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God's Plan of Redemption

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The operation of the Holy Spirit is exclusively the work of God by the Holy Spirit. It is one work He does not do by proxy, it is called a translation. Col. 1:13. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son." It is called circumcision of the heart. Rom. 2:28-29. "For he is not a Jew which is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh. But he is a Jew which is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letters whose praise is not of man but of God." If you can read the English language correctly you can surely see that man has no part in it, except to receive it it is the work of God upon the Soul of man again. Col. 2:11. "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body in the sins of the flesh (being saved) by the circumcision of Christ." Now if we did not give the 12th verse someone would say we did it because it ruined our doctrine, just to the contrary. v. 12 "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. Can you not see that we are raised from that baptism by the operation of God and not a preacher? Do you not know that there is a baptism of repentance? Sure and it is not water baptism either. Mk. 1:4. "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preached the Baptism of Repentance for the remission of sins." John baptized unto repentance not unto salvation. Matt. 3:11. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire, whose fan

is in His hand and He will thoroughly purge His floor and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." There is quite a difference in the words into and unto. John baptized unto repentance and preached the baptism in the remission of sins. We are giving those proof texts to prove that God is the only one who can baptize with the baptism of repentance. 1 Cor. 12:13. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body. The apostle Paul wrote 2 Cor. 4:3-4. "But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ who is the image of God should shine unto them." Sin is represented in the bible as a vail, 2 Cor. 3:13, all unsaved are spiritually blind, no one can be saved without God removes this vail of sin. Notice v. 15 "But even unto this day, when Moses is read the vail is upon their hearts. v.16, Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord the vail shall be taken away." This vail is between the sinner and God, and the gospel light, it is the same vail that is on the physical body to remain until the resurrection. There is no provision made "that we can find in the Bible" for the removal of the vail of sin from the natural man in this life. No gospel light can penetrate this vail of sin, the gospel is hid to the lost. 2 Cor. 4:3. This is the same vail of sin that father Adam and mother Eve was wrapped in when God visited them in the Garden of Eden, they heard Him but could not see Him, neither will anyone ever be permitted to look upon God through this vail of sin. That is to say our flesh. We can get in touch with God by faith only and that when the vail

of sin is removed from off our soul, 2 Cor. 3:13, Sin is a deadly disease, God said by the pen of Ezekiel, Ezk. 18:4 "The soul that sinneth it shall die." This word SINNETH means to continue in sin, there is only one physician that is able to heal a sin sick soul, God does it by the operation of the Holy Spirit, no human being can remove the vail of sin from the soul of man, it takes a Spirit operation. We can be instrumental in helping the patient to contact the physician that is our duty. 1 Cor. 3:9 "For we are laborers together with God. Ye are God's building ye are God's husbandry." However God does not risk man in Spiritual operation. Reader if some of your people or friends were in a dangerous condition you would want the best physician you could find, and if they needed an operation, do you think the doctor would tell you to operate on them? Oh, no you did all you could the physician would take charge of the patient, so does our God. He does not trust the patient to man. Man cannot perform Spiritual operations. Paul wrote 2 Cor. 5:11. "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men." The instrument that God uses is the word. Heb. 4:12 "For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Some one may say that is the Bible, not this word my dear sir, for we know that the Bible does not discern anything, we are not denying the Bible being inspired and that it is the written word,

in the fact we are affirming it to be, however John wrote St. John 1:1, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." Anyone knows if he knows anything that the Bible was not in the beginning, neither is the Bible God. God gave it to us for the instructions of the physical man. Ezek. 11:19. "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh." Does this look like a man operation, or a direct operation from heaven upon man? Oh, no my dear friend, this is one work that you can minister to, but not administer in, 2 Cor. 3:3 "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the Epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God. No in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart. v. 4 and such trust have we through Christ to God's word. v. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God. v. 8. Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament not of the letter, but of the spirit. For the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." O yes, the apostle Paul wrote 2 Cor. 4:5 "For we preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus sake. v. 6 "For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts." In conclusion let us give v. 7. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. The truth will make you free.

The Place of the Altar

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Of all the things that God has ordained for the benefit of man the altar is among the first and best; and for the salvation of fallen man it is of first importance. The altar was, and still is, fallen man's way back to God. Adam's disobedience brought condemnation and death; "And so death passed upon all men" (Rom. 5:12).

But God has ordained a way by which man may escape the sentence of death, and that way is stated in Lev. 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." This verse explains the meaning of the bloody sacrifices which

were required for atonement under the law. The blood of the sacrifice on the altar covered the sins of them that offered in faith, then they were saved "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24,25). For all sacrifices pointed to the "offering of the body of Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:10).

The first mention of the altar in the Bible is in Gen. 8:20: "And Noah built an altar unto the Lord." It was very fitting that Noah should worship by building an altar and offering a sacrifice unto God, and give God thanks for His goodness and mercy, after being kept safe from the waters of the Flood for one year and ten days. And the blood on the altar would atone for his sins and for the sins of them that were with him.

The Hebrew word (mizbeach), which means a "place of slaughter," is translated "altar" nearly four hundred times in the Old Testament, and the Greek word (thysiassterion) which means a "place of sacrifice", is translated "altar" twenty-one times in the New Testament. But the altar has other meanings: A place of prayer, the place where God meets true worshippers; it is a place of atonement and reconciliation; it is the place where God's people find the strength and blessings they need in this life—it is the throne of grace to the Christian (Heb. 4:16).

In the first altar service described in the Bible the altar is not named: Abel believed God's word and brought an offering in faith (Heb. 11:4): "And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering" (Gen. 4:4). I believe that God sent fire to consume Abel's offering, just as He did with many others.

The place of the altar to Gideon was under an oak tree. When the angel visited him there, he brought an offering and placed it on a rock, and when the angel touched Gideon's offering with his staff, "there rose fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes." (Judges 6:21).

When Solomon had finished building the temple, and had placed his offerings on the altar, and had finished his prayer, "the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices" (2 Chron. 7:1).

The place of the altar to Elijah was on

Mt. Carmel. He built an altar of stones, put the wood in order, prepared his sacrifice and laid it on the wood, then he poured on twelve barrels of water, then he prayed. "Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench." (1 Kings 18:38). Thus Elijah proved to the people that his God was really God; and the people said: "The Lord, he is the God."

When Abram came into the land of Canaan he built an altar unto the Lord, and worshipped Him. But not long afterward he went into Egypt and got into trouble, because in Egypt, that is, out in the world, he built no altar unto the Lord, nor did he worship Him. How like a multitude of professed Christians at this present time! They walk with the world and lose all desire to worship God, or even to read His Word. Who ever prayed, or heard anyone pray at a place of worldly amusement? But when Abram came back from walking with the world in Egypt, he came to the place of the altar at Bethel (the house of God). Abram did better, than many present day Christians do; for many of them entirely forgot the place of the altar. God met Abram at the altar and blessed him; but he had to come back to the place of the altar before God could bless him. There are thousands today who need to come back to the place

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of the altar and renew their covenant with God. They are carnally minded, and Paul says (Rom. 8:6), "For to be carnally minded is death." They are living after the flesh, and Paul says by inspiration (Rom. 8:13), "If ye live after the flesh ye shall die." To be carnally minded and live after the flesh is to be in Adam and not in Christ, and "in Adam all die" (1 Cor. 15:22). And whosoever walks after the flesh and not after the Spirit is dead already (1 Timothy 5:6). But whosoever comes to the altar earnestly seeking after life in Christ Jesus shall find it; and they that continue at the place of the altar shall live not only now, but eternally.

In Old Testament times altars were built of earth or unhewn stone, but in the tabernacle, and later in the temple, were made of wood and overlaid with brass. The tabernacle, and later in the temple, was the place of the altar and the place of God's presence. It was the place to which God's people came to worship, to pray and testify, and to seek divine blessings. In Moses' day God chose the tabernacle as the place of the altar (Deut. 12:5-12). In Solomons day God chose the temple at Jerusalem as the place of the altar (2 Chron. 7:12-14). Thus God chose or appointed the place of the altar, where His people should come to seek His face, to worship and to pray.

So the Jews worshipped God at Jerusalem, on Mt. Moriah, and the Samaritans worshipped on Mt. Gerizim. But Jesus said (John 4:24), "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship him in Spirit and in truth." The time had now come when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him" (John 4:23). The place of worship and prayer then is at the place of the altar. In your closet, with the door shut, Jesus said, is a proper place to pray unto the Father in secret (Matt. 6:6).

The altar then should have a prominent, permanent place in every Christian home, not only in the closet for secret prayer, but a consecrated place in the home, where the family gathers daily to read God's Word and to pray, and perhaps sing and testify unto the Lord. God expects at least that much of each of us, His children;

and the people about us to truly manifest the life of real Christians before the world. If we fail in this God cannot bless our lives; and we disappoint those about us who, because of our failure, may die in their sins; and we too, may be eternally lost. Have a place for the altar and use it daily; it's the only way to be overcomers in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 4:16).

The altar occupied a very prominent, important place in the Jewish temple, as it used to in our churches; and I am glad a few churches still have and appreciate an altar. I wouldn't want to belong to a church that had removed the altar; if the altar is not there neither will God's presence be there; and what christian would want to try to worship where these are absent? If the altar is in place and God is there, we can easily heed the admonition: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is: but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25).

In Matt. 18:20, Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Yes, true Christians are divinely drawn or gathered together, into a divinely appointed or holy place, in the Lord's name and in His presence: for He has promised to be there. An ideal place for Christians to be and enjoy the presence of the Lord; and it is truly the place of the altar.

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The Last Prayer Meeting

As a starting point for our discourse, let us direct your mind to the language of the apostle Paul to the Hebrews in chapter 2 and beginning with the first verse. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip," but first let us refer briefly to Heb. the first chapter and first and second verses. Paul says here that GOD who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by his Prophets, Hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son . . . It is this message by his Son that Paul would warn us "lest we should let them slip." By referring to the last verse in the preceeding chapter, we see that he is directing this message to those who are heirs of salvation and are living in these last days.

Now, I live in one of the largest trade centers in the Southwest. So come with me and let us make a visit to the business section of this large city. The time is Saturday night. The streets are fairly teeming with people, some going this way and some that way; some are shopping; others are on their way to places of amusement, while some are just here to join in the excitement of the surging throng. This last day of the week is pay day. Great pay rolls have been met, and now they are being spent lavishly. This condition does not apply just to this one city only, but Saturday night is a great time of recreation all over the world. There is to my mind one condition existing that renders it sad in the extreme (most of the churches in this large city are closed on Saturday night.) However, it is a big night in town and as I stand here and view this surging, noisy throng, I am inclined to use the occasion as a symbol of something of greater magnitude.

