free Will Baptist Bible College

For October, 1944 by J. R. Davidson, Business Manager, in Annual Endowment and

gifts by states:

Alabama; Endowment, \$17.00; Gift, \$41.75; Total, \$58.75.
Arkansas; Gift, \$11.00; Total, \$11.00.
Florida; Endowment, \$34.50; Gift, \$10.20; Total, \$44.70.
Georgia; Endowment, \$93.50; Gift, \$87.86; Total, \$181.36.
Illinois; Endowment, \$19.50; Gift, \$35.00; Total, \$54.50.
Kansas; Gift, \$30.00; Total, \$30.00.
Kentucky; Endowment, \$12.50; Total, \$12.50.
Michigan; Endowment, \$72.00; Total, \$72.00.
Mississippi; Endowment, \$25.00; Total, \$25.00.
Missouri; Endowment, \$35.00; Gift, \$14.79; Total, \$49.79.
North Carolina; Endowment, \$123.00; Gift, \$307.15; Total, \$430.15.
Ohio; Endowment, \$12.00; Total, \$12.00.
Oklahoma; Endowment, \$46.00; Gift, \$2.65; Total, \$48.65.
Tennessee; Endowment, \$119.50; Gift, \$101.00; Total, \$220.50.
Texas; Endowment, \$48.00; Gift, \$24.50; Total, \$72.50.
Virginia; Endowment, \$18.00; Total, \$18.00.
Totals; Endowment, \$675.50; Gift, \$665.90; Total, \$1341.40.

The above reveals the fact that the support from the different states ran almost fifty-fifty in the Annual Endowment and ordinary gifts. I am also rendering a statement of financial report, October receipts aside from the endowment and gifts.

J. R. Davidson, salary from churches .....	\$100.00
Students .....	626.13
Room and Board .....	58.10
Books .....	45.75
Miscellaneous Income .....	6.20
Total .....	\$836.18
Grand total, endowment, gifts and other sources .....	\$2177.58

The following reveals the amount of disbursements for the month:

Room rent .....	\$145.50
Groceries and kitchen supplies .....	369.85
Heat, light, water, etc. (including winter coal supply) .....	171.43
Telephone and telegraph .....	23.85
School supplies .....	21.59
Traveling expenses .....	58.55

Maintenance (including improvements) .....	385.83
Salaries .....	851.50
Labor .....	173.35
Books .....	23.03
Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary, for Promotional Services .....	200.00
Tax .....	2.80
Miscellaneous .....	35.00
Total .....	\$2462.33

I am sure that some will observe the fact that our income was less during the month of October than the expenditures.

Several things have to do with this status, the necessity of spending quite a bit for winter supply of coal, purchase of materials, labor for improvements, plus heavier rental than usual, and the fact that October was another month in which we failed to receive our allocation from the Unified Program Fund. Everything taken under consideration, our income for October stands on par with our previous records.

We wish to thank everyone from the sixteen states listed who have made possible this report.

The Great  
Commission  
— Our Mission



## Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole  
World  
For Christ



Just a few lines from the Woman's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla. The Lord has been wonderfully blessing us here in our work. A nice group of our ladies met at our Pastors home one afternoon and packed Christmas boxes for the boys over seas, who are on our Honor Roll of our church, it liiked somewhat like a shipping clerks office. One group of ladies worked in the kitchen wrapping each package of nuts, candy, cookies, etc., in Christmas paper then passed them into the dining room to another group, which packed, addressed, etc. then into the living room, where the final touches were given, boxes tied for mailing, then stacked by the front door for the Pastor to carry to the car to take and mail out, in all we mailed out thirty three over seas, and must say it was a tired but happy group, when all was done. In fact it seemed a very sacred task, as our thoughts and prayers ascended the hill of the Lord, that each of these dear boys might be protected and brought home safe, when this cruel selfish war is over. Each box contained a nice Christmas greeting, which we pray may direct their thoughts to God, which has promised to hear our faintest cry, and whose hand is

able to shield from danger and harm.