I am thinking just now of that great day of the Lord which will no doubt be the world's last Saturday night. What does the Bible say about this? We find a terse description of this event in Matt. 24:30. We see by this that just such conditions as we have described in our large city

will at some future day suddenly turn into the greatest prayer meeting in all history. When the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night, millions will be surprised and unready, not even dreaming of the great event. They will begin to pray but their prayers will be petitions of despair.

The old are going to pray. The young are going to pray. Would you believe it the rich men are going to pray? Also, the poor who have either neglected or rejected God are going to join in this prayer. Listen, oh, listen, will you? Lost church members are going to pray. What a sad wail that is sure to be. To hear one who has known GOD and has enjoyed communion with him, now to beg to be hidden from his presence. The infidel will be there and he, too, will pray. Both the deceived and the deceiver will pray. Millions will pray out loud. They will not care who is looking at them nor if they hear what they are saying. They are going to pray publicly. They are going to pray on their knees in these very streets of our city, on the public highways, everywhere, as they feel the very earth shaking beneath their feet. They shall hear the trumpet sounding in the clouds over their heads, which is only to presage their utter separation from God. They will surge forth in consternation from crowded theaters and night clubs, palatial residences, costly apartments, and business houses everywhere to prostrate themselves before him who is coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

We read of that day of unanswered prayers in Revelations 6:14-17, "And the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places and the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men and the chief captains and the mighty men and every bond man and every free man hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to mountains and rocks fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the lamb, for

the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand?" Never in all previous history has the world witnessed such a day of retribution as this. Why this unusual occasion for prayer they had said in their hearts and in their wanton boldness that no such a time would ever come (Peter 3:4). Here it has come suddenly and altogether unexpectedly just as thief in the night. Now we hear them crying out in the utter despair, "WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?" There is not a semblance in this open narrative of another or a second chance after death for those who are not ready when that day shall come. Then in the language of the apostle Paul to the Hebrews: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3). There is no chance then to go back and live life over again, but the great thing for us to consider is what is my influence today? Am I putting GOD'S cause first? or have I let slip some golden opportunity of life and by so doing have endangered my own safety and that of someone else who may be dependent upon me?

A great southern Evangelist used to tell the story of a father who went down to a nearby river for a swim with his two young sons. "Now, boys, we will swim together," said the father, as they left the shore. The swimming was fine, but by and by they came to their limit. They had reached the main current. "Now," said the father, "this is as far as we had better go. We shall go back." But the current was too strong and the distance to the shore too great. The two boys went down and only by the greatest exertion was the father able to reach the shore. In the deepest agony of his soul he cried out, "My boys are gone! My boys are gone! We swam out too far." Listen to me father or mother, are you venturing out too far into the whirlpool of worldliness or self-indulgence, of pleasureseeking, of neglecting God? Have you swam out too far in the stream of time? Have you at last become overpowered by the swift moving tide of this fast day? Are your children or your companions swimming out with you? Or if you are swimming alone, let me warn you there is danger ahead. You are nearing the main current which will

be too strong for you.

When that great and notable day of the Lord shall come, and that sad prayer meeting shall convene, it will be too late then to seek the Lord. Speaking of that great day of doom and desolation for every man who has not made his peace with GOD, the prophet Zephaniah says:

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord; the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress. A day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness. A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in that day of the Lord's wrath . . ." (Zep. 1:14-18).

My brother, you may occupy any station in life you may mention. You may even be clothed in purple and fine linen, and fare sumptuously every day. You may live in a palatial home. You may drive a fine automobile. You may have a large bank account. But when that great prayer meeting shall start, you would be only too glad to exchange it all for just one hour of mercy. However, perhaps, you have not swum out into the main current. May God grant that this be so. If you hear the gospel today there is ample time to retrace your course and get back to shore in safety.

Listen, God is saying to you today "Come now, let us reason together though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow," (Isa. 1:18). All heaven stands for the fulfillment of this promise. Your fine dwelling won't purchase your cleansing. Your fine clothes, social standing, silver, gold, none of these things, will gain for you acceptance with GOD. GOD says, "Son, give me thine heart and let thine eyes observe my ways," Prov. 23:26. If there ever was a time when God's call to man was imperative that time must be today. When every prophecy in God's

word has either been fulfilled or is being fulfilled before our very eyes. When the strongest nations of the earth are crumbling and falling, and the hearts of men are failing them for fear of those things that are coming on the earth, have you let some of the blessings that should have been yours slip from your grasp in an unguarded moment? Have you spurned the counsel of God in your mad rush for worldly gain? Have you swum out too far from shore for your own safety and have thus imperiled the safety of those who are dependent upon you? GOD'S call is so general today that it can be understood by all. Hear it now and heed. "Look unto

me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth for I am GOD and there is none else. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto our Lord and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Come, let us hasten back to the shore into this place of safety today.

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Are You SAVED or LOST?

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"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." —I John 5:12.

WHO IS THE UNSAVED MAN?

God's Word uses several terms or ideas describing the unsaved man, such as "the transgressor of the law," "the unrighteous man," "unbelievers," "sinners," "rejectors of Jesus," "dead in trespasses and sins," and "lost." It plainly teaches that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), that they are conceived in sin and born in iniquity, that none are righteous, that man goes astray from the womb, that the heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, that men of themselves "are like unto whited sepulchres . . . full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness" (Matt. 23:27). Its message is clear that man has nothing in himself, no merit or righteousness, that can save him from his innate and inherited taint of sin, nor can he of himself do or perform any act of righteousness by which he will purchase the favor and pardon of God.

Paul says, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight" (Rom. 3:20). Isaiah says, "We are all as an unclean thing, and all

our righteousness are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6). John 3:18-36, says, "He that believeth not is condemned already, . . . He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Paul says, "Ye were without Christ, being aliens . . . strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God" (Eph. 2:12).

These scriptures and many others indicate that the unsaved man's condition before God is unspeakably bad, and that he must have outside and powerful help if he is to be saved. They teach that neither morality, nor charity, nor sincerity of purpose, nor any form of self-righteousness will save a man. They show that neither joining a church, nor submitting to an ordinance, nor confession to a priest, nor the manipulations of ecclesiastical tricks, or anything of this kind will either save, or keep saved. The plain teaching of the Bible is that every man is lost, undone in sin and without hope, helplessly involved in eternal ruin, and deserves and receives God's wrath unless he trusts himself by an act of heart-faith in repenting submission to Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.

The unsaved man, then, is he who has not personally accepted by faith Christ as Lord and Saviour.

WHAT IS THE PERIL OF THE UNSAVED MAN?

Has he any security of safety in his sins? By no means. He walks every hour in mortal danger. His moments are all in risk and peril. God tells him in Jeremiah 23:12, that he stands on "slippery ways in the darkness," and Deuteronomy 32:35, that his "foot shall slide in due time," that "the things that shall come upon" him "make haste," and in Isaiah 14:9, that "hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming." God warns him in Proverbs 29:1, "He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

If you are lost, do you not know that you are in imminent peril? Do you not feel the tug of death at your vitals, or some outward danger? You cannot guarantee your own life one hour ahead. There is no eternal safety out of Christ, and you are taking mortal risks and imperiling your eternal interests every moment you delay a personal surrender to Christ. Can you afford to take such chances? You do not do it with your property and your home. You insure them, but you let your eternal soul go without protection. Christ's imputed righteousness given you by your faith in him is God's insurance against spiritual destruction. Meet this vital issue squarely and take care of your soul!

WHAT IS THE UNSAVED SOUL'S DESTINY?

Without Christ in the heart, what is there beyond death? No other book than the Bible can tell us. The Bible has not left us in the dark. It clearly tells. Job (21:30), David (Psalm 9:17), Isaiah (14:9), Daniel (12:2), Matthew (25:41), Luke (16:23), John (3:36), Paul (2 Thess. 1:7-10), and Jesus (Luke 13:3) tell us that eternal exclusion from the presence of God is the destiny of the unbelieving soul. Much more is said in God's Word about hell, eternal death, and everlasting punishment than is said about heaven and everlasting life. The man who tries to deceive you about hell is the enemy of your soul. WHAT MUST YOU DO TO BE SAVED?

Seeing your condition before God, your peril in sin and your destiny without Christ, what must you do to escape and

be saved?

In June, 1896, two fast passenger trains met on the same track near New York City, twenty eight men were killed in the terrible wreck. Amid the cries and groans of the wounded and dying some one saw the engineer of one of the wrecked trains lying pinned under his burning engine, waving in his last strength a piece of yellow paper. In his dying words the engineer said, "Some one gave me the wrong orders."

My friend, as you and I face eternity amid the wreckage and ruin of sin about us, I do not wish to give you the wrong orders. I am willing to stand with you in the shimmering light of God's white throne on the answer I give you now. You cannot save yourself. Neither your good deeds nor your moral life will save or help to save you. No church can save you. No ordinance, whether baptism, nor the Lord's Supper, nor both combined, can save you. No Pope, nor priest, nor preacher, nor anything they can do or say or pray can save you. No penance, nor self-imputed punishment can save you. No resolution nor reformation can save you. No creed nor confessional nor christening can save you. Jesus Christ alone can save you. He can, he will if you will let him. He is an able Saviour. He is a ready Saviour. He is a willing Saviour. He can save you now. He died, he arose from the dead, he lives, he reigns to save you now. His love is boundless and free. His grace is full of mercy and flows in great floods toward your soul. He calls to you through his work, his providence, his people, his divine Spirit to surrender your heart's faith and love of him.

He cares not how great nor how many your sins are. He says, "Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18). He cares not how far away you have wandered, he will pardon and forgive. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37), is his loving call. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him" (Heb. 7:25). There is no case too hard for Christ.

In a Texas town a great revival meeting was in progress. In a testimony meeting many anxious Christians asked prayer for

a man whom they called the "hardest" man in South Texas. On Sunday morning, the first time in nine years, he came to church. He sat back in the crowd with his wife and grown daughter, both of whom were unsaved. The preacher preached that day on the blood of Christ and its power to save. While he preached, the wife and daughter of the man were saved. When the invitation to seek Christ was given, this man tremblingly came to the front seat. At the call of the preacher, hundreds of men came to kneel about this lost man to pray for him. When the prayer was over this lost man said to the preacher, "For twenty-five years, my heart has been as black as hell. I want to know if your Christ can save a man such as I am." The preacher said, "If you will trust yourself unreservedly to Jesus Christ and turn from your sins, he will give you eternal life and cleanse your heart from all sin." He said

then, "I trust him and take him now as my personal Saviour." That has been many years ago, and that man is living now for Christ in beautiful service.