Our October monthly Auxiliary meeting was really enjoyed, the lesson on Home Mission was revealed to the hearts of the hearers.

We can truthfully say, The Lord hath done great things for us, where of we are glad.

Following is our financial report for the month of Oct., 1944.

Education .....	\$3.50
General Fund to Association .....	5.00
District Aux. Convention .....	1.00
Home Mission .....	1.00
Foreign Mission .....	10.00
National Co-Labor Fund .....	7.00
31 boxes to soldiers .....	58.18
Recording Secretary book .....	.35
Postage .....	.03
Total .....	\$86.06
Balance in treasure .....	\$33.85

### Benevolence report:

Chapters read .....	638
Letters to soldiers .....	178

Cards sent .....	18
Sick calls made .....	25
Telephone calls .....	28
Personal calls .....	23
Hospital calls .....	16
Service hours .....	55
Gifts given .....	\$95.75
Food .....	\$3.20
Flowers .....	\$3.00
Garments given .....	\$5.40
Love offerings .....	\$1.60
Tracts given .....	11
Jail services .....	4
Conversions in jail services .....	4

*Corresponding Secretary, Evelyn Miller*

But some in your stead can go,

Will you not send us teacher?

Will you not let us know?

—Anon.

Do you as third vice-presidents of the Woman's Auxiliary hear this cry? The Word of God says "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Rom. 10:13-15 It is our responsibility to help carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. It is true that the Lord hasn't called all of us to go in person to the mission fields, but we have an important part in sending others. The Mission Department in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Denomination has a responsibility in the support of our missionary work in Cuba, India and the Homeland. The Lord is depending on you (third vice presidents) to keep the F. W. B. Missionary Program before our people.

*Mrs. Myron E. Hyatt*

### Woman's Auxiliary of Illinois

We cannot give a better reason than, that Christ commands it and expects it.

If Christ is Master, He has the right to command and He said:

Mark 16:15; Go, ye into all the world,

and preach the gospel to every creature. Some say that was given only to the 12, but Paul our minister says in 2 Cor. 5: 19-20, Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as tho God did beseech you by us. John 20:21; As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Soul winning is fishing for souls, Jesus said, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men, Matt. 4:19.

Indifferent people of the world do not as a rule attend church, but we can go after them. The scriptures might be called the hook and our own experience of God's grace the bait.

This is the purpose for which we are saved, that others might know Him, not that finally we might be saved from hell, or that we might enjoy the Christian life now, though both are true.

I have chosen you, said Jesus, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain. Every peach tree bears its fruit and every peach has a seed, every seed is a tree in the making and more fruit. Nature's plan, yes and God's plan as well.

Described so fully, as John saw Jesus walking one day and said "Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Andrew had believed Jesus's message when he said, "I baptize you with water, but one cometh after me mightier than I, whose shoe laces I am not worthy to unloose." When John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away sin," Andrew beheld and believed, then found his own brother Simon and told him, we have found the Messiah and brought him to Jesus.

John had a message and it had power to change the heart, create a new life, for John pointed them to Christ Jesus the Lord.

Andrew's message was, Christ the Saviour from sin. Andrew was one of John's converts; Simon Peter was Andrew's convert. Peter's ministry led thousands to the Lord. Let us look at his message, his whole theme is Jesus, approved of God by miracles and signs and wonders wrought among you, crucified by wicked hands and slain. This Jesus hath God raised up, and we are witnesses of the same. God hath made this same Jesus, Lord and

Christ, proven by His resurrection and His message is repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ. Three thousand were saved that day. When the lame man at the temple gate asked for help. Peter preached Christ to him and said, "In the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk." The object of saving faith is Jesus.

Steven testified when being stoned to death for a faithful testimony, looking into heaven said, "I see Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and prayed that their sin be not laid to their charge." Paul saw this and was shortly after this converted and through his faithful ministry we could trace many who are the fruits of his faithful message.

To the Phillipian jailor he said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." The same message is still the power of God unto salvation to all who believe.

John said, "He that hath the Son hath life."

God has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void, and even if no one believes, the keys of life and death are in the word of God, whether they hear or forbear they shall know that God hath sent a witness among them. We are challenged with the greatest work in all the world. It is not to be the work of a few. The same Jesus who invited us to come, gave orders to go, also that we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers unto His Vineyard.

Christ had great faith in His followers because He was the source, the beginning

and the end the power that He would send by His Holy Spirit, so then we do not go in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit of Christ. As Paul asked us, "By the mercies of God, remembering all Jesus has done for us, with heart searching prayerfulness present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service."

This should be the prayer of us all:  
 Lead me to some soul today  
 Teach me Lord just what to say.  
 Friends of mine are lost in sin,  
 And cannot find their way.  
 Few there are who seem to care  
 And few there are who pray.  
 Melt my heart, and fill my soul  
 Give me some soul to-day.

*Emma Moore*

### Year Book Now Ready

The Year Book of Programs for 1945 has gone to press and will be ready for distribution around the middle of December. The price will be the same this year as it was last—twenty-five cents per copy. The book will consist of about 140 pages of program material and suggestions, including songs and pictures. Every Auxiliary Society will want a copy for each member. Please mail your orders as soon as possible and they will be filed and filled as soon as the books come off the press. Send money order, check or cash. No C.O.D. orders will be filled. Address all orders for Year Books to: W. N. A. C. Year Book Dept., Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Editor, Sixth and Woodland Sts., Nashville, 6, Tenn.

## Church Letters - Field Reports

### To Gem Family:

Greeting in the name of our Lord. I would like to report on the evangelistic effort in Cave Springs Ass'n. Having attended the National Ass'n. at Flat River I returned home to help in a tent meeting at Garfield. The men had the tent up when I arrived on the scene, and had the seats there from four different houses of Worship. Thus the battle against sin started and truly this

was a wonderful community meeting, with Bro. Jas. O. Davis, Methodist Minister, Bro. Ben Meeks Missionary Baptist Minister, Bro. W. E. Grody Pentecost Minister, Bro. Billy Roberts, and myself leading during the five week meeting. Each minister put his whole heart into the message and service.

Bro. Fred Dodson took charge of the singing and the people really done some soul winning through personal work.

After two weeks the meeting broke out and what a joy to see the young, the middle age, and the old age coming to the altar confessing their sins, and attaining God's forgiveness. Any one would be happy on one night following the message delivered by Bro. Rogers when his 82 year old father came forth under the power of God to seek the way of eternal life, and found it. We could not tell all the good things. However 30 or more souls were saved, and most of them went into the church and Garfield Church gained some real help by the members they received.

Following Garfield meeting Bro. Jas. O. Davis and myself as minister we began a meeting between Bonds and Norman under a brush Arbor and this too was a community meeting and souls were saved from the first night of the meeting continuing for four weeks with 30 conversions and Norman Free Will Church reaped the benefits in members.

We attended two other revivals in progress at same time following Norman meeting and souls were saved in these too, however other brethren had charge of these meetings. On the First Sunday in Oct. we began a meeting in the new church building at Myrtle. The first revival ever held in this building but it was a success. And again the church worked faithfully. The meeting closed in three weeks with exactly 34 souls saved 18 baptised and 23 additions to the church.

Through the effect of these meetings 100 were turned to the Lord, most of them during the hours of service, some at home, some out in the field.