My friend, Christ will save you if you trust him. He will save you now if you surrender absolutely to him. "But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" (Deu. 4: 29). He will not consider a conditional surrender; it is an absolute and unconditional surrender that he demands. Any one who comes to him in repentance and faith can be saved. Surrender to him now. Surrender all! Give up your sins, your doubts, your difficulties, your all. Accept Jesus Christ, believe in him, do it now, and heaven will come into your soul and finally be your home.

(The Sword of the Lord)

Some Things the Bible Says

We wonder some times if people care at all what the Bible says about what they are doing, or if they even know what it says. Probably there is both ignorance about what the Bible says and carelessness as to its authority.

GOD'S OPINIONS RECORDED

The Bible gives information as to what God thinks about things, and some of these things are as up-to-date as if they were written today. People who think of the Bible as an antiquated Book should read what it says. To be sure it is an old book, but human nature is old, too, and, while some things have passed away and some new things come to pass, the Bible speaks to men of today as certainly as it did when the prophets spoke the words written.

ACCOUNT TO BE GIVEN TO GOD

Even if people do not care what God says about the things they are doing, they will have God to deal with about their deeds at the judgment, unless they repent and get rid of their sins and evil ways. But multitudes will not listen to

the advice of God's people or God's Word. The modern educational system has ruled the Bible out as having any authority today.

THE SLUMP IN WOMEN'S MODESTY

We cannot understand how any one over thirty years of age can be indifferent to the toboggan-like slump that is occurring in womanly modesty, and it is, like a toboggan, increasing in its speed toward hell every day. Hear what God says about these women and girls who are going about in attire suggestive of man's garments: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." (Deut. 22:5). It is useless to argue that these pant-like garments called "slacks" are not men's garments. They fit the prohibition that says "that which pertaineth unto a man." If you doubt it hear the testimony of a little child hardly able to talk, who, seeing a woman with slacks on, pointed at her and said "Man, man." If what she had on did

not pertain to a man, why the child's opinion?

Now you will note God uses no mild language about it. He does not say merely that it is not becoming, or that it is not advisable, or that it would be better not to do so; but He says in strong language that it is abomination in His sight. Surely no Christian who knows this is in the Bible can say she loves God while doing what He so strongly condemns, for the Bible says, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." Again Jesus says, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words." Read the 14th chapter of John and see if you can be so careless of what the Bible says and still expect your prayers to be answered.

And what shall we say of these little girls that are going about the streets with naked legs, and often, much more of their bodies uncovered to the gaze of boys who watch them with lustful eyes? What are their mothers raising them for? What do they expect them to be when they grow up? Better look ahead mothers, and see the rocks toward which you are allowing your children to drift.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE?

Read these searching words: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of

life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof. but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." (I John 2: 15-17).

What a lot of useless gadgets you will see in almost every home you go into, many of them professing Christian homes. Many of these things are of no practical use, but cost money that might have swelled the church offerings. Sometimes perfectly good pieces of furniture are discarded and replaced with other pieces not one whit more comfortable, just a little more up-to-date, like other people have. Perfectly good garments are cast aside and others bought just to keep up with the parade. And who is running this parade: the Lord or the devil?

INCREASING EVIL HABITS

The twin habits of tobacco and liquor are ruining both men and women. Especially have the women boarded the cigarette and beer toboggan in the past few years. It seems as though American women are losing their self-respect and respect for decency at an alarming rate. Christian women need to watch their steps closely that they do not fall into loose habits. Keep clear of every appearance of evil. What a splendid opportunity for Christian women to bear their testimony by their manner of dress, the adorning of their homes, and the attiring of their children!

Why is the Church so Indifferent?

Let us suppose a case. Suppose a husband is intensely interested in some line of work. His work occupies his first waking thoughts and his last meditations at night. It gets into his dreams and he talks about it in his sleep. He talks to his wife about it. But she is indifferent. Her interest is on other things that in no way concern his great plans. Her only interest in his business is what she gets for her own support or pleasures.

THE SUPPOSITION APPLIED

If we read the Bible aright the greatest

enterprise God has ever undertaken is to redeem the fallen race of men: to save from ruin at least a remnant of the race. He was so interested in this enterprise that He gave His only begotten Son a sacrifice for sin. The Son of God was so interested in the plan that He was willing to leave heaven, and pilgrimage for years on earth, subject to the troubles that assail men, and finally to die the ignominious death of the cross, ridiculed and blasphemed by the very people He came to save. The Holy Ghost is so interested that

He offers the power to witness to every one who will enter into the plan. Do you, dear reader, not think that must be an enterprise of some importance that so occupies the mind of the great Trinity? But are you interested aside from what you get out of it in the way of personal salvation? If all the interest you have in the work of God is what you get out of it in the way of the saving of your own soul from hell and peace of conscience from the forgiveness of your sins, are you not about like the woman whose only interest in her husband's business was what she got out of it for her own support and pleasure? The church is spoken of as the bride of Christ. Ought not she to be intensely interested in that on which He has demonstrated such interest?

SOME MORE SUPPOSING

Suppose this indifferent wife we have pictured in the beginning of this article should want to get a special favor from her husband. Suppose she has on her mind an enterprise entirely distinct from his. Suppose he has millions invested in his enterprise, and that what she wants to do should require a few of his millions, and yet her enterprise will in no way contribute to the success of what he is aiming to accomplish. On what can she base her plea for millions to help her private affair? Can she have the courage to ask; and if she asks will she receive?

Is not this the condition of the church today and of many a Christian? There are thousands of local churches in the country whose offerings for church work are not a tenth of what they receive. There are possibly millions of professing Christians who never give a cent for missions in the way of planned giving, and possibly consider what they give for the support of the local church in the nature of a tax and disagreeable to have to pay. Is it surprising if such people wonder why the promises of the Lord do not work any better in their case when they want a special favor from the Lord?

LET US SUPPOSE AGAIN

Suppose here is a wife that married the husband she did because she was interested in the enterprise in which he was engaged. She delights to sit down

with him and hear all about what occupies his mind. She encourages him and economizes so he can have money to invest in his work. One day she thinks she sees an opening for the enlargement of his work and goes to him with the plan. It will take some money to carry out what she has in mind, but since it is in line with what he wants to do, may she not have reason to believe that, according to his ability, she will receive what she asks? There is much asking that gets no response from God. The modernist explains this lack of receiving and says that the chief end of prayer is the reflex action it has on the one who prays, and intimates that prayer does not change things in any way whatever. But the promises of God do not fit that explanation. God says, "Ask, and it shall be given you," "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them;" and many others. On the other hand we have this explanation of unanswered prayer: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." Such asking is entirely apart from God has in mind to do through and for His people. It shows lack of interest in God's enterprise.

SOME APPLICATIONS

In order to get extras from God to help the little plans we have, we must fit those plans of ours into His plans. We must be so conversant with God and His enterprise that we will be quick to see opportunities to be used of Him in the carrying out of His plans.

Can anyone doubt that God's greatest enterprise is to have the Gospel that the sacrifice of His Son has provided heralded to every person in the world? If that is not God's largest plan, we would like to have some one tell us what it is. The preaching of the Gospel is the means and the salvation of souls the end, culminating in the glorifying of God.

What could be more pleasing to God than for some child of His to look over the map of the world, and find a place where the Gospel is not preached, and go to God and say, "Father, here is a tribe, a city, a region, where the Gospel is not being preached. I offer myself to go there

on condition You give me health, the anointing of Thy Spirit, and means for support. Surely God does not withhold His call and anointing and support because He does not have it. He who orders the planets in their courses can get money for the enterprise that is on the heart of His child, if His child wants what He wants, and is interested in what interests Him.

Generally His plan is to receive the money for His enterprise from His children that they may be blessed in giving, and then blesses those who receive with means to go. But He is able to tap resources that lie outside of our line, if need requires. He even says, "To the sinner He giveth travail, to gather and

to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God." —Ecclesiastes 2:26.

Let us then awake to see what God's plan is for the church and find the individual plan for ourselves. So many people are sitting around and nonchalantly saying by word or attitude, "If the Lord calls me to give for this missionary I am willing to give; or if the Lord wants me to go as a missionary I am ready to go." Look into the matter. Put yourself on God's hands. Jobs on other lines come to people who put themselves in the way of getting jobs. Why will it not work with people who want to work for God? Have you, like Isaiah of old, ever seen a vision of God and the field of service and responded, "Here am I; send me"?

The National Association

ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT

Questions of Interest about the Free Will Baptist Bible College

1. Does the Free Will Baptist Bible College offer a high-school course?

Answer: No. A course in Functional English on the high-school level is the only subject offered in the Bible College for students who have not finished a high-school course. Students, however, who have not completed their high-school work are invited to enroll in the College as special students; and upon their completion of the work offered, they will receive the Certificate of the College.

2. Is the subject matter offered in the Bible College presented on the college level?

Answer: Yes. The curriculum of the Bible College is administered in strict conformance to the college method. The basis of evaluation is the conventional "semester hour"—one class hour weekly for eighteen weeks being reckoned as a

semester hour. At the present time, sixty-six semester hours are required of those who graduate from the College.

3. Does the Bible College offer courses in business? teacher training? engineering? law? medicine? and Christian work?

Answer: The Bible College is devoted exclusively to the training of Christian men and women who give evidence of a divine call to some specific phase of Christian service. The College is in no sense a rival of other institutions committed to the education of men and women for secular vocations. Students who desire business education, training for the teaching or medicine should apply to universities and colleges that offer such educational advantages. The Free Will Baptist Bible College is truly a training center for those who aspire to efficiency in the work of the Lord.

4. Is the work of the Bible College credited by the Department of Education of the State of Tennessee?

Answer: No. The State Department of Education of Tennessee is concerned only with the supervision and regulation of those institutions which offer training course for those who expect to teach in the public schools of Tennessee. Church schools devoted to the training of Christian workers can in no wise receive the approval, commendation, or supervision of the department of education until they begin training teachers to teach in the public schools of Tennessee. Surely it would be inconsistent for the Free Will Baptists to offer in their Bible College these educational advantages, in view of the fact that Christian workers, missionaries, and ministers are so greatly needed.

5. Is the Bible College a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools?

Answer: No. The Southern Association is concerned with the regulations of college standards among those institutions that are engaged in "liberal arts" or cultural education. Its field of influence is secular, and its service to liberal, or cultural education is extensive; but the religious field is not within its specific province or jurisdiction.