We humbly thank God for each conversion and pray God's richest blessings up on all these dear people here and everywhere men love, and obey Him.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Harry H. Beatty

Dear Gem Readers:

I write to you in behalf of the singing in our churches. Most of our churches have their song services as a matter of formality, but let us get away from formalities and get in the spirit, let us revive our singing. The singing in our churches has become

dead and singing has a very important part in our churches. Without singing the church is dead, so brother and sister let your minds think of your church and ask yourself, "Am I doing all I can for the singing of my church?" If not, I ask you in the name of our Lord to help your church revive their singing. If I can help you in any way I will strive to do so.

*Roy Alvey*

### Alabama State Association

We had a great time, the Spirit of the Lord was present at all times. There were soul stirring messages by Rev. Harry Mitchell of Birmingham, Rev. D. C. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn., Sister McAdams, Rev. Winford Davis.

The hearts of our people were stirred as never before. I believe we have many more now, who believe in Missions. There was an offering of \$116.00 as best I remember for Foreign Missions.

The debt was canceled on the orphanage, which amounted to over \$500.00. One of the members lent us over \$200.00 in order to do this. It is going to take 2 or 3 thousand to repair, so don't dock your offering. The quicker we get the repair work done, the quicker we get to take children.

The Alabama laws are strict and we can't open house until the State Fire Marshall and president of Child Caring Institution pass on it. Repair work has been going on for some time and is still going on, so don't stop sending offerings, the task is just begun.

*K. V. Shutes*

Dear Gem Readers:

While looking through the Gem, war reading, our boys in service while our hearts are full of sorrow at this time, we ask all who know the worth of prayer to pray that Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Colliver will soon receive news from their son, Sgt. Robert Colliver, better known as R. P., who was reported missing in action in France on Oct. 11, 1944. Another son, Lawrence A. Colliver is somewhere in Belgium. We pray for the time to speedily come when all our boys can soon return home.



### League Rally

The next League Rally will be held with the Jones Chapel Church near Stella, Dec. 31. All Leagues are urged to attend and have a part in making this one of the best Rallies we have had, we will be looking for you at our church again.

Jerry Millard

Dear Gem Readers:

And the Word of our Lord says: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." What a great blessing it is to read the letters and reports and to know we are progressing for the Lord. First I want to report of our revival this time which began the first of Oct. and lasted three weeks. We had a wonderful meeting, the Lord being present each night throughout each service and thirty four (34) precious souls found their way to the Lord, twenty three united with our church. Bro Harry Beatty our never failing pastor did most of the preaching. The singing was part of the service as was sung in the spirit. The praise service was conducted by volunteers. Prayers were rendered every night for our boys in service.

We, the church was wonderfully blessed and did rejoice, but with sad hearts the meeting closed with convicting spirit on the hearts of many more, but we are still praying for them.

We have a fine group of young boys and girls who are active workers, we are very proud of them. We have a great responsibility on us to help keep these young folks unspotted from the world and Christian workers are we doing our part and working as we should as our boys in service are? I know it would leave a dark place in their lives to know we wasn't praying for them. We know there are many mothers and fathers who know not Christ, with their boys in service. May God look down on them and their boys (2 Chronicles 7-14) If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.

If there ever was a time when we need to humble our selves and pray to get our land healed and our boys back home it is

now. The Lord is depending on us. Lets don't fail Him.

Ora Clark

Greetings to God's Family:

Just a few lines to let you know I have been reading and enjoying your nice and newsy little paper since April. A friend and sister in Christ sent it to me from New Harmony Church, I am a member of that church, have been since I was twelve years old, now I am sixty-sixty. I certainly think there is no church, I mean body of Christ's people like it. I certainly thank her for sending it, I also thank you good Christian people for putting out such a good little paper. Missouri was my home until the last few years, it is my home yet in my heart. Moved here for my husband's health. Had two sons, my husband and sons are all gone. I am here alone, lost oldest boy in 6 months after moving here, husband 12 years ago and other son 7 years. It is a sad place for me. I have neuritis, not very good health myself, in hospital at present, but I get consoling letters from my dear friends from Missouri. Them and your little paper is so much comfort and consolation to me, don't know what I would do without it, so many good letters. God bless you Christian people. Pray for my recovery.

Mrs. Norah Fugate, Ingleside, Nebr.

On Oct. 23, we went to Desloge to begin a revival with Bro. James F. Miller at his church there. We found the church in splendid working order, and it was a real pleasure to labor with them in the meeting. We witnessed 5 conversions while there, but most of the unsaved would only come one night then stay away from the service until conviction wore off. It is an alarming condition that prevails in our land, especially the hardness of the hearts of our young people. What will the tomorrow of the church be, if our Lord delays His coming? The meeting continued for three weeks. It was a real pleasure to enjoy the fellowship of Bro. Miller and his people there.

Our work in Berkly City is moving along nicely, we have had 3 conversions and 2 renewals, also 5 additions to the church, since coming here. We are also doing

some improvements on the building.

O. T. Allred

### "Houston Church in New Building"

It makes the membership of the First Free Will Baptist church of Houston very happy to inform the readers of the Gem, that we are now worshipping in the building provided by our Lord and Master. Heretofore, we have been holding services in a hall which was rented. After 50 months we were able to purchase a building which could very easily be converted into a place of worship.

On the 1st Sunday in September we enjoyed our first services in the new location, which is 4406 Brady St. Houston, 11, Texas. We were blessed with having Rev. Bert Rogers, Pastor of the Durnight Free Will Baptist Church, of Durnight, Okla. to bring the messages of the day.

The Church has enjoyed an increase in attendance in both Sunday School and Worship services. This in itself is a substantiation of the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

We have not experienced here in the Houston Church a rapid increase in membership, but a continual growth, having begun the organization with 14 charter members. We now have a membership of 65. The Lord is blessing us with those desiring to receive the "milk of the word" to the end of satisfaction and salvation to their soul.

It makes our heart rejoice to witness the working of the Holy Spirit among our people. A spiritual, God-fearing people that will enjoy the day of return, and the words, of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ in the final judgement. Our Savior will be welcomed with gladness. Pray for the continued growth of this church.

### Tennessee Orphanage

For sometime it has been apparent to the Orphanage Board and those interested that if the Home was to enjoy that growth and expansion which is desired by all, that the scope of work and the staff must

be increased. For almost a year, the Board has labored to that end. On September 28, 1944, Brother James A. Johnson and wife was chosen as resident Superintendent and Head Matron. The Rev. Paul Woolsey who has served as acting Superintendent for the past two years and a half years was chosen as Field Manager and Publicity Agent.

Brother and Sister Johnson are especially fitted for this very responsible position. Brother Johnson has served the public as rural mail carrier, Commissioner of roads and various other ways. Bro. Johnson has been an active and faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Powders Springs, Grainger County, Tenn., ever since young manhood. He has been faithful in his attendance to Quarterly Meetings, Annual Associations and State Associations. He is now clerk of his Q. M. Sister Johnson has taught school for the past nine years. Has been church pianist for sometime and has for years been a S. S. Teacher. They both love children and what is more important are loved by children. We were indeed fortunate to secure the services of these devoted and self-sacrificial servants of the Lord.

Money has been coming in fine, but we are facing the necessity of beginning a building program. We have eleven in the six-room boy's cottage. We must have additional boys' dormitory space if more boys are admitted into the Home. We are having to install a new furnace, a new barn is badly needed. Our people has, and we are satisfied that they will continue to more than meet every need of the Home. I expect to visit in the various Association and churches, but do not wait until then to create additional interest in the Home and its needs.

Paul Woolsey, Field Manager

### YOUTH OPPOSE CHURCH DANCE

When a minister made the suggestion to a group of high school and college students that Sunday night dances be held to provide wholesome recreation for young people, he was quite surprised to find them strongly opposed to such a plan. Strange that ministers should sometimes be more worldly minded than the worldly people themselves.

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