6. Is there no accrediting organization with which the Free Will Baptist Bible College may become affiliated?

Answer: The field of education which the Bible College has entered has been chosen with a view to meeting a universal need among Free Will Baptists. No unselfish thinker would contend that the need of the hour is not Christian workers—workers who have been trained in an evangelistic institution to successfully encounter the problems which prevail in passionless churches, Christless systems, and heathen idolatry. This field of Christian education has been occupied by other denominational and independent colleges for many years. It is called the field of the theological college for the following reason: It offers two years of liberal arts work and two years of theological, or Bible work. There is no accrediting association committed to the task of regulating the work offered in theological colleges. Stu-

dents transfer, however, from one to another of such institutions with approximately exchange credits. The standard degree conferred by the theological college is the Th. B. It is the hope of the Free Will Baptist Bible College that its many friends and donors will soon make possible sufficient funds with which to increase its facilities and extend its curriculum to that of a 4-year theological college.

The Evangelical Teachers Training Association of the United States and Canada is an association of fundamental Bible schools in which a uniform teacher's training course in Sunday School work is offered. The course requires twenty-four semester credit hours for completion, and its graduate is awarded through the cooperating college the diploma of the Association. Students who take this course may transfer with full credit to other institutions that are affiliated with the Association. The Free Will Baptist Bible College has been approved for membership in this Association. It should be noted, however, that the Evangelical Association is not an accrediting association, but that it is simply promoting the training of teachers for efficient service in the Sunday Schools of fundamental evangelical groups in the United States and Canada.

7. Is the training offered in the Bible College adequate to the needs of the Christian worker?

Answer: Perfection in no field of education can be justly claimed. Since, however, education involves the constant rebuilding of experience, it is to be continued throughout life. The aim of the Bible College is merely to help the conscientious Christian worker in laying a foundation upon which he may build an ever expanding life. The worker is taught how to lead a lost person to Christ; how to teach a Sunday School class; how to run a Sunday School, a League, an auxiliary; how to organize a Free Will Baptist church; how to dedicate a church; how to baptize the believer; how to conduct funerals, marriages, the Lord's supper, etc. All these practical activities of the Christian worker along with the study of the Bible and how to proclaim its sacred message are intensively presented in the Bible College. We shall leave the matter of passing judg-

ment on the adequacy of the training offered to those who are qualified to evaluate our program.

8. May those who graduate from the Bible College receive credit for their work upon entering accredited colleges?

Answer: Three of the first graduates from our Bible College entered two state approved institutions on the following terms: One of our students submitted 67 hours of credits and was granted 64; the other two students received full credit. The amount of credit allowed students who go from the Bible College to other colleges will depend upon the quality of work done in our school and the educational program of the college to which they seek admission. The student's interest in this matter will become increasingly simplified as the Bible College increases in age and service.

9. Are those who graduate from the Bible College encouraged to pursue their training in other institutions?

Answer: Those whose work in the Bible College is found to be superior and whose circumstances admit of further training are encouraged to enter other fundamental institutions for additional training. Such colleges as Columbia Bible College, Bob Jones College, Wheaton College and Moody Bible Institute are recommended. Everyone should recognize, however, the importance of raising the standard of the Free Will Baptist Bible College to a 4-year institution as a means of more nearly meeting the needs of Free Will Baptist ministers and Christian workers who would seek thorough preparation for the ministry.

10. Does the Bible College propose to expand its training service?

Answer: When Free Will Baptists have made available the funds with which to enlarge the College, they may justly expect a more ideal training center for Free Will Baptist men and women. The goal is a 4-year Bible College whose graduates receive the Th. B. degree (Bachelor of Theology). Two years of the work offered according to this ideal would be liberal arts and would approximate the secular junior college subject matter. The additional two years would be Biblical, or seminary, work brought down to the college level.

The National Association of Free Will

Baptists in its 1945 session has authorized and approved the raising of \$100,000 as a means of achieving the goal herein set forth. Those who love the Lord and will release their love in terms of material gifts will bless themselves and the world for which Jesus died. Do not wait, my Christian friend, for someone to write you a letter or call to see you in person. Let local churches, district and state organizations awake to the cry of those who in sin and anguish bid Free Will Baptists be kind, be sympathetic, be gracious, give us Christ." Money will aid materially in making the Savior's love known among all nations. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Note: Send all gifts to the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave. Nashville, 5, Tennessee.

COURSES OF STUDY AT FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENN. (1945-'46)

1. CHRISTIAN WORKER'S COURSE

Evangelical Teacher Training Association Leading To Diploma of

	Credits First Semester	Credits Second Semester
Bible Analysis		2
Bible Geography	1	
Bible Introduction		1
Bible Synthesis	3	3
Child Study	1	
Church Administration		2
English	3	3
Free Will Baptist Doctrine ..	2	
Fundamentals of Music and Chorus ..	1	1
History of Christian Education ..	2	
Introduction to Missions		2
Pedagogy		1
Personal Evangelism	1	1
Sunday School Administration ..	2	
Total	16	16

This course is a continuation of the Christian Worker's Course and requires an additional year for its completion.

ENGLISH BIBLE COURSE

	Credits First Semester	Credits Second Semester
Bible Analysis	2	
Bible Doctrine	3	3
Bible Introduction	2	2
Church History	2	2
English Composition and Rhetoric	3	3
English Exegesis	2	2
History of Missions	1	1
Homiletics	2	2
Hymnology and Chorus	1	1
Personal Evangelism	1	1
Total	17	17

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

BIBLE

ANALYSIS (2 hrs. each semester)

Analysis is the unfolding of a book of the Bible in the light of its central thought, circumstances, and authorship. The aim is to lay the foundation for Bible teaching and expository preaching. The student is guided in individual work, and several books of the Old and New Testaments are studied in this course.

DOCTRINE (3 hrs. each semester)

This course includes an examination of the great doctrines of the Bible in their logical order—what the Bible teaches about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Angels, Man, Sin, the Church, and the future.

ENGLISH EXEGESIS (2 hrs.)

Exegesis deals with the interpretation and explanation of the language and thought of the Bible. As treated in this course, the work is restricted to the English translations of the Bible.

FREE WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE (2 hrs.)

A thorough, but sympathetic, investigation of the creed of Free Will Baptists is made in this course. The purpose is to promote thoroughness in sound doctrine among students who in subsequent years will occupy places of leadership in their denomination.

GEOGRAPHY (1 hr.)

This course deals with the geographic background of the Bible.

INTRODUCTION (2 hrs. each semester)

A study of the ancestry of the English Bible, including the archaeological background, manuscripts, and versions, is covered in this course.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM (1 hr. semester)

The aim of this course is to train personal workers and missionaries for individual soul-winning. Students are trained to use the Word of God effectively in dealing with all classes of individuals—the ignorant, the unconcerned, the procrastinator, those led away by false cults, the skeptic, and those with any other difficulty concerning their personal salvation.

SYNTHESIS (3 hrs. each semester)

The study of the Bible as a whole, and each book as a whole, as a means of recognizing the relation of each part to the whole, is the object of this course.

Christian Education

CHILD STUDY (1 hr.)

An examination of the laws governing the growth of a personality, with a view to providing adequate knowledge of the physical, mental, social, and spiritual characteristics of each period of life, in order that a way of easy entry into the individual heart for Christ may be found and the personality rendered truly Christian.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION (2 hrs.)

The administration of a comprehensive church program, consistent with the scriptural design for the local assembly in its relation to the community the denomination and the world, is the object of this course.

PEDAGOGY (1 hr.)

Pedagogy is the science of teaching, particularly as it relates to Bible teaching. Emphasis is placed upon the importance of the teacher, his Christian personality, and preparation for Bible teaching.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION (2 hrs.)

This course provides a knowledge of the most effective methods of Sunday school administration and enlargement, with Bible teaching and evangelism as the great aim of the Sunday School.

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EDITORIAL

THE EXPANSION PROGRAM

The Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. has grown at such a rapid rate in the short time that it has been in existence that she is in possession of quite a momentum, and because of this it has become very necessary for her to call for reinforcement, from you and I.

The school from the very beginning has been somewhat cramped, because of the housing facilities, and each year this handicap has grown to where it is acute now, and we must do like Nehemiah of old, "Let us rise up and build," we can, we will, we must, meet the need that is facing us.

The Board of Trustees has presented us with a very workable plan that we can meet. This plan will be explained in detail in the next issue of the Gem. But for Missouri I want to give you what is expected of us in this brief editorial, the goal is set at \$100,000.00 to be raised by December 31, 1948. Missouri quota is as follows: July 1st. 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945 \$2,000; Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946 \$3,000; Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 1, 1947 \$2,500; Jan. 1st. 1948 to Dec. 1, 1948 \$2,500; Total, \$10,000. Come on let us get started. The desire of many is that the whole amount will be raised by the next National Association.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are extending the club subscription offer to the readers of the Gem again this month, elsewhere in this issue you will find a blank for your convenience, use this blank in securing readers for the Gem. We believe that every Free Will Baptist ought to read the Gem, it is food for the soul, it gives courage to those who are weak in the faith, it keeps you informed about the activities of the denomination, it will help you be a better Christian.

Bible Society of France has asked the American Bible Society for 5,000 Bibles.

MINUTES

Already we have sent out several minute jobs for this year's associations, and we have more on file now. We invite you to send us your minutes, we are in better shape now to print them than ever before, we guarantee you a good job at a reasonable price. Thank you for your patronage in the past, and we are at your service now.

New Postal Regulation

My dear Sir:

Because of limited personnel available in overseas theaters for postal directory service, the War Department has directed this headquarters to withhold from dispatch copies of periodicals bearing addresses so incomplete as to require directory service before delivery. Accordingly, no more copies of your publication directed to the address given below can be dispatched from this port:

It is requested that you withhold from mailing subsequent copies for the individual named until his complete military address can be secured.

Yours very truly,

C. L. Williams
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Acting Port Postal Officer

Did they Care?—When a Police sergeant in East St. Louis, Illinois, took into custody six teen-age boys and girls at a late hour and telephoned the parents, three fathers "lawled him out" for waking them, one mother could not leave her baby, another was undressed and not interested, and the sixth parent used language the cop would not repeat.—Christian Parent.

COLOR ADDED—The law requires that all fruits artificially colored be stamped "Color Added." "Grit" asks, "Why not have the same law apply to women?"

GLEANINGS

By the Editor

Jews have sacrificed twenty-five times more lives in this war than the British Empire has lost on the battlefield and through the bombings. Hardly a million and a half Jews remain in European countries where there were six million but a few years ago. The figures have been compiled by the Jewish Agency for Palestine. —Prophecy Monthly.

Hold-UP Reversed—A burly stranger poked a finger—Hope thought it was a gun—into Hope's ribs and gruffly demanded his money. Thumbling through all his pockets, Hope was able to produce 93 cents. Disdainfully, the hold-up man pulled out a roll of bills and handed Hope \$20 as a "gift."—Grit.

We'd Always Thought So—The Minnesota Brewers' Association has been ordered by the Federal Trade Commission to stop advertising the untruth that beer is equivalent or comparable to bread in nutritional quality. The Commission says it would be necessary to drink a very large quantity of beer to get the nutriment contained in a very small piece of white bread (even if, we suppose, you are out of red points for litter). —Missionary Worker.

Twenty-six Years Ago at the close of the last war, John R. Mott, the well-known missionary leader, declared, Unless we send 1,000 missionaries to Japan now, some day we will have to send a million soldiers to fight Japan."

A Scientist Can Predict accurately where a certain star will be twenty years from now, but he may be unable to predict accurately where his own daughter will be at twelve o'clock tonight. That is one of the great differences between science and religion. —Christian Parent

MARRYING ACROSS RELIGIOUS LINES, that is when the persons are of different church membership, has been found to be a prolific cause of divorces.

The man who says that he can drink or let it alone always drinks, and the man who takes one now and then takes more NOW than he did THEN . . . The young person who doesn't know where he is going won't find much when he gets there . . . It takes but a little time to commit a sin, but it takes a long while to get rid of its consequences.

An Early Resolution—Within six months and 23 days after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the American Congress adopted the following RESOLUTION—That it be recommended to the several legislatures of the United States immediately to pass laws the most effectual for putting an immediate stop to the pernicious practice of distilling, by which the most extensive evils are likely to be derived, if not quickly prevented. (Journal of the Continental Congress Feb. 27, 1777)—Reported in "Christian Parent."

On the plains of hesitation lie the bones of countless millions, who, at the dawn of victory, sat down to rest, and resting died.

Satan selects his disciples when they are idle; but Christ chose His when they were busy at their work, either mending their nets, or casting them into the sea. If you are idle you are on the way to ruin, and there are few stopping places. It is rather a precipice than a road.

—Beecher

One to Watch—An old lady in England who had stood the bombings with unusual fortitude was asked the secret of her behavior. Her reply was, "Well, every night I say my prayers and then I remember how the parson told us God is always watching, so I go to sleep. After all, there's no need for two of us to lie awake."

Gladstone Once Said, "There is one international problem, and that is to get the Gospel to every man, woman and child in every nation."

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History

HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY (2 hrs. each semester)

This course consists of a synopsis of the history of Christianity from the time of the apostles to the present day. Emphasis is placed upon the interpretation and relation of church history to present day Christianity.

HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (2 hrs.)

This course is devoted to a survey of the history of Christian education and church curriculum. It is designed to prepare pastors and directors of Christian education for the successful supervision, correlation, and integration of the whole Sunday school program.

Missions

INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS (1 hr.)

An examination of the meaning and place of missions in the Bible, and a preliminary view of the history of the missionary movement, with special attention given to the contribution Free Will Baptists have made to this enterprise, is the scope of this subject.

HISTORY OF MISSIONS (2 hrs. semester)

This course includes a survey of missionary history from the day of Pentecost to the present day as outlined in Dr. Glover's text, "The Progress of Worldwide Missions."

Music

GENERAL CHORUS

It is the purpose of the college to encourage the use of the best in church music on all occasions. One hour each week is devoted to chorus choir as a means of de-

veloping correct practices in singing and a high regard for the place of music in public worship.

FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC (1 hr. each semester)

This is a basic course and includes sight reading, notation, ear training, and dictation.

HYMNOLOGY (1 hr. each semester)

This subject deals with a detailed study of hymn writers, composers, and the development of the best hymns of the Christian era. The student is instructed in choral directing and how to select music for good worship programs.

Speech

COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC (3 hrs. each semester)

The student is directed in a study of the essentials of composition and rhetoric. Works of standard writers of different periods are studied as examples. Emphasis is laid on the actual writing of composition.

FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

This is a pre-academic course and is designed to meet the needs of students whose English training in high school was inadequate. The basic rules of grammar, including the parts of speech and correct sentence structure are emphasized.

HOMILETICS (2 hrs. each semester)

This subject deals with the technique and function of preaching. Students are directed in the adoption of good practices in material gathering and filing, the choice and use of illustrations, and the analysis of sermon types. The composition and delivery of sermons receive special attention; and each student is required to preach before the teacher and class. The delivery, style, subject matter, and analysis of the sermon are carefully evaluated.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE,

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager, Free Will Baptist Bible College

It is with gratitude to our God and our people that I commit the first monthly report of our new National Associational year. The Lord has smiled upon this phase of his cause to the extent that we are able to report receipts of approximately \$2000 with expenditures of several hundred dollars less. May I suggest to our people at large

that you voluntarily respond to the challenge afforded in our expansion program recommended by the College office and approved during the last session of the National Association by mailing in your checks, money order, etc. in whatever amounts the Lord lays upon your heart. The Blessing of the Lord upon many of our Free Will Baptist members would commend gifts in the amounts of at least \$1000 and less and we feel certain that if the Spirits' voice is heard and obeyed that one hundred thousand dollars proposed to be raised by the end of 1948 will be realized by the time for the convening of the 1946 session of the National Body. May we pray and give as we hear his voice? I shall be looking for many receipts according, to that Free Will Baptists have, as we move forward in this great plan of His for spreading the Gospel of our Saviour.

The following is the financial statement:

Receipts	Endowment	Gift	Total
Alabama	18.00		18.00
Florida	1.00	10.00	11.00
Georgia	36.00		36.00
Illinois	8.50	10.00	18.50
Kansas	1.00		1.00
Kentucky	1.00		1.00
Michigan	15.00		15.00
Mississippi	12.50		12.50
Missouri	7.50	27.00	34.50
North Carolina	123.00	483.81	606.81
Ohio	13.00		13.00
Oklahoma	32.00	3.00	35.00
South Carolina	19.08		19.08
Tennessee	69.50	.50	70.00
Texas	34.50	53.07	87.57
Virginia	4.50		4.50
West Virginia	8.50	30.00	38.50
Woman's National Aux. Conv.		(150.00)	150.00
J. R. Davidson, Revival, Oak Grove, N. C.			108.03
Station Wagon Fund			10.69
1945 Session National Association Expansion Program			318.75
Registration Fees			17.50
Room and Board			177.86
Miscellaneous Income			7.90
Totals	\$404.58	\$617.38	\$1812.69

Disbursements for July 1945.

Groceries	\$43.47
Heat, Lights, Water, Etc.	23.71
Telephone	14.18
School Supplies	147.90
Traveling Expenses	37.00
Salaries	686.96
Labor	5.95
Withholding Tax	183.40
Miscellaneous Expenses	27.25
Total Expenses	\$1169.82



Missionary Department



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

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists greetings.

We come to the close of this past associational year clearly recognizing a marked increase in foreign mission interest among the Free Will Baptist of the United States. It is indeed gratifying to notice that each year we reach a new high in financial receipts as well as in many other manifestation of interest. Our total receipts for the year has amounted to the sum of \$22,112.95. Adding to this amount brought forward which was \$3111.84. We have a grand total of \$25,224.79. This is an increase of about \$8,000 over any previous year. May the Lord be praised for the opening of the hearts of our people to the worthy cause of carrying the gospel to other lands.

During the past year the Foreign Mission Board has set up its office headquarters in the town of Monett, Missouri. We have an office there now which commands the respect of any passer by. From this office we keep in touch with our entire foreign missionary activity both in the homeland and in the foreign fields.

Another new development during the past year for which I am sure we are all extremely grateful is the returning of Miss Laura B. Barnard to the field in India. For this we have been joining her in prayer for a number of years. Now the Lord has heard and answered. May we indeed praise Him for her safe arrival.

Rev. Kenneth Turner has been employed during the past year with his motion picture equipment in the interest of our missionary program. He has been very busy practically the entire year. He has gone into different states and some of them have been pretty well covered. The Chairman-Treas. of the Board has done considerable itinerate work in several states including Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, and Alabama. The itinerate work, with the necessary expense attached thereto, has proven to be a marvelous blessing. The offerings taken on the field as a direct

result of the itinerate service have far exceeded the expense of the same. And of course we must not forget to consider the future good which will certainly come from, and as a result of these personal visits and contacts. There have been so very many places reached during the past year in the interest of our missionary program which had never been touched before. This is especially true in the states of Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and to say nothing of many states. We desire to pay a word of tribute to Rev. Geo. Waggoner for his extensive activity in the interest of missions in the state of S. C. while there attending Columbia Bible College. The receipts and correspondence from S. C. have been very noticeable as a result of his labours among many of our churches there. Also the members of our board have been very faithful in pushing the work in their various states. For their splendid cooperation we are indeed grateful.

Our board held its annual meeting during the month of May 1945 in the Highland Park Church at Detroit, Michigan. Each member of the board was present. We are glad to report one of the best sessions we have ever held. We truly feel a number of good things were accomplished during the meeting. Rev. Damon Dodd came before the board at this setting and it was agreed that Rev. and Mrs. Dodd upon the approval of this body shall enter the field in Cuba about Sept. 1st. of this year 1945. We proceeded at this meeting to draw up necessary report blanks on which our directors on the foreign fields shall report in detail to our foreign mission office monthly. We also drew up application blanks to be filled out by those desiring to go out as missionaries.

Two of our board members, Rev. Raymond Riggs of Highland Park, Mich. and Rev. R. C. Wiggs of Ayden, North Carolina made a visit to the field in Cuba during the month of March of this year under the

auspices of the foreign mission board. We also heard their report in the Detroit meeting. From various viewpoints their trip was surely a success and is proving to be of great value to us in furthering our acquaintances with the work and needs of the Cuban field. Free Will Baptists have suffered greatly through the years simply because of a great lack of acquaintances. And in the initial stage of this our missionary program we certainly feel the tremendous need of more personal contact both in the states and abroad.

In all the work in Cuba is moving very nicely both at the Cuban School of Missions located on our missions farm and over the field as a whole. Concerning the work in India suffice it to say that the late communications we have had from Sister Barnard since her arrival on the field bring encouraging news and we of course have renewed hopes for our work there. It is understood of course that our outstanding need in India is more missionaries to labor with Sister Barnard. To this end we ask one and all to earnestly join us in prayer.

During the sessions of our Board here at this setting of the National Association we have passed upon the following recommendations which we desire to present to this body:

1. That Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd be sent to our mission field in Cuba on or about October 1, 1945 as missionaries of said field. In addition to his regular duties in learning the language and the missionary work in general that upon their arrival on the field in Cuba, Rev. Damon Dodd shall assume the office of business manager and as such be responsible for the keeping of all books regarding the allocation of funds on the field, serve as cosigner on all checks and submit to the board a monthly report of the general business conditions of the field.

2. We recommend for our missionaries in Cuba a three months vacation after three years service on the field. These vacations to alternate among the missionaries and to begin June 1, 1946.

3. We recommend that Rev. Kenneth Turner and Rev. Winford Davis continue with the itinerant work in the states and with the missionary picture services as they have been doing during the past

associational year.

4. We recommend that a rising vote of heartfelt thanks be given in behalf of Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, Miss Bessie Yeley, Miss Laura B. Barnard, Miss Olive Van Syoc, and also to the native workers for their untiring efforts in promoting the blessed gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the regions beyond.

Yours for the gospel to the whole world,

Signed by board as follows:

Rev. Winford Davis

Rev. Bert F. Rogers

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Rev. R. C. Wiggs

Rev. Damon Dodd, proxy for Rev. C. B. Thompson.



Leonard Iglesias

THE TESTIMONY OF A NEW CONVERT

I was a man who believed in God but His Holy Spirit was not in my heart. Sometimes it seems we believe in him, but we do not act according to His teaching. I was studying and was so poor that I had no money to buy books or other needed materials. I did not know about the Bible and could not find any person who could

explain spiritual things to me so I became discouraged and impatient. I thought there was another way but within myself I could not find God. I had studied in Pinar del Rio, and received my diploma as a teacher of agriculture but I was not satisfied and unable to find work and not having anywhere to apply my knowledge.

In the meantime my heart was suffering so much that I was never glad and there was disappointment for me everywhere. Later I began to study English having found work in an airport. I took my English from a correspondent school but had to discontinue my studies as my work only lasted three months. I then returned to my home very discouraged and without anything. Time was passing and I was continually hoping to meet someone to explain and help me spiritually, then a good friend, a judge of the department of instruction in the city of Pinar, spoke to me about Rev. Thomas Willey; saying to me that he was the man capable of explaining the things I was in search of. I went to his home, but he was not there, I went again and found him. He spoke to me about the Holy Gospel of our Lord, I understood his words in such a manner that when we prayed I was converted unto the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, since that day four months ago I am very happy, because now I know our Saviour Jesus Christ and I do not have the same asperations I had before, but am faithfully serving God and his only begotten Son Jesus Christ Saviour of all humanity.

What I have received can not be bought neither with silver and gold, spiritual peace in this world and everlasting life with Jesus in heaven I have felt God's love manifested in me as He has forgiven my faults and sins and I am disposed to love and serve him in this life and through eternity.

Those who attended the National Association at Middlesex will recall the account that I gave of a remarkable conversion of a very intelligent Cuban teacher just before I left for the States.

I gave him a Testament in English and a Spanish Bible then pressed upon him the claims of the Gospel. He was wonderfully converted, then we talked about holding some services in his home. Three days

later with one of the students we visited him and found him elated with his new found treasures, the Bible and a renewed, regenerated heart. He was going from house to house expounding this marvelous Gospel. This man just three days converted saw in the word such marvelous treasures that he was constrained to share them with others.

We have seen in this man so well prepared and so soundly converted the answer to our prayers, so he is outlining his course of studies to begin as a teacher in the Bible School at the same time taking a course with the objective of preparing himself as a missionary to his own people. His name in English is Leonord Church, please pray for him.

A LETTER FROM MISS BARNARD

A letter received from Miss Laura Belle Barnard some time ago expressed a desire that it be published in our papers so that it could reach everyone. Excerpts from it are as follows:

"I have received two letters since I have been in India these 35 days and since I left my home on the 10th of March. It is pretty hard lines, and I am about to believe that all the things you all said to me were just to send me away happy. Dear me, it's dismal without any news from anybody, really.

You have heard that I did have a good trip out. There was really no danger all the way; that is nothing to speak of. The weather was wonderful most of the way. Had it been in normal times when we could have had normal accommodations, the voyage would have been ideal. I am so grateful for the prayers that are responsible for it all.

I am fairly comfortably situated now, having reclaimed my old room. One room is not enough and I must eventually spread out but I can't make any move at the moment. I must endure this. My bed is giving me most trouble at the present. It sags nearly to the floor when I get into it and when morning breaks I feel as if I had been through a tornado. Do pray for me

in these little private matters that, after all, do increase or decrease my ability to do work.

You would be delighted to see our work here. Actually there isn't much to see from a standpoint of organization. The school is all. Forty children were present today. We sometimes have fifty. I am feeling, especially in these beginning days, that my greatest work must be in prayer. I confess I have not known just where or how to take hold; so, for the most part, I have simply waited and prayed and the Lord has led along in a lovely way.

Three lads about twelve years old are coming to my room regularly for a private Bible class. They came of their own accord and said they wanted to go "the Christian way." Pray for them. Then, when I arrived here, I found one of my old boys, who joined the army several years ago and had been in Iran, Iraq and Burma. He had come home on furlough with a wound in his leg to show, but he is amusingly modest about it. The most interesting part is that before returning to service he asked if he could be baptized. We didn't baptize him, as I felt it was a bit hurried, but he declares he is in dead earnest. I have received a letter from him today and am glad that he is keeping in touch. He says he hasn't worshiped idols for fully two years and that he has been praying the Lord Jesus to keep him safe in the fighting and that now he wants to be known as a Christian because it is the Lord who has kept him.

Another lad of his group is now attending a Government High School a distance away, and was home for a holiday at the time the soldier was. This was one of our bright boys of the old days, and he says that he is worshipping the Lord Jesus only now. I asked him if he had plans for making a public acknowledgment of his faith in baptism, etc. He said he would do so as soon as he finished his high school. I realize that it will be a real struggle when he does step out. Do pray that the Lord will so increase in his life and experience that His overpowering love will constrain the lad to break through all the labyrinth of tradition and group sentiment, counting not the cost, and claim the Lord of Glory as his own Saviour.

These are a few examples of individuals upon whom the Spirit of God is moving. Our prayers will bring them through the pangs of a spiritual birth.

I must tell you that my little teacher-girl is a joy to my heart and I know also to the heart of the Lord. She is a gem, unwavering in her stand for Christ and full yieldedness to Him. Her testimony in the school and community is a telling one. She has suffered for His sake, but has grown stronger through it all. You remember she is one of our converts. A number of very sick ones have claimed a lot of attention, always giving opportunity to pray and witness. One of my Christian girls had pneumattic fever and had had no attention for a full month, the worst of her suffering until I bundled her up and sent her to a doctor. She is improving marvelously but her heart is in bad condition as a result of the disease.

Another child is suffering from the Lord knows what and her family won't do a thing for her because she doesn't enjoy taking medicine, is afraid of a doctor and doesn't want to leave home to get attention. She has symptoms of typhoid, is only skin and bones now and won't eat. It is nearly more than I can bear to see her wasting away and the family won't do a thing. They have promised to take her to the doctor after I promised to pay the bill and make all arrangements. I hope they will do it. How I wish the Lord would give Free Will Baptists some doctors and that they would send at least one to India. I have to spend so much time with sick people.

I am struggling again with language. Five fears can obliterate a lot of knowledge. It is coming back satisfactorily but I certainly was rusty. I never really learned it well in the first place, but I am setting myself to the task now and the people make no allowance for my lack in this respect. In the long run, it is really a good thing for me, for it forces me to acquire it. Praying in the vernacular is the most difficult of all. My heart runs over with the prayer message and my language cramps me pitifully. But, oh, the joy of finding the Lord Himself sufficient for all these things; and what an experience when the Lord even gives liberty in

the "unknown tongue!" Pray for me in this for language is the medium after all.

Please distribute the news of this letter. I am sure that all the friends will realize first of all that it takes time to write letters; and in the second place, the cost of sending an airmail which prohibits my writing many of them and the length of time it takes for seamount. Realizing this, they will be glad to share letters and accept the messages as personal and firsthand and not in the spirit of the usual form letter.

I think of all of you constantly and thank the Lord upon every remembrance of you. making request for you with joy—like the apostle of old. I am here by definite command of God and that I know as certainly as I know anything. I am also here by a miracle of God and in this statement is wrapped up a wonderful story (or series) of His providential care and guidance. I know, therefore, that He has a plan for reaching souls and saving them out of their darkness and fitting them to be members of His Bride. My heart nearly bursts with joy and delight when I look upon those from this outcast group who now are a part of that select company and are looking for the coming of the Bridegroom. I think it gives me keener joy in expecting His return. Notwithstanding many prospects to the contrary, I really feel I am in an honored position, chosen and sent out of the Lord to such a work; and I am happier than I have ever been before. The special prayer that I ask you to pray for me is that I will be constant in the victory of the Lord. Circumstances and environment here "drag" on one, sapping one's joy and lowering the life to a common level. That, I refuse to experience as long as He is my Deliverer

I am earnestly and eagerly looking to the Lord to send out missionaries to India. So sound the challenge far and wide, loud and long! If all knew what a sweet and blessed life it is out here with no human arm to lean upon and no earthly props to count upon, hundreds of our people at home would be storming the ports of India and asking for entrance. I want to be found right here when He comes.

While finishing this letter this afternoon, the boys mentioned in an earlier paragraph came for more teaching. At the same time, my teacher-girl also came and I asked her to take care of them for me. I have a beautiful translation of the story of Chandra Lela and she has read to them a few chapters. The lads were charmed with the story and felt they could understand the longings of Chandra Lela's heart. You would have wept for joy if you could have sat here with me and listened to their responses and to their prayer at the close of the reading.

This week I ushered two little bright youngsters up to the Methodist Mission Higher Elementary School promoting them from our fourth standard institution. I don't know whether they were more pleased or I. They were a boy and a girl from two of our Christian families. All these things represent the miracle-working grace of God in lives out here and I tell you it is great to live in the midst of it all. Sometimes my faith actually rises to believe that "I'm The Child of a King."

Be sure to give everybody my love.

(Editor's note) A letter from you will be much appreciated by Miss Barnard, her address is, Miss Laura Belle Barnard "Springhill" Kotagiri P. O. Nilgiris, South India.

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION

Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. Chairman, Treasurer

Receipts for 1944-45

Receipts as follows:

Brought forward from last year	\$3,111.84
Missouri	5,301.06
North Carolina	3,613.21
Illinois	1,892.11
Michigan	1,594.31
Oklahoma	1,060.86

Ohio	860.00
Tennessee	846.87
Alabama	801.07
Georgia	650.47
South Carolina	575.41
Texas	575.04
Arkansas	252.27
Kentucky	232.13
Florida	219.71
Mississippi	82.50
New Mexico	35.00
West Virginia	31.15
California	25.00
Nebraska	5.00
Received from Unified Program Fund by Rev. F. S. Vanhoose, Treas	1,851.83
Received from Nta'l. Aux. Convention by Fannie Polston, Treas.	979.40
Personal gifts to Miss Barnard subsequent to her departure for India	358.57
Offering taken at 1944 session of National Association	112.00
Trinity Sunday School at Nashville, Tenn.	105.87
Offering taken at Bible Conn. at college	72.11
Total	\$22,112.95
GRAND TOTAL	\$25,224.79

DISBURSEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

Salaries to missionaries	\$3,260.75
Provision of living quarters for missionaries	429.00
For promotional work in Cuba	5,181.00
For promotional work in India	459.00
For promotional work in the states	3,179.35
Cost of administration	685.02
Postage, telegrams and cablegrams	122.40
Support of Cuban School of Missions	3,250.00
Cost of setting up office in Monett, Mo.	325.09
Rental and maintenance of office	257.67
Travel expense of missionaries	940.76
Missionary Literature	441.43
To Miss Bessie Yeley for medical care and hospital bill	53.09
For power plant on mission farm in Cuba	300.00
Special designated gifts to missionaries	368.57
To Executive Secretary for promotion of National Executive Department	1,400.00
Total	\$29,765.87

Receipts for July 1945

Balance in treasury July 1, 1945	\$4,458.92
Bridgeton Church of N. C.	\$15.26
Antioch Church of N. C.	10.17
Rock of Zion Church of N. C.	19.09
Arapahoe Church of N. C.	15.00
Mosley Creek Church of N. C.	40.00
Ayden Church of N. C.	21.00
Offering taken at National Ass'n.	173.52
Cumberland Ass'n. of Tenn.	51.95
W. S. Gardner of Springer, Okla.	19.00
F. W. B. Bible School of Lackey, Ky.	2.55
F. W. B. Church of Bryan, Texas	28.46
F. W. B. Church of Mt. Vernon, Ill.	5.18
F. W. B. Church of Houston, Texas	3.84
Miss Ruth Thomas of Wewoka, Okla.	18.75

Les Plaines Church of Ill.	27.79
Core Creek S. S. of N. C.	4.00
Blue Bell Church of Okla.	15.00
Tulsa Church of Okla.	5.00
National Auxiliary Convention	831.88
Missouri State Association	343.92
Received during month	\$1,645.27

Winford Davis, Treasurer

MISSOURI STATE TREASURERS REPORT

Foreign Missions

Rock Chapel	15.00
Pleasant Ridge Auxiliary	5.00
Pesloge Church	\$10.00
Macedonia Church	2.88
Lucy E. Wisheart of Myrtle, Mo.	2.00
N. E. Mo. Mission Band by J. W. Adkins	25.00
Mtn. Valley League	13.50
Mrs. Orene Rader of Niangua, Mo.	1.00
Wagner Church	20.00
Hickory Grove Church	2.45
Leadington S. S.	1.75
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Montgomery of Goodman, Mo.	10.00
Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek Union S. S.	7.00
Verdella Church	10.53
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	6.00
True Blue Class, Mt. Olive (Neola) S. S.	1.00
Flat River Church	41.20
Blue Eye Church	6.02
Hickory Grove Church near Haddem, Kan.	2.46
Aux. of St. Louis 3rd Church	6.09
Independance Church	57.63
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	10.01
True Blue Class Mt. Olive (Neola) S. S.	1.00
St. Louis 3rd Church	14.50
The Jewell Church	14.07
Shibleys Point Church	1.00
Mt. Clive (Neola) Auxiliary	2.00
Offering taken at Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	37.36
New Harmony Mission	3.30
Mrs. Edith Blair of Kansas City, Mo.	5.00
Flat River Church	8.25
Total	\$343.92

\$50,000 Auxiliary Membership Fund

Independance Church	\$4.60
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Home Missions

W. S. Cardnew of Springer, Okla.	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge Auxiliary	5.00
Total	\$15.00

Jehoida Chests Fund

Macedonia Church	\$2.00
Copper Mines Church	1.00
New Harmony Mission	5.00
Total	\$8.00

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Pleasant Ridge Auxiliary	\$5.00
Merls Chapel Auxiliary	15.00

State Entertainment Fund

Desloge Church	\$15.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	18.00
New Harmony Church	6.00
Total	\$39.00

Superannuation

Pleasant Ridge Auxiliary	\$2.00
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Educational Fund

Pleasant Ridge Auxiliary	\$2.00
Leadington S. S.	1.75
Total	\$3.75

State Unified Fund

Desloge Church	\$60.00
Macedonia Church	1.52
Mine La Motte Church	2.97
South Side Church of St. Louis	37.90
Oak Grove Church of Cave Spring Ass'n.	5.50
Central Western Mo. Ass'n. by Thora Arbogast	5.00
Berkley City Church	7.38
Flat River Church	30.30
Mt. Zion S. S.	18.07
Hazel Creek Union Church	79.70
State Auxiliary Convention	6.00
Fredricktown Church	40.75
New Harmony Mission	6.66
Aurora Church	1.69
Total	\$302.24

Winford Davis, Treasurer

GENERAL ARTICLES

C. E. Missouri Auxiliary Convention

S. E. Missouri Auxiliary Convention met at Berkley City at the Quarterly Meeting

Number of Auxiliaries, 4

Number in Society, 83

New members, 16

Conversions, 4

Amount of money raised for Home Missions, foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, National Education Program, National Convention Dues, amount brought forward, \$768.69. Amount given or paid out \$312.05.

The names of our new officers for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Missouri

1st. Vice President, Mrs. Essie Gremminger, 2709 Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

2nd. Vice President, Mrs. Juanita Moore, Flat River, Mo.

3rd. Vice President, Mrs. Opal Hughes, 1614 Thersa St., St. Louis, Mo.

4th. Vice President, Mrs. Blanche Francis, 2904 Henrietta St. St. Louis, Mo

5th Vice President, Mrs. Howard Dobkins, Berkley City, Mo.

Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, 302 Walnut St., Flat River, Mo.

Sec. and Treas. Mrs. Edith Keeney, Flat River, Mo.

FLAT RIVERS NEW PASTOR

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA



Rev. Melvin Bingham

Dear Gem Readers,

We are happy to bring a report from our church. At this time we are in the midst of a revival meeting conducted by Sister Lizzie McAdams with Bro. McAdams as song leader. We have enjoyed some very precious services, in which the spirit of the Lord was manifested thus far, there has been 20 souls saved and reclaimed for which we are very thankful. The league and Sunday School have shown an increase in attendance and interest.

We are happy to have with us our new Pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Bingham we are looking forward to many accomplishments in the Lord's service.

We cannot fail to thank the Lord for the National Peace that has come to the nations, of the world. During the celebration of peace we held several special services and gave God the praise for deliverance from this terrible conflict we are looking forward to the time when our boys shall return. May we all strive and pray that our churches will be on fire for God and be ready to receive our boys when they shall return.

Miss Martha Burcham
Church Treasurer

Dear Gem Readers,

The Lord is still blessing us here at Oklahoma City, Brother Reiford Wilson, our State League Evangelist from Lexington, Oklahoma, held a seven day's revival in which there were seventeen (17) conversions. The revival was sponsored and financed by the Free Will Baptist League of our church.

Besides those saved in the revival, three more have been converted in our regular services, making a total of twenty (20) for the month of July.

There have been five (5) additions to the church. We feel greatly the need of prayer in all that we undertake. The Free Will Baptists of our State have recently purchased an orphanage near Ardmore, Okla. which will care for 80 homeless children. By the help of God, we intend to make this venture a success. We need your prayers that the Lord may be glorified through our work. As in the words of the great apostle, "Brethren, pray for us."

Rev. Harry Staires, Pastor
Frece Potter, Reporter

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Greetings from the Tulsa Church.

We are happy to report to the Gem and it's readers again this month.

The church is progressing forward, but there is yet space to progress yet greater. How great and ripe is the harvest today, and so few are the reapers. If ever we need reapers for Christ it's truly today. And how God is blessing and very few recognize the blessings God gives us daily. If the world could just recognize the blessing God has given us the past week, with peace from war. Truly to me it was a great prayer answered and I counted it a great blessing God sent. I know it was through prayer of the christian people. If the world could only see how God caused this war to cease, they would believe on him and fall at His feet as they did when He walked upon the earth, and cry for safety of their souls.

We are happy to report of a great youth camp and camp meeting we attended the

past week at the Old Minister home and camp ground. We had a great school with 59 enrolled and 17 youth were saved and dedicated their lives. Truly God walked in our midst every day we were there. Even as we appeared on the grounds we felt God. To feel God near is a blessing if the world only knew. We feel the need of a great revival at our church and we are going to have one soon and we desire your prayers with ours that God will supply the one to preach to touch this community. We saw two souls rededicate their lives for God Sunday night and 3 joined with us to keep house for God. Truly God is blessing the church. We desire your prayers that we will continue to grow for God. The league is doing good. We just changed our meeting from Friday to Sunday evening and it is even better so we know God is blessing. The women's auxiliary is doing their part to keep the church rolling.

When you pray we desire your prayers that we will continue to grow and be a better soul saving station for Christ.

Rev. J. H. West, Pastor
Sister Margarette West, Reporter

GIRLS AUXILIARY AT TULSA

Intermediate Girls Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa met and organized in the home of Mrs. S. L. Hancock, July 31, 1945.

Mrs. Hancock talked to us about what we are here for and the work we want to do. Barbara June Hancock read 2nd Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." We had a round table discussion of the meaning of the scripture followed by sentence prayer each one present prayed aloud when it was her turn. Mrs. Hancock asked for volunteers and the following volunteered and were appointed. President, Oveta Bingham; Vice President, Barbara June Hancock; Secretary, Thelma Lister; Treasurer, Donna Hamilton.

Mrs. Hancock read and discussed the duties of each officer to us. We chose for our motto, "We are Workers for Christ." We discussed a name for our Auxiliary but decided to wait until a later date to

choose a name.

We sang "Heavenly Sunlight" then gave the Benediction in unison.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Hancock.

Charter Members:

Oveta Bingham

Barbara June Hancock

Thelma Lister

Donna Hamilton

We have on hand \$1.15 tithes. Pray for us and work with us.

Thelma Lister, Sec.

ALABAMA ORPHANAGE NEWS

Just to remind you that we had a great day at the home on 5th Sunday in July. There was over \$1000.00 turned in that day. We had a splendid congregation; the spirit of the meeting was fine. The Lord was really present.

Well, we owed Bro. V. C. May that, that we took in on 5th Sunday. So we are looking to you for \$2000.00 more so we can go ahead with the repairing.

Remember the National Association of F. W. B. will meet at Eldridge next July, if the Lord tarries.

Come on Alabama, or where ever you are, and let's put the home in first class shape before next July.

But remember it will take money. We thank God for the friends who have so loyally stood by this move, many of you are in other states, but appreciate you where ever you are.

Yours for the cause,
Rev. K. V. Shufes

KENTUCKY ORPHANAGE

The Free Will Baptist Orphans' Home of Kentucky had its origin at Seco, Kentucky, the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October (26), 1941. The Rev. W. L. Hooper, Moderator, asked those of the congregation that desired an Orphans' Home in Kentucky to consent by raising their right hand. This was done without a dissenting vote. For much discussion and many prayers had been offered before, this for an Orphans' Home in Kentucky. A collection of \$40.30 was taken.

The Orphanage Program was started at

this time without any organization or officers, but on June 20, 1942 at the Third Annual Association of the Kentucky State Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Louisa Church, Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, of Paintsville, Kentucky, Moderator, the following officers were elected for the Orphanage; Board of Trustees: Rev. W. L. Hooper, Saco, Kentucky; Rev. Monroe Hubbard, Jenkins, Kentucky; Rev. Wm. W. Moore, Louisa, Kentucky; Rev. A. L. Jackson, Ashland, Kentucky; Bro. Bill Helm, McAndrews, Kentucky; Committee of Ways and Means: Bro. G. E. Ratliff, Johnson County Conference; Rev. Millard Van Hoose, Johnson County Conference; Rev. L. E. Collier, Johnson County Conference; Rev. C. Z. Cavin, Johnson County Conference; Bro. H. C. Church and Sister Flora Prater, Floyd County Conference; Rev. Adrian Davis and Bro. Bill Helm, Pike County Conference; Rev. Wm. W. Moore and Rev. D. A. Hayes, Lawrence County Conference; Rev. Albert Dingess and Rev. Monroe Hubbard, Letcher County Conference.

On June 18, 1943, at the State Association when convened with the Paintsville Church the Board of Trustees were empowered to purchase a suitable farm to be operated as an Orphans' Home.

The motion as on record. The motion carried to empower the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphans' Home of Kentucky to purchase a suitable farm for an Orphans' Home that will be to the honor and glory of God and the Free Will Baptist denomination and said Board is empowered to sign mortgage to pay any balance on farm.

The farms viewed were: A. C. Jenkins farm in Letcher County, Kentucky. The Jaynes farm at Flat Gap, near Paintsville, Kentucky. The Blankenship Farm and the Roscoe Burton Farm in Lawrence County, near Louisa, Kentucky. The Roscoe Burton Farm in Lawrence County of one hundred and eleven acres was purchased.

At a Special Session of the Free Will Baptist Orphans' Home, Louisa, Kentucky, February 1, 1945 Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Moderator of the Executive Board present and presiding and the Members of the Board of Trustees all present the following report as given:

Cost and Improvements of Free Will Baptist Orphans' Home

Cost of Home	\$13,500.00
Improvements, Farm Machinery and Livestock	2,518.03
Advertising	126.70
Interest and Insurance	174.15
Salary of Supt. and Matron	720.00
Groceries	214.70
Utilities	126.00
	\$17,359.58

Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Moderator
By: Wm. W. Moore, Secretary

At the present time, there are two children in the Home. Plans and prayers are being made for the building of a Boys Dormitory.

Rev. W. L. Hooper is the superintendent of the Home.

Board of Trustees: Rev. Monroe Hubbard, Wise Va; Rev. L. E. Collier, Ashland, Ky. Bro. Ben H. Cox, Paintsville, Ky; Rev. Wm. W. Moore, Louisa, Ky.

Board of Control: Rev. C. L. Senters, Ivel, Ky.; Rev. L. H. Winchell, Dunham, Ky.; Rev. Albert Lingus, Burdine, Ky.; Rev. Hervey H. Riddle, Williamson, W. Va.; Rev. Carl Layne, Betsy Layne, Ky.

Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Treasurer, Paintsville, Ky. Rev. Wm. W. Moore, Secretary, Louisa, Kentucky.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please send funds previously sent to Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, National Treasurer to the new National Treasurer:

Rev. Robert E. Crawford
3609 Richland Ave.
Nashville, 5, Tennessee

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Again the time is drawing near for the convening of the Missouri State Association. The Neola Church is making preparation and will be looking for you Monday September 10th. Let us be praying that this will be one of the greatest State Associations we have ever had. Certainly the Lord has blessed our state work through the last number of years and will continue to do so if we will let Him. We trust

that many instructing things will be done at this coming session. We at Leola are expecting a great time in the Lord. If we do not have it we will be disappointed indeed. But we have faith that it will be one of the best. Remember the location is seven miles north of Greenfield, Missouri on highway 29. The church is only about 100 yards off the highway. Greenfield is on a good busline and South Greenfield is on the Kansas City—Memphis Frisco Railroad. South Greenfield is only about one and one half miles from Greenfield. Come bring the Lord with you and lets have a good time together during the week!

Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor

OKLAHOMA ORPHANAGE

State of Oklahoma Free Will Baptist have been praying for an Orphanage, God has opened up the way. We gave God the praise for 301 acres land, nice two story building, separate Dormitories for boys and girls. God is good to the Free Will Baptist.

Treasurer's Report

First Mission Ass'n.	\$4,514.80
Hope Well No. 2 Ass'n.	370.96
First Okla. Ass'n.	742.25
Center Ass'n.	195.55
Eureka Ass'n.	155.00
Total	\$6,578.56

Pray that God may bless Free Will Baptist in the State of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Ethel Armstrong, Treas.
117 North Ohio
Drumright, Okla.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE RINGLING OKLAHOMA EAGLE

RINGLING ROTARY CLUB WELCOMES
FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANS HOME
TO RINGLING

The Ringling Rotary Club wishes to say that they are a hundred percent for the Home and will do all in their power to make in a success.

The Home under the management of Uncle Mose has cared for many children

and we hope it will grow under the new management and become one of the best Homes in Oklahoma.

Dale Allen, Secretary

We are glad to have you Free Will Baptist and welcome your help in any and all God's work.

Rev. Leslie White
Pastor Methodist Church

Rev. Hary Keen

Pastor Assembly of God's Church

Rev. T. F. Morris and

Rev. Clarence McGowan

Pastors of Gospel Tabernacle

B. H. Walker, Pastor of

Missionary Baptist Church

My Hat is in the Welcome line for you Free Will Baptist in the establishing of an orphanage in our midst. We will ever be at your service.

Pruit Produce
By Cecil Stroud

The Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist church is as follows: Rev. Harry Staires, 104 S. Central Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. Paul Purcell, Box 283, Wirt, Okla.; Rev. E. E. Morris, 420 S. Chickasha St., Ada, Okla., Rev. John H. West, 833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.; Rev. F. A. McCage, 416 E. 7th St., Bristow, Okla. Rev. Martin, 401 S. E. 21 St., Oklahoma City, Okla.; J. M. Burroughs, 2121 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. Reford Williams, R. 1, Lexington, Okla.

The Board came to the Cornish Children's Home Monday, July 16, 1945, and took over the institution where they will establish a great state-wide church orphanage. The institution was turned over to the church Board of Trustees by a warantee deed signed by M. E. Harris, the president and Ellen Harris, the secretary of the institution. The Board then asked Mr. and Mrs. Harris to remain in the Home until they could find suitable persons to take charge.

The Board's idea is to employ a Christian man and wife, young people, who wish to do a great work in life.

Many of the leading businessmen of Ringling join in extending a fullhearted welcome in a full page of welcomes to the

church and some on another page.

The town people of Ringling are very happy to know the institution will continue and we hope will become one of the greatest orphanages in all Oklahoma. All the people here in Ringling rejoice with the old superintendent to see his life work has fallen into worthy hands that will carry the institution on for years and years to come while the old man and his wife still live.

Welcome, we repeat to you fine Baptist people, you are welcome to Ringling, to the Cornish Children's Home and we wish you as great and greater success than was reached by our neighbor, our friend, our citizen and as we call him, Old Mose Harris.

Yours to help and to welcome,

THE CITIZENSHIP OF RINGLING THEY ARE WELCOME

I am very happy to see the Cornish Children's Home in the hands of such splendid people as the Free Will Baptists. They are a great people and preach a great doctrine. They will be able to do far greater orphanage work than I did, I feel sure, and I pray they may.

Some of my friends said I was foolish to give all my cattle, horses, hogs, chickens, land and so many fine buildings for so small a sum. The church felt that my wife and I should have something and we felt that we should not have too much. So the deal was quickly made and the Trustees of the church say they are happy over the deal and I am very happy for them.

The Board asked that my wife and I remain in the Home until they secure suitable persons to take charge of the home.

I am very happy to serve the church and I feel that there will come other times when I can serve them when they will need my services in emergencies and I intend for such services to be free to the church.

My wife is not able to take care of any children at all. She is too nervous to stand the noise of children and we just could not continue the work.

The Trustees of the church will have someone here to take charge before they

will begin sending in children.

For the present I will continue publishing the Ringling Eagle and will try to give our readers a worthwhile weekly newspaper.

Very truly,

MOSES E. HARRIS

WHAT THE CHURCH GETS

The Church gets 301 acres mostly good land. Every acre would grow corn and cotton.

A nice herd of cows, heifers and calves. Two paints, a mare and horse, three hogs that ought to make 1500 pounds of meat by first of December. A nice flock of white leghorn hens and pullets, a two story building separate dormitories for boys and girls and more barn room than any other orphanage institution in Oklahoma has. All the property is well worth \$11,000.

The Church gets as good a gas range as could be bought, the largest made, electrolux, plenty of house hold furniture and bedding to start out with. Three pianoes and a real good V-8 Ford Car.

WELCOME TO OUR TOWN

We welcome you Free Will Baptist to our social and business affairs of Ringling.

Virgals Station

Dear readers of the Gem,

I was indeed glad to meet so many of my old friends at our First Mission Association.

I will be here for a while and will be glad to receive letters from anyone interested in the Lord's work.

Your servant,

Rev. A. B. Talbert

Drumright, Okla.

